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The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

Tuesday, March 3

Groton Area 2 Hours late this morning.

OST Available at 7 a.m.

No 8:45 a.m. Pre-School

Birthdays: Christine Zoellner, Josie LaMee, Tim Yeaton, Tristan Kampa

Anniv: David & Cheryl Krueger; Cal & Mary Hayenga

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

School Lunch: Hamburger, sweet tots, lettuce, fruit.

Kindergarten Screening

7 p.m.: Region GBB at Webster

7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

6 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (SS Serves)

7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, corn, carrots and dip, fruit.

Kindergarten Screening

Fresh flowers, silks, home decor

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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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Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met March 1st, 2015 at the Aberdeen American News. The meeting was called to order by Hannah Sumption. The American Pledge was led by Michaela Dinger and the 4-H pledge was led by Kennedy Clark. Roll call topic was Favorite Sport. Treasures Report was approved by Braden Boe and second by Nicole Marzahn. Secretaries Report was approved by Cassidy Larson and second by Jakob Sumption. Old business was Ski Trip and Fundraisers. Kaitlyn Ringgenberg closed Old Business and was second by Carly Crawford. Other Business is our next meeting that we will be touring Newport Hutterite Colony on March 29th. Meeting was adjourned by Jonny Sumption and seconded by Madelyne Sumption. There were no talks or demo's. Lunch was served by Cassidy and Kalli Larson. Submitted by Kaitlyn Ringgenberg

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

Concessions Manager Wanted

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



Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, is hiring CNA's for FT, PT, PRN. Competitive wages/benefits. EOE, DFW. To apply call Connie at 605/492-3615 or go to www.sundialmanor.com.



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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.

Groton readies for DI Regions



Groton DI coordinators Joann Donley and Julie Milbrandt are heavy into the planning stages for the DI Regional to be held Saturday at GHS.

Groton Area will have 10 of the 23 teams at the Northeast Regional Destination Imagination Tournament scheduled for Saturday in Groton.

Other schools attending are Deuel, Watertown, Doland, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Aberdeen.

Julie Milbrandt and Joann Donley have been heading up Groton's Destination Imagination program for five years and this year, they have the challenge of organizing the event in Groton.

"Numbers across the state are down," Milbrandt said. "Groton Area has been holding its own, averaging eight to 10 teams each year."

The regional tournament has been traditionally held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University, Aberdeen. However, this year, the center is undergoing major renovation.

"There will be performances throughout the high school building throughout the day," Mil-

brandt said. "People can come and go to watch the skits. People cannot watch the Instant Challenges. That is kept a secret. Team members are sworn to secrecy. They cannot talk about it until after Global Finals and that's just to make sure that no one is stealing how anyone else is solving their challenge."

One of the major challenges for Milbrandt and Donley, is scheduling. "Kristi Erickson has done an excellent job. She has been the regional tournament director for several years. We are getting a glimpse of what Kristi goes through," Milbrandt said. The other aspect is lining up the rooms for the challenges.

The Arena doors will open at 10 a.m. with the first performance at 10:40 a.m. "We will have greeters at the door from 10 a.m. until noon to help guide people to where they have to go," Milbrandt said. Donley added, "We will have signs up with arrows all over the place." The awards ceremony will be around 4 p.m. in the GHS Arena. The last challenge of the day is scheduled for 3 p.m. Donley said, "They then have an hour to get all of the scoring done set up for the awards." Donley said the first thing they do is to award the Jar raffle.

The nice thing about the tournament being held in Groton, according to Donley, is that everything will be in one building. "I think it will be better here," she said. "In Aberdeen, you had to go to another building for the Instant Challenge. The high school here, we have one hall way that will have access to the instant challenge rooms. It will be awesome."

Kristi Erickson came to Groton in January and they did a walk-through of the facility to determine what areas would work best for the challenges. "Now that the schedule is cemented in, we have to work with the administration and janitorial staff," Donley said.

The tournament is run with volunteers and Milbrandt said, "Kristi is still looking for more of the tour-

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manent volunteers. But as far as our Groton volunteers are concerned, we can still use some people, but our Groton parents have really stepped up, like they always do, and filled the spots quite nicely."

Something that was not available at the Aberdeen facility that will be made available in Groton is a concession stand. Donley said, "In Aberdeen you had to grab a break in between your Instant Challenge and your skit and get your kids over to eat and get them back in time to watch other siblings or classmates."

"This is our learning year," Milbrandt said. "This is a little overwhelming," Donley added. "I feel really bad for Julie. This is her first year getting her classroom set up for teaching and all of this is piled up here for DI and it's a senior year for her son." Despite the obstacles this year, Donley said for Groton to host this event each year would be "really good for our community. It would be a wonderful opportunity for our school. I would love for people to understand that DI is a wonderful athletic challenge for the brain and it's a wonderful athletic challenge for the creative side of you. It's a sport that's not easily learned. There are so many different aspects and it's not the same challenge every year. They throw in new things every year."

When asked about when they were approached about hosting the DI regionals, Milbrandt let out a loud scream. "I told my cousin (Kristi Erickson) "What are you thinking?!" Milbrandt said. "She asked if we would consider it and at that time, Mrs. Schuster was superintendent and Joe Schwan was the high school principal. I told Mrs. Schuster that we had been asked if we would host the regional DI tournament. Mrs. Schuster has always been a good supporter of DI and she said 'absolutely - that is not a problem. When do you want it?' We got it on the schedule."

Many teams are taking up the challenge of the Feary Tales. Only a few teams are doing the Scientific challenge. "Scientific always seems intimidating," Milbrandt said, "to have to build that sound machine and to come up with ways to visually demonstrate the sound waves. People were struggling with that aspect. People are drawn to Feary Tales because in your true life, everyone is afraid of something and it might be something bizarre." Donley added, "A lot of kids want to write a story. Children love to tell a story."

Challenge to Groton DI

One of the biggest challenges that faces the Groton DI program is all of the fundraising that has to be done. "And getting new families involved," Milbrandt said. "Once kids get into it and once parents realize how much fun their kids are having with it, the kids get hooked and so do the parents." Sometimes students take the route of sports and are unable to participate in DI. Donley talked about Madison Sipel who was out for DI, but had to drop out this year because of conflicts. "She just about broke my heart," Donley said. "She came up to me crying and said, 'I miss DI so much. At least let me make the jar for the Jar Raffle. I want to do that.' So she's going to do it. She still wants to be a part of DI, even though with cheerleading and sports, her schedule made it impossible to do DI. Her heart is still in it."

