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Monday, March 23

Birthdays: Fern Westby, Greg Peterson, Jacki Ferrell, Larry Flihs, 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 Jones, LaVonne Helmer, Sophie Cutler, Kinton Tracy

UDFL Student Congress in Groton

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, March 25

Anniversary: Samantha & Andy Jondahl

Birthdays: Brent Wienk, Keri Pappas, Keri Pi-etz, Laurel McNickle, Murdock McNickle, Patrick Gengerke, Sherri Profeta, Larae Taylor

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School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, veg cup, fruit.

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Practical Money Skills



By Jason Alderman



Debt and the Deceased: How Should Spouses and Heirs Proceed?

If your loved one died leaving significant debt behind, would you know what to do?

It's a worrisome question for everyone. Young or old, based on particular debt circumstances or geographic location, death with debt can provide significant problems for surviving family members. Depending on state law and the specific credit relationships involved, they might be shocked to learn that they could be legally liable for a deceased relative's outstanding debt – anything from unpaid mortgage balances and medical debt to unpaid credit card balances.

Spouses (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpecteddeath>) who may share any kind of debt jointly, particularly credit cards in dual name, could face greater challenges. It also may spell problems for co-signers of any kind of loan.

As with all financial planning, the best time to act is before an issue arises. Watching any family deal with extensive debt problems after a spouse or relative passes on illustrates the need for financial

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transparency while all parties are alive. No matter how difficult a family member's credit circumstances are, spouses and adult children should face those circumstances while options are available to deal with any problems.

Spouses can begin by requesting and sharing their three free annual credit reports (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) from TransUnion, Experian and Equifax to confirm debt status. Once that information is out in the open, it's time for the couple or family members to deal with specific circumstances related to that debt. For example, a young couple may have different debt issues than an older, retired couple, but both should consider how they would handle the debts of a spouse or legal partner after death. It can be helpful to meet with a qualified financial or estate expert about ways to extinguish or manage debt issues as part of current financial and estate planning.

It is particularly important for borrowers and their executors to know what categories of the deceased's debts will likely need to be repaid after their death and other debts that might be canceled or forgiven. Generally, certain forms of unsecured debt held in the deceased's name alone – like credit cards or federal student loans – may likely be discharged, but check with qualified experts first.

Any kind of debt held in joint name should be evaluated. Spouses, legal partners and family members who have co-signed loans or joint credit accounts of any kind risk payoff responsibility for that debt if their co-borrower dies. Experts can advise how to deal with individual situations.

Experts also may suggest that co-borrowers without credit in their own names apply for a credit card in separate names while their spouse is still alive. A separate credit account, if responsibly managed, can help the survivor qualify for additional credit in their name after a spouse or legal partner dies.

Keep in mind that all debt situations are unique to the individual. For example, a senior who qualifies for nursing home care under Medicaid (public aid) may have family members who will need to sell the senior's home to address certain expenses after he or she has died. It is best to prepare relatives for that possibility in advance. Separately, a healthy senior relative may leave a home to heirs still under mortgage, or there could be a significant tax debt.

Airing and reviewing these issues in advance can either prepare relatives for certain realities or enable them to solve problems while the relative is still alive.

Bottom line: Dealing with a deceased relative's debt can add stress at a particularly worrisome time for spouses and relatives. The best option is transparency while relatives are alive so debt issues can be addressed as part of overall estate planning.

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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
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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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Today in Weather History

March 23, 1987: Strong winds and heavy snow produced blizzard conditions across South Dakota March 23rd through the 25th. Snow amounts ranged from 6 to 19 inches. Snow totals included 19" at Winner (in Tripp County), 15" at Murdo (in Jones County), and 12" at Woonsocket (in Sanborn County) and Platte (in Charles Mix County). The wind piled the snow into drifts up to 10 feet deep. The heavy, wet snow broke power lines in several counties in the south central and east central parts of the state knocking out power for up to a few days.

