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Tuesday, February 17

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Italian dunker, sweet tots, veg cups, fruit.

6:30pm: GBB hosts Tiospa-Zina

7:00pm: City Council meeting

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potatoes, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Fish nuggets, French Fries, roman salad, fruit.

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten meal (WELCA executive board serves)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

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



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.

Roncalli boys run past Groton Area



Lucas Sternhagen is on a mission as he brings the ball up the court.

An intense Aberdeen Roncalli boys basketball team came to town Monday night and handed Groton Area a 70-38 loss.

The Cavaliers led at the quarter stops at 15-2, 39-10 and 53-23.

Bennett Shabazz led the Tigers with nine points followed by Spencer Knecht with seven, Lucas Sternhagen and Kyler Ell each had six, Hunter Lerew and Wyatt Larson each added four and Landon Larson added two points. Groton Area had nine offensive rebounds as the Cavaliers allowed Groton only one shot through most of the game. Cavaliers had six offensive rebounds, but shot 47 percent from the field compared to Groton's 30 percent. Roncalli had more defensive rebounds, 27-19.

Sean Schuring and Bennett Shabazz each had two of Groton's seven assists. Spencer Knecht had two of Groton's six steals. Landon Larson had one block and Groton had 10 turnovers and 17 team fouls.

Roncalli was led in scoring by Brayden McNeary with 18 points followed by Landon Hoellein with 12, Sam Reynen and Gus Reeded each had 10, Daniel Holmstrom had nine, Zach Hamrich eight and Spencer Schaeftbauer added three points.

Holmstrom and Hoellein each had five of Roncalli's 16 assists, Hoellein had two of the team's five steals, the Cavaliers had three blocks, seven turnovers and 15 team fouls.

From the charity stripe, Groton was seven of 11 while Roncalli was 16 of 20.

The Cavaliers also won the junior varsity game, 53-46. Scoring for Groton were Sean Schuring with 23, Adam Herman seven, Bennett Shabazz six, Aaron Severson five, Seric Shabazz three and Luke Thorson two.

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Kyler Ell made this one hand shot with 2:35 left in the first half.



Hunter Lerew made Groton's first shot of the game with 5:16 left in the second quarter.



Bennett Shabazz goes in for a shot with 3:13 left in the third quarter.

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The Spice Girls performed at half time and made a T for Tigers during their performance.



The GHS Tiger Mascot (Jerick Hanson) was interacting with the fans at the game.



The Dynamics Dance Team also performed at halftime of the game.

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ABERDEEN RONCALLI NO PLAYER	TOT-FG				3-PT			REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
3 Reynen, Sam	*	4	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	1	8:00	
5 Holmstrom, Daniel	*	3	5	3	5	0	0	0	4	4	1	9	5	1	1	1	8:00	
23 McNeary, Brayden	*	4	9	4	7	6	7	0	4	4	2	18	1	4	1	0	16:00	
34 Hoellein, Landon	*	3	6	0	0	6	7	1	7	8	3	12	5	0	1	2	16:00	
50 Hammrich, Zach	*	3	5	0	0	2	4	1	3	4	1	8	2	0	0	0	16:00	
4 Reede, Gus		3	7	2	5	2	2	2	2	4	1	10	0	0	0	0	24:00	
10 Everson, Jayden		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	24:00	
20 Karst, Logan		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
21 VanOrman, Sam		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
22 Holzer, Eric		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
24 Cox, Colton		0	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	8:00	
42 Schaeffbauer, Spencer		1	2	1	2	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	24:00	
Team Totals		21	45	12	23	16	20	6	27	33	15	70	16	7	3	5	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 11/18 0.611 2nd: 10/27 0.370 Game: 0.467 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 7/12 0.583 2nd: 5/11 0.455 Game: 0.522 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 10/13 0.769 2nd: 6/7 0.857 Game: 0.800 (1,2)

GROTON AREA NO PLAYER	TOT-FG				3-PT			REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
4 Sternhagen, Lucas	*	3	9	0	4	0	0	1	3	4	1	6	1	0	0	0	16:00	
10 Knecht, Spencer	*	2	6	0	0	3	4	1	2	3	3	7	1	3	0	2	16:00	
12 Ell, Kyler	*	3	10	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	1	0	1	16:00	
32 Dohman, Gabe	*	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
40 Lerew, Hunter	*	2	9	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	4	4	0	0	0	1	8:00	
3 Schuring, Sean		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	8:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8:00	
14 Herman, Adam		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00	
22 Shabazz, Bennett		2	7	1	5	4	4	3	2	5	4	9	2	3	0	1	32:00	
24 Strom, Chance		0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	24:00	
30 Larson, Landon		1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	16:00	
42 Larson, Wyatt		2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	16:00	
Team Totals		15	50	1	12	7	11	9	19	28	17	38	7	10	1	6	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 4/23 0.174 2nd: 11/27 0.407 Game: 0.300 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/6 0.000 2nd: 1/6 0.167 Game: 0.083 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/2 1.000 2nd: 5/9 0.556 Game: 0.636 (1,2)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Roncalli	15	24	14	17	70
Groton	2	8	13	15	38

Last FG: Roncalli 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Roncalli by 36 4th-08:00, Groton NONE
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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RONCALLI JV NO PLAYER	TOT-FG					3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
13 Fiedler, Connor	*	3	5	0	0	5	8	1	3	4	3	11	0	1	0	0	16:00	
20 Karst, Logan	*	4	6	3	4	1	1	3	0	3	3	12	3	2	0	3	16:00	
21 VanOrman, Sam	*	3	6	2	3	3	4	2	1	3	2	11	0	1	0	1	16:00	
24 Cox, Colton	*	1	3	0	1	4	6	3	2	5	4	6	1	1	0	0	8:00	
33 Heier, Bronson	*	1	6	0	0	5	7	2	2	4	1	7	2	1	0	1	24:00	
3 Traphagen, Tyler		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
4 Morgan, Brady		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16:00	
22 Holzer, Eric		1	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	24:00	
32 Hauge, Bailey		1	5	1	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	5	0	0	32:00	
Team Totals		14	35	7	17	18	26	11	10	21	15	53	10	11	0	6	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 8/22 0.364 2nd: 6/13 0.462 Game: 0.400 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/11 0.364 2nd: 3/6 0.500 Game: 0.412 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 9/13 0.692 2nd: 9/13 0.692 Game: 0.692 (5,3)

