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Birthdays: Mary Ann Wehde, Waylon Severson
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, remain salad, fruit, garlic toast.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.
GBB Region at Webster

Friday, Feb. 27

Birthdays: Alice Severson, Eddy Nehls

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

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

State Wrestling at Rapid City

Saturday, Feb. 28

Birthdays: Meagan Stearns, Shirlee Briggs

State Wrestling at Rapid City

Robotics (State VRC Championship at Mitchell Technical Institute)

9:00 am: Boys 7th Grade at Britton Jamboree

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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DI Dessert Theatre

Come and see what the Groton Area Destination Imagination teams have been doing during the past few months. They will present their skits in preparation for the regional competition.

The dessert theatre will be held Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m., at the Groton Area Elementary Gym.

The regional competition will be held at GHS on March 7th.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 9, Shih tzus 8, Pocket Gophers 5, Coyotes 5, Foxes 5, Chipmunks 4

Men's High Games: Doug Jorgensen 257, Brad Waage 246, 231, 228, Roger Spanier 218, Brad Larson 217

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 191, Vicki Jorgensen 185, Darci Spanier 172

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 705, Doug Jorgensen 607, Roger Spanier 571

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 519, Vicki Walter 518, Darci Spanier 465


Pierpont Service

Join us for a Holy Communion on Sunday, March 1. Heaven Bound Ministries (www.hbm.church) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont will have a regular worship service at 10:00 am followed by Holy Communion at 10:45 am. A free will donation pancake brunch will follow. The event is open to people of all faiths.

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.




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Concessions

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



Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, is seeking an RN or LPN for FT, PT, PRN. May be eligible for **\$10,000 Recruitment Bonus** along with competitive wages/benefits. EOE, DFW. To apply call Connie at 605/492-3615 or go to www.sundialmanor.com.

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Region 1A Girls Basketball Tournament

#1 Webster Area

Score:

Date: Feb 26

Time: 6:00

Site: Webster Armory

Score:

Aberdeen Roncalli

#4 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score: **55**

Date: Feb 24

Time: 20 min after game 2

Site: Webster Armory

Score: 53

#5 Tiospa Zina

#3 Groton Area

Score: **50**

Date: Feb 24

Time: 20 min after game 1

Site: Webster Armory

Score: 38

#6 Sisseton

#2 Milbank

Score: **34**

Date: Feb 24

Time: 4:30

Site: Webster Armory

Score: 27

#7 Britton-Hecla

Groton Area

Score:

Date: Feb 26

Time: 20 min after game 1

Site: Webster Armory

Score:

Milbank

Score:

Date: March 3

Time: 7:00

Site: Webster Armory

Score:

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

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District 2B Girls Basketball Tournament

#4 Waubay Score: 46 Date: Feb. 23 Time: 6:30 Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena Score: 45	#1 Warner Score: Date: Feb. 24 Time: 6:30 Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena Score: Waubay	Score:	CHAMPION <u>Region Qualifier</u>	
#5 Langford Area	#3 Leola/Frederick Score: 62 Date: Feb. 23 Time: 8:00 Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena Score: 21	Leola/Frederick Score: Date: Feb. 24 Time: 8:00 Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena Score:		Date: Feb. 26 Time: 7:00 Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena
#6 Aberdeen Christian	#2 Northwestern	Score:		

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A pep rally was held yesterday for the GHS wrestlers going to the state tournament. They leave this morning for their trek to Rapid City. Pictured are Wyatt Locke, Coach Dana Dargatz, stat girls Emily Locke and Heather Lone, Trevor Pray, Kelby Hawkins, Tyler Scott and Brandyn Anderson. (Photo by Kara Anderson)

2015 Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Screening

March 2 – March 6

Parents of children ages 3-6 not yet attending school are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time.

Kindergarten Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Gymnasium. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

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Today in Weather History

1995: Heavy snow fell on the 26th and the 27th in western and central South Dakota near the northern border of the state. McLaughlin received 14 inches, Eureka 12 inches, and McIntosh 11 inches. Snowfall amounts dropped off to two to four inches about 20 miles south of the northern border.

1998: A strong area of low pressure moved across central and northeast South Dakota from the morning of the 26th to the morning of the 27th. As the low moved northeast, cold north winds of 25 to 35 mph gusting to 45 mph caused widespread rain to change over to snow. Many roads became icy and poor visibilities in snow and blowing snow and low wind chills developed. Four to 8 inches of snow fell across the counties bordering the Missouri river and in far western McPherson and far western Edmunds counties. Many area schools were dismissed early or canceled. Some residents, especially West River, lost power during the storm. Many McIntosh residents were without power for over 24 hours. Numerous activities and sports events were canceled. There were also some car accidents which did not result in injury. A semi rolled onto its side northwest of Gettysburg on the 26th. Ranchers also experienced some calving problems as a result of the winter storm. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Selby, Herreid, and Mobridge, 5 inches at Isabel, 6 inches at Gettysburg, 7 inches about 11 miles east of Hosmer, and 8 inches at McIntosh. Some large drifts also developed, especially West River, as a result of the heavy snow and strong winds.








2009: A vigorous, but relatively fast moving winter storm system tracked across South Dakota Wednesday night and Thursday. Even with the fairly quick movement of the system, storm total snowfall amounts were quite impressive. In fact, during the peak of the snowstorm, snowfall rates of 1" to 2" per hour were observed!

