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### Monday, March 16

**School Breakfast:** Cheese Omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Nachos, sweet potato tot, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study.

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at City Hall

### Tuesday, March 17

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

**School Lunch:** St. Patty's nugget, irish potato, broccoli with dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

### Wednesday, March 18

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Hot dog, baked beans, romaine salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, cake, whole wheat bread.

6:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Nigeria and India Circles serve)

7:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

### Thursday, March 19

**Senior Menu:** Turkey chow mein, rice/chow mein noodles, broccoli, breadsticks, sour cream apple pie square.



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## Lana's Annals

**Lana  
Greenfield  
District 2  
State  
Representative**

"That's not how it works. That's not how any of this works," says the lady in a commercial trying to explain the use of a computer program to those who were not savvy. That also is my reflection as we get ready to close our session. The last days have been intense and not without possible twists and turns. I think it is important to consider each vote carefully and then make that vote according to how it will affect the people of our area. Sometimes that is difficult but necessary.

SB190, a bill requiring insurance plans to cover behavior analysis (autism) therapy, was passed. While it is not in perfect form for either side, it is a start. It provides for a tiered set of workers to analyze behaviors and then set up a program

for the patients to follow. Some would have preferred hiring mastered experts in the field; however, the cost is very high. After being met with resistance last year, this is a step in the right direction. On that note, my concern is why children have autism nowadays. This needs to be seriously investigated as too many theories exist.

SB69 passed this week. It creates a different window for election circulation of petitions. It also makes it more difficult for candidates to withdraw from the race without good reason. The creation of this law allows the Secretary of State's office to have time to check on the validity of the signatures on randomly selected ballots. We had a U.S. race last time around, which resulted in someone possibly signing petitions that that person was alleged to have not circulated.

SB2 was passed in both Houses. It provides for a watershed pilot project in northeast South Dakota. Originally, the pilot project was to have been in the Vermillion area; when it was moved, it caused a lot of questions. Senator Frerichs, the sponsor, assured the House that no ill intent accompanied the move. I voted for it. I know Rep. Feickert as well as others has also spent much time on this, and it was worthy to move forth.

SB132 was passed and allows schools to be able to hire teachers in critical needs areas without following a wage schedule. Some schools already have this in place but may be helpful to those who do not.

I worked hard to try to get assessment, technology, and sparsity separated from the general education fund. By including it, the dollars will now go on the backs of our taxpayers. This was controversial as I felt the state should fund at least two of these three items. I was willing to compromise and roll technology in and keep the other two outside the formula. The majority did not see it this way. Some said we already have the small school factor within the budget and felt that it was unfair for large school districts to have to pick up the sparsity as well. I countered with the fact that we do not have pine beetles in our area but have to help pay to eradicate them. Every part of the state has its own special set of problems, and I told them we all have to work together even if some issues are inapplicable. As far as assessments go, the state imposed common core and assessment cost for it now has been rolled into the general fund. Like the program or not, common core testing now has become a part of your wallets. I really felt these three issues were divisive. With them in the funding, the increase to the schools was 2 per cent; if rolled out, each school would get 1.5 per cent.

We now have a road and bridge funding mechanism in place. I did not vote for it, not that I was against their repair. I made it known early on that if our only large concern was getting the state money and not the counties and townships, I would vote red. I think the bill should have been separated into two bills- one for state and one bill for counties and townships instead of a package deal, which also included increasing the interstate speed limit.

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The final budget of the evening was voted on about 10 P.M. in the House. I did vote to pass it; some voted "no" to protest any aspect not liked; however, it was going to pass anyway.

Visitors this week at the People's House were Redfield Government class and their instructor, Joel Osborne. I enjoyed seeing them and getting a picture with them.

Even though session is over (with the exception of veto day) the work as South Dakotans continues. We have a wonderful state; we take pride in our communities, families, educational institutions, transportation systems, and business and ag production. We cannot solve all problems in one session, but hopefully, we can strengthen our state by focusing on one or two major issues each year. I thank all of you for e-mails, cards, calls, and questions; if you need to reach me please e-mail me at [ana.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ana.greenfield@gmail.com), [rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us](mailto:rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us). You can call me at 635-6932. May you have a wonderful week. Think spring!!

## Groton Lions Club

The March monthly potluck supper/meeting of the Groton Lions Club was held last Thursday evening, at Dakota Brush.

Chris Frost, 1st vice president, led the business session, in place of the president.

Election of new officers, to be installed next July, were: Michelle Mullenberg, 2nd vice president; Nancy Larsen, re-elected as secretary; Larry Wheeting, re-elected treasurer; Marti Seurer, assistant treasurer; and Topper Tastad, tasil twister. Chris Frost will move up automatically to the president's position; and Justin Olson, to 1st vice president.

Pastor Elizabeth Johnson and Lee Schinkel reported on last year's Easter egg hunt, and possible changes for this year's Easter egg hunt, scheduled for 10 A.M., in the city park, March 28.