March 23, 2011: A low pressure system brought a variety of precipitation to central and eastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota on March 22nd and 23rd. Areas experienced rain, hail, sleet, snow and in some cases thunders now.

1888 – Chicago's morning low dips to one degree below zero, the latest sub-zero Fahrenheit reading in the city's history. This record still stands today.

1907 – Today was the warmest March day ever recorded in Washington, DC. with a maximum temperature of 93 degrees.

2007 – A tornado obliterates a section of the town Clovis in eastern New Mexico, flattening about 100 homes and businesses, snapping telephone poles and even heaving a trailer through a bowling alley. At least three schools are damaged. The tornado is one of thirteen that strike a dozen communities along the New Mexico – Texas border, leaving two people critically injured.

1913 - A vicious tornado hit the city of Omaha, NE. The tornado struck during the late afternoon on Easter Sunday, and in just twelve minutes cut a swath of total destruction five miles long and two blocks wide across the city killing 94 persons and causing 3.5 million dollars property damage. (David Ludlum)

1916 - Pocatello, ID, received a record 14.6 inches of snow in 24 hours. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A blizzard raged across western Kansas, and the panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma. Pampa TX received 21 inches of snow, and winds gusted to 78 mph at Dodge City KS Altus OK. Governor Hayden declared forty-six counties in western Kansas a disaster area. In southwest Kansas, the storm was described as the worst in thirty years. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a strong cold front spawned tornadoes near Roberts ID and Bridger MT. Strong and gusty winds prevailed in the western U.S. Wind gusts in the southwest part of Reno NV reached 89 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Charlotte and Wilmington, NC, reported rainfall records for the date as showers and thunderstorms prevailed in the southeastern U.S. Freezing rain glazed parts of North Carolina and southern Virginia. Gale force winds produced a heavy surf along the coast of North Carolina. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1990 - An upper level storm system produced heavy snow in the Lower Missouri Valley. Snowfall totals ranged up to nine inches at Kansas City MO, with eight inches reported at Falls City NE, Columbia MO and Saint Louis MO. Thunderstorms produced heavy snow in the Kansas City area during the evening rush hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2007 - A trailer is thrown through a bowling alley as a tornado moves through Clovis, NM. About 100 homes and businesses are destroyed, at least three schools are damaged and telephone poles are snapped. Thirteen tornadoes struck a dozen communities along the New Mexico/Texas border. Two people were critically injured.

2011 - A series of tornados are spawned from severe thunderstorms in Pennsylvania. In Hempfield Township dozens of homes and a high school auditorium where students are rehearsing a play are severely damaged.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Patchy Fog	Chance Showers	Rain	Wintry Mix	Snow/Sleet	Slight Chc Snow	Mostly Sunny
High: 46 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 42 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 37 °F



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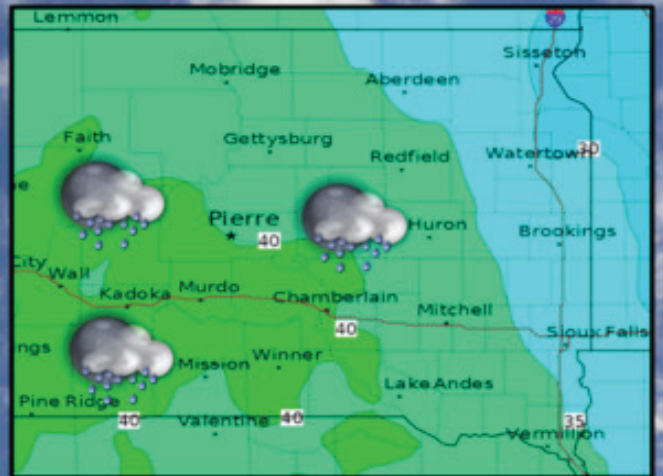
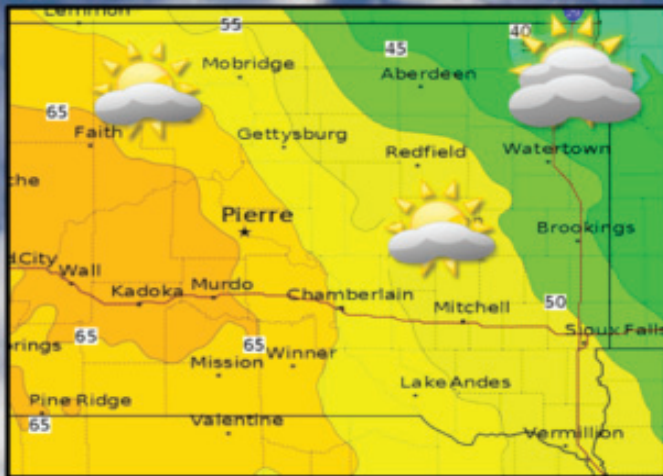
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Light rain, possibly mixed with sleet and snow will be possible on Tuesday