"We have wonderful parents stepping up to be volunteers," Donley said. "We have the community stepping up and helping with the volunteering. But it would be wonderful if people would be interested in becoming appraisers to judge this, to review the challenge beforehand and know what they're suppose to judge and know the judging criteria. Then go ahead and become an appraiser. That's my dream. When I finish coaching, when my daughter is out of high school, that's what I want to do - I want to become an appraiser."

Dangerous Driving Conditions Expected Across Much of South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. – Officials with the South Dakota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety are advising motorists that travel will likely become difficult, if not impossible, overnight tonight (Monday) through Tuesday across much of South Dakota as a strong spring snow storm moves through the state.

People that were planning travel on Tuesday are strongly encouraged to get where they are going tonight or postpone travel plans until Wednesday.

The National Weather Service has issued advisories and warnings for much of the state, including a blizzard warning for much of central and northeastern South Dakota.

Widespread snow and strong northwest winds from 20-40 mph, gusting to 45-50 mph, will likely cause zero-to-near-zero visibility, snow-packed and slippery roadways and possible drifting snow statewide.

High-profile vehicles should be especially cautious until the winds diminish Tuesday night.

“This event is shaping up to be a dangerous spring storm with snow and strong winds” says Darin Bergquist, secretary of the Department of Transportation. “Motorists should expect conditions to deteriorate rapidly as this storm moves through the state and are encouraged to change travel plans accordingly.”

People who must travel should slow down, buckle up, have a charged cell phone, pack an emergency kit and visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511 to check the latest road conditions and travel advisories before heading out.

Travelers are reminded that SDDOT crews will plow until early evening hours on Monday and will begin plow operations again on Tuesday when it is safe to do so.

Future of Silver Skates in jeopardy

A special Board Meeting will be held for the Carnival of Silver Skates on Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at the Warming House in Groton to elect officers for the 2016 Carnival of Silver Skates. We are currently looking for a chair, co-chair, and a communications director for the 2016 Carnival of Silver Skates. If we DO NOT fill these positions by April 12th, there will NOT be a Carnival next year. If you want this wonderful tradition in your community to continue, you need to step up and volunteer. Remember, if you don't volunteer, there will NOT be a Carnival of Silver Skates in 2016. Thank you!

Boys advance in region play

Groton Area advanced to the championship semifinals with a 53-44 win over Milbank. This was the first round of the Region 1A boys basketball tournament being played in Sisseton. Groton Area will play Tiospa Zina at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Sisseton.

The game was tied at nine after the first quarter before Groton Area took a 22-17 lead at half time and a 38-34 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Spencer Knecht had one of his best nights of the season with 20 points while Kyler Ell had 12, Lucas Sternhagen 10, Gabe Dohman and Landon Larson each had four, Bennett Shabazz had two and Wyatt Larson one.

Groton Area made 34 percent of its field goals while Milbank made 31 percent.

The Tigers were 12 of 22 from the line for 54 percent off of Milbank's 17 team fouls. Milbank was 19 of 25 from the line for 76 percent off of Groton's 22 team fouls. Fouling out of the game were Hunter Lerew of Groton and J.P. Lindquist of Milbank.

Groton had eight turnovers, four of which were steals. Milbank turned the ball over 19 times, 11 of which were steals with Knecht having five.

Knecht and Shabazz each had three of the team's 10 assists and Knecht, Ell and Lerew each had one block. Dohman was Groton's leading rebounder with nine as Groton controlled the boards, 36-25.

Jonny Ash led the Bulldogs with 15 points followed by Nate Bien with 11, Nolan Foss had 10, Kyle Montag and J.P. Lindquist each had three and Jacob Jackson added two points.

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MILBANK	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS									
NO PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
5 Bien, Nate	*	2	8	0	1	7	10	0	6	6	4	11	2	6	0	0	32:00
12 Jackson, Jacob	*	0	6	0	5	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	6	0	0	32:00
15 Montag, Kyle	*	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	16:00
24 Lindquist, J.P.	*	1	7	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	5	3	0	2	0	0	0:00
40 Foss, Nolan	*	3	5	0	0	4	6	2	4	6	4	10	1	1	0	2	16:00
3 Wollschlager, Riley		0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
10 Hall, Tristan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
20 Ash, Jonny		4	7	2	5	5	5	0	3	3	0	15	0	2	0	1	32:00
42 Docter, Cody		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	0	0				0			
Team Totals		11	36	3	16	19	25	7	18	25	17	44	4	19	0	4	160

Total FG% - 1st: 6/17 0.353 2nd: 5/19 0.263 Game: 0.306 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/5 0.000 2nd: 3/11 0.273 Game: 0.188 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 5/8 0.625 2nd: 14/17 0.824 Game: 0.760 (5,4)

GROTON AREA	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS									
NO PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
4 Sternhagen, Lucas	*	3	8	1	2	3	5	3	5	8	4	10	2	1	0	2	24:00
10 Knecht, Spencer	*	8	17	0	2	4	5	1	2	3	3	20	3	1	1	5	24:00
12 Ell, Kyler	*	4	11	2	6	2	3	0	3	3	1	12	1	0	1	1	24:00
32 Dohman, Gabe	*	1	3	0	0	2	6	4	5	9	3	4	1	0	0	2	24:00
40 Lerew, Hunter	*	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	5	0	0	2	1	0	0:00
3 Schuring, Sean		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
5 Shabazz, Seric		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
22 Shabazz, Bennett		1	4	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	2	2	3	1	0	1	16:00
24 Strom, Chance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
30 Larson, Landon		2	5	0	0	0	1	4	2	6	3	4	0	3	0	0	24:00
42 Larson, Wyatt		0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	0	0				0			
Team Totals		19	55	3	12	12	22	18	18	36	22	53	10	8	3	11	168

Total FG% - 1st: 8/25 0.320 2nd: 11/30 0.367 Game: 0.345 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/7 0.143 2nd: 2/5 0.400 Game: 0.250 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 5/10 0.500 2nd: 7/12 0.583 Game: 0.545 (6,1)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Milbank	9	8	17	10	44
Groton	9	13	16	15	53

Last FG: Milbank 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Milbank by 1 2nd-08:00, Groton by 12 4th-08:00
 Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 2 times

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Region 1A Boys Basketball Tournament

#1 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score:

Date: March 5, 2015

Time: 6:00

Site: Sisseton HS

Score:

Sisseton

Score:

Date: March 10, 2015

Time: 7:00

Site: Sisseton HS

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

School	Seed Pts.
Aberdeen Roncalli	45.65
Tiospa Zina	43.15
Groton Area	43.00
Sisseton	39.80
Britton-Hecla	39.25
Milbank Area	38.60
Webster Area	37.15

#4 Sisseton

Score: **63**

Date: March 2, 2015

Time: 7:30

Site: Sisseton HS

Score: 54

#5 Britton-Hecla

#3 Groton Area

Score: **53**

Date: March 2, 2015

Time: 6:00

Site: Sisseton HS

Score: 44

#6 Milbank Area

#2 Tiospa Zina

Score: **74**

Date: March 2, 2015

Time: 4:30

Site: Sisseton HS

Score: 47

#7 Webster Area

Groton Area

Score:

Date: March 5, 2015

Time: 7:30

Site: Sisseton HS

Score:

Tiospa Zina

Score:

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District 2B Boys Basketball Tournament

#1 Langford Area

Score:

Date: March 3

Time: 6:30

Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena

Score:

Leola/Frederick

#4 Leola/Frederick

Score: **64**

Date: March 2

Time: 6:30

Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena

Score: 57

#5 Northwestern

Score:

Date: March 5

Time: 7:00

Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena

CHAMPION

Region Qualifier

#3 Aberdeen Christian

Score: **70**

Date: March 2

Time: 8:00

Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena

Score: 47

Aberdeen Christian

Score:

Date: March 3

Time: 8:00

Site: Aberdeen Civic Arena

Score:

Score:

#6 Waubay

#2 Warner

School	Seed Pts.
Langford Area	45.50
Warner	44.05
Aberdeen Christian	40.05
Leola/Frederick	38.70
Northwestern	36.68
Waubay	34.00

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Today in Weather History

1966 - A tornado hit Jackson, MS, killing 54 persons. (David Ludlum)

1980 - A coastal storm produced 25 inches of snow at Elizabeth City, NC, and 30 inches at Cape Hatteras NC. At Miami FL the mercury dipped to 32 degrees. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1983 - The last of a series of storms to strike the California coast finally came to an end. Waves fifteen to twenty feet high pounded the coast for two days, and in a four day period up to 18 inches of rain drenched the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara area. On the morning of the first, thunderstorms spawned two tornadoes which moved through the Los Angeles area. (Storm Data)

1987 - A storm brought heavy rain and gale force winds to Washington and Oregon. Quillayute WA received 2.67 inches of rain in 24 hours, and winds gusted to 60 mph at Astoria OR. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A small but intense low pressure system roared across west central Mississippi at 90 mph early in the morning. A tornado in southern Mississippi picked up an automobile, carried it 150 feet, and tossed it through the brick wall of an unoccupied retirement home. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1989 - Wintry weather prevailed from the southern Rockies to the Upper Great Lakes. Neganee MI received 19 inches of snow, and up to 24 inches of snow blanketed Colorado. Blizzard conditions were reported in Minnesota. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - An upper level weather disturbance produced snow in the Colorado Rockies, with eight inches reported at Winter Park, and a storm moving off the Pacific Ocean began to spread rain and snow across the western U.S. March continued to start off like a lamb elsewhere around the country. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

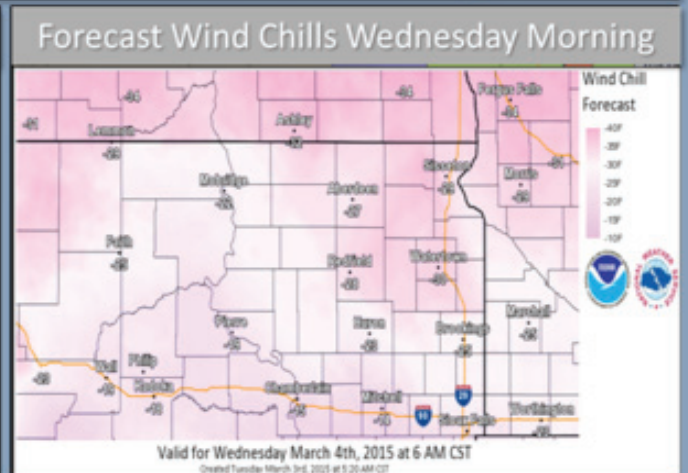
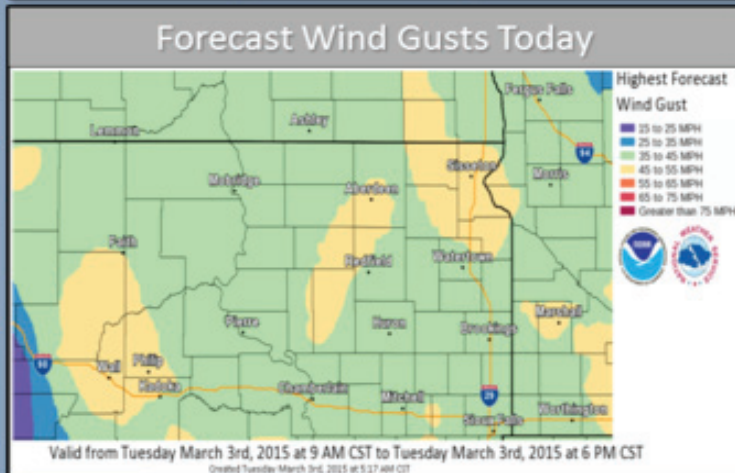
2003 - It was a day of temperature extremes. Miami reached a high temperature of 90 degrees, the earliest observed 90 degree temperature since March 5, 1964. Meanwhile Marquette, MI, dropped to 30 degrees below zero, the lowest temperature ever recorded in the city in March.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
Snow	Blustery	Blustery	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 19 °F↓	Low: -8 °F	High: 6 °F	Low: -12 °F	High: 25 °F	Low: 14 °F	High: 38 °F

A **Blizzard Warning** is in effect for parts of the region today. Bitterly cold **Wind Chills** return tonight.



Timing: Snow will gradually end from west to east across the area this morning. Blowing snow will persist through much of the day from south central through northeast SD and west central MN. Low visibility and blizzard conditions expected.

Friday and into the weekend: MUCH WARMER TEMPERATURES!