1910 – Parts of Washington State were in the midst of a storm which produced 129 inches of snow at Laconia between the 24th and the 26th, a single storm record for the state. A series of storms, which began on the 23rd, led to a deadly avalanche on the first of March. By late on the 28th, the snow had changed to rain, setting the stage for disaster.

2000 – Both Buffalo, New York and International Falls, Minnesota set new record high temperatures for February with 71 and 58 degrees, respectively.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Cold High: 5 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -15 °F	Sunny High: 15 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 3 °F	Partly Sunny High: 25 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 4 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 25 °F



Cold Today, Warmer This Weekend

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National Weather Service Aberdeen

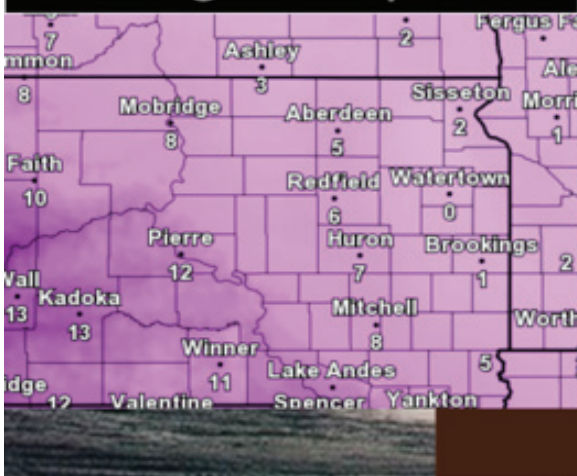


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Cold Today

COLDEST AIR

High Temps



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Cold dry air will remain in place for the remainder of the work week. More seasonal temperatures are expected to return for the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 20.6 at Midnight

Low: -10.7 at 11:25 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 24 at 8:44 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 65° in 1896

Record Low: -20° in 1962, 1897

Average High: 32°F

Average Low: 12°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.47

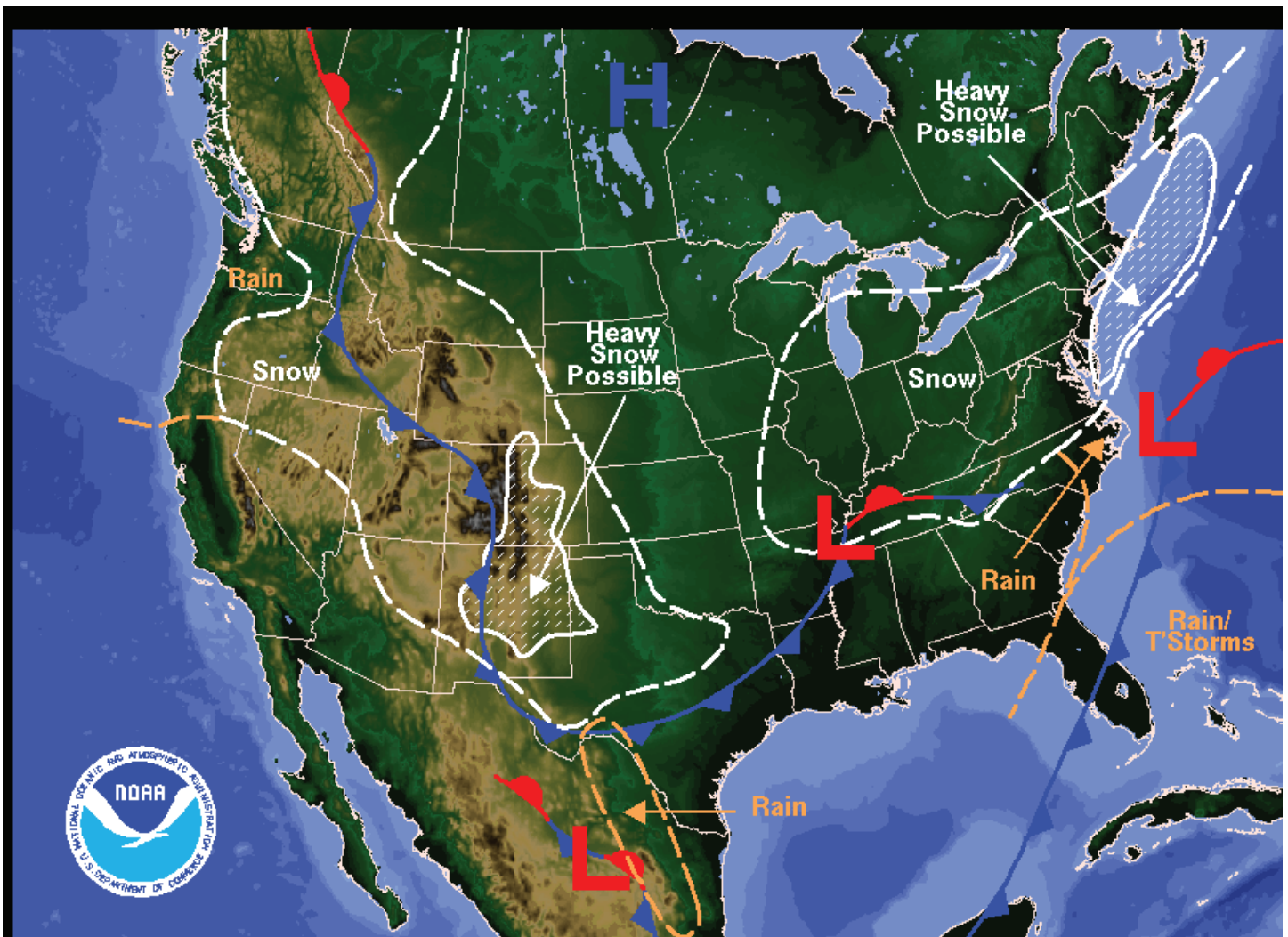
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.94