Published on: 03/23/2015 at 5:30AM

Increasing southerly winds today will bring warmer temperatures into western South Dakota where highs in the 50s and 60s are expected. Cooler temperatures are expected in northeastern South Dakota and western Minnesota where highs will only warm into the upper 30s to the lower 40s. The next stronger upper level system will be moving into the region tonight and slowly across the region Tuesday into Wednesday. This system will bring a good chance of rain and snow to the region, mainly on Tuesday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 36.8 at 1:59 PM
Low: 26.8 at 11:26 PM
High Gust: 26 at 3:88 PM
Snow: 1.50
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 81° in 1963
Record Low: -21° in 1899
Average High: 44°F
Average Low: 23°F
Average Precip in March.: 0.75
Precip to date in March.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 1.77
Precip Year to Date: 0.40
Sunset Tonight: 7:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:30 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 23, 2015, issued 4:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WANT THE BEST IN LIFE?

Is it possible to actually measure the results of being righteous and showing love? Are there rewards for being like and doing the things that Jesus did? Apparently so.

"Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor," promised Solomon. Notice, if you will, this proverb begins with the word "whoever" - an all-inclusive, unlimited invitation to everyone.

The rewards promised are tangible: "life" is a personal gift; "prosperity" is the physical gifts God gives us and "honor" is social recognition for what we do for others in honor of God. We must realize, however, that these gifts are byproducts from the "pursuit" of being righteous and loving.

Only God is righteous and loving. We will never "be" righteous and loving in this life. So, we are confronted with the importance of "pursuing" righteousness and being completely loving. Can we know if we are living a righteous and loving life?

Righteous living has two dimensions: a horizontal and vertical dimension. Horizontal begins with my being in a "right" relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. It begins with faith in Him and our faith in Him results in our being faithful to Him. Others will recognize a difference in the way we live because we are applying His teachings in and through our lives.

It is the application of His teachings that leads to righteous living by showing His love to others. This is what is meant by the vertical dimension. While never easy, we must commit ourselves to do His work through His strength and power.

Thank God that He understands the difference between attaining and pursuing. If we submit our lives to Him, read His Word, pray earnestly and "give" His love to others, we'll find life.

Prayer: Lord, after all You've done for us, give us no rest until we pursue Your righteousness and love with all our hearts. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 21:21 Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

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News from the Associated Press

Mother accused of leaving kids to die to get longer exam

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal medical center in Texas has been given more time to conduct a mental health exam on a woman accused of leaving her 2- and 4-year-old daughters to die in north-western North Dakota.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons facility in Fort Worth, Texas, asked Judge Dan Hovland for 45 days rather than 30 to examine Michelle Wounded Face, and Hovland granted the request.

The 24-year-old Wounded Face is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota who has been living on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. She's accused of abandoning her daughters in a car for more than three hours on Jan. 3, in bitter cold. They survived.

Assistant Federal Public Defender Ryan Costello has said Wounded Face will rely on an insanity defense.

South Dakota State holding annual football Pro Day

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner is among about a dozen college players getting a chance this week to work out in front of pro scouts.

