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Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time - Turn Clocks ahead 1 Hour

Birthday: Jonathan Doeden

Monday, March 9

Birthdays: Betty Strom, Collette Van Cleave, Jamie Jorgensen, Jessica Grenz, Megan Flihs, Samuel Schlosser

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, turkey sandwich, veggie cups, fruit.

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5 p.m.: Family Night at GHS

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

Birthdays: Jennifer Little, Kerry Tullis. Malorie Harder, Todd Lerew, Alyssa Taylor, Kyleigh Englund

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, refried beans, fruit, garlic toast.

7:00 p.m.: Region Boys Championship at Sis-seton

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118



OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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The Disfunctional Broad Squad placed third and also earned the Renaissance Award at the Regional DI Tournament held Saturday at GHS. Pictured in back, left to right, are Coach Tina Kosel, Samantha Pappas, Sage Mortenson, Hailey Monson and Coach Yvonne Lorenz; in front are Julianna Kosel, Alyssa Fordham and Tiara DeHoet.

Five Groton Area DI Teams advance to state

Five Groton Area Destination Imagination Teams will advance to the State DI Tournament to be held March 28 in Huron. Four teams took first place, one took second place and two took third place at the Northeast Regional Tournament held Saturday in Groton. The first and second place teams in the regions qualify for state.

Those taking first were Five Confused People in the senior level of Improvisational Challenge (Katie Groeblichhoff, Luke Smith and Breanna Marzahn); 5 Feary-ly Odd People in the middle level of the Fine Arts Challenge: Feary Tales (Katlyn Kyar, Kayla Jensen, KaSandra Pappas, Rylee Rosenau and Madeline Schuelke); the Eye of the Monkey Team in the senior division of Fine Arts Challenge: Feary Tales (AnneMarie Smith, Emma Donley, Erika Herr and Hattie Weismantel); and the Out of the Boxers team in the senior level of Scientific: Making Waves (Jenifer Fjelstad, Nathan Fjelstad, Trey Wright, Erin Smith, Keri Pappas and Lily Cutler). The Benhenyolo team of Jace Gleason, Hannah Monson, Abby Jensen and Jillian Hugles placed second in the elementary level of Scientific: Making Waves.

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Placing third were two teams in the Fine Arts Challenge: Feary Tales. The middle school group, Disfunctional Broad Squad, consisted of Julianna Kosel, Sage Mortenson, Alyssa Fordham, Samantha Pappas, Hailey Monson and Tiara DeHoet. The elementary team, Guys and Dolls, consisted of Jeslyn Kosel, Karsyn Jangula, Layne Hanson, Bryson Wambach and Ryan Groeblichhoff.

Groton also received three special awards. Earning the Davinci Award was the Rising Stars Team, Ocean Explorers. Earning Renaissance Awards were the Disfunctional Broad Squad and Out of the Boxers.



Groton Area's Five Confused People took first place in Improvisational. Pictured are Coach Julie Milbrandt, Breanna Marzahn, Katie Groeblichhoff, Luke Smith and Coach Joni Groeblichhoff. They will participate at the state tournament March 28 in Huron.

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The Guys vs. Dolls team placed third in the elementary level of Feary Tales. Pictured are Bryson Wambach, Jeslyn Kosel, Karsyn Jangula, Layne Hanson and Ryan Groeblichhoff. Their coach, Joni Groeblichhoff, is pictured in back.



The Eye of the Monkey team placed first in the senior division of Feary Tales. Pictured are Coach Joann Donley, Hattie Weismantel, Erika Herr, AnneMarie Smith and Emma Donley. They will represent Groton Area at the State DI Tournament March 28 in Huron.

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The 5 Feary-ly Odd People took first place in the Middle School Feary Tales division. Pictured are Coach Robin Jensen, Kayla Jensen, KaSandra Pappas, Katlyn Kyar and Coach Bill Rosenau; in front are Rylee Rosenau and Madeline Schuelke. They will participate in the State DI Tournament March 28 in Huron.

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The Out of the Boxers team took first place and also earned a Renaissance Award at the Regional DI Tournament held Saturday in Groton. In back are Trey Wright, Erin Smith and Nathan Fjelstad; in front are Jenifer Fjelstad, Keri Pappas and Lily Cutler. They are coached by Clint and Tara Fjelstad. They will participate in the State DI Tournament March 28 in Huron.

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The Benhenyolo team took second place in the elementary division of Scientific: Making Waves category. In back are Coach Angela Gleason, Jillian Hughes, Hannah Monson and Coach Julie Milbrandt; in front, left to right are Jace Gleason and Abby Jensen. They will participate in the State DI Tournament March 28 in Huron.

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The Rising Stars Team, Ocean Explorers, earned a DaVinci Award at the Regional DI Tournament held Saturday at GHS. Pictured left to right are Nicholas Grobelinghoff, Corbin Weismantel, Axel Warrington and Coach Joni Groeblichhoff. Not pictured is Winston Clark.

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There were lots of T-shirts and other novelty items that were sold at the Regional DI Tournament held Saturday in Groton.



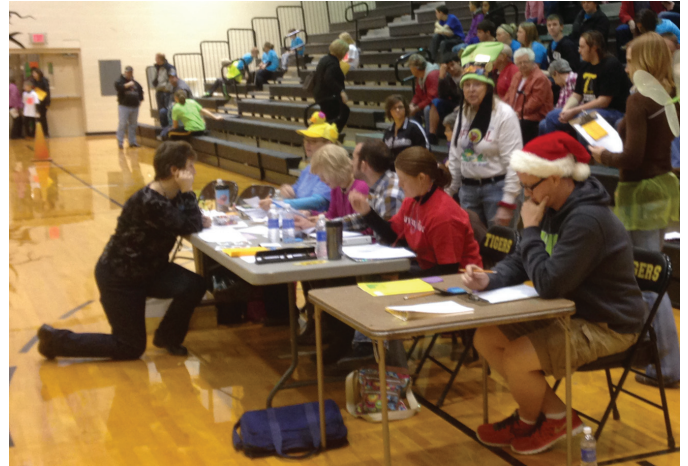
The appraisers gather around the members of the Eye of the Monkey team to ask questions about their challenge.

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Joann Donley is pictured with her team, Eye of the Monkey. In front of Joann is her daughter, Emma, and beside her are Hattie Weismantel, AnneMarie Smith and Erika Herr.



