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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 Siseton

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, March 11

Birthdays: Nora Rix

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

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potatoes,

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.



Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

The second-to-last week of legislative session was the busiest one of my 15-year tenure. I had Senate bills in House committees and House bills in Senate committees, and the committees I was on heard some bills of great magnitude. Although not everything went the way I had hoped, after the dust had settled, I was very happy

with the results.

SB 159--the coaches' bill I have spoken about extensively in the past--emerged from House Taxation on a 10-2 vote, and it passed the House 63-5.

SB 161--"Hadley's bill" dealing with fireworks--passed House Local Government, 12-0, and the the House, 68-0. Hadley's story has been picked up by numerous daily newspapers, who have run features on the 6-year-old from Vienna, SD.

Rep. Tulson's "speed-to-pass" bill (HB 1124), on which I was the Senate prime sponsor, passed the Senate 34-0. This is viewed as a safety measure, in that it will allow people to complete the process of passing slower-moving vehicles more efficiently. A few key elements of that bill are that a person can exceed the posted speed limit by 10 mph on two-lane roads where the posted speed limit is 65 mph if the person is passing a vehicle traveling below the posted speed limit. It does not give anybody permission to exceed the speed limit if he or she is passing a vehicle traveling in excess of the speed limit, and it does not speak to any situations on 4-lane highways.

HB 1073 would require all sex offenders to report a change in vehicle status within three days of switching vehicles. This would make the law relative to vehicles consistent with those concerning changes in address or employment. It is important that changes in vehicle ownership be reported in a timely fashion because those vehicles can literally be mobile crime units. Moreover, with present-day technology, law enforcement has the ability to scan license plates and be alerted to the presence of a sex offender's vehicle within a safety zone where children are present.

A couple bills I was the prime sponsor on did meet with opposition and ultimately failed last week. HB 1083 was brought on behalf of volunteer fire departments (VFD's). Originally, the bill was patterned to function exactly as our state's wildland fire suppression division's and municipal fire department's laws for fires that are negligently set. In those instances, the state or municipal fire department are allowed to recoup the fire suppression costs from the party who is responsible for the blaze. Currently, state law does not allow VFD's the same authority. Unfortunately, a bureaucrat acting on behalf of the administration poisoned the Senate committee prior to the bill's hearing with his seemingly false interpretation of the law. Also, he implied to them that "we had a deal" and that Rep. Kaiser dared to break the supposed deal on the House floor before the bill landed in front of the Senate committee. More accurately, Rep. Kaiser and the folks testifying on behalf of the VFD's were approached just minutes before the House hearing and they were told of the administration's objection. They were given an amendment that purportedly "fixed" the issue. The bill passed House committee, but it was further amended with more complete language on the House floor. It gave the bureaucrats heartburn that a legislator dared to try to weigh in with a tweak to their so-called fix. By the time the bill was heard in Senate Local Government, the deck had been stacked against us, and the committee cited concerns that a supposed

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compromise had been reached and then was breached. In spite of some noble attempts by a couple committee members to keep the bill alive, it was killed 5-2. We will DEFINITELY be revisiting this issue next year, and we will hope to be able to deal with a bureaucrat who is more palms-up in his or her dealings. It is important that we afford VFD's the same opportunity to bill and collect in the cases that infernos erupt due to negligence.

Although Senate Commerce and Energy passed a bill that would shift the paradigm in legal cases from a standard of "slight negligence" to "comparative negligence", the Senate thought better of the plan, and we killed the bill 25-9. This is a bill that has been pushed by the trial lawyers for years. The opponents of the bill said it would result in many more payouts during civil court proceedings, thus resulting in more insurance claims and higher premiums. They also said it is antithetical to tort reform measures we currently have on our books. I voted against the bill, as I always have in the past, because I believe it would do more harm than good as people have to fork over more dollars when they purchase insurance.

Finally, many of you have expressed concern over the SD High School Activities Association's newly-adopted policy on allowing "transgender" individuals to participate in activities of the opposite sex. Two bills introduced this year passed the House, but failed in Senate Education Committee. One bill sought to void the existing policy. The other sought to prevent the SDHSAA from enacting certain policies in the future. One of the greatest concerns with the SDHSAA policy is that it is consistent with policies in other states where students and athletes of one gender are granted access to restrooms and locker rooms of the other gender. During testimony, the superintendent of Huron High School said this should not be a concern because locker rooms these days have private stalls for changing and showering. The superintendent of Sanborn Central took a slightly different approach in trying to allay concerns when she said that kids don't shower after practices or games anymore, rather they grab their belongings and go home to shower. Of late, decisions regarding opposite-sex individuals participating in activities has been left to local school districts. Those schools make decisions regarding how the situations will be handled so that all students' interests are taken into account. Instead, what we have is a policy much like that of the state of Massachusetts that places a paramount interest in protecting the rights of the transgender student-athlete. In Mass, their policy states that "transgender students cannot be denied access to their preferred bathroom or locker room because of other students' discomfort." My research shows that if a girl in a Massachusetts school complains that a boy is in the bathroom or locker room, that girl is subject to suspension for questioning the boy's gender identity decision. Although we are not Massachusetts, the SDHSAA policy is akin to theirs, and the testimony from two of the administrators who chose to weigh-in on the matter does not refute that. Also, SDHSAA policy says that once a person is allowed to participate in activities of the opposite sex, that person is essentially locked-in for the remainder of his or her high school years. This is also problematic, in that 70-80% of people who identify at some point as being of the opposite gender listed on their birth certificates spontaneously change their mind and begin associating with their biological gender. Although the bills were killed, a "smokeout" of the bill that would void the SDHSAA policy is in the works as I type. I am hoping, on behalf of a host of people who have addressed their concerns with me, that the smokeout is successful. I made the comment in committee that if somebody had brought the SDHSAA one-size-fits-all policy to us, there is not a chance we would have passed it. Therefore, I remain optimistic that we will take corrective action to their over-reach that defies logic and biology.

I'll be back next week with a session wrap-up. Until then, take care, and may God bless you and our great state!

Groton Legion Auxiliary

On March 2, 2015, Jan Seibel, American Legion Auxiliary president, opened the monthly meeting held in the legion hall with twelve members present. Chaplain recited the March prayer and all members recited the Auxiliary Preamble. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report was presented and filed.

A gift card was sent to District 5 president, Elvira Moen, whose home and all belongings were destroyed by fire last month.

