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Wednesday, March 18

Birthday: Bill McKiver

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

Birthdays: Katie Zeeb, Landon Kokales.

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

Birthdays: Kassidi Stumpf, Dale Busing, Shanda Sundstrom.

No School- Spring Break

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

Saturday, March 21

Birthdays: Cheyenne Leonhardt, Courtney Pray, Duane McDonald, Melissa Raap, Michelle Sunding, Rayce Harder, Taylor Leonhardt, Terri Kjellsen.

Anniversary: Tim and Peggy Fliehs.

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Gov. Daugaard Signs Road And Bridge Funding Bill which includes more taxes

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard today signed Senate Bill 1, a comprehensive state and local road and bridge funding package.

“Maintaining our roads and bridges is a fundamental function of government. In order for us to get to work, school, church or the grocery store, we have to have adequate roads,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This important legislation will significantly aid state and local governments in maintaining and improving infrastructure.”

The bill was the result of work done by the Highway Needs and Financing Interim Committee, the Governor’s Office and the state Department of Transportation.

Key components of SB 1 include a six-cent-per-gallon gas and ethyl alcohol increase, a one percent increase in the motor vehicle excise tax and a 20 percent increase in license plate fees.

Once fully implemented, the funding package will provide an additional \$85 million a year for state and local road and bridge projects, including a \$15 million per year Bridge Improvement Grant to specifically address local bridge needs.

SB 1 also increases the maximum speed on the interstates in South Dakota to 80 mph. The bill includes an emergency clause that allows most provisions of the bill to go into effect on April 1, 2015.

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

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

Notice of Garbage Pickup!

Effective Immediately Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during the spring thaw.

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

until further notice:

Railroad Avenue

Main Street

Sixth Street

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.



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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/vdhbpr.cfm>
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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Friends Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

JobWise what are you doing today? Also list title if you have one. How long have you been working at the current job? How did you get your current job?

I am the Executive Director for the Arc of Lincoln. We are a non-profit advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We are a local chapter of the Arc, and there are also state chapters and a national organization. (The Arc of the US site lists SD Arcs as Grant County in Milbank and Oahe in Pierre.) We answer questions families have and help them navigate the special education and developmental disability services systems. Occasionally we hold big events, like forums or dances. We also run programming focused on inclusive recreation, social skills, and self-advocacy. Every year, we plan and provide volunteers for vacations ranging from same-day trips in Lincoln to cruises in the Bahamas. We also provide housing for about 60 people with disabilities. You can always head to www.arclincoln.org if you're interested.

I have been Executive Director since November, 2014, but I began at the Arc as Director of Individual and Family Support Services in July, 2011. I got the job simply by learning about it, applying, and then interviewing.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.

While I was in college, I did a few different things. I coached a select youth baseball team (12-year-olds) called the Dominators one summer, was a Summer Organizer for Organizing for America one summer, and wrote for a political blog in the Aberdeen American News for a few years. In the year between graduate school and the Arc of Lincoln, I worked various part-time jobs. I worked as a Field Organizer for the Nebraska Democratic Party, New Media Intern for Organizing for America, and a chess club instructor for Family Services.

What year did you graduate from high school? 2003.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree?

I attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and have a bachelor's degree in political science with history and religious studies minors as well as a master's degree in political science with a journalism and mass communication minor.

What advice would you give the high school students today?

I definitely don't have the credentials to make my advice that worthy of consideration, but that's a bor-



**Adam, Teddy, and Amanda Feser
live in Lincoln, Neb.**

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ing answer. Since this is career oriented, I'll make my advice specific to that. At each stage up to your employment, there are a lot of great services available to you, and you should take advantage of them. In high school, get help from Mrs. Sternhagen. Research your options and programs of interest before making a decision. If you go to college, go to professors' office hours – you'll almost certainly get better grades; use your advisor early – you'll have better luck getting into the classes you want; familiarize yourself with career services – they can get your resume looking good and their website will help you find jobs and internships. When you're looking for a job, prepare for interviews – research the employer and practice answers to likely questions - and write a thank you note after. People that apply at the Arc that haven't read the description don't have much of a chance and a prompt thank you shows you definitely are interested.

For the record, all of that advice is coming with the benefit of hindsight. Mrs. Sternhagen helped me in spite of me not spending sufficient time in her office; I selected a college based on a program I didn't actually enter, I rarely attended office hours as an undergrad, and I was late to the career services party. I probably also would have been less prepared during the job hunt if not for my wonderful wife and her strict adherence to a same-day thank you note writing policy.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.

Specific work accomplishments would be successful grants I have written events that have gone well. Educational accomplishments would be undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships, and the actual degrees, I suppose. My family feels like the biggest accomplishment, and I'll be addressing that in the next few questions.

I suppose my partner and I had a pretty amazing baggo championship streak of which I am quite proud.

Are you married? If so what is your spouse's name and where was she from?

I have been married to Amanda Schur (now Feser) for nearly 3 years and we have been together for nearly 9. She is from Lincoln and also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

How did the two of you meet?

I have a lot of friends that went to Lincoln Southeast High School – so many that I have earned honorary Knight status – and that is where Amanda went to high school. We ran in the same circle, became friends, and then began dating.

Do you have any children? If so what's their names and ages and if they are no longer staying at home where are they at and what are they doing today.

We have a son that turned 2 on January 31st. His name is Theodore Richard Feser, though he mostly goes by Teddy. He is super into basketball, all kinds of balls, and choo choos. Teddy will become a big brother in September, though he still doesn't seem to believe us.

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?

I certainly do. My education at Groton prepared me very well for college. For instance, the first half of Chem 109 was basically rehashing what I already learned from Mrs. Gonsoir. I think I was much better prepared by Groton than many of my friends were by their high schools.

I feel the same about my college education. I only deal specifically with political science as a member of the Arc of Nebraska's Legislative Committee, but the educational experience prepares you in many ways. All of the time I spent researching and writing papers has prepared me for grant writing, for instance. Completing boring assignments for difficult professors prepares you for the more tedious tasks that come with about every job. Learning to collaborate, socialize, meet deadlines, dress and behave appropriately, and all of the other things you do in high school and college that may seem unrelated to your eventual career do prepare you, whether or not you realize it. You may never use calculus other than to nail a Jeopardy question, but in about every position you will have to learn something new and difficult and learn to apply it. That in itself is a skill that something like calculus helps you hone.