Deb Winburn, who started the Odyssey of the Mind program in Groton many years ago, helped out at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held Saturday in Groton. She is seen talking with the appraisers in the Feary Tales Challenge.

There was a lot of activity in the GHS Gym complex. In the background are people standing in line at the concession stand. A concession stand was never made available at the regional tournament that used to be held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen. It proved to be a good fundraiser for the Groton DI program.



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There were lots of novelty items available for sale at the DI Shop.



There was plenty of seating for people to visit. In the back left is where the Jar Raffles were held and in the back right is the quilt raffle. The quilt was coordinated by Janet Wright.

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There were plenty of Jar Prizes in the left photo. The raffle for the quilt, pictured on the right, will continue at the state DI Tournament. Lee Schinkel took tickets all day for the quilt at the Northeast Regional DI Tournament held in Groton.



One thing that drew rave reviews with the Regional DI Tournament being held in Groton was the prop storage areas. They were spacious and the teams did not have to try and move their props through small doors.

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Team members explain their concept to the appraisers in the scientific challenges. The appraisers in the picture include Marie Miller and Nancy Schuring (wearing her crown), Nancy Schuring in the back right and Teri Traxinger on the far left.

Joann Donley announced the winners of the jar prizes as Janae Hughes drew the names and Dean Fenenga from Watertown handed them out.



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A nice crowd was on hand for the awards ceremony held in the Groton Arena.



Cozy Dorton, South Dakota's Affiliate Director, was on hand to talk about the DI program and to thank Groton for hosting the event this year. She will be retiring this year after serving the program for 35 years.



South Dakota Affiliate Director, Cozy Dorton, was recognized for her years of service to the program. She received a standing ovation from the crowd as the Northeast Region Chairman Kristi Anderson recognized Dorton and how she will be missed.

Joni Groeblichhoff and Julie Milbrandt presented Cozy Dorton with a Groton DI T-Shirt.



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The Groton Area School District should be proud of the DI Coordinators, DI Parents and all of the DI helpers at the Northeast Regional DI Tournament held Saturday in Groton. It took a lot of effort by a lot of people to pull off one of the best run regional tournaments. There was no comparison to what Groton did compared to the Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen. We heard a lot of positive comments about the tournament. Several members from the State DI Board of Directors were also on hand and they were also impressed.

In all of the games that I attended in the Arena, there was something I had never noticed before. I asked why they had North Gym and South Gym on the schedule instead of Gym and Arena. Joann Donley pointed to

the top the door to the Arena entrance. It says "Gym." I had to take a double look. "That was put there when it was built," she said. So they used north and south so it wouldn't be confusing.

Another plus is that it was 20 miles closer for most teams. The only exception was three Pierre teams and one Aberdeen team. The lay-out was also great for the props. Team members had commented that there was room to store the props and the doors were big to get them through. Some of the teams had spacious props that they used for their challenges.

Unlike Aberdeen, everything at the Groton site was under one roof. You did not have to go to another building for the Instant Challenge. And a biggie was the concession stand. There was a constant line at the concession stand. Julie Milbrandt said if that took in what she was expecting, some of the smaller fundraisers would go bye-bye.

Kristi Anderson, who is the chairman of the regional tournament, said she was happy with the way things turned out. "I hope the administration is equally pleased," she told the crowd at the awards ceremony. Kristi takes the DI reputation very seriously. Destination Imagination does have a Code of Conduct.

Part of that Code of Conduct is: "Our primary participants are teams that consist of young people, and we want to ensure they have the most positive experience while involved in the Destination Imagination programs and while showcasing their solutions. As such, we expect our volunteers to conduct themselves in a manner that positively represents our organization. Integrity must underlie all company relationships, including those with teams, customers, suppliers, communities, and among employees or volunteers.

"I will conduct myself in a professional and sportsmanlike manner during all DII events, refraining from the use of obscene or vulgar language, and will speak to all participants in a respectful manner.

"I know the core principles on which DII does business are mutual respect, fair dealing and open communication. This is the foundation for all of our transactions and interactions.

"I will uphold the honesty, impartiality, and reputation of DII to prevent any disparagement or defamation to the organization or individuals."

And there is more, but you get the point.

As a member of the South Dakota DI Board of Directors, I would like to say thank you to everyone who made the regional tournament in Groton a success. It took a team effort - you are the best!

Today in Weather History

March 8, 2000: High winds of 30 to 50 mph, combined with 3 to 7 inches of snow, caused widespread blizzard conditions across north central South Dakota. Many schools were closed early in the day. Travel was also significantly disrupted. Telephone service went down for several hours between Mobridge and Selby. Some heavy snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Eagle Butte, Selby, and Hoven, and 7 inches southwest of Keldron.

March 8, 2013: A surface low pressure area moving across the region brought warm moist air overtop low level cold air which resulted in widespread freezing rain across much of northeast South Dakota during the evening and into the early morning hours of the 8th and 9th. For much of the area, the precipitation changed over to all rain before ending as temperatures rose to above freezing. Ice accumulations ranged from a tenth of an inch to a half of an inch. Some ice accumulation reports include; 0.25 inches at Garden City, Hayti, Waubay, Clear Lake, Sisseton, and Summit; and 0.50 inches near Florence and Clark. Travel became hazardous with no significant accidents reported. Also, no problems with power outages or tree damage were reported.

1717 - On Fishers Island in Long Island Sound, 1200 sheep were discovered to have been buried under a snow drift for four weeks. When finally uncovered, one hundred sheep were still alive. (The Weather Channel)

1909 - The town of Brinkley AR was struck by a tornado which killed 49 persons and caused 600,000 dollars damage. The tornado, which was two-thirds of a mile in width, destroyed 860 buildings. Entire families were killed as houses were completely swept away by the tornado. Tornadoes killed 64 persons and injured 671 others in Dallas and Monroe counties during the Arkansas tornado outbreak. (David Ludlum)

1972 - A wind gust of 207 mph was recorded at the Thule Air Force Base in Greenland. Winds were sustained at over 146 mph for three hours during the storm.