A check was sent to state office for our District 4 dues. Correspondence was received from Carol Edwards about the 2015

Washington D.C. Conference concerning the topics Fiduciary Stewardship, Civic Health, Family Readiness, Leadership and Caring for caregivers. Becky Hawkins, 1st Vice President, tendered her resignation as first vice and chairman of Veteran Affairs

and Rehabilitation Program. Executive Committee appointed Janet Hurlburt as V.A.andR. chairman and will complete year end

reports for this program. Carol Edwards emphasized that each district should send at least one member to the State Convention in order to vote for delegates.

South Dakota is now in 7th place at 79.3% in the Renew and Rejoin Goal. Jan was chosen as the delegate for Legionette of the year from Groton. Lori will conduct the interview and mail it by March 15th.

Three Groton youths were nominated for national awards in "Service to Community" – Isaiah Cutler, Taylor Gustafson, and Casey Waage for their help in assisting children at the pool last summer.

Girls State will be held in Columbia in April. Eight high school girls were interviewed and narrowed to three girls and one alternate. It was decided to send all four girls and Columbia will also send one girl to Girls State. They are Lily Cutler, Katie Miler, Allison Weber, and Emily Raap. Registration is due March 20.

March is Community Service Month. Tami and Deb volunteered to chair a committee and report back next month.

The Auxiliary sent pizza and chips to the legion for their birthday March 9th.

A memorial was sent to Rescue Squad in memory of Dennis Larson. Also our Auxiliary received a Thank You from the Larson Family.

American Legion Commander Doug Hamilton has requested help from the Auxiliary with bingo and working in the kitchen for the legions Fund Raiser on March 22, 2015 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Supper was furnished by Deb and Tami prior to the meeting and the Chaplain recited the Prayer for Peace. Next meeting will be April 6th.

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Lana's Annals

**Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative**

Greetings once again. We had a busy week in Pierre as many bills had to be addressed and either approved or laid to rest for this session. I was very pleased to see SB101 sail through for approval. It deals with requiring insurance plans to equalize a cancer patient's out-of-pocket costs between oral and IV therapies. The patient then can choose which treatment best fits his/her needs. It only makes sense in rural South Dakota to have the option of taking a chemo pill at home vs. hospital chemo. to avoid travel time and time spent at the hospital coupled with questionable driving conditions. As no one came to our committee with opposition, the final decision will rest with the Governor.

Subject of discussion regarding ag business was HB1201 concerning CAFO's (Confined Animal Feeding Operations). I did vote it after an amendment was inserted which states that a county can offer a certification process for conditional uses. The counties can also leave the 2/3 majority vote in place rather than have a simple majority approve the building. I feel more comfortable that decisions can be made on a local level.

Also important to our area is the creation of a drainage mediation board for landowners who are in drainage disputes. Landowners would pay for the costs these disputes if they choose to have mediation. This was recommended by the Watershed Task Force.

I testified on the House floor favoring SB173, which offers help to certain communities' water and drainage projects. Clark City finance officer, Jackie Luttrell, came to Pierre and filed a request with the Appropriations committee for help after the city found out it would need a new drainage system. When the GFP declared two area lakes as fishable, it put a 7 million dollar obligation on the city. The proposed appropriation will not cover all of the expense but will be a great help if approved.

HB 1176(aka the Daschle bill), which authorizes a person to be on the general election ballot for president or vice president and another office, passed the House 57-17. I did not vote for this bill as I felt that people should have to pick what office they should pursue. I also asked myself if it would be a future possibility that one could have his/her name on the ballot for several different offices at the same time.

On the education level, once again I testified, this time before the House taxation committee, on SB189, a tax credit to insurance companies if they provide educational scholarships to teachers for instructional supplies. I hope that it passes. The prime sponsor is Senator Phyllis Heineman of Sioux Falls.

This will be a week of roller coaster rides, I am sure. Nothing has been confirmed as far as the budget goes. It appears the money will be less than originally thought. We will know more in the upcoming days.

The roads/bridges discussion continues. Suggestions are a 2 cent gas/diesel increase with a sunset after three years, excise tax on vehicles moving from 3% to 4%, possible wheel taxing moving from 4-12, and other suggestions at this writing are coming in. Therefore nothing has been set in stone.

HB 1049 (formerly HB1207), which addresses school capital outlay proposals, are being looked at as well. I reject the proposals that are coming out of this bill in current form. It has been crafted in such a way as to put additional tax on the locals.

As this week goes forth I ask for prayers to make good, sound decisions that are in the best interests of the people of our state.

I will be re-capping budgetary allocations next week.

You may reach me at lane.greenfield@gmail.com or rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or at 635-6932.

Take care, and have a great week.

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Groton students place at Redfield CDE

Congratulations to the following FFA members and teams for placing at the Redfield Career Development Event on Friday.

Crops – 5th Place Team

Alec Voss
Patrick Gengerke
Wyatt Larson
Shane Simon

Farm Business Management – 1st Place Team

Lucas Sternhagen – 1st Place
Sheldon Herr – 3rd Place
Chance Strom – 8th Place

Floriculture – 4th Place Team

Nicole Lewandowski – 7th Place
Haley Unzen
Michaela Cutler
Katie LaMee

Vet Science – 4th Place Team

Kate Helmer
Trey Wright
Hannah Webb
Kayla Fordham

Livestock – 5th Place Team

Hailey Hanson – 3rd Place
Carly Wheeting
Braiden Craig
Turner Webb

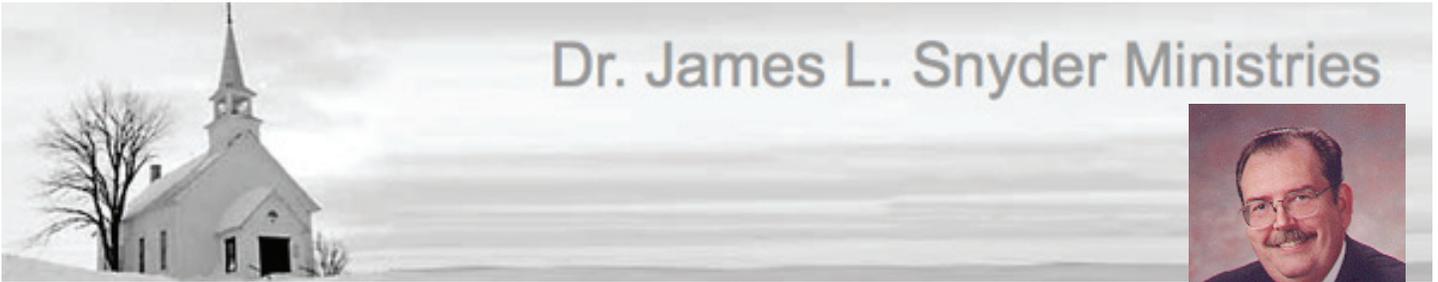
Horses – Colt Hokana – 2nd Place

Natural Resources – Brody Sombke – 7th Place

Dairy Foods – Nicholas Achen – 10th Place

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



How Old Is Too Old?