HOME: Groton JV ()

NO PLAYER	TOT-FG					3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
3 Schuring, Sean	*	7	10	6	8	3	5	1	2	3	4	23	1	2	0	0	24:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric	*	1	4	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	3	3	2	5	0	0	24:00	
14 Herman, Adam	*	3	5	1	1	0	2	1	2	3	2	7	3	2	0	1	32:00	
22 Shabazz, Bennett	*	2	6	2	5	0	2	1	1	2	4	6	5	3	0	2	16:00	
52 Severson, Aaron	*	2	4	0	0	1	2	1	4	5	2	5	1	1	2	1	24:00	
4 Sippel, Anthony		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
10 Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
20 Keith, Brandon		0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	24:00	
34 l.Keith, Brady		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
42 Thorson, Luke		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	8:00	
Team Totals		16	32	10	18	4	11	7	11	18	20	46	12	15	2	6	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 8/14 0.571 2nd: 8/18 0.444 Game: 0.500 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 5/9 0.556 2nd: 5/9 0.556 Game: 0.556 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 4/11 0.364 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.364 (3,2)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Roncalli JV	13	16	12	12	53
Groton JV	15	10	9	12	46

Last FG: Roncalli JV 4th-08:00, Groton JV 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Roncalli JV by 9 1st-08:00, Groton JV by 3 2nd-08:00
 Score tied: 4 times, Lead changed: 4 times

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Classifieds

Fluffy snow flakes fell during the evening as an inch of the white stuff was on the ground this morning.

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.

Applications for Baseball Coordinator, Coaches, Groundskeeper, Concession Stand Manager, Concessions Workers; Swimming Pool Lifeguards; Public Works Laborers; Cemetery Caretaker, Swimming Pool Manager will be accepted until 5pm March 16 for the City of Groton. Request application at City Hall, 209 N Main St, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445 or by calling 397-8422. Equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against disabled persons. (0210.0217.0310)

Today in Weather History

1962: Very heavy snow of 20 to 30 inches fell across the southeastern half of South Dakota. One location had 44 inches of snowfall from the storm. Everything was shut-down due to the storm including roads, schools, and businesses. Some snowfall amounts included, 10 inches at Bryant, 11 inches at Miller, 20 inches at Mitchell, 21 inches at Redfield, 23 inches at Huron, and 32 inches at Sioux Falls.

1972: In Minnesota, strong winds of 30 to 50 mph across southern and central Minnesota reduced visibilities to zero at times from blowing snow. Wind gusts of 90 mph were reported at Worthington and Fairmont. Snow of 2 to 6 inches fell across the state. The blizzard stopped almost all traffic from west-central through the south-central part of the state. Most schools in the area closed. Dozens to hundreds of people were stranded in almost every town. Many communities stopped all traffic from leaving town. A train was derailed by the snow at Butterfield. There were many auto accidents. In South Dakota, freezing rain followed by snow accompanied by winds of over 60 mph produced hazardous driving conditions in the area. Traffic was brought to a standstill in many areas resulting in cancellations of school and other activities. A number of accidents occurred due to the icy roads. Although the snowfall was light, strong winds caused drifting with visibilities to near zero at times.

991: On February 17th, a major snowstorm dumped huge amounts of snow on the most of the state from the Black Hills, southwest, central, east central, and the northeast. At the end of the storm, parts of the black hills received up to 2 feet of snow while the rest of affected area had between 8 and 15 inches. The heavy snow caused most of Interstate 90 west of the Missouri River to close, as well as many other highways in the central part of the state. Many cars and trucks skidded off the highways, causing many minor injuries. The only serious injury was a man rolled his car over after losing control near Belvidere.

1969: Freezing drizzle and heavy fog formed a heavy glaze on utility lines resulting in many broken p1930 - Eureka, CA, reported an all-time record high of 85 degrees, a record which lasted until September of 1983. (The Weather Channel)

1936 - The temperature at McIntosh SD plunged to 58 degrees below zero to establish a state record. (David Ludlum)

1958 - The greatest snowstorm of the mid 20th century struck the northeastern U.S. The storm produced 30 inches of snow in interior New England, including more than 19 inches in 24 hours at the Boston Airport. The same storm produced up to three feet of snow in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region, with 14 inches at Washington D.C., and 15.5 inches at Baltimore MD. The storm resulted in 43 deaths and 500 million dollars damage over the Middle Atlantic Coast States. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A couple of winter storms, one off the Atlantic coast and another over the south central U.S., produced snow and ice from the Mississippi Valley to the Mid Atlantic Coast Region. Freezing rain produced a coat of ice three inches thick in northern South Carolina, and 30,000 homes around Pee Dee were left without electricity. Parts of south central Kentucky were without electricity for three days following the storm, which was their worst in 35 years. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Santa Ana winds in southern California gusted to 63 mph at Ontario. Heavy snow blanketed parts of Colorado, with 11 inches reported at Strontia. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure off the Washington coast produced more than a foot of snow in the Cascade Mountains, and more than three inches of rain along the Northern Pacific Coast. Spokane WA was blanketed with 13 inches of snow. Cold arctic air in the Upper Midwest produced all-time record high barometric pressure readings of 31.10 inches at Duluth MN, 31.09 inches at Minneapolis MN, and 31.21 inches at Bismarck ND. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - The biggest winter storm of the season hit the Pacific Coast Region. In northern California, snow fell along the coast, and two day totals in the mountains ranged up to 67 inches at Echo Summit. Snowfall totals in the mountains of southern California ranged up to 48 inches at Green Valley, with 46 inches reported at Big Bear. Up to two feet of snow blanketed the southern Cascade Mountains of Oregon, and 20 to 35 inches were reported in the northern Cascades of Oregon. Up to ten inches of snow blanketed Seattle WA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
10%				20%	20%	20%
Blowing Snow High: 10 °F	Blustery Low: -10 °F	Cold High: 3 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: -15 °F	Slight Chc Snow High: 13 °F	Slight Chc Snow Low: 8 °F	Slight Chc Snow High: 31 °F



