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Tuesday, March 17

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

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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.

No School - Spring Break

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: NP Clery at Emmanuel Lutheran

1:30 p.m.: WELCA at Emmanuel Lutheran

Friday, March 20

No School- Spring Break

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Saturday, March 21

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Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

As with each year I have been in the Legislature, the final week took many twists and turns. Last week, I mentioned that I would be attempting a “smoke-out” of a bill that had been killed regarding the transgender issue. Although the smokeout of HB 1195 was successful, which meant there were enough people who supported the motion to bring the bill to the floor, the Senate rejected a subsequent

motion to place the bill on the debate calendar. The House, in turn, “hoghoused” another bill, SB 140, with the same language that was contained within HB 1195 and sent it to the Senate for concurrence. In spite of compelling testimony about the dangers of the SD High School Activities Association’s policy that will allow the possibility of boys playing girls’ sports and girls playing boys’ sports AND the comingling of genders in the same locker rooms and bathrooms, the Senate failed to pass the bill to void the policy. Sixteen Senators voted to reject the SDHSAA’s illogical policy, while eighteen people voted to uphold it. One of the reasons the Senators gave for sticking their heads in the sand was that the SDHSAA had adopted the agenda-driven scheme under the open-meeting laws (that they did not abide by until Legislative action was taken last year) and nobody showed up to speak against the proposal. Of course, nobody except their lawyer was there to speak in-favor of the policy either, so it was not as though there was a public outcry calling for the rejection of biological fact that boys are boys and girls are girls, and their privacy in delicate situations should be treated with paramount interest. If you share in my concern about our youth being subjected to this social experiment with far-reaching ramifications, I would sincerely encourage you to let the SDHSAA know that it is not appropriate to blur the gender lines by allowing boys and girls to change clothes and shower in the same locker room. Keep in-mind that prior to this action by the SDHSAA, each school had the ability to deal with situations on a case-by-case basis, and each school could determine what accommodations to make relative to bathroom and locker room policies. Now, there is essentially a one-size-fits-none-but-applies-to-all policy.

SB 1, also known as the transportation or highway funding bill, became a synthesis of the interim committee’s and Governor’s proposals on the matter. This bill was heavily amended throughout Session. In my opinion, it is substantially better than the either of the original proposals. However, in their haste to get the bill passed in conference committee, which involved three members from the House and three from the Senate, they chose to place a higher emphasis on bringing tax dollars in at the state level than at the county and township levels. In spite of the fact that the state’s “needs” only dictated a two-cent per gallon tax was necessary this coming year, the committee opted to adopt a six-cent increase all at once. Originally, the Governor’s proposal called for a 2-cent/year increase in perpetuity. That had been reduced to a 13-year (26-cent), then an 8-year (16-cent), then a 3-year (6-cent) tax-increase structure. Just when it appeared everybody was marching the the beat of the same drummer (2 cents/year for 3 years), some members of the conference committee decided they would rather the state got in on more of the action all at once. What they failed to account for is that in some instances, this will place South Dakota businesses at a competitive disadvantage with their neighbors just across the border. Therefore, the projected impact to the Highway Trust Fund is slightly over-stated. Additionally, the bill places higher taxes and fees on vehicle and machinery purchases and licenses. While we are still not out-of-line with neighboring states, I have heard from a number of constituents who have expressed that they will do what they can to avoid paying the higher prices. Other changes are that wheel taxes

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can be increased from \$4 to \$5 and can be applied to 12 wheels, rather than 4; non-commercial (farm) trucks will be required to pay 70%, then ultimately 80% of the commercial license rate; and the speed limit on Interstate highways can be increased from 75 mph to 80 mph by the Highway Commission; and property tax levies can be increased by 60 cents per thousand dollars of valuation in some counties and \$1.20 in others. Although there were pieces of the bill that I could get behind, there were others that I felt could have been improved upon with a tweak here or there. I had asked for once more opportunity to address the bill in a subsequent conference committee, but the report of the initial conference committee was adopted with one vote to spare in the Senate.

Prior to session, the state was courted by an out-of-state debt-collection agency who was seeking to cash-in on debt owed to the state by various taxpayers who had not met their obligations. Without getting into all the details, the bill that ultimately passed presented a remarkable change in the state's debt-collection policies. Also, it ignores the fact that under current law, nothing precludes the state from contracting with a private-sector collection agency. However, this bill treats a company who receives a state contract differently from those who are acting on behalf of private-sector interests in settling claims. It allows them to recoup the debt along with a premium, which will be a different percentage based upon a bid on each account. The bill passed the Senate 18-17 where it was ruled to require a simple majority. Then, it failed in the House, where it was said to require a 2/3 majority. After reconsideration and some arm-twisting, the House again failed to pass the bill. A subsequent motion to send the bill to conference committee passed, and in conference, the bill was amended such that it did not require a 2/3 vote. It went on to eek through the process. The promise was that "a conservative estimate of \$800,000 more" will come into the state's coffers. I am anxious to see how things play out. My prediction is that the state will fall short in its projections and will then seek to bring the entire debt-collection process under the Department of Revenue, complete with more FTE's and expenses that outweigh revenues. Also, I would imagine that South Dakota debt-collection businesses will come forward and ask for a statutory change that allows them to collect fees over-and-above what they are currently allowed. What's good for the goose...well, you know.

Regarding our budget, although projected revenues are expected to be soft, we did manage to provide increases over-and-above what the statutes would require for education. Part of that increase, however, places a higher burden on you--the local property taxpayer. I have discussed that in a previous article, so I won't belabor that point. We also managed to provide additional funding over the CPI for our Medicaid services providers. This is important, as we have to recognize the demands placed upon our front-line direct care workers who serve the needs of those who cannot care for themselves. Although we anticipate a difficult year in FY2016, we have tried to fund our priorities and to send dollars where they are most needed and where we get the most bang for our taxpayers' bucks.

It has been a pleasure to work for you once again this year. As I look back at the session, there were peaks and valleys, but the good news generally outweighs the bad. And I'll leave you with news of one of the most feel-good stories of 2015. The six-year-old girl who needs no other introduction than simply "Hadley" brought her parents, her siblings, and her grandmother to Pierre last Thursday to be present when Governor Dugaard signed her bill into law. Upon signing the bill, the Governor usually presents the pen he used to the prime sponsor of the bill. I was prepared to surrender the pen to Hadley, but the Governor knew who the true champion of the "fireworks bill" was, and he skipped the middle-man and handed it directly to her. In a day-and-age in which all we hear seems to be criticism of our political system, it's wonderful to know that a six-year-old from rural South Dakota can be a beacon of light that says "We the people" are still in charge. All it takes is a little effort and a lot of determination, and we can affect change and make our world a better place for ourselves and future generations. In a political arena that sometimes involves highly charged debates, the smallest, sweetest voice can rise up and be on heard the loudest.

God bless you and yours!

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Did You Know?

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

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008 National Crime Report http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109 2. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/vdbprc.htm>
3. FBI, 2008 National Crime Report http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109 4. <http://www.beyondidentitytheft.com/home-security-statistics.html>

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City still fighting for approach

The approach into the north substation was discussed at the city council meeting. City Attorney Drew Johnson reported that he had sent a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting that the approach into the substation be kept. Ninth Avenue is platted going west. The state will not allow two approaches side-by-side with one being on Ninth Avenue West and the other going into the substation. The city would prefer to keep the substation approach and grandfather the Ninth Avenue West approach so if something develops down the road, the approach could be put in and the substation approach could be addressed at that time. A back-up plan is to move the substation gate to the south end of the east side.

