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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.
Major appliances included.
\$700 per month
Roger: 605/397-7118

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Birthdays: Ashley Ptacek, Brett Merkel, Yvonne Lorenz

Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes/carrots/onions, gravy, peaches, dinner roll.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Valentine nuggets, smile potato, corn, veg cups, fruit.

1:30pm to 8:00pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 13

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

Birthdays: Arlene Gibbs, Bradley Sheridan, Michelle Patton

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Debate at Harrisburg

6:30pm: Girls Basketball at Britton-Hecla

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day

'Birthdays: Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger, Zach Kern

10:00am: Wrestling at Howard

2:00pm: Basketball Doubleheader at Mobridge-Pollock (JV girls at 2 p.m., JV boys at 3 p.m., Varsity girls at 4:30 p.m., Varisty boys at 6 p.m.

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Hours at Ellendale, N.D. are:

Monday 9 - 12 & 1 - 5 Thursday 1:00 - 4:00

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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ATTENTIONParents and Grandparents:

Help give your child a head start for just pennies a day with individual whole life insurance from the

Gerber Life Grow-Up® Plan

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Affordable premiums that never increase, guaranteed cash value* and coverage that doubles over time.

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 3, Pocket Gophers 3, Shih Tzus 3, Coyotes 1, Foxes 1, Chipmunks 1 **Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 255, 247, 216, Ron Belden 234, Mike Wiley 221, Roger Spanier 217, Pandy Stapley 213, Brad Largen 204, 200, Doug Jargenson 200

Randy Stanley 212, Brad Larson 204, 200, Doug Jorgensen 200

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 198, Lori Giedt 189, Karen Spanier 186 **Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 718, Roger Spanier 581, Doug Jorgensen 570 **Women's High Series:** Dar Larson 487, Darci Spanier 474, Lori Giedt 466

Groton Kiwanis Club

Vice President Mandy Boe led the short business session for Wednesday's Kiwanis weekly dinner meeting.

Chuck Raap gave more information on the pancake brunch, and it was announced the GHS athletic supper is May 4.

Jim Ackman was the program leader, and he showed a very interesting videos on the history of basketball in South Dakota.

Next week's program leader is Steve Giedt, followed by Lee Schinkel and Lavonne Helmer.

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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Today in Weather History 1905: On this date in weather history, record low temperatures occurred across northeast South Da-

1905: On this date in weather history, record low temperatures occurred across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota with lows in the 30s below zero. Sisseton, Aberdeen, and Watertown all had record lows. Sisseton fell to 31 degrees below zero, Watertown fell to 35 degrees below zero, and Aberdeen fell to 36 degrees below zero in 1905. In central South Dakota, Kennebec fell to 34 degrees below zero.

1899 – More from the bitter cold outbreak of 1899. Texas and the eastern plains experienced their coldest morning of modern record. The mercury dipped to 8 degrees below zero at Fort Worth, Texas and to 22 degrees below zero at Kansas City, Missouri. The temperature at Camp Clarke, Nebraska plunged to 47 degrees below zero to establish a record for the state. The all-time record low for Oklahoma City was set. The mercury plunged to a frigid 17 degrees below zero and broke the previous record low of 12 below zero, which was set on the previous day. In the eastern U.S., Washington D.C. hit 15 degrees below zero, while Charleston SC received a record four inches of snow.

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1960 - A snowstorm in the Deep South produced more than a foot of snow in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A storm in the eastern U.S. produced high winds from North Carolina to Maine. A storm in the western U.S. produced up to thirty inches of snow in the Sierra Nevada Range of California. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

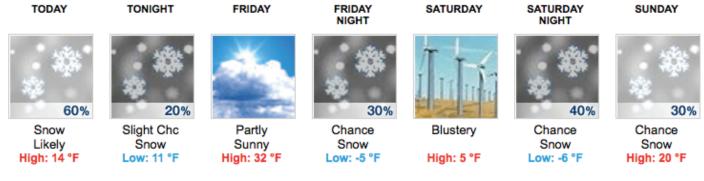
1988 - A classic "nor'easter" formed off the Carolina coast and intensified as it moved up the Atlantic coast bringing heavy snow to the northeastern U.S. Totals ranged up to 26 inches at Camden NY and Chester MA. Arctic cold gripped the north central U.S. Duluth MN was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 32 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