One of my grandchildren asked me quite a penetrating question this week. Everybody knows how perceptive these little people are, especially when they are around big people. I am all for questions and answering questions and that sort of thing. Sometimes, however, the question crosses the wrong line.

"Grandpa," one of the little people asked, "how old are you?"

One thing I have adhered to throughout life is to always tell the truth, which has been a great challenge.

Before I was married, there was no problem about always telling the truth. I always got in trouble if I did not tell the truth and so my practice has been to always tell the truth, no matter how difficult it might be and no matter who it might hurt.

Then I got married. Growing up I did not have much interaction with people of the opposite sex. Actually, they made me nervous every time I was around them. What do you say? What do you talk about? After all, girls are not boys.

After being married for several years, I was presented with a question I was in no way prepared for. We were going to a banquet and just before leaving the house, my wife looked at me and said, "Does this dress make me look too fat?"

Where was my father when this question was posed? He never prepared me for such questions.

I really did not know what to say. Truth, as everybody knows, can be relative, especially when you are related to the one who was asking you the question. When it comes to clothing and fashions, I am completely outclassed.

After I got over being stunned by this question posed to me by my wife, a wonderful thought hit me. I looked at her and simply said, "I don't know about that, but your hair looks beautiful."

"Oh," she said with a smile dancing all over her face, "thank you."

Enough said.

Getting back to the question of the little person, I had to ponder for quite a while. How old am I, really?

I am not sure I can really answer that kind of a question. It all depends upon your definition of old. When I was in my 20s, someone my current age I consider old. Now that I am this age, I have a different understanding of the word old.

How old a person is, has nothing to do with the year of his or her birth. The one thing my father did tell me about people of the opposite sex is, "Never ask a woman her age." To the best of my knowledge, I have kept to that standard.

"So, grandpa," the curious little person asked, "how old are you?"

When you have a little person whose age is still in the single digits how do they know anything about age? Most of these little people are most anxious to reach that birthday where their age is double digits.

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You realize, single digits only last for nine years and double digits lasts the rest of your life!

This little person looked at me with curiosity all over her face, when a marvelous and wonderful thought danced into my cranium. I then responded, "Well, I am not as old as your grandma." For the time being, that satisfied that little slice of curiosity.

I quickly excused myself because I was quite certain the little person was going to approach her grandma with that question and I did not want to be in the room.

With all of the fads and the trends today toward looking younger what is a person to do. When young we want to look old and when a person gets to some magical age, they want to look young. What is the right age?

Looking back over my life, I do not know any year I would like to repeat. I certainly do not want to be a teenager again. I remember those teenage years and I was so glad to get out of that age group. My 20s were not any better, except it was during my 20s that I met the person who later became the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Those were good years.

Then when I got into my 30s, little people started coming into our house. They arrived about 18 to 20 months apart and stopped when the number reached three. Three is a good number.

I certainly do not want to go back to that time when little people were roaming throughout the house day and night. I certainly do not want to go back to the time when those little people became teenagers. The roughest thing about having teenagers is that it is payback for when you were a teenager. That is why as a grandpa, I smile benignly as I watch my children trying to parent their teenagers.

What I would like to do is remind those parents of what life was like for me when they were teenagers. It is wonderful being a grandfather who always gets the last laugh.

David understood this when he wrote, "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come" (Psalms 71:18).

I am not old; I am just mature for my age.

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Cherishing Freedom and Offering Hope

"America and Israel, we share a common destiny, the destiny of promised lands that cherish freedom and offer hope" – a resonant statement from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as he spoke to a joint meeting of Congress on March 3 about the consequences for his country – and ours – if a bad nuclear deal with Iran is finalized. As I watched him speak from the House floor, I couldn't help but think this was a speech the American people needed to hear – a speech we deserved to hear.

Nuclear talks with Iran have been ongoing for much of President Obama's tenure. They've been extended twice and under the current timeline, negotiators must agree on an outline of an accord by late-March with a detailed agreement due by the end of June. Today, there are deep-seated and bipartisan concerns about the deal our administration is making with Iran. Most notably, that it could fundamentally fail to stop Iran's nuclear program.

I believe the administration vastly underestimates Iran and their intentions. They assume that the Iranian regime will respond to diplomacy, but that assumption was and is wrong. As the Prime Minister asserted in his speech: if Iran wants to be treated like a normal country, they ought to act like a normal country.

Iran has sent satellites into space, conducted numerous missile tests, and diversified their nuclear program, moving forward on the construction of a heavy water reactor and installing a new generation of faster centrifuges. This could enable the country to very quickly produce bomb-grade materials in the near future.

Without question, the threats posed by Iran are immediate. We cannot miscalculate their seriousness.

During his speech, Prime Minister Netanyahu admitted that Israel may not get the agreement it wants in these talks, but Israel needs an agreement that it could live with – literally. I believe America needs an agreement that would allow Israel to survive too.

The national security interests of Israel do not stop at Israel's border, as those who seek to destroy Israel wish the same fate upon America. Israel shares our common values of liberty and democracy. They remain a key partner as we've worked to defeat the terrorism of ISIL, Al Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah, and affiliate groups. We have collaborated on improving stability in the region, behavioral screening techniques for airport security, and counterterrorism efforts that bring security benefits to both countries. For these and many other reasons, Israel is our strongest ally in a region that greatly impacts American national security. Their survival is critical.

Time and again, President Obama and his administration has reiterated that no deal with Iran is better than a bad deal, but Prime Minister Netanyahu pushed back in his address, saying: "This is a bad deal. It is a very bad deal.... We are being told that the only alternative to this bad deal is war. That is just not true. The alternative to this bad deal is a much better deal." I agree completely and would

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urge the President to negotiate a better deal – a deal that would prevent a nuclear-armed Iran and the consequences it would have on America and our allies.

We live in a dangerous world, but Israel lives in a dangerous neighborhood. America cannot turn our back on our ally in times of peace – and certainly, not in times of heightened threats.

The Prime Minister closed his remarks with this: “Moses led our people from slavery to the gates of the Promised Land. And before the people of Israel entered the land of Israel, Moses gave us a message that has steeled our resolve for thousands of years. I leave you with his message today. ‘Be strong and resolute, neither fear nor dread them.’ My friends, may Israel and America always stand together, strong and resolute. May we neither fear nor dread the challenges ahead. May we face the future with confidence, strength and hope.”

