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## 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., Varsity boys at 6 p.m.)

## Sunday, February 15

9:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

10:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Open Gym (3-5 for JK-8, 5-7 for 8th grade and older)

3:30 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship at Golden Living Center (Confirmands serve)

## Monday, February 16

### President's Day - No School

6:30 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Boys Basketball hosts Roncalli (7th at 3 p.m., 8th at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m.)

7:30pm: Groton Fire and Rescue Annual meeting at the Fire Hall.

## Tuesday, February 17

**Senior Menu:** Turkey and dressing, mashed

## 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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## 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.

## Blue Ribbon Study not needed

Recently an American News editorial made an issue about the wasted time and money in Pierre. I certainly agree. It is unfortunate that so much time is spent on such nonsense. It is time to get to work on the important issues and find solutions. The recent article about HB 1176 (the Tom Daschle/John Thune rule) is a true reflection of how the majority party often operates. They change the rules as they want, they often go against the will of the people as shown in their work to undo the minimum wage initiative, and they do most of their work behind closed doors while professing open government and transparency.

An additional wasteful issue is the decision to embark on yet another task force to study the problem of education funding. We have studied the issue, developed the data, and have ideas for solutions, yet they reject the information. Why? Because they will not adequately fund education!

When discussion about a plan to use a penny sales tax in the summer months to fund an increase in teacher salaries came up it was immediately shot down. Instead, as Norbe Barrie said at an Aberdeen Cracker Barrel, we can just do it locally and pass another tax increase onto the local landowners. It is interesting that he would find this as an acceptable solution. He wants to put more tax burden onto the same people that he relies on for his hunting business. He wants tax increases on them but opposes the summer sales tax. I wonder what his neighbors think.

How many studies do we need? We know there is a crisis in education, we have studied the issues, we have had education experts from all over the state testify, and we know the data. It is time to solve the problem!

Chuck Welke  
Warner

## Service Notice: Dennis A. Larson

Services for Dennis A. Larson, 71, of Groton will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 17 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Monday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00.

Dennis died Friday, February 13, 2015 at his home, surrounded by his family.

## 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](http://www.grotonarea.com).

## Lakers beat Cougars in Aberdeen Hockey



**A Zamboni machine is used to make the ice nice and smooth. Riding along on the back is Rebecca Poor.**



**The action got intense around the goal as Groton's Nick Dalchow is the goalie and Jacob Milbrandt (#9) are in action.**

The Watertown Lakers rallied in the second and third periods to beat the Aberdeen Cougars in hockey action played Friday night in Aberdeen, 8-4.

Aberdeen jumped out to a 2-0 lead before the Lakers scored three quick goals to take a 3-2 lead. By the time the first period was done, the game was tied at three.

The Lakers scored twice within 64 seconds early in the second period to take a 5-3 lead. Aberdeen later scored with an assist by Jacob Milbrandt to make it 5-4, but Watertown would score with less than two minutes left to take a 6-4 lead.

Aberdeen had several good shots at the net in the third period, but the puck would not go in as Watertown added to more points for the final 8-4 win.

The Cougars play one final game tonight with a 7:45 p.m. start time. After the varsity match, kids can wear their skates and skate with the Cougar players. They can get autographs and pictures with the Cougars at that time.



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**Groton's Nick Dalchow (goalie) and Jacob Milbrandt (#9) have played for the Aberdeen Cougars for 10 and 14 years respectively. Both are seniors on the team.**



## Today in Weather History

1967: The heaviest snow fell in the central part of the state with Pierre receiving 10 inches with 14 inches reported near Harrold. Elsewhere, 1 to 4 inches of snow was common. Winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts over 40 mph caused extensive drifting and blowing snow reducing visibilities to near zero at times. Many schools were closed and other activities canceled. Temperatures of 5 to 15 degrees below zero were common the morning of the 15th. A farmer died in the storm near Yale where his car stalled and he attempted to walk.

1979: High winds of 50 mph or higher and snow from a half inch to more than 14 inches moved through the state late on the 14th with winds slowly subsiding on the 16th. Visibility was reduced to near zero at the height of the storm and no travel was advised. Temperatures fell to 25 degrees below zero with wind chills to 80 to 90 below on the 15th. One man suffered frostbite after being stranded in his truck for seventeen hours. Power was lost at Wall due to high winds snapping power lines together.

1895 – The greatest snowfall in the history of Houston, Texas occurred on the 14th and 15th. The Houston area saw 20 inches of snow.

1899 - A great blizzard struck the eastern U.S. Washington D.C. received 20.5 inches of snow to bring their total snow depth to nearly three feet. The storm produced 36 inches of snow at Cape May NJ. (David Ludlum)

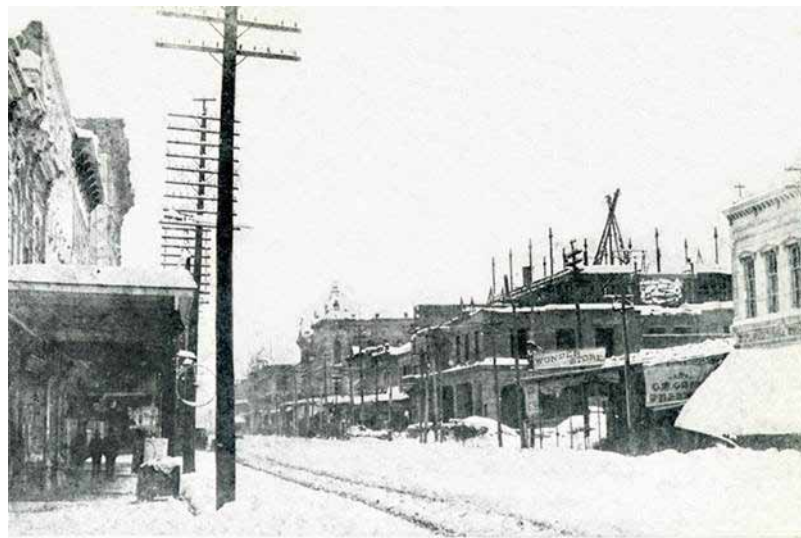
1940 - A "Saint Valentine's Day Blizzard" hit the northeastern U.S. Up to a foot and a half of snow blanketed southern New England, and whole gales accompanied the heavy snow stranding many in downtown Boston. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A powerful storm spawned severe thunderstorms in Texas and Oklahoma, and produced heavy snow in the Rocky Mountain Region. Snowfall totals in Colorado ranged up to 27 inches at Telluride. Straight line winds gusting to 104 mph howled through Guadalupe Pass in West Texas. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Strong northerly winds ushered arctic air into the north central U.S. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Winds gusted to 56 mph at Rapid City SD, and reached 65 mph at Cody WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - While "Valentine's Day" was a soggy one in the Ohio Valley and the Tennessee Valley, unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the southeastern U.S. Seventeen cities reported record high temperatures for the date as readings warmed into the 70s and 80s. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Valentine's Day was a snowy one for many parts of the western and central U.S. Five to ten inches of snow fell across Iowa, and 6 to 12 inches of snow blanketed northern Illinois, and strong