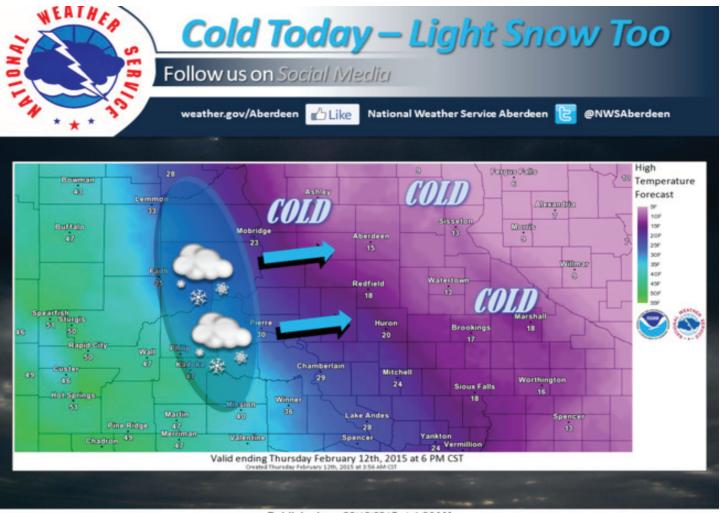
1989 - Unseasonably mild weather prevailed across Alaska. Morning lows of 29 degrees at Anchorage and 31 degrees at Fairbanks were actually warmer than those in northern Florida. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Strong southerly winds ahead of an arctic cold front pushed temperatures into the 70s as far north as Iowa and Nebraska. Twenty-one cities in the central U.S., seven in Iowa, reported record high temperatures for the date. Lincoln NE reported a record high of 73 degrees, and the afternoon high of 59 degrees at Minneapolis MN smashed their previous record for the date by twelve degrees. Springfield IL reported a record forty-eight consecutive days with above normal temperatures. (The National Weather Summary)

2006 - An intense snow squall off of Lake Michigan cuts visibility to zero along a section of US 31. The resulting whiteout causes 96 cars to pile up. 25 were injured.

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Temperatures will struggle with Arctic air in place, especially along and east of the James Valley. Very light snow will develop west river later this morning and push east through the afternoon hours. Snow amounts will be greatest across the Sisseton hills region, but even then only expect about a half inch.

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Yesterday's Weather High: 16.7 at 12:24 AM

High: 16.7 at 12:24 ĀM **Low:** -1.5 at 11:25 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 36 at 1:25 AM

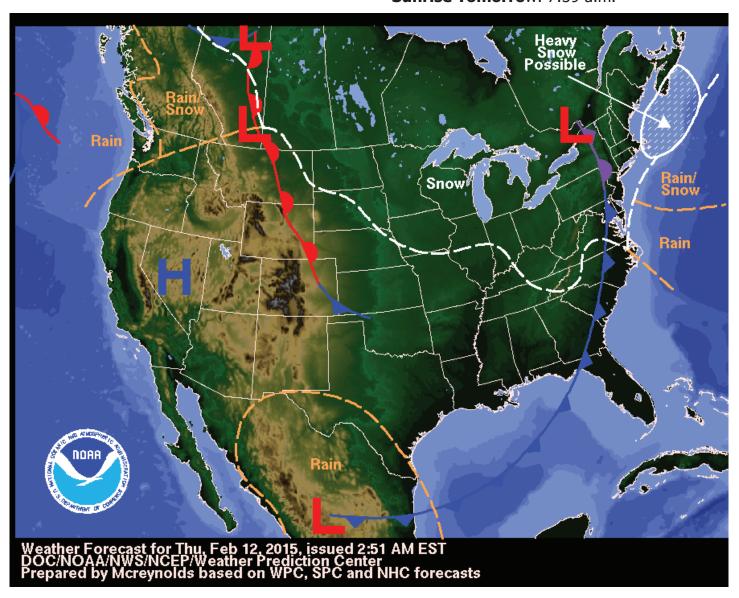
Snow: 0.00 Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 62° in 1921

Record High: 62° in 1921 Record Low: -36° in 1905

Average High: 27°F Average Low: 6°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.17
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.64
Precip Year to Date: 0.40
Sunset Tonight: 5:56 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



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GENEROSITY MATTERS

Thinking "poor" is difficult for most of us. We have so much more than we need that it is difficult to understand what it is like to go without. For many, however, the distance between a healthy meal and pangs of hunger is quite a distance. Many of us have never had to go without a meal much less the essentials of life.