Nancy Larsen reported on the elementary school eye screening, that she and Dave Pigors performed recently.

Nancy Schuring reported on personal calls she had made to members, as well as sending out Christmas cards to members.

After the meeting, all members worked at stuffing Easter eggs, for the upcoming Easter egg hunt.

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## Did You Know?

- A burglary occurs every **14.6 seconds**.<sup>1</sup>
- **1 out of every 5 homes** will experience a break-in or home invasion.<sup>2</sup>
- A home without a security system is **3 times more likely to be burglarized**.<sup>3</sup>
- **85% of Police Officials surveyed** believe home alarms deter burglary attempts.<sup>4</sup>

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008 National Crime Report [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr\\_stats060109](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109) 2. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/vdhbpr.cfm>  
3. FBI, 2008 National Crime Report [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr\\_stats060109](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109) 4. <http://www.beyondidentitytheft.com/home-security-statistics.html>

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**KRISTI NOEM**  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



## More Trade Can Bring Opportunity and Peace

When a bill is signed, lawmakers aren't signing a paycheck. Instead, we are creating an environment where if you work hard and play by the rules, you can get ahead. Those principles are important to remember – especially as we work toward finalizing trade agreements in the next few years.

We're closest to finishing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) – a trade agreement with allies in the Asia-Pacific. If completed, we will unlock opportunities for South Dakota job creators, ag producers, and consumers while building a healthy economy.

Today, 75 percent of South Dakota exporters are small and medium-sized businesses. Trade agreements reduce barriers so businesses can get their products and services to more consumers. Such agreements also give small businesses tools they don't currently have access to in order to fight against foreign entities that may be stealing their information or technology.

For farmers and ranchers, trade agreements open new markets. We grow more than we can sell here at home. There's no reason not to take advantage of that abundance – especially as nearly 96 percent of consumers are outside the U.S.

It's not just about benefits to business, however. The high U.S. tariffs on shoes and clothing are one of our most regressive taxes, costing Americans billions of dollars every year. With a trade agreement, we can lower that tax on consumers.

The national security benefits of open trade cannot be underestimated either – especially in

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an increasingly powerful region, like the Asia-Pacific. In the first 10 years of this century, East Asian countries negotiated 48 trade agreements while the United States negotiated just two in the region. China has been filling the vacuum, using its ever-increasing commercial ties to assert its growing power. That creates a dangerous environment for the U.S. and for South Dakota.

The best course forward for TPP would be for Congress to pass a bill establishing Trade Promotion Authority, or TPA.

Having TPA in place will help us get the strongest deal for South Dakota, because through it, we're showing our trading partners that we're serious, incentivizing them to put their best offers forward.

If TPA is established – and it has been for every president since FDR – Congress is telling the administration: If a trade agreement is to get the privilege of an up-or-down vote in Congress, you must follow our rules and instructions, keep us in the loop, and remember that we have the last say. What it does not do is give any authority to the President. Congress sets the priorities and negotiating parameters – not the White House. If this administration violates those parameters, Congress can revoke TPA. Moreover, if he follows the parameters and we still don't like the agreement, Congress has the power to vote it down.

Congress is expected to consider TPA in the coming weeks. In the House, it will first see action in the Ways and Means Committee, of which I am a member.

With TPA, we can then move thoughtfully to complete the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements. I'll be fighting for agreements that are rooted in fair and conservative economic principles, protect South Dakota interests, and bolster national security, because as President Ronald Reagan said, "The freer the flow of world trade, the stronger the tides of human progress and peace among nations."

## Noem's Office Accepting Applications for Summer Interns

Washington, D.C. – Representative Kristi Noem is accepting applications for spring internships in her Washington, D.C. office, as well as in her offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Watertown.

Student interns in Representative Noem's office will assist staff with various constituent service and communications projects, as well as assist with legislative research. Both South Dakota and Washington, D.C., internships provide students with first-hand knowledge of the legislative process and the countless other functions of a congressional office.

College students who are interested in interning in any of Representative Noem's offices should submit a resume, cover letter, and references to [Christiana.Fraze@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christiana.Fraze@mail.house.gov) by April 20.

For more information, contact Christiana Frazee at 202-225-2801.

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South Dakota Governor  
Dennis Daugaard



## Eliminating Unnecessary Red Tape In State Government

Every year, from the second Tuesday in January until mid-March, the South Dakota Legislature convenes in Pierre to create laws. Legislators come to town ready to offer proposals to improve our state and better serve South Dakotans.

This legislative session, a total of 429 bills were introduced and as I write this, I've signed 198 of those bills into law. But not every one of those bills creates new laws. We've also repealed laws. So far this year, I've signed 13 bills to repeal unnecessary and outdated laws.

With laws, more isn't necessarily better. Laws should be clear and easy to follow. Government shouldn't place unnecessary hurdles before our citizens or entrepreneurs, and things shouldn't be overly complicated for people who are trying to know and obey the law.