Sanford Aberdeen accepting scholarship applications

ABERDEEN, S.D. —Sanford Aberdeen is accepting applications for the annual Sanford Health Network Scholarship, which aims to help students pursuing post-secondary education in health care.

"Our goal is to support and encourage students in the Aberdeen community who have a passion for health care," said Ashley Erickson, chief executive officer at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center.

The \$2,000 scholarship is provided by Sanford Health Network and Sanford Aberdeen. To be eligible, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or greater and must be officially accepted into a health care program at an accredited, post-secondary institution.

Applications are available online at sanfordaberdeen.org, and must be submitted by April 3.

About Sanford Aberdeen

Sanford Aberdeen Clinic serves the health care needs of Aberdeen and the surrounding area with a medical staff consisting of more than 50 providers ranging from family medicine to advanced sub-specialty practices for both children and adults.

The clinic is connected to Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center, a full-service regional hospital that includes adult and pediatric care, emergency/trauma, labor and delivery, critical care, cardiac cath lab, inpatient and outpatient surgical and procedural areas, inpatient and outpatient therapies, laboratory and imaging services.

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2015-16 AND 2016-17 PROPOSED SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

FOOTBALL ALIGNMENTS

CLASS 9AA

Region 1

Britton-Hecla
Clark/Willow Lake
Florence/Henry
Great Plains Lutheran
Ipswich/Edmunds Central
**Tiospa Zina
Webster Area
Wilmot/Waubay/Summit

Region 2

Arlington/Lake Preston
Baltic
Chester Area
Deubrook Area
Deuel
Garretson

Region 3

Bon Homme
Kimball/White Lake
Miller
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton
Wolsey-Wessington
Woon./Wess.Spr./San.Cent.

Region 4

Gregory
Herreid/Selby Area
Hill City
Lyman
McLaughlin
Rapid City Christian
Stanley County

CLASS 9A

Region 1

Castlewood/Estelline
Eureka/Bowdle
Highmore-Harrold
Potter County
Tri-State
Warner
Waverly-South Shore

Region 2

Canistota
Colman-Egan
Elkton-Lake Benton
Gayville-Volin
Irene-Wakonda
Parker
Viborg-Hurley

Region 3

Andes Central/Dak. Chr.
Hanson
Marty Indian
Menno/Marion
Platte-Geddes
Scotland
Tripp-Delmont/Armour

Region 4

Kadoka Area
Lemmon/McIntosh
New Underwood
Newell
Philip
Sully Buttes

CLASS 9B

Region 1

Faulton Area
Hamlin
Hitchcock-Tulare
Langford Area
Leola/Frederick
Northwestern

Region 2

Alcester-Hudson
Centerville
Dell Rapids St. Mary
De Smet
Freeman
Howard
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland

Region 3

Avon
Burke/South Central
Colome
Corsica-Stickney
Lower Brule
Sunshine Bible Academy

Region 4

Bison
Crazy Horse
**Dupree
Edgemont
Faith
Harding County
Timber Lake
Wall

**Tiospa Zina and Dupree are not eligible for post-season play, and therefore have been placed in their geographical region despite the imbalance in number of teams within their region.

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FOOTBALL ALIGNMENTS

CLASS 11AAA

Aberdeen Central
Brandon Valley
RC Central

RC Stevens
SF Lincoln

SF O’Gorman
SF Roosevelt

SF Washington
Watertown

CLASS 11AA

Brookings
Douglas
Harrisburg

Huron
Mitchell

Pierre T.F. Riggs
Spearfish

Sturgis Brown
Yankton

CLASS 11A

Belle Fourche
Canton
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte
Dakota Valley
Dell Rapids

Hot Springs
Lennox
Madison
Milbank Area

Pine Ridge
SF Christian
St. Francis Indian
St. Thomas More

Tea Area
Todd County
Vermillion
West Central

CLASS 11B

Region 1

Aberdeen Roncalli
Crow Creek
Groton Area
Mobridge-Pollock
Redfield/Doland
Sisseton

Region 2

Beresford
Elk Point-Jefferson
Flandreau
McCook Central/Mont.
Sioux Valley
Tri-Valley

Region 3

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan
Chamberlain
Parkston
Wagner
Winner

Region 4

Bennett County
Custer
Jones County/White River
Lead-Deadwood
Little Wound
Red Cloud

Today in Weather History

March 18, 1982: Northern Lawrence and Southwest Butte Counties experienced strong winds during the afternoon of March 18, 1982. Winds gusting to 70mph in Spearfish and Belle Fourche areas overturned a trailer house near Belle Fourche. No injuries were reported.

March 18, 2013: A strong surface low pressure area moving across the region brought widespread accumulating snowfall along with very strong northwest winds to northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts from 1 to 4 inches along with sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to near 60 mph caused widespread blizzard conditions. Travel was significantly disrupted or halted. Some businesses and schools were also closed. Some snowfall amounts included; 1 inch at Sisseton; 2 inches south of Bristol and at Bowdle; 3 inches near Big Stone City; and 4 inches at Summit. The highest wind gust was 58 mph at Aberdeen and near Summit. The snowfall began between 5 and 7 pm on the 17th and ended between 5 and 9 pm on the 18th.

March 18, 2014: A surface low pressure area moving off to the east brought some heavy snow into far northeast South Dakota. A narrow band of heavy snow set up across this area bringing from 6 to 11 inches of snow.

1925 - The great Tri-State Tornado occurred, the most deadly tornado in U.S. history. The tornado claimed 695 lives (including 234 at Murphysboro IL and 148 at West Frankfort IL), and caused seventeen million dollars property damage. It cut a swath of destruction 219 miles long and as much as a mile wide from east central Missouri to southern Indiana between 1 PM and 4 PM. The tornado leveled a school in West Frankfort IL, and picked up sixteen students setting them down unharmed 150 yards away. Seven other tornadoes claimed an additional 97 lives that day. (David Ludlum)

1952 – 151.73 inches of rain fell at Cilaos, La Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean over a five day period (13th-18th) to set the world rainfall record. This record was broken on February 24th-28th, 2007 when Commerce La Reunion Island picked up 196.06 inches.