SDSU is holding its annual Pro Day on Wednesday at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex in Brookings. Four former SDSU players will work out, along with other prospects from Black Hills State, the University of Sioux Falls, the University of South Dakota and Dakota State.

Zenner last year posted his third straight 2,000-yard season, becoming the first player in Football Championship Subdivision history to do so. He was named to three All-America teams.

USD falls to Northern Colorado in second round of WNIT

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota women's basketball team is out of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The Coyotes lost to Northern Colorado 59-58 on Sunday in a second-round matchup in Greeley, Colorado. USD's Nicole Seekamp sank a shot as time expired, but she wasn't beyond the 3-point line when she let the ball go.

The Coyotes end their season with a 26-8 record.

2 eastern South Dakota men die in separate rollover wrecks

MILLER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say two men from eastern South Dakota died in separate rollover accidents in West River over the weekend.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 37-year-old Victor Grassrope of Huron ran a stop sign while he was driving near Miller on Saturday morning. It says Grassrope's vehicle then went off the road, collided with a tree and rolled on its roof.

The Highway Patrol says 53-year-old Lynn Weischedel of Onida may have over-corrected his vehicle after driving onto the shoulder of U.S. Highway 83 near Pierre on Sunday morning. It says Weischedel was ejected from the vehicle after it went into a ditch and rolled.

Officials say both men were pronounced dead at the scene, and neither was wearing a seatbelt. Investigations into both fatal crashes are ongoing.

Construction starts on youth program area at Mount Rushmore

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — Construction crews start work Monday on a new youth exploration area at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, so part of the Presidential Trail will be closed.

Weather permitting, the project will be done and the trail reopened by the end of May.

Besides a new shelter, construction will also include a wider sidewalk and new handrails.

The shelter will house youth programming that's part of the National Park Service's goals ahead of its 100th anniversary next year. It can also be used by other visitors when it's not in use.

Mount Rushmore Society raised the money for the project through local and national donations.

Warner proud of student enrollment growth, student success

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Jack Warner, who retires at the end of June as South Dakota Board of Regents executive director and CEO, said he has attempted to tamp down tuition and fee increases, despite deep state budget cuts, increase student enrollment and spur state investment in higher education.

The six public universities are growing in enrollment and are keeping graduates in the state, he said.

Warner also had to contend with a lawsuit related to the state's public investment-for-visa scandal that got swept up in the 2014 U.S. Senate election, which he said became a legal and political distraction as the Regents worked on other priorities.

Warner, who plans to retire to Rhode Island to spend more time with family, recently discussed his tenure with The Associated Press.

AP: Can you talk about some of the major accomplishments that you'll reflect on?

Warner: We've focused on making students more successful in our system, first enrolling more students and then making them more successful onto graduation, and if you look at some of the metrics, we've steadily increased the number of graduates each year over the course of years, and that's a prime metric for us: how many students are we graduating with degrees? ... We've expanded the medical school, put a new PhD program in physics and have enhanced our research agenda and have the basis now to form new research parks in the state, and that's designed to support the state's economic development.

AP: As I understand it, the total head count enrollment is 36,500 for fall 2014. And that's a bump over 2013?

Warner: Yep, we've had steady — modest, but steady — growth. You know, the population of South Dakota is not rapidly expanding, and, in fact, high school graduates in the Midwest will shrink until about 2018, so it's a challenge to maintain enrollment under those conditions, but we've been able to do it.

AP: Can you talk a little bit about how you've tried to address (higher education affordability)?

Warner: First, we've reduced required credits to the degree from 128 to 120. That represents a savings of about \$2,000 to complete the degree on the required credits side. We've also kept our tuition and fee increases as low as possible. ... And (in) the current year we have a tuition and fee freeze in place.

AP: Do you think state lawmakers have done enough to address education affordability?

Warner: I think that, given the resources available, legislators have been very good about helping us ... and I would speculate that as state resources become more plentiful in the future, they will be very

supportive of it.