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 6:16 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:16 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Feb 26, 2015, issued 3:27 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



GAINING FAVOR

Solomon had much to say about bribes. No doubt his success as king and his great wisdom made him extremely popular. Surely, those who were people of means would court his prestige and power and knew it would bring great dividends they could not achieve on their own. Actually, it's no different today than it was when he was at the prime of his career.

"A gift - actually a bribe - opens the door for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great," Solomon mused. A similar word for "bribe" is found in chapter 17 - verses 8 and 23. However, in this verse it is much more general and really is not significant. But the idea of one wanting to purchase a favor from someone who has more power and influence than they, and wanting something they did not deserve or earn is the same.

Getting into the presence of the powerful, for most of us, would be difficult. The road to their "seat" is narrow and contains many barriers and blockades and is usually blocked by "gate keepers." But, if one is cunning and has acquired the fine art of manipulating others, many things become possible. The appropriate "donation" during a political campaign may be just what is needed after a victorious election. So, many "hedge their bets."

Unfortunately, bribing anyone at any time for anything is wrong in the eyes of God. It encourages wickedness and dishonesty in the hearts of the receiver and the giver.

Living honestly and with integrity is God's way to live.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to abandon all practices that are deceitful and displeasing to You and live honorably! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 18:16 A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.

SD delegation urging VA secretary to save Hot Springs VA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota congressional delegation is continuing to urge Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald to withdraw plans to reconfigure the VA Black Hills Health Care System from President Barack Obama's budget proposal.

Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and Rep. Kristi Noem met with McDonald Tuesday to reiterate their concerns.

The VA has served veterans in Hot Springs for more than a century but now wants to move some services to Rapid City. The Hot Springs VA hospital is listed on the National Register of Historic Places but could be shuttered.

The delegation says McDonald assured them that no final decision has been made yet about the future of the Hot Springs VA.

Thune says the White House should stop giving veterans the "bureaucratic run-around" and start providing answers.

South Dakota farmers deciding on crop coverage for farm bill

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Farmers have until Friday to make some key decisions that will govern their operations for the next five years under the new farm bill.

The first deadline of Feb. 27 requires them to update base acre and yield history for their chosen crops. Those are then used to calculate choices about crop coverage.

Producers used to talk to their local Farm Services Agency office and the staff would tell them what price they would receive per acre. They're now offered choices and need to analyze how the program will work for them before the final March 31 signup.

The new farm bill replaces set direct payments with payments that factor in price volatility and production averages county by county.

The FSA says South Dakotans are doing well in signups.

Olson hot from deep as Denver whips South Dakota 66-48

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Brett Olson hit seven three-pointers and matched his season high with 27 points to lead Denver to a 66-48 win over South Dakota State on Wednesday.

Olson had six 3s and 22 points in the first half when the Pioneers (12-16, 6-9 Summit League), shot 68.2 percent and led 37-30. Denver finished at 64 percent and hit 9 of 18 3-pointers.

Tyler Larson had 13 points for the Coyotes (15-15, 8-7), who made just 7 of 26 shots in the second half and never mounted a charge. They were just 2 of 15 behind the arc for the game.

Olson hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Denver a 22-5 lead barely seven minutes into the game.

Cam Griffin had 10 points and nine rebounds and Cam Delaney 11 points and 3 steals and was one of five Pioneers with three assists.

House committee votes to approve youth minimum wage measure

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's youngest workers may soon be exempted from the \$8.50 minimum wage voters approved in November as part of a proposal that's cruising through the Legislature. The House Commerce and Energy Committee voted 11-2 Wednesday for a plan to carve out a \$7.50 minimum wage for people under 18. If the measure passes off the House floor, it goes to the governor for his signature.

Sen. David Novstrup, a Republican from Aberdeen, said the evidence he's seen shows that states with higher minimum wages also have higher youth unemployment. He said the measure is aimed at helping younger workers with less experience get jobs.

"The most important thing that we need to remember is this is about giving young people an opportunity to have a job," Novstrup said.

South Dakota residents voted 55 percent to 45 percent in November to raise the state's minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour. The measure increased the \$2.13 hourly tip wage to half the minimum wage and tied future increases to the cost of living.

Opponents of Novstrup's plan said it goes against the will of the voters. Mark Anderson, president and financial secretary of the state's AFL-CIO union, urged lawmakers to beat back the change because it treats younger workers differently.

The \$7.50 wage wouldn't be subject to future cost of living increases, and Anderson said the voters want wages to go up with inflation.

"Wages are going up, and this bill specifically is a wage cut, a wage freeze, and it's not what's going on in the rest of the country," Anderson said. "Put (this measure) in the waste bin of history, and we'll move on with a minimum wage that was set by the voters of South Dakota."