Groton School Board Agenda

Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting

March 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM

GHS Conference Room Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee Meeting; 6:00 PM

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of February 9, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of February 23, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
4. Approval of February District bills for payment.
5. Approval of February Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent’s Report; (b) Principal’s Report; (c) Business Manager’s

Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve resignation/retirement of Deb Jensen on conclusion of 2014-2015 school year, with request to be eligible for negotiated severance pay package and summer checks to be paid in June.
2. Approve ESA-3 Title III Consortium Letter of Intent for 2015-2016 school year.
3. First Reading of Recommended Policy KGBA Spectator Conduct at School Activities.
4. Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel issues and SDCL 1-25-2(2) to discuss student issue.
5. Approve Open Enrollment #15-20 (grade 4) from Aberdeen School District due to special circumstances.
6. Issue administrative contracts for 2015-2016 school year with a return date of March 20, 2015 with terms to be negotiated at a later date.
7. Other items as deemed appropriate or necessary.

ADJOURN

Report from Pierre from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

One final week left in the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature. The committees on which I serve (House Agriculture and House Transportation) are now finishing our final deliberations on bills. Next week, our final week, the Appropriations Committee will take center stage as they divide up the limited resources among the many requests for funding.

We dealt with SB 131 in House Agriculture which took up the subject of stray voltage on dairy farms. The bill seeks to move forward with a new standard set at 1 volt maximum for stray voltage. It's interesting to note that 95% of SD dairy farms get their electricity from a member Cooperative. The idea for this bill was probably spurred by a \$6.3 million dollar settlement in Minnesota where a large dairy was able to prove that the utility company was at fault for the loss of milk production and livestock death. Dairy cows are especially susceptible to stray voltage, but this issue should eventually lead to a discussion of how to handle stray voltage for all livestock producers.

This bill is really a starting point which provides for the creation of a Commission charged with establishing guidelines for detecting stray voltage and liability for electric companies providing electric services to a farm. The commission will promulgate rules which shall be the future guidelines which utilities will follow. There was a great deal of testimony as to the amount of acceptable stray voltage and who is at fault for problem. Sometimes it is the responsibility of the utility company and of course sometimes, it is on the farm side of the meter.

One of the most important issues facing our state is the declining state of our infrastructure, especially roads and bridges. We have heard these reports in Pierre for many Sessions in the past and this year the discussion has turned into action with SB1. This bill is still a very moving target and will continue to have changes over the upcoming week as Appropriations makes the final determination. Actually the revenue projections are not even finalized until Monday, March 9th. This happens every year, when on the very final week of the Session we hear the numbers of what we collectively have to spend to support all of state government. Preliminary indications are that the tax dollars will not come in as high as originally predicted.

As the bill currently sits, I have concerns that not enough of the funding will go towards counties where I see the greatest needs for road and bridge repair. Remember, counties are required by law to pay for repairs to any township bridges over 20 feet and not on a state-maintained road. It was described in testimony that counties have half of the bridge problem (bridges in need of repair) but are only getting 20% of the money for bridge repair. As a former County Commissioner, I certainly understand the need of the counties and will oppose versions of the highway funding bill which don't do enough to distribute the funds to the counties.

Finally I am concerned about the huge increase in this proposal on registration fees for farm trucks. Currently, farm trucks pay 27% of the registration rate for commercial trucks. For example, an 80,000 lb. farm truck paying 27% of the commercial rate has a license fee of \$393. This would go up to \$1,093. Of course, farmers can license a truck on a seasonal basis. However, most farmers put the crop in bins and move it throughout the year to the elevator, needing that truck year-round. I know we will need tax increases to solve our infrastructure problem, but such a sharp increase on farm trucks is unfair in my mind. I'll keep you posted as this question is settled next week.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at rep.feickert@state.sd.us or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

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Today in Weather History

March 9, 1993: High winds gusting in excess of 50 mph moved east across South Dakota behind a strong cold front. Peak wind gusts reported included 62 mph at Pierre and 49 mph at Aberdeen. In addition, high winds flipped over a mobile home on top of a car and a utility shed near The Oahe Reservoir. Also, a semi-tractor trailer was overturned while crossing Ft. Randall Dam. An office trailer was also tipped over at the same location.

1891 – On this date through the 13th, a blizzard struck southern England and Wales with gale force winds. 220 people were killed; 65 ships foundered in the English Channel and 6,000 sheep perished. Countless trees were uprooted and trains buried. Up to a foot of snow and snowdrifts of 11.5 feet were reported at Dulwich, London, Torquay, Sidmouth and Dartmouth.

1956 - A whopping 367 inches of snow was measured on the ground at the Ranier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington. The snow depth was a state record and the second highest total of record for the continental U.S. (The Weather Channel)

1960 - A winter storm produced a narrow band of heavy snow from north central Kentucky into Virginia and the mountains of North Carolina. Snowfall amounts ranged from 12 to 24 inches, with drifts up to eleven feet high in western Virginia. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Gale force winds ushered arctic air into the north central U.S. Some places were 50 degrees colder than the previous day. Northeast winds, gusting to 60 mph, produced 8 to 15 foot waves on Lake Michigan causing more than a million dollars damage along the southeastern shoreline of Wisconsin. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A cold front brought high winds to the southwestern U.S. Winds in the Las Vegas Valley of Nevada gusted to 70 mph, and one person was injured by a falling tree. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Twenty-two cities in the southwestern U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date. In New Mexico, afternoon highs of 72 at Los Alamos, 76 at Ruidoso, and 79 at Quemado, were records for March. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in West Texas. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 71 mph at Lubbock, and golf ball size hail was reported at several other locations. Strong thunderstorm winds injured two persons north of the town of Canyon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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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



50s and 60s All Week!