Houston's Main Street deep in snow, February 14, 1895








northeasterly winds accompanied the heavy snow. Air traffic came to a halt during the evening at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, where 9.7 inches of snow was reported. More than 250 traffic accidents were reported around Des Moines IA during the evening rush hour. An icestorm glazed east central sections of Illinois, causing twelve million dollars damage in Champaign County alone. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004 - Dallas receives 3 inches of snow, wreaking havoc with Valentine's Day flower deliveries. The greatest snowfall since 1978 caused numerous traffic accidents, power outages and flight cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.



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TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT
						
80%	30%		20%			
Snow	Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Slight Chc Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Blustery	Blustery
Low: -1 °F ↑	High: 23 °F	Low: 10 °F	High: 25 °F	Low: -2 °F	High: 9 °F	Low: -11 °F



## Very Cold Today

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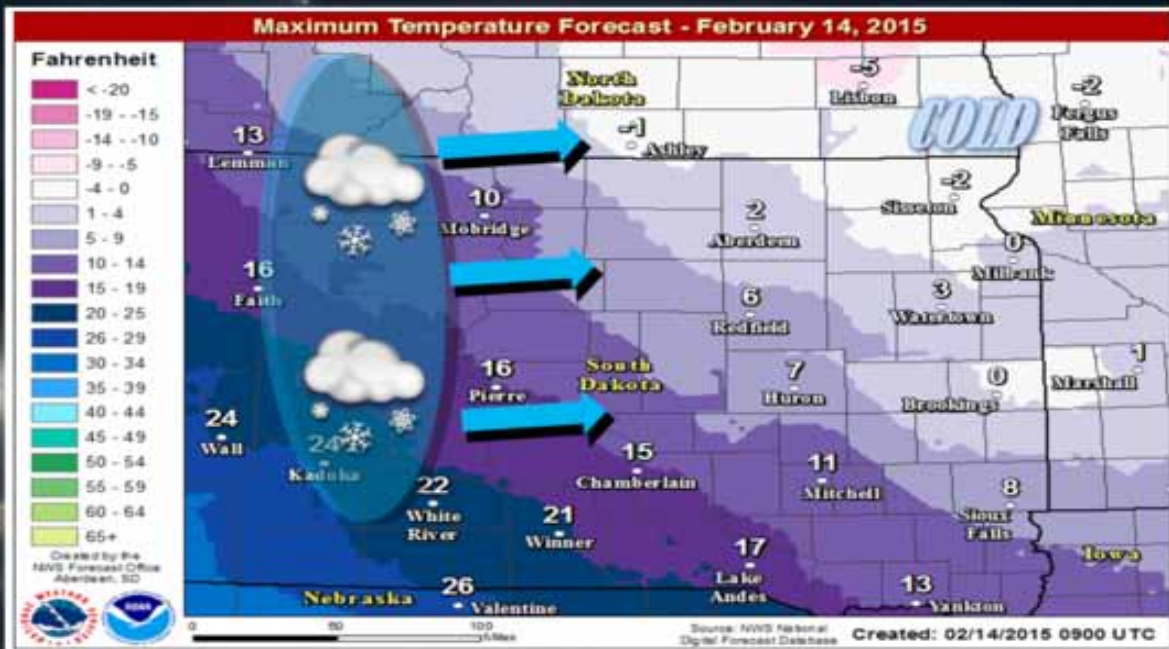
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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*Light Snow Moves Back Across The Dakotas This Afternoon & Overnight*

Published on: 02/14/2015 at 4:12AM

Arctic air will dominate conditions today, but as it retreats to the east, light snow will be drawn back into the region. Expect a half inch to two inches to accumulate by early Sunday morning.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 28.0 at 1:35 PM

**Low:** 7.6 at 7:51 AM

Wind Chill:

**High Gust:** 19 at 11:07 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 60° in 1913

**Record Low:** -30° in 1936, 1906

**Average High:** 28°F

**Average Low:** 7°F

**Average Precip in Feb.:** 0.21

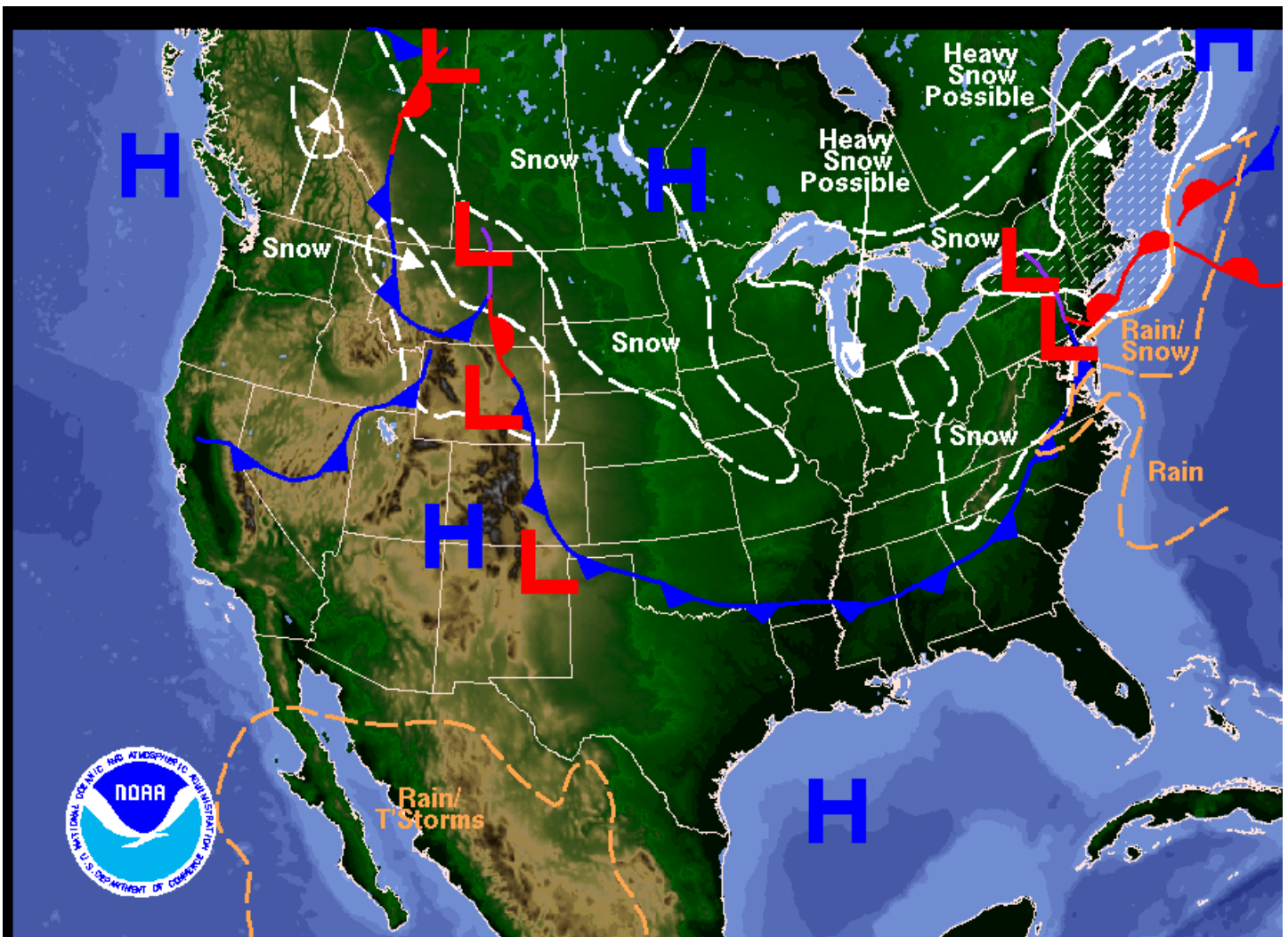
**Precip to date in Feb.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 0.68

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:59 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Feb 14, 2015, issued 3:37 PM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## God's Mercy

This day of the month has been set aside as a day to express love and affection. Cards and candy, gifts and flowers are given freely and are usually intended to make a statement of appreciation to someone who has a special place in our heart.

We read in Psalm 23 that the "goodness and mercy of God will follow us all the days of our lives." But the word mercy is best translated "love" – a love that is not readily visible in our world but is vitally needed by each of us. It is God's love that we know and experience through His promise to never leave us or forsake and always be available to us.

Rather than being pursued and punished by a god who is angry with us for breaking his laws, we have a God who pursues us and promises to provide for our every need from His limitless love and grace. It is this God that David knew and trusted. It is this God that David knew that he could go to for hope and help, love and forgiveness. It is this God that David knew could be trusted to protect him in times of trouble. It is this God that David knew. We can come to know this God as David knew Him and we can come to trust Him as David did.

When we speak of God's love, we speak of a love that comes first from loyalty – He will never leave us nor abandon us. We know that it is a love that will surround us with care and compassion. We know that this love will be available to meet our every need every day.

**Prayer:** We thank You, loving Father, for a love that is never ending, always available and freely given. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.



## Canada goose season ends in SD, light goose season begins

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Canada goose hunting season in South Dakota is coming to an end, while the light goose season is kicking off.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is reminding waterfowl hunters that the Unit 2 Canada goose season ends Sunday.

Meanwhile, the state's 2015 Light Goose Conservation Order began Saturday and runs through May 3. The order is issued every year to control an overabundance of light geese.

The department says light geese generally migrate into the eastern third of South Dakota in late February to early March.

## Man indicted for rebranding dubious dietary supplement

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The owner of a South Dakota-based dietary supplement business has been charged with allegedly rebranding and selling Mexico-manufactured pills that were the subject of a U.S. recall because they were linked to cases of bleeding, stroke and even death.

Stanley Brower is accused of tearing off the labels on bottles of the recalled Mexican pain-relieving supplement, Reumofan Plus, and selling them under a different brand name, WOW.

Over the years, the pills were sold online and in retail stores in the U.S. and Mexico under the name Reumofan Plus and were marketed as "100 percent natural" remedies for arthritis and muscle pain. The Food and Drug Administration, however, in 2012 warned consumers against using the supplement after it was discovered that the products actually contained several prescription drugs.

The FDA found that Reumofan Plus contained three drugs, including the muscle relaxant methocarbamol and the anti-inflammatory drug dexamethasone. These drugs can interact with other medications, causing life-threatening side effects in some patients and even causing deaths.

Mexican authorities issued a health alert about the product in May 2012 and the FDA followed with its own warning the next month. Despite the warning, prosecutors allege that Brower sold the relabeled pills through at least two websites between July and December 2012.

Authorities accuse Brower of shipping more than 220 bottles of WOW with 30 pills each from the Canton-based business to seven states and Canada.

Brower is the president of Brower Enterprises Inc., according with records filed with the office of the South Dakota secretary of state. The company's website is still operating. Court records show Brower also managed the company Health Enterprises, which he used to market the re-labeled pills.

Brower, 68, has pleaded not guilty to two federal charges and is scheduled to face trial in April. He declined to comment on the charges and his lawyer, Jason Tupman, did not respond to a phone call seeking comment.

The pills were manufactured by Riger Naturals, S.A. and at least three companies that sold them in the U.S. have recalled them. Riger Naturals has not issued a recall, but FDA field agents have been ordered to seize any shipments of the supplement that arrive at a port of entry into the U.S.