Cold and Windy Today

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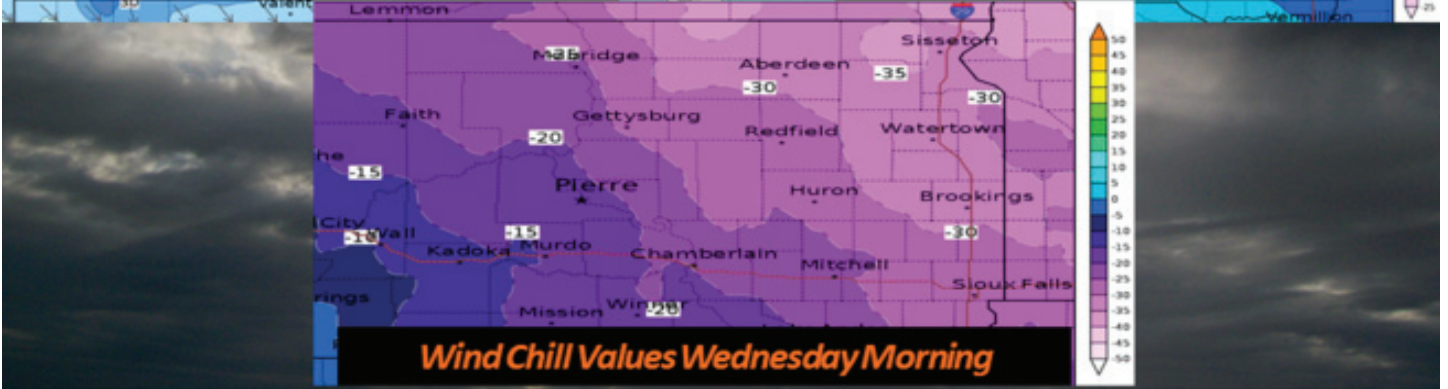
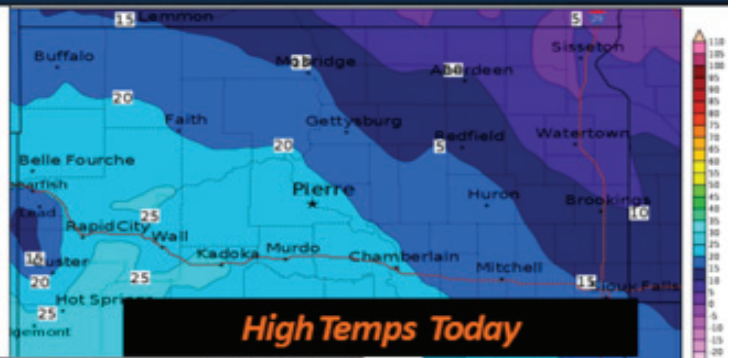
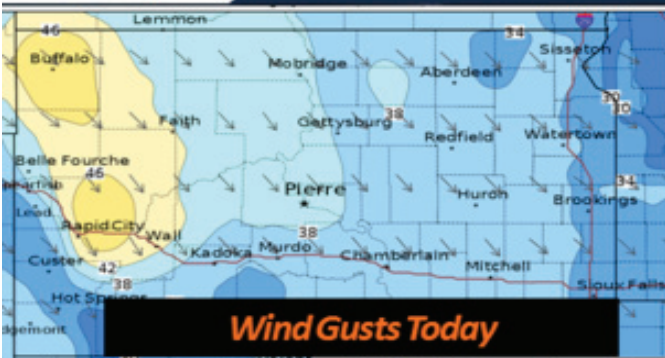
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Published on: 02/17/2015 at 5:23AM

Cold Canadian high pressure will slowly build south into the Dakotas through mid-week. As this high pressure works south into the region today, blustery winds will develop, especially across portions of western and central South Dakota. This bitter cold air mass will combine with northerly winds of 10 to 20 mph to produce wind chill values between 15 below, to 35 degrees below zero by Wednesday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 21.1 at 1:39 AM

Low: 12.5 at 7:06 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 22 at 11:55 AM