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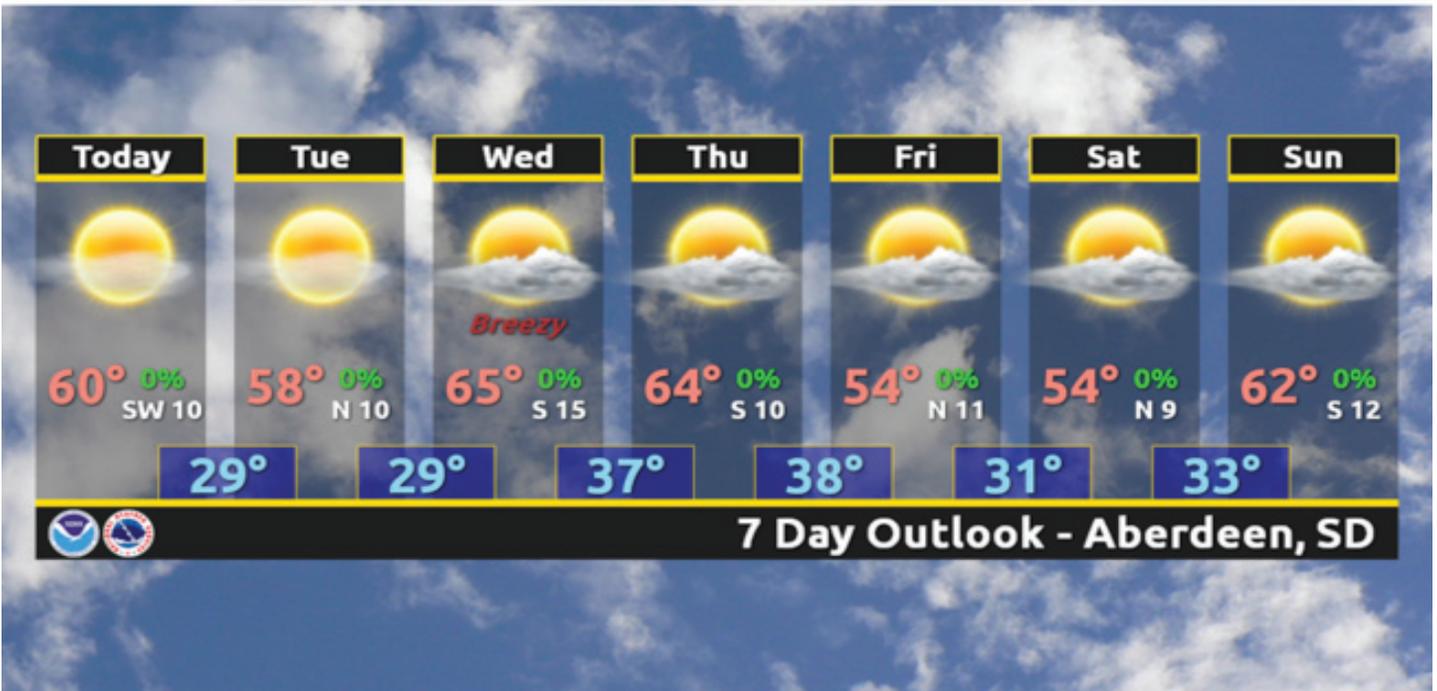
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A dry and mild pattern has developed over the region and looks to stay for at least a week. High temperatures throughout the week will be in the 40s, 50s, and 60s across the forecast area. A few locations across southwest and south central South Dakota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

We are stuck in a dry and mild pattern for at least the upcoming week, which means 50s and 60s for highs for many locations. This is the 7-day forecast for Aberdeen. Areas east of Aberdeen will see temperatures a few degrees cooler than this, while areas further west will be a few degrees warmer. In fact, central and south central South Dakota will likely see 70s during the middle of the week. Keep in mind that the fire danger this afternoon will be high to very high across western and central South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 49.9 at 3:14 PM

Low: 24.4 at 8:10 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 21 at 2:42 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 65° in 1913

Record Low: -20° in 1951

Average High: 36°F

Average Low: 17°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.23

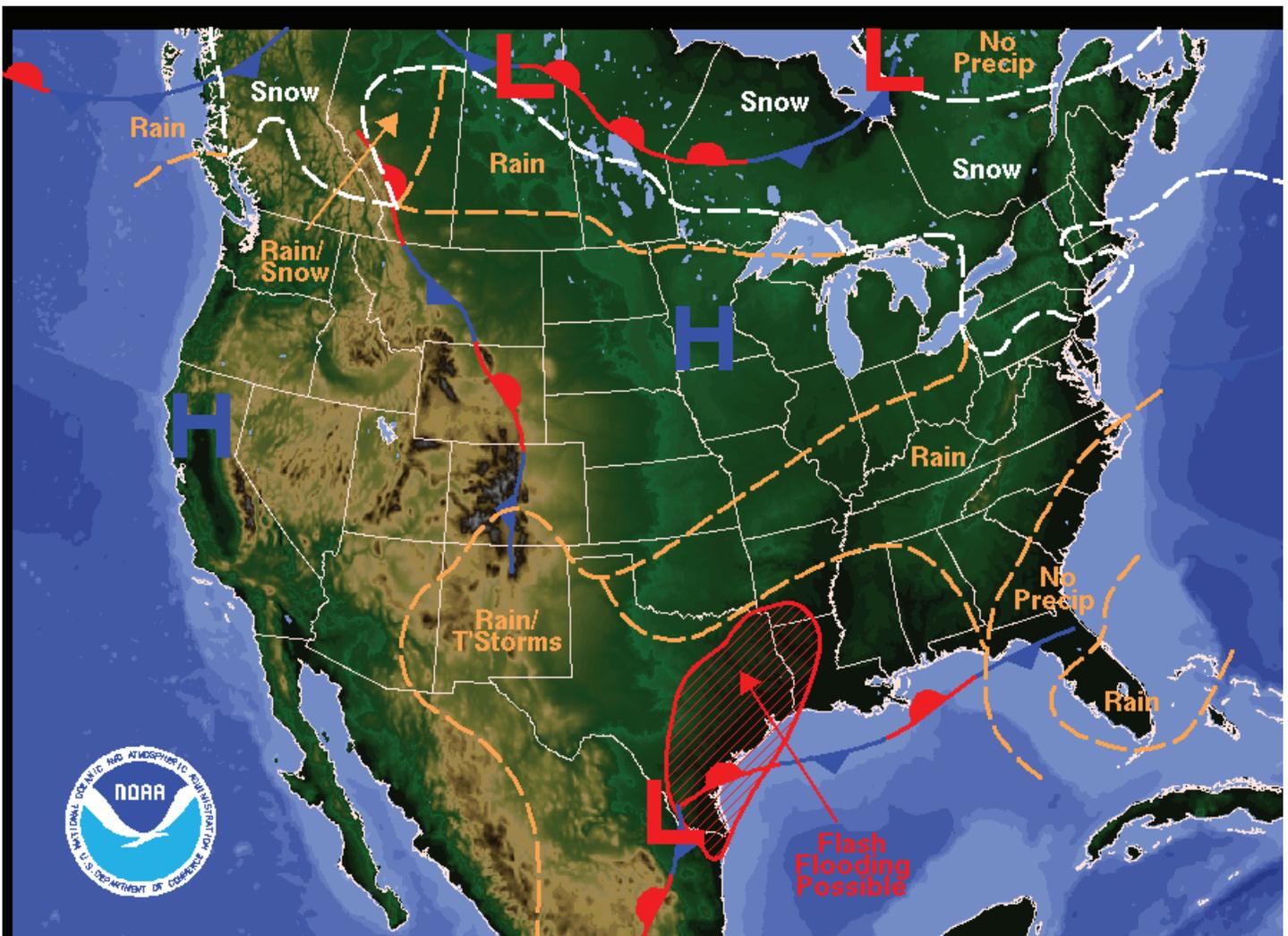
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.25

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 7:31 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:56 a.m.



