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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

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Roger: 605/397-7118

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.
Show Choir at Mitchell
Pastor at Rosewood Court

Sunday, March 22

Anniversaries: Bruce & Pam Merkel, Jennifer & Brett Grenier

Birthdays: Brett Grenier, Don Walter, James Mortenson.

9 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministires worship
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Monday, March 23

Birthdays: Fern Westby, Greg Peterson, Jacki Ferrell, Larry Fliehs, Linda Bahr, Todd Kokales.

Children's Theatre Try-outs

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

7:00 p.m.: School Board Meeting

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

School Lunch: BBQ, sweet potato tot, romaine
salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes
with gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat
bread.

Tuesday, March 24

Birthdays: Blake Merkel, Emerlee Darlene



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The work on the concrete backstop was completed yesterday by employees of the city.

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.

Lineman wanted

Electric lineman who will assist with miscellaneous City maintenance duties. Certified Journeyman mandatory. EOE. Send resume to City Finance Office, PO Box 587, 209 N Main, Groton, SD 57445 by April 17.

Notice of Garbage Pickup!

Effective Immediately Your cooperation

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.

is greatly appreciated during the spring thaw.



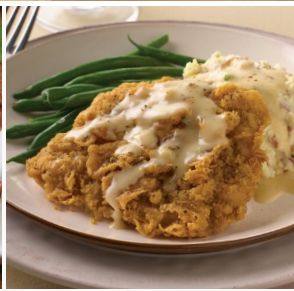
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HOME SECURITY SPECIAL
monitoring starting around
\$999
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Did You Know?

- 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>
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Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session

Earlier this month, the State Legislature concluded the main run of its nine-week session. The session is a time for debates, and some disagreements, but we can be proud of the work our legislators did and the decisions they made.

This year, the Legislature passed an important bill to reform our juvenile justice system. South Dakota has the second highest juvenile commitment rate in the nation, even though our juvenile violent crime arrest rate is just one-third of the national average. Rather than continuing to place juveniles in expensive state-funded facilities, we will invest in proven intervention and treatment programs that keep youth close to home and connected to their communities. This bill passed with only seven "no" votes and I appreciate the Legislature's strong support.

I also appreciated the Legislature's passage of a comprehensive road and bridge funding bill. Especially in a rural state like South Dakota, good quality roads are our lifeline. State highways, county oil, township gravel and hundreds of rural bridges are in need of additional maintenance. Maintaining infrastructure is one of the most fundamental functions of government. The Legislature showed true courage and vision this year by dealing with this problem now, rather than leaving it for future generations. No one likes to raise taxes, but by spending a little more on maintenance now, South Dakota will avoid much higher costs later.

The Legislature passed a state budget this year that is honestly balanced. In South Dakota, we don't spend money we don't have. We don't rely on inflated revenue estimates or accounting gimmicks. We use ongoing revenue to fund ongoing expenses. At least 21 other states are dealing with deficits today, often because of short-sighted budget decisions. Meanwhile, South Dakota is becoming even stronger. This year, we put new limits on borrowing by state authorities, established procedures to more effectively collect debt owed to the state and gained greater insurance protection for our state buildings.

Our state budget is a statement of our priorities. Education is 45 percent of general fund spending, and we increased the K-12 formula by more than the law requires. The Legislature also authorized the first increase in the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship since it was created, and added funding for high school students taking dual credit courses at our universities and technical institutes. I also joined with legislative leaders to create a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students, which will spend the next year studying the teaching workforce and our school funding formula. The state budget also increased reimbursement for Medicaid providers, with extra funds for providers who offer front-line care in our communities.

Legislators made many other important decisions this year. We modernized our laws to deal with contagious disease outbreaks and to offer better screening of infants for inherited or genetic disorders. We improved our insurance laws to offer better coverage for children with autism. We found a way to continue the important work of the Jolene's Law task force, which is taking on the difficult issue of

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sexual abuse of children.

We continued our state's investment in the Sanford Underground Research Facility, which offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity for a national laboratory in the Black Hills. We increased local control over decisions about livestock development. And we passed a constitutional amendment that, if approved by the voters, will strengthen higher education by recognizing the important role of our technical institutes in workforce development.

South Dakotans can be proud of the work of our state legislators. The vast majority of the big decisions are made on a bipartisan basis. The highway bill, the juvenile justice bill, the state budget and many other bills passed with broad bipartisan support.

No one agrees with every decision or every vote, but our legislators do their work respectfully, with open-minds and a commitment to service. Unlike Washington, D.C., where partisanship leads to gridlock and gamesmanship, our legislators consider every issue on its own merits.

Our part-time legislators come to Pierre for nine weeks in winter, and then return home to live and work among the friends and neighbors they serve. I thank all 105 state legislators for their hard work this year. If you see a state legislator in the coming days, I hope you say "thank you" as well.



KUMLA DINNER

or Baked Potato

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Serving 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pierpont

Governor Signs Final Bills Of 2015 Legislative Session

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed the last bills from the 2015 Legislative Session into law:

SB 2 – An Act to provide for the establishment of river basin natural resource districts.

SB 3 – An Act to provide for mediation of certain drainage disputes.

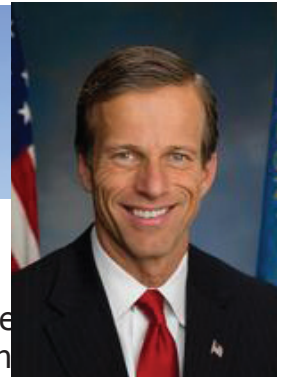
SB 67 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding challenges to certain election petition signatures.

SB 69 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding elections and election petitions.

SB 177 – An Act to establish a youth minimum wage.

For more information about these bills, visit legis.sd.gov.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



EPA Smog Regulations Could Hurt South Dakota Families and Businesses

When I think of the Great Plains, I think of rolling hills and sprawling farmland—open spaces between scattered towns. South Dakota is blessed with an abundance of space and open land which are critical for our agriculture and hunting industries. But a rule proposed by the Obama Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) restricting air quality standards is so strict that even the expansive prairies of the Midwest and the untouched beauty of national parks like Yellowstone may be considered too polluted.

The proposal has to do with ground-level ozone—or what we usually refer to as smog. What the EPA has proposed doing is lowering the smog standard from the current level set in 2008, which is 75 parts-per-billion, to anywhere between 70 and 65. The new Obama EPA smog regulations would impose heavy-handed, costly new requirements in the open plains of South Dakota before first ensuring that we address smog problems in urban areas, such as Los Angeles, where smog remains a consistent problem.

In 2010, the Obama administration put forward a similar proposal to lower the standard, but later withdrew it because of the burdens and uncertainty it would impose. One reason this is such an aggressive standard is that currently, 277 counties in 27 states can't even meet the current standard. When these counties are considered in "non-attainment" they are expected to implement expensive plans to reach compliance.

Just to give you an idea of the cost of this regulation, research from the National Association of Manufacturers indicates that the EPA's proposal could lead to 1.4 million fewer jobs per year and reduce annual Gross Domestic Product by \$140 billion. According to the EPA's own estimate, this regulation is one of the most expensive in the agency's history.

Such staggering costs is why on March 17, Senator Joe Manchin, a Democrat from West Virginia, and I introduced a bill to block the EPA from implementing what is expected to be the most costly regulation in the EPA's history. The bill I introduced would block the EPA from lowering the air quality standards until 85 percent of the counties currently in non-attainment achieve compliance with the existing standard. My bill would also require the EPA to consider the costs and feasibility of the lower standard, which the EPA currently does not consider.

In South Dakota alone, a lower standard would cost jobs in manufacturing, natural resources and mining, and construction, and severely cut household spending by over \$1200 per year. Costs for the typical South Dakota family could include expensive annual vehicle emission tests and higher energy costs.

This issue is yet another example of just how out of touch the Obama EPA is with the American people. Rather than strangle American industry with a job-killing regulation that could slash economic growth and raise energy prices for American families, the Obama EPA needs to focus its efforts on areas already struggling with air quality attainment standards. My bill takes a sensible stand against this aggressive EPA and puts American jobs and communities first.

Gov. Daugaard Vetoes SB 159

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed the following bill:

SB 159 – An Act to exempt certain amateur sports coaches from sales and use tax.

For more information about this bill and other bills, visit legis.state.sd.us.

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Note: A copy of the Governor's veto message follows:

March 20, 2015

The Honorable Matt Michels

President of the Senate

500 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I respectfully return to you Senate Bill 159 with my VETO.

Senate Bill 159 is entitled, "An Act to exempt certain amateur sports coaches from sales and use tax."

South Dakota has a very broad based sales tax which is imposed on the sale of tangible personal property, services, and products transferred electronically. Our broad base has made the sales tax a steady, reliable source of revenue even in times of economic distress. As other states see wide swings in revenue during changing economic times, South Dakota has one of the most stable revenue streams in the nation.

South Dakota's sales tax rate has been four percent since 1969, with the exception of temporary one percent increases to fund the purchase of railroad property and to initially create the REDI Fund. A stable sales tax rate is an integral part of South Dakota's tax friendly climate. The rate remains low because everyone pays their fair share.