Board adopts technical institute tuition and fees for 2015-16

PIERRE, S.D. – State tuition and fees at South Dakota's four technical institutes will rise slightly, to \$145 per credit, for the 2015-16 academic year. The South Dakota Board of Education approved the increase at its meeting today. The total increase is \$8 per credit. That includes a \$2 increase in facility fees, which the board approved at its Jan. 29 meeting, a \$5 per credit increase in tuition and a \$1 dollar per credit increase in maintenance and repair fees.

The first Build Dakota scholarships will be awarded to new, incoming students at the state technical institutes in the 2015-16 school year. During this first year of the program, these full-ride scholarships cover 54 program options within eight, high-need industry areas. It is expected that approximately 300 scholarships will be awarded in the first year.

In-state and out-of-state students are eligible to apply. Scholarship applicants must be accepted into their program of interest. Recipients of the scholarship must enroll full-time and complete their educational program on schedule. The Build Dakota Scholarship will cover tuition and fees, books, equipment and other related program expenses. Scholarship recipients will commit to stay in South Dakota to work in their field of study for three years following graduation.

The Build Dakota Scholarship program was announced in late 2014. It is made possible by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 million grant by Gov. Dennis Daugaard from the South Dakota Future Fund. Build Dakota aims to support students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota's technical institutes to fill the state's technical career fields with skilled professionals. More information is available at www.builddakotascholarships.com.

Notice of Garbage Pickup!

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Groton residents are asked to bring their garbage to the following locations

until further notice:

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Highway 37

Residents of Cottonwood Trailer Park need to take their garbage to

Highway 37

Residents north of 13th Avenue (Olson and Jacobson Development)

need to bring their garbage to the

Bus Barns.

is greatly appreciated during the spring thaw.



THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Think Twice Before Buying Drugs That May Not Be Effective

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Word has just come from Express Scripts, the big pharmacy benefit manager, that per capita drug spending in the U.S. increased more than 6 percent last year. When high prices for specialty drugs like the hepatitis C medicine Sovaldi is factored in, the increase is even greater. There are more expensive specialty drugs in the pipeline, and prices of traditional drugs especially generics are rising too. We know that if we've refilled any prescriptions.

The National Coalition on Health Care, a group of businesses, healthcare providers, consumer groups and faith-based organizations, has warned, "getting these prices under control is imperative. All the new therapies won't do much to improve health if Americans can't afford them." We know that, too.

And that brings up what we might not know. What can we as patients do to be better consumers of medicines and help lower our own spending for costly drugs. And since flu season will be with us for a bit longer, the drug Tamiflu came to mind.

Obviously hundreds of drugs improve health and save lives, but many others are more questionable, and the benefits are less clear. Tamiflu may be one of them.

Throughout this flu season the media citing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggested people take the drug. In fact CDC Director Tom Frieden told journalists at a press conference when this year's flu season began that if he or a member of his family got the flu or a flu-like illness, "I would get them or me treated with Tamiflu as quickly as possible." Much of the press reported uncritically on that advice.

But what's the evidence that the drug, which generates millions of dollars in sales each year, actually does any good? Larry Sasich, who is a founder and publisher of Patient Drug News, which offers unbiased clear information about the use and safety of medicines based on scientific evidence, says: "for almost 15 years the FDA has said the drug is minimally effective in shortening the number of days you have flu symptoms, and there's no convincing evidence it prevents serious bacterial complications of the flu."

Sasich cited the FDA's 1999 professional product label written for doctors and pharmacists which notes that taking the drug may result in a 1.3 day reduction in symptoms for adults and adolescents who already have the flu and a one day reduction for people over 65. (That result was not statistically significant.) For people who didn't have the flu but were exposed to someone who had it, the drug taken once daily for 42 days reduced flu cases from 5 percent to 1 percent.

In 2000 the FDA changed the product label to indicate that although serious bacterial infections may begin with flu-like symptoms or may occur as complications "TAMIFLU has not been shown to prevent such complications." That finding still stands. Consumers can find it on a website called DailyMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine. The website lists more than 70,000 drugs and is the official provider of FDA labeling information which anyone taking medicines should consult.

The FDA and the CDC seem to be telling Americans different stories about Tamiflu. Sasich told me the difference appears to be the quality of the evidence each agency has used to make its warnings and recommendations. The FDA has used randomized controlled trials, the gold standard for scientific work. The CDC has used observational studies, often considered less reliable, in formulating its advice.

Sasich says he favors the FDA recommendation, and believes consumers should think hard about spending their money on a drug that doesn't prevent influenza and minimally reduces symptoms of the flu. Tamiflu isn't cheap. The website www.goodrx.com shows prices generally in the \$133 to \$143

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range. The retail price at my local pharmacy is \$152 for 10 75-milligram tablets.

Whether you buy the drug at the first sign of a sniffle comes down to whether you want to plunk down more than \$100 for a marginally useful remedy especially if you are still in the deductible period of your insurance policy and paying out-of-pocket. We may not be able to change the way the drug industry prices its products, but we can examine the evidence and make an informed choice to take a drug that doesn't help much.

We want to hear about your experiences with the high cost of medicines. Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Boys Basketball Tournaments Covered by SDPB

The excitement heats up this week on the Web and via SDPB Television with the South Dakota High School Boys Basketball tournaments March 19-21. All three tournaments will be covered by South Dakota Public Broadcasting – using SDPB Television’s three channels – and on SDPB.org/basketball. SDPB Online will webcast the action live, as well as archiving the games and offering photos, stats and more.

Boys Basketball March 19-21

Afternoon sessions – Noon local time

Evening sessions – 6pm local time

SDPB.org – Info, photos, webcasts of TV Coverage

First day matchups include:

- SDPB1: Class AA, Denny Sanford PREMIER Center, Sioux Falls
 - o Noon (11 MT) – Sioux Falls Washington vs. Huron
 - o 2pm (1MT) – Aberdeen Central vs. Rapid City Stevens
 - o 6pm (5 MT) – Sioux Falls Lincoln vs. Watertown
 - o 8pm (7 MT) Sioux Falls O’Gorman vs. Pierre

- SDPB2: Class A, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City
 - o 1pm (Noon MT) – Aberdeen Roncalli vs. Lennox
 - o 3pm (2 MT) – Clark/Willow Lake vs. Little Wound
 - o 7pm (6 MT) – Winner vs. St. Thomas More
 - o 9pm (8 MT) – Dell Rapids vs. Mount Vernon/Plankinton

- SDPB3: Class B, Barnett Center, NSU, Aberdeen
 - o Noon (11 MT) – Faith vs. Hitchcock-Tulare
 - o 2pm (1 MT) – Wolsey-Wessington vs. Hanson
 - o 6pm (5 MT) – White River vs. Parker
 - o 8pm (7 MT) – Langford vs. Gregory

High School coverage is offered in partnership with the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Major sponsors of high school activities coverage include Dacotah Bank and Midcontinent Communications. Additional sponsors include Farmers Union Insurance, Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota and SDN Communications. Also, Sanford Health, Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and Spearfish GMC Cadillac. Also, Dakota Plains New Holland; Delta Dental of South Dakota; Fischer, Rounds & Associates; South Dakota State University; and Vance Thompson Vision. And South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, Subway and Taco John’s.

Muilenberg resigns; no junior teener/teener coaches

Councilman Michelle Muilenberg resigned off the Groton City Council Monday night, announcing that she has now moved out of town. It now leaves a vacancy in Ward 1. Anyone wanting to serve on the council in Ward 1 should contact Mayor Scott Hanlon.

There are no Junior Teeners or Teeners baseball coaches. No one applied for those positions so they remain unfilled.