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DISCIPLINE OR DEATH?

Solomon was widely recognized for his insightful proverbs. There were many who did not worship his God but respected and followed the advice that was embedded in his wisdom. Many of his proverbs were written for his sons. But they were not intended to be limited to "sons." They were written to provide guidance for all fathers and mothers of all times and in all cultures.

A recurring theme throughout Proverbs is the importance of discipline. Sometimes we are reminded that self-discipline is a life-long, never-ending necessity. But on one occasion he reminds fathers, which is also intended to include mothers, that there are some children who require life-long discipline which hopefully and eventually may accomplish its purpose. But parents are to persevere!

"Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death," is a rather stark warning. There may be times when parents think that education or guidance or advice or opportunity or wealth may bring hope for their children's future. But what value are all those things without discipline? The underlying rule to what he is saying is this: "The undisciplined life is not worth living because it will certainly end in death!"

What a vivid warning: If we who are parents do not make discipline the most important priority in the life of our children, we willingly - and now knowingly - contribute to their death! This is breathtaking and frightening. And notice that there is no age limit to disciplining a child. Whenever a child needs discipline, parents are to step in and intervene! A child is never beyond the need for discipline if it is necessary or required and will honor God.

Discipline may not be accepted and parents must never give up hope. And there is one simple, Biblical rule we are to apply: the "if/then" rule - If you want our help, then you must honor Him.

Prayer: It's not easy, Father, to be a parent. But You are our example. If we want You to bless us, we must apply Your rules. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.

News from the Associated Press

Deputy uses bean bag shotgun to subdue suspect with knife

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Pennington County sheriff's deputy used a bean bag shotgun to subdue a suspect who allegedly threatened officers with a knife.

The sheriff's office says deputies who responded to a disturbance call about 8 p.m. Saturday ordered the man to drop the knife, but he advanced on the officers instead and told them to shoot him.

An officer stopped the man with a round from a shotgun that shoots non-lethal bean bags rather than bullets. The 26-year-old man was taken to a Rapid City hospital, where he underwent surgery for unspecified injuries.

Authorities did not immediately identify the man.

Tribes now free to prosecute non-Indians for certain crimes

FELICIA FONSECA, Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — American Indian tribes across the country now have the authority to prosecute non-Indians for a limited set of crimes that center on domestic violence.

The National Congress of American Indians says authority was extended Saturday to all tribes that meet certain guidelines.

Three tribes in Arizona, Oregon and Washington state have exercised that power for more than a year under a federal pilot project.

Tribes lacked criminal jurisdiction under a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

But the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013 allowed tribes to charge non-Indians who are married or in partnerships with tribal members domestic violence crimes.

Supporters are hopeful it will decrease the high rate of violence on reservations.

Critics say the tribes' increased authority is sure to be challenged in federal courts.

Rules finalized to slow spread of aquatic invasive species

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Boaters and anglers in South Dakota have new rules to follow that are intended to slow the spread of invasive species in waterways.

The Game Fish and Parks Commission finalized several changes that will soon take effect.

They require the removal of vegetation and aquatic invasive species from boats and boat trailers.

All drain plugs and related devices must be opened or removed from boats when being transported, though live wells can hold water while going from a boat ramp to an adjacent fish cleaning station.

Anglers won't be allowed to transport fish or aquatic bait in water obtained from a lake, river or stream, except when going to an adjacent fish cleaning station. They can transport fish and aquatic bait using domestic water resources or on ice.

Oral Roberts beats IUPUI 58-56 in Summit quarterfinals

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Obi Emegano scored eight of his 14 points in the final 4 minutes and third-seeded Oral Roberts beat sixth-seeded IUPUI 58-56 in the Summit League quarterfinals Sunday night.

Oral Roberts (18-13) took the lead for good at 48-46 on Emegano's free throws with 3:42 left and made it 50-46 on Emegano's jumper at 2:10.

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IUPUI (10-21) closed within one point four times in the final 53 seconds, but never took the lead. Oral Roberts went 8 for 10 from the foul line in the final minute.

Aaron Young and Bobby Word added 10 points each to help Oral Roberts set up a semifinal matchup with second-seeded North Dakota State on Monday.

Khufu Najee had 15 points and DavRon Williams 14 for the Jaguars. Williams' jumper with 4:06 left was the game's 14th and final tie at 46-all.

Kris Tschetter wins playoff in Legends Tour opener

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. (AP) — Kris Tschetter won the Walgreens Charity Classic on Sunday for her first Legends Tour's title, beating Hall of Famer Juli Inkster with a par on the first hole of a playoff.

"I've been in the snow for a while, but I felt pretty good coming into this week," said Tschetter, a four-time LPGA Tour winner who lives in Warrenton, Virginia. "I just tried to swing smoothly and not let any errant shots rattle me."

The 50-year-old Tschetter birdied the final hole of regulation for a 4-under 68, while Inkster closed with a bogey for a 69. They finished at 6-under 138 at Grandview Golf Course.

Tschetter earned \$30,000.

Rosie Jones and Barb Mucha tied for second at 4 under. Jones had a 71, and Mucha shot 70.

First-round leader Martha Nause followed her opening 67 with a 74 to tie for fifth at 3 under.

South Dakota beats Fort Wayne 82-73 in Summit quarterfinals

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Brandon Bos scored a career-high 29 and No. 5 seed South Dakota beat fourth-seeded Fort Wayne 82-73 in the Summit League tournament quarterfinals on Sunday.

The Coyotes (17-15) took control in the first half and led by double digits for most of the second. Fort Wayne (16-14) rallied to within five with 1:10 left.

South Dakota's victory was its first Summit League tournament win in program history since joining in 2011. The Coyotes will play No. 1 seed and in-state rival South Dakota State in the semifinals on Monday.

Bos made 6 of 6 first-half field goals, with five 3-pointers, and had 19 points at the break as South Dakota pulled away with a 19-2 run and led by 21.

Fort Wayne closed the gap to nine points in the first eight minutes of the second half, but South Dakota scored 10 straight to lead 67-48 with 6:50 to go.

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. INTELLIGENCE REPORT AN EXCEPTION IN CIA OVERSIGHT

The Senate's conclusions on the spy agency's post-Sept. 11 interrogations show that such examinations are quite unusual, raising questions about other programs it oversees.