Exemptions to the sales tax base, such as Senate Bill 159, erode the sales tax base and diminish a steady, reliable source of revenue for our State. Senate Bill 159's exemption benefits a select group and could lead to additional exemption requests in the future. We must resist any attempt to erode the sales tax base and must work to keep the sales tax base as broad, and therefore as stable, as possible.

In addition, Senate Bill 159's exemption creates a privilege to the amateur baseball teams sponsored by select organizations, specifically American Legion and VFW organizations. While I admire these organizations and appreciate the work they do, it is bad tax policy to exempt coaches in these organizations, while continuing to tax other amateur baseball coaches.

South Dakota should protect our sales tax as a broad, steady, reliable revenue source. I ask that you sustain my veto.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Daugaard

Governor

Gov. Daugaard Vetoes SB 136

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed the following bill:

SB 136 – An Act to exclude certain municipal taxes from the gross receipts used to determine the tax liability for customers served by electric cooperatives and electric utilities.

For more information about this bill and other bills, visit legis.state.sd.us.

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March 20, 2015

The Honorable Matt Michels

President of the Senate

500 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I respectfully return to you Senate Bill 136 with my VETO.

Senate Bill 136 is entitled, "An Act to exclude certain municipal taxes from the gross receipts used to determine the tax liability for customers served by electric cooperatives and electric utilities."

I do not accept the argument that the current taxation system imposes a double tax. Rural electric companies are in a similar situation to thousands of businesses throughout South Dakota.

Consider a barbershop. After giving a haircut, the barber collects state and municipal sales tax on the entire fee. That fee is not pure profit. The barber uses that income to cover all business expenses, including real property taxes on an owned building.

Whether it is a barbershop, grocery store, clothing store, or law practice – any business includes its business expenses, including property taxes, in the prices it charges. All of these businesses collect sales and use tax on the entire purchase price. In fact, SDCL 10-45-1.14(2) specifically states that businesses may not deduct "taxes imposed on the retailer" when calculating sales tax.

Rural electric companies are in exactly the same situation as those other businesses. The only difference is that property taxes are assessed on rural electric companies in a different way. Rather than paying a property tax on poles, lines and other fixed assets, they pay a gross receipts tax "in lieu of property tax" based on retail and wholesale electric energy. If a rural electric company's territory includes an area within a municipality, the company may make a similar payment to the municipality.

Senate Bill 136 would create a special exemption for rural electric companies that no other South Dakota business is given. It would allow a rural electric company to deduct its payment in lieu of property taxes from its gross receipts before paying state and municipal sales tax.

Creating this special dispensation is contrary to the broad based sales tax principles that are the foundation of South Dakota's sales tax, the primary source of state government funds, and could easily lead to other businesses requesting similar exemptions in future years.

South Dakota should not create a special tax calculation rule for rural electric companies that no other South Dakota business is given. I oppose this bill and I ask that you sustain my veto.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Daugaard

Governor

Gov. Daugaard Vetoes SB 100

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed the following bill:

SB 100 – An Act to create a leased residential property classification.

For more information about this bill and other bills, visit legis.state.sd.us.

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Note: A copy of the Governor's veto message follows:

March 20, 2015

The Honorable Matt Michels

President of the Senate

500 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I respectfully return to you Senate Bill 100 with my VETO.

Senate Bill 100 is entitled, "An Act to create a leased residential property classification."

South Dakota has three classes of property for purposes of taxation: nonagricultural, agricultural, and owner-occupied. Senate Bill 100 creates a NEW fourth class of property, "leased residential property." This class would include "any real estate or single-family dwelling or structure consisting of two or more family units that are leased or rented."

The only reason property is divided into separate classes is for purposes of taxation, specifically for school district general fund levy purposes. While Senate Bill 100 does not create a different rate of taxation for leased residential properties, the proponents' stated intent is eventually to seek a separate levy for property in this class.

The bill's proponents advance two contradictory reasons for this change. First, they argue that those living in rental properties should enjoy the same property tax relief that homeowners receive. It is easy to sympathize with that argument.

Secondly, proponents claim that tax relief would lead to more development of "affordable" leased residential property. That can only be true, however, if landlords intend to retain the property tax relief as income, rather than pass it along to their renters in the form of lower rents.

These two contradictory arguments reveal the problem with this proposal. There is no way to guarantee that property tax relief for leased residential property landlords will find its way to tenants. This is the reason leased residential property was not included in the property tax relief proposals in 1995, and twenty years later, it is a reason to oppose Senate Bill 100.

Senate Bill 100 is a first step toward a different property tax levy for leased residential property – a change that will shift the property tax burden onto agricultural, nonagricultural, and owner-occupied property taxpayers, without any guarantee of savings for residents of leased properties. For that reason, I oppose this bill and I ask that you sustain my veto.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Daugaard

Governor

Today in Weather History

March 21, 1997: As temperatures began to warm up towards the end of March, the near record to record winter snowpack over central, north central, and northeast South Dakota began melting. The resulting runoff filled up ditches, lakes, creeks, streams, and low-lying areas. The massive amount of water swamped hundreds of sections of county and township roads as well as several state and federal highways. The inundated sections of roads were either broken up or washed out. Tens of culverts were blown out or damaged; and several bridges were either damaged or washed out by chunks of ice and the high water flow. Road closures were extensive, with rerouting taking place for school buses, mail carriers, farmers, and ranchers. Many spillways and dams received some damage or were washed out. In addition, thousands of acres of farmland and pastureland were underwater. Due to the high groundwater, a countless number of homes received water in their basements. A few towns were partially flooded, including Twin Brooks in Grant County, Corona in Roberts County, and Raymond in Clark County. The following week, in the early morning hours of March 27, water flowed into Raymond filling the basements of several homes. In rural areas, several farms were surrounded by water and were inaccessible, leaving some people stranded and livestock marooned. Many other residences and businesses, mainly across northeast South Dakota, received significant damage or were a total loss. As a result, several people had to be evacuated. At the time, many long-term residents said this was the most significant flooding they had seen in their lifetimes. The flooding continued into early to mid-April.

March 21, 2012: Several record high temperatures occurred across the region in March.

1801 – The Jefferson Flood hit the Connecticut Valley. The flooding was the greatest since 1692. The Federalists named the flood for the new President, who they blamed for the disaster.

1876 – More than 40 inches of snow stopped traffic at Montreal, Quebec Canada. Trains were delayed, and mail carriers resorted to snowshoes.

1932 - A tornado swarm occurred in the Deep South. Between late afternoon and early the next morning severe thunderstorms spawned 31 tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The tornadoes killed 334 persons and injured 1784 others. Northern Alabama was hardest hit. Tornadoes in Alabama killed 286 persons and caused five million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1951 – Antarctica is the windiest place in the world. Port Martin averaged 40 mph winds throughout the year. On this day, the winds averaged 108 mph.

1952 - Severe thunderstorms spawned thirty-one tornadoes across Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky. The tornadoes killed 343 persons and caused 15 million dollars damage. Arkansas and Tennessee each reported thirteen tornadoes. The towns of Judsonia AR and Henderson TN were nearly wiped off the map in what proved to be the worst tornado outbreak of record for Arkansas. A tornado, one and a half miles wide at times, left a church the only undamaged building at Judsonia. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A winter storm in the Northern High Plains Region produced blizzard conditions in western South Dakota. Winds gusted to 70 mph at Rapid City SD, and snowfall totals ranged up to 20 inches at Lead SD. The high winds produced snow drifts six feet high. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)







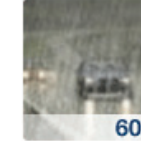
1988 - Bitterly cold weather prevailed across the northeastern U.S. Portland ME reported their coldest spring day of record with a morning low of 5 above, and an afternoon high of just 21 degrees. Marquette MI reported a record low of 15 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (The Weather Channel)