Pat Krause was hired as the baseball cordiantor at \$3,000. Travis Kurth was hired as the Legion coach at \$3,500. Kathy Bjerke was hired as the girls softball coach at \$1,450. Adam Herman, Brady Keith, Brandon Keith and Truitt Rogers were hired as grounds keepers and assistant coaches at \$8.50 an hour. Brenda Madsen, Karla Pasteur and Kami Lipp were hired as swimming pool managers at \$12 an hour. All 22 applicants for lifeguards were hired with those having a WSI getting paid \$9 an hour and the others at \$8.50 an hour. Shawn Lambert was hired as the park grounds keeper at \$12.75 an hour.

South Dakota's Child, Adolescent Obesity Rate Remains Steady

PIERRE, S.D. – The number of South Dakota kids who are overweight or obese is no longer increasing but it's not decreasing either, a state health official said today.

"South Dakota's child and adolescent obesity and overweight rates are unchanged over the past three reporting years," said Ashley Miller, chronic disease epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "Even though the number of overweight and obese children appears to have leveled off we'd really like to see those percentages decrease."

Miller said the state's 2013-2014 school height weight survey found 15.8 percent of South Dakota's 5-19 year olds were obese and another 16.5 percent were overweight. In 2012-2013 the obesity rate was 16 percent and the overweight rate was 16.6 percent; in 2011-2012 the rates were 15.9 percent and 16.6 percent, respectively.

A total of 175 schools submitted student height and weight data for this latest survey, accounting for 31.5 percent of students in the state. The survey defines obese as at or above the 95th percentile body mass index-for-age when compared to kids of the same age and gender; overweight is between the 85th and 94th percentiles.

The department's goal is to reduce the percentage of students who are obese to 14 percent by the year 2020.

Miller said the department offers a variety of resources to help encourage healthy diets and increase physical activity for kids. The Munch Code (www.munchcode.org/) provides healthy concessions information for schools and youth activities and Harvest of the Month (www.sdharvestofthemonth.org/) combines lessons and produce sampling to get kids eating more vegetables and fruit.

The full student height weight report is available at <http://doh.sd.gov/statistics/>.

Today in Weather History

March 17, 1997: High winds of 30 to 50 mph, gusting to over 60 mph, occurred over much of northeast South Dakota through the morning and into the early afternoon hours. Several homes and businesses sustained some roof damage. In Aberdeen, the high winds tore a large piece of roof off of a bowling alley and also tore a piece of roof off an appliance store. The wind damaged some power lines and connections in Aberdeen, including some traffic lights. In Aberdeen, the power was out for 2500 customers for a few hours in the morning. The wind also damaged two old farm buildings west of Aberdeen. One barn lost 75 percent of its roof. The second barn was pushed six inches off of its foundation suffering minor structural damage. The Edmunds County Highway Department Shop, under construction east of Ipswich, suffered much of damage as many rafters came down and the sidewall frame shifted. Finally, many small to medium-sized branches were brought down by the high winds. Some peak wind gusts across the area included 58 mph in Aberdeen and 63 mph in Watertown.

1892 - A winter storm in southwestern and central Tennessee produced 26 inches of snow at Riddleton, and 18.5 inches at Memphis. It was the deepest snow of record for those areas. (David Ludlum)

1906 - The temperature at Snake River, WY, dipped to 50 degrees below zero, a record for the U.S. for the month of March. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1952 - The ban on using the word "tornado" issued in 1886 ended on this date. In the 1880s, John P. Finley of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, then handling weather forecasting for the U.S., developed generalized forecasts on days tornadoes were most likely. But in 1886, the Army ended Finley's program and banned the word "tornado" from forecasts because the harm done by a tornado prediction would eventually be greater than that which results from the tornado itself. The thinking was that people would be trampled in the panic if they heard a tornado was possible. The ban stayed in place after the Weather Bureau, now the National Weather Service, took over forecasting from the Army. A tornado that wrecked 52 large aircraft at Tinker Air Force Base, OK, on 3/20/1948, spurred Air Force meteorologists to begin working on ways to forecast tornadoes. The Weather Bureau also began looking for ways to improve tornado forecasting and established the Severe Local Storm Warning Center, which is now the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, OK. The ban on the word "tornado" fell on this date when the new center issued its first "Tornado Watch."

1987 - A powerful spring storm produced severe thunderstorms over the Central Gulf Coast States, and heavy snow in the High Plains Region. A tornado caused three million dollars damage at Natchez MS, and six inches of rain in five hours caused five million dollars damage at Vicksburg MS. Cactus TX received 10 inches of snow. Western Kansas reported blizzard conditions. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A winter storm produced heavy snow from the northeast Texas panhandle to the Ozark area of Missouri and Arkansas. Up to fifteen inches of snow was reported in Oklahoma and Texas. Snowfall totals in the Ozark area ranged up to 14 inches, with unofficial reports as high as 22 inches around Harrison AR. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong northerly winds ushered snow and arctic cold into the north central U.S. Winds gusted to 58 mph at Sydney NE and Scottsbluff NE, Cadillac MI received 12 inches of snow, and International Falls MN reported a record low of 22 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Showers and thunderstorms associated with a slow moving cold front produced torrential rains across parts of the southeastern U.S. over a two day period. Flooding claimed the lives of at least 22 persons, including thirteen in Alabama. Up to 16 inches of rain deluged southern Alabama, with 10.63 inches reported at Mobile AL in 24 hours. The town of Elba AL was flooded with 6 to 12 feet of water causing more than 25 million dollars damage, and total flood damage across Alabama exceeded 100 million dollars. Twenty-six counties in the state were declared disaster areas. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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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



Near Normal Temperatures Today

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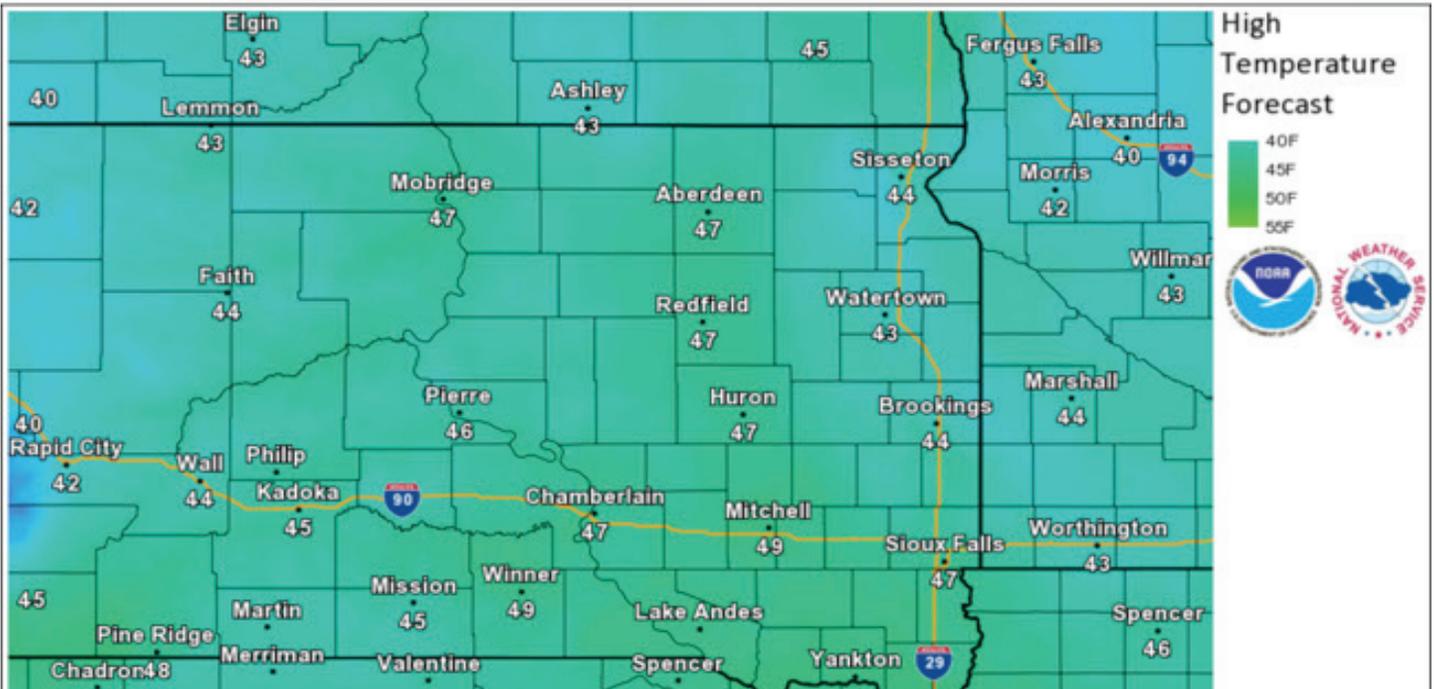
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An area of high pressure over the region will bring partly to mostly sunny skies along with light winds. Highs today will warm into the 40s. A storm system approaching the region from the west could spread light precipitation into the area later tonight. This slow moving system will have the potential to bring rain to northern South Dakota on Wednesday, before transitioning over to light snow Wednesday night. Minor snow accumulations will be possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 55.5 at Midnight