Unlike prescription drugs, dietary supplements don't need FDA approval before they are marketed. Still, their labels must list all ingredients and manufacturers are not allowed to sell products that are

“adulterated or misbranded.”

Brittney Meyer, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at South Dakota State University, said individuals can contact the state’s Board of Pharmacy to verify that the website through which they intend to buy a medication isn’t fraudulent.

“To really be sure you are getting what you are ordering it needs to be a licensed pharmacy because if it’s not, then it could be fake, it could be labeled or stored incorrectly, or it could have dangerous ingredients like that supplement,” Meyer said.

About 65,000 dietary supplements are on the market, consumed by more than 150 million Americans, according to a 2013 Canadian government study.

Earlier this month, the attorney general in New York ordered Wal-Mart, Walgreen’s, Target and GNC to stop selling store-brand herbal supplements that tests found questionable. Clarkson University researchers tested hundreds of bottles of store-brand herbal supplements sold as treatments for everything from memory loss to prostate trouble, and found 4 out of 5 contained none of the herbs listed on the labels.

## **SD man convicted of sexually abusing a child gets 3 years**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of sexually abusing a child in 2013 has been sentenced to 3 years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has also sentenced 62-year-old Reginald Between Lodges to 5 years of supervised release. Between Lodges earlier pleaded guilty to abusive sexual contact with a child.

Authorities say the Takini man offensively touched an 8-year-old child in October 2013.

Between Lodges also used the aliases of Reginald Condon and Reggie Kills A Hundred.

Between Lodges has been turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service to begin serving his sentence.

## **Armour kindergarten class video on birds wins national award**

ARMOUR, S.D. (AP) — Some kindergarteners from Armour have been recognized nationally for their knowledge about birds.

Kelly Preheim’s class of a dozen pupils has learned about more than 300 species.

The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1CZEU3> ) reports they also made a short video debunking the myth that young birds will be abandoned by their parents if touched by a human. That video took the grand prize in a contest held through Falcon Guides, which publishes books and guides regarding the outdoors and nature.

Besides the new books, two visiting authors plan to visit the southeast South Dakota school on Tuesday: Stacy Tornio, editor of the “Birds and Blooms” magazine, and Ken Keffer, an environmental educator. They wrote “The Truth About Nature,” a book directed at the common myths regarding the outdoors.

## **Friday’s Scores** The Associated Press

### **BOYS’ BASKETBALL**

Alcester-Hudson 64, Baltic 36

Avon 46, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 38

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Brandon Valley 51, Huron 47  
Canton 63, Irene-Wakonda 50  
Centerville 53, Gayville-Volin 50  
Chamberlain 62, Wagner 53  
Clark/Willow Lake 64, Aberdeen Roncalli 47  
Custer 59, Belle Fourche 55  
Dakota Christian 69, James Valley Christian 62  
Dell Rapids 75, Dakota Valley 35  
Deuel 54, Hamlin 49  
Elk Point-Jefferson 69, Beresford 54  
Elkton-Lake Benton 93, Lake Preston 30  
Eureka/Bowdle 48, Aberdeen Christian 45  
Garretson 69, Howard 33  
Gregory 65, Scotland 43  
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 52, Faith 49  
Langford 66, Faulkton 29  
Lead-Deadwood 47, Hill City 35  
Madison 80, Sioux Valley 71  
New Underwood 61, Bennett County 44  
Parkston 56, Tea Area 47  
Philip 63, Lyman 40  
Pierre 65, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 58  
Platte-Geddes 52, Bon Homme 42  
Potter County 56, Stanley County 43  
Rapid City Stevens 81, Sioux Falls Lincoln 64  
Sioux Falls Washington 60, Rapid City Central 43  
Sisseton 60, Redfield/Doland 55  
Sully Buttes 70, Ipswich 41  
Viborg-Hurley 50, Parker 41  
Watertown 65, Brookings 57  
West Central 63, Lennox 57  
Winner 73, McLaughlin 43  
Wolsey-Wessington 69, Sunshine Bible Academy 47  
Dakota Plains Invitational  
Consolation Semifinal  
Takini 74, Santee JV, Neb. 54

## **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Aberdeen Central 64, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 57  
Alcester-Hudson 59, Baltic 34  
Avon 43, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 25  
Belle Fourche 47, Custer 34  
Bon Homme 62, Platte-Geddes 54  
Brandon Valley 75, Huron 44  
Bridgewater-Emery 37, Marion 26  
Castlewood 77, Waverly-South Shore 35



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Colome 63, Kadoka Area 26  
Dakota Valley 68, Dell Rapids 43  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 54, Colman-Egan 47  
DeSmet 55, Estelline 30  
Deubrook 74, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 35  
Elk Point-Jefferson 46, Beresford 39  
Elkton-Lake Benton 66, Lake Preston 56  
Ethan 68, Canistota 28  
Eureka/Bowdle 60, Aberdeen Christian 12  
Faith 45, Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 24  
Faulkton 57, Langford 43  
Gayville-Volin 63, Centerville 55  
Groton Area 55, Britton-Hecla 26  
Hamlin 57, Deuel 30  
Hanson 51, Corsica/Stickney 44  
Harding County 44, Rapid City Christian 37  
Highmore-Harrold 48, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 37  
Howard 46, Garretson 36  
Irene-Wakonda 65, Canton 42  
James Valley Christian 62, Dakota Christian 49  
Kimball/White Lake 85, Lower Brule 31  
Lead-Deadwood 42, Hill City 31  
Lyman 35, Philip 34  
Madison 80, Sioux Valley 71  
Mobridge-Pollock 50, Stanley County 22  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 52, Burke/South Central 32  
New Underwood 44, Bennett County 43  
Northwestern 52, Hitchcock-Tulare 44  
Parkston 46, Lennox 35  
Pine Ridge 90, Little Wound 59  
Redfield/Doland 41, Sisseton 39  
Scotland 59, Gregory 47  
Sioux Falls Christian 52, Chester 45  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 62, Rapid City Stevens 55  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 55, Pierre 45  
St. Thomas More 81, Red Cloud 34  
Sturgis 58, Douglas 26  
Sully Buttes 57, Ipswich 46  
Summit 58, Florence/Henry 38  
Sunshine Bible Academy 42, Wolsey-Wessington 37  
Timber Lake 38, McIntosh 32, OT  
Tri-Valley 64, Tea Area 62  
Viborg-Hurley 65, Parker 50  
Wagner 61, Chamberlain 38  
Warner 71, Wilmot 57

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Watertown 44, Brookings 33  
Webster 48, Milbank 38  
Winner 73, McLaughlin 62  
Dakota Plains Tournament  
Consolation Semifinal  
Santee, Neb. 57, Takini 52, OT  
Semifinal  
Marty Indian 86, Andes Central 44

## Bill exempts dairy, swine from ND anti-corporate farm law

**JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota should exempt dairy and pork operations from its more than 80-year-old anti-corporate farming law to help those industries rebound after years of decline, a state senator told fellow lawmakers Friday.