AP: You've helped to shepherd millions of dollars of public investment toward the universities. Can you talk a little bit about that process?

Warner: There is strong support in the Legislature for producing a more highly educated population and for supporting our research agenda. Both the governor and the Legislature have been willing to invest in our research infrastructure. They've been willing to invest in expanding the medical school, creating the new physics program, which will have implications for the work done out at the (underground research lab in Lead).

AP: Tell me what it was like to navigate the EB-5 incident.

Warner: It's an issue that got tied up with a political campaign, and that made it much more visible. Mr. (Joop) Bollen was our employee (who oversaw the EB-5 program). We did have to defend a lawsuit in that regard ... and the procedures we have in place for conflicts of interest simply did not work in this case because any conflict of interest management requires, first, disclosure and then, second, management of the potential conflict. And since the conflict was not disclosed, it made it more difficult for us to manage it.

Farm group may seek vote on ND corp. farm ban exemption

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's biggest farm group is considering a citizen initiative to overturn the Legislature's decision to loosen the state's Depression-era ban against corporate farming, a move the state's top agriculture official believes would lead to a legal challenge and put the entire law at risk of being ruled unconstitutional in the courts.

"It could be throwing the baby out with the bath water," Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said.

Mark Watne, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, said the group has planned a rally next week in Bismarck to show its opposition to legislation signed Friday by Gov. Jack Dalrymple that exempts pork and dairy operations from the state's anti-corporate farming law.

The so-called ham-and-cheese bill is intended to revitalize dairy and swine farms after years of decline, supporters said. Opponents believe the ban blocks unfair competition, and changing it even slightly will be an invitation for big, out-of-state corporations to set up operations in North Dakota.

Dalrymple said in a statement that the legislation is not a "threat to the farm sector as we know it."

Watne said his group of about 40,000 members believe otherwise and will decide next week whether to begin a petition drive to refer the legislation to voters.

"We haven't firmly made a decision but the early observations are we're going to do it," Watne said. "We're getting tons of calls."

The group would need to collect 13,452 signatures to force a vote.

North Dakota's anti-corporate farming law dates to 1932, when it was put on the ballot as an initiated measure and approved by voters. The law does allow farming by family-held corporations, which are limited to 15 shareholders who must be related by blood or marriage.

Legislation passed last week would allow non-family farm corporations to own or lease agriculture land, as long as the operations don't take up more than 640 acres of land, or a square mile. Facilities would have to have at least 500 hogs or 50 dairy cows.

Goehring supported the legislation to relax the corporate farming ban, saying exemptions would revive the agriculture industry and help fuel other ag business, such as feed and fertilizer.

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Eight other states have laws restricting corporate farming, though all allow exemptions for some live-stock operations.

Goehring is opposed to scrubbing North Dakota's ban altogether but said the willingness by the Legislature to loosen the 83-year-old law could help fend off legal challenges that have happened in other farm states that have not fared well in the courts in recent years.

In South Dakota, for example, voters approved a corporate farming ban in 1998, but it was struck down by a federal judge as unconstitutional because it interfered with interstate commerce. In 2004, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the decision.

Goehring said if the North Dakota Legislature's recent action to loosen the law comes before voters, a lawsuit is likely by supporters of the exemptions, and the entire ban could meet the same fate as South Dakota's.

Watne, the Farmers Union president, doesn't buy that argument. He said if North Dakota's anti-corporate farming law was unconstitutional, "it would have been thrown out already."

Aberdeen Roncalli beats Dell Rapids for state A championship

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Zach Hammerich had 17 points and nine rebounds and Aberdeen Roncalli beat the Dell Rapids 53-50 in the South Dakota Class A tournament for its first boys basketball championship in 40 years.

Dell Rapids (22-3) outscored the Cavaliers 17-12 in the fourth quarter but Zane Schumaker's potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer was long.

The Quarriers were 8 of 36 from 3-point range, after attempting 33 overall in their two previous games.