Low: 27.1 at 11:23 PM

High Gust: 35 at 1:59 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 77° in 2012

Record Low: -10° in 1906

Average High: 40°F

Average Low: 20°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.51

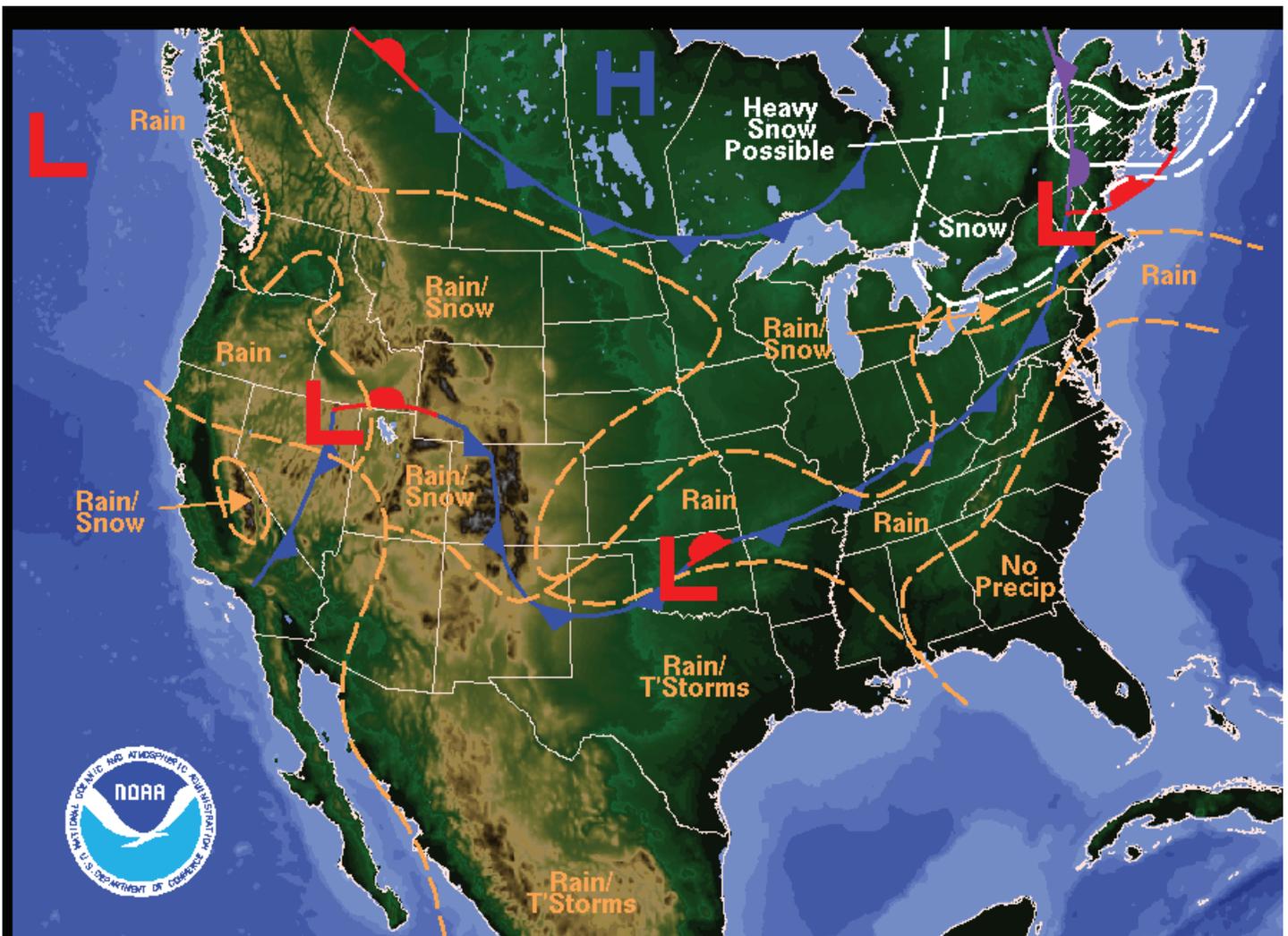
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.53

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 7:42 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



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LET GOD MAKE THINGS RIGHT

Resentments fill hearts and control minds. They are easy to collect and store in dark crevices deep inside while we wait for the right moment to "settle a score." It is amazing how much more room we seem to have for resentments than we do for love. Perhaps it is because we want to be like God and not only set standards and pass judgment on what others do to us, but become the jury and executioner.

If we could ever look at this "getting even" objectively, it might amaze us. Unless there is an accepted way to measure a wrong it is impossible to know the appropriate method to apply to "get even." It might be too little or too much and rarely "just right."

For example: What are we to do if someone treats us or a loved one unfairly? Speaks an untruth about us? Exaggerates a fault? Does not pay back the money we loaned them? Tries to ruin our reputation? Ridicules us for an honest mistake? Sells us an inferior product? Does not honor a service contract? Tells us a lie?

Most of our "getting evens" are subjective and devised to achieve what we think and feel is appropriate. We are warned not to do that!

"Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the Lord, and He will avenge you." One translator inserts the word "expectantly" after the word wait. In other words, "You know that this is up to God and He, in His impeccable timing, will come to your aid." God is our Savior and Redeemer and He will do what is right in His eyes - not our eyes.

There is a warning in Genesis that demands our attention: "Far be it from you (to do the work of God)! Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?"

We must never assume God's responsibilities!

Prayer: Father, "getting even" is a natural thing to want to do. But it is never the right thing to do. Cleanse us from this sin! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the Lord, and he will avenge you.

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News from the Associated Press

South Dakota women's basketball team playing in WNIT

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota women's basketball team didn't make the NCAA Tournament, but the Coyotes are playing in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

USD was the lone Summit League team to make the WNIT. The Coyotes host Creighton in the DakotaDome on Thursday. The winner will face either Colorado State or Northern Colorado in the second round.

SDSU women's basketball team makes NCAA Tournament

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University women's basketball team has made the NCAA Tournament.