2. ACTIVISTS: AIR STRIKE HITS REFINERY HELD BY ISLAMIC STATE

A U.S.-led coalition raid targeted an oil facility near the Turkish-Syrian border, dealing a blow to a source of income for the extremist group.

3. INVESTORS ENJOYING ONE OF THE LONGEST BULL MARKETS

U.S. stocks have been rising for the past six years and strategists are not seeing the typical signs that accompany a peak yet.

4. WHAT THE 2016 POLLS ARE SHOWING

Surveys are merely pointing out that most Americans aren't yet paying enough attention to make the numbers worth much at all.

5. MADISON LEARNS FROM FERGUSON'S MISTAKES

The Wisconsin capital's police response is avoiding racial tensions and riots that erupted in the Missouri town as it deals with its own killing of an unarmed black man by an officer.

6. APPLE TO UNVEIL NEWEST DEVICE

CEO Tim Cook will make the case for why the company's smartwatch is the latest must-have gadget.

7. TOKYO SET TO MARK MEMORY OF HORRIFIC WWII BOMBINGS

Overshadowed by Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the March, 1945 U.S. firebombing of Japan's capital is the deadliest conventional air raid in the world's history.

8. WHERE THEY'RE FIGHTING TO KEEP WOOD FIRES BURNING

Some states are standing up to new U.S. federal limits on woodstove pollution, claiming the new rules could leave low-income residents in the cold.

9. FORMER SEX TRADE WORKER FIGHT TRAFFICKERS

Winnie Lazenko, a former prostitute, is now one of the most prominent activists in the fight against the sex trade in North Dakota's oil patch.

10. HOW A SOLAR PLANE IS TRYING TO MAKE HISTORY

The Swiss-made aircraft took off from Abu Dhabi just after daybreak in its attempt to circle the world without a drop of fossil fuel.

AP News in Brief

Senate torture report exposed misdeeds, but it's rare for Congress to hold the CIA accountable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate report on the CIA's post-Sept. 11 interrogations shows how a rigorous examination of a secret agency can expose misconduct, incompetence and bureaucratic spin, even to those who question the investigation's assertion that torture did not work.

The review also highlights how rare such examinations are, and it raises this question: How well run are other CIA programs, such as targeted killing with drones or the secret effort to train and arm Syrian rebels?

Congressional intelligence committees have long been accused of being "captured" by the agencies they oversee. When the committees do expose and correct problems, it almost always happens behind closed doors. The Senate report's 518-page summary, made public in December, was a rare instance of an oversight committee trying to hold the CIA accountable in a public way.

Particularly unusual was that its findings came from 6 million pages of the sort of internal CIA records that few outsiders, including committee staffers, ever get to see.

The report was written by Democrats, and its chief conclusion that brutal interrogations failed to produce unique intelligence is disputed by most Republicans and by the CIA. Since most of the CIA records remain secret, there may always be disagreement about whether detainees, after being tortured, provided information that was important to the hunt for Osama bin Laden, for example, even if it's clear that CIA got much of its intelligence in that case from other sources.

Pay no heed to today's presidential polls, which are months away from predicting much at all

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wondering who's up and who's down in the 2016 presidential race?

Go for a run, tend the garden, clean the closet, remove the lint from the dryer, and then do it all over again because it's going to be a long time before the polls will tell us much about who's likely to be our next president.

The fact is, what the polls do show is that most Americans aren't yet paying enough attention to make the horse race results worth much at all.

The first votes of the 2016 presidential campaign are roughly a year away, and 21 months before Election Day. Right now, there aren't even any officially declared candidates for president.

But there are plenty of polls asking about the few dozen folks who are all but certain to seek the White House, and none of them has the ability to predict who among them might emerge to replace President Barack Obama.

Born in the recession, raised on record earnings, the bull market for stocks is 6 years old

NEW YORK (AP) — In 2009 the stock market was filled with panic.

The housing market had collapsed. Lehman Brothers had gone under and General Motors was on the verge of bankruptcy reorganization. The U.S. was in a deep recession, and stocks had plunged 57 percent from their high in October 2007.

Fast forward six years, and investors are enjoying one of the longest bull markets since the 1940s.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index has more than tripled since bottoming out at 676.53 on March 9, 2009. The bull has pushed through a U.S. debt crisis, an escalating conflict in the Middle East, renewed tensions with Russia over Ukraine and Europe's stagnating economy.

So has this bull run its course? Most market strategists haven't yet seen the signs that typically accompany a market peak. Investors are yet to become rash, or overconfident.

Madison police chief's measured response to 19-year-old's shooting contrasts with Ferguson

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Within hours of a white officer shooting an unarmed black man, the police chief of Wisconsin's capital city was praying with the man's grandmother, hoping to strike a conciliatory tone and avoid the riots that last year rocked Ferguson, Missouri.

Chief Mike Koval said he knows Madison is being watched across the nation since 19-year-old Tony Robinson's death Friday evening, and he has gone out of his way to avoid what he once called Ferguson's "missteps."

"Folks are angry, resentful, mistrustful, disappointed, shocked, chagrined. I get that," Koval said Saturday. "People need to tell me squarely how upset they are with the Madison Police Department."

The contrasts with Ferguson are many.

While Ferguson police initially gave little information about the shooting of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old, unarmed black man, Koval rushed to the home of Robinson's mother. She didn't want to meet with him, he said, but he talked and prayed with Robinson's grandmother in the driveway for 45 minutes.

Solar-power plane takes off from Abu Dhabi, airborne on historic, 5-month round-the-world trip

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — With its wings stretched wide to catch the sun's energy, a Swiss-made solar-powered aircraft took off from Abu Dhabi just after daybreak Monday in a historic first attempt to fly around the world without a drop of fossil fuel.

Solar Impulse founder André Borschberg was at the controls of the single-seat aircraft when it lumbered into the air at the Al Bateen Executive Airport. Borschberg will trade off piloting with Solar Impulse co-founder Bertrand Piccard during layovers on a 35,000-kilometer (21,700-mile) journey.

Some legs of the trip, such as over the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, will mean five days and five nights of flying solo. Both pilots have been training hard for this journey, which will span 25 flight days over five months before this Spruce Goose of renewable energy returns to Abu Dhabi in late July or August.

"It is also exciting because you know, you simulate, you calculate, you imagine, but there is nothing like testing and doing it in real," Borschberg said just hours before takeoff. "I am sure we are all confident and hopefully we will be able to see each other here in five months."

The Solar Impulse 2 aircraft, a larger version of a single-seat prototype that first flew five years ago, has a wingspan of 72 meters (236 feet), larger than that of the Boeing 747. Built into the wings are 17,248 ultra-efficient solar cells that transfer solar energy to four electrical motors that power the plane's propellers. The solar cells also recharge four lithium polymer batteries.