That's why a few years ago I started asking state agencies to identify provisions we can repeal.

With the help of the agencies and legislators, we've already gone a long way in removing unnecessary red tape in state government. In this legislative session alone, we have repealed 235 sections of law and 90 sections of administrative rules. Since beginning this effort in 2012, we have eliminated over 4,000 sections of law and regulations – which amounts to a total of 444,426 words that have been repealed.

We've repealed outdated pro-

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visions dealing with a wide range of subjects, from petroleum products, to county prisoners, to the federal census, to traction engines, to the medical department of the National Guard, and more.

I am grateful legislators have joined me in my effort to minimize red tape and I hope this is a habit that we will continue in years to come. Our efforts to cut red tape may not be creating headlines, but they're important.

## Helping South Dakotans Navigate Federal Agencies

By Senator Mike Rounds

Part of my job as a United States Senator is to provide assistance to South Dakotans who are having trouble dealing with a federal agency. In fact, it is the primary focus in my state offices. Members of my staff in South Dakota are specially trained to help constituents navigate the federal maze. We work with our fellow South Dakotans on a daily basis, addressing their concerns and issues related to the federal government. Sometimes, we even work to remind the federal government it's the citizens for whom they are employed to serve. Whether a constituent is having trouble handling a VA claim, accessing social security benefits, filing taxes or obtaining a visa, my staff and I are here to help. Already, we have successfully assisted many South Dakotans by expediting passports that were delayed and helping veterans obtain additional benefits which they have been promised. I'm proud of the work we are doing and we are honored to help.

South Dakotans needing help dealing with a federal agency should contact one of my state offices. We are located in Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Huron and Aberdeen. One of my staff members will also hold office hours in Mitchell every other Tuesday starting March 10, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers, in Watertown every other Thursday as of March 26, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Watertown Regional Library and in Huron every Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Huron Public Library. My Aberdeen office will be open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Office locations and phone numbers are listed on my website, [www.rounds.senate.gov](http://www.rounds.senate.gov), under the "Contact" tab. South Dakotans should feel free to call any of my offices for assistance. Because my team works closely together across the state and in Washington, we strive to provide a timely response to each person contacting us.

My state offices in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls are open every week day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and I would encourage anyone who has questions or issues with a federal agency to call, send a letter or simply stop in. I understand how frustrating it can be to have an issue with the government and not know the best way to resolve it. The federal agencies have lists of complex and often confusing rules. Navigating them alone can seem daunting. We understand that, and we are here to help.

One of the most important parts of my job as a Senator is acting on behalf of my constituents during times of need. I have highly qualified, talented individuals on staff, many of whom have years of experience dealing with casework on both the state and federal level. Whether we are the first call someone makes when dealing with a federal agency or their last call when they feel as if they can no longer fight the government on their own, we are here. My team and I look forward to serving the people of South Dakota any way we can.



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## Today in Weather History

March 16, 1963: Beware the Ides of March. The most severe blizzard in modern history strikes North Dakota and Minnesota. The blizzard began on a Saturday night while many are traveling, and thus claims 71 lives. Winds gust to 75 mph at Duluth, Minnesota, and reach 85 mph at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Snow drifts twelve feet high are reported in north central Minnesota. A cold front traveling 30 mph crosses Minnesota in just seven hours.

March 16, 2012: Temperatures reaching eighty degrees or higher in March across central and northeast South Dakota is a rare occurrence, and for this to occur in mid-March is extremely rare. On March 16th, several locations across the area set record highs by topping the 80 degree mark including Aberdeen, Mobridge, and Pierre. Sisseton and Watertown also set records for March 16th. Aberdeen topped out at 81 degrees, Mobridge reached 83 degrees, with 86 degrees at Pierre.

1885 – On this date through the 3/21, Pointe-des-Monts, Quebec Canada received 98 inches of snowfall.

1942 - Two tornadoes, 24 minutes apart, struck Baldwin, MS, resulting in 65 deaths. (David Ludlum)

1975 - A single storm brought 119 inches of snow to Crater Lake, O,R establishing a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - A small but rare tornado touched down perilously close to Disneyland in Anaheim CA. (Storm Data)

1987 - Softball size hail caused millions of dollars damage to automobiles at Del Rio TX. Three persons were injured when hailstones crashed through a shopping mall skylight. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1988 - A winter storm produced heavy snow in the Central Rockies. Winds gusted to 80 mph at Centerville UT. Eighteen cities in the southeastern U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee FL with a reading of 24 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A winter storm brought heavy snow and high winds to the southwestern U.S. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Lovelock NV, Salt Lake City UT, and Fort Carson CO. Snow fell at a rate of three inches per hour in the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail and damaging winds from northwest Florida to western South Carolina. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 75 mph at Floridatown FL. Sixteen cities across the northeastern quarter of the nation reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 78 degrees at Burlington VT smashed their previous record for the date by 23 degrees. New York City reported a record high of 82 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)