The Jackrabbits were awarded the No. 14 seed in the Spokane Region and will face third-seeded Oregon State in the first round.

The two teams square off in Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday. Whoever wins will face either No. 6 George Washington or No. 11 Gonzaga on Sunday.

SDSU is making its sixth appearance in the tournament.

SD bands, DJs, others to be honored at rock music ceremony

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — People and places that impacted rock and roll music in the state will be honored next month at the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association Induction Ceremony and Concert in Sioux Falls.

This year's inductees include bands, DJs, ballrooms and dance halls, music stores, booking agents and promoters and radio stations.

Feature inductees are members of The Red Willow Band. Tom Peterson will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ricky Jacobsen and Greg Shelden will be honored with the Spirit of the Music Award.

The association also promotes music education and will donate \$10,000 to the South Dakota Music Teachers Association.

The ceremony and concert will be held April 17-18 at the Ramkota Inn Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls. Tickets are on sale at the SDRRMA's website, <http://www.southdakotarockandrollmusicassociation.com>.

Parolee charged after abandoning car in Rapid City dirt pile

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A parolee from the South Dakota State Penitentiary was arrested after he abandoned his car in a Rapid City construction area.

Twenty-three-year-old Lawrence Theberge, of Rapid City, is charged with ingestion of a controlled substance, first offense driving under the influence, and no proof of insurance. Theberge's parole was also placed on hold.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1Cp4uGn>) that police encountered Theberge Sunday afternoon in a parking lot not far from where his car was found.

Theberge had been sentenced to four years in prison in 2013.

Standing Rock to receive \$1 million grant for energy project

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A college on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation will receive about \$1 million in federal funding for a \$2 million renewable energy project.

The grant will be used to help install 636 kilowatts of solar power at five buildings at Sitting Bull College.

Officials say the project should decrease short-term energy costs by 20 percent, saving about \$74,000 a year.

Standing Rock is one of 11 tribal communities slated to split up nearly \$6 million in federal money for clean energy projects.

The 3,600-square-mile reservation straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border.

Democrats press for education, teacher pay as priorities

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Democrats are urging Republican lawmakers and Gov. Dennis Daugaard to take on education funding and the state's low teacher pay as a key focus for the next legislative session.

As the state House of Representatives prepared to pass road and bridge funding on Friday, Assistant House Minority Leader Julie Bartling pressed her colleagues to recognize school aid and teacher pay as a priority for the 2016 Legislature. Bartling said she's gotten indications from other lawmakers that her message was well received, and GOP lawmakers point to an education task force Daugaard and Republicans unveiled in February to evaluate the issue ahead of next year's session.

Advocates hope that education takes on the significance that the debate over adequately maintaining roads and bridges in the state assumed during the 2015 session. The state budget lawmakers passed on Friday for the upcoming budget year provides for a 2 percent increase in state aid for education, which is a half percentage point above the statutory requirement to keep up with inflation.

"Next year when we are back and we talk about the need for teachers, to retain them (and) to pay them, I expect us to have this very genuine conversation about that need as well," Bartling, D-Gregory, told her colleagues on the House floor shortly before the transportation funding vote. "I will vote for this because of need and how it will be helpful. Let's talk about those very same needs next year on other issues."

Advocates say inadequate pay is a serious barrier to attracting teachers to the state, which ranks last in the nation for teacher compensation, according to the National Education Association. A report released in December by School Administrators of South Dakota said the number of potential retirees in 2015 dwarfs the number of seniors studying teaching at South Dakota colleges and universities by nearly 300 people.

Education advocates are pleased the task force could place education issues as a top priority for policymakers. But they worry that simply studying the problem again — there have been other education studies in recent years — won't necessarily lead to decisive action.

Tim Graf, superintendent of Milbank School District, said he hopes that solutions will come out of the task force "because otherwise we'll be right back at the same place a year down the road."

Graf said that there were fewer than two applicants per teaching position for three openings the district filled in March. He said 5 years ago, the jobs would have attracted a significantly higher number of applicants.

When Daugaard and the legislative leaders announced the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and

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Students, they said they wanted to study the South Dakota education system and re-evaluate how the system is funded rather than changing state policy based on anecdote and public opinion.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch, R-Rapid City, said education will likely be a legislative priority for Daugaard after the task force reports its recommendations. A spokeswoman for Daugaard said in an email that more details about the task force would be available soon.

"Every year the governor tends to pick ... about two things he focuses on, and I think education would be one of them," Gosch said.

Bartling and other Democrats say tax hikes should be part of the discussion when it comes to addressing education problems in the state. Senate Education Committee Chairwoman Deb Soholt, R-Sioux Falls, said it's too early to predict whether tax increases will be part of the solutions proposed to address the issues the task force identifies.

Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton, D-Burke, said he hopes Daugaard's administration seriously considers how to come up with money for education, especially after raising taxes for roads and bridges this year.

"The roads (are) a pretty big tax increase, and my concern is whether or not there's going to be an appetite to find more money for education and more specifically for teacher pay during the next session, which is also going to be an election year," Sutton said.

Northern State places wrestling program on hold for 2 years

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Northern State University has suspended its wrestling program for the next two seasons.

School officials say they plan to review the long-term viability and financing of the program. The move comes two weeks after head wrestling coach Pat Timm announced his resignation.

Northern State President James Smith says the program has not been able to remain competitive in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference or fill its roster. He says it has not been a "high quality experience" for those athletes.

Current team members on scholarship will continue to receive that funding through the 2015-16 school year. Those who wish to participate at others schools will be granted a full transfer release.

SD education board approves slight increase in tuition rates

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Education has approved a slight tuition increase that will go into effect in the next school year.

Tuition and fees will go up by \$8 per credit, to a \$145 per credit. That includes a \$2 increase in facility fees and \$1 bump in maintenance and repair fees.

The board also announced that the first Build Dakota scholarships will be awarded to incoming students at the state technical institutes. About 300 scholarships should be awarded in the first year. The program is open to in-state and out-of-state residents.

Sioux Falls prosecutor named new magistrate court judge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has appointed a Sioux Falls prosecutor as the new magistrate judge for Lincoln and Minnehaha counties.

Presiding Judge Lawrence Long says Crystal Johnson will fill the seat vacated by Judge Joni Cutler's recent election to the Circuit Court.

Johnson is a Viborg native who graduated from the University of Sioux Falls and University of Kansas

School of Law.

She began her legal career in Wichita, Kansas, and has been with the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office since 2005.

SD Board of Regents executive director announces retirement

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents is retiring at the end of the year.

Jack R. Warner is in his sixth year as head of the system. He's leaving at a time when enrollment at the state's public universities is at an all-time high.

Warner is a Massachusetts native who holds degrees from Boston College, Springfield College and the University of Vermont. He came to South Dakota in 2009 after serving as higher education commissioner in Rhode Island for seven years.

Warner will have the second longest tenure as executive director of the system.

Board president Dean Krogman says Warner has done "extraordinary work" for higher education in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls police say woman assaulted while checking mail

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a woman was robbed and assaulted by two men after leaving her home to check her mail.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the incident happened Friday morning. The victim told police there were two suspects, including one who was carrying a machete.

Clemens says the men forced her from her porch inside her home, where they ransacked a room before taking her wallet and cellphone. The woman was allegedly hit on the head with the blunt side of a machete during a struggle.

Clemens says the woman was able to run out of her home and find help.

Sanford Pentagon to host Iowa State-Colorado men's game

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls will host a men's basketball matchup between Iowa State and Colorado late this year.

The matchup between the Big 12 and Pac 12 teams is Nov. 13 at the multimillion-dollar basketball facility that opened in 2013 in South Dakota's largest city.