1984 - A freak thunder snowstorm produced high winds, vivid lightning, and up to seven inches of snow in the northern suburbs of Washington D.C. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Thirty-two cities in the eastern U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date, including Madison WI with a reading of 71 degrees. Afternoon highs of 68 degrees at Houghton Lake MI and 72 degrees at Flint MI smashed their previous records for the date by fourteen degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A cold front brought wintry weather to the north central U.S. Snowfall totals in northwestern Minnesota ranged up to eight inches at Roseau and Hallock. Winds in South Dakota gusted to 61 mph at Brookings. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - While arctic cold gripped the northeastern U.S., unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the southwestern states. Albany NY reported a record low of 2 degrees below zero. Tucson AZ reported a record high of 90 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)






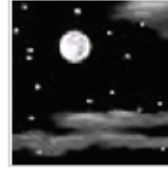

1990 - Late afternoon thunderstorms produced severe weather in east central Iowa and west central Illinois. Thunderstorms spawned a tornado south of Augusta IL which traveled 42 miles to Marbleton. Golf ball size hail was reported at Peoria IL and near Vermont IL. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004 - The California coast warms up. San Francisco broke a 112-year record by reaching 82 degrees. Los Angeles soared to 93 degrees.

2005 - A line of strong to severe thunderstorms affected the eastern portions of North and South Carolina, with wind damage and a few tornadoes reported. Winds gusted over 70 MPH with some of the stronger storms.

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THIS AFTERNOON	TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 51 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 56 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 59 °F



A Very Mild Week Ahead!

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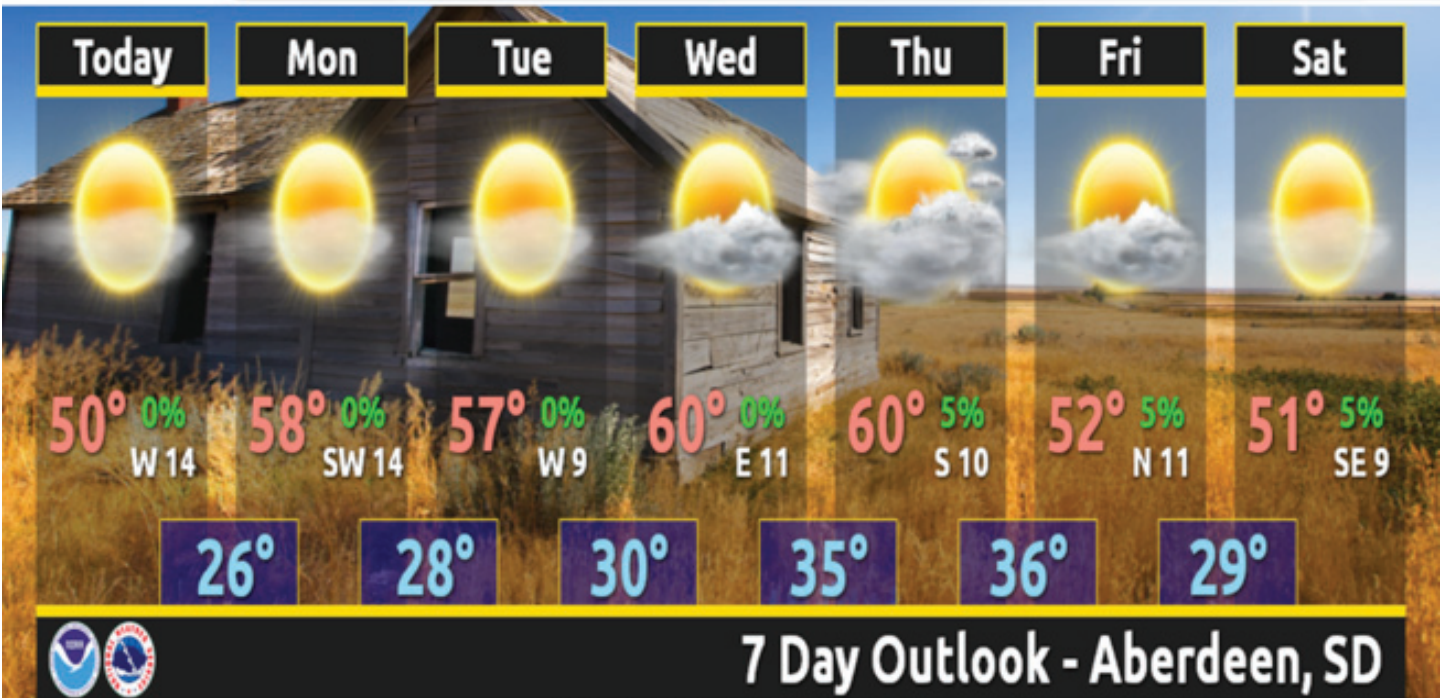
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Published on: 03/08/2015 at 5:40AM

A dry and mild pattern has developed over the region and looks to stay for at least a week. High temperatures throughout the week will be in the 40s, 50s, and 60s across the forecast area. A few locations across southwest and south central South Dakota could easily see 70 degrees later in the week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 45.5 at 4:01 PM

Low: 25.1 at 6:48 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 15 at 2:57 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 62° in 1911, 1905