1971 - High winds accompanied a low pressure system from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes. Winds gusted to 100 mph at Hastings NE, and reached 115 mph at Hays KS. High winds caused two million dollars damage in Kansas. Fire burned 50,000 forest acres in eastern Oklahoma. (17th-19th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm in the central U.S. produced up to 10 inches of snow in western Nebraska, and up to six inches of rain in eastern sections of the state. The heavy rains pushed the Elkhorn River out of its banks, submerging the streets of Inman under three feet of water. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Light rain and snow prevailed east of the Mississippi River. Fair weather prevailed west of the Mississippi. (The National Weather Summary)








1989 - A storm in the western U.S. produced heavy rain in California, with heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada Range. Venado CA was drenched with 5.40 inches of rain in 24 hours. A dozen cities in the eastern U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date, including Baltimore MD with a reading of 82 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Heavy rain caused extensive flooding of rivers and streams in Georgia, with total damage running well into the millions. Flooding also claimed six lives. Nearly seven inches of rain caused 2.5 million dollars damage around Columbus, and up to nine inches of rain was reported over the northern Kinchafoonee Basin in Georgia. (Storm Data)

1990 – An intense hailstorm struck the Sydney region in Australia producing strong winds and heavy rain in a swathe from Camden to Narrabeen, causing extensive damage. Hailstones were measured up to 3 inches in diameter. The total insured damage was estimated at \$314 million Australian dollars, the third largest loss event in Australian insurance history.

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| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Thursday Night | Friday | Friday Night | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chance Rain/Snow | Slight Chc Rain | Partly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Partly Sunny |
| High: 43 °F | Low: 29 °F | High: 51 °F | Low: 28 °F | High: 61 °F | Low: 25 °F | High: 39 °F |



Today's Weather

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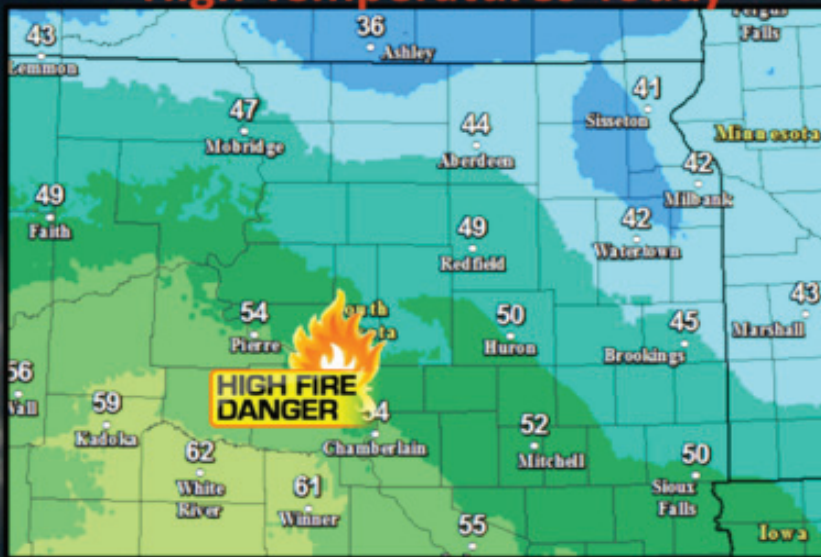


National Weather Service Aberdeen



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High Temperatures Today



- Light Snow this Morning
- Changing over to Light Rain By Noon

Published on: 03/18/2015 at 5:36AM

Light snow this morning over northeastern South Dakota will change over to light rain around midday. Little to no accumulating snowfall is expected. Dry conditions along with above normal temperatures are expected elsewhere.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 44.0 at 4:11 PM

Low: 14.9 at 6:18 AM

High Gust: 11 at 11:13 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 85° in 2012

Record Low: -15° in 1923

Average High: 41°F

Average Low: 21°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.55

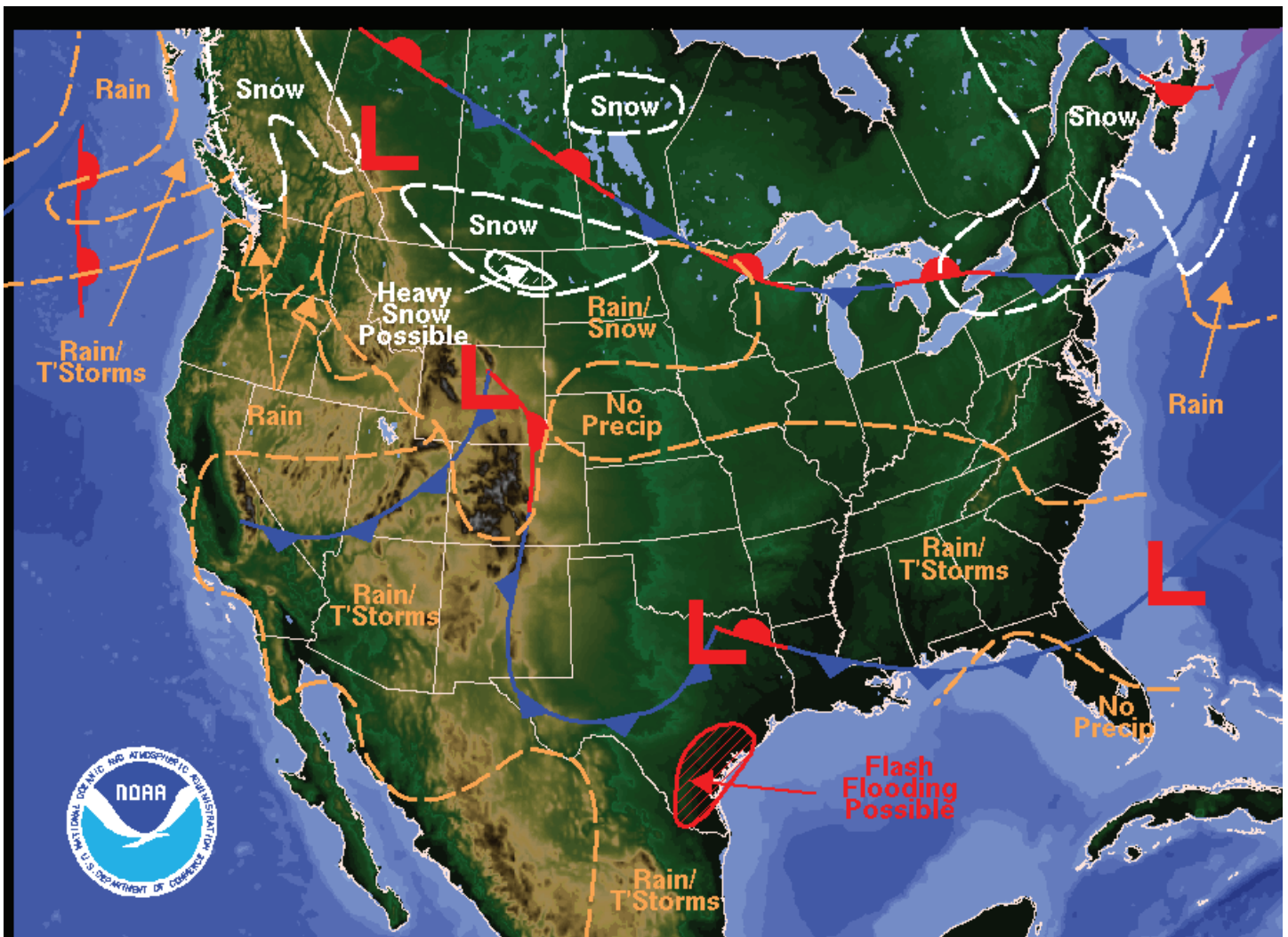
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.57