Most of us have invested some "thing" in those who represented themselves as poor only to find out that we have been "tricked." Some say they will never give again because they were tricked.

There are times when I find myself "guarded" when people come to my office with a need for some "thing." It might be for money to pay the gas or electric bill, or milk to nourish a baby or money for a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter. Often when I find myself questioning their motives I ask myself: "Who am I to be their judge?"

Later on in Proverbs we will come across a verse that says, "For God made both the rich and the poor." So, my response to those in need is an indication of how I would respond to Jesus Himself if He came to me with a need.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus said, "What you did to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it unto me." If we fail to respond with compassion to those in need how can we expect God to hear us when we have needs?

When we see someone in need let us never forget that God brought that one into our lives to help them. It's not our choice. It's our obligation to do whatever we can.

Prayer: Lord, give us hearts that are sensitive to the needs of others. May we bless their lives as You have ours. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.

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News from the App Associated Press

Person in custody after fire at Rapid City detox center

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — No one was hurt in a fire at a detox center in Rapid City that prompted the evacuation of more than 50 people and the arrest of a client.

Authorities responded to the City/County Alcohol and Drug Program facility shortly before noon Wednesday. The building's sprinkler system had helped contain the fire, and it was confined to a small area.

Thirty-six clients and 15 staff members were evacuated for a time.

Police determined that a client had set the fire in an isolation room. The suspect was taken into custody pending formal charges.

71-year-old Sioux Falls man in custody after 4-hour standoff

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 71-year-old Sioux Falls man is in custody after a four-hour standoff with a SWAT team.

Police say the man threatened officers with a butcher knife when they responded to a report of a disorderly subject just after midnight Wednesday.

Authorities say the man retreated into his apartment, where he stayed until his arrest without incident about 4 a.m. Thursday.

The man was jailed on aggravated assault charges.

2 arrested on prostitution charges at Sioux Falls hotel

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two people have been arrested on prostitution charges after police received a tip from a Sioux Falls hotel worker.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the employee reported suspicious activity coming from a room Tuesday night.

He says officers within the street crimes division located an online ad matching the description of the person renting the room. Clemens says the officers watched the room and noticed the man frequently traveling to and from the room.

Police arrested 24-year-old man from Houston, Texas, and a 34-year-old woman from Chicago, Illinois.

Wednesday's Scores The Associated Press

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Santee, Neb. 65, Crazy Horse 47

Funds available for specialty crop projects in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture has federal money available to help producers enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

The money is available through the Specialty Crops Block Grant program that was authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill. The federal government defines specialty crops as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts,

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dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops.

State agriculture officials say the funds can be used for projects that involve marketing, research, food safety, nutrition, distribution and various other uses to advance the specialty crop industry in South Dakota.

The state's priorities for the grants include local foods initiatives and university research. Groups interested in receiving a grant must apply by April 4.

Bird watchers invited to help with annual count

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota bird watchers can join millions of others from around the world this weekend in the 17th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

The event runs Friday through Monday and there's no cost to take part. The reports create a picture of where different types of birds are located for use in science and conservation. The program is led by the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada.

During the four days, volunteers count birds for a minimum of 15 minutes and track the highest number of each bird species they see together at one time. Public lands, local parks and their backyards are among the best places to spot the birds.

Results are entered at www.birdsource.org/gbbc .

Congress clears Keystone XL pipeline bill, setting up veto DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled Congress cleared a bill Wednesday to construct the Keystone XL oil pipeline, setting up a confrontation with President Barack Obama, who has threatened to veto the measure.

The House passed the bill on a 270-152 vote, endorsing changes made by the Senate that stated climate change was real and not a hoax, and oil sands should no longer be exempt from a tax used to cleanup oil spills.

Only one Republican, Michigan Rep. Justin Amash, voted against the measure, while 29 Democrats backed it. But neither the House nor the Senate has enough votes to overcome a veto, the first of many skirmishes between the Democratic White House and Congress on energy and environmental policy.

Supporters were already strategizing on how to secure the pipeline's approval using other legislative means.