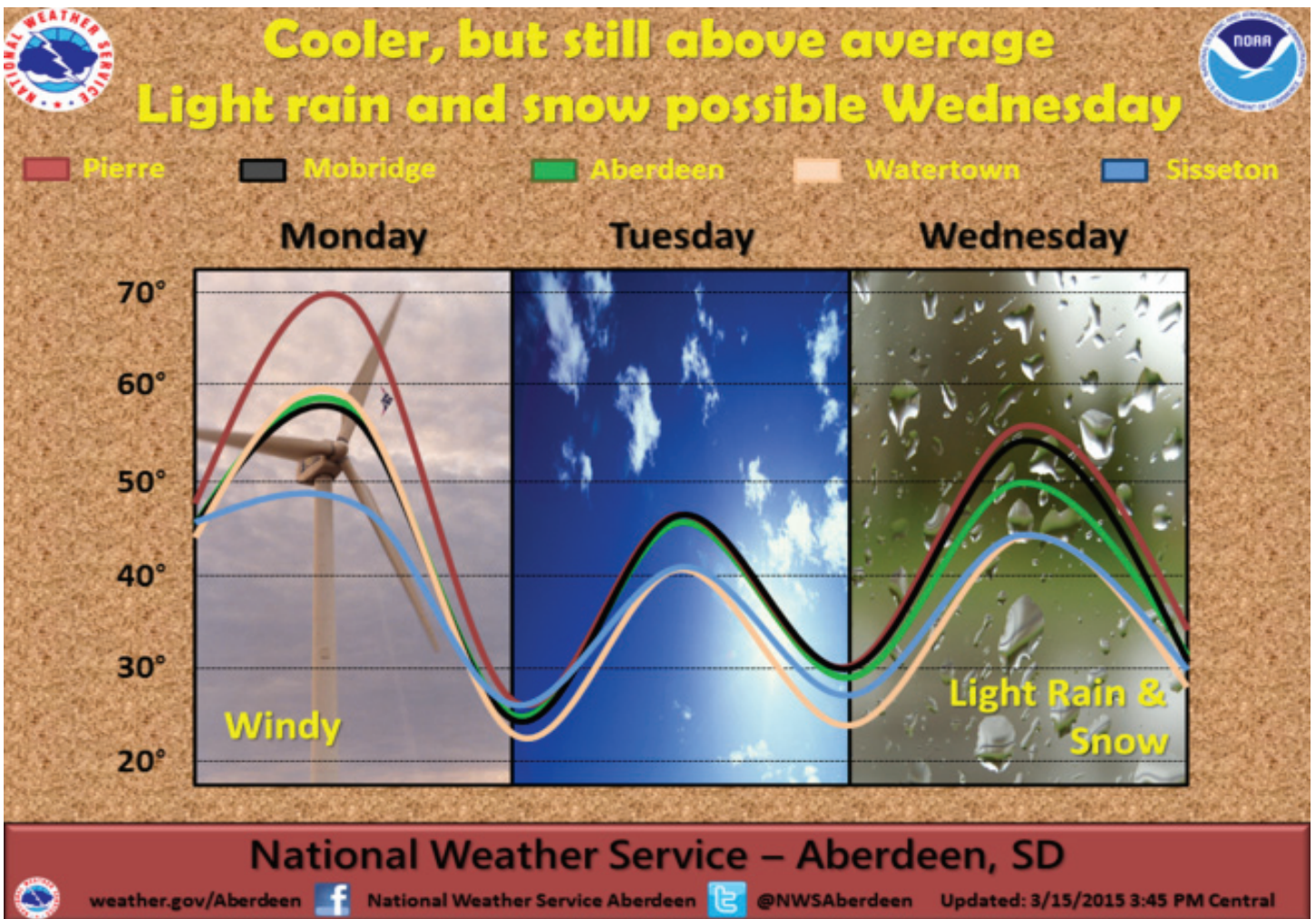
## Record Shattering High Temperatures: March 15th

City	New Record	Old Record	Normal	Number of times it's been at least this warm this early	Average date to 1st reach today's high
Aberdeen	79	66 in 2012	39	Never since 1896	April 22nd
Watertown	74	66 in 1930	38	Once since 1893	April 18th
Mobridge	79	68 in 1995	42	Twice since 1911	April 22nd
Pierre	83	74 in 1995	45	Never since 1934	April 18th
Sisseton	76	64 in 2003	39	Never since 1933	April 20th
Kennebec	83	75 in 1935	47	Twice since 1893	April 21st
Timber Lake	77	69 in 2012	42	Twice since 1912	April 18th

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Breezy	Blustery	Mostly Sunny	Chance Snow	Chance Rain/Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 56 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 45 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 47 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 50 °F



Temperatures will again be above average today, but will be cooling through the course of the afternoon as a front swings through followed by gusty north winds. A weak disturbance pushes into the region by the middle of the week, potentially bringing us some light rain and snow.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 76.3 at 3:31 PM