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 7:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Mar 18, 2015, issued 3:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WATCH WHERE YOU WALK!

Years ago, while marching with my high school band, I was more into my music than I was into following my director. We were to march to the goal line on the football field, make a right turn and exit the field. One hundred and eleven musicians followed the directions perfectly. One tuba player kept marching into the end zone, alone, embarrassed and lost. I was that tuba player.

Everyone needs a Director to be their guide and guard. If we choose otherwise we will end up in an "end zone" - alone, embarrassed, and eternally lost. The alternative?

"A person's steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?" asks Solomon. Perhaps he was going through a difficult period in his life and he recalled a bit of advice from his father, King David: "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him." He may have been facing a decision about his future and was struggling to know which path God would have him take. Wherever he was in his walk with God, he realized the importance of seeking His wisdom.

God has a plan for each of us and He wants us to follow Him and fulfill that plan. However, He also has given us the freedom to make the ultimate decision: Will we seek His guidance and His will or choose to go our own way? And, even if we seek it, will we know it when we see it?

Again, we turn to the heart of Proverbs: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." When we, in humility, bow before Him in complete surrender, seek His will in prayer and study His Word and ask for the counsel of fellow believers, we can be assured that He will bring His light to our path and protect our every step.

Knock, seek, listen, wait, watch and be faithful to Him.

Prayer: How foolish we are, Lord, when we do not obey and trust You. You have our best at heart. May we seek Your wisdom first. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 20:24 A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?

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News from the Associated Press

Dakota Wesleyan hoops team loses bid for national title

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The Dakota Wesleyan men's basketball team came up just short in its bid for a national title.

The Tigers lost to Cornerstone 66-45 Tuesday night in the championship game of the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Point Lookout, Missouri.

Dakota Wesleyan was seeking its first national championship in school history, but Cornerstone "came out ready to go, and they punched us in the mouth," senior forward Jalen Voss told The Daily Republic newspaper.

The Tigers trailed by 22 points at halftime, and the team's game total of 45 points set a record for the lowest amount scored in a championship game.

"To hold them to a tournament-record low says a lot about our guys paying attention to details," Cornerstone head coach Kim Elders told reporters after the game.

It was the third national title for Cornerstone, a university in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Golden Eagles also won in 1999 and 2011.

"Cutting down the nets never gets old," Elders said.

Dakota Wesleyan officials scheduled a welcome home ceremony for the team at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sherman Center on the Mitchell campus.

Ellsworth Air Force Base commander lands job at Pentagon

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The commander of Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota has been selected for a position at the Pentagon.

Col. Kevin Kennedy with the 28th Bomb Wing will be director of warfighter systems and cyberspace integration for the secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Kennedy has been commander at Ellsworth since April 2013. He'll be replaced this summer by Col. Gentry Boswell, who is currently the director of irregular warfare operations at the Pentagon.

South Dakota's acting US Attorney names new tribal liaison

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's acting U.S. attorney has named a new tribal liaison to work with the state's nine Indian tribes.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says Troy Morley will serve as the conduit between his office and the reservations in the state.

Morley joined the U.S. Attorney's office in 2012 as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Pierre office.

Morley is currently establishing a working group to study re-entry alternatives for offenders in the Dakotas and with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He will also be working on a re-entry project with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe.

Morley is originally from Grand Forks, North Dakota, and previously served as special judge to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, where he is an enrolled member. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

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South Dakota towns join Kick Butts Day anti-tobacco effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some South Dakota schoolchildren are joining others nationwide Wednesday in an anti-tobacco effort called Kick Butts Day.

The program sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids encourages kids to stay tobacco-free, call on tobacco companies to stop marketing products to them and urge elected officials to do more to reduce youth tobacco use.

More than 1,000 events are planned nationwide as part of the program. In South Dakota, places taking part in the campaign Wednesday include Spearfish in the Black Hills, Parmelee on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Ellsworth Air Force Base east of Rapid City, Waubay in the northeast part of the state and Watertown.

Noem invites SD high school students to enter art contest

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem wants South Dakota high school students to know they have a chance to have their artwork hung in the U.S. Capitol.

Noem says any high school student in the state is welcome to enter the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. The selected artwork from South Dakota will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for an entire year.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982. Each congressional district has one winner. Winners also receive a roundtrip ticket to and from Washington, D.C.

The second-place winning entry from South Dakota will be displayed in Noem's office in the nation's capital.

All artwork submissions must be sent to the South Dakota Arts Council by April 27. The winners will be notified April 29.

State rolls out mobile-friendly database for job seekers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — On-the-go Job seekers in South Dakota can now access a mobile-friendly version of the state's largest jobs database.

The state Department of Labor and Regulation announced on Tuesday the new SDWORKS site, which the department says offers faster speeds and easier portability.

Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman says the new site gives a significant number of job seekers an easier method of looking for work.

The update also gives people looking for jobs the option of searching by location. It also makes it easier for military veterans to search for work.

Hultman says the site allows the state to better serve people who rely on tablets and phones to connect to the Internet.

Activists rally against reported harassment at hockey game

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PHILIP, S.D. (AP) — A group of protesters demanded an apology Tuesday from the city of Philip and a resident for his alleged role in an incident at a Rapid City Rush hockey game in January where Native American students were reportedly subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer.

About eight demonstrators affiliated with the group United Urban Warrior Society gathered in Philip to call for the apologies. Philip resident Trace O'Connell, 41, has been charged in Rapid City with disorderly

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conduct and has an initial court appearance Wednesday. O'Connell has been out on a \$300 cash bond since being charged about a month ago.

Chaperones for the students from the American Horse School in Allen have said the children and their chaperones left the game early because of the harassment.

Activist Joye Braun of Eagle Butte said that along with the apology Philip city officials should recommit to eradicating racism and a sense of "white superiority." She and other demonstrators said that O'Connell got off too easy with the misdemeanor charge.

"I don't think it's fair that people can get away with things like this. It's not fair to these kids," Tas-hunka Wakinyan Means of Eagle Butte said. "They get treated like that, and he just gets a slap on the wrist for disorderly conduct? That's a hate crime. That's racism."

O'Connell's attorney, Patrick Duffy, has said that his client disputes the charge and that he did not use racial slurs or spray beer on the students. Duffy wouldn't go into details about what happened during the game, saying O'Connell's side of the story would come out in court.

Philip Mayor Mike Vetter took the microphone briefly at the small rally after activists asked if any Philip residents would like to speak. He said the city doesn't condone racism, but said in an interview that he's reserving judgment about whether to apologize.

"As far as making an official apology, I don't think that it is in our best interest right now as a community to apologize for something that hasn't been brought to trial yet," Vetter said.

Shortly after O'Connell was charged, Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and President Barack Obama asking for a federal investigation into the reported harassment.

Yellow Bird Steele said Tuesday that federal authorities are requesting to review all the documents related to the investigation conducted by Rapid City authorities and haven't yet decided whether to launch an inquiry of their own.

SD board seeks input on proposed name change to Harney Peak

BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota board is seeking the public's input on the proposed name change to Harney Peak in Pennington County.

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names says the new suggested name for the geographic feature is Black Elk Peak. The peak is located in the Black Hills National Forest, and it has been described as the highest summit in the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains.

The peak was named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in 1855 led a command of soldiers that killed 86 Sioux in Nebraska.

Paul Soderman, Harney's first cousin seven times removed, has previously written to the state board supporting a new name.

The board has scheduled five meetings to hear from the public and is also accepting written comments.

Governor signs measure that includes April 1 gas tax hike

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a measure that increases funding for road and bridge projects, while also hiking the state's fuel taxes by 6 cents per gallon.

Daugaard signed the proposal into law Tuesday. The measure is expected to raise tens of millions of dollars in road and bridge funding through increases in fuel taxes, fees and other assessments.

The measure increases license plate fees by 20 percent and the state's motor vehicle excise tax from 3

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percent to 4 percent. It also brings the maximum speed limit on South Dakota's interstates to 80 mph. The scope of the fuel tax hike had been the main sticking point in negotiations among lawmakers, who approved the measure Friday.

Most of the measure's provisions will go into effect April 1.

Health officials: SD animal rabies cases down in 2014

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The number of animal rabies cases has dropped in South Dakota for the second consecutive year.

Health officials say 21 cases were reported in 2014, that's down from 28 in 2013. The two-year decline comes after the state experienced a spike in cases.

State epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says rabies is a cyclical disease with cases periodically rising and falling. The state saw 60 cases of rabies in 2012 and 40 in 2011.

Kightlinger says rabies vaccination of pets is always important.

Rabies was detected in 2014 in three domestic animals and 18 wild animals. The domestic animals were a cow, a cat and a goat. Skunks accounted for 12 of the wild animal cases, while the other six were bats.

Skunks are the primary reservoir of rabies in South Dakota.

Thune hires Noem's 2010 manager to head bid for third term

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune has hired Rep. Kristi Noem's 2010 campaign manager to lead his likely effort to seek a third Senate term in 2016.

Former Thune staffer and political veteran Joshua Shields started as campaign manager on Monday for Thune's unofficial Senate bid. He said it's unclear when Thune, who is the third-ranking Senate Republican, will announce his formal candidacy.

"I couldn't be more pleased to have Joshua back on my team to manage the re-election campaign," Thune said in a statement. "Joshua knows South Dakota, he knows how to organize and he knows how to win."

Shields' main political operative cred comes from navigating Noem's successful campaign to unseat Democratic former-Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin in 2010. He also worked on Thune's 2002 and 2004 campaigns, and left a government relations position at Black Hills Corp. to take the campaign manager job for the upcoming cycle.

"This is an opportunity to come back and run the campaign, run the operation that I worked on right out of college," Shields said. "It (is) a pretty amazing opportunity."

Thune has campaigned from a much stronger position since the 2010 election cycle, when he ran unopposed for a second term. Shields anticipates Thune will have more than \$10 million on hand by the end of this fundraising quarter, and he has steadily risen among the ranks of national Republicans. The GOP takeover of the Senate after the 2014 elections installed Thune as chairman of the chamber's powerful Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

Kyle Kondik, managing editor at Sabato's Crystal Ball, said the move dampens "longshot" expectations that Thune would run for president in 2016. South Dakota's senior U.S. senator has said he's keeping his options open but isn't actively exploring a run.

"I think it's fair to say that Thune's running for re-election, and as of this point he seems to be in excellent shape to win re-election," Kondik said.

South Dakota Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg said she's not aware of any candidates who are interested in running against Thune.

"You obviously plan for an opponent," Shields said. "You plan for a tough race, and if that doesn't bear out then that's great."

Sioux Falls National Guard unit to be deployed to Kuwait

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A second unit from the South Dakota Army National Guard has been scheduled to deploy to Kuwait.

Thirty-nine soldiers from the Sioux Falls-based 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade have received an alert order about a possible deployment to Kuwait in February. Last month, a Rapid City-based unit was notified about a scheduled deployment in August.