Brayden McNeary added 16 points and Daniel Holmstrom 14 for Roncalli (23-2).

Ty Hogle paced Dell Rapids with 17 points. Schumaker added 13 and Riley Schmidt 12.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

State AA Tournament

Seventh Place

Huron 55, Watertown 45

Fifth Place

Pierre 68, Aberdeen Central 54

Third Place

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 59, Rapid City Stevens 43

Championship

Sioux Falls Lincoln 47, Sioux Falls Washington 45

State A Tournament

Seventh Place

Lennox 65, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 55

Fifth Place

St. Thomas More 51, Clark/Willow Lake 44

Third Place

Winner 60, Little Wound 54

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Championship
Aberdeen Roncalli 53, Dell Rapids 50
State B Tournament
Seventh Place
Gregory 61, Faith 54
Fifth Place
Parker 62, Wolsey-Wessington 47
Third Place
Hitchcock-Tulare 52, White River 44
Championship
Hanson 47, Langford 44, OT

Hanson holds off Langford Area in overtime to win state B

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Jordan Marquardt hit six of Hanson's 11 3-pointers and the Beavers beat Langford Area 47-44 in overtime Saturday in the championship game of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Marquardt finished with 19 points and nine rebounds for the Beavers (22-4). He was 6 of 10 from distance. Sam Vander Stouwe hit four 3-pointers and finished with 18 points, and Taylor Nichols grabbed 13 rebounds.

CJ Steiner made six 3-pointers and led Langford Area (24-2) with 18 points. Bo Fries had 13 points, nine from the free throw line, and 11 rebounds.

The game was tied 36-36 at the end of regulation.

SF Lincoln rallies to win state AA title over SF Washington

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Addison Park scored with 1:50 left for a four-point Sioux Falls Lincoln lead and the Patriots held on to beat Sioux Falls Washington 47-45 to claim the championship in the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament on Saturday.

The Patriots (21-5) trailed the top-seeded Warriors 40-30 after three quarters, but outscored Washington 17-5 in the fourth quarter.

Kaleb Johnson led the way for Lincoln with 21 points on 8-for-11 shooting. He had three 3-pointers. Park added 10 points and six rebounds.

Washington (22-3) was led by Deng Geu's 14 points and four assists. Cole Benson added 10 points.

Winner beats Little Wound 60-54 at state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Nathan Galbraith had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead Winner past Little Wound 60-54 Saturday for third place in the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Winner (23-2) outscored the Mustangs 27-7 in the second quarter to erase an eight-point deficit after one quarter. The Mustangs (20-5) came back to get within three points, but got no closer down the stretch.

Brendan Harter added 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Nathaniel Brown Bull had 28 points, on 11-for-20 shooting, and 14 rebounds for Little Wound (20-5).

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SF O’Gorman beats RC Stevens for third at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Elliott Braxton scored 22 points to lead Sioux Falls O’Gorman to a 59-43 win over Rapid City Stevens Saturday in the third-place game at the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

Braxton was 9 for 11 from the field for the Knights (18-7), who shot 51 percent. Davis Cowan had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Ben Lauer added 10 points.

Sam McCloud led the way for the Raiders (11-14) with 17 points and 10 boards. He was the only Stevens player in double figures.

Hitchcock-Tulare holds off White River for third at state B

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Tyler Oechsle had 17 points and eight rebounds and Hitchcock-Tulare beat White River 52-44 on Saturday for third place in the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Oechsle was 8 for 12 from the field for the Patriots (18-8), who shot 46 percent. Landon Gatzke added 14 points and Trevor Hofer 10.

Hitchcock-Tulare outscored White River 33-23 in the second half.

The Tigers (22-4) got 12 points each from Link Tucker and Justin Folkers.

St. Thomas More beats Clark-Willow Lake for fifth at state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Jake Satter drained six 3-pointers and scored 22 points as St. Thomas More beat Clark-Willow Lake 51-44 Saturday for fifth place at the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Satter was 6-for-11 from the field, all 3-point shots, for the Cavaliers (15-10). Three-pointers were the difference in the game, as the Cavalier went 9-for-23 and the Cyclones (20-5) went 4-for-12.