Shawn Lyons, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association, which opposed the minimum wage hike, said advocates of the measure pushed it as a way to help single parents and college students. Lyons said carving out the youth workers would help small businesses and would give "our youth a fighting chance to get real world experience."

Kristina Newling said she started working when she was 16 to help support her family after her mother became ill and later became paralyzed. Now 19, Newling said she's worked at McDonald's, Wal-Mart and most recently at Goodwill.

The Pierre resident said she thinks the bill is unfair.

"Ever since then, I've helped work to support my family," Newling said. "I think it's especially not fair because teenagers don't know about this ... and they can't vote, so they have no right to say their own opinion about it."

Effort to acquire Nebraska land for pipeline remain on hold

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The company trying to build a pipeline to carry Canadian oil south to the Gulf Coast says its efforts to force Nebraska landowners to agree to the project remain on hold because of several pending lawsuits.

Earlier this month, a Holt County judge blocked TransCanada's eminent domain efforts there. Company spokesman Mark Cooper says TransCanada will agree to a similar order in York County at a hearing Thursday.

Cooper says TransCanada plans to ask judges in seven other Nebraska counties to delay action on its other eminent domain cases until the lawsuits are resolved.

The proposed pipeline needs presidential approval before it could be built across Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska to connect with existing pipelines. It would carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

SD House defeats plan requiring parental consent for tanning

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A proposal that would have required parental consent for minors to use indoor tanning beds at salons has died in the state Legislature.

The state House voted Wednesday 40-29 against the plan, which faced opposition in part because it would have put more burdens on small businesses.

Republican Rep. Scott Munsterman of Brookings says lawmakers need to take a stand like they did against minors smoking tobacco. The American Cancer Society says indoor tanning increases the risk for skin cancer.

Republican Rep. Mathew Wollmann of Madison says the proposal would have put additional regulations on small businesses.

Opponents have said most tanning businesses already require parental consent for minors to use their facilities. They have said the risks of tanning are being overstated.

Sioux Falls police searching for 2 men who shot man in leg

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for two men they say shot an area man in the leg during an attempted robbery.

Police were notified Wednesday morning that the 23-year-old victim had been shot on Tuesday afternoon by the would-be robbers.

The man told officers that two men with handguns showed up and demanded money at his home. The victim and two suspects got in a fight, the man was shot in the leg and the suspects left the home empty handed.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the suspects were described as black men who spoke with African accents and wore bandannas. He says one was about 6-foot-2-inches with a thin build and a scar on the right side of his head. The other suspect was about 5-foot-9-inches and weighed about 225 pounds.

Senate approves \$11.5M in bonds to upgrade Custer State Park

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Senate has passed a measure that would dole out \$11.5 million in state bonds for improvements to resort facilities at Custer State Park.

The measure passed the full chamber 34-0 on Tuesday.

State Parks Director Doug Hofer has said the goal is protecting and enhancing the park's status as a premier destination. The Black Hills park drew 1.9 million visitors last year, and gross receipts totaled \$13 million.

Major aspects of the proposed project include renovation or possible replacement of the main lodge building at Legion Lake, and the renovation of guest rooms at the State Game Lodge.

The state would pay off the bonds with an increase in the franchise fee paid by the private company that operates the state-owned facilities.

Thune pushes legislative approach to handling net neutrality

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune is pushing for a legislative solution to Internet regulation after the Federal Communications Commission votes on its rules as part of the so-called “net neutrality” debate.

The commission will vote Thursday on whether to put Internet service in the same regulatory camp as telephone communications. Thune says the FCC proposal is “an unprecedented power grab” that will end in litigation.

Regulators say the goal is to prevent service providers from creating paid Internet “fast lanes.”

Thune has a proposal that he says protects consumers without “heavy-handed” regulations that would come with the commission’s rules. He says he wants to re-start talks with Democrats about the plan after the commission’s vote.

Opponents of Thune’s proposal say it doesn’t adequately safeguard consumers.

Panel approves potential prohibition of abortion procedure

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A measure that could ban a surgical abortion procedure that Planned Parenthood says it doesn’t perform in South Dakota passed through a House committee on Tuesday.

The bill’s sponsor, Republican Rep. Isaac Latterell, told the House Health and Human Services Committee that a later-term abortion procedure could involve separating the skull from the spine. He said his legislation bans that practice, which he said may be part of a procedure called dilation and evacuation.

“I believe at a certain size child it’s necessary to sever the head from the spine, and if that is done during a (dilation and evacuation procedure) then I’m opposed to it,” Latterell said in an interview Tuesday.

Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Jennifer Aulwes said the language in the bill is medically inaccurate and inflammatory and that Planned Parenthood doesn’t perform the procedure in South Dakota.

A state Health Department report says the procedure was used in 0.2 percent of South Dakota abortions in 2013, but it doesn’t detail who performed the abortions.

The committee approved the measure 11-2, over the protests of Democrats.

Elizabeth Nash is a policy analyst with the Guttmacher Institute, a national research organization that supports legal access to abortion. She said the bill appears to be an attempt to make abortion sound “horrible” and a step toward banning another type of procedure.