Snow: 1" Fluffy Snow

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 67° in 1913

Record Low: -39° in 1903

Average High: 29°F

Average Low: 8°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.27

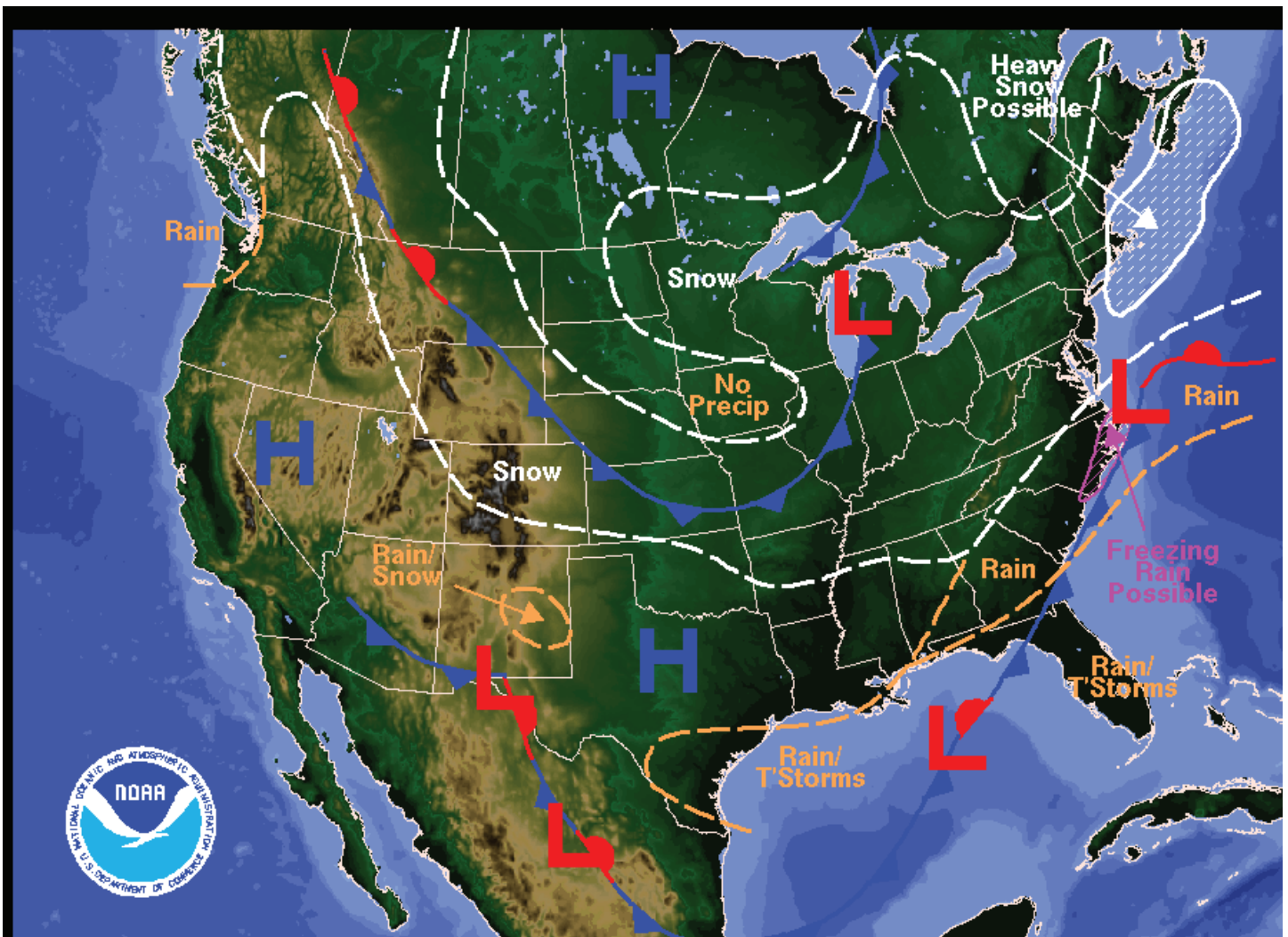
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.74

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 6:04 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:31 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Feb 17, 2015, issued 3:10 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

Years ago I read a book entitled, "A Friend is Someone Who Likes You." Never mind the word love in the title of the book or in the mind of the author. The message the author wanted his readers to understand is that love is an obligation for Christians but to like someone, well, that's a choice.

The book makes it clear that we all do things that are difficult for others to accept - especially those who know us best. But to get above strange differences and ugly habits and accept others as they are - that is "true" friendship. And when things go awry, it doesn't matter. They are to be overlooked. A friend willingly overlooks the worst in a friend and is always ready to lend a hand.

Is that not the way we Christians are to treat each other? I recently heard someone say, "Well, I love them enough to get into heaven, but that does not mean I have to like them for the way they are and act." Oh yes, it does.

There are different ways of understanding what Solomon meant when he wrote: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." In the Hebrew text "One who loves at all times" comes first and is then followed by "friend." The idea that Solomon wants us to understand is that friends can do by choice what is to be expected at all times of family members.

When we enter into times of adversity, when one's world is turned upside down, when life no longer makes sense, strong human relationships - friendships - are critical. And a true friend loves us through it all, no matter what.

Prayer: Father, help us to cultivate friends who will be with us "through it all" and like us as well as love us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

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News from the  Associated Press

26 mountain lions killed so far in Black Hills season

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials in South Dakota report that 26 mountain lions have been killed so far during the hunting season in the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

A tally from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department shows that half of the lions killed were females. Among the most recent lions killed are a 98-pound female estimated to be 2 ½ years old and a 110-pound, 2-year-old male.

The season will conclude on March 31, unless the harvest limit of 75 total mountain lions, or 50 female lions, is reached prior to that date. The mountain lion season outside of the Black Hills district runs year-round.

The state has had a residents-only mountain lion season since 2005. Unlimited licenses for the season can be obtained through the department.

Basketball Scores

The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 70, Groton Area 38
Avon 67, Gayville-Volin 44
Centerville 60, Bridgewater-Emery 54
Chester 65, Colman-Egan 49
Clark/Willow Lake 65, Tiospa Zina Tribal 45
DeSmet 52, Deuel 26
Douglas 89, Red Cloud 82
Elkton-Lake Benton 73, Arlington 49
Eureka/Bowdle 73, Timber Lake 53
Harding County 77, Bison 22
Irene-Wakonda 72, Freeman 67
Kimball/White Lake 63, Wessington Springs 56
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 53, Dell Rapids St. Mary 47, OT
Philip 75, Newell 59
Platte-Geddes 56, Scotland 52
Potter County 86, Northwestern 27
Rapid City Christian 77, Kadoka Area 43
Viborg-Hurley 65, Flandreau Indian 51
Wall 83, Oelrichs 81, 2OT
Webster 70, Wilmot 60
Wolsey-Wessington 71, Hitchcock-Tulare 44

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Avon 52, Gayville-Volin 46
Clark/Willow Lake 65, Tiospa Zina Tribal 47
DeSmet 61, Deuel 20
Gregory 63, Colome 47

Hamlin 46, Deubrook 34
Hamlin 66, Deubrook 56
McCook Central/Montrose 53, Tri-Valley 49
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 61, Hanson 30
Pine Ridge 85, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 56
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 68, James Valley Christian 44
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 60, Mitchell 28
Summit 77, Rosholt 32
Timber Lake 55, Eureka/Bowdle 24
Wall 57, Oelrichs 46
Waubay 65, Langford 51

No agreement yet on South Dakota Medicaid expansion

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democrats pushing an expansion of the state's Medicaid program are working behind the scenes with the South Dakota health care industry to figure out a way to pay for it, but so far they've made little apparent progress on a deal with the Republicans who control state government.