Record Low: -32° in 1995

Average High: 36°F

Average Low: 17°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.20

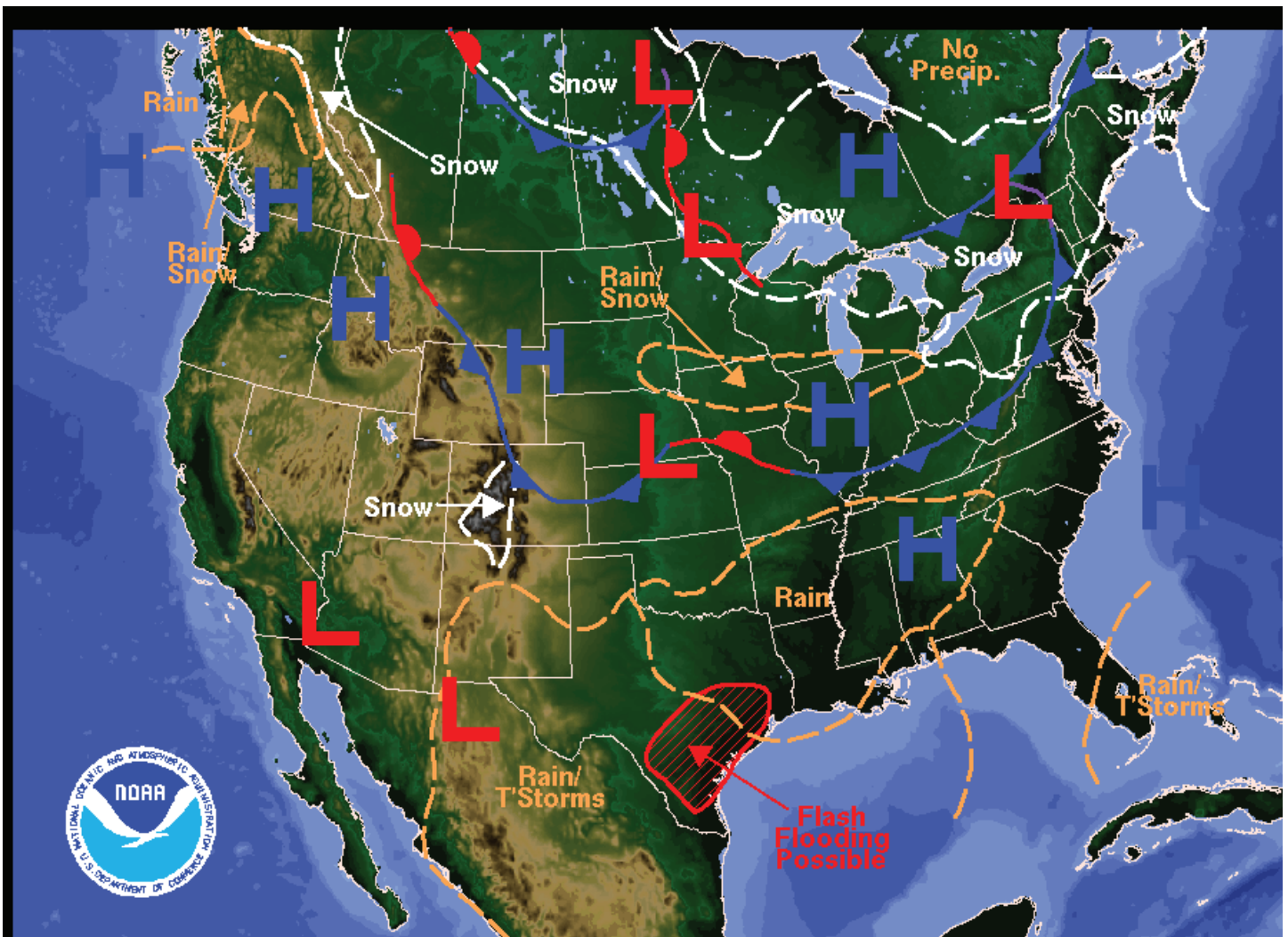
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.22

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Mar 08, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GOD'S LOAN MANAGERS

It's not something we normally think about. But, perhaps it needs to be. Whatever God has entrusted me with must be used to His benefit - not mine. If whatever I have increases in value or worth, it is because He has granted me the increase. If there is any doubt in my mind about this fact, all I have to do is realize how quickly the profits of property or investments can be "wiped out." Stock markets crash and property can be devalued and there is nothing I can do. They are beyond me - but not God.

Where can we invest our God given "gifts" and be assured of the best returns? Loan them to the poor. No, I have not become an investment counselor. I am simply recommending that we follow the advice of Solomon: "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He (not the poor) will reward him for what he has done." The "wisdom" of Solomon encourages generosity toward those who are "poor" or seemingly lack in God's blessings. Further, if we care for the poor we are being obedient to the teachings of God.

What we do to the poor we are doing to the Lord. Jesus said that "what you do to the poor you do to me." Could it be that God is testing our trust in Him by giving to the poor? When we see or hear about the "least of these" and do nothing, is God giving us a "head, heart and hand" test? We have God's teachings in our heads but they do not honor Him unless we let them flow through our hearts and hands to those who lack in His blessings.

"Kind to the poor" as used here implies that the poor will never be able to repay us for what we do for them on behalf of God. However, it does, without a doubt, imply that we are "lending to the Lord" and it is God - not the poor - who becomes obligated to us for the "return on our investment." We are in fact lending "it" to Him. And when He makes a promise, we can take it to the bank!

Prayer: Lord, we "guard" our possessions as though they belong to us. Help us to understand that what we have is actually Yours! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota offers flower mix to boost pheasant habitats

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is giving away a new seed mix that provides a habitat for insects eaten by upland game birds.

Brian Pauly, a private lands habitat biologist with the state agency, told The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1CJ4r7U>) that the mix is a blend of nine species of flowering cover crops. He said birds like pheasants eat the insects, and planting the mix can help boost their habitat.

South Dakota pays landowners \$20 for each acre planted with the mix, and lets them enroll a maximum of 30 acres.

The flowering mix is the third being offered as part of the state program to increase food plots for wildlife. The others are corn and sorghum.

Biologists from Pheasants Forever and the Department of Game, Fish and Parks came up with the new mix, Pauly said, as they found a need to boost insect numbers.

There about 800 landowners who participate in the program, and they plant about 9,500 acres. That's down from a decade ago when there were 1,100 landowners taking part, Pauly said. The decline happened in the mid- to late-2000s due to high commodity crop prices, he said.

"We're trying to promote flowering mix this year, and we have had more interest in the program this year than we've had in the past couple years," Pauly said.

Landowners had committed to planting 1,200 acres of the new mix this year as of Wednesday, according to Pauly.

Rapid City Civic Center proponents far out-raise opponents

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Proponents of a \$180 million arena in Rapid City have raised a lot more campaign money than opponents.

KOTA-AM reports that pre-election financial statements from organizations for and against the Civic Center expansion project were released this week.

The group supporting the project, called Civic Center Expansion, raised just over \$75,000. Most of that came from corporate donors representing hotels, restaurants, beer distributors and Coca-Cola, which has an exclusive contract for the key players in the effort. A handful of individuals donated just over \$3,500.

Expansion opponents, called Vote No-Fix The Plan, collected \$7,000. That group consists of five former mayors and a former city finance officer.

Rapid City residents vote Tuesday on the project that would replace the 9,400-seat Civic Center with a 19,000 building.

Some South Dakota producers raising pricey Japanese cattle

HARROLD, S.D. (AP) — A few South Dakota producers are giving expensive Japanese cattle a try.