“What this bill is really about is the inflammatory language and riling up people to be opposed to abortion,” Nash said. “This language is pretty gruesome. It’s inflammatory. It’s designed to get the political juices flowing. It is not really about what medical practice is like.”

She said South Dakota’s only abortion clinic, in Sioux Falls, doesn’t perform abortions after a pregnancy reaches 14 weeks. Planned Parenthood’s website says dilation and evacuation typically occurs after 16 weeks.

South Dakota law limits abortions after 24 weeks, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

House panel passes plan authorizing new games for Deadwood

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state House committee has passed a measure that would authorize three new voter-approved games in Deadwood.

The House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday voted 10-3 to approve the proposal to allow keno, craps and roulette in the historic mining town. The measure has already passed through the Senate and now heads to the House floor.

Supporters have pushed the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots such as Colorado and Iowa. In November, 57 percent of voters approved constitutional Amendment Q, which gave the Legislature the authority to implement the new games.

Supporters say the Legislature should follow the lead that voters set when they approved the plan. Opponents argue gambling provokes addictions and causes social and financial problems for families in South Dakota.

Scotty Hopson sets Skyforce scoring record with 52 points

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Scotty Hopson set a Sioux Falls Skyforce single-game scoring record when he poured in 52 points against Reno.

Hopson's effort led the Skyforce past the Bighorns 141-128 on Tuesday in NBA Development League action. The win snapped a four-game home losing streak for Sioux Falls.

Hopson broke the franchise record of 46 points held by two players, Kassib Powell and Ralph Lewis. His 52 points also are the most scored by a D-League player this season.

The former University of Tennessee standout was 21-of-28 from the field. His 21 made field goals also is a single-game Skyforce record.

North Dakota businessman donates \$5M to Minnesota university

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A man who leads a successful North Dakota-based brick company has donated \$5 million to the School of Business at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Most of the donation from Rodney Paseka and his wife, Carolyn, will go toward scholarships for business students.

"Scholarships not only act as a way to lessen the financial concerns that students face while they obtain a degree, but they also allow students to focus on education," student Nathan Cole told WDAY-TV.

The rest of the Paseka donation will go for a variety of uses, including research, program development and faculty positions. The university is naming the business school in honor of the Pasekas, whose donation is the largest in school history.

"This generous gift will help us elevate our tradition of excellence in student-centered education, community service and innovative programs," business school Dean Marsha Weber said in a statement.

Rodney Paseka is co-owner and CEO of Fargo, North Dakota-based Hebron Brick Co. The century-old company has seven retail centers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota and distributes brick in 40 states and in Canada.

Both Pasekas attended the Moorhead university. Rodney Paseka earned degrees in accounting and business administration in 1971. He joined Hebron Brick as sales manager in 1978 and became a co-owner and CEO eight years later. Carolyn Paseka worked at the university as an office clerk for 15 years, retiring in 2001.

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. FEDS FOIL ISLAMIC STATE PLOT

Two men are charged with plotting to help the extremist group while a third is accused of providing funding to it.

2. HOMELAND SECURITY BILL ADVANCES IN SENATE

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Two days from a partial agency shutdown, the House can't decide what to do about funding the agency while senators are set to vote on renewing its budget.

3. ACTIVISTS: NUMBER OF CHRISTIANS ABDUCTED BY IS RISES TO 220

A Syrian human rights monitor says the militants abducted dozens more people from the Assyrian minority in the northeast of the country as they raided 33 villages in recent days.

4. WORLD SEES RISE IN 'URBAN' REFUGEES

The image of the asylum-seekers living in desolate camps is challenged by an increasing number of middle-class ones in large cities like Bangkok.

5. HOW THE FCC WANTS TO PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY

New rules would regulate internet service providers to make sure they act in the "public interest."

6. WHERE IT IS NOW LEGAL TO CHEAT ON YOUR SPOUSE

South Korea has abolished a law that criminalized adultery, sending the stock of a local condom maker soaring.

7. SETTLERS POSE AN ELECTORAL DILEMMA IN ISRAEL

Hundreds of thousands of Jews living in the occupied West Bank are eligible to vote in Israeli elections even though they don't live within the Jewish state.

8. MORE GROUND THAT HUMANS MUST CEDE TO COMPUTERS

Google scientists have cooked up software that can do better than humans on dozens of Atari video games from the 1980s.

9. WHO TOOK A TUMBLE AT BRITISH MUSIC AWARDS

Madonna says she's fine after slipping down several stairs while performing at the Brit Awards in London.

10. LATEST INJURY TO DEREK ROSE HITS BULLS HARD

He'll have surgery on his right knee for the second straight year — on the heels of a season he missed entirely following a torn left ACL.

AP Exclusive: Wal-Mart CEO talks workers, customers, critics

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO, AP Retail Writer

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — When Wal-Mart CEO Doug McMillon took the top job at the world's largest retailer last year, he inherited some big problems.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which has more than 11,000 stores in 27 countries, has struggled with two years of mostly sluggish sales due in large part to a challenging global economy and major changes in how people shop.

Workers' groups have targeted Wal-Mart over its pay and treatment of its U.S. employees with protests. And overseas, the retailer is still being scrutinized nearly two years after a Bangladesh factory that made some of its clothes collapsed, killing over 1,100 workers.