**Low:** 46.8 at 8:10 AM

**High Gust:** 33 at 12:26 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 81° in 2012

**Record Low:** -17° in 1906

**Average High:** 40°F

**Average Low:** 20°F

**Average Precip in March.:** 0.47

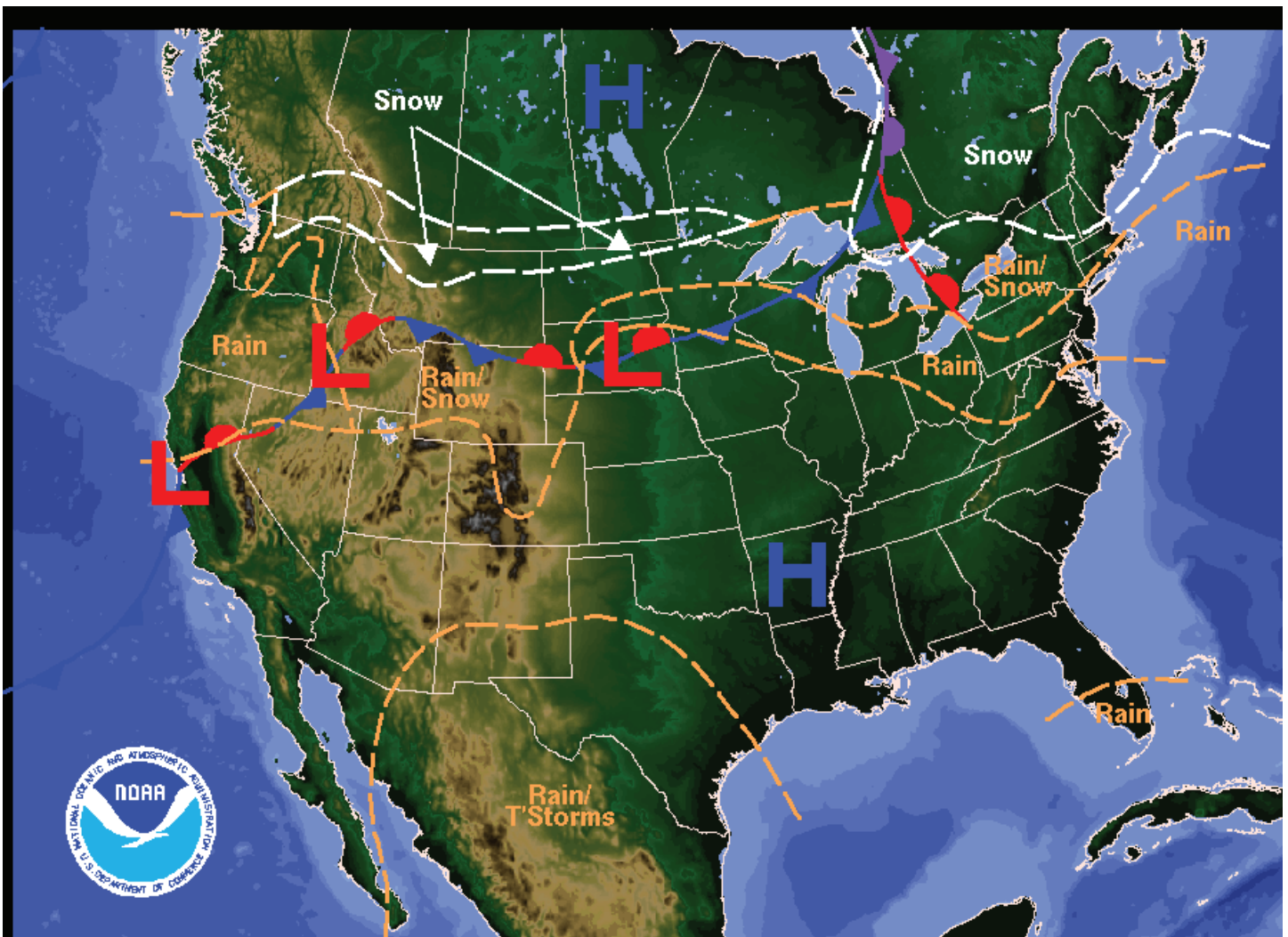
**Precip to date in March.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 1.49

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:41 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:43 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 16, 2015, issued 3:05 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## NO ONE CAN HIDE

"Ladies Bible Study" was a weekly event when I was a child. My mother always wanted me to be present but with certain limitations. "Larry," she would remind me from time to time, "children are to be seen and not heard." My role, unless called upon to say something, was to sit silently in a chair, smile occasionally and not wiggle. Impossible for a small child.

But the "be seen" always put pressure on me. I had to wear a shirt and tie, make sure my shoes were shined and my pants had a "sharp crease" in them. And, I still follow those rules to this day whenever I attend a meeting or appear in public.

"Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright?" wrote Solomon. The word "actions" implies "patterns of behavior that become second nature and last a life time." It's called second nature for a reason: behaviors become routine and are done without much thinking. And this captures the idea of this verse: What is in our behavior is a reflection of our character. Or, what's on the inside will be seen on the outside.

The words "Even small children..." may lead us to the wrong conclusion if we do not look carefully at what Solomon is saying. "Even" means "in addition to" adults. We see patterns in children that reveal what is at the center of their hearts. Without being aware or even thinking about it, our behaviors are very consistent, from childhood through adulthood. They do not vary and we do what we do because it "gets" us what we want!

When we stand back and look at our lives and ask: "Is my life what I want it to be? Am I pleasing God and honoring Him?" If the answer is "No," - it's time to turn to the Lord and ask for His grace and mercy. We must never give up on ourselves or others!

**Prayer:** Lord, may we be careful in everything we say and do. May we reflect Your love and grace always and in all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 20:11 Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright?



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## News from the Associated Press

### **State prison inmate fails to return from funeral furlough**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A state prison inmate at a minimum-security unit in Rapid City has been placed on “escape” status after failing to return from a funeral furlough.

Authorities say Dace Lunderman was allowed to attend a funeral in Mission but did not return at the scheduled time on Saturday.

The 30-year-old Lunderman was serving two years in prison for assaulting a law officer in Pennington County.

### **Rapid City man hospitalized after being shot near bar**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are investigating the shooting of a man near a bar.

Officers responded to the Time Out Lounge area about midnight Saturday after a report of a gunshot. Police say a 29-year-old Rapid City man was taken from the scene to a hospital with serious injuries.

Officers questioned several people but did not make immediately make any arrests.

The victim was not immediately identified.

### **Indigenous people from US, Canada, Mexico gathering in SD**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Native people from around the United States, Canada and northern Mexico plan to gather next weekend in Rapid City for the North American Indigenous Peoples Caucus meeting.

Charmaine White Face with the environmental group Defenders of the Black Hills is one of the organizers and says it’s one of seven annual regional gatherings held worldwide. The delegates who meet will then send recommendations to the United Nations, which formed the caucus.

She says violence against women and a shortage of affordable housing for native people are two of the topics to be discussed.

White Face says 150 to 200 people are expected for the Rapid City meeting, which runs Friday-Sunday at United Tribes Technical College and the Mother Butler Center Hall.

## **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. ECCENTRIC HEIR ARRESTED ON MURDER WARRANT**

In the finale of a documentary about his links to three killings, Robert Durst says, apparently to himself, that he “killed them all.”

#### **2. MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING 2 FERGUSON OFFICERS**

Suspect Jeffrey Williams, 20, tells authorities he was firing at someone with whom he was in a dispute.

#### **3. WHY NETANYAHU’S LEGACY IS ON THE LINE IN ISRAELI VOTE**

As parliamentary elections near, the prime minister finds himself at a fateful crossroads: Make history by becoming one of the country’s longest-serving leaders, or become history.

#### **4. US, IRAN PRESS FOR NUCLEAR PACT**

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## 5. WHO LEADS THE WAY TO THE BIG DANCE

Kentucky earns top spot to start the NCAA basketball tournament, while UCLA, Texas, Duke, Villanova and Wisconsin also make the cut.

## 6. VANUATU PRESIDENT SAYS NATION MUST START ANEW AFTER CYCLONE

Baldwin Lonsdale tells The AP that six people were confirmed dead and 30 injured from a "monster" that destroyed or damaged 90 percent of the buildings in the capital.

## 7. TV REUNITES CAMBODIAN FAMILIES SCATTERED BY KHMER ROUGE

A reality show called "It's Not a Dream" transforms the darkest episode in the country's history into one of the modern world's rawest forms of entertainment.

## 8. WHERE MEXICO POT CONNOISSEURS FIND INSPIRATION

The country's smokers now either import high-potency gourmet weed from the U.S., or grow it in secret gardens that use techniques perfected abroad.

## 9. YOUNG ADULTS CONSUME MORE NEWS THAN ELDERS THINK

Mobile devices and social networking are keeping the millennial generation more engaged with the broader world than previously thought, a survey finds.

## 10. STARVING SEA LION PUPS STRANDING ON CALIFORNIA BEACHES

Scientists suspect that warmer waters push prime foods further north, forcing the mothers to abandon their babies for up to eight days at a time in search of sustenance.

## AP News in Brief

### **Eccentric fugitive held on murder warrant; says in documentary he 'killed them all'**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The arrest of Robert Durst, a wealthy eccentric linked to two killings and his wife's disappearance, came just before the finale in an HBO show about his life in which he said he "killed them all."

Durst was arrested on a murder warrant just before Sunday evening's showing of an HBO serial documentary about his links to three sensational killings.

In the finale, Durst was asked about similarities in handwriting in a letter he wrote and another linked to one of the killings. Later, filmmakers said Durst wore his microphone into the bathroom.