The Tri-State Neighbor (<http://bit.ly/1wHjgpO>) reports that some producers in the state are raising specialty Wagyu (wa-goo) cattle.

Farmer Reid Jensen first got his hand on Wagyu cattle in 2010. He now has 70 cows and a couple of breeding bulls in his pastures in Burbank. Jensen says he started his herd for a pricey \$5,000 a head. Most of his beef goes to high-end hotels and restaurants.

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The best-known breed is the black breed that comes from a region near Kobe, Japan. Kobe beef is a type of Wagyu.

A Wagyu steak can go for more than \$100. The meet is lower in cholesterol. Most of the Wagyu cattle in the U.S. are in Texas and New Mexico.

South Dakota 33rd in emissions from wood-burning stoves

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state of South Dakota does not plan to push back against federal rules requiring new wood-burning stoves to produce fewer emissions.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently updated its clean air standards for residential wood heaters. It also added air standards for outdoor and indoor wood-fired boilers, indoor wood-fired forced air furnaces and single burn-rate woodstoves.

Several states are refusing to go along because lawmakers say the rules could leave lower-income residents unable to afford the new stoves.

South Dakota ranked 33rd in a list produced by The Associated Press ranking states that produce the most fine particle emissions per person from residential wood burning.

The state Department of Environment and Natural Resources says no place in the state has any real pollution problems from wood stoves.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Region 2A Regional Semifinal

Clark/Willow Lake 80, Deubrook 43

Sioux Valley 61, Hamlin 40

Region 4A Regional Semifinal

Canton 59, Tea Area 53

Region 6A Regional Semifinal

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 66, Chamberlain 56

Winner 61, Miller 39

District 1B

Summit 49, Waverly-South Shore 42

District 5B Championship: Arlington 52, Castlewood 50

District 6B Championship: Wolsey-Wessington 68, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 50

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Region 1AA Semifinal

Sioux Falls Lincoln 55, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 35

Sioux Falls Washington 47, Brookings 43

Region 2AA Semifinal

Aberdeen Central 52, Rapid City Central 37

Huron 66, Spearfish 60, OT

Region 6B Regional Final: Kimball/White Lake 45, Avon 34

N. Dakota St. tops Denver, advances in Summit tourney, 61-50

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A.J. Jacobson played all 40 minutes and scored a career-high 23 to help

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second-seeded North Dakota State beat No. 7 seed Denver 61-50 in the quarterfinals of the Summit League tournament Saturday night.

Lawrence Alexander added 12 points and seven rebounds for North Dakota State (21-9), which will play in the semifinals on Monday against the winner of Sunday's quarterfinal game between No. 3 seed Oral Roberts and sixth-seeded IUPUI.

Denver (12-18) took a 27-23 advantage into halftime and Brett Olson's free throws less than a minute into the second half made it a six-point game.

Jacobson scored 14 from there, including eight during a 17-3 run which gave the Bison a 40-32 lead with 11:50 left.

The Pioneers, who missed their first nine field goals and shot just 24 percent (6 of 24) in the second, trailed the rest of the way.

Brett Olson led Denver with 24 points.

South Dakota State jackrabbits past Western Illinois, 87-50

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Top-seeded South Dakota State used a fast start and a deep bench to open the Summit League tournament with an 87-50 rout of No. 8 seed Western Illinois Saturday.

The Jackrabbits subbed deeply in the first half, using 14 players before halftime with 12 of them scoring by game's end. George Marshall scored 13 points to lead the charge, with Deondre Parks adding 12 and Keaton Moffitt scoring 11 points off the bench. Marshall and Parks scored 21 points combined in the first half to kick-start the romp.

South Dakota State (22-9) opened a 29-point advantage in the first half, 50-21, and cruised to the finish to advance to the semifinals, where they will meet the winner of the game between No. 4 seed Fort Wayne and No. 5 seed South Dakota.

J.C. Fuller scored 19 points to lead the Leathernecks (8-20).

Man in Sioux Falls hospitalized after early morning stabbing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 34-year-old man is hospitalized with potentially life-threatening injuries following an early morning stabbing in Sioux Falls.

Local police say they were called to Kings Casino shortly after 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. There they found the victim who had fled on foot to the casino after he was stabbed in an altercation with another man on South Prairie Avenue.

Police say the investigation is still ongoing and no arrests have been made.

Drug, DUI arrests continue to rise in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — For the fifth straight year, impaired driving and drug arrests increased in South Dakota's second largest city.

The Rapid City Police Department released its crime analysis for 2014 on Friday. It showed there were more than 1,300 drug arrests in 2014, a nearly 75 percent increase over the five-year average and a 19 percent increase over 2013. The city also saw 965 DUI arrests last year, a roughly 16 percent increase over the five-year average and about an 8 percent increase over 2013.

Both categories have increased every year since 2010.

"It clearly shows we're a very busy department," Police Chief Karl Jegeris told KEVN-TV

Most of the drug arrests are marijuana, but they're closely followed by methamphetamine, Jegeris said. Law enforcement officials have said they've seen an increase in the amount of marijuana in the

region since Colorado legalized the drug for recreational use.

Ten sheriffs from three different states sued Colorado recently for decriminalizing marijuana, saying weed is spilling across state lines. Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom, of Rapid City, told KOTA-TV he initially declined to join the lawsuit but said he's leaving the door open because he has since seen a "significant impact" of the drug in his county.

The city also saw significant increase in the number of sexual assault cases and auto theft cases, although officials said the 37 percent increase in sexual assaults is partially due to the inclusion of three additional sexual assault definitions in reporting. Auto thefts increased more than 42 percent, jumping to 219 from 154.

Burglaries, arson and aggravated assaults all decreased in 2014.

Legislators to finish budget, mull transportation and autism

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers will pass a state budget this week to wrap up their work for the main part of the 2015 legislative session. They also plan to consider a proposal to hike funding for roads and bridges and a plan to overhaul the state's juvenile justice system.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up in Pierre:

BUDGET

The big issue on the agenda is the proposed state budget, with \$1.44 billion in general fund spending in Gov. Dennis Daugaard's proposal. The Joint Appropriations Committee will hear updated state revenue estimates Monday, which will shape the discussion. Daugaard said Friday that revenue for the current fiscal year is down, but lower spending than anticipated will balance that out. For the next budget cycle that starts July 1, some proposed spending increases might have to be curtailed, he said.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave agreed the state's surplus revenue appears smaller than anticipated.