Matthew Eastmo had two 3-pointers and 11 points.

Tyson Jenkins was the only Clark-Willow Lake player in double figures with 10 points. The Cyclones shot 29 percent from the field.

Parker takes fifth at state B

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Parker outscored Wolsey-Wessington 39-25 in the second half to beat the Warbirds 62-47 Saturday in the fifth-place game at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Parker (19-7) led 23-22 at half before pulling away. The Pheasants shot 60 percent overall and 69 percent in the second half.

Landon Leberman had 20 points, Zach O’Keefe 19 and Cody Knock and Zack Anderson 10 each. Leberman was 10-for-14 from the line.

Lorenzo Williams and Darian Ogunjemilusi had 14 each for the Warbirds (24-2). Williams grabbed 12 rebounds.

Pierre TF Riggs beats Aberdeen Central 68-54 at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Erin Severyn had 19 points and seven rebounds to lead Pierre TF Riggs to a 68-54 win over Aberdeen Central for fifth place at the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament on Saturday.

Severyn made four of six 3-point attempts and five of six free throws for the Governors (16-9). Brevin Kaiser chipped in 13 points and 10 rebounds and Ethan Leif had 11 points.

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Cole Bergan led the way for the Golden Eagles (20-6) with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Anthony Bachmeier had 12 points.

Lennox beats Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 65-55 at state A

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Lennox jumped out to an early lead and coasted to a 65-55 win over Mt. Vernon-Plankinton in the seventh-place game at the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament on Saturday.

Nathan Timmerman had 12 points, Jacob Hunker 11 and John Oldenkamp 10 for the Orioles (15-10). Lennox shot 50 percent while Mt. Vernon-Plankinton (16-9) shot 36 percent.

Cody Renken poured in four 3-pointers and 26 points for the Titans. Tate Deinert added 14 points.

Gregory beats Faith 61-54 at state B

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Mitchell Klundt had six 3-pointers and 20 points as Gregory beat top-seeded Faith 61-54 in the seventh-place game at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament on Saturday.

Klundt was 6-for-12 from 3-point range for the Gorillas (19-7), who shot 52 percent. Mason Juracek added 19 points and Jayd VanDerWerff 12.

Faith (22-4) shot just 29 percent and missed its first 20 3-pointers before hitting its last one.

Tyler Hohenberger had 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Longhorns. Jarius Halligan added 14 points.

Huron beats Watertown 55-45 for seventh at state AA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Hayden Busch had 13 points and Peyton Carr 11 as Huron beat Watertown 55-45 Saturday in the seventh-place game at the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

The Tigers (9-17) shot 37 percent from the field. They were 8-for-20 from 3-point range.

Taylor Lindahl had 11 points and Matt Decker 10 for the Arrows (12-14). Watertown was just 6-for-22 on 3-point shots.

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 BECOMES FIRST MAJOR CANDIDATE TO JUMP INTO 2016 RACE

"I am running for president," says Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz on Twitter, just hours ahead of an event to formally launch his candidacy.

2. SYRIAN KURDS YET TO BE FULLY EMBRACED BY U.S. IN ANTI-IS FIGHT

Their fraught relations with Turkey and suspicions that they haven't fully broken with President Bashar Assad explain their loose ties with the Pentagon.

3. LEE'S LEGACY MAY FALL SHORT IN SINGAPORE

The autocrat brought prosperity to the city-state but a system designed to outlast him might be ill-suited for the 21st century challenges.

4. POOR FAMILIES GET HOOKED ON TAX REFUND ADVANCES

Cash-strapped Americans too anxious to await tax checks turn to payment advances, prepaid cards or other high-fee services when receiving tax preparation help.

5. WHICH COUNTRY SEES TOURISM BOOM

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Travelers rush to Cuba before McDonald's claims a spot in Old Havana and Starbucks moves in on Cubita, the island's premium coffee brand.