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

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A general 2 to 4 inches, with locally higher amounts can be expected from south central South Dakota through northeast South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. Strong north to northwest winds from 25 to 35 mph, with gusts around 45 mph will occur across the region today, creating blowing and drifting snow for areas that received snowfall last night and this morning. Winter weather advisories and blizzard warnings are in effect for parts of the forecast area, where visibility may be reduced to below one-half or one-quarter mile at times. Then tonight, arctic air will settle in with wind chill values dropping into the 20 below to 30 below zero range for much of the area. There is light at the end of the tunnel as much warmer temperatures in the 30s and 40s are expected by Friday, then lasting through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 34.3 at 4:02 PM

Low: -0.5 at 4:28 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 39 at 3:54 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 73° in 1905

Record Low: -15° in 1916

Average High: 34°F

Average Low: 14°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.06

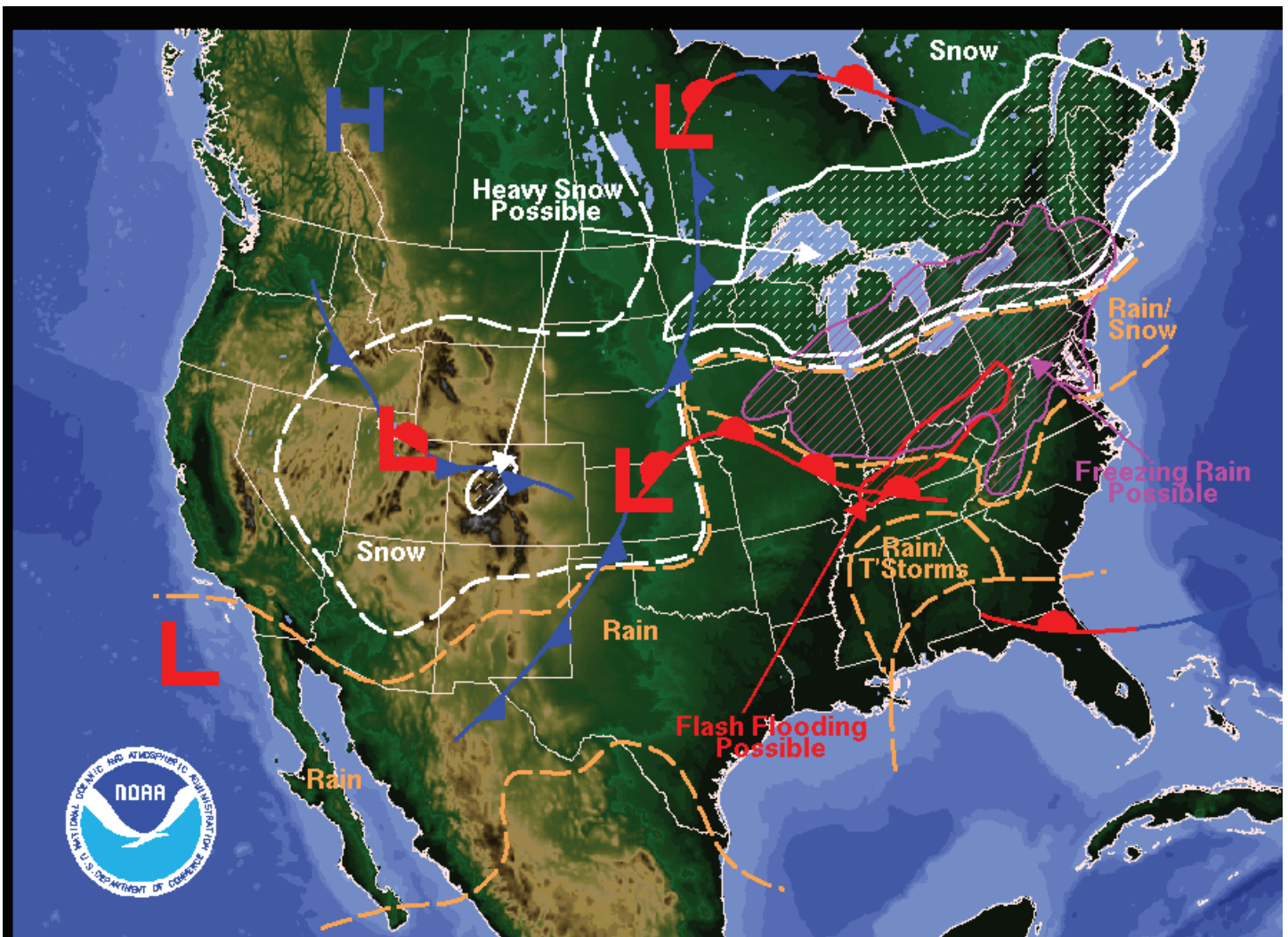
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.08

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 6:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Mar 03, 2015, issued 3:30 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



SELF-INTERESTS: RIGHT OR WRONG

Think of it this way...

We are considered "smart" if we eat a healthy diet, take time to exercise, get enough sleep, and respect laws that are made for our well-being, protection and the rights of others. Actually, we will do well if we adopt these behaviors because they reflect "God-care" - honoring the life that God has given us by respecting His ultimate act in creation - us. Caring for ourselves must not be considered as "self-centered" if we do what is necessary for our spiritual, mental and physical well-being as a means to honor God. Going beyond what is essential then becomes "self-worship" or "self-centered."

Listen to Solomon: "He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers." We honor God and benefit our own well-being if we invest our minds and hearts - our souls - in "getting" God's wisdom. "Soul" as used here refers to the mind, emotions and will. And if our "souls" are filled with God's wisdom, our thinking, feeling and choices will be controlled by Him. Our "life-choices," choices that influence our spiritual, mental and physical well-being, will be in keeping with what God planned for us when He created us: to honor the Lord our God with every gift He planted within us!

When we accept our responsibility to "love our own soul" we adopt a healthy life style. We will make choices for ourselves that come from God's Word and are not self-centered: they are God-centered. Personal well-being, then, does not come from ourselves or is for ourselves, but comes from God and is for God.

So, is "self-interest" right or wrong? If we focus on God and His wisdom, and use it to glorify Him with our "soul," self-interest is critical. We do what we do as a means to honor and glorify God.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to be so committed to knowing and applying Your wisdom to our lives that Your interests become ours. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 19:8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

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News from the  Associated Press

Blizzard conditions expected for parts of Upper Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Residents across the Upper Midwest may soon get the snowfall some have been wanting more of this winter.

Heavy snow is expected Tuesday in parts of Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

A band from west-central to northeastern Minnesota could see the heaviest amounts, 4-6 inches. Blizzard conditions are expected in south-central and west-central Minnesota as well as across south-central to northeastern South Dakota.

Meteorologist Jim Taggart with the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota, said the state has seen about half its usual snowfall this season.

"If somebody likes winter weather and they want to go out, they'll be happy," Taggart said Monday of the approaching storm.