"The evidence is in. The case ought to be closed," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, the chief Republican sponsor of the bill, said in a statement "we will continue to press for approval by attaching an approval measure to another bill, perhaps an energy bill or must-pass appropriations legislation."

Obama "needs to work with Congress in a bipartisan way and approve the Keystone XL pipeline project for the American people," he said.

For Republicans, the bill's passage capped weeks of debate on a top priority after they took control of Congress last month. Hours before the vote, they prodded Democrats who did not take their side. House Republicans, who have debated and passed numerous measures on the pipeline only to have them dead end in the Senate, claimed victory.

Rep. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., said she was a having a "holy cow" moment.

"This kind of support ... it doesn't get any better than this," she said.

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Democrats, meanwhile, called the effort a waste of time but said the provisions on global warming and oils spills marked progress for Republicans on those issues.

Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., said the bill was another example of Republicans prioritizing legislation to demonstrate a message, regardless of its chances of becoming law. The vote Wednesday marked the 11th attempt by Republicans to advance the pipeline.

"The last few years have been like a hamster on a wheel — spinning and spinning and not getting anywhere," said Hastings, who at one point held up a toy that looked like the rodent.

First proposed in 2008, the pipeline has come to symbolize the differences between the parties on energy and environmental matters.

Republicans and the oil industry have argued the \$8 billion infrastructure project is about jobs and boosting energy security, by importing oil from a friendly neighbor and shipping it to domestic refineries subject to more stringent environmental regulations.

Democrats, and their environmental allies, have characterized it as a gift to the oil industry that would worsen global warming and subject parts of the country to the risks of an oil spill, with little economic benefit because the oil and its refined product would be exported abroad.

The pipeline would connect Canada's tar sands with Gulf coast refineries that specialize in processing heavy crudes.

A January 2014 analysis found that, with or without the pipeline, the tar sands would be developed, and thus the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from them would enter the atmosphere anyway. But the EPA said earlier this month that that analysis has to be revisited, because lower oil prices could make the pipeline more of a catalyst than the State Department initially predicted. A letter from Canada's ambassador to the U.S. said the EPA's assessment was flawed.

Hours before the pipeline vote, Sen. James Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, held the first of many hearings on the Obama administration's plans to control for the first time the pollution blamed for global warming from the nation's power plants.

And the House plans to unveil a large energy bill next week.

Democrats, too, want to move on.

"This Congress has much work to do on energy," said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., the top Democrat on the House Energy committee. Pallone said it was time to stop wasting time on another doomed Keystone bill.

Amash, the lone Republican to vote against the bill, objected to the addition of a Senate bill on energy efficiency, arguing that it further empowered the Environmental Protection Agency.

South Dakota lawmakers reject repeal of death penalty JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's death penalty should stand, state lawmakers decided for the second consecutive year, dismissing four proposals to limit capital punishment in the state.

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Hunhoff told the Senate committee that death shouldn't be a tool available to the government. He said it's only a matter of time before an innocent person is put to death in South Dakota.

Former Republican Attorneys General Mark Meierhenry and Roger Tellinghuisen, and Republican Sen. Arthur Rusch, of Vermillion, a former judge, testified in favor of repeal.

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Panel approves measure to make Oglala Lakota County official

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel has passed a resolution to change the name of Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County after voters overwhelmingly approved the new name in the November election.

The House State Affairs Committee voted on Wednesday to send the resolution to the chamber's floor. Democratic Rep. Kevin Killer of Pine Ridge says his measure is part of the process to finalize the name change, which roughly 80 percent of the county's voters approved.

Killer says he enjoys educating lawmakers about why the county was renamed.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office is pushing a measure to make it less cumbersome to enact a name change once voters have approved it. The new process wouldn't require lawmakers to pass a resolution to make the alteration official.

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Sioux Falls closing all ice, hockey rinks early this year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sioux Falls is closing its hockey and skating rinks early this year due to inconsistent temperatures.

The city says the inconsistent weather patterns have not allowed it to make ice. It says it's closing all six outdoor skating rinks and both of its hockey rinks.

Temperatures in South Dakota have fluctuated greatly this season, with some areas seeing unusual heat waves in the dead of winter. Rapid City set a city record this year when it reached 73 degrees at the end of January.

Daugaard appoints former Democratic lawmaker to state board

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a former Democratic state legislator to the Board of Economic Development.