McMillon, whose first job at Wal-Mart was an hourly position loading trucks as a college student in 1984, has had to wrestle with these issues since he became CEO in February 2014. In the past year, he's replaced the head of the struggling U.S. division, accelerated the pace of smaller store openings and stepped up the retailer's e-commerce efforts.

But last week, McMillon made his boldest move yet by announcing that Wal-Mart would give raises to nearly 40 percent of its 1.3 million U.S. workforce as part of a billion-dollar investment in changes to employee pay and training. Wal-Mart said it would increase starting wages for U.S. employees to at least \$9 per hour by April and by at least \$10 by February 2016.

Two days before he made the announcement, McMillon, 48, spoke with The Associated Press exclu-

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sively about the pay and training increases, the fallout from the Bangladesh disaster and other issues that are affecting Wal-Mart. What follows are edited excerpts from a 40-minute interview at Wal-Mart's headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas:

Q: What is behind the decision to raise wages?

A: What's driving us is we want to create a great store experience for customers and do that by investing in our own people.

Q. How would you address critics who say Wal-Mart should go beyond the wage increase it announced?

A. I think we are playing our role. Creating opportunities for so many people, and clarity on how they can grow in a company into a lot of great jobs. I have a great amount of pride in the role we play.

Q. As the nation's largest private employer, Wal-Mart has outsized influence in the national debate over raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour. Why has Wal-Mart remained neutral in the debate?

A. It's clear to us what we need to do to run a good business, and we are taking action on that. As it relates to a federal minimum wage, there are other people responsible for figuring that out. I am not an economist. Someone else can sort out what the best decision is there.

Q: Is it hard to break the perception that Wal-Mart has low-end jobs?

A: What we can worry about is the reality. If the reality is good enough, eventually I think most people know perception corrects itself. Our job is to create great store experiences for customers and online and in every way we can service them. And over time, that matters the most.

Q. Do you think Wal-Mart is unfairly targeted for its labor practices?

A. Nobody ever promised that this will be fair. So I am not under the illusion that it will be.

Q. What have you learned from your critics?

A. I have learned from (former Wal-Mart CEOs) Mike Duke and Lee Scott the value of listening to critics. We have ears and we care. Sometimes, you can learn more from criticism than you can from flattery. So we listen to all of it, but at the end of the day, we are doing what we need to do for our business.

Q. How do you think your first year has gone?

A. I feel good about the first year. I think we've increased our clarity as it relates to our strategic plan. Our leadership has a better sense of where we need to go do to capitalize on our opportunities. I feel like we have done a good job of listening to our associates and beginning to respond appropriately to set them up for success. Growing an e-commerce business is important. And we are getting stronger in markets like China.

Q. What will it take to get more customers back in the stores?

A. No doubt business is going increasingly mobile and increasingly online. We don't really care how the customers want to shop. We want to be in the position to serve them in any of those ways.

Q. Wal-Mart is one of a group of North American retailers and clothing makers that agreed to a five-year pact aimed at improving safety conditions at Bangladesh factories. Do you think you're making inroads in Bangladesh?

A. We have such a big supply chain that we do business with a lot of people in a lot of categories. That can make it more challenging for us. But we do care. We are making investments, and I have no doubt that we are making things better. But it will be an ongoing effort across the supply chain to try to create a more sustainable situation for everyone.

Q. How much have you been influenced by your time at Wal-Mart?

A. I've been here pretty much my whole adult life. So what I believe and the things I learned have

been largely influenced by Wal-Mart, and much of our culture will stand the test of time and still will be really valuable to the business and to the communities we serve. But there are things that need to change ... how we serve customers, the tools that we use to do it.

Q: Wal-Mart has made some mistakes, right? For instance, before you became CEO, Wal-Mart reduced labor in stores, which resulted in unstocked shelves and low employee morale.

A: The economic environment these past few years has been challenging globally, and I think our focus on productivity was well-placed. But sometimes we can go too far. And the thing about Wal-Mart is we course-correct.

Q. How would you describe employee morale at stores now?

A. The word I would use to describe us at the moment is 'encouraged.' We've got a lot of associates with a lot of experience and pride in the business. We're listening and responding to them and making changes. And I think they're encouraged that we are on the right track.

AP News in Brief

Feds: 3 accused in plot to join Islamic State group were vocal about their beliefs, commitment

NEW YORK (AP) — Two men arrested on charges of plotting to help the Islamic State group were vocal both online and in personal conversations about their commitment and desire to join the extremists, with one of them speaking of shooting President Barack Obama to "strike fear in the hearts of infidels," federal authorities said.

The men were among three charged Wednesday with attempt and conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization.

Akhror Saidakhmetov, 19, was arrested at Kennedy Airport, where he was attempting to board a flight to Istanbul, with plans to head to Syria, authorities said. Another man, 24-year-old Abdurasul Hasanovich Juraboev, had a ticket to travel to Istanbul next month and was arrested in Brooklyn, federal prosecutors said. The two were held without bail after a brief court appearance.

A third defendant, Abror Habibov, 30, is accused of helping fund Saidakhmetov's efforts. He was ordered held without bail in Florida.

If convicted, each faces a maximum of 15 years in prison.

House in limbo; Senate moves toward funding Homeland Security Department as shutdown nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is moving forward on legislation to fund the Homeland Security Department, but the House is in limbo two days away from a partial agency shutdown as conservatives angrily reject the Senate plan.