DANGEROUS DAKOTAS STORM

The weather service posted winter storm watches, warnings and advisories for much of North and South Dakota, with mid-central and northeastern South Dakota under a blizzard warning. Arctic air was forecast to drop temperatures below zero overnight, and some areas could see wind chills in the minus 30s.

Forecasters say 5 or more inches of snow should be expected in the hardest-hit areas with winds gusting to 50 mph and blowing snow reducing visibility. South Dakota's Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist warned it would be "a dangerous spring storm."

MESSY MIX IN MILWAUKEE

Salt trucks hit the roads in southeast Wisconsin early Tuesday as snow began to fall just in time for the ride to work or school.

About 2 inches of snow was expected during the morning hours across Wisconsin. Meteorologist Brian Gotter at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee says the snow will likely turn to sleet later Tuesday as temperatures warm. Freezing rain was expected later in the day.

It has been unusually dry in southern and eastern Wisconsin this winter. Although snowfall from December through February was below to slightly below average, the weather service said the liquid equivalent of melted snow was "way below average," with the snow that fell mainly dry, light and fluffy.

ST. PATRICK'S PLEA IN BOSTON

Organizers of Boston's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade say the event will go on as planned March 15, despite the 8½ feet of snow that has fallen on the city this winter, but they are asking for help in clearing the route.

Brian Mahoney, commander of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, is asking unions, businesses and residents to help shovel snow. He said it would be impossible to postpone the parade.

The city is just short of surpassing its 20-year-old snowfall record. Sunday's snowfall brought the city's total to 103.9 inches. It needs 3.7 inches more to break the 1995-1996 record of 107.6. Snow forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday could tip that total over the edge, according to Frank Nocera, a NWS me-

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eteorologist in Taunton, Massachusetts.

SNOWY NORTHERN ARIZONA

Out West, a winter storm brought snow and rain Monday to Arizona, forcing schools and government offices in the northern part of the state and the Grand Canyon's visitor centers to close.

Another 4 to 10 inches of snow were forecast for areas above 6,000 feet in elevation around Flagstaff and the Mogollon Rim before the winter storm moves out Tuesday. Travel on major interstates was slow.

'Dangerous' storm overtaking parts of the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Stormy weather is greeting commuters in much of South Dakota and southeastern North Dakota, and delaying the start of classes in some schools.

The National Weather Service has posted numerous watches, warnings and advisories for much of central and eastern South Dakota, and southeastern North Dakota. Mid-central and northeastern South Dakota is under a blizzard warning.

Forecasters say 5 or more inches of snow could fall in the hardest-hit areas. Winds gusting to 50 mph will blow snow around and reduce visibilities.

South Dakota's Transportation Department is advising motorists that travel likely will be difficult throughout much of the region. Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist calls it "a dangerous spring storm."

Arctic air will drop overnight lows below zero, and some areas could see wind chills in the minus 30s.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Region 1A

Groton Area 53, Milbank Area 44

Sisseton 63, Britton-Hecla 54

Tiospa Zina Tribal 74, Webster 47

Region 7A

St. Francis Indian 67, Bennett County 48

Todd County 68, Pine Ridge 53

Region 8A

Custer 60, Hill City 43

Hot Springs 72, Belle Fourche 46

District 1B

Wilmot 66, Great Plains Lutheran 54

District 2B

Aberdeen Christian 70, Waubay 47

Leola/Frederick 64, Northwestern 57

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Sunshine Bible Academy 76, Lower Brule 46

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Castlewood 71, Florence/Henry 39

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District 6B

Wessington Springs 72, Iroquois 40

District 7B

Colman-Egan 47, Dell Rapids St. Mary 39

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 70, Baltic 68

District 8B

Bridgewater-Emery 59, Mitchell Christian 44

Ethan 76, Howard 23

District 9B

Scotland 53, Freeman Academy 46

District 10B

Alcester-Hudson 63, Gayville-Volin 43

District 11B

Dakota Christian 58, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 42

District 12B

Colome 71, Andes Central 34

Marty Indian 65, Avon 59

District 13B

Jones County 65, Crazy Horse 51

Stanley County 48, Kadoka Area 46

District 14B

New Underwood 81, Edgemont 35

Wall 70, Oelrichs 65

District 15B

Timber Lake 73, Wakpala 28

Tiospaye Topa 59, Dupree 50

District 16B

Lemmon 70, Takini 34

Newell 63, Bison 56

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

District 4AA

Rapid City Stevens 66, Sturgis 27

Spearfish 66, Rapid City Central 53

District 3AA

Aberdeen Central 63, Mitchell 36

Pierre 74, Huron 43

District 2AA

Harrisburg 59, Sioux Falls Washington 56

Sioux Falls Lincoln 65, Yankton 51

District 1AA

Brookings 44, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 41, OT
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 78, Watertown 40

Rapid City agrees to Civic Center plan for disabled access

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

Rapid City and the federal government have reached agreement on a plan to make the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center accessible to people with disabilities.

The federal Justice Department on Monday made public the changes that the center must undergo within the next 30 months. The agreement comes more than two years after an anonymous complaint was filed against the center, whose Don Barnett Arena was built in 1977 and never adapted to the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Residents are to vote next week on a new \$180 million arena that would meet those standards. The project would replace the Civic Center's 9,400-seat arena with one that could seat up to 19,000 people. But if the project gets voted down, the city would still be on the hook for \$73 million, which is the estimated cost of fixing the hundreds of combined ADA and building code violations.

The accessibility issues with the civic center include inadequate parking, noncompliant bathroom facilities and drinking fountains and narrow entryways, among several others. Specific issues with the arena include ticket and concessions counters that are inaccessible for people with disabilities, as well as a lack of an automatic door.

"The problem with the arena is that it was very well built for its time, but it is very hard to remodel in an efficient way and that's what we've been struggling with," said Rapid City Mayor Sam Kooiker. He added that the settlement with the Department of Justice allows the city "to move forward" on the matter.

The agreement stipulates that in the event that Rapid City decides to build the proposed Civic Center expansion with the new arena, the city will provide construction plans to the department at least 60 days before work begins at the site.

The proposed expansion and arena would be the costliest in the city's history. Local sales tax money would be used to repay the bonds for the new arena. The project ultimately could cost \$420 million over 30 years with interest. The arena's construction is expected to last between two and three years.

South Dakota farm families to be honored at State Fair

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Families that have spent 100 or 125 years of life on farming or ranching have the opportunity to be recognized during the South Dakota State Fair.