Tom Jones, of Viborg, formerly represented District 17 in both the House and Senate.

Daugaard says Jones previously sat on the board as a legislative, ex-officio member.

The 13 member on the board serve four-year terms. Jones is taking the position formerly held by Rob Skjonsberg, who recently resigned. His term ends in April 2016.

Federal court affirms Utah man's wind farm fraud convictions

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld the convictions of a Utah man who defrauded investors nationwide of more than \$4.4 million by promoting investment in nonexistent wind farms in Wyoming and South Dakota.

A three-judge panel of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday rejected arguments from defendant Robert Arthur Reed of Salt Lake City.

Reed, now in his mid-50s, pleaded guilty in 2013 to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and conspiracy to launder money. A federal judge sentenced him to more than 12 years in prison.

Reed represented himself on appeal and argued that investors had agreed to lend money to a wind farm development company for three years. He said the three-year loan period hadn't run out before he and the others were arrested.

Discarded ashes listed as cause of South Dakota wildfire

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — State fire officials say discarded ashes from a stove or fireplace caused a wildfire in southwestern South Dakota last weekend.

The South Dakota Wildland Fire agency says the Aero Road Fire near Rockerville consumed slightly more than 16 acres. That's less than a square mile.

Crews began battling the fire Saturday and had it fully controlled Monday afternoon.

No one was hurt and no evacuations were ordered, but there was some property damage to ornamental trees and lawns.

Proposal allowing objection to death penalty defeated

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative Committee has scuttled a proposal that would have allowed South Dakota residents getting a driver's license to register an objection to the death penalty if they are killed in a violent crime.

The House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday voted 10-2 to dismiss the measure, which support-

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ers likened to the existing organ donor registration option.

The objections would have been stored and used to argue against the death penalty in the sentencing of the killer.

Republican Rep. Steve Hickey called the measure a "dying wish" bill and said the driver's license would be a good mechanism to reach nearly all South Dakota adults.

Republican Rep. Roger Solum moved to dismiss the bill. He says opposition could be indicated with a personal declaration and need not involve state government.

Daugaard forming Native American student advisory council

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is forming a group that aims to improve the achievement levels and graduation rates of American Indian students.

The Native American Student Achievement Advisory Council will include tribal leaders and representatives from the Indian Education Advisory Council, the South Dakota Departments of Education and Tribal Relations, and education groups.

Daugaard says Native American students face unique challenges in graduating high school prepared for postsecondary education and careers. He says it's an issue that must be confronted.

The council will report its findings to the Legislature and the governor by Dec. 1.

Sioux Falls City Council approves more money for new pool

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls City Council has approved spending more money on a new indoor aquatics center.

The project was to cost \$19.8 million, but the estimate increased due to rising construction costs and several changes to the plan including adding a therapy pool for veterans at the nearby VA Medical Center.

Council members on Tuesday voted 7-1 to push the project cost to \$23.7 million. Most of the additional money likely will come from money leftover in last year's city budget.

Councilman Kermit Staggers cast the lone dissenting vote, questioning why the project cost has risen so much.

The City Council approved the initial price tag after voters last April said they wanted to replace the outdoor pool at the city's Spellerberg Park.

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. CEASE-FIRE DEAL REACHED BETWEEN KIEV AND MOSCOW

Marathon talks in Belarus end in an agreement on halting the fighting from midnight Sunday in the eastern part of Ukraine, but hostilities continue today.

2. OBAMA'S WAR POWERS REQUEST COULD AFFECT SUCCESSOR

The president is asking for a three-year authority to fight the Islamic State, possibly passing on an active Middle Eastern conflict to the next administration.

3. MOTIVE SOUGHT IN DEADLY CONFRONTATION

Authorities are investigating whether hate or a parking dispute led to the fatal shootings of three

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Muslims near the University of North Carolina.

4. VETERAN '60 MINUTES' CORRESPONDENT BOB SIMON DIES

The reporter, whose career spanned five decades, was killed in a car accident in New York City. He was 73.

5. WHO IS FADING FROM THE 2016 CHATTER

Vice President Joseph Biden, who will arrive in Iowa on an official White House trip, isn't organizing in key early voting states or setting up an exploratory committee.