1989 - Snow blanketed the northeastern U.S. early in the day, with six inches reported at Rutland VT. Morning and afternoon thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds from southwestern Mississippi to southwest Georgia. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - The first full day of spring was a cold one for the eastern U.S. Freezing temperatures damaged 62 percent of the peach crop in upstate South Carolina, and 72 percent of the peach crop in the ridge area of South Carolina. Elkins WV, which a week earlier reported a record high of 82 degrees, was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 16 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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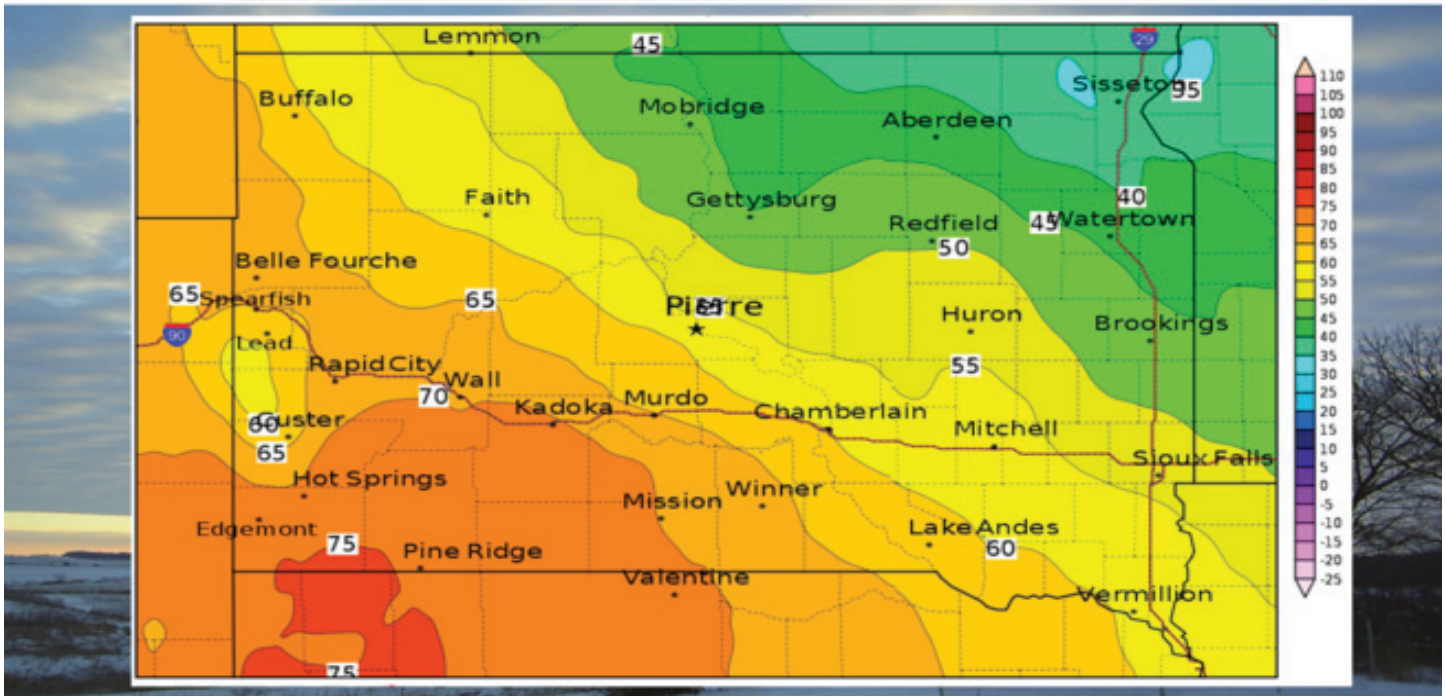
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| This Afternoon | Tonight | Sunday | Sunday Night | Monday | Monday Night | Tuesday |
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| Partly Sunny | Mostly Cloudy | Chance Rain/Snow | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Sunny | Chance Rain | Rain Likely |
| High: 43 °F | Low: 26 °F | High: 38 °F | Low: 24 °F | High: 51 °F | Low: 38 °F | High: 49 °F |



Cooler Today
Light Rain and Snow Possible on Sunday
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A storm system west of the region will bring increasing southerly winds later this afternoon. High temperatures should warm into the 40s and 50s for most locations. A system moving across the northern plains on Sunday will bring some rain and snow, mainly for North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 64.5 at 2:43 PM

Low: 23.0 at 2:40 AM

High Gust: 30 at 3:28 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 79° in 1907

Record Low: -12° in 1965

Average High: 42°F

Average Low: 22°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.67

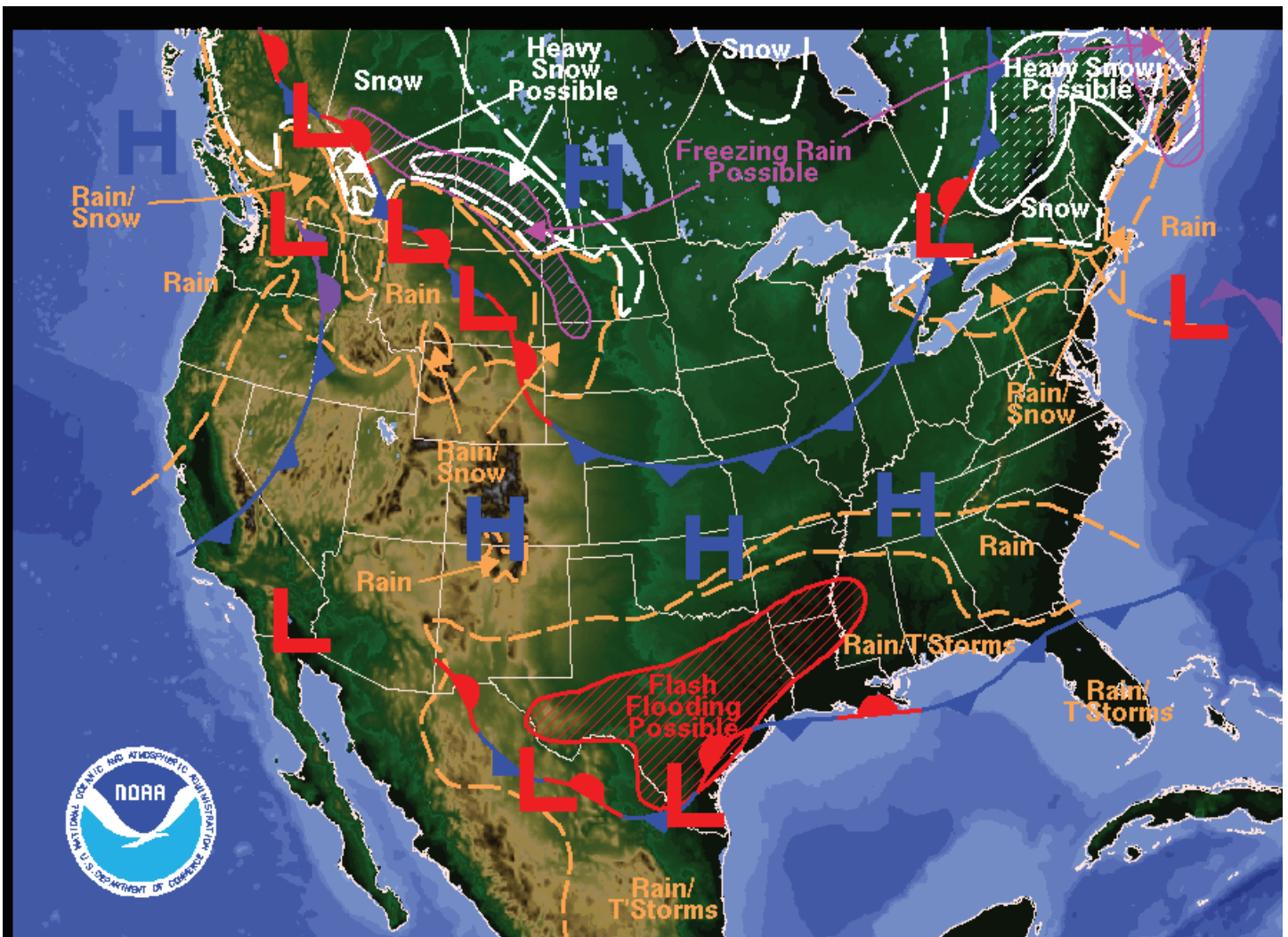
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.69

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 7:47 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:33 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Mar 21, 2015, issued 4:39 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



GIVING OR DOING: WHICH MATTERS MOST

Many guide their lives by "The Golden Rule" - "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you." They do what they do, not from the goodness of their hearts, but what they want or expect from others. It is the old adage: "If you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." Their lives become a trading post.

Others give what they give because their goal is to obligate or control people. They cannot give without grumbling. After "presenting" an object, large or small they wait and watch to see if they will receive something appropriate for their "goodness." If nothing comes, gifts stop.

Some give for recognition. They want to be praised in public places for their contributions or rewarded for being kind or being seen as generous. Some give because they expect to be recognized and blest by God for their gifts.

Giving and doing is good. But is there something more? "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifices." This proverb makes a profound statement: We can make any number of sacrifices for many different reasons, but if we do not give because we love God, live righteously and treat others with justice, dignity and respect it seems as though giving and doing are less than acceptable in God's sight.

We must never forget that sacrifice is at the heart of the gospel: God sent His only begotten Son to die for us. But our giving, even sacrificially, must be done for the right reasons. We must realize that "being" is what God wants from us - beginning with "being" born again, followed by being righteous and just.

Giving reflects gratitude. And if we are grateful for our salvation, we will give generously - but for the right reasons.

Prayer: May we understand, Lord, that our giving reflects our love for You. First our hearts, then our lives and then our things! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 21:3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

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Civil Air Patrol conducts training exercise in central SD

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing is conducting a search and rescue training exercise in Pierre.

The training exercise scheduled for Saturday focuses in training aircrews, ground search teams and the command staff to react to a simulated emergency situation. The incident command post for the training exercise has been set up at the Mustang Aviation Facility at the Pierre Regional Airport.

Four of the Wing's five aircraft and several vehicles are being used in the exercise. Twenty-four officers and 14 cadets are participating.

The patrol says the training allows participants to experience "real-world activity."

SD woman ordered to repay nearly \$44K in federal theft case

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A western South Dakota woman has been ordered to pay nearly \$44,000 in restitution stemming from a federal theft case.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Viken has also ordered 67-year-old Linda Anderson to one year of unsupervised probation. The Spearfish woman earlier pleaded guilty to one count of theft of public money.

Prosecutors say Anderson stole federal funds and property when she was a representative payee of the Social Security Administration between 2010 and 2012.

A representative payee is appointed by the Social Security Administration to receive benefits for someone who cannot manage his or her money. The main responsibilities of a payee are to use the benefits to pay for the current needs of the beneficiary and properly save the money that is not immediately spent.