A farm or ranch is eligible for the honors if at least 80 acres of original land have been continuously owned by the same family for 100 years or longer. The recognition will be awarded Sept. 3 at the fair in Huron.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the South Dakota Farm Bureau have been recognizing Century Farms for three decades. The quasicentennial event was recently added for families that have farmed for 125 years.

Application can be obtained online for both the Century Farm and the Quasiquicentennial Farm recognition. The deadline to apply is Aug. 13.

Man to plead guilty in abuse case that led to baby's death

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

A man accused of failing to seek medical attention for his 20-month-old Native American son who was repeatedly abused and died as a result of the physical mistreatment inflicted by his mother is scheduled to plead guilty Tuesday in federal court in Pierre.

Francis Swan is expected to change his plea to a felony child abuse charge stemming from the October death of his son near Eagle Butte in an area within the exterior boundaries of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Federal authorities argue that Swan exposed the baby to the abuse of Jordyn Blue Coat — Swan's wife and the baby's mother — and did not attempt to provide treatment for the boy's many injuries, including bone fractures.

Court records narrate the brutal abuse that the boy suffered during his short life.

The boy, who authorities have not publicly identified, spent the first 18 months of his life under the care of a couple in Mobridge. Swan and Blue Coat gave away their son because they "were reluctant to care for a third child given their limited economic situation."

Friends and relatives of Swan and Blue Coat pushed the couple to take back custody of the boy. They were told they were "bad parents" for not caring for their child.

"Additionally, the friends and relatives told them it did not appear proper for a non-Indian, non-family member to be raising or adopting (the boy)," records state.

So, two months before the boy died, the couple got their baby back. The transfer of the boy to the Mobridge couple "was a private arrangement" between the families and didn't involve the state's Department of Social Services, the attorney prosecuting this case, Mikal Hanson, said Monday.

The boy cried frequently and was difficult to console during his last two months. His fussy behavior was challenging for Blue Coat and to some degree Swan.

On the evening of Oct. 17, Swan went to visit friends although his son had a serious leg injury and numerous sores on his body. Blue Coat had finished changing the baby's diaper when she left the room to use the restroom. When she returned, she found the boy covered in feces. He had grabbed the dirty diaper.

Blue Coat "lost control of her emotions," according to court documents.

Blue Coat kicked the baby in the head, which pushed his head into the television stand. He became unconscious. Unable to get him to regain consciousness, Blue Coat took the baby to the emergency room of the Indian Health Services Hospital in Eagle Butte. She told hospital personnel that the baby had "fallen two days ago in the park" and hit his head.

Medical personnel found the baby's eyes were swollen shut and he had a large burn injury in one leg. He was transported to a Rapid City hospital where he died in the emergency room early on Oct. 18.

His autopsy also revealed old and recent bone fractures, multiple burns, and injuries to the head, face and feet, among a list of wounds.

Blue Coat has changed her plea to guilty to second-degree murder and is scheduled to be sentenced in April. She faces up to life in prison. Swan's felony child abuse charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

Hot Lotto ticket sold in Yankton worth \$9K in latest drawing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lottery officials say a ticket sold in Yankton is worth \$9,000 in the latest Hot Lotto drawing.

The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Hot Ball to win the game's \$3,000 third

prize in Saturday's drawing. The ticket holder also bought an option for an additional dollar that tripled the prize.

The odds of winning Hot Lotto's third prize are 1 in about 139,000.

The game is played in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The jackpot is at \$5.25 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

US Supreme Court rejects appeal by death row inmate Berget

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied an appeal by Rodney Berget, who is on death row for his role in killing a South Dakota Penitentiary guard during an escape attempt about four years ago.

Justices rejected Berget's request to overturn his conviction and death sentence, U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley announced Monday.

"I believe due process has been satisfied and that the interest of justice has been served," Jackley said.

An attorney for Berget, Jeff Larson, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Berget is to die by lethal injection the week of May 3, though Jackley said Berget could file more appeals. The specific time and date will be chosen by the warden of the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and announced at least 48 hours before the execution.

Berget was serving life sentences for attempted murder and kidnapping when he tried to escape in April 2011 with Eric Robert, who was serving 80 years in prison for a kidnapping conviction. They attacked and killed guard Ronald Johnson while he was alone in an inmate work area. Robert then donned Johnson's uniform and tried to move a large box with Berget inside toward the prison gate, but they were caught before getting outside.

Robert was executed in 2012. A third inmate, Michael Nordman, was sentenced to life in prison for providing plastic wrap and a pipe used in Johnson's slaying, which happened on his 63rd birthday.

Berget was sentenced to death in February 2012. The state Supreme Court overturned his sentence in January 2013, saying a circuit judge had improperly considered a statement Berget made to a psychiatrist. In May 2013, Berget was sentenced to death again. Larson appealed on his behalf, saying a lower court should have allowed additional evidence about Berget's newfound relationship with his son before he was resentenced. The state Supreme Court last August rejected that argument and upheld the sentence.

Rally held in downtown Rapid City to support racial unity

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — About 50 people turned out for a weekend rally in downtown Rapid City to support racial unity.

Racial tensions were exacerbated by reports of Native American children being subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer at a minor league hockey game in Rapid City in late January. Oglala Sioux tribal leaders are now pushing the board of the annual Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament in Rapid City to move it to a different city.

Rapid City salon owner Dennis Halterman organized the Sunday rally and billed it "All People's Gathering for the Children." Several speakers talked about mending racial relations and moving the community forward. Among the speakers were a lesbian couple who said discrimination isn't limited to race.

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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. NETANYAHU SET FOR CONGRESS SPEECH

The Israeli leader will deliver a stern message about any nuclear deal with Iran, straining relations with the White House even more as talks between Washington and Tehran's chief diplomats continue in Switzerland.

2. BODY-CAMERA MAKER HAS TIES TO POLICE CHIEFS

An AP investigation found that Taser International has hired recently retired police chiefs only months after their cities bought equipment from the stun-gun maker.

3. RUSSIANS MOURN SLAIN OPPOSITION FIGURE

Thousands file past Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov's coffin in Moscow hours before he was to be laid to rest.

4. WHY GEORGIA DELAYED THE FIRST EXECUTION OF A WOMAN IN SEVEN DECADES

Concerns over the potency of the lethal injection drug pushed officials to delay executing Kelly Renee Gissendaner for the 1997 murder of her husband.

5. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SEARCHERS LOCATED MH370

Bringing the Malaysian plane's wreckage from the seabed, which is an average 13,000 feet deep in the search area, would take at least a month.