Deadly World War II firebombings of Tokyo and other Japanese cities largely ignored

TOKYO (AP) — It was not Hiroshima or Nagasaki, but in many ways, including lives lost, it was just as horrific.

On March 10, 1945, U.S. B-29 bombers flew over Tokyo in the dead of night, dumping massive payloads of cluster bombs equipped with a then-recent invention: napalm. A fifth of Tokyo was left a smoldering expanse of charred bodies and rubble.

Today, a modest floral monument in a downtown park honors the spirits of the 105,400 confirmed dead, many interred in common graves.

It was the deadliest conventional air raid ever, worse than Nagasaki and on par with Hiroshima. But the attack, and similar ones that followed in more than 60 other Japanese cities, have received little attention, eclipsed by the atomic bombings and Japan's postwar rush to rebuild.

Haruyo Nihei, just 8 when the bombs fell, was among many survivors who kept silent. A half-century passed before she even shared her experiences with her own son.

Activists say US-led coalition airstrikes hit Syrian oil refinery held by Islamic State group

BEIRUT (AP) — Airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition have hit a Syrian oil refinery held by the Islamic State group, activists said Monday.

The strikes targeted a refinery near the Turkish-Syrian border outside the town of Tel Abyad. Video from the Turkish Dogan News Agency showed the strikes Sunday night, which saw an enormous fireball engulf the refinery.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights estimated the strikes killed about 30 people, including Islamic State militants and refinery workers. The Syrian activist group Raqqa is Being Slaugh-

tered Silently also reported the strikes, but offered no casualty figure.

The Islamic State group, which controls a self-declared caliphate on captured territory covering about a third of Syria and Iraq, partially funds its conquests through the sale of black market oil.

The U.S.-led coalition did not immediately acknowledge launching the strike.

Ex-stripper, taking on sex traffickers in oil patch, lauded as 'the real deal' by prosecutor

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — When she first arrived in town, Windie Lazenko headed to the neon-lit strip clubs and bars catering to lonely oil field workers with extra cash and time on their hands. She knew these were likely gathering spots for the sex trade — the life she'd given up long ago.

For nearly two decades, Lazenko was part of that illicit world, starting as a 13-year-old runaway when, she says, she was bought and sold for sex. Prostitution, pornography and strip clubs followed. Then she walked away from it all. She eventually moved to Montana and a few years ago, while counseling at-risk girls, she began hearing about young women being recruited for prostitution in the Bakken oilfields. She wanted to help.

Lazenko is now one of the most prominent activists in the fight against sex trafficking in the oil patch. She's worked with federal prosecutors, the FBI and police, testified before state lawmakers and addressed church and school groups. She also has formed an advocacy-resource group, 4her North Dakota, reaching out to victimized women.

"I speak their language from the get-go," she says. "I'm not law enforcement. I'm not out there to bust them. They don't have to play the game with me. They're going to respect me and I'm going to respect them. We're going to have a conversation. I know what it is to be out there."

Lazenko's advocacy comes as state lawmakers are considering an array of new measures — including stiffer penalties for pimps and more money to help victims — to combat the growing sex trade in the Bakken. "It's powerful for them to say human trafficking is here in North Dakota," she says. "It's just huge that they've acknowledged it."

Women get top spots in Israeli political parties, putting themselves in line for key positions

JERUSALEM (AP) — A minor revolution is underway in Israel, with the female candidates catapulting to the top of party lists across the political spectrum ahead of the country's March 17 election, setting them up to claim key positions of power in the next government like never before.

While the number of women in Israel's 120-seat Knesset isn't likely to rise dramatically from its current 27, the number of women holding senior positions likely will, breaking new ground for women.

Israel is one of the few countries to have elected a female head of government — Golda Meir, four decades ago. But Meir's success turned out to be an exception to the rule, and its politics remain male-dominated. Female representation is low compared to Western democracies, and only 23 women have served as government ministers or deputy ministers since Israel's creation in 1948.

Gideon Rahat, a professor of political science at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, said the strong showing for women in recent primaries follows a gradual rise in women's participation in the Knesset since the late 1990s.

He said that while more established parties such as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud have elected only three women into its ranks, with another two appointed, newer parties are bringing in more. The newly formed Kulanu, for instance, is one-third female. Two parties have women at the

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helm: Tzipi Livni from Hatnuah and Zehava Galon from Meretz.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 9, the 68th day of 2015. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY'). (The couple later divorced.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1935, the animated cartoon character Porky Pig first appeared in the Warner Bros. animated short "I Haven't Got a Hat."

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations.

In 1965, the Rev. James Reeb, a white minister from Boston who'd gone to Selma, Alabama, to show support for civil rights marchers, was attacked by a group of white men and struck on the head; he died two days later at age 38.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1981, Dan Rather made his debut as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

Ten years ago: Michael Jackson's young accuser took the witness stand, saying he once considered the pop star being tried for allegedly molesting him "the coolest guy in the world." (Jackson was later acquitted.) Dan Rather signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden, visiting Israel, condemned an Israeli plan to build hundreds of homes in east Jerusalem. Former television producer Robert "Joe" Halderman pleaded guilty in New York to attempted grand larceny for trying to blackmail talk show host David Letterman. (Halderman was sentenced to six months in jail; he actually served four.) Doris "Granny D" Haddock, a New Hampshire woman who'd walked across the country at age 89 to promote campaign finance reform, died at age 100.

One year ago: The search continued for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 that had gone missing the day before while over the South China Sea with 239 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. James L. Buckley, Conservative-N.Y., is 92. Singer-actress Keely

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Smith is 87. Singer Lloyd Price is 82. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 81. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 79. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 79. Actress Trish Van Devere is 74. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 73. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 72. Rock musician Robin Trower is 70. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 67. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 67. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 66. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 64. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 58. Actor Tom Amandes is 56. Actor-director Lonny Price is 56. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 55. Country musician Rusty Hendrix (Confederate Railroad) is 55. Actress Juliette Binoche is 51. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 47. Rock musician Shannon Leto (30 Seconds to Mars) is 45. Rapper C-Murder (AKA C-Miller) is 44. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 44. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 43. Actor Kerr Smith is 43. Rapper Chingy is 35. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 35. Rock musician Chad Gilbert (New Found Glory) is 34. Roots rock musician Ben Tanner (Alabama Shakes) is 32. Actress Brittany Snow is 29. Rapper Bow Wow is 28. Rapper YG is 25. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 23. Actress Cierra Ramirez is 20.

Thought for Today: "It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him." - John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).