Daugaard proposed about \$50 million in new general fund spending in his budget for fiscal year 2016. Lawmakers have estimated they will have between \$10 million and \$16 million less to work with for new spending, but those numbers are uncertain.

TRANSPORTATION

A proposal to hike funding for roads and bridges is one of the proposals Daugaard is watching closely. The House State Affairs Committee is expected to take up the Senate version of the highway funding bill, which is a more limited version of the plan Daugaard initially proposed.

The House has already dispatched a separate version of the plan to focus on the Senate proposal. House Majority Leader Brian Gosch has said he expects amendments to restrict the revenue raised in the measure, which will set up negotiations on one of the biggest issues of the session. Daugaard said he hopes the House and Senate can agree on a plan that can secure the two-thirds vote required to raise revenue.

"Time will tell whether that will happen," Daugaard said. "It's not something I can make the odds on very well, but I'm hopeful."

AUTISM

The House is expected to vote on a proposal to help ensure insurance coverage for a key type of behavioral health therapy that's effective at treating autism spectrum disorder. Parents of children with autism successfully pushed in committee an expansion in the scope of a bill that would mandate coverage for intensive behavioral treatments for autism in certain insurance plans. The measure would apply to about 30 percent of health plans in the state, Republican Rep. Scott Munsterman, its House sponsor, has said.

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A change to the proposal increases the payments available for children through age of 6 by thousands of dollars and expands coverage to hands-on providers, which significantly increases the number of providers included.

Representatives from insurance companies supported the original bill but pushed back against the expanded version. Gosch anticipates efforts on the House floor to restrict the bill.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

The other proposal Daugaard has his eye on is a measure to overhaul the juvenile justice system. The measure, which is also expected to be heard on the House floor, aims to shift juvenile offenders toward community-based treatments and significantly decrease the number committed to the Department of Corrections. The Senate has already passed the plan.

Daugaard's general counsel, Jim Seward, has said the plan would reduce South Dakota's startlingly high rate of adolescents in state-sponsored care. It's a pillar of Daugaard's policy agenda for the 2015 session and builds on 2013 reforms to the adult corrections system.

"As they say, 'it ain't over till it's over,' but at the same time I'm very hopeful (the bill) will find strong support in the full House," Daugaard said.

State game commission proposing mountain goat season

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission is proposing to re-open a mountain goat season for the first time in nine years for a small number of hunters.

The commission will vote at its April meeting in Brookings on whether to offer two mountain goat hunting licenses for a season running from September to the end of December.

The proposed season would include portions of Pennington and Custer counties west of Highway 79.

The commission hasn't authorized a mountain goat season since 2006.

Successful applicants would be required to attend a pre-hunt meeting on the day before the season opens at the GFP regional office in Rapid City.

Farmers find unique ways to defraud federal insurance plans

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A handful of farmers have found creative ways to defraud federal farm programs in recent years.

There was the North Carolina couple who faked hail damage to their crops by telling workers to throw ice cubes and scatter mothballs onto a tomato field; the South Dakota couple who fleeced the government by collecting \$1 million in wool payments for sheep they didn't own; and the Texas man who spent one year in prison for filing a claim for cotton he never planted.

The latest case involves two brothers from North Dakota accused of using various techniques to destroy their potatoes, such as adding septic tank chemicals and bringing in what one witness called a "monster" portable heater to turn their warehouse into a spud sauna.

Fraud is one of the biggest issues in the federal farm program and costs taxpayers millions of dollars per year, according to Chad Marzen, a lawyer and Florida State University professor who specializes in insurance law and regulation.

"The vast majority of farmers are very honest, hard-working people who receive a lot of vital support from the program," said Marzen, who grew up on a farm in northern Iowa. "But it's the unfortunate few instances that have led to more money being appropriated at the federal level to combat fraud."

Aaron and Derek Johnson are scheduled to be sentenced Monday after a jury convicted them of con-

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spiring to receive illegal payments and giving false statements. Federal prosecutor Nick Chase is asking seven years in prison per brother in the scheme he said cost the U.S. Agriculture Department more than \$1 million.

Some of the fraud allegations can be difficult to prove, but emerging technologies such as picture imaging have improved the integrity of the program, Marzen said. That said, prosecutors in the Johnson case had to rely on the testimony of a former farmhand who happens to be serving time in prison for sexual assault.

The Johnson brothers, who farmed in the Cooperstown area, were accused of adding spoiled and frozen potatoes to their stored crop and using portable heaters to warm the warehouse above 80 degrees to make the potatoes deteriorate faster. The defendants found that the best way to wreck the crop was using Rid-X, a chemical that's designed to dissolve solid materials in septic systems, prosecutors said.

"The amount of the fraud involved likely far exceeds what can be proven by the United States," Chase wrote in his sentencing recommendation, a statement Aaron Johnson's attorney labeled as "disturbing."

"It is dangerous to consider any case, or type of case, based on anecdotes and speculation," Neil Fulton, head of the federal public defender's office for the Dakotas, told The Associated Press.

Fulton said in a sentencing brief that he plans to ask for a sentence of probation for his client, who he said is a valuable asset to his family and community and that prison would hurt his chances of paying back the government.

Derek Johnson's lawyer wrote in his sentencing recommendation that the jury verdict on the conspiracy charge did not represent his client's minimal involvement.

"The uncontroverted testimony at trial was that Aaron Johnson 'made the deals,' he completed and filed all of the paperwork, and he made the decisions on all matters financial," Benjamin Thomas wrote.

The federal farm insurance program is based greatly on trust — that insured producers provide truthful information, Chase said at trial. In addition to harming farm programs, Chase said, the brothers hurt neighbors who had to rely on established county production averages to establish insurance coverage.

"I certainly think that it is" offensive that someone would intentionally destroy food, Marzen said. "It hurts the consumers who may purchase products. It hurts other farmers. It hurts those who abide by the rules."

Bill to fund School of Mines renovations headed to governor

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A bill that would allocate millions in bonds to renovate the Chemistry Building at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is headed to the governor's desk.

The Rapid City Journal reports the measure would appropriate \$6 million in bonds to renovate labs, classrooms and other parts of the building.