You can go home: Returnees to ND oil boom town here to stay

SHARON COHEN, AP National Writer

WATFORD CITY, N.D. (AP) — Before oil tanker trucks rumbled down the roads at all hours, this town was so quiet that Erin White rode her horse to a deserted Main Street one night. Back then, this was a dusty hamlet with few prospects for a future.

Like many teens, White didn't expect to be back after college. She and her husband, Lange, settled in eastern Colorado. But when his temporary stint as an airplane mechanic ended, he needed work. White's parents weighed in: There were lots of oil jobs back home.

Within two days, White's husband had one. She found work soon after they returned to her family's ranch 40 miles from town, joining a reverse migration that was unthinkable a decade ago. The discovery of crude oil here has been a powerful population magnet, not just bringing hordes of outsiders to the Bakken but luring back others who've discovered that, yes, they can go home again.

"I love being home on my farm. I love seeing the people I grew up with," says White, a 29-year-old executive assistant for an oil services firm. "We're still kind of wondering if we'll be here forever. Maybe we'll want to go someplace else. But we just don't see it now."

After a decades-long population drain, North Dakota became the fastest growing state in the nation in recent years, expanding by nearly 10 percent in a 50-month period ending last June, according to Census figures. That pace dropped sharply in 2014 to just 2 percent, a slowdown attributed to the lack of housing, not plunging oil prices.

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A new wave of oil worker layoffs, though, could reduce the influx of out-of-staters, but those who've come home are confident they've made the right move.

"There are no regrets, no second thoughts," White says. "There are a lot of people who are really committed to the town and don't want to leave."

It's not clear how many people who've moved to North Dakota since the boom are first-timers and how many have come back to families, friends and, they hope, prosperity. Kevin Iverson, manager of the state's Census office, says many returnees are in their 20s and 30s who "really liked the small-town feel of things, but there just weren't the jobs," he says. "That's obviously turned around in a rather dramatic way in the last six or seven years."

The idling of rigs and sinking prices in recent months has changed the landscape, but "I'm not seeing panic," says Mayor Brent Sanford. "I'm not seeing cars heading out of town."

Kenny Liebel is among those happy to be back. After graduating from high school in 2008, he wanted to get away from Watford City. Though he didn't go far — he attended college 135 miles away in Bismarck — he was homesick. And with billions of dollars of oil in the prairie, he wanted in.

Liebel, who works for Nuverra Environmental Solutions, an oil-related waste recycling and disposal company, remembers the thrill of seeing Watford City's skyline the night he returned. "I let out this scream of excitement," he says. "There was all this new construction, the buzz, it's the real deal. ... I knew in my heart I wanted to be a part of it."

Alex Veeder, 24, an elementary school counselor, figured she'd eventually settle in Watford City, but probably later in life.

As a teen, she says, "We always had that get-out-of-town mentality — there's nothing going on around here. We'd say, 'We need to be in a place where there's action.'" But, she adds, "THIS is where it's happening now."

Her sisters joined her. Lindsay, who runs a dance studio for kids, came back from Oregon. And Jessie, a singer-songwriter, returned from Montana.

"We know that it can go away," Veeder says of the oil riches. "Sometimes you think we're building another school (a \$50 million high school is set to open in January) and say, 'What if? What if?...' But at some point you have to not think about the 'what if's' and take care of what's going on now."

Bob Strom isn't worried, either, about fluctuating oil prices.

Strom, 34, who came home from South Dakota, works at MBI Energy Services, an oil field services firm. His wife, Laurie, who is expecting their third child, teaches elementary school. His mother lives nearby.

Strom says his return was inspired by conversations with his wife's grandfather, a small-town grocer who'd always regretted not joining with a partner to build a supermarket.

"I didn't want to be a 95-year-old and be thinking I should have taken a little risk," Strom says. "I had an opportunity in front of me. I had to at least try."

Perhaps no one has made a bigger leap than Jason Homiston.

As a vice president at Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street giant, he had an office in the shadow of the World Trade Center. Now he's a vice president at MBI in Belfield, population 800.

Don't let size fool you. The oil industry is just as fast-paced, the pressure as intense as high finance, Homiston says. "It's as much hard work as I was doing out there," he adds. "It's fun to be part of something that's changing the country."

"I'm really having a ball," Homiston says, noting that his East Coast friends have "a little bit of envy but I don't think it's enough for them to want to move to North Dakota."

South Dakota cattle on feed up 7 percent from 2014

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more animals reported 235,000 cattle on feed on March 1, up 7 percent from last year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its latest report that placements in feedlots during February totaled 41,000 head, up 5 percent from 2014.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 35,000 head, down 3 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during February totaled 1,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2014.

Watertown senior going to DC for national poetry competition

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A senior from Watertown High School won the state's Poetry Out Loud competition and is headed to Washington, D.C., to represent South Dakota in the national competition April 27-29.

Ashley Brage won \$200 and her school will receive \$500 to be used for poetry books, in addition to her trip to the national finals.

Eight students from South Dakota high schools competed for the title. Second place went to Alex Schumacher, a senior at Washington High School in Sioux Falls.

Two teachers were also honored for their efforts in the classroom: Daniel Snethen of Little Wound High School and Kris O'Brien of Watertown High School.

Poetry Out Loud is a recitation program and competition that urges the teaching of poetry as an oral art form in high schools.

Vanderbilt tops South Dakota State 92-77 in NIT

CHIP CIRILLO, Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings gave Matthew Fisher-Davis a stern message after one of the Commodores' best 3-point shooters got into foul trouble early in the second half against South Dakota State.

"Listen, we're not going to win if you don't make some shots," Stallings told the freshman guard. "So, he decided to make four of his next five."

Fisher-Davis actually made four straight 3-pointers during a key stretch in the second half, rallying Vanderbilt to a 92-77 win over South Dakota State in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament on Friday night.

Wade Baldwin IV had 20 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and James Siakam had 14 points and seven rebounds for Vanderbilt, which broke a school record with 13 blocked shots — including four by Luke Kornet — eclipsing the previous mark of 11 set in a first-round win at St. Mary's. The Commodores broke the single-season school record with 182 blocked shots, surpassing the 174 they had in 2008 and 2009.

Vanderbilt (21-13) faces the winner of Sunday night's Stanford-Rhode Island game in the quarterfinals.

Damian Jones added 15 points and Fisher-Davis finished with 12 after going 4 for 11 from the field, including 4 for 9 from 3-point range.

"(Matthew) was real cold in the first half, but he came out firing," Baldwin said. "I told him it's done and he came out and did his thing. He hit four big 3's to really ice the game for us."

Stallings started designing plays for Fisher-Davis after he heated up.

"When you start hitting a couple in a row, the basket gets even bigger," Fisher-Davis said. "I was just

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running the floor and they were finding me.”

Cody Larson led South Dakota State (24-11) with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Fisher-Davis picked up the slack for teammate Riley LaChance, who was called for his fourth foul with 16:31 left. His first three 3-pointers capped a 16-0 run that turned a two-point deficit into a 14-point lead. Reed Tellinghuisen’s basket gave the Jackrabbits a 59-57 lead with 9:12 left, but the Commodores answered with a 16-0 run to take a 73-59 lead.

The last two rounds of the NIT will be at Madison Square Garden in New York, a goal for Vanderbilt.

“We’re trying to go all the way to New York,” Baldwin said. “This is a dream to play in Madison Square Garden. I mean, LeBron, Muhammad Ali. All the greats have all been in that gym. And being a Jersey guy, playing there is a dream come true.”

Baldwin, a freshman guard from Belle Mead, New Jersey, did everything in his power to get Vanderbilt one step closer to the Big Apple. The Commodores hit 18 of 22 shots in the second half for an 81.8 percent clip after connecting on just 38.5 percent in the first 20 minutes.

“I mean that is unbelievable,” South Dakota State coach Scott Nagy said. “We talked about switching defenses, but I just want to go with what we got this year. This is a very good offensive team.”

Tellinghuisen added 15 points and Jake Bittle had 14 for South Dakota State.

South Dakota State scored the first nine points of the second half, prompting Stallings to call a timeout after Tellinghuisen’s 3-pointer gave the Jacks a 36-33 lead.

The lead changed several times before Jeff Roberson’s 3-pointer gave Vanderbilt a 55-52 lead with 11:18 left.

Eighth-seeded South Dakota State went 8 of 17 from 3-point range after making 12 3-pointers in an 86-76 upset of No. 1 Colorado State in the first round on Wednesday.

The Commodores, making their first postseason appearance since the 2012 NCAA Tournament, shot 56.5 percent from the floor.

TIP-INS

Vanderbilt: MVP Scott Draud led the Commodores to their only NIT title in 1990 with a win over St. Louis in 1990 after tying for seventh place in the Southeastern Conference regular season under former coach Eddie Fogler. Four years later, Vanderbilt finished second to Villanova in its only other appearance in the NIT final.

South Dakota State: Deondre Parks struggled in the first half, missing nine of his first 10 shots from the floor.

COACH’S BIG PURCHASE

Stallings bought 500 student tickets at \$5 apiece for the South Dakota State game, the first NIT game at Memorial Gym since 2005. A crowd of 5,605 turned out for the Commodores’ final home game of the season. “That was a phenomenal crowd on short notice,” Stallings said. “Their energy helped us so much. It was electric right from the beginning of the game.”