Sen. Bernie Hunhoff, a Democrat from Yankton, said on Monday that members of the industry "working seriously" to figure out how to make an expansion happen. But with less than half of this year's legislative session remaining, Democrats haven't reached an agreement with Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard or the GOP supermajorities in both chambers of the state Legislature.

"The calendar pages are flying by, but I do think we're making good progress," Hunhoff said. "There's too much at stake."

Hunhoff said a regional director from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is scheduled on Thursday to have an informational meeting with legislative leaders and Gov. Dennis Daugaard's administration.

Daugaard said in a recent interview that he's open to expanding Medicaid to cover the most vulnerable South Dakota residents, but his main opposition remains how much an expansion is expected to cost South Dakota. Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government would cover the cost of the expansion until the end of 2016, with the federal share dipping slightly each year afterward until it settled at 90 percent in 2020.

In rebuffing Democrats' calls for an expansion leading up to the 2015 legislative session, Daugaard cited a 2013 study his administration commissioned that found an expansion would add about 48,500 newly eligible people to the program and cost the state more than \$100 million through 2020.

"It's the (state) percentage that's the problem," Daugaard said. "We just simply can't afford it."

His administration worked on a partial Medicaid expansion in 2014 that would have covered people up to 100 percent of the federal poverty level since residents above that threshold are eligible for market-place subsidies, but federal officials didn't agree to the proposal.

"I am personally aware of people who are above the poverty level, well above it, and choose not to insure themselves," Daugaard said. "They just simply would rather spend the money on other things, and that's fine. That's a choice they make. But, does that mean that the government should fill that breach? I'm not sure that it should."

His administration plans to seek in March or April an updated assessment of what the expansion population looks like in the state after two Affordable Care Act open enrollment periods have passed.

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Daugaard said he wants to know where the newly-eligible people are located and a better sense of the expansion group's demographics to "help us evaluate the expansion with intelligence."

Daugaard's not optimistic, but said he's open to an expansion if lawmakers can find a realistic way to address the costs. That could include a tax hike if those who are being taxed support the increase, he said.

Scott Duke, president and CEO of the South Dakota Association of Health Care Organizations, a state health care organization trade group, said it has backed an expansion of Medicaid since the Affordable Care Act's inception.

"We're monitoring closely, and we would look for the opportunity to aggressively support (an expansion) if there is the opportunity to do that," Duke said.

South Dakota girls basketball poll

Class AA

Record	Pts	Prv		
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman (9)	17-0	45	1	
2. Sioux Falls Lincoln	13-3	36	2	
3. Pierre T.F. Riggs	14-3	25	3	
4. Rapid City Stevens	12-5	15	4	
5. Aberdeen Central	11-5	12	5	

Others receiving votes: Brookings 2.

Class A

Record	Pts	Prv		
1. St. Thomas More (9)	18-1	45	1	
2. Sioux Valley	17-0	36	2	
3. McCook Central-Montrose	17-2	25	T4	
4. Mt. Vernon-Plankinton	15-2	19	T4	
5. Todd County	19-1	6	NR	

Others receiving votes: West Central 3, Winner.

Class B

Record	Pts	Prv		
1. Ethan (9)	19-0	45	1	
2. Sully Buttes	17-1	36	2	
3. Warner	18-2	27	3	
4. Highmore-Harrold	17-2	10	4	
5. Summit	15-3	9	5	

Others receiving votes: Hanson 6, Castlewood 2.<

SD man sentenced to 42 months in prison in assault case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of using metal crutches and wooden clubs to assault a victim has been sentenced.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has sentenced 23-year-old Lawrence Mexican to 3 ½ years in prison. The Eagle Butte man earlier pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon.

Federal prosecutors say Mexican and two other people intentionally harmed the victim in July 2014 during an incident in Eagle Butte.

Mexican has been turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Man who shipped drugs across country sentenced in SD

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Washington state man who authorities say shipped high-grade marijuana across the country has been sentenced in South Dakota.

Forty-seven-year-old Bruce Cole recently pleaded guilty in federal court in South Dakota to a drug conspiracy charge and was sentenced to five years in custody. U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the sentence will run at the same time as sentences imposed in federal court in Nevada and in state court in New Hampshire.

Johnson says South Dakota authorities in May 2009 intercepted a vehicle belonging to Cole that contained marijuana, heroin and two guns.

Cole will be on supervised release for two years following his prison time.

Retail gasoline prices continue rising in the Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The average retail price of a gallon of gasoline in the Dakotas has continued to rise in the past week, after falling below the \$2-per-gallon mark last month.

GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan says rebounding crude prices are the reason.

The average price in North Dakota has risen nearly 9 cents per gallon in the past week, to \$2.16. In South Dakota, the average price has risen about 7 cents, to \$2.09.

The national average increased 7.6 cents per gallon over the week, to \$2.25. But that's still more than \$1.10 cheaper than last year at this time.

New computerized tests debut this week, starting in Ohio

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STOCKPORT, Ohio (AP) — Sixth-grader Kayla Hunter considers herself pretty tech savvy. She has a computer at home unlike about half her classmates at her elementary school. And it matches up well with the one she'll use this week to take a new test linked to the Common Core standards.

Still, the perky 11-year-old worries. During a recent practice exam at her school in Ohio, she couldn't even log on. "It wouldn't let me," she said. "It kept saying it wasn't right, and it just kept loading the whole time."

Her state on Tuesday will be the first to administer one of two tests in English language arts and math based on the Common Core standards developed by two separate groups of states. By the end of the school year, about 12 million children in 29 states and the District of Columbia will take them, using computers or electronic tablets.

The exams are expected to be more difficult than the traditional spring standardized state exams they replace. In some states, they'll require hours of additional testing time because students will have to do more than just fill in the bubble. The goal is to test students on critical thinking skills, requiring them to describe their reasoning and solve problems.