Architectural plans are drawn up and construction will begin this fall, if Gov. Dennis Daugaard signs the bill.

The renovation plans include refurbishing 7,000 square feet of the approximately 26,000 square-foot building, including three research labs, a teaching lab, support spaces and faculty offices.

The work would also bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

AP News in Brief

MH370 report: Underwater locator beacon battery had expired year before plane disappeared

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The first comprehensive report into the mystery of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 on Sunday revealed that the battery of an underwater locator beacon had expired more than a year before the plane vanished on March 8, 2014.

Apart from that anomaly, the detailed report devoted pages after pages to describe the complete normality of the flight, shedding little light on aviation's biggest mystery.

"The sole objective of the investigation is the prevention of future accidents or incidents, and not for the purpose to apportion blame or liability," the report said.

The significance of the expired battery on the beacon of the Flight Data Recorder was not immediately apparent, except indicating that searchers would have had lesser chance of locating the aircraft in the Indian Ocean, where it is believed to have crashed, even if they were in its vicinity. However, the report said that the battery on the locator beacon of the cockpit voice recorder was working.

Even though the battery on the beacon had expired, the instrument itself was functioning properly and would have in theory captured all the flight information.

Peaceful protests follow fatal police shooting of unarmed 19-year-old black man in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Peaceful protesters in Madison took to the college town's streets with chants of "Black Lives Matter" following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 19-year-old by a white police officer, who authorities say fired after he was assaulted. The city's police chief said he understood the anger, assuring demonstrators his department would defend their rights as he implored the community to act with restraint.

Tony Robinson died Friday night after being shot in his apartment following a confrontation with Officer Matt Kenny, who had forced his way inside after hearing a disturbance while responding to a call, authorities and neighbors said.

Madison Police Chief Mike Koval on Saturday said Kenny was injured, but didn't provide details. It wasn't clear whether Robinson, who died at a hospital, was alone.

"He was unarmed. That's going to make this all the more complicated for the investigators, for the public to accept," Koval said of Robinson. The department said Kenny would not have been wearing a body camera.

Several dozen protesters who gathered outside the police department Saturday afternoon held signs and chanted "Black Lives Matter" — a slogan adopted by activists and protesters nationwide after recent officer-involved deaths of unarmed blacks — before walking toward the neighborhood where the shooting took place.

Bloody Sunday commemoration continues in Selma, marchers prepare for journey to Montgomery

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — The Bloody Sunday 50th anniversary commemoration continues Sunday with a series of events in Selma before a group retraces the steps that helped secure equal voting rights 50 years ago.

Sunday's events are expected to include church services, film screenings and a pre-march rally at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Police beat and tear-gassed marchers at the foot of the bridge in Selma on March 7, 1965 in an ugly spasm of violence that shocked the nation. The attack on demonstrators preceded the Selma-to-

Montgomery march, which occurred two weeks later. Both helped build momentum for congressional approval of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

A march from Selma to Montgomery in remembrance of the journey the demonstrators took is scheduled to begin Monday morning and culminate with a rally at the Alabama state Capitol on Friday afternoon.

Thousands gathered Saturday in the town of roughly 20,000 to hear speeches from leaders including President Barack Obama and Georgia Rep. John Lewis — an Alabama native who was among the demonstrators that was attacked by law enforcement on a march for equal voting rights.

Ukraine hopes to get its industry connected with global market, but faces isolation and crisis

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Volodymyr Kuzovkin's office is less than 50 miles from the European Union, but for him and his factory, the EU is a world away.

Despite Ukraine's desperation to integrate with Europe, a desire so strong it sparked the protests that ousted pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich last year, much of Ukrainian business remains wedded to Soviet-era practices even as it is buffeted by a very modern economic crisis.

Ukraine is hoping to improve links between its heavy industry and European markets to help the economy recover. But for companies like Kuzovkin's Lviv State Jewelry Factory in western Ukraine, the challenges are huge.

Trade with EU countries is not picking up. Business with oil-rich ex-Soviet states in Central Asia has tapered off because of uncertainty over the war in eastern Ukraine. And the local economy is in shambles — skilled workers are going to the front, inflation is soaring and loans are so hard to come by that some companies are considering bartering goods.

"People are spending on subsistence," says Kuzovkin, a grizzled 74-year-old former miner who was put in charge of the Lviv factory in 1985 by the Soviet government.

Bill Clinton says foundation has done 'more good than harm,' defends foreign donations

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton defended his foundation's acceptance of donations from foreign governments on Saturday, pointing to the track record of his global philanthropy as Hillary Rodham Clinton nears an announcement on a 2016 presidential campaign.

In an interview at the Clinton Global Initiative University, the ex-president sought to address critics who have questioned the receipt of donations from foreign governments while the former first lady served in the State Department and after she departed in early 2013.

"My theory about all of this is disclose everything and then let people make their judgments," Clinton told moderator Larry Wilmore of the cable channel Comedy Central. "I believe we have done a lot more good than harm and I believe this is a good thing."

He spoke shortly after Hillary Clinton appeared on stage along with the couple's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, but steered clear of addressing criticism involving her use of a private email account while she served as secretary of state under President Barack Obama. Hillary Clinton also did not talk about the recent scrutiny of the foundation's fundraising practices, instead giving college students a preview of an upcoming report on the progress of women and girls by her foundation's "No Ceilings" project.

On the donations flap, Bill Clinton noted that some of the foundation's money has come from Middle Eastern nations, pointing to donations from the United Arab Emirates. "Do we agree with everything

they do? No. But they're helping us fight ISIS," he said. Similarly, Bill Clinton said he didn't agree with the entire foreign policy of Saudi Arabia, another donor, but he pointed to its construction of the kingdom's first coeducational institution.

2 Australian brothers aged 16 and 17 stopped at Sydney to prevent them joining Islamic State

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Two Australian brothers aged 16 and 17 were stopped at Sydney Airport on suspicion that they were young jihadis headed to join the Islamic State group, officials said Sunday. The young brothers from Sydney raised the suspicions of customs officials as they attempted to depart on Friday afternoon, Border Protection Minister Peter Dutton said.

He did not say where the pair were headed apart from a Middle Eastern "conflict zone." He also refused to say what was found in the boys' luggage that raised suspicion and led to the brothers being reported to the airport's new counterterrorism unit.