6. LEBANESE STILL DIVIDED BY HARIRI ASSASSINATION

A decade after the powerful Sunni premier was killed in a massive Beirut explosion, Lebanon is beset by frequent violence and sectarian tensions.

7. HOW A JERUSALEM EXHIBIT IS CAUSING AN ANTIQUITIES FUROR

A collection of ancient Babylonian tablets on display at an Israeli museum is renewing the debate over showing artifacts that may have been looted in the region's turmoil.

8. ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP CAPTAIN GETS 16 YEARS, 1 MONTH IN PRISON

Prosecutors had sought a significantly longer term for Francesco Schettino, who abandoned the Costa Concordia after it wrecked, killing 32.

9. 'NUT RAGE' EXEC SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON

The former Korean Air executive was found guilty of violating aviation law when she ordered the chief flight attendant on her flight from New York off the plane, forcing the aircraft to go back to its gate.

10. WHERE SKI JUMPING IS STILL A HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

New Hampshire, with a rich alpine history, is the only state left that allows students to compete in the gravity-testing jumps.

AP News in Brief

New peace deal reached for eastern Ukraine but questions remain over its implementation

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Leaders of Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany on Thursday emerged from marathon 16-hour talks to announce a comprehensive peace deal for eastern Ukraine, but questions remained whether Ukraine and the pro-Russian rebels have agreed on all of its terms.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters that the agreement envisages a cease-fire that will be effective starting from the start of the day Sunday (21000 GMT or 4 p.m. EST Saturday) as well as a special status for the rebel regions, provisions on border controls and humanitarian issues.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, however, denied that there was any agreement about autonomy in eastern Ukraine.

More than 5,300 people have died since April in the fighting, which continued to rage Thursday even as the four leaders were engaged in talks.

Speaking to reporters after the exhausting talks, Putin said "it was not the best night in my life but the morning, I think, it is good because we have managed to agree on the main things despite all the difficulties of the negotiations."

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Analysis: With war powers request, Obama's successor could inherit Mideast conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking war power authority for three years, President Barack Obama is setting up the prospect that his successor will become the third American president in a row overseeing U.S. military forces grappling with turmoil in the Middle East.

Passing on an active military mission in the region would be an unexpected and unwanted legacy for Obama, a president who once appeared poised to fulfill his campaign pledge to end U.S.-led conflicts in the region.

"It's conceivable that the mission is completed earlier," Obama said Wednesday as he urged Congress to pass a force authorization against the Islamic State group that would extend into 2018. "It's conceivable that after deliberation, debate and evaluation, that there are additional tasks to be carried out in this area."

"The people's representatives, with a new president, should be able to have that discussion," he added.

The president has long said the campaign against the Islamic State militants would be lengthy, suggesting it could extend beyond his presidency. But his authorization request to Congress makes that implication a reality and injects a complex foreign policy matter into the early stages of the 2016 presidential campaign.

EU leaders set to debate slate of anti-terror measures in wake of French attacks

BRUSSELS (AP) — Galvanized by the recent terror attacks in France, European Union leaders on Thursday debate a range of ambitious steps to better protect their 28 nations, including exchanging airliner passenger manifests, tightening controls at the border and combating extremism on the Internet. "Europe is facing an unprecedented, diverse and serious terrorist threat," Gilles de Kerchove, the bloc's counter-terrorism coordinator, told EU member governments in a report last month.

Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics, whose nation holds the EU's six-month revolving presidency, said Tuesday the often fractious members had reached broad consensus on what actions to take, and share the "strong will" to implement them.

But Wednesday, an EU official, briefing journalists on condition he not be identified by name or function, said work was still going on to finalize the list of recommended actions to be submitted to the leaders at the summit for their approval.

Counter-terrorism policy shot to the top of the EU agenda following the Jan. 7-9 terror attacks in Paris against a satirical weekly, a policewoman and a kosher grocery store that claimed a total of 17 victims. The three gunmen, who proclaimed allegiance to Al-Qaida in Yemen and the Islamic State group, were also shot dead by French police.

Lebanon plagued by divisions, justice still elusive 10 years after Hariri's assassination

BEIRUT (AP) — The public gallery at a court in the Netherlands was as deserted as the defendant's dock on a recent day at the trial of five Hezbollah suspects in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, one of the most prominent Sunni politicians in the Middle East.