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BOYS’ BASKETBALL

State AA Tournament

Consolation Semifinal

Aberdeen Central 53, Huron 49

Pierre 65, Watertown 64

Semifinal

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Sioux Falls Lincoln 69, Sioux Falls O’Gorman 66, 2OT
Sioux Falls Washington 65, Rapid City Stevens 43
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Consolation Semifinal
Clark/Willow Lake 50, Lennox 42
St. Thomas More 55, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 43
Semifinal
Aberdeen Roncalli 56, Little Wound 40
Winner 52, Dell Rapids 47
State B Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Parker 55, Gregory 41
Wolsey-Wessington 63, Faith 50
Semifinal
Hanson 43, Hitchcock-Tulare 41
Langford 42, White River 35, OT

Dell Rapids beats Winner 52-47 in state A semifinal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Ty Hogle had 20 points to help Dell Rapids hold off Winner 52-47 in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament on Friday.

Hogle was 6-for-18 from the field and made eight of nine free throws. He also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Riley Schmidt added 11 points for the Quarriers (22-2), who shot 34 percent from the field.

Winner (21-3), which shot 31 percent, got 22 points and 10 rebounds from Nathan Galbraith. Devon Leiferman had 11 points. Both Galbraith and Leiferman had three 3-pointers each.

SF Lincoln beats SF O’Gorman 69-66 in double OT at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Lincoln’s balance offset Braxton Elliott’s 35 points as the Patriots beat the Knights 69-66 in double overtime Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

Four players had at least 12 points for Lincoln (20-5), including Addison Park’s team-high 16 points. Kaleb Johnson had 15 points. Malik Dunn added 14 points and 16 rebounds. And Nickel Meyers had 12 points.

The game was tied 51-51 after Johnson banked in a 3-pointer with eighty seconds left. It was 56-56 after one overtime.

Elliott had 10 points in overtime for the Knights (17-7). He was 11-for-25 from the field and drained six 3-pointers. Davis Cowan tossed in 17 points.

Langford Area survives overtime to beat White River 42-35

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Langford Area outscored White River 7-0 in overtime to beat the Tigers 42-35 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

The game was tied 35-35 after regulation, but Langford did all the scoring in overtime.

Bo Fries had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Langford (24-1). He was 6-for-12 from the field and 6-for-11 from the line. Chance Olson tossed in 10 points

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The Tigers (22-3) got 16 points and 10 boards from Link Tucker and 14 points and 12 rebounds from Justin Folkers.

Langford shot 32 percent from the floor to 30 percent for White River.

Aberdeen Roncalli beats Little Wound 56-40 in state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Daniel Holmstrom had three 3-pointers and 18 points to lead Aberdeen Roncalli past Little Wound 56-40 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Holmstrom also dished out four assists for the Cavaliers (22-2), who shot just 27 percent from the field. Fortunately for Roncalli, Little Wound (20-4) made just one of 19 3-pointers and shot 20 percent overall.

Baryden McNeary had 16 points and Zach Hammerich 14 rebounds for Roncalli.

Nathaniel Brown Bull had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Mustangs. Shilo Tallman added 11.

SF Washington beats RC Stevens 65-43 at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Washington advanced to the championship game of the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament with a 65-43 win over Rapid City Stevens on Friday.

The Warriors (22-2) outscored the Raiders 33-14 in the second half to coast into the title game.

Deng Geu had 19 points on 7-for-8 shooting and eight rebounds. Cole Benson chipped in 18 points and eight boards and Carter Keller had four 3-pointers and 15 points.

Washington shot 68 percent, while Stevens struggled at 37 percent.

Mason Archambault had 11 points for Stevens (11-13).

Hanson moves into finals with 43-41 win at state B

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Aaron Wenande's basket with one second left in overtime lifted Hanson over Hitchcock-Tulare 43-41 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Wenande's basket for the Beavers (21-4) was the only one in overtime. Chase Bixler's shot for the Patriots (17-8) with 1:14 left in regulation sent the game to overtime. Hanson turned the ball over in the closing seconds.

Taylor Nichols had 14 points and 16 rebounds for Hanson. Jordan Marquardt added 13 points.

Tyler Oechsle led the Patriots with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Second half dooms South Dakota State in loss to Oregon State

NICK DASCHER, Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — One minute into the second half, South Dakota State was inching toward the brink of a historic NCAA women's basketball tournament upset Friday.

The Jackrabbits were threatening to become the first No. 14 seed to win an NCAA women's tourney game, as they had increased their halftime lead to four points with their second possession of the second half.

But the Summit League tournament champions couldn't sustain the momentum, as Sydney Wiese scored 23 points and Ruth Hamblin had 10 of her 17 during a key second-half run to lead the third-seeded Oregon State past South Dakota State 74-62 in the opening round of the Spokane Regional.

Macy Miller and Megan Waytashek scored 14 points each for the Jackrabbits (24-9).

Oregon State erased a 36-32 deficit by scoring 12 consecutive points, 10 coming on layups by Ham-

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blin.
"They had that stretch in the second half, and we kind of got a little out of rhythm because of that. We needed to be better in the second half. Oregon State (27-4) at a high level, and we weren't able to match that," South Dakota State coach Aaron Johnston said.

South Dakota State had trouble containing the Beavers' 6-foot-6 Hamblin, the Pacific-12's defensive player of the year. Hamblin hit 8 of 11 shots, grabbed seven rebounds and four blocked shots.

"She's a really good player. She's 6-6, and any team is going to have trouble adjusting to that," Jackrabbits forward Mariah Clarin said.

Johnston said it was variety of issues that caused South Dakota State's second-half downfall.

"Our start to the second half probably wasn't good enough," Johnston said. "They made some shots in the second half. It was a bunch of little things. I wouldn't say it was something major we didn't do well."

Though Hamblin led the second-half comeback with her offense, it was Oregon State's defense that changed the game's momentum.

"They had four turnovers in the first half, in probably 35 possessions. That means we're not enforcing our will," OSU coach Scott Rueck said. "We got two turnovers right away to set the tone, and that turned into transition points. Once we got into rhythm, everybody got a little more aggressive and it feels right."

South Dakota State (24-9) committed eight turnovers and shot 1 of 9 from 3-point range during the second half.

Wiese hit five 3-pointers and tied her season high for points. Ali Gibson added 16 points for Oregon State, which earned its first Pac-12 championship this season. The Beavers, led by Deven Hunter's 12 rebounds, outrebounded South Dakota State 38-31.

Shortly after Oregon State's 12-0 early in the second half erased a 36-32 deficit, Wiese hit two 3-pointers during the next six minutes to increase the Beavers advantage to double digits.

The Jackrabbits had Oregon State trailing early, as the Beavers had six turnovers during the first 10 minutes and missed their first five 3-pointers. South Dakota State took a 28-21 lead on Chloe Cornemann's 3-pointer when Oregon State went on its best stretch of the first half. Fueled by two 3-pointers from Wiese, the Beavers ran off 11 consecutive points to take a 32-28 lead with 2:35 left in the half.

The Jackrabbits stopped Oregon State the rest of the first half, scoring the final six points to take a two-point lead at intermission.

TIP-INS

South Dakota State: The Jackrabbits came into the game on an eight-game winning streak, all wins by a double digit margin. ... South Dakota State is 1-6 all-time in NCAA tournament history, its only win coming in 2009 as a No. 7 seed. ... Waytashek scored 10 of her 14 points in the second half.

Oregon State: The Beavers look for another first on Sunday, having never won a second-round tournament game. OSU is 4-6 all-time in NCAA play. ... During the past two seasons, Oregon State is 28-2 at home. ... Even though the Beavers missed their first five 3-point attempts, they shot 7 of 19 from behind the arc.

UP NEXT

Oregon State: Beavers play the Gonzaga-George Washington winner in Sunday's second round.

South Dakota State: Season over.

Daugaard signs youth minimum wage, vetoes tax-related plans

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed a Republican-backed measure Friday to exempt South Dakota's youngest workers from the \$8.50 minimum wage voters approved in November, but vetoed three tax-related proposals that passed with mostly strong support.

Acting on the last bills pending from the 2015 legislative session, Daugaard put his signature on five proposals, including the measure that carves out a \$7.50 youth minimum wage. He had carefully weighed that plan, one of the most hotly debated bills of the session, before making his decision.

South Dakota residents voted 55 percent to 45 percent in November to raise the state's minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour, which went into effect on Jan. 1. The measure also increased the \$2.13 hourly wage that tipped workers earned to half the minimum wage and tied future increases to the cost of living.

The governor had said previously he wouldn't support a "direct attack" on the minimum wage such as a repeal of the inflationary increases attached to it. Opponents of the youth minimum wage proposal argued during legislative debate over the plan that altering the voter-approved measure would go against the wishes of the South Dakota electorate.

But Daugaard told The Associated Press on Friday that the ballot initiative campaign to pass the wage hike focused on adult workers who support a family, not on young workers. The legislative proposal would affect people under 18, and the \$7.50 youth wage wouldn't be subject to future cost-of-living increases.

"I don't think it is an affront to the will of the voters," Daugaard said. "Again, I think that campaign focused on adult workers who support a household and not on teenagers."