"These two young men aged 16 and 17 are kids, not killers, and they shouldn't be allowed to go to a foreign land to fight then come back to our land eventually more radicalized," Dutton told reporters.

The boys' parents were "as shocked as any of us would be" to discover their sons had attempted to leave the country, Dutton said.

9 hurt at huge California college party when garage roof collapses; 3 arrested

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — Nine people were injured after a garage roof collapsed Saturday during an early St. Patrick's Day party at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo that spiraled out of control and caught both city and university officials off-guard.

Several thousand students, most wearing green, poured into the neighborhood near the university Friday night and were still partying as the sun rose on Saturday.

That's about the time when the roof with about three dozen people standing on it collapsed as screams and gasps could be heard from throughout the party.

In the most serious injury, a person's thigh was impaled by a piece of debris early Saturday, the city said in a statement. Eight others were treated for cuts and bruises. None of the injuries are life-threatening.

Police Capt. Chris Staley says three people were arrested for misdemeanors as his department and the San Luis Obispo Fire Department brought the scene under control a few hours after the collapse.

Sean Penn says he has "no apologies" for his green card joke at the Oscars

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Sean Penn opened up about the green card joke heard 'round the world on Saturday in Beverly Hills during a promotional tour for his new film "The Gunman," saying that he has "absolutely no apologies" for his comment. The actor-director also offered up choice words for those who didn't recognize the irony in his remarks.

On Feb. 22 at the 87th Academy Awards, Penn, tasked with presenting the best picture award, made waves when he opened the envelope and first asked "Who gave this son of a bitch his green card?" before announcing the winner as "Birdman."

Directed by the Mexican-born Alejandro Iñárritu, many wondered whether the joke was distasteful.

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The term "green card" refers to a document that confers permanent residency on immigrants in the United States.

"I found it hilarious," Iñárritu said after the ceremony. "Sean and I have that kind of brutal (relationship) where only true friendship can survive."

Iñárritu directed Penn in the 2003 film "21 Grams" and the two remain close to this date.

Iditarod ceremonial start goes on as planned in Anchorage despite low snow totals

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — If there is one day when mushers in the Iditarod sled dog race don't have to worry about trail conditions, it should be Saturday during the ceremonial start.

A lack of snow south of the Alaska Range created treacherous trail conditions, forcing race officials to move the competitive start of the race to Monday in Fairbanks. A stalled jet stream pushed Arctic air and snow into the Midwest and the East Coast, but kept Alaska fairly warm and dry this winter. But the ceremonial start, a chance for fans and mushers to meet in a casual atmosphere, went on as planned in Alaska's largest city.

Despite the city receiving only about a third of its normal winter snowfall, Anchorage was still able to stage the traditional ceremonial start to the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. City crews overnight delivered up to 350 dump truck loads of snow and spread it out over city blocks so the show could go on. The festivities started Saturday morning in very un-Iditarod like conditions, almost 40 degrees with a light rain falling before the start.

City maintenance workers stockpiled snow from neighborhoods the past few months and kept it for winter events, culminating with the Iditarod, said Paul VanLandingham with the public works department.

This event is designed for fans who can't be on the rugged thousand-mile trail stretching from Fairbanks to Nome.

Mathiang makes 15-footer with 2.7 seconds left, No. 16 Louisville beats No. 2 Virginia 59-57

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Down a point with the clock running out, No. 16 Louisville had no choice but to trust Mangok Mathiang's jump shot. And hope.

The sophomore center's 15-footer with 2.7 seconds was true, giving the Cardinals the lead and an unlikely hero in their 59-57 victory over No. 2 Virginia on Saturday night.

After Malcolm Brogdon hit his fourth 3 of the half to give Virginia a 57-56 lead with 13 second left, the Cardinals ran a play hoping to set up one of its two stars, guard Terry Rozier or forward Montrezl Harrell. But when Rozier was double-teamed he found Mathiang open at the free throw line for the winner and his only points of the game.

"Mangok was the 64th option," Louisville coach Rick Pitino quipped.

It was Mathiang's second field goal since Jan. 31. Scoring less than three points a game and known more for his high energy than offensive prowess, Pitino said Mathiang has spent the past two months practicing that shot after teams have increasingly left him open.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 8, the 67th day of 2015. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclad CSS Virginia rammed and sank the USS Cumberland and heavily damaged the USS Congress, both frigates, off Newport News, Virginia.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York, at age 74.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (referring to the Old Style calendar) began in Petrograd; the result was the abdication of the Russian monarchy in favor of a provisional government. The U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1944, two days after an initial strike, U.S. heavy bombers resumed raiding Berlin during World War II.

In 1971, Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision in what was billed as "The Fight of the Century" at Madison Square Garden in New York. Silent film comedian Harold Lloyd died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 77.

In 1975, the first International Women's Day was celebrated. Academy Award-winning movie director George Stevens (Film: "Giant") died in Lancaster, California, at age 70.

In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1999, baseball Hall-of-Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush said authoritarian rule in the Middle East had begun to ease, and he insisted anew that Syria had to end its nearly three-decade occupation of Lebanon. Hundreds of thousands jammed a central Beirut square, chanting support for Syria in a thundering show of strength by the militant group Hezbollah. Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov (AS'-lahn mahs-HA'-dahv) was killed in northern Chechnya during a raid by Russian forces.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama made a spirited, shirt-sleeved appeal for passage of health care legislation during a visit to Arcadia University in Pennsylvania. A magnitude 6 earthquake struck eastern Turkey, killing at least 41 people.

One year ago: Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive search for its whereabouts. (To date, the fate of the jetliner and its occupants has yet to be determined.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 79. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 77. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 76. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 71. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 70. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 69. Pop singer Peggy March is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Jim Rice is 62. Singer Gary Numan is 57. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 56. Actor Aidan Quinn is 56. Country musician Jimmy Dormire is 55. Actress Camryn Man-

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heim is 54. Actor Leon (no last name) is 52. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 47. Neo-soul singer Van Hunt is 45. Actress Andrea Parker is 45. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 42. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 39. Actor James Van Der Beek is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 37. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 36. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK Go) is 36. Actress Jessica Collins is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kristinia (kris-teh-NEE'-ah) DeBarge is 25.

Thought for Today: "There are things known and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors of perception." - Aldous Huxley, English author (1894-1963).