The Sioux Falls-based unit will be mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The soldiers are expected to conduct force protection and security operations.

The unit is expected to report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of training before the soldiers are deployed overseas. This will be the second mobilization for the 196th, which deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010-2011.

Major solar storm hits Earth, may pull northern lights south

SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A severe solar storm smacked Earth with a surprisingly big geomagnetic jolt Tuesday, potentially affecting power grids and GPS tracking while pushing the colorful northern lights farther south, federal forecasters said.

So far no damage has been reported. Two blasts of magnetic plasma left the sun on Sunday, combined and arrived on Earth about 15 hours earlier and much stronger than expected, said Thomas Berger, director of the Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colorado.

This storm ranks a 4, called severe, on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 1-to-5 scale for geomagnetic effects. It is the strongest solar storm to blast Earth since the fall of 2013. It's been nearly a decade since a level 5 storm, termed extreme, has hit Earth.

Forecasters figured it would come late Tuesday night into Wednesday morning; instead, it arrived just before 10 a.m. EDT. They had forecast it to be a level 1.

"It's significantly stronger than expected," Berger said. Forecasters had predicted a glancing blow instead of dead-on hit. Another theory is that the combination of the two storms made it worse, but it's too early to tell if that's so, he said.

The storm seemed to be weakening slightly, but that may not continue, and it could last all day, officials said. It has the potential to disrupt power grids but only temporarily. It also could cause degradation of the global positioning system, so tracking maps and locators may not be as precise as normal.

Often these types of storms come with bursts of radiation that can affect satellite operations, but this one has not, Berger said.

But the most noticeable effect is usually considered a positive. The Aurora Borealis or northern lights that usually can be viewed only in the far north will dip south, so more people should be able to enjoy the colorful sky show. Forecasters were not sure just how far south it would be visible.

Forecasters said early Tuesday, before sunrise, auroras were already seen in the northern tier of the U.S., such as Washington state, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Space Weather branch chief Brent Gordon said if the storm effects continued through Tuesday eve-

ning, there was a "very strong possibility" that the northern lights could be seen as far south as the middle United States, even Tennessee and Oklahoma. That also means much of Russia and northern Europe, as far south as central Germany and Poland, had the potential for the sky show.

The sky has to be clear of clouds but the crescent moon will appear small enough it shouldn't interfere with viewing of the aurora is in the sky, Gordon said.

Former Rapid City police chief running against mayor

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The former police chief in Rapid City is taking on the mayor.

Former Chief Steve Allender says he's decided to run against Mayor Sam Kooiker (KWAY'-kuhr), who is seeking his third term in the June 2 election.

Allender retired about 10 months ago, ending a 30-year career with the police department. He says there's "something uniquely rewarding in public service."

City Councilwoman Amanda Scott also has announced a mayoral run.

Dakota Wesleyan men's hoops team playing for national title

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The Dakota Wesleyan men's basketball team has made it to the championship game of the NAIA Division II National Tournament.

The Tigers beat Davenport 80-51 on Monday to advance to Tuesday night's title game against Cornerstone, a university in Michigan that won the championship in 2011.

The tournament is in Point Lookout, Missouri. The championship game is being broadcast on ESPN3, beginning at 6 p.m. Central time.

Black Hills Corp. to build \$70M headquarters in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Black Hills Corp. plans to build a \$70 million corporate headquarters in Rapid City

The energy company and parent of Black Hills Power will break ground in the spring on a 30-acre site on the city's south side. The headquarters is projected to open in about two years.

The facility will house about 500 employees who now work in five different sites around Rapid City, including its main building downtown. Those properties will be sold. Over time, the company plans to move some employees from other states to Rapid City.

"This facility will make us more efficient, and that results in lower costs for our customers," CEO David Emery said.

Black Hills Corp. serves nearly 800,000 electricity and natural gas customers in South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado. The company has nearly 2,000 employees.

The headquarters project should not result in a rate increase, Emery said, though Black Hills Power recently obtained state approval for a 4.4 percent rate hike for about 65,000 South Dakota customers, the second price jump in less than two years.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Black Hills Corp. leaders are "demonstrating their intent to be here for the long haul," and Mayor Sam Kooiker called it "a huge investment in our community."

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10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHO WINS ISRAELI ELECTION

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling Likud Party appears to have earned 30 out of parliament's 120 seats and is in a position to be able to build a coalition government.

2. U.S. SETS NEW RECORD FOR DENYING, CENSORING FEDERAL FILES

"The systems created to give citizens information about their government are badly broken and getting worse all the time," says The AP's chief executive, Gary Pruitt.

3. SREBRENICA MASSACRE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

More than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were killed by the Serbs in 1995 — the only atrocity in Europe to be labeled genocide by the United Nations since World War II.

4. WHAT CRIMEA EXILES FIGHT FOR

They campaign to persuade their fellow Crimeans to reject absorption by Russia but bemoan the Ukrainian government's failure to keep the annexed peninsula near the top of its agenda.

5. LETTER SENT TO WHITE HOUSE TO BE TESTED AGAIN FOR CYANIDE

The Secret Service says its investigation into the letter is continuing.

6. EMBATTLED ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN RESIGNS

The move by Republican Aaron Schock follows revelations about his business deals and lavish spending.

7. AIRLINE WORLD'S TINY SECRET

All over the world airline executives engage in a greeting that is all their own: the exchange of model planes.

8. PENN STATE SEEKS FRAT MEMBERS WHO POSTED NUDE PHOTOS ONLINE

University officials intend to hold accountable those who used a private, invitation-only Facebook page to post "appalling, offensive" pictures.

9. HOW MONOPOLY GAME WOULD LOOK 80 YEARS LATER

The most expensive spot on its board today might be The Borgata, Atlantic City's top casino and a major reason why people come here.

10. NHL, NBA WARMUPS MAY NOT BE A GOOD THING

Morning skatearounds are a part of hockey tradition but sleep studies suggest that such a workout eight hours before a game is not a great idea.

AP News in Brief

Prime Minister Netanyahu's Likud wins Israeli election in stunning turnaround after tight race

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling Likud Party scored a resounding victory in the country's election, final results showed Wednesday, a stunning turnaround after a tight race that had put his lengthy rule in jeopardy.