Sanford Sports Complex General Manager Eric Larsen says that as the Pentagon's reputation grows, so does its ability to draw top-level basketball games.

Proposed wind farm change might help endangered birds

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A company that for years has been planning a wind turbine farm in an area of southeastern North Dakota where endangered birds nest and fly over is proposing changes that might help reduce potential harm.

The proposed move to fewer and larger turbines is the latest development in a project that state Public Service Commissioner Brian Kalk says "has a storied past."

EDF Renewable Energy received a state site permit in June 2011 for a project consisting of up to 100 1.5-megawatt turbines. The company, which was called enXco Development Corp. at the time the \$400 million Merricourt Wind Power Project was announced, is now proposing 75 2-megawatt turbines.

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The proposed revision would reduce the project area by half, to 17 square miles in McIntosh and Dickey counties.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be studying the proposed changes as part of an ongoing assessment of the project's impact on the environment and on two endangered species of birds, said Kevin Shelley, state supervisor for the federal agency's Division of Ecological Services.

The proposed wind farm area is on the edge of the whooping crane migration corridor. Piping plover might be at even higher risk because of the amount of habitat in the area suited to the birds, Shelley said.

In 2013, the project caught the eye of the American Bird Conservancy, which along with other groups called for a tougher environmental review. That won't happen unless the initial study determines it's warranted, Shelley said.

EDF Renewable Energy wants to use the newer, larger turbines "to make use of the best available technology," but the company also hopes it will address the bird issue, said Chris Sternhagen, development manager in Minneapolis.

"We ultimately believe it should be lower risk because there are a smaller number of turbines," Sternhagen said. "Until we run models and do analysis, we can't say one way or another."

The uncertainty of the wind farm's impact on whoopers and plovers is one of the reasons the project is taking so long to materialize.

EnXco had planned to work on the wind farm with Xcel Energy, but the Minnesota-based utility dropped out of the project in April 2011 in part over fears that it would harm endangered birds. EnXco unsuccessfully sued for breach of contract and is still seeking a buyer for the power that would be produced by the wind farm.

"We're not going to make the investment in the construction cost until we have secured (a buyer) for the power," Sternhagen said.

In the meantime, the company is working with Fish and Wildlife on developing a habitat conservation plan to address the bird issue as it pursues an optional federal permit that would shield it from potential fines should an endangered bird be killed.

If Fish and Wildlife does not grant the permit, it will not doom the project. However, "they've got a big decision to make if that's the outcome," Shelley said.

The state PSC, which needs to approve the change in turbines, is holding a public hearing in Ashley on Thursday. Kalk said the group welcomes the input of federal wildlife officials but that it won't be the overriding factor in the commission's decision.

Whether EDF eventually gets the optional federal permit would be more of a factor if the company reaches a deal to sell power from the wind farm to a utility the PSC regulates, Kalk said.

"I would want to make sure ratepayers aren't at risk if something goes wrong," he said.

Dakota Wesleyan to ax all language courses except Spanish

Dakota Wesleyan University says it will eliminate all language courses except Spanish by 2016

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell plans to drop most of its foreign language courses and only teach Spanish by 2016, University officials said.

The decision to eliminate all but one of its foreign language courses came after seeing low enrollment numbers and needing to place faculty into some of the other English literature and composition courses, reported the Mitchell Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1BiDJ2D>).

"As any good business, we need to ensure that we are using our faculty talents and resources to the maximum benefit of our students, their goals and their aspirations," said University President Amy No-

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Currently, students can study German, Italian and Spanish with courses in Greek, Latin and Japanese offered based on student interest and instructor availability. But only 2 to 10 students enrolled in German, Italian and Latin each semester at the university, whose arguably best known alumnus is late U.S. Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Party's presidential candidate in 1972 who later worked often with the United Nations.

"I find it really sad that more students are not signing up for languages to help them connect with others around the world," said Gretchen Rich, assistant professor of English at the school. "It would make world relations much easier."

Novak agreed that learning languages has many benefits, but she said DWU offers many fields in which students can immerse themselves, namely music and art.

Brianna Weiss, a creative writing and digital media and design senior at DWU, said one of the many reasons she came to DWU was for the various language options, which allowed her to further her German language education.

"It's rounded me and helped me learn about my roots," Weiss said. "I'm from German stock, and I've always wanted to be able to 'see where I came from,' so to speak."

Novak said that if a business or industry partner were to request other language offerings, or if a significant number of students demanded certain language offerings with sustained enrollment, the university would consider adding additional languages back to the curriculum.

"Small, private colleges cannot be all things to all people," she said. "We believe we have tremendous strengths in certain areas on our campus."

Hot weather on Sunday shatters records in the Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Nearly a dozen major cities in the Dakotas set record-high temperatures for the date on Sunday.

National Weather Service reports show that record highs were set in the North Dakota cities of Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Dickinson and Bismarck. In South Dakota, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Aberdeen, Watertown and Pierre all set records.

Temperatures on Sunday reached into the 60s, 70s and 80s in the two states. Rapid City was the hottest, at 84 degrees. The broke not only the city record for March 15 but also the all-time March record of 83 set on March 20, 2007, and March 31, 2012.

Some of the records broken on Sunday dated to the 1920s and 1930s.

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The Associated Press

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2. TROUBLED MILLIONAIRE TO FACE TRIAL IN MURDER CASE

Robert Durst, a member of one of America's richest families, agrees to be extradited to Los Angeles in connection with the fatal shooting of a woman 15 years ago.

3. IRAN DEAL MAY HAVE BROADER IMPLICATIONS

A nuclear accord could potentially signal the beginning of the Islamic Republic's broad acceptance by

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He also suggests St. Louis County police may have used excessive force when arresting Jeffrey Williams, saying his client had bruises on his back, shoulders and face.

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Bolstered by a spate of upbeat economic news, Obama is aiming to exploit recent Republican stumbles to give Democrats an advantage — despite their status as a weakened minority.

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"The reconnaissance imagery shows widespread devastation. Not only buildings flattened — palm plantations, trees," says Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

8. PRINCE HARRY TO LEAVE ARMY IN JUNE

His final military duties will include a four-week assignment in April and May with the Australian Defence Force.

9. WHERE CUISINE RISES BY GOING BACK TO ITS ROOTS

Chile is famous around the world for its wine, but now several chefs in the capital Santiago are revolutionizing the national cuisine one bite at a time.

10. STARS JOIN ELTON JOHN'S CALL FOR DOLCE & GABBANA BOYCOTT

Courtney Love, Ricky Martin and talk-show host Andy Cohen are among those pledging to ditch the brand's clothes after the fashion designers criticized same-sex parents.

AP News in Brief

Israelis vote for new parliament as Netanyahu seeks fourth term, rules out Palestinian state

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis were voting in parliament elections Tuesday after a heated three-month campaign that focused on economic issues but ended with a dramatic last-minute pledge by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu's comments marked a reversal of long-standing promises to the United States and were seen as a last-ditch effort to appeal to hard-line voters as he fights for his political survival in a tight race.

Polls have indicated Netanyahu's Likud Party is trailing slightly behind his centrist challenger, Isaac Herzog of the Zionist Union, who supports peace efforts with the Palestinians.

Netanyahu told Israel TV's Channel 10 that if a Palestinian state is established alongside Israel it would be controlled by Islamic extremists who "will attack us with rockets."

"Who wants such a thing?" Netanyahu said in the phone interview after casting his ballot early on Tuesday. He has repeatedly voiced his opposition to a Palestinian state in recent days.