6. RAPIST BLAMES INDIAN VICTIM FOR HER DEATH

One of the men convicted in the gang rape and killing of a 23-year-old woman in 2012 says she would have survived had she not resisted her assailants.

7. LONGEST-SERVING WOMAN IN CONGRESS WON'T SEEK SIXTH TERM

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, 78, a Maryland Democrat, has for years been a force to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill.

8. PRINCE WILLIAM FOCUSES ON SOCCER, FILM IN CHINA VISIT

The second-in-line to the British throne is launching a year of cultural exchange between London and Beijing.

9. WHO'S GOT NO PLANS TO QUIT

"Judge Judy" Sheindlin extends her contract three more years, keeping her TV court in session into 2020.

10. NFL STAR COULD BE LEAVING DETROIT

The Lions announce that they'll allow defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh to hit the open market later this month.

AP News in Brief

Netanyahu to use bully pulpit in Congress to issue stern warning about Iran nuclear talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is seizing the bully pulpit of the U.S. House to deliver his stern message about the danger Iran poses to his nation's survival and voice reservations about any nuclear deal President Barack Obama and international negotiators might sign with Israel's archenemy.

Netanyahu insists he is privy to emerging details of a deal and is expected to lay out specific concerns in Tuesday's speech to a joint meeting of Congress. It will be a last-ditch effort for Netanyahu to speak out against any agreement that would leave open a chance for Tehran to develop nuclear weapons.

The controversial speech comes just two weeks ahead of a tight national election in which Netanyahu is fighting to hold onto his job. It has already aggravated strained relations between Israel and the Obama administration and it comes as negotiators are rushing to reach a nuclear agreement by the end of the month.

"I plan to speak about an Iranian regime that is threatening to destroy Israel, that's devouring country after country in the Middle East, that's exporting terror throughout the world and that is developing, as we speak, the capacity to make nuclear weapons — lots of them," Netanyahu told America's leading pro-Israel lobby on Monday in what amounted to a warm-up to his speech to Congress.

The Israeli leader is deeply suspicious of international efforts to reach a nuclear deal. Netanyahu fears the U.S. and its negotiating partners will give Iran too many concessions, leaving it on the cusp of developing an atomic bomb.

Body-camera maker has financial ties to police chiefs; questions of influence are raised

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Taser International, the stun-gun maker emerging as a leading supplier of body cameras for police, has cultivated financial ties to police chiefs whose departments have bought the recording devices, raising a host of conflict-of-interest questions.

A review of records and interviews by The Associated Press show Taser is covering airfare and hotel stays for police chiefs who speak at promotional conferences. It is also hiring recently retired chiefs as consultants, sometimes just months after their cities signed contracts with Taser.

Over the past 18 months, Taser has reached consulting agreements with two such chiefs weeks after they retired, and it is in talks with a third who also backed the purchase of its products, the AP has learned. Taser is planning to send two of them to speak at luxury hotels in Australia and the United Arab Emirates in March at events where they will address other law enforcement officers considering body cameras.

The relationships raise questions of whether chiefs are acting in the best interests of the taxpayers in their dealings with Scottsdale, Arizona-based Taser, whose contracts for cameras and storage systems for the video can run into the millions of dollars.

As the police chief in Fort Worth, Texas, successfully pushed for the signing of a major contract with Taser before a company quarterly sales deadline, he wrote a Taser representative in an email, "Someone should give me a raise."

Mourners line up to view body of slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov

MOSCOW (AP) — One by one, thousands of mourners and dignitaries filed past the white-lined coffin of slain Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov on Tuesday, many offering flowers as they paid their last respects to one of the most prominent figures of Russia's beleaguered opposition.

Nemtsov was shot to death late Friday while walking on a bridge near the Kremlin with a companion. No suspects have been arrested.

The killing has deeply shaken Russia's small and marginalized opposition movement. Many opposition

supporters suspect the killing was ordered by the Kremlin in retaliation for Nemtsov's ardent criticism of President Vladimir Putin, while authorities have suggested several possible motives, including a provocation aimed at tarnishing Putin's image.

With an hour to go until the scheduled end of the viewing, the line of mourners stretched for hundreds of meters (yards) and included mourners both young and old.

"He was our ray of light. With his help, I think Russia would have risen up and become a strong country. It is the dream of all progressive people in Russia," said 80-year-old Valentina Gorbatova.

Airlines slowly move to better track planes a year after Malaysia Airlines disappearance

NEW YORK (AP) — At 656,000 pounds fully loaded and the length of six school buses, the Boeing 777-200ER is hard to miss.

Yet nearly one year ago, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 vanished, taking the lives of 239 passengers and crew in one of aviation's greatest mysteries.

Live satellite tracking might have led searchers to the plane but it wasn't turned on for that trip. The flight was supposed to remain mostly over land, well within the coverage area of ground-based radar stations.

Airlines and regulators spent the past year debating how much flight tracking is necessary, balancing the economic costs against reassuring travelers another plane won't disappear. Now a plan is moving forward that would require airlines, by the end of 2016, to know their jets' positions every 15 minutes.

It's not the constant measures first proposed by safety advocates after Flight 370 disappeared and it's questionable if they would prevent another such loss. But it could make for quicker recovery of a missing aircraft and comfort the public. In an age when a missing iPhone or a FedEx package can be tracked, it's unfathomable that something the size of a Boeing 777 could never be found.

Georgia postpones its 1st execution of a woman in 70 years after concerns about injection drug

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — Citing concerns about the drug to be used in a lethal injection, corrections officials in Georgia postponed the execution of the state's only female death row inmate for the second time in a week.

The execution drug was sent to an independent lab to check its potency and the test came back at an acceptable level, but during subsequent checks it appeared cloudy, Georgia Department of Corrections spokeswoman Gwendolyn Hogan said. Corrections officials called the pharmacist and decided to postpone Kelly Renee Gissendaner's Monday night execution "out of an abundance of caution," she said. No new date was given.

Gissendaner, 46, was scheduled to be executed at 7 p.m. at the prison in Jackson for the February 1997 slaying of her husband, Douglas Gissendaner.

Pentobarbital is the only drug used in Georgia executions. For other recent executions, the state has gotten the drug from a compounding pharmacy, but officials did not immediately respond to an email late Monday asking if that was the source in this case. Georgia law prohibits the release of any identifying information about the source of execution drugs or any entity involved in an execution.

A request for a stay by Gissendaner's lawyers was pending when corrections officials decided to postpone the execution. Her lawyers sought a delay until the U.S. Supreme Court rules in a case out

of Oklahoma. Late Monday, her lawyers added additional arguments for the high court: that it should consider a stay because Gissendaner didn't kill her husband herself. They also argued she had been thoroughly rehabilitated.