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The massive explosion that tore through his convoy on the Beirut seaside 10 years ago sent a tremor across the region and unleashed a popular uprising that briefly united the Lebanese and ejected Syrian troops from the country. But a decade later, and despite millions of dollars spent, justice remains elusive in a case that has been overshadowed by more recent turmoil.

"The tribunal harks back to another era, and the latest developments have regrettably overtaken it," said Hilal Khashan, professor of political science at the American University of Beirut.

And yet despite its failings, the tribunal is still widely seen as a small but necessary step toward ending a culture of impunity in an increasingly violent region.

The Feb. 14, 2005 assassination of Hariri, referred to by some as Lebanon's Sept. 11, killed the former premier and 21 others, and wounded more than 200 people, stunning a nation long used to violence and political assassinations. Hariri, a charismatic billionaire businessman, was the most prominent Sunni politician in Lebanon. Although a divisive figure, he was credited with rebuilding downtown Beirut from the ravages of the 1975-1990 civil war.

Accused shooter of Muslim students had earlier run-ins with neighbors, wearing gun on his hip

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The North Carolina man accused of killing three Muslim students in a dispute over parking spaces had earlier run-ins with his neighbors, sometimes while wearing a handgun on his hip.

Police were still trying to determine whether religious hatred played any role in the shootings, which shocked the bucolic college town of Chapel Hill and left many residents grappling to make sense of the crime.

Charged with three counts of first-degree murder is Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, who has described himself as a "gun toting" atheist. Neighbors said Wednesday he always seemed angry and confrontational. His ex-wife said he was obsessed with the shooting-rampage movie "Falling Down," and showed "no compassion at all" for other people.

His current wife, Karen Hicks, said her husband "champions the rights of others" and said the killings "had nothing do with religion or the victims' faith." She then issued another brief statement through her lawyer, saying she's divorcing him.

Officers were summoned by a neighbor who called 911 Tuesday evening to report hearing multiple gunshots and people screaming.

South Korean court sentences former Korean Air exec to 1 year in prison after nut rage trial

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A Seoul court on Thursday sentenced a former Korean Air executive to a year in prison for aviation law violations that stemmed from her inflight tantrum over how she was served macadamia nuts.

Cho Hyun-ah, the daughter of Korean Air's chairman, achieved worldwide notoriety after she ordered the chief flight attendant off a Dec. 5 flight, forcing it to return to the gate at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

Head of cabin service at the time of the incident, Cho was angered she had been offered macadamia nuts in a bag instead of on a dish. A heated and physical confrontation with members of the crew in first class ensued.

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The court said Cho was guilty of forcing a flight to change its route, obstructing the flight's captain in the performance of his duties and forcing a crew member off a plane. It found her not guilty of interfering with a transport ministry investigation into the incident. Prosecutors had called for three years in prison.

Cho, in custody since Dec. 30, wiped away tears with a tissue as a letter expressing her remorse was read to the court by head judge Oh Seong-woo.

'60 Minutes' correspondent Bob Simon dies in car crash; journalism career spanned 5 decades

NEW YORK (AP) — Longtime "60 Minutes" correspondent Bob Simon, who covered most major overseas conflicts and news stories since the late 1960s during a five-decade career in journalism, died in a car crash. He was 73.

Simon was among a handful of elite journalists, a "reporter's reporter," according to his executive producer, whose assignments took him from the Vietnam War to the Oscar-nominated movie "Selma." He spent years doing foreign reporting for CBS News, particularly from the Middle East, where he was held captive for more than a month in Iraq two decades ago.

"Bob Simon was a giant of broadcast journalism, and a dear friend to everyone in the CBS News family," CBS News President David Rhodes said in a statement. "We are all shocked by this tragic, sudden loss."

A town car in which Simon was a passenger Wednesday night hit another car stopped at a Manhattan traffic light and then slammed into metal barriers separating traffic lanes, police said. Simon and the town car's driver were taken to a hospital, where Simon was pronounced dead.

The town car driver suffered injuries to his legs and arms. The driver of the other car was uninjured. No arrests were made, said police, who continued to investigate the deadly accident.

Danish photographer's touching image of gay couple in Russia wins World Press Photo award

AMSTERDAM (AP) — An atmospheric image of a gay couple in Russia by Danish photographer Mads Nissen was crowned the World Press Photo of the Year 2014 on Thursday.