A documentary prompts a murder charge: The saga of millionaire Robert Durst continues

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Robert Durst couldn't explain away similarities between his handwriting and a letter he said "only the killer could have written" that alerted police to his friend's shooting 15 years

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Confronted with new evidence by the makers of a documentary about his links to three killings, the troubled millionaire blinked, burped oddly, pulled his ear and briefly put his head in his hands before denying he was the killer.

Then he stepped away from the tense interview and went to the bathroom, still wearing the live microphone that recorded what he said next.

"There it is. You're caught!" Durst whispered before the sound of running water is heard. "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course."

That moment didn't just make for a captivating finale to a six-part documentary on the eccentric life of an heir to a New York real estate fortune.

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Analysis: Possible nuclear deal raises questions of the Iran's role in the world

As world powers edge toward a possible nuclear deal with Iran, the debate has been dominated by the question of whether it leaves an opening for Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon. But an accord could have another profound impact: Is this the beginning of the Islamic Republic's broad acceptance by the community of nations?

On the surface, the answer will almost certainly be no. The P5+1, as the negotiating countries are called, have not linked the nuclear issue to anything other than the gradual winding down of withering economic sanctions.

Diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Iran remain cut, as they have been since the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the takeover of the American Embassy in Tehran. Iran is one of only four nations considered by the U.S. to be a state sponsor of terrorism. Rounds of sanctions have driven investors away, leaving Iran with few trading partners and a hobbled economy.

In the region, Western-allied and oil-rich Sunni-ruled Gulf states deeply distrust the non-Arab Shiite powerhouse and see its hand in destabilizing their part of the world by backing armed groups from Lebanon to Yemen to Iraq. That distrust fuels sectarian divisions that course through many of the region's conflicts and get exploited by extremist organizations including the Islamic State group, which considers Shiites heretics.

A deal could worsen those tensions. Arab powers like Saudi Arabia and Egypt might conclude Iran has been allowed to stand on the threshold of a nuclear weapon and decide that they, too, must have nuclear programs — further inflaming the world's most combustible tinderbox.

Buoyed by economic growth and GOP stumbles, Obama claims upper hand in budget fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bolstered by a spate of upbeat economic news, President Barack Obama is claiming the upper hand in the budget fight unfolding in Congress, aiming to exploit recent Republi-

can stumble to give Democrats an advantage despite their status as a weakened minority. But while Obama retains full use of the bully pulpit, his leverage over matters of government spending may prove limited.

The White House has put a spotlight on GOP missteps and infighting in recent weeks, arguing that Republicans who promised to govern effectively are falling down on the job since taking control of Congress earlier this year. Drawing an implicit contrast, Obama has been playing up his own, unilateral economic steps as a way to show he's the one setting Washington's agenda.

And as Republicans prepare to unveil their budget blueprint, Obama has stood firmly behind his insistence that Republicans increase spending on domestic programs — not just the Pentagon.

"The defining feature of this new Republican majority in Congress is them being on defense responding to the president's agenda," Brian Deese, an Obama senior adviser, said in an interview.

The current debate is over a budget resolution, a non-binding measure that doesn't require Obama's signature. Typically, Congress uses separate appropriations bills to fund various parts of the government, which makes it harder for the president to insist that Republicans pass funding for his priorities before he'll approve funding for theirs.

Defense attorney for Ferguson suspect says officers were shot 'accidentally'

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A man accused of shooting two officers last week in Ferguson was not targeting police or aiming at demonstrators at a late-night protest, his attorney said as he countered an earlier police description of the crime.

Defense attorney Jerryl Christmas also suggested Monday that St. Louis County police may have used excessive force when arresting the suspect, Jeffrey Williams, saying his client had bruises on his back, shoulders and face and a knot on his head.

Police spokesman Brian Schellman called the lawyer's allegations "completely false," adding that Williams was seen by a nurse when booked into the county jail, standard procedure for all incoming inmates.

"The nurse released Williams as fit for confinement," he said.

Williams is accused of shooting the two officers early Thursday outside Ferguson's police station, which has been the scene of protests since last summer's fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Relief teams see flattened landscape after arriving in Vanuatu's cyclone-ravaged outer islands

PORT VILA, Vanuatu (AP) — Relief workers saw a flattened landscape and widespread destruction in Vanuatu's outer islands Tuesday after struggling for days to reach the areas of the South Pacific nation hardest hit by a fierce cyclone.

Radio and telephone communications with the outer islands were just beginning to be restored, but remained incredibly patchy three days after Cyclone Pam hit.

Australian military planes that conducted aerial assessments found significant damage, particularly on Tanna Island, where it appears that more than 80 percent of homes and other buildings were partially or completely destroyed, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said.

"We understand that the reconnaissance imagery shows widespread devastation," Bishop said. "Not only buildings flattened — palm plantations, trees. It's quite a devastating sight."

Teams of aid workers and government officials carrying medical and sanitation supplies, water, food and shelter equipment managed to land on Tanna and neighboring Erromango Island on Tuesday afternoon, said Colin Collett van Rooyen, Vanuatu director for aid group Oxfam. The two islands were directly in the path of the storm, which packed winds of 270 kilometers (168 miles) per hour when it hit early Saturday.

NJ Gov. Christie's Camden tax breaks reward political insiders over city itself

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Under Republican Gov. Chris Christie, New Jersey has authorized more than \$2 billion in economic development tax breaks since 2014, often to corporations with notable political connections. One grant went to a developer who owes millions of dollars on an unpaid state loan, an Associated Press review found.

That total of tax breaks handed out by New Jersey's Economic Development Authority is more than the total amount issued during the decade before Christie took office.

The aid has gone disproportionately to businesses in Camden, a beleaguered city of 77,000. Development projects in the city received \$630 million in future tax breaks last year. In his January state of the state address, Christie said that the money in future tax breaks awarded to Camden development projects means the city is "seeing a new tomorrow."

As Christie considers a Republican presidential campaign, a Camden renaissance would offer a useful counterpoint to New Jersey's lackluster economic performance. But a closer look at the grants — which will amount to nearly four times Camden's annual budget — indicates they may do less for the city than advertised and more for Christie's political alliances.

Most of the jobs coming to Camden are filled by existing employees who currently work just a few miles away. One tax break exceeded the value of the company that received it. And nearly all the recipients boast notable political connections.

In Germany, immigrant journalists fight racism with popular show about readers' hate mail

BIELEFELD, Germany (AP) — Yassin Musharbash, a leading German journalist with Jordanian roots, pulls out some recent "fan mail" and starts reading on the stage.

"We want to be informed by knowledgeable compatriots, not by foreigners," the 39-year-old quotes from a letter-to-the-editor that landed at the prestigious Zeit newspaper.

Gasps turned to incredulous laughter as he continues: "Musharbash is an Islamist who is secretly involved in jihad. He is trying to weaken the defensive forces of the West from inside."

Musharbash is among a troupe of German journalists with immigrant backgrounds who have been touring with a show called "Hate Poetry" that has sold out across the country. The show explores the growing rancor against Muslims in Germany by revealing hate mail filled with clichés and abuse — and seeks to combat it with humor.

The journalists, none of them professional actors, confront prejudice head-on in the show. But they also use irony, poking fun at the stereotypes by appearing on stage dressed like migrant workers from the 1960s or disguised as radical Islamists wearing caftans and face masks.

Chilean cuisine gains international notice by returning to indigenous roots, modifying dishes

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile is famous around the world for its wine, but until recently its food wasn't known beyond its long borders. Now, several chefs in the South American country's capital are revolutionizing Chilean cuisine one bite at a time.