With nearly all votes counted, Likud appeared to have earned 30 out of parliament's 120 seats and was in a position to build with relative ease a coalition government with its nationalist, religious and ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies. Such a government would likely put Israel at odds with the international community over settlement construction and its opposition to Palestinian statehood, and continue clashing with the White House over hard-line policies.

The election was widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu, who has governed the country for the past six years. Recent opinion polls indicated he was in trouble, giving chief rival Isaac Herzog of the opposition Zionist Union a slight lead. Exit polls Tuesday showed the two sides deadlocked but once the actual results came pouring in early Wednesday, Likud soared forward. Zionist Union wound up with just 24 seats.

Given the final results, it is all but assured that Israel's largely ceremonial President Reuven Rivlin will task Netanyahu with forming a new government. Netanyahu says he hopes to do so quickly, within two to three weeks.

"Against all odds, we achieved a great victory for the Likud," Netanyahu told supporters at his election night headquarters, declaring victory even before final results were known. "I am proud of the people of Israel, who in the moment of truth knew how to distinguish between what is important and what is peripheral, and to insist on what is important."

APNewsBreak: Commander, suspects in Srebrenica massacre arrested in first for Serbia

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Prosecutors on Wednesday made Serbia's first arrests of people suspected of carrying out killings in the Srebrenica massacre, The Associated Press has learned. It is a milestone in healing the wounds of Europe's worst civilian slaughter since World War II.

Serbian police arrested seven men accused of taking part in the slaughter of more than 1,000 Muslims at a warehouse on the outskirts of Srebrenica, a joint team of Serbian and Bosnian prosecutors told the AP. Altogether, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were killed in the eastern Bosnian enclave by the Serbs in 1995 — the only atrocity in Europe to be labeled genocide by the United Nations since World War II.

Chief Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor Vladimir Vukcevic told the AP that authorities had sought to arrest eight suspects in pre-dawn raids at different locations in Serbia on Wednesday, but that one is on the run.

"More people have been in our focus, but we have managed to detain seven out of eight suspects so far," Vukcevic said. "They are former members of a special brigade of the Bosnian Serb police."

Serbia in the past has put on trial men who took a group of prisoners away from Srebrenica to be killed. And in 2011 it arrested Ratko Mladic — the warlord who masterminded the slaughter — and sent him to an international criminal court in The Hague, Netherlands. But Wednesday's arrests are Serbia's first attempt to bring to justice men who got their hands bloody in the killing machine known as the

Srebrenica massacre 20 years ago this July.

US sets new record for denying, censoring federal files under open government law

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second consecutive year, the Obama administration more often than ever censored government files or outright denied access to them under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, according to a new analysis of federal data by The Associated Press.

The government took longer to turn over files when it provided any, said more regularly that it couldn't find documents, and refused a record number of times to turn over files quickly that might be especially newsworthy.

It also acknowledged in nearly 1 in 3 cases that its initial decisions to withhold or censor records were improper under the law — but only when it was challenged.

Its backlog of unanswered requests at year's end grew remarkably by 55 percent to more than 200,000.

The government's new figures, published Tuesday, covered all requests to 100 federal agencies during fiscal 2014 under the Freedom of Information law, which is heralded globally as a model for transparent government. They showed that despite disappointments and failed promises by the White House to make meaningful improvements in the way it releases records, the law was more popular than ever. Citizens, journalists, businesses and others made a record 714,231 requests for information. The U.S. spent a record \$434 million trying to keep up.

Durst attorney says search of real estate heir's Houston home just a 'publicity stunt'

HOUSTON (AP) — As investigators sift through items seized in a search of Robert Durst's Houston home, the troubled millionaire's attorney says he would be surprised if any evidence against his client were found.

Dick DeGuerin called the search of the condominium Tuesday "a publicity stunt" by a California prosecutor looking to pin the 15-year-old slaying of a former confidant of Durst's on his client.

The 71-year-old heir to a New York real estate fortune remains in custody in New Orleans after his weekend arrest, which came shortly before the finale of an HBO series about his links to the slaying of three people, including Susan Berman, in whose 2000 death in California he is charged with murder.

Durst also has been suspected — but never charged — in the disappearance of his first wife in New York. In 2003, he was acquitted of murder in a dismemberment death in Texas.

Seven officers spent hours Tuesday searching Durst's home in a 17-story condominium building in a posh Houston neighborhood before carrying away two white cardboard document boxes. Around 8:30 p.m. the officers, including one wearing a Los Angeles Police Department badge, carried two white cardboard document boxes to six vehicles and left.

Crimea exiles fight to keep their Ukraine unity message alive, bemoan lack of government help

SHCHASLYVE, Ukraine (AP) — The tormentors stuck scotch tape to his eyes and locked him in a dank room. For 11 days, Andrei Schekun said, they beat him, shocked him with electrodes and scalded him with burning metallic plates.

He said the torture took place as Crimea voted in a referendum to secede from Ukraine a year ago Wednesday. Schekun's crime: campaigning to persuade his fellow Crimeans to reject absorption by Russia.

Schekun's crusade for Ukrainian unity, which he continues today in exile, began as pro-Moscow sentiment among the majority ethnic Russian population reached fever pitch on the peninsula. Demands for a split from Ukraine spiked within days of the February ouster of Moscow-friendly Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. Although most Ukrainians resented the president with feverish intensity for his predatory rule, people in regions such as Crimea and eastern Ukraine, with dominant ethnic Russian populations, viewed him with more sympathy.

Russian state television stations already fed them a steady diet of stories about unrest being led by rabid Ukrainian nationalists bent on oppression of the Russian population. Ill-intentioned Ukrainians, the Russian networks warned, were poised to descend upon Crimea.

Schekun's activism in drumming up support in Crimea for the anti-government protests that toppled Yanukovich was enough to make him suspect. Soon flyers appeared in the courtyard outside Schekun's home in the Crimean town of Bakhchysarai describing him as a traitor.

US, Iran race to define nuke deal; progress would see world powers invited to talks next week

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — American and Iranian negotiators raced to fill out a framework for rolling back Iran's nuclear program and punitive U.S. economic sanctions, hoping for enough progress to call in other world powers for the finishing touches on an agreement next week.