"We cannot afford to ignore and do nothing about this issue," Sen. Terry Wanzek, R-Jamestown, told the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Wanzek's legislation would allow non-family farm corporations to own or lease agriculture land, as long as the operations don't take up more than 640 acres of land, or a square mile.

"This bill is an attempt to help the dying dairy industry and our declining swine industry in this state," said Wanzek, a farmer. "Doing nothing is not an option."

Federal agriculture data show the number of dairy farms in North Dakota has decreased from about 350 in 2002 to 91 now. The number of dairy cows has dropped from 40,000 to 18,000 during that time, according to the National Agriculture Statistics Service.

Swine numbers have also declined from about 280,000 in 1995 to about 139,000 in 2014, data show.

North Dakota's anti-corporate farming law dates to 1932, when it was put on the ballot as an initiated measure and approved by voters. It now allows corporations with as many as 15 shareholders to own farms or ranches, as long as the shareholders are related.

Supporters of the bill, including North Dakota's top agriculture official, say it would improve farmers' access to capital and spur the state's economy. Opponents, including the state's biggest farm group, say the current law blocks unfair competition from big, out-of-state corporations.

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring told lawmakers that the state's dairy and pork industries are in "dire straits." Allowing the exemptions would revive the industries and help fuel other agriculture business, such as feed and fertilizer, proponents said.

"This bill complements agriculture in North Dakota — not compete with it," Goehring said.

There is no guarantee the bill would do anything to help the pork and dairy industries, said Mark Watne, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, which has about 40,000 members. But it would allow out-of-state ownership of corporate farms, he said.

"Individuals should own the land and animals in North Dakota," he said.

Eight other states have laws restricting corporate farming, though most allow exemptions for some livestock operations, including neighboring South Dakota and Minnesota.

The number of hogs and cows in those states have increased or remained stable in recent years, while North Dakota numbers have dropped. Milk production in those states also has grown, while North Dakota dairy production is down.

Wanzek said the law has put North Dakota at an unfair advantage.

"Our farm producers need access to the same business tools that other states' farmers have to be competitive," he said.

## **US Rep. Kristi Noem ends 2014 with \$800,000 cash on hand**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem has ended 2014 with about \$800,000 in the bank.

Recently released 2014 year-end campaign finance reports show Noem raised nearly \$2.4 million through the end of 2014 and spent more than \$1.6 million.

Noem's campaign consultant Justin Brasell says it's her strongest start to an election cycle since the 2010 victory that put her in the U.S. House.

Brasell says the campaign is pleased with Noem's fundraising and expanding margins of victory.

Noem is South Dakota's lone U.S. representative and serves with Republican U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds.

Kyle Kondik is a political analyst at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. Kondik says Noem is in solid shape for a re-election campaign in 2016.

## **Freshman US Sen. Mike Rounds ends 2014 with \$136,000 in debt**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The high-profile campaign of freshman U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds has ended 2014 with about \$80,000 in the bank and \$136,000 in debt.

Recently released 2014 year-end campaign finance reports show Rounds ultimately raised nearly \$5.2 million through the end of 2014 and spent just over \$5 million.

Rob Skjonsberg, campaign manager for Rounds, was not available to comment Friday.

The former South Dakota governor's bumpy path to the U.S. Senate in 2014 at times appeared competitive, but he triumphed on Election Day by roughly 20 points in a four-way race with Democrat Rick Weiland and independents Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie.

Rounds won't face re-election until 2020 and joined U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and U.S. Sen. John Thune as the third Republican in the South Dakota congressional delegation.

## **Sheriff: Gunman in fatal SD shooting argued with supervisor**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A truck driver who had a workplace argument with a supervisor over a delivery was responsible for fatally shooting that man and injuring two other people at an industrial site before committing suicide, authorities confirmed Friday.

Authorities said they used dental records to identify Jeffrey DeZeeuw of Sioux Falls as the gunman in the shooting Thursday at a Sioux Steel Co. location known as ProTec, about 20 miles southwest of the city.

DeZeeuw, 52, was found by the right rear end of a burned semitrailer located along a gravel road about 4 miles away from Lennox, where the business is located.

Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Johnson said DeZeeuw argued with Jon Richter, 45, on Thursday morning over a truckload that DeZeeuw was asked to take to another state. Johnson said DeZeeuw then returned around 2 p.m., killing Richter and wounding worker Kathy Steever. Johnson said another employee, Brian Roesler, then confronted DeZeeuw — possibly preventing more injuries or deaths.

"(Roesler) heard what was going on, came out, saw a man with a gun and just immediately engaged him, you know, in a fight. He was trying to take the gun away from him," Johnson said. Roesler, 45, was



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hit in the head with the handgun multiple times. He has been released from a hospital after receiving treatment.

Steever, 46, of Lennox, had been in critical condition but officials said Friday her condition had improved.

Authorities believe that after the shooting, DeZeeuw left the building and began driving the semitrailer. They said he then killed himself after setting the Plains Xpress semitrailer on fire. Next to his body was a handgun, which Johnson said was "consistent" with the shell casing found at the site of the shooting.

No suicide note was found at DeZeeuw's Sioux Falls home, which was searched Thursday evening. It wasn't clear whether he was a contractor or direct employee of Sioux Steel's ProTec Engineered Buildings division.