The tests have multimedia components, written essays and multi-step calculations needed to solve math problems that go beyond just using rote memory. Students in some states will take adaptive versions in which questions get harder or easier depending on their answers.

But there's been controversy.

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The tests have been caught up in the debate playing out in state legislatures across the country about the federal role in education. Although more than 40 states have adopted Common Core, which spells out what reading and math skills students should master in each grade, several have decided not to offer the tests — known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC. Some states are introducing other new state standardized tests this year.

The Common Core tests fulfill the requirement in the federal No Child Left Behind law for annual testing in reading and math in grades three to eight and again in high school. But as Congress seeks to rewrite the education law, there's debate over whether the tests should be required by Washington, and whether students are being tested too much. Parents in pockets of the country have joined a movement to "opt out" of these standardized tests.

Questions also have been raised about students' keyboarding skills and schools' computer capacities.

In the Appalachian foothills where Kayla attends Morgan South Elementary School, administrators and teachers worry that they don't have the bandwidth to provide reliable Internet connectivity on testing day. Both tests offer a paper option. PARCC officials anticipate that about a quarter of students will use the paper version; Smarter Balanced officials estimate roughly 10 to 20 percent will take it on paper.

Just eight days before the test, the Morgan Local School District in rural southeastern Ohio ordered 200 more Chromebooks, which worked best during the practice run.

The week before the test, Kayla and her classmates huddled in pairs sharing what devices were available at the school. "They'll be more comfortable with the technology, but it is a worry of mine that, as far as the content that's on it, there's still stuff I could be doing to prepare for the test," says their teacher, Carrie Young.

Eleven-year-old Colton Kidd says the screens on the Chromebooks are too small. Classmate Josie Jackson, 12, prefers pencil and paper. But Liam Montgomery likes computerized tests: "It's easier to get the answers down, because I don't have to flip back and forth."

In some places, school administrators and state leaders are only grudgingly moving forward.

Referencing federal law, Illinois State Board of Education officials threatened to withhold funds from any district that didn't administer the PARCC exam. Chicago Public Schools officials cited technology concerns in announcing they won't give the exam in a majority of its schools.

Trisha Kocanda, superintendent of the Winnetka Public Schools in Illinois, told parents that she's concerned about the length of the tests and the "excessive rigor."

"We grow wary," Kocanda said, adding, that they believe "this test continues the over-emphasis on standardized assessments as evaluation tools for students and schools."

In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal's effort to stop the PARCC exam was derailed by a state judge who said the governor's actions were harmful to parents, teachers and students. Jindal has said he took the action because he opposes what he views as federal intervention in the adoption of the standards.

Officials from the testing groups stand by the tests. In each of the states, students will see something that's familiar and something that's "new, different and exciting," said Tony Alpert, executive director for Smarter Balanced.

"Smarter Balanced took the best of what states had in their previous systems and we made sure each state had access to that," Alpert said.

Laura Slover, the chief executive officer of PARCC, said the tests have an important equity component because parents can compare how their students are doing in comparison to students in other states.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said states are going to "figure this out together."

"I think change is hard but anyone who thinks we should just do fill in the bubble tests and not look

at critical thinking ... I don't quite understand that," Duncan said.

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. COURT HALTS OBAMA MOVE ON IMMIGRATION

A federal judge is allowing a lawsuit by 26 states against the president's executive order to proceed, derailing plans that could spare up to five million people from deportation; White House says Justice Department will appeal.

2. DEADLINE PASSES FOR HEAVY ARMS PULLOUT FROM EASTERN UKRAINE

Ukrainian government troops and pro-Russian rebels fail to pull back the agreed weaponry from the front line.

3. SUSPECTED DENMARK GUNMAN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM JAIL

The man thought responsible for Copenhagen's deadly shooting attacks was released about two weeks ago and might have become radicalized there last summer, a source tells The Associated Press.

4. HOW THE GOP SUDDENLY FINDS ITSELF IN A BIND

Calls for increasing the defense budget are challenging Republicans who are divided over how to steer more money to the Pentagon without piling onto the deficit.

5. EGYPT CALLS FOR UN COALITION TO FIGHT IN LIBYA

The Egyptian president tells French radio that his country's airstrikes against the Islamic State were in self-defense.

6. ON THE MENU FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR: MAINE LOBSTER

The steamed, whole crustacean is now a symbol not only of good-luck for the rising middle class china, but also of their new-found prosperity.

7. STATEHOOD ANNIVERSARY HITS SOUR TIMES IN KOSOVO

Seven years ago, jubilant Kosovars rejoiced in their independence from Serbia. Today, thousands are fleeing the young nation that many have given up on.

8. HAND-DRAWN ANIMATED FILM STANDS APART IN OSCARS RACE

Japan's pastel-colored "Tale of The Princess Kaguya" is a stylistic challenge to Hollywood's computer-generated fare.

9. WHY LOS ANGELES AIRPORT PASSENGERS GOT INTO A PANIC

About 20 passengers fled through emergency doors and onto the tarmac at a Los Angeles International Airport terminal after someone mistakenly said that an armed man was on the loose.

10. WHICH DOG HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

The early favorite at the Westminster Kennel Club is a Portuguese water dog named Matisse who's a cousin of President Barack Obama's pet Sunny.

AP News in Brief

Judge grants states' request to temporarily block Obama's executive action on immigration

A federal judge in South Texas on Monday temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration, giving a coalition of 26 states time to pursue a lawsuit that aims to permanently stop the orders.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's decision comes after a hearing in Brownsville in January and puts on hold Obama's orders that could spare as many as five million people who are in the U.S. illegally from deportation.

Hanen wrote in a memorandum accompanying his order that the lawsuit should go forward and that without a preliminary injunction the states will "suffer irreparable harm in this case."

"The genie would be impossible to put back into the bottle," he wrote, adding that he agreed with the plaintiffs' argument that legalizing the presence of millions of people is a "virtually irreversible" action.

The White House in a statement early Tuesday defended the executive orders issued in November as within the president's legal authority, saying that the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress have said federal officials can set priorities in enforcing immigration laws.