The intimate image of Jon and Alex is part of a larger project by Nissen called "Homophobia in Russia" that highlights how life is increasingly difficult for sexual minorities in Russia.

Nissen said he sees the image, shot in St. Petersburg, as "a modern-day Romeo and Juliet story" about two people in love but facing outside forces who want to deny them their feelings.

Its sensitivity also appeared intended to act as a counterpoint to gruesome photographs and video spread by terrorists that increasingly come to dominate the news.

"Today, terrorists use graphic images for propaganda. We have to respond with something more subtle, intense and thoughtful," World Press Photo jury member Alessia Glaviano said in a statement.

Jon Stewart and Brian Williams: 2 big TV stars with opposite fates departing their shows

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Stewart and Brian Williams were mirror images of each other in an era when the nature of TV news, like the people who present it, has increasingly been muddled.

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And on Tuesday, the career of each of these big-time TV stars — a fake news anchor and a real one — lurched in an unexpected, opposite direction.

For each, the future seemed clearer in the summer of 1992.

Stewart, then 29, was an up-and-coming standup comic who had just cracked TV. Williams, 33, was a newsman on a local New York station, just months from joining NBC News.

And Comedy Central, little more than a year old, was introducing its "Indecision '92" faux-news coverage of the race between President George H.W. Bush and challenger Bill Clinton, anchored by humorist (and future U.S. Senator) Al Franken. Here was a signal: What was news, and what wasn't, was already getting muddled.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2015. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Kentucky.

On this date:

In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1914, groundbreaking took place for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1915, the cornerstone was laid for the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny - with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side - went into circulation.

In 1963, a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 720 broke up during severe turbulence and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 43 people aboard.

In 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

In 1995, Iron Butterfly bass player Philip "Taylor" Kramer disappeared; four years later, his skeletal remains were found inside his wrecked minivan in a ravine near Malibu, California.

In 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Ten years ago: Former presidential candidate Howard Dean was elected national Democratic chairman during the party's winter meeting. "The Gates," a 16-day art exhibit created by Christo and Jeanne-Claude, debuted in New York's Central Park with the unfurling of saffron-colored fabric banners suspended from 16-foot-high frames.

Five years ago: On the day the Winter Olympics opened in Vancouver, British Columbia, Nodar Kumaritashvili (noh-DAHR' KOO'-mah-ree-tahsh-VEE'-lee), a 21-year-old luger from the republic of Georgia, was killed in a high-speed crash during a practice run. Three University of Alabama-Huntsville professors were gunned down during a faculty meeting; police charged neurobiologist Amy Bishop with

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capital murder. (Bishop later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

One year ago: Legislation to raise the U.S. federal debt limit and prevent a crippling government default cleared Congress. Tina Maze of Slovenia and Dominique Gisin of Switzerland tied for gold in the Olympic women's downhill at Sochi; it was the first gold-medal tie in Olympic alpine skiing history. Actor-comedian Sid Caesar, 91, died in Beverly Hills, California.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 92. Actor Louis Zorich is 91. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 89. Movie director Costa-Gavras is 82. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 81. Actor Joe Don Baker is 79. Author Judy Blume is 77. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is 73. Country singer Moe Bandy is 71. Actress Maud Adams is 70. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 69. Actor Michael Ironside is 65. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 65. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 63. Actress Joanna Kerns is 62. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 59. Actor John Michael Higgins is 52. Actor Raphael Sbarge is 51. Actress Christine Elise is 50. Actor Josh Brolin is 47. Singer Chynna Phillips is 47. Rock musician Jim Creeggan (Barenaked Ladies) is 45. Rhythm-and-blues musician Keri Lewis is 44. Actor Jesse Spencer is 36. Actress Sarah Lancaster is 35. Actress Christina Ricci is 35. NFL quarterback Robert Griffin III is 25. Actress Jennifer Stone is 22. Actresses Rylie and Baylie Cregut (TV: "Raising Hope") are five.

Thought for Today: "Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way." - Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

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 Transtportation - 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 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

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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 <u>one</u> 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
 - ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
 - Pay stub

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(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 <u>two</u> 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:

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

<u>Living with someone else</u> - 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 <u>Consent for Use of Address</u> form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

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

<u>People who travel full-time</u> - 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.

<u>Military and Military Dependents</u> - 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 documents 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.

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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.