DeZeeuw's background included various minor traffic offenses, and an arrest for assault and disorderly conduct in 2001. Those charges were later dropped. In 2008, DeZeeuw mailed a feces-smear traffic ticket to the clerk of courts in Minnehaha County and was sentenced to three years of probation.

Sioux Steel is offering counseling for its employees, and issued a statement saying it is cooperating with law enforcement agencies. The state's Division of Criminal Investigation will continue to investigate.

## Thune, Noem have campaign war chests well before 2016 vote

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, the two South Dakota federal officials up for re-election in 2016, have substantial cash reserves more than a year-and-a-half ahead of Election Day.

Recently released 2014 year-end Federal Election Commission campaign finance reports show Thune was sitting on an eye-popping \$9.7 million, the third-highest sum in the Senate, and Noem had roughly \$800,000 in the bank, her strongest start to an election cycle since she first ran in 2010. Democrats say they hope to run 2016 candidates against Noem and Thune — he was unopposed in 2010 — but acknowledge the difficulties of unseating either one.

"They don't scream out as being competitive," Kyle Kondik, managing editor at Sabato's Crystal Ball, said of the races.

Thune's campaign declined to comment on his reserves. Noem raised nearly \$2.4 million through the end of 2014 and spent more than \$1.6 million.

"We feel great about where she is," Noem campaign consultant Justin Brasell said. "We feel good about what we've accomplished, and we want to keep adding to Congresswoman Noem's level of support in the state."

South Dakota Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg called their bank accounts "formidable," but said the party is working hard to put a Democrat back in South Dakota's congressional delegation.

Minnehaha County Commissioner Jeff Barth, who unsuccessfully ran in December to chair the state Democratic party, said he thinks Democrats made a mistake allowing Thune to run unopposed in 2010. He said those seats shouldn't be given up without a fight, but acknowledged his party's disadvantage in the state.

"There's always the chance too that someone might give up their seat, whether it's Kristi Noem or John Thune," Barth said.

Freshman U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, who fills out South Dakota's Republican congressional trio, ended 2014 with about \$80,000 in the bank and \$136,000 in debt. Rounds' bumpy path to the U.S. Senate in

2014 at times appeared competitive, but he triumphed on Election Day by roughly 20 points. Rounds won't face re-election until 2020.

Rounds ultimately raised nearly \$5.2 million through the end of 2014 and spent just over \$5 million. Rob Skjonsberg, campaign manager for Rounds, was unavailable for comment.

Campaign finance reports for Rick Weiland, a Democrat who ran against Rounds, appeared to have inaccuracies, and Weiland said he is reviewing them.

Larry Pressler, a former U.S. senator and one of two independent candidates who vied for the seat, ended the year with about \$21,000 in the bank and \$250,000 in debt. Pressler said he may just have to forgive the debt, which is from a personal loan.

"It was an expensive proposition, but I wanted to run and use up some of my savings," Pressler said. "I enjoyed being on the campaign trail. I got to drive all over South Dakota. We saw the state again, and it was a great experience."

## **SD selects qualifying programs for scholarship program**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials have selected the more than 50 programs under which technical school students will qualify for scholarships partially funded by a \$25 million donation from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford.

The programs fall under eight "high-need" industries, including automotive, building trades and construction, medical lab technicians and welding.

The state is matching Sanford's gift by pledging \$25 million of its own for the Build Dakota Scholarship Program. Officials say the program will help address a worker shortage that is hindering South Dakota's growth.

Scholarships will be available for new, incoming students at the state's technical schools in the 2015-2016 school year. Scholarship applications will be available starting Tuesday. State officials expect to award about 300 scholarships during the first year.

## **Rounds chooses locations of 4 offices, satellite meetings**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds has chosen the locations of his four offices in South Dakota and places where his staff will host regular meetings.

The office in Pierre is on Capitol Avenue, in Sioux Falls on North Main Street, in Rapid City on West Main Street, and in Aberdeen on South Main Street.

A senior staffer will regularly host office hours at the Huron Public Library and the Watertown Regional Library.

The Republican is the newest member of South Dakota's congressional delegation. He was elected in November and took over the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson.

## **Speaker enrolls Keystone bill, urges Obama to sign it**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' Republican leadership has made it official, formally enrolling legislation to build the Keystone XL pipeline and urging President Barack Obama to sign it.

In a ceremony on Friday, Speaker John Boehner put his signature on the bill and called on Obama to "do the right thing" and add his name.

While the next stop for the measure is the White House — where Obama has threatened to veto it — Republicans will delay sending it over until after their weeklong recess. That's because they want to be

in town when Obama vetoes it.

First proposed in 2008, the pipeline if approved would connect Canada's tar sands to Gulf Coast refineries.

The White House has said repeatedly it will wait to make its decision until after a State Department review.

## Buffalo Chip Campground wants to become its own city

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A campground and event site that swells in size during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally wants to become a community all its own, but Sturgis officials are fighting the idea.

Buffalo Chip Campground owner Rod Woodruff wants to turn the 600-acre site into a city that could attract businesses. If the Meade County Commission determines the bid conforms to state law — having at least 100 legal residents or at least 30 voters — it has to call an election of registered voters in the area on whether to become a municipality, the Rapid City Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1ywgOfV>).

"There are 47 registered voters of this area as we speak that have been verified by the auditor's office," Buffalo Chip attorney Kent Hagg told county commissioners on Thursday.

Sturgis officials maintain that the campground is within the 3-mile jurisdiction of Sturgis, meaning it can't incorporate into its own city. Sturgis has determined that the proposed municipality is 2.987 miles from the Sturgis city limits, City Manager Daniel Ainslie told commissioners.

"Sounds like being off by a foot in this case really does matter," Commission Chairman Alan Aker said.

The City Council earlier Thursday also voted to annex a high school and land surrounding it east of Sturgis, further reducing the distance to Buffalo Chip, Ainslie said. Hagg contended that the annexation does not take effect until 20 days after the resolution is published, meaning the action would come too late.

Hagg eventually withdrew his petition and said officials would hire an engineering and surveying company to measure the distance.

"We want that clarity as much as this body and the city," Hagg said.

The matter likely will be debated again at the commission's next meeting on Feb. 25.