What followed was a bizarre rambling in which Durst said, apparently to himself, "There it is. You're caught" and "What the hell did I do? Killed them all of course."

The show ended, and it wasn't clear whether producers confronted Durst about the secretly recorded words, or what Durst meant by them.

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### **Authorities: Man accused of shooting officers in Ferguson says he was aiming for someone else**

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — Authorities said a man charged in the shooting of two police officers last week during a demonstration outside the Ferguson Police Department had attended the protest earlier that night, although multiple activists said he wasn't a consistent fixture in their tight-knit group.

St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch said Sunday in announcing the charges that 20-year-old suspect Jeffrey Williams told authorities he was firing at someone with whom he was in a dispute.

"We're not sure we completely buy that part of it," McCulloch said, adding that there might have been other people in a vehicle Williams is accused of firing from.

Williams is charged with two counts of first-degree assault, one count of firing a weapon from a vehicle and three counts of armed criminal action. McCulloch said the investigation is ongoing.

The police officers were shot early Thursday as a late-night demonstration began to break up following the resignation of Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson in the wake of a Justice Department report that found widespread racial bias in the police department.

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## **Israeli candidates on last day of campaign before election to determine Netanyahu's future**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli election candidates are making their final appeals to voters on Monday, the eve of an election that will determine whether Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu can secure another term in office.

Latest polls have shown Netanyahu's Likud party trailing the centrist Zionist Union by about four seats.

The numbers do not necessarily rule out Netanyahu's chances of forming the next government after Tuesday's election but have rattled Likud, which began the campaign all but assured that it would stay in office.

In recent days it has been on a get-out-the-vote blitz with Netanyahu warning against the rise of a left-wing government in a series of interviews and before tens of thousands of hard-line supporters at a Tel Aviv rally on Sunday evening.

"This is a fateful struggle, a close struggle. We must close this gap. We can close this gap," Netanyahu said to roaring applause at the rally.

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## **US, Iran working for nuclear pact; officials suggest a lesser announcement possible**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The United States and Iran are plunging back into negotiations in a bid to end a decades-long standoff that has raised the specter of an Iranian nuclear arsenal, a new atomic arms race in the Middle East and even a U.S. or Israeli military intervention.

Two weeks out from a deadline for a framework accord, some officials said the awesomeness of the diplomatic task meant negotiators would likely settle for an announcement that they've made enough progress to justify further talks.

Such a declaration would hardly satisfy American critics of the Obama administration's diplomatic outreach to Iran and hardliners in the Islamic Republic, whose rumblings have grown more vociferous and threatening as the parties have narrowed many of their differences. And, officially, the United States and its partners insist their eyes are on a much bigger prize: "A deal that would protect the world," Secretary of State John Kerry emphasized this past weekend, "from the threat that a nuclear-armed Iran could pose."

Yet as Kerry arrived in Switzerland for several days of discussions with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, no one was promising the breakthrough. One diplomat said new differences surfaced only in the last negotiating round of what has been a 15-month process, including a sudden Iranian demand that a nuclear facility buried deep underground be allowed to keep hundreds of centrifuges that are used for enriching uranium — material that can be used in a nuclear warhead. Previously, the Iranians had accepted the plant would be transformed into one solely for scientific research, that diplomat and others have said.

The deal that had been taking shape would see Iran freeze its nuclear program for at least a decade,



with restrictions then gradually lifted over a period of perhaps the following five years. Washington and other world powers would similarly scale back sanctions that have crippled the Iranian economy in several phases. Iran says it is only interested in peaceful energy generation and medical research, but much of the world has suspected it of maintaining covert nuclear weapons ambitions. And the U.S. and its ally Israel have at various times threatened military action if Iran's program advances too far.

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## **Survey finds that young adults consume more news than elders think; often on social media**

CHICAGO (AP) — Young adults have a reputation for being connected to one another and disconnected from the news. But a survey has found that mobile devices and social networking are keeping them more engaged with the broader world than previously thought.

They want news, they say, though they don't always aggressively seek it out — perhaps simply happening upon it on a friend's online feed. And they want it daily.

The survey of Americans ages 18 to 34, sometimes called the millennial generation, found that two-thirds of respondents said they consume news online regularly, often on a social networking site. Of those, 40 percent do so several times a day, according to the poll, conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute.

It's been a slowly building trend in news consumption that experts say is trickling up to older generations — and that young people say helps them stay current, even if they never read an actual newspaper or watch the evening news on TV.

"I don't think people would expect us to know what we know," says Erica Quinn, a 24-year-old college student in Gainesville, Florida, who participated in the survey. The findings were to be presented Monday in Nashville at the annual convention of the Newspaper Association of America.

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## **Decades after Khmer Rouge regime tore Cambodian families apart, reality TV show reunites them**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Tears welling in her eyes, Sam Somaly looked into the camera and pleaded to three siblings she had not seen in nearly 40 years — family lost to a nightmare that still haunts Cambodia today.