U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Iranian atomic energy chief Ali Akbar Salehi met again Wednesday in the Swiss city of Lausanne to discuss the technical obstacles to a deal. Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif were to join the talks later.

Negotiations are expected to continue until Friday. And although neither side is promising a breakthrough over the next three days, each is hoping to resolve as many lingering issues as possible, from the speed of a U.S. sanctions drawdown to the level of inspections on Iranian nuclear sites.

A sign of an impending deal would be the discussions wrapping up with an announcement of more talks next week and the involvement of America's negotiating partners: Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia. Up to now, Washington and Tehran have mainly negotiated between each other, but all seven countries would have to sign off on an accord.

The governments have set for themselves a deadline on a preliminary deal by the end of March, with a full agreement by July.

Vanuatu avoids mass casualties by using shelters, early warning; aid rushed to outer isles

PORT VILA, Vanuatu (AP) — When Cyclone Pam ripped across the tiny South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, there were fears its monstrous winds could kill thousands. But as aid workers finally reached the archipelago's hard-hit outer islands on Wednesday, it appeared that residents' familiarity with disasters and careful planning had spared the lives of most.

The scale of the devastation was just beginning to emerge as relief workers rushed to deliver food and water to the archipelago's outer islands, which bore the full fury of the storm that struck Saturday with winds of 270 kilometers (168 miles) per hour. Yet despite finding scores of flattened villages, the

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death toll in the nation of 267,000 people stood at 11.

Many locals took shelter in larger buildings such as schools and churches — a practice that relief groups have impressed upon Vanuatians as a life-saving measure during storms.

Vanuatu is frequently battered by cyclones in the southern hemisphere's summer months and lies along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," where earthquakes and volcanic activities are common — and residents have set up buildings designated as evacuation centers.

"A lot of people did evacuate," said Hanna Butler, an aid worker with the Red Cross in Vanuatu. "Here in the Pacific, we know that disasters happen every year at this time."

Fastest way to an airline executive's heart is with a model plane; just don't tell his wife

NEW YORK (AP) — In America, businessmen shake hands. In Japan, they bow. But all over the world airline executives engage in a greeting that is all their own: the exchange of model airplanes.

When airlines start flying to new cities, make deals with other carriers or finance new jets, these high-quality models — typically one to two feet long — provide the perfect photo backdrop, can help break the ice or serve as a cherished "thank you."

While a business card might be quickly stuffed away in some desk drawer, models remain prominently displayed on the desk of politicians and industry power brokers. Puerto Rico's governor, Alejandro García-Padilla, has models from JetBlue, Lufthansa, Avianca and local airline Seaborne in his office. Each has established or expanded service to the island since his 2013 inauguration.

"It's one of these gifts that people get and don't put in the closet," says Jeff Knittel, who oversees aircraft leasing for financier CIT Group Inc.

European aircraft manufacturer Airbus took in 1,456 passenger plane orders from 67 airlines around the world last year. It also placed 30,000 of its own orders — for model Airbus jets.

Penn State: Frat members who posted nude Facebook photos of women will be held accountable

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Penn State intends to hold accountable the fraternity members who used a private, invitation-only Facebook page to post "appalling, offensive" photos of nude and partly nude women, some apparently asleep or passed out, a university official said.

Kappa Delta Rho was suspended for a year Tuesday after police began investigating the allegations.

A former member at the university's flagship campus in State College tipped police off to the page, telling them in January that it had been used by members to share photos of "unsuspecting victims, drug sales and hazing," according to a copy of a police warrant obtained by The Associated Press.

The ex-member also provided authorities with printouts from the page.

A Penn State administrator called the allegations a violation of the standards and values required for recognized student organizations.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 77th day of 2015. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 18, 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside

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his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether. Farouk I, the former king of Egypt, died in exile in Rome.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, New Jersey.

In 1913, King George I of Greece was assassinated in Thessaloniki.

In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their 5-month-old embargo against the United States that had been sparked by American support for Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, New York. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1990, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

In 1995, Spain's Princess Elena married a banker, Jaime de Marichalar y Saenz de Tejada, in Seville; it was Spain's first royal wedding in 89 years. (The couple separated in 2007, and later divorced.)

Ten years ago: Doctors in Florida, acting on orders of a state judge, removed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. (Despite the efforts of congressional Republicans to intervene and repeated court appeals by Schiavo's parents, the brain-damaged woman died on March 31, 2005, at age 41.) Former Connecticut Governor John G. Rowland was sentenced to a year in prison and four months under house arrest for selling his office in a corruption scandal (he served 10 months behind bars).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed into law a \$38 billion jobs bill containing a modest mix of tax breaks and spending designed to encourage the private sector to start hiring again. Actor Fess Parker, 85, died in Santa Ynez, California. Jerome York, an Apple, Inc. board member and a financial wizard credited with turning around Chrysler and IBM, died in Pontiac, Michigan, at age 71.

One year ago: With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia, provoking denunciations from the Western leaders who called Putin a threat to the world. Venture capitalist Bruce Rauner won the GOP primary in his bid for Illinois governor (he went on to defeat the Democratic incumbent, Pat Quinn). A KOMO-TV news helicopter crashed and burst into flames near Seattle's Space Needle, killing both people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander is 88. Country singer Charley Pride is 81. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 79. Country singer Margie Bowes is 74. Actor Kevin Dobson is 72. Actor Brad Dourif is 65. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 64. Singer Irene Cara is 56. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 56. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 54. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 53. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 53. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 52. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 51. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 51. Ac-

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tor David Cubitt is 50. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 49. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi (ber-EN'-ee) is 48. Actor Michael Bergin is 46. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 45. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus is 43. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 43. Country singer Philip Sweet (Little Big Town) is 41. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 41. Singers Jaron and Evan Lowenstein are 41. Actress-singer-dancer Sutton Foster is 40. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 38. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 36. Rock musician Daren Taylor (Airborne Toxic Event) is 35. Olympic gold medal figure skater Alexei Yagudin is 35. Actor Adam Pally is 33. Actress-dancer Julia Goldani Telles is 20. Actress Ciara Bravo is 18. Actor Blake Garrett Rosenthal is 11.

Thought for Today: "It's easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing - that's the Lord's test." - Mahalia Jackson, American gospel singer (1911-1972).