Republican Sen. David Novstrup, who sponsored the bill, said he's pleased because it will help younger workers get a first job and earn experience in the workplace.

But opponents of the measure argue that young people shouldn't be treated differently than other workers. Ann Tornberg, chairwoman of the South Dakota Democratic Party, said that hourly employees under the age of 18 "deserve the same wage for the same job" as their majority-aged counterparts.

"I absolutely think it's an affront to the voters, and it's egotistical for any of those who supported it to assume they understood the will of the voters," Tornberg said. "We don't think the voters really intended for this to happen."

Tornberg said minimum wage advocates are discussing their options moving forward.

Tucked into the handful of bill signatures on Friday were three vetoes of minor tax-related bills that moved through the Legislature with relative ease.

Daugaard vetoed a measure that would have exempted the earnings of amateur baseball coaches from the sales tax. He also dismissed a plan to slightly reduce the amount of tax burden on rural electric companies and vetoed a measure to help determine whether South Dakota's property tax burden is a barrier for affordable housing rental businesses.

Lawmakers will return to Pierre to consider whether to override the vetoes at the end of March. The bills' sponsors plan to push their colleagues to supersede the governor's objections.

Daugaard vetoes plan to evaluate rental property tax burden

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed a measure to help determine whether South Dakota's property tax burden is a barrier to entry for businesses looking to offer affordable housing rentals.

Daugaard vetoed the bill Friday. It would have created a new property classification for leased residential property.

Republican Sen. Deb Peters says she sponsored the proposal to help examine what she described as the state's affordable housing "crisis." She says the measure would have allowed for data gathering to figure out whether the state's property tax burden is too much for businesses to break into affordable housing rentals.

Daugaard says the measure would have been a step toward a lower property tax levy for leased residential property, which would have shifted the burden onto other property types.

Peters hopes lawmakers override the veto.

St. Thomas More beats Mt. Vernon-Plankinton at state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — St. Thomas More used a seven-point possession late to pull away and beat Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 55-43 Friday at the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Leading 40-37 with 2:23 left, St. Thomas More (14-10) got two free throws on a foul, two more on a bench technical and a 3-pointer on the awarded possession. It was part of 9-0 run.

P.J. Freidel was one of three St. Thomas More players with 13 points. Others were Jake Sutter and Adam Baker. Isaac Kortemeyer added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Cody Renken had 18 points and Tate Deinert 14 for the Titans (16-8).

Pierre TF Riggs beats Watertown in thriller at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Brevin Kaiser's free throw with four seconds left lifted Pierre TF Riggs to a 65-64 consolation win over Watertown Friday at the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

Kaiser was fouled on a layup by Matt Decker and sank one of two free throws to give the Governors (15-9) a one-point lead. Alex Gauer's shot as time ran out missed.

Kaiser had 17 points and Charlie Anderson 14 for Pierre, which was 10-for-23 from 3-point range. The Arrows (12-13) were 0-for-5.

Nate Davis had 25 points and 11 of the Arrows' 12 free throws. Gauer added 13 points

Daugaard vetoes lowering electric cooperatives' tax burden

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed a measure that would have slightly reduced the amount of tax burden on rural electric companies.

Daugaard vetoed the bill Friday. He explained in a letter that the exemption would have given special preference to a specific type of business, eroding the foundation of South Dakota's broad sales tax base.

Sen. Corey Brown of Gettysburg sponsored the proposal, which had overwhelming legislative support. It would have rolled back a recent administrative decision on how state tax for electric cooperatives is determined by excluding municipal taxes from calculations of state tax liability.

That would have lowered the burden on the rural electric companies.

Brown says he will push lawmakers to override the veto when they return to Pierre at the end of the month.

Parker downs Gregory 55-41 in state B consolation game

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Zach O'Keefe led four Parker players into double figures Friday as the Pheasants beat Gregory 55-41 at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

O'Keefe had 15 points and five rebounds for Parker (18-7), which shot 50 percent from the field. Zack Anderson had 14 points, Kelby Peters 11 and Cody Knock 10 for the Pheasants.

Jayd VanDerWerff led Gregory (18-7) with 11 points. Gavin Thomas added 10 points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds.

Campus police at USD investigating report of sexual assault

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Campus police at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion say they are investigating a report of a sexual assault at a residence hall.

Authorities on Friday said the assault allegedly happened Wednesday in the Coyote Village dorm.

Pete Jensen is director of the University Police Department. Jensen says the case "appears to be an isolated incident." He adds that there's no increased risk to students and staff.

The school would not release additional information. The incident is also being probed under the school's disciplinary process.

Clark-Willow Lake downs Lennox 50-42 at state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Noah Huber had 15 points to lead Clark-Willow Lake to a 50-42 win over Lennox in the consolation round of the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament on Friday.

Tyson Jenkins had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Cyclones (20-4), who won despite shooting just 11-for-28 from the free throw line. They shot 40 percent from the field and made one of nine 3-pointers.

Jacob Hinker was the one double-figure scorer for Lennox (14-10) with 10 points. He also grabbed nine rebounds.

Daugaard vetoes exempting amateur coaches from sales tax

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed a measure that would have exempted the earnings of American Legion and VFW baseball coaches from the state sales tax.

Daugaard vetoed the measure on Friday. He explained in a letter that the state relies heavily on a broad-based sales tax for revenue that shouldn't be eroded.

Daugaard says that exempting the amateur baseball coaches would benefit a specific group of people and could lead to more requests for other exemptions.

Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield of Clark sponsored the measure and says he will try to convince lawmakers to override the governor's veto.

Greenfield says that the earnings weren't taxed until an administrative decision a few years ago. He says the government shouldn't take a share of the "pittance" the coaches take home.

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Wolsey-Wessington beats Faith 63-50 at state B consolation

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Lorenzo Williams and Darian Ogunjemilusi had double-doubles as Wolsey-Wessington rolled to a 63-50 consolation win over Faith Friday at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Williams poured in 26 points and hauled down 11 rebounds for the Warbirds (24-1), who made 24 of 24 free throws. Williams was 8-for-11.

Ogunjemilusi added 16 points and 10 rebounds. He was 7-for-11 from the line.

Jarius Halligan had 18 points and Rio Hulm added 10 for the Longhorns (22-3).

Aberdeen Central rallies to beat Huron 53-49 at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Aberdeen Central outscored Huron 21-8 in the fourth quarter to beat the Tigers 53-49 Friday in the consolation round of the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

The Golden Eagles (20-5) trailed by 11 points in the third quarter. They went ahead 46-45 with 2:45 left.

Cole Bergan had 12 points and seven rebounds for the Eagles, who shot just 35 percent. Logan LeGrand and Anthony Bachmeier added 11 points apiece.

The Tigers (8-17) shot just 29 percent from the field and made three of 18 3-pointers. Peyton Carr had 11 points and Hyland Heinz 10.

Daugaard signs measure to carve out \$7.50 youth minimum wage

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a controversial measure to exempt South Dakota's youngest workers from the \$8.50 minimum wage voters approved in November.

Daugaard weighed his decision before signing the measure Friday to carve out a \$7.50 youth minimum wage.

The governor said previously he wouldn't support a "direct attack" on the voter-approved measure such as a repeal of the inflationary increases attached to the wage.

But Daugaard says the ballot initiative campaign to pass the wage hike focused on adult workers who support a family, not on young workers. The legislative proposal would affect people under 18, and the \$7.50 youth wage wouldn't be subject to future cost-of-living increases.

Daugaard says the legislative proposal doesn't undermine the ballot measure's intent. Opponents say the legislation goes against the voters' will.

Sioux Falls police arrest 2 in alleged teen mob attack

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have arrested two people in what has been described as a teen mob attack.

Authorities say a 17-year-old minor faces riot and simple assault charges, and an 18-year-old boy faces a riot charge.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says more charges are likely.

Authorities say a mob of at least 20 people used bats, clubs and bars to beat a car and smash its windows on Wednesday night after a 45-year-old man caught his son and two friends smoking marijuana in his basement. The man was in the car at the time.

Deadwood church burglar sentenced to 4 years in prison

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Deadwood man who admitted to burglarizing two churches has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Judge Michelle Percy also ordered 52-year-old Steven Purchase to pay nearly \$1,100 in restitution.

Purchase pleaded guilty to burglarizing St. Ambrose Catholic Church in May 2014. Purchase cut himself, leaving blood on a broken window, and DNA connected him to the crime.

In exchange for his guilty plea, prosecutors dropped a second burglary charge, for a break-in at Grace Lutheran Church.

Outlook is for dry conditions in Northern Plains

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Drought conditions are likely for a good chunk of the Northern Plains this spring because this winter was relatively dry, and farmers gearing up for spring planting are keeping an eye on the sky.

Seventy-five percent of North Dakota and 82 percent of South Dakota are already experiencing abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map, which was released Thursday. Those are the two least severe categories it uses.

The easternmost quarter of North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota are in moderate drought, and the drought is expected to worsen through June, according to the latest seasonal drought outlook released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center. Drought also is expected to develop in much of the rest of the eastern half of the Dakotas.

That's especially worrisome for farmers in the Red River Valley of eastern North Dakota, which is one of the nation's prime growing areas for sugar beets and potatoes.