"I am your sister. I am looking for you," she said, clasping her palms tightly together. "If you hear this ... please come to me. I miss you so much. I'm getting sick because I miss you so much."

The Khmer Rouge seized Cambodia in 1975 and literally broke families apart as they forced this Southeast Asian nation's entire population to work in the countryside in a bizarre attempt to construct an ultra-communist agrarian society.

Somaly knew her parents and one brother were among the nearly 2 million people who succumbed to overwork, starvation and execution during four years of Khmer Rouge rule. But the fate of two remaining brothers and a sister was a mystery she likens to "finding a needle at the bottom of the sea."

She has no photos, no birth certificates, no other clues. Two siblings were very young when they were separated. Today, Somaly probably couldn't even recognize them.

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## Mexico pot connoisseurs find inspiration in US for growing 'gourmet' weed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Once upon a time, Mexican marijuana was the gold standard for U.S. pot smokers. But in the new world of legal markets and gourmet weed, aficionados here are looking to the United States and Europe for the good stuff.

Instead of Acapulco Gold, Mexican smokers want strains like Liberty Haze and Moby Dick — either importing high-potency boutique pot from the United States, or growing it here in secret gardens that use techniques perfected abroad.

It's a small but growing market in a country where marijuana is largely illegal, unlike the U.S. states of Colorado and Washington that have legalized recreational use, and others where medicinal pot is available.

A text message will bring a Mexico City dealer to the customer's doorstep with a menu of high-end buds for sale at the swipe of a credit card through a smartphone reader. Hydroponic shops have sprung up that supply equipment to those who want to cultivate potent strains in sophisticated home-grown operations. Some even are setting up pot cooperatives to share costs like high electrical bills and swap what they grow with each other.

"I know people who are architects, executives, lawyers ... who went to the United States or Europe," said Antoine Robbe, the 35-year-old, French-born proprietor of Hydrocultivos, one of the shops. They say, "Man, why don't we have this in my country?"

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 16, the 75th day of 2015. There are 290 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1915, the Federal Trade Commission, created in 1914, began operations.

### On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Virginia.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket in Auburn, Massachusetts.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') by ordering the rearming of Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.

In 1965, peace activist Alice Herz, 82, set herself ablaze on a Detroit street corner to protest the Vietnam War; she died 10 days later.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai (mee ly) Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504.

In 1974, the Grand Ole Opry House opened in Nashville with a concert attended by President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by Hezbollah militants (he was

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tortured by his captors and killed in 1985).

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

In 1990, two movies that sought to capitalize on the lambada dance craze, "Lambada" and "The Forbidden Dance," were released the same day.

**Ten years ago:** A jury in Los Angeles acquitted actor Robert Blake of murder in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, four years earlier. (A civil court jury later ordered Blake to pay Bakley's four children \$30 million, an award that an appeals court subsequently cut in half; Blake has declared bankruptcy.) A judge in Redwood City, California, sent Scott Peterson to death row for the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci. Norway's Robert Sorlie won his second Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in one of the closest races in years.

**Five years ago:** Attorney General Eric Holder told a House Appropriations subcommittee that Osama bin Laden would never face trial in the United States because he would not be captured alive. (The al-Qaida leader was shot dead by Navy SEALs in Pakistan in May 2011.) Lance Mackey won the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race to become the first musher in the event's 38-year history to win four consecutive races.

**One year ago:** Crimeans voted to leave Ukraine and join Russia, overwhelmingly approving a referendum that sought to unite the strategically important Black Sea region with the country it was part of for some 250 years. Mitch Leigh, 86, a successful advertising jingle writer whose attempt at writing for a Broadway show became the instant, celebrated hit "Man of La Mancha," died in New York.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 89. Country singer Ray Walker (The Jordanaires) is 81. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 74. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 74. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 73. Country singer Robin Williams is 68. Actor Erik Estrada is 66. Actor Victor Garber is 66. Actress Kate Nelligan is 64. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 64. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 61. World Golf Hall of Famer Hollis Stacy is 61. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 60. Actor Clifton Powell is 59. Rapper-actor Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 56. Rock musician Jimmy DeGrasso is 52. Actor Jerome Flynn is 52. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 51. Movie director Gore Verbinski ("Pirates of the Caribbean" films) is 51. Country singer Tracy Bonham is 48. Actress Lauren Graham is 48. Actor Judah Friedlander (FREED'-lan-duhr) is 46. Actor Alan Tudyk (TOO'-dihk) is 44. Actor Tim Kang is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Blu Cantrell is 39. Actress Brooke Burns is 37. Actress Alexandra Daddario is 29. Rhythm and blues singer Jhene Aiko is 27. Rock musician Wolfgang Van Halen is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "The only joy in the world is to begin." - Cesare Pavese (CHAY'-zah-ray pah-VAY'-zay), Italian novelist (1908-1950).