Runners training for the Boston Marathon face new endurance test: relentless snow and ice

BOSTON (AP) — "Bam! Bam! Bam!" That's the sickening thud Becca Pizzi says runners make when they're out training for the Boston Marathon and bite the dust.

Or, more specifically, the snow.

"I was running on Heartbreak Hill and people were hitting the ground so hard they couldn't get up. You hear those 'bams!' and you're afraid they've broken something," said Pizzi, 34, a day care center owner who's struggling to get in proper shape for her 15th Boston.

Running 26.2 miles requires endurance, but 8½ feet of snow and lots of treacherous black ice are testing this year's participants in frustrating new ways. With race day less than two months away, the relentless winter is sending some runners indoors to basement treadmills and health clubs — and driving others just plain nuts.

One of the blizzards that hit the city in rapid succession forced the Boston Athletic Association, which administers America's premier marathon, to cancel a training clinic. Though the worst of the winter now seems past, there are only 48 days left until April 20, the 119th running of the venerable race.

Official: Fierce clashes, no major progress in operation to retake Iraq's Tikrit from IS group

BAGHDAD (AP) — Officials in northern Iraq say troops are clashing with Islamic State militants south of the militant-held city of Tikrit, as roadside bombs have slowed an offensive launched to retake Saddam Hussein's hometown.

The two local officials say fierce clashes were underway Tuesday outside the town of al-Dour, south of Tikrit.

They say government forces backed by Shiite militias and Sunni tribal fighters have made little progress on the second day of a large-scale military operation to recapture Tikrit, which fell to the Islamic State group last summer. They say troops are shelling militant bases inside the city but their advance has been slowed by roadside bombs.

The officials spoke anonymously as they are not authorized to brief media.

In shifting North Korean economy, state-run chain stores try giving customers what they want

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Workers in sharp new uniforms open the doors and turn on the lights about an hour before sunrise at their chain store on the corner of one of Pyongyang's main streets, right smack in the middle of a showpiece area of the capital.

But unlike much of the neighborhood around it, this shop isn't a showpiece. It hasn't been profiled by the state media or been paid any visits by the leader. It's a real business — and a quiet but telling example of an ongoing shift in the North Korean economy as officials play catch-up with grassroots entrepreneurship that has been building for nearly two decades.

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Business with a hint of capitalism isn't new in North Korea — it's how the common people have survived amid the breakdown in the government's ability to provide for them following the devastating famine and economic collapse of the 1990s. What's new is that, in a very real nod to the marketplace, this chain of state-owned stores is now fine-tuning their business strategy to actually give consumers what they need.

And their managers have no qualms about saying so.

The new chain stores — called Hwanggumbol, or "golden fields" — are open from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, unusually long hours in North Korea. They aim to provide a wide range of goods, with a stable supply, reasonable prices and reliable quality — none of which is taken for granted, even in the relative prosperity of Pyongyang.

Mikulski retirement gives O'Malley 2016 options: Make White House bid, or run for Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Martin O'Malley harbors any doubts about running for president against Hillary Rodham Clinton, he now has a viable alternative.

For more than a year, the former Maryland governor has explored what looks today to be a longshot bid for the Democratic Party's nomination in 2016. A second option arrived Monday when Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski announced plans to retire.

If O'Malley is intent on returning to elected office, he now faces a choice between a Senate campaign in which he'd be an early favorite, and a presidential bid he would begin as a significant underdog, should Clinton enter the race as is widely expected.

The ex-governor's team declined to engage in such talk Monday. His spokeswoman, Lis Smith, said it was "a day to reflect on Senator Mikulski's service to the people of Maryland, not engage in political speculation."

But the prospect of running for an open Senate seat in a state where Democrats have a 2-to-1 edge among registered voters is sure to be tempting for O'Malley, who completed his final term as governor in January.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2015. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

On this date:

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1913, more than 5,000 suffragists marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C., a day before the presidential inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana, along

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with another prisoner, Herbert Youngblood.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon. Comedian Lou Costello died in East Los Angeles three days before his 53rd birthday.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1985, coal miners in Britain voted to end a year-long strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history. The comedy-drama series "Moonlighting," starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis, premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush visited CIA headquarters, where he promised agency employees they would retain an "incredibly vital" role in safeguarding the nation's security despite the creation of a new post of national director of intelligence. Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly an airplane, the GlobalFlyer, around the world alone without stopping or refueling, touching down in central Kansas after a 67-hour, 23,000-mile journey.

Five years ago: Appearing before a White House audience of invited guests, many wearing white medical coats, President Barack Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new health care legislation from scratch. Greece announced painful new austerity measures, cutting salaries for government workers and raising sales taxes as it tried to snuff out a financial crisis threatening Europe's economy. British politician Michael Foot died in north London at age 96.

One year ago: President Barack Obama pressed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a White House meeting to make the "tough decisions" needed to move forward on talks with the Palestinians. Oscar Pistorius pleaded not guilty to murdering his girlfriend on Valentine's Day 2013, marking the start of the Olympian's murder trial in South Africa. (Pistorius was later found guilty of culpable homicide in the death of Reeva Steenkamp; prosecutors are appealing the decision in favor of a murder conviction.) Three-time Grand Slam champion Lindsay Davenport was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame; she was joined by five-time Paralympic medalist Chantal Vandierendonck, coach Nick Bollettieri, executive Jane Brown Grimes and broadcaster John Barrett.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 82. Movie producer-director George Miller is 70. Actress Hattie Winston is 70. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 68. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 65. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 62. Actor Robert Gossett is 61. Rock musician John Lilley is 61. Actress Miranda Richardson is 57. Rock musician John Bigham is 56. Radio personality Ira Glass is 56. Actress Mary Page Keller is 54. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 53. Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 53. Contemporary Christian musician Duncan Phillips (Newsboys) is 51. Rapper-actor Tone Loc (lohk) is 49. Actress Julie Bowen is 45. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 44. Actor David Faustino is 41. Gospel singer Jason Crabb is 38. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 38. Rapper Lil' Flip is 34. Actress Jessica Biel is 33. Rock musician Blower (AKA Joe Garvey) (Hinder) is 31. Pop singer Camila Cabello (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 18.

Thought for Today: "America is a tune. It must be sung together." - Gerald Stanley Lee, American clergyman and author (1862-1944).

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 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:

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◆ 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
- ◆ 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

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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.