Many House Republicans say they aren't ready to admit defeat and approve spending for the department without demanding concessions from President Barack Obama on immigration. They are pressuring House Speaker John Boehner to hold firm against that approach, even as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell argues that it's the best way out of the GOP's dilemma.

No other options are apparent, aside from a partial shutdown of the agency charged with protecting the U.S. against terrorism. Without congressional action, that will happen at midnight Friday — and polls show Republicans likely to take the political blame.

Boehner met privately with McConnell on Wednesday afternoon, their first meeting in two weeks, but he gave no indication during the day of how he might resolve what has become a high-stakes leadership test two months into full Republican control of Congress.

"I'm waiting for the Senate to act. The House has done their job," Boehner said at a news conference where he repeatedly sidestepped questions about his plans.

US moves forward with plans to take in Syrian refugees even as some raise security concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's commitment to take in potentially thousands of Syrian refugees is raising national security concerns among law enforcement officials and some congressional Republicans who fear clandestine radicals could slip into the country among the displaced.

The administration has vowed to help those who fled the civil war by providing homes, furniture, English classes and job training in the United States. It says they'll be subject to intensive screening before entering the country, and that the overwhelming majority are vulnerable women and children.

"These are people I think that if most Americans met them, their instinct would immediately be, 'We have to help these people,'" Anne Richard, the assistant secretary of state for population, refugees and migration, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

But without reliable intelligence within Syria, some argue that it's impossible to ensure that someone bent on violence or supporting a militant cause doesn't come in undetected.

The issue came to the fore at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing earlier this month, when Michael Steinbach, the FBI assistant director for counterterrorism, said the information the intelligence community would normally rely on to properly vet refugees doesn't exist in a failed country like Syria.

Activists say number of Christians abducted by Islamic State group has risen to at least 220

BEIRUT (AP) — The number of Christians abducted by the Islamic State group in northeastern Syria has risen to 220, as militants have rounded up more hostages from a chain of villages along a strategic river in the past three days, activists said Thursday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the militants have picked up dozens more Christian Assyrians from 11 communities near the town of Tal Tamr in Hassakeh province.

The province, which borders Turkey and Iraq, has become the latest battleground in the fight against the Islamic State group in Syria. It is predominantly Kurdish but also has populations of Arabs and predominantly Christian Assyrians and Armenians.

IS began abducting the Assyrians on Monday, when militants attacked a cluster of villages along the Khabur River, sending thousands of people fleeing to safer areas.

Younan Talia, a senior official with the Assyrian Democratic Organization, said IS had raided 33 Assyrian villages, picking up as many as 300 people along the way. It was not possible to reconcile the numbers, and the fate of the hostages remained unclear.

Jewish settlers can vote in Israeli elections, though West Bank is officially not Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — When Israelis go to the polls next month, tens of thousands of Jewish settlers in the West Bank will also be casting votes, even though they do not live on what is sovereign Israeli territory.

This exception in a country that doesn't allow absentee voting for citizens living abroad is a telling reflection of Israel's somewhat ambiguous and highly contentious claim to the territory, which has been under military occupation for almost a half century.

Over the years, Israel has cultivated a separate legal system there. The Palestinians are ultimately governed by Israeli military rule — while Israel's own criminal and civilian laws apply to more than 350,000 Jewish settlers in a way they cannot apply to Israeli expats.

The settlers' voting rights stem from Israel's 1969 election law that stipulates "there will only be voting on Israeli land," with exceptions made for diplomats and soldiers serving on naval vessels. The law was amended the following year — when the settlement movement was in its infancy — to allow voting by Israelis "whose address is listed in the population registry located in territory held by the Israel Defense Forces."

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and began settling the territory soon after — first halfheartedly, then in greater waves, especially after the nationalist Likud first came to power in 1977. The Palestinians, backed by most of the international community, claim the area as part of a future independent state, along with Gaza and east Jerusalem.

Republicans seek the perfect date (read: candidate) for 2016 — is anyone the total package?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Let's say, for a moment, that America has given you the job of picking the perfect candidate for president. Good luck, Mr. or Ms. Voter, deciding what they've got to have — and what they can do without.

There are all sorts of things to start the list: leadership, vision, charisma, communication skills and foreign policy cred. And more: fundraising prowess, authenticity, empathy, a keen understanding of the presidency and maybe a little familiarity with running for the office.

And even more: good looks are always a plus, even if people don't want to admit it. For many, being an "outsider" is a must at a time when "Washington" is on the outs with a lot of people.

Where do you even start? For Republicans, you can't do much better than this week's Conservative Political Action Conference. There are as many as two dozen GOP hopefuls eyeing the party's nomination in 2016, and many of them will be offering themselves at CPAC as the perfect prom date for conservatives in search of a winning candidate.

Can anyone claim the total package? Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union, which runs CPAC, sees a strong lineup of potential candidates and says that now, "they're going to preen and strut and we're going to see a president emerge."

Big Brother has your fingerprint: Pakistan steps up control of cellphones after Taliban attack

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Almost every Pakistani citizen has a cellphone, but from now on, Big Brother is checking to make sure their name, number and fingerprints are on record. The measures are meant to tighten control of cellphones and avert their use for militant attacks after the Taliban massacre two months ago at a school in Peshawar.