While some chefs are reawakening the ancestral dishes of the indigenous Mapuche and Rapa Nui, others are reimagining typical fare by experimenting with local ingredients, including edible flowers from places such as Patagonia and the snow-peaks of the Andes mountains.

Foodies from around the world are increasingly traveling to Santiago to sample a half-dozen high-end restaurants. The city of seven million has traditionally been known more for street food like steak sandwiches and hot dogs smeared with creamed avocado than fine dining. Typical Chilean foods are generally not spicy or prepared in exotic ways, and include empanadas, shellfish soups and corn casseroles.

"Chilean food was never as important as it is now," said chef Rodolfo Guzman, whose Borago restaurant has been named in the Latin American section of the coveted San Pellegrino's World's Best Restaurant list. "We've developed in our kitchens all these foods that the Mapuche had been eating for hundreds of years."

Guzman opened Borago in 2007 after working in Spain's Basque country at Mugaritz, among the world's top-ranked restaurants. Since then, several sous chefs who worked at Borago have opened their own places.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 17, the 76th day of 2015. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, 1762, New York held its first St. Patrick's Day parade.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II was proclaimed the first king of a united Italy.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vermont. (The group is now known as Camp Fire USA.)

In 1943, the Taoiseach of Ireland, Eamon de Valera, delivered a radio speech about "The Ireland That We Dreamed Of."

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1959, the Dalai Lama fled Tibet for India in the wake of a failed uprising by Tibetans against Chinese rule.

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the U.N. Security Council. (The U.S. killed a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failure to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government

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of Rhodesia.)

In 1988, Avianca Flight 410, a Boeing 727, crashed after takeoff into a mountain in Colombia, killing all 143 people on board.

In 1995, Flor Contemplacion, a Filipino maid, was hanged in Singapore for murder, despite international pleas to spare her.

Ten years ago: Baseball players told Congress that steroids were a problem in the sport; stars Rafael Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa testified they hadn't used them while Mark McGwire refused to say whether he had. (McGwire owned up to steroid use in January 2010.) Rapper Lil' Kim was convicted of lying to a grand jury about a shootout outside a New York radio station. (Lil' Kim was sentenced to 366 days in prison; she served nearly 10 months.) Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland won the men's title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Moscow. Diplomat and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian George F. Kennan died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 101.

Five years ago: Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter became the first state chief executive to sign a measure requiring his attorney general to sue Congress if it passed health reforms requiring residents to buy insurance (a mostly symbolic action on Idaho's part, since federal laws supersede those of the states). Michael Jordan became the first ex-player to become a majority owner in the league as the NBA's Board of Governors unanimously approved Jordan's \$275 million bid to buy the Charlotte Bobcats from Bob Johnson. Singer-guitarist Alex Chilton, 59, died in New Orleans.

One year ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin recognized Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula as an "independent and sovereign country," ignoring sanctions imposed by the United States and European countries. Fashion designer L'Wren Scott, 49, was found dead in New York, a suicide. British cinematographer Oswald Morris, who'd won an Oscar for "Fiddler on the Roof," died in Dorset, England, at age 98.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gabriele Ferzetti is 90. The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 82. Former NASA astronaut Ken Mattingly is 79. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 74. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 72. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 71. Former NSA Director and former CIA Director Michael Hayden is 70. Rock musician Harold Brown (War; Lowrider Band) is 69. Actor Patrick Duffy is 66. Actor Kurt Russell is 64. Country singer Susie Allanson is 63. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 61. Actor Mark Boone Jr. is 60. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 60. Actor Gary Sinise is 60. Actor Christian Clemenson is 57. Former basketball and baseball player Danny Ainge is 56. Actor Arye Gross is 55. Actress Vicki Lewis is 55. Actor Casey Siemaszko (sheh-MA'-zshko) is 54. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 53. Actor Rob Lowe is 51. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 48. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 48. Actor Mathew St. Patrick is 47. Actor Yanic (YAH'-neek) Truesdale is 46. Rock musician Melissa Auf der Maur is 43. Soccer player Mia Hamm is 43. Rock musician Caroline Corr (The Corrs) is 42. Actress Amelia Heinle is 42. Country singer Keifer Thompson (Thompson Square) is 42. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 41. Rapper Swifty (D12) is 40. Actress Natalie Zea (zee) is 40. Actress Brittany Daniel is 39. Pop/rock singer/songwriter Hozier is 25. Actress Eliza Hope Bennett is 23. Actor Flynn Morrison is 10.

Thought for Today: "Beagan agus a ra go maith." (Say little, but say it well.) - Irish saying.

Driver's Exam Stations

Important: Application must be submitted at least 1 hour in advance of scheduled closing time. No drive tests will be given from 11:30 to 1:30. For more information see our website at www.dps.sd.gov call 1-800-952-3696.

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Webster: Courthouse Basement (711 W 1st St. - Ste. 107

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD (photo copies cannot be accepted)

Federal requirements have changed the documents required to obtain or renew your South Dakota driver license or identification card. We want to make the process as quick and easy as possible for you.

Look over the documents on the list below, and if you have any questions at all, anything you don't understand or any documents you aren't sure you can find, please contact the Driver Licensing Program. You may email DPSLicensingInfo@state.sd.us (please include your first and last name) or call toll-free at 1-800-952-3696 or directly at 605-773-6883.

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

Our staff is committed to providing the best service possible, so don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. We will help you in any way we can.

Federal regulations require anyone applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate driver license or identification card to provide the documents listed below and on page 2 (photo copies are not acceptable):

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

An Identity Document to prove identity, date of birth, and lawful status is considered to be one of the following:

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◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)

- ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport
- ◆ Certificate of Naturalization
- ◆ Certificate of Citizenship

Non-Citizens may bring:

- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card
- ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document
- ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

South Dakota birth and marriage certificate information is available on the state of South Dakota web site at <http://www.doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx> and through your local County Register of Deeds office. Marriage certificates before 1950 may not be available for same day issuance. For telephone numbers and addresses to write for out-of-state vital records, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

II. You will need one document to prove Social Security number. Only the documents listed below can serve as proof of Social Security number (the document must include your name and full social security number):

- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Pay stub

(For information on how to apply for a social security number or replacement card, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.)

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- ◆ Bank statement
- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

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Address Exceptions:

Minors - If a minor does not have two documents proving residency, the parent may provide two forms for them.

Living with someone else - An individual residing with another person may have the other person sign a "Consent for Use of South Dakota Address" form and present two residency documents belonging to the person with whom they reside. The Consent for Use of Address form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

Living within an organization or at a facility - Applicants may provide a letter from the organization or facility (on their letterhead) stating the individual resides there.

People who travel full-time - If you are using a mail forwarding address, you must complete the Residency Affidavit. You will also need to provide one document no more than one year old proving your temporary South Dakota address (campground or RV park receipt) and one document no more than one year old proving your personal mailbox (PMB) service address (receipt from the PMB business or a piece of mail with your PMB address on it). If you have friends or family in South Dakota and plan to use their address, you can complete and follow the instructions on the Consent for Use of Address form.

Military and Military Dependents - Applicants can use an out-of-state address on their license and provide two documents proving residency showing the out-of-state address.

Before your license or ID card is issued, our examiners will review your documents to make sure they comply with the federal requirements. We will work with you to resolve any problems with your documents and to identify any additional documents or other information that may be necessary to complete the process. The additional requirements are designed to establish a more secure driver license, which will address our shared concern about national security, identity theft and highway safety.

Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present:

- ◆ DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or
- ◆ Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status.
- ◆ DD Form 2 (Retired)
- ◆ DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)

Note to CDL holders: If you are required to carry a medical examiners certificate (aka DOT medical card) you must show a valid card at the driver exam station.