Cropland there froze last fall with plentiful moisture, but "we'll still need some showers in April to get the crops going," said Don Suda, who has farmed near Grafton for a quarter century and serves as chairman of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association.

Suda said last year at this time there was 2 feet of snow on the ground instead of bare soil, and overly wet conditions delayed spring planting. There is little chance of flooding in the region this year due to dry soils and a low winter snowpack, according to the most recent flood outlook from the National Weather Service.

"We're a little excited this year ... excited to get the crop in on time," Suda said. "Then again, the moisture situation is going to be a concern. If it doesn't rain in the next month, it will be really concerning."

The April climate forecast, which is factored into the seasonal drought outlook, suggests lower-than-average precipitation, according to Laura Edwards, climate field specialist with the South Dakota State University Extension Service.

"This is not helpful for reducing our current drought area, as ideally near-average to above-average precipitation would provide some relief," she said.

Drought effects already are being noted in the region, including drier-than-average soil moisture and reductions in surface water supplies, especially in stock ponds for cattle because of limited snowfall and spring runoff, South Dakota State Climatologist Dennis Todey said. About one-fifth of the stock water supplies in South Dakota are rated "short," according to the most recent report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Some counties in the Dakotas already have put burn bans in place to reduce the risk of wildfires amid the dry conditions. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department also is prohibiting open burning in-

cluding campfires this spring on the 25-square-mile Oahe Wildlife Management Area along the Missouri River south of Bismarck-Mandan.

California first to feel hydro-power crunch of drought

ELLEN KNICKMEYER, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Flying over the Sierra Nevada as California entered its fourth year of drought, the state's energy chief looked down and saw stark bare granite cloaked in dirty brown haze — not the usual pristine white peaks heaped with snow that would run the state's hydroelectric dams for the year.

Spring is arriving with the Pacific Northwest measuring near record-low-snowfall, and much of the rest of the West below average. But what California is experiencing is historically low snowpack — a meager accumulation that has serious implications not only for the state but potentially for the entire West if the drought not just of water, but of snow, persists.

Snowpack at 12 percent of average in the Sierra Nevada means there is less runoff to feed rivers and streams that run through dams to generate cleanly produced hydroelectric power. Despite the state's ambitious clean-air goals, officials are turning to dirtier, more costly fossil-fuel plants to fill some of the power gap. They also will seek more hydroelectricity imports in a region expected to have markedly less to offer this summer.

At a minimum, "we'll keep the lights on," said Robert Weisenmiller, chairman of the California Energy Commission. "We're not concerned about not having power."

"What we're concerned about," Weisenmiller said, "is the power is going to come from different sources not as benign" for the health of people and the environment as hydroelectricity.

A study this past week by the nonprofit Pacific Institute think tank in Oakland, California, estimated that three years of waning hydroelectricity during California's drought already have cost utility ratepayers \$1.4 billion, including purchases of power from natural gas-fired plants to make up for reduced hydroelectric power.

The increased reliance on fossil fuel also caused an 8 percent rise in emissions of climate-changing carbon dioxide in California, the Pacific Institute said.

Robert Oglesby, executive director of the state energy commission, said he didn't expect the decline of hydro power— and the boost in gas-fired power— to set back California's goal of generating 33 percent of electricity from renewable energy by 2020. That's because large hydroelectric dams, which are controversial because they block natural river flows, are not officially included with solar, wind and other sources in California's renewable energy equation.

Dams produced 12 percent of the state's electricity in 2013, the most recent year for which figures are available. Natural gas provided 61 percent.

The numbers for hydroelectric power will go down for California in 2015 but not disappear, Oglesby said. That will mean continued higher utility bills for some.

"For the areas of the state that have been able to rely on inexpensive hydro, and then they have to purchase more expensive energy off the grid — those costs are an impact that will be passed along over time," Oglesby said.

Hydroelectricity is even more important for California's northern neighbors, accounting for more than 60 percent of Washington state's power and 45 percent of Oregon's, state officials say.

While California is 14 months into a statewide drought emergency, the governors of Washington and Oregon, where snowpack is hovering at or near record lows, recently declared drought emergencies in sections of their states.

Strong winter rain will make up for poor snow totals when it comes to hydro power in Washington and Oregon, power managers there said.

"We're not anticipating that we're going to have any problem meeting our obligation," said Michael Hansen, spokesman for the Bonneville Power Administration, which serves utilities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana.

"We serve the Northwest first," he said. "They get first dibs on surplus power."

The federal nonprofit agency can sell surplus power to utilities in California and other Western states, but it is required by law to serve its customers first, Hansen said.

Around the West, dam operators will be prioritizing customers, placing water for farms and cities ahead of water for power production.

At Lake Mead on the Colorado River, the largest water reservoir in the United States and a vital water source for the Southwest and Mexico, drought by May is expected to nearly halve hydroelectric production compared with mid-2014 levels.

Keeping drinking water running from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, and crops watered along the way, would take priority over keeping the lights on, officials of the power office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado division said in an email.

"We always have to point out that as important as power production may be, by law it is actually priority No. 3," the officials said.

AP News in Brief

Afghan president's first Washington visit a chance to boost ties, ask for US military support

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — As the Afghan president heads to the United States on his first trip to Washington as head of state, the landmark visit offers a chance for both sides to start afresh and wipe the slate clean on the legacy of troubled U.S.-Afghan relations.

Ashraf Ghani faces a daunting task — long-term, the visit could set the tone for years to come. More pressingly, Ghani needs firm commitment of American military support in his fight against the Taliban and other insurgent groups, including an Islamic State affiliate, which he and U.S. military leaders fear is finding a foothold in Afghanistan.

Ghani's relationship with Washington stands in stark contrast to that of his acrimonious predecessor, Hamid Karzai, whose antagonism toward the U.S. culminated in a refusal to sign security agreements with Washington and NATO before leaving office. Ghani signed the pacts within days of becoming president in September, and has since enjoyed a close relationship with U.S. diplomats and military leaders.

"It's important for Afghanistan that the United States has trust in the leaders of the country and uses this visit to show its support for the new government," said Afghan political analyst Jawed Khoistani. "A long-term American presence in Afghanistan is essential."

Ghani's week-long trip, which starts Sunday, comes as the Afghan army is waging its first-ever solo offensive against the Taliban in Helmand province, their southern heartland, seeking a decisive victory ahead of the spring fighting season as evidence it can carry the battle without U.S. and NATO combat troops that withdrew from Afghanistan at the end of 2014.

Police: Man who swung at TSA agents with machete shot at New Orleans international airport

KENNER, La. (AP) — A man sprayed wasp killer and swung a machete at TSA agents and passengers at the New Orleans international airport before an officer shot the man several times as people frantically scrambled away, authorities and passengers say.

Richard White, 62, approached the airport security checkpoint Friday evening, pulled out a can of the insecticide and began spraying both agents and several passengers standing in line before he then drew a large machete from the waistband of his pants, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand said.

White began swinging the machete and a male TSA agent blocked the machete with a piece of luggage as White ran through a metal detector, Normand said.

After running through the detector, White was chasing a female TSA agent when Lt. Heather Slyve of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office drew her weapon. White continued to swing the machete as she approached, and she fired three rounds, striking him in the face, chest and leg, according to Normand.

A TSA agent also was struck in the arm by a bullet while running from White, authorities said, adding the agent's wound wasn't life-threatening.

New fight on perennially divisive issue of abortion threatens to sink human trafficking bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's 100 members don't agree on much. They agreed they wanted legislation to help the victims of sex trafficking. Then the bill got caught up in the emotional and uncompromising politics of abortion.

Now the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act is stalled, its outlook uncertain. Democrats are insisting Republicans remove an abortion funding provision. Republicans are refusing to do so and demanding that Democrats back down.

President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee, Loretta Lynch, is caught in the crossfire, since Republican leaders decided to hold off her confirmation vote until the situation with the sex trafficking bill is resolved. That might not happen for the better part of a month or more, with senators set to vote on the budget next week before leaving town for a two-week recess.

The stalemate over a bill meant to help some of the most vulnerable members of society is embarrassing and disappointing to all involved. Senators of both parties say they want to break the impasse and move the legislation forward, and negotiations are ongoing.

Yet at least so far, neither side has been moved enough by the plight of tens of thousands of trafficking victims to bend and find an acceptable compromise. The situation illustrates that when it comes to abortion, other considerations can get sidelined as even the most pragmatic lawmakers get pushed into ideological corners with no easy way out.

New York Fire Department: 7 children die as fire rages through Brooklyn residence

NEW YORK (AP) — Fire tore through a Brooklyn residence early Saturday, killing seven children and leaving two other people in critical condition, authorities said.

The dead are children ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old, and they are believed to be family members, New York Fire Department spokesman Jim Long said.

Firefighters received a call at 12:23 a.m. about the blaze at a private dwelling in Midwood, a leafy

section of Brooklyn known for its low crime and large Orthodox Jewish population. Long said more than 100 firefighters responded to the blaze and brought the fire under control.

There was no immediate word on the cause. Long says it is being investigated by the city fire marshal's office.

Fire officials had no other immediate details, but the New York Post reported the blaze occurred in a brick home.