Since the new measure was announced earlier this year, Pakistanis have been lining up at cellphone stores and in front of mobile vans and kiosks around the country to scan their fingerprints and verify their identities in order to keep their phones.

They have to show their IDs and fingerprints. If the scanner matches their print with the one in a government database, they can keep their SIM card. If not, or if they don't show up, their cellphone service is cut off.

In a country where many people get by without electricity, heat or running water, cellphones are one of the few technological advances that are so ubiquitous that most people cannot imagine their lives without one.

The Dec. 16 Pakistani Taliban attack on the school in Peshawar, which killed 150 people, most of them schoolchildren, shocked the nation.

Vilsack: Smart phones could be answer in debate over labeling of genetically modified foods

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the ever-complicated debate over labeling of genetically modified foods, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says he has an idea: use your smart phone.

Vilsack told members of Congress on Wednesday that consumers could just use their phones to scan special bar codes or other symbols on food packages in the grocery store. All sorts of information could pop up, such as whether the food's ingredients include genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

"Industry could solve that issue in a heartbeat," Vilsack said.

The Food and Drug Administration handles most food-package labeling, so Vilsack's idea isn't an official proposal. But the agriculture secretary suggested it could head off the debate between the food industry and those who have pushed for package labels that identify GMOs.

At least one labeling advocate disagreed. Scott Faber, head of the national Just Label It campaign, says most consumers don't have the know-how to use their phones to scan a bar code or so-called QR code, a commonly used scannable image.

An old trump card, House Dems, may help Boehner resolve funding impasse if conservatives bolt

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the talk of Republican House Speaker John Boehner being trapped by the quarrel over funding the Homeland Security Department, he holds a potential escape key, if he's willing to use it: cooperative Democrats.

Aides say he doesn't like it, but Boehner sometimes relies on Democrats to help pass measures that many — and sometimes most — Republicans oppose. They include the January 2013 resolution to the "fiscal cliff" showdown, which 151 House Republicans opposed. The Democrats' 172 "yes" votes saved the measure, averting tax increases on most U.S. workers.

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And last year the House raised the federal debt ceiling with 193 Democratic votes and only 28 Republican votes.

House Democrats also supplied crucial votes for big budget deals in 2011 and 2014, when 66 and 67 Republicans voted nay. And they provided most of the votes to send federal aid to Superstorm Sandy victims and to renew the Violence Against Women Act.

The bipartisan strategy carries political risks. A House speaker who defies his party's wishes too often can lose his post.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2015. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba and headed back to France in a bid to regain power.

On this date:

In 1829, Levi Strauss, whose company manufactured the first blue jeans, was born in Buttenheim, Bavaria, Germany.

In 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional act establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run."

In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which had probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1993, a truck bomb built by terrorists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

In 1995, Barings PLC, Britain's oldest investment banking firm, collapsed after Nick Leeson, a 28-year-old securities dealer, lost over \$1.4 billion by gambling on Tokyo stock prices.

In 2012, Trayvon Martin, 17, was shot to death in Sanford, Florida, during an altercation with neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who said he'd acted in self-defense. (Zimmerman was subsequently acquitted of second-degree murder.)

Ten years ago: Fifteen months after Japan's last liftoff ended in a spectacular fireball, an orange and white H-2A rocket blasted off from a remote southern island, carrying a weather and navigation satellite into orbit. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak ordered his country's constitution changed to allow presidential challengers in an upcoming fall election. A fragment of granite bearing the name "John" - all that remained of a memorial to the six people killed in the 1993 terror attack on the World Trade

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Center - was installed as the central piece of a new post-9/11 memorial. Former Time magazine editor and U.S. ambassador to Austria, Henry A. Grunwald, died in New York at age 82.

Five years ago: New York Gov. David Paterson announced he wouldn't seek re-election amid a criminal investigation over his handling of a domestic violence complaint against a top aide. (Investigators found no evidence of witness tampering.) At the Vancouver Olympics, the Americans reached 34 medals with a silver and a bronze in short-track speedskating.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, speaking in St. Paul, Minnesota, said he would ask Congress for \$300 billion to update aging roads and railways. Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a bill pushed by social conservatives that would have allowed people with sincerely held religious beliefs to refuse to serve gays.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Tom Kennedy is 88. Singer Fats Domino is 87. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 72. Actor-director Bill Duke is 72. Singer Mitch Ryder is 70. Actress Marta Kristen (TV: "Lost in Space") is 70. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 65. Singer Michael Bolton is 62. The president of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is 61. Actor Greg Germann is 57. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., is 57. Bandleader John McDaniel is 54. Actress Jennifer Grant is 49. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 47. Singer Erykah Badu (EHR'-ih-kah bah-DOO') is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 43. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 40. Actor Greg Kinnear is 38. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 36. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 35. Pop singer Nate Ruess (roos) (fun.) is 33. Tennis player Li Na is 33. Actor Alex Heartman is 25. Actress Taylor Dooley is 22.

Thought for Today: "Only the mediocrities of life hide behind the alibi 'in conference.' The great of this earth are not only simple but accessible." - Isaac Frederick Marcossou, American journalist (1876-1961).

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 Pro-

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gram. 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 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):

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- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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.

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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.