## AP News in Brief

### Analysis: With NATO expansion at heart of Ukraine crisis, Russia determined to stop it

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cold War didn't end. It just took on a 24-year pause. The East-West showdown over Ukraine makes that clear.

As the non-Russian republics broke free in the Soviet collapse and Eastern European Soviet satellite countries snapped the chains of Moscow's dominion, common wisdom held that the Cold War was over. The victors: The United States and its European allies, bound together in the NATO alliance to block further Soviet expansion in Europe after World War II.

Since the Soviet collapse — as Moscow had feared — that alliance has spread eastward, expanding along a line from Estonia in the north to Romania and Bulgaria in the south. The Kremlin claims it had Western assurances that would not happen. Now, Moscow's only buffers to a complete NATO encirclement on its western border are Finland, Belarus and Ukraine.

The Kremlin would not have to be paranoid to look at that map with concern. And Russia reacted dramatically early last year. U.S.-Russian relations have fallen back into the dangerous nuclear and political



standoff of the Cold War years before the Soviet collapse

It began with prolonged pro-Western demonstrations in the Ukrainian capital. The upheaval caused corrupt, Russia-friendly President Viktor Yanukovich to flee to Moscow nearly a year ago. The political turmoil broke out after Yanukovich — contrary to an agreement with the European Union for closer trade and political ties with the pan-European political and trading bloc — backed out and accepted Russian guarantees of billions of dollars in financial aid.

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## **Fighting in Ukraine persists in day before cease-fire is to take effect**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Officials in the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol say an array of artillery attacks hit areas near the city during the morning, as the deadline for a cease-fire creeps closer.

The city's press service reported a half-dozen rocket and mortar attacks on outlying areas Saturday morning. There was no immediate information on casualties.

Mariupol is on the Azov Sea and concerns are strong that Russian-backed separatists aim to seize it as a step toward establishing a corridor between mainland Russia and the Crimean Peninsula that Russia annexed 11 months ago.

Under an agreement reached this week, rebels and Ukrainian forces are to observe a cease-fire beginning at midnight (2200 GMT, 5 p.m. EST).

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## **As long as there have been vaccines, some people have feared and hated them, historians say**

NEW YORK (AP) — They're considered one of mankind's greatest medical achievements, yet people have balked at vaccines almost since the time of the first vaccination — in 1796, when an English country doctor named Edward Jenner inoculated an 8-year-old boy against smallpox.

In the mid-1800s, people protested in the streets of Victorian England after the British government began requiring citizens to get the vaccination. Many opponents mistrusted doctors and were wary of a medical treatment they didn't understand. In the early days, the closely related cowpox virus was used to immunize people against smallpox.

"People were afraid that if you got the cowpox vaccine you would turn into a cow," said Dr. Paul Offit, a vaccine researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia who is an outspoken critic of anti-vaccination groups.

More than a century and a half later, there's still an undercurrent of vaccine dislike and distrust in the United States as illustrated by the measles outbreak that started in December at Disneyland — likely brought in from overseas as has been the case in recent years. Many of those who got and spread the highly contagious illness hadn't gotten the childhood shots.

All this despite medical science's proven successes in wiping out not only the much-feared smallpox and polio, but nearly eliminating other serious illnesses like diphtheria, German measles, lockjaw and mumps in the United States. Through it all, anti-vaccine sentiments have ebbed and flowed.

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## **Iran's president retains top ayatollah's backing despite criticism as nuclear deadline nears**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Throughout the long negotiations over the fate of Iran's nuclear program, President Hassan Rouhani has withstood scathing criticism from hard-liners at home by sticking to his case that a deal with his country's longtime enemies will bring peace and prosperity.

So the political stakes are high for the moderate president as talks enter their homestretch toward a June deadline.

If he succeeds in sealing an agreement, Iran could see much-hoped-for relief from withering sanctions that are dragging down the economy at a time when the OPEC producer is trying to ride out a severe slump in oil prices.

An improvement in the economy could translate into a broader boost in domestic support for Rouhani and strengthen the moderate camp gain in parliamentary elections next year. Moderates are pushing for a less confrontational relationship with the West — a break from the eight-year tenure of predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — and seek more freedoms at home, including greater freedom of expression and easing of social restrictions.

Failure, however, only will bolster his hard-line opponents who are against that entire agenda.

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## **US Attorney issues subpoena for records pertaining to departing Oregon governor and fiancée**

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber announced his resignation Friday over a deepening influence-peddling scandal surrounding his fiancée and on the same day the U.S. Attorney's Office issued a subpoena demanding records and electronic communications pertaining to the pair.

The subpoena was the first acknowledgment of a federal investigation against Kitzhaber and Cylvia Hayes. It marks yet another turn in a scandal that brought down Oregon's longest-serving chief executive.

Kitzhaber's resignation, which is to take effect Wednesday, cleared the way for Secretary of State Kate Brown to assume Oregon's highest office and become the nation's first openly bisexual governor. Kitzhaber insisted he broke no laws.

"Nonetheless, I understand that I have become a liability to the very institutions and policies to which I have dedicated my career and, indeed, my entire adult life," he said in a statement.

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## **Pope delivers tough love message to new cardinals: Put aside your pride, jealousy and anger**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is delivering a tough-love message to his new cardinals, telling them to put aside their pride, jealousy, self-interests and anger since such sins are "unacceptable in a man of the church."

Instead, Francis called for the 20 new members of the College of Cardinals to exercise perfect charity, kindness and justice, ready to trust and forgive.

Francis delivered the marching orders during a ceremony Saturday to elevate the new "princes of the church" into the club of red-hatted churchmen who will eventually elect Francis' successor.

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## **APNewsbreak: Suspect in Halifax plot confessed to wanting to attack mall**

TORONTO (AP) — A senior police official said that police foiled a plot by two suspects who were planning on going to a mall and killing as many people as they could before committing suicide on Valentine's Day in Halifax.

The official told The Associated Press on Friday the suspects were on a chat stream and were apparently obsessed with death and had many photos of mass killings. Police and other officials said it was not related to Islamic terrorism.

The official said one of the two suspects, a 23-year-old American woman from Geneva, Illinois, was arrested at Halifax's airport and confessed to the plot. The official said she prewrote a number of pronouncements to be tweeted after her death.