FBI urges patience during investigation into hanging death of black man in Mississippi

PORT GIBSON, Miss. (AP) — The body of a black man found hanging in a tree in Mississippi has been sent from a state crime lab to a funeral home, but the FBI said it will be days before autopsy results are complete. Until then, investigators are holding off on saying whether Otis Byrd was killed or took his own life, and they're urging people to be patient.

"The community deserves answers. Specifically, the family deserves answers," Don Alway, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Jackson, told a crowd Friday outside the Claiborne County Courthouse in Port Gibson. He said preliminary information about the cause of death is expected next week.

"We're doing everything in our power to be transparent, to talk about what's going on so far," Alway said. "But we want to reiterate that individual, single pieces of information and bits of rumors, we're going to hold off on speaking to those until we can collectively come to a conclusion and get you the truth that everybody deserves."

The county coroner confirmed that the man found hanging from a white sheet Thursday was Byrd, a 54-year-old ex-convict who was reported missing by his family more than two weeks ago. Byrd lived just 200 yards from the spot where his body was found, in woods behind his house.

Alway said investigators are interviewing Byrd's family and friends and searching his rental home and a storage unit for clues.

Convicted in granddaughter's running death, Alabama woman faces potential death penalty

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) — Jurors who convicted an Alabama woman in the running death of her 9-year-old granddaughter soon must decide whether to recommend she should die for the crime or spend the rest of her life in prison.

A jury convicted 49-year-old Joyce Hardin Garrard late Friday in the February 2012 death of Savannah Hardin, siding with prosecutors who depicted Garrard as a "drill sergeant from hell," a domineering taskmaster so enraged over a lie about candy that she made the girl run until she dropped.

The sentencing phase — a mini-trial within the trial — is to begin Monday, the judge said. The jury will hear additional testimony and make a decision on whether to recommend life without parole or death for Garrard, but the final decision is up to Circuit Judge Billy Ogletree under Alabama law.

Garrard showed no reaction when the verdict was read after 3½ hours of deliberations, but she hugged her three attorneys before being led away by deputies. She glared toward the audience as she walked out silently.

Relatives sitting behind her cried loudly. Defense attorney Dani Bone laid his head on the table in front of him after the verdict; Garrard's husband Johnny sat behind her, hugging a crying daughter who ran from the courtroom sobbing.

Judge orders release of military detainee abuse photographs; US has fought to shield them

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. must release photographs showing abuse of detainees in Iraq and Afghanistan, a federal judge has ruled in a long-running clash over letting the world see potentially disturbing images of how the military treated prisoners.

U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein's ruling Friday gives the government, which has fought the case for over a decade, two months to decide whether to appeal before the photos could be released. The American Civil Liberties Union has been seeking to make them public in the name of holding government accountable.

The Defense Department is studying the ruling and will make any further responses in court, spokesman Lt. Col. Myles Caggins III said. ACLU representatives didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Friday night.

The ACLU has said the pictures "are manifestly important to an ongoing national debate about governmental accountability for the abuse of prisoners."

The fight over the photographs reaches back to the early years of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it invokes the images of abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq that sparked international outrage after they emerged in 2004 and 2006. Early in the 2004 lawsuit, the ACLU pointed to the Abu Ghraib photos as priority examples of records the organization was seeking on the treatment of detainees.

Georgians suffer fallout from trouble in Russia, Ukraine; opposition calls for mass protest

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — For Mariam Matiashvili, Georgia's crumbling tourist trade is a health risk.

The 64-year-old woman spends much of her meager pension of 150 lari (\$68) a month on medicine and has long lived off selling cheap jewelry at a flea market to tourists, mainly from Russia and Ukraine. Now, the number of visitors is shrinking due to the economic crisis in those countries and people like her in this former Soviet republic are feeling the pain.

"There were some signs of life in January, when suddenly some tourists from Russia, Ukraine and Poland appeared, but since then it's been a complete catastrophe," said Matiashvili. Some days she makes five lari from tourists, sometimes only one.

Georgia, a mountainous nation in the South Caucasus, relies heavily on wine exports and on tourists attracted to the mountains and beaches that for decades made the country a favored holiday destination for the Soviet elites. While tourists might ordinarily be enticed as Georgia's currency sinks, making travel cheaper, many of those who visit Georgia come from countries facing their own economic problems.

Georgia's currency, the lari, has lost more than 20 percent of its value against the dollar since August — but Ukraine's hryvnia currency has lost about 60 percent against the dollar and the Russian ruble roughly 50 percent.

The music's over, as 'Glee' concludes its song-and-dance saga after 6 tuneful seasons

NEW YORK (AP) — The "Glee" series finale delivered glorious news that William McKinley High School is being turned into an arts school and that Will Schuester, who started its glee club way back in 2009, will become its principal.

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Oh, and that wondrous show choir, New Directions, won the national championship. But "Glee" always had the underlying message: With a song in your heart, dreams do come true. Another dream fulfilled: Mercedes (Amber Riley) told the gang she'll be the opening act on Beyonce's upcoming world tour. Cue the songs: "Teach Your Children" ... "Someday We'll Be Together" ... "The Winner Takes It All" ... "Daydream Believer."

Fear the family connection: Father-son duos notch 3rd win in 4 NCAA Tournament games so far

Filling the sneakers of famous fathers is fast becoming a theme at this year's NCAA Tournament. The latest son to lace 'em up successfully was Oregon's Joseph Young, whose highlight-reel performance Friday was a worthy follow-up to all the fireworks and upsets that dominated the tourney a day earlier. Young almost single-handedly lassoed Oklahoma State by scoring 23 of his team's 26 points during a nine-minute stretch on either side of halftime — lifting the Ducks from four down to eight up — and tied it off with a dunk as vicious as anything his dad, Michael Young, threw down during his days as a member of Phi Slamma Jamma.

"It's just my teammates trusting me," Young, the Pac-12 Conference player of the year, said after a 79-73 win. "They found me, got me the ball, set good screens, and I knocked down open shots. But I really commend my team for getting me open."

Actually, just convincing Young to bring his talents to Eugene was no small feat. He played his high school ball at Houston's Yates High — like his father — and then began his college career just down the road at the University of Houston, where Michael Young made his name as a player and was working as director of basketball operations. After his sophomore year, both Youngs left the Cougars program for different reasons. Joseph, already a rising star and intrigued by the run-and-gun style at Oregon and across the Pac-12, lit out for the Northwest and became an instant hit with the Ducks.

Young's heroics came on the heels two other notable father-son connections from Thursday. That's when UCLA's Bryce Alford channeled father Steve's sharpshooting skills and made nine of 11 three-pointers against SMU, including hoisting a final attempt resulting in the controversial goaltending call that decided the game. Then there was R.J. Hunter's last-second deep 3-pointer for Georgia State that sealed the upset over Baylor and gave his father, Ron, his greatest coaching win yet.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Saturday, March 21, the 80th day of 2015. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 21, 1965, civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their third, successful march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. NASA launched Ranger 9, the last of the Ranger series of spacecraft sent to explore the moon.

On this date:

In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.

In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)

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In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1952, the Moondog Coronation Ball, considered the first rock and roll concert, took place at Cleveland Arena.

In 1960, about 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on black protesters.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of Sharpeville; the reported death toll varied between 29 and 43.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

Ten years ago: A high school student on the Red Lake Indian reservation in Minnesota killed five schoolmates, a teacher and an unarmed guard before taking his own life; Jeff Weise (wees) had earlier killed his grandfather and his grandfather's companion. Armed with a new law rushed through Congress and signed by President George W. Bush, the attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents pleaded with a judge to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube re-inserted. (The judge ended up refusing.) Ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist returned to the Supreme Court bench to hear arguments despite his thyroid cancer. Cabaret singer Bobby Short died in New York City at age 80. Character actor Barney Martin, perhaps best known for playing Jerry Seinfeld's father, died in Studio City, California, at age 82.

Five years ago: Frustrated with the pace of action to overhaul the country's immigration system, thousands of immigrant rights supporters descended on the nation's capital, waving American flags and holding homemade signs in English and Spanish. France's long-flailing political left made a big comeback, crushing President Nicolas Sarkozy's (sahr-koh-ZEEZ') conservatives in regional elections.

One year ago: A federal judge ruled that Michigan's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional, striking down a law widely embraced by voters a decade earlier. (More than 300 same-sex couples in four Michigan counties wed the next day before an appeals court suspended the decision; two Detroit-area nurses are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the marriage ban.) Character actor James Rebhorn, 65, died in South Orange, New Jersey.

Today's Birthdays: Violinist-conductor Joseph Silverstein is 83. Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 76. Folk-pop singer/musician Keith Potger (The Seekers) is 74. Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 71. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 70. Actor Timothy Dalton is 69. Singer Eddie Money is 66. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 65. Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 64. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 57. Actress Sabrina LeBeauf is 57. Actor Gary Oldman is 57. Actor Matthew Broderick is 53. Comedian-talk show host Rosie O'Donnell is 53. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 48. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 48. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 47. Hip-hop DJ Premier (Gang Starr) is 46. Actress Laura Allen is 41. Rapper-TV personality Kevin Federline is 37. Actor Forrest Wheeler (TV: "Fresh Off the Boat") is 11.

Thought for Today: "Never lose your temper with the press or the public is a major rule of political life." - Dame Christabel Pankhurst, English suffragist (1880-1958).