Egypt: El-Sissi tells French radio he wants UN-backed coalition to fight extremists in Libya

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's president says a U.N.-backed coalition to rid Libya of Islamic militants is the best option.

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, speaking to France's Europe 1 Radio in an interview aired Tuesday, says that Egyptian airstrikes against Islamic State group positions in Libya were in self-defense.

El-Sissi, a general-turned-politician, tells the radio channel: "We will not allow them to cut off the heads of our children."

Asked whether he wanted to see a U.N.-backed coalition for Libya, he said: "I think there is no choice."

Egypt's airstrikes on Monday were in retaliation for the mass beheading on a beach of Egyptian Coptic Christians. A video of the killings was released by the Islamic State late Sunday.

Ukraine army and rebels miss deadline to start withdrawing heavy weapons

LUHANSKE, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian government troops and Russia-backed rebels failed Tuesday to start pulling back heavy weaponry from the front line in eastern Ukraine as a deadline passed to do so.

Under a cease-fire agreement negotiated by the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France last week, the warring sides were to begin withdrawing heavy weapons from the front line on Tuesday. Both sides indicated Monday, however, that they would begin the pullout only after the other party does so.

While the fighting either stopped or subsided in other parts of war-torn eastern Ukraine, the situation around the key transportation hub of Debaltseve remained tense on Tuesday. Associated Press reporters saw artillery rounds fired from Ukrainian government positions on the road leading to rebel positions around Debaltseve. Sustained shelling was heard in the area all morning, some coming from Grad rocket launchers.

Ukrainian military spokesman Anatoliy Stelmakh said in televised comments early on Tuesday that the separatists continued to attack their positions overnight and that the pullout hinges on the cease-fire being fully observed.

"As soon as the militants cease fire, the Ukrainian side will begin to withdraw heavy weaponry from the frontline," he said.

Effort to boost military spending puts GOP in a bind on the budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressing Pentagon demands in a time of terror threats and Islamic State militants have put newly empowered congressional Republicans in a bind. Defense hawks want to wipe out previous spending cuts to steer more money to the military, but the GOP is divided over how to do it without piling billions onto the deficit.

Many deficit hawks insist that any increases for the military should be financed by cuts to domestic programs even as GOP pragmatists warn that could cause a budget logjam that would drag on for months. And that's before GOP leaders begin talks with President Barack Obama, who's demanding increases for domestic agencies, too.

At issue is the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. While programs like Social Security, Medicare and food stamps run on autopilot, agency budgets are passed by Congress each year and require Obama's signature.

The problem stems from the hard-fought budget and debt bill of August 2011. A so-called supercommittee failed to reach a broad fiscal deal, resulting in spending cuts on the day-to-day operating budgets of virtually every federal agency. Two years later, the pain hit — across-the-board spending cuts.

The result was a blow to the Pentagon, with the department's core spending on ships, planes, personnel and warfighting equipment reduced. Instead of a core budget of \$577 billion, defense spending would be limited to \$523 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Kosovo's joy has turned to despair as nation marks anniversary of independence declaration

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Jubilant throngs gathered around gigantic letters spelling "NEWBORN," when Kosovo declared independence from Serbia seven years ago. Today, there's a new national symbol: The bus stop where hundreds of people gather every day to flee a country they've given up on.

High hopes have turned to despair as Kosovars on Tuesday mark the anniversary of their dream of nationhood coming true. Tens of thousands of people, including at least 5,000 schoolchildren, have already fled on the nightly bus journey through Serbia and into the European Union. The mass movement of people — which some describe as an exodus — is a sign of simmering discontent with the governing elites in Europe's youngest, poorest and most isolated country. The departures, coupled with violent January protests, threaten to export Kosovo's economic and social troubles beyond its borders.

"I am so disappointed with my own place, I just want to leave," said Bislim Shabani, an ethnic Albanian heading to Germany with his wife and four children.

Shabani said he worked in a company that went bust in a botched privatization, leaving many workers mired in debt: "They owe me 12 months of wages. I couldn't provide for my family any longer."

Lured by promises of a secure future abroad, many are happy to turn their backs on a country with rampant unemployment and corrupt officials — who critics say enjoy the protection of a justice system that caters to the elite.

Russian prosecutions at appeals hearing seek 10-year sentence for opposition leader Navalny

MOSCOW (AP) — Prosecutors at an appeals hearing in Moscow are asking that opposition leader Alexei Navalny be sent to prison for 10 years.

Navalny was convicted in late December of fraud and given a 3 1/2 -year suspended sentence while his brother was sent to prison on charges of defrauding a French cosmetics company.

Russia news agencies on Tuesday quoted prosecutors at the appeals hearing at the Moscow city court saying that the gravity of the crime that Navalny allegedly committed calls for a prison sentence of 10 years.

Navalny, who was the driving force behind the 2011-2012 mass protests in Moscow, is organizing major anti-government protests in several Russian cities in March.

Fresh from Maine: US lobsters are becoming a New Year delicacy for China's rising middle class

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Now on the menu in Beijing for Chinese New Year: lots and lots of American lobster.

Exports of U.S. lobster to China have rocketed in the past few years, largely to satisfy the appetites of the communist country's growing middle class, to whom a steamed, whole crustacean — flown in live from the United States — is not just a festive delicacy and a good-luck symbol but also a mark of prosperity.

And that's good news for Maine, far and away the nation's No. 1 lobster state, where the boom has put more money in the pockets of lobstermen and kept shippers and processors busy during the usually slack midwinter months.

For Stephanie Nadeau, owner of The Lobster Co., a wholesaler in Arundel, Maine, the demand has meant 14-hour nights spent stuffing wriggling lobsters into crates so they can reach China in time for the Lunar New Year, which falls on Thursday this year. She said she sends 100,000 pounds a week to China this time of year.

"There's lot of orders, lots of demand right now — it is a race to get them there for Chinese New Year," Nadeau said.