Police said the suspects had access to firearms, but did not elaborate.

The official said the 19-year-old male shot himself to death after police were tipped off about the plot and they surrounded his home. Police saw two people leave the house who they determined were his parents and pulled them over on a traffic check. They then called the suspect. As the man told police that he didn't have any guns and he was on his way out of the house he shot himself, the official said.

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## **Muslims call for hate crime charges in shootings of 3 students, but such cases are challenging**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Relatives of the three Muslim college students killed in North Carolina are pressing for hate crime charges against the alleged shooter, but legal experts say such cases are relatively rare and can be difficult to prove.

Police in Chapel Hill say they have yet to uncover any evidence that Craig Stephen Hicks acted out of religious animus, though they are investigating the possibility. As a potential motive, they cited a longtime dispute over parking spaces at the condo community where Hicks and the victims lived.

Hicks, 46, is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23; his wife, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, 21; and her sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19.

The FBI is now conducting a "parallel preliminary inquiry" to determine whether any federal laws, including hate crime laws, were violated in the case.

Search warrants filed in a court Friday showed Hicks listed a dozen firearms taken from his condo unit. The warrants list four handguns recovered from the home where he lived with his wife, in addition to a pistol the suspect had with him when he turned himself in after the shootings. Warrants also listed two shotguns and six rifles, including a military-style AR-15 carbine, and a large cache of ammunition.

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## **JAPAN DIARY: A man buying Valentine's Day chocolates is an unusual sight in Tokyo**

TOKYO (AP) — Perusing the Valentine's Day chocolate selection during my lunch break made me stand out in the crowd in Tokyo: I was the only male in the Godiva store.

In Japan, women buy chocolates for men on Valentine's Day, not vice versa. And not just for their boyfriend or partner, but also for co-workers, friends of both sexes and even themselves these days. It's a big business: the Godiva store had shelves of specially boxed assortments rising to its high ceiling, while competing chocolate makers went head-to-head at temporary counters set up at a com-



muter rail station.

Two female co-workers brightened our office Friday by handing out chocolates to everyone else: a handful of Hershey kisses from one, a minibag of M&Ms from the other.

Women get their just "desserts" one month later. Marketers have created "White Day" on March 14, when men are supposed to reciprocate with gifts for women.

— Ken Moritsugu, Tokyo bureau chief, The Associated Press.

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## Little League star Mo'ne Davis outshines actor Kevin Hart at celebrity All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Little League phenom Mo'ne Davis was so impressive on a basketball court she momentarily silenced trash-talking "Wedding Ringer" star Kevin Hart.

Playing in the All-Star Celebrity Game against opponents more than twice her age, the 13-year-old drove past Hart, the game's MVP for the fourth time, with a spectacular spin move for an easy layup in the first quarter Friday night.

"That was pretty cool," Davis said. "I work on it, but usually don't do it. It was the right time to do it."

Hart, who like Davis is from Philadelphia, said, "No excuses," as he returned to the huddle shortly after her basket.

Madison Square Garden was abuzz with stars from the NBA, WNBA and Hollywood two nights before the NBA All-Star Game is played Sunday. But much of the attention was on the teenager, who got one of the loudest ovations from the crowd when she was introduced before the game.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2015. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

### On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1924, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. of New York was formally renamed International Business Machines Corp., or IBM.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian forces reached the Rhine River in Germany.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and several nights later on ABC).

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In 1975, Anglo-American author P.G. Wodehouse, 93, died in Southampton, New York.

In 1985, Cable News Network reporter Jeremy Levin, held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, escaped from his captors. Whitney Houston's debut album, eponymously titled "Whitney Houston," was released by Arista Records.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

In 2013, Paralympic superstar Oscar Pistorius was charged with murdering his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home in South Africa; he was later convicted of culpable homicide and sentenced to five years in jail.

**Ten years ago:** Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri (rah-FEEK' hah-REER'-ee) was assassinated with explosives. A gas explosion inside a Chinese mine killed 214 people. President George W. Bush said he would nominate Lester M. Crawford as head of the Food and Drug Administration, a position Crawford had held as acting commissioner for nearly a year. The creators of the video-sharing website YouTube activated its domain name, www.youtube.com (the site uploaded its first video the following April.)

**Five years ago:** The Americans broke through the Nordic combined barrier at Vancouver as Johnny Spillane won the silver, the first U.S. Olympic medal in the sport dominated since its inception by the Europeans (Jason Lamy Chappuis of France won the gold). Jamie McMurray won the Daytona 500. The Eastern Conference edged the West 141-139 in the NBA All-Star game in Arlington, Texas. Larry Ellison's space-age trimaran completed a two-race sweep in the 33rd America's Cup. Death claimed best-selling British author Dick Francis at age 89 and Doug Fieger, leader of the power pop band The Knack, at age 57.

**One year ago:** Drawing a link between climate change and California's drought, President Barack Obama said the U.S. had to stop thinking of water as a "zero-sum" game and needed to do a better job of figuring out how to make sure everyone's water needs were satisfied. An attempt by the United Auto Workers to organize employees at a Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee, fell short in a 712-626 vote. At the Sochi Olympics, Sandro Viletta won the super-combined while fellow Swiss Dario Cologna won the 15K race. In figure skating, 19-year-old Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan claimed the men's title. Jim Fregosi, a former All-Star who'd won more than 1,000 games as a manager for four teams, died in Miami at age 71. Puppeteer John Henson, the son of the late Muppets creator Jim Henson, died in New York at age 48.

**Today's Birthdays:** TV personality Hugh Downs is 94. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 81. Actor Andrew Prine is 79. Country singer Razy Bailey is 76. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 73. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 72. Movie director Alan Parker is 71. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 71. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 68. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 67. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 67. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (doo-SAY') (Beausoleil) is 64. Actor Ken Wahl is 58. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 56. Actress Meg Tilly is 55. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 55. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 54. Actress Sakina Jaffey (TV: "House of Cards") is 53. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 52. Actor Zach Galligan is 51. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 51. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 49. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 48. Actor Simon Pegg is 45. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 43. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 43. Actor Matt Barr is 31. Actor Jake Lacy is 29. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 29. Actor Freddie Highmore is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "To find a man's true character, play golf with him." P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975).