Officials say suicide attack on police station in Afghanistan kills at least 20 officers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban suicide bombers dressed as police officers attacked a police station Tuesday in Afghanistan, killing at least 20 people in the latest assault targeting local security forces, authorities said.

The attack happened in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of Logar province, some 80 kilometers (50 miles) east of Kabul. There, the first bomber detonated his explosives at the gate of the police headquarters, while a second blew himself up at a security checkpoint inside the compound, said Din Mohammad Darwesh, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

Then other bombers ran into a dining hall where police officers had gathered to eat lunch, killing many more officers, authorities said.

Gen. Abdul Hakim Esaqzai, the police chief of Logar province, said the bombing killed at least 20

people, including two civilians. He said the blast also wounded eight people.

The bombers wore police uniforms, allowing them to get inside the compound, said Muhibullha Ghayrat, a member of Logar's provincial council.

Storm that gave Southern states 1st winter blast takes aim at nation's capital, Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The season's first major snow storm to blast large parts of the South struck early Tuesday at the nation's capital, poised to head up the winter-weary East Coast.

After weeks of snow in the Northeast, the mid-February storm raked several Southern states Monday, when many schools and business were closed for Presidents Day. By Tuesday morning, it was moving into the Mid-Atlantic states, prompting the federal government to close Washington-area offices to most workers.

The federal government's closure, the first of the winter, was expected to keep tens of thousands of commuters off the roads and rails Tuesday morning and afternoon. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management said nonemergency personnel in the Washington area had excused absences while emergency employees and telework-ready employees were to follow their agencies' policies.

A winter storm warning remained in effect for the Washington area until noon Tuesday with the National Weather Service predicting 6 to 8 inches of snow. Forecasters said the heaviest snow would be falling in the early hours before lightening up between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The storm initially moved across Arkansas and Kentucky, dispersing snow, sleet and freezing rain that prompted power outages, fender benders and other woes before heading across North Carolina and Virginia toward the East Coast.

West Virginia train derailment sends tanker with crude oil into river; fires burn for hours

MOUNT CARBON, W.Va. (AP) — Fires burned for hours after a train carrying more than 100 tankers of crude oil derailed in a snowstorm in West Virginia, plunging at least one tanker into a river while sending a fireball skyward, authorities and residents say.

Federal railroad and hazardous materials officials are probing Monday's derailment. One person was treated for potential inhalation issues, but no other injuries were reported, the train company CSX said in a statement.

The office of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said the tanker cars were loaded with Bakken crude from North Dakota and headed to Yorktown, Virginia.

Officials evacuated hundreds of families and shut down two water treatment plants threatened by oil seeping into the river. Authorities say fire crews opted to let the tanker cars burn themselves out.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2015. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1865, during the Civil War, Columbia, South Carolina, burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side was responsible for setting the blaze, or

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whether it had been deliberate.)

On this date:

In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" received a poor reception at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1913, the Armory Show, a landmark modern art exhibit, opened in New York City.

In 1925, the first issue of The New Yorker magazine (bearing the cover date of Feb. 21) was published.

In 1933, Newsweek magazine was first published under the title "News-Week."

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces invaded Eniwetok Atoll, encountering little initial resistance from Imperial Japanese troops. (The Americans secured the atoll less than a week later.)

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

In 1965, comedian Joan Rivers made her first appearance on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China.

In 1985, Murray P. Haydon became the third person to receive a permanent artificial heart as doctors at Humana Hospital Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, implanted the device. (Haydon lived 488 days with the heart.)

In 1995, Colin Ferguson was convicted of six counts of murder in the December 1993 Long Island Rail Road shootings (he was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison).

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush named John Negroponte (neh-groh-PAHN'-tee), the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, as the government's first national intelligence director. Iraq's electoral commission certified the results of the Jan. 30 elections and allocated 140 of 275 National Assembly seats to the United Iraqi Alliance, giving the Shiite-dominated party a majority in the new parliament. Actor Dan O'Herlihy died in Malibu, California, at age 85.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama marked the one-year anniversary of the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, saying it had staved off another Great Depression and kept up to 2 million people on the job. Eight American missionaries charged with child kidnapping in Haiti were released after nearly three weeks in a Haitian jail. Americans Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso captured gold and silver in the women's Olympic downhill in Vancouver. Actress Kathryn Grayson, 88, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: The co-pilot of an Italian-bound Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 locked his captain out of the cockpit, commandeered the plane, then headed to Geneva, where he was arrested upon landing by Swiss authorities (no one was injured). Meryl Davis and Charlie White won the gold medal in ice dance at Sochi, the first Olympic title in the event for the United States. (Davis and White finished 4.53 points ahead of Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada, the 2010 champions.) Jimmy Fallon made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Holbrook is 90. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 85. Singer Bobby Lewis is 82. Actor-comedian Barry Humphries (aka "Dame Edna") is 81. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 80. Actress Christina Pickles is 80. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 79. Actress Brenda Fricker is 70. Actress Rene Russo is 61. Actor Richard Karn is 59. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 53. Basketball Hall of Famer Michael Jordan is 52. Actor-comedian Larry, the Cable Guy is 52. TV personality Rene Sylver is 52. Movie director Michael Bay is 51. Singer Chante Moore is 48. Rock musician Timothy J. Ma-

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honey (311) is 45. Actor Dominic Purcell is 45. Olympic gold and silver medal skier Tommy Moe is 45. Actress Denise Richards is 44. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 43. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 41. Country singer Bryan White is 41. Actress Kelly Carlson is 39. Actor Ashton Holmes is 37. Actor Jason Ritter is 35. TV personality Paris Hilton is 34. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 34. TV host Daphne Oz (TV: "The Chew") is 29. Actor Chord Overstreet (TV: "Glee") is 26. Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran is 24. Actress Meaghan Martin is 23. Actress Sasha Pieterse (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 19.

Thought for Today: "People show their character by what they laugh at." - German proverb.

Driver's Exam Stations

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

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

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

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your

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

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

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

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

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

- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Pay stub

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

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

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school

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- ◆ Bank statement
- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.