6. ROBERT DURST RETURNING TO COURT IN NEW ORLEANS

His lawyers plan to argue that the 71-year-old millionaire should be released because he was illegally arrested.

7. HOW GENDER EQUALITY BENEFITS BUSINESS

Having more women at the top of the corporate ladder leads to higher profits, surveys show.

8. SIBLINGS KILLED IN HOUSE FIRE HEAD TO ISRAEL FOR BURIAL

"They were so pure," says Gabriel Sassoon, father of the seven children, during a eulogy.

9. "GAME OF THRONES" TO LIVE STREAM PREMIERE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Many of the series' stars will attend the event at the War Memorial Opera House and answer fan questions submitted via Facebook.

10. ONLY THE SWEET 16 LEFT IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Kentucky needs to win four of those games to become the first undefeated champion since Indiana in 1976.

AP News in Brief

Texas GOP Sen. Ted Cruz joins 2016 race ahead of official launch at Liberty University

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Sen. Ted Cruz showed he was a candidate in a hurry early Monday morning, announcing his presidential candidacy on Twitter just after midnight, several hours before the official launch at the college founded by the late Rev. Jerry Falwell Monday morning.

The Texas Republican's choice of Liberty University for Monday's speech indicates he plans an aggressive courtship of cultural conservatives and young voters.

Cruz became the first high-profile Republican to officially enter the 2016 contest even though, like others, he has been campaigning in all but name for many months. Ahead of his speech, Cruz turned to social media and tweeted: "I'm running for president and I hope to earn your support!"

In a flashy video that accompanied it, Cruz offered a preview of his nascent campaign's message.

"I believe in America and her people, and I believe we can stand up and restore our promise," Cruz said in the web video as images of farm fields, city skylines and American landmarks and symbols played in the background. "It's going to take a new generation of courageous conservatives to help make America great again, and I'm ready to stand with you to lead the fight."

White House Brief: Things to know about 2016 Republican candidate and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz became the first high-profile Republican to enter the 2016 race for president on Monday. Here's a quick snapshot with a few key things to know about Cruz.

THE BRIEF

Ted Cruz is man in a hurry. He won election to the Senate in 2012 as a political rookie, riding a tea party wave to upset a candidate with decades of experience and deep connections inside the Republican Party. He's proceeded since with the same disregard for the GOP establishment, at times maneuvering quixotically in the Senate to mount an aggressive opposition to President Barack Obama. It's an ap-

proach that has annoyed fellow Republicans — Arizona Sen. John McCain famously labeled Cruz as one of the Senate’s “wacko birds” — but Cruz is unapologetic. As he recently told voters in New Hampshire, “If you see a candidate who Washington embraces, run and hide.” He even announced his candidacy hours ahead of the planned launch, in a post-midnight Twitter message Monday.

Despite success fighting IS, US slow to embrace Syrian Kurds due to Turkish objections

BEIRUT (AP) — For four months, Syrian Kurdish fighters battled the Islamic State group in the rubble-strewn streets of Kobani as U.S. aircraft pounded the extremists from the skies, a joint effort that ultimately expelled the militants from the town and marked their bloodiest defeat in Syria since the air campaign began in September.

The Kurds earned praise from the Pentagon, which said they had demonstrated the importance of having “a reliable, willing, capable partner on the ground.”

And yet, two months later, Syria’s Kurds remain largely on the outside looking in on the U.S.-led coalition’s campaign against the Islamic State group. Unlike Syrian rebels, they are not included in a new U.S.-training program. And unlike their Kurdish brethren in Iraq, they have not been tapped to receive American weapons.

Instead, the Syrian Kurds’ relationship with the U.S. remains loose and ad hoc, at the mercy of Washington’s relationship with Turkey — a NATO ally that has a long and fraught relationship with its own Kurdish minority and is deeply suspicious of Syria’s Kurds.

For now, Kurdish leaders say their ties with the U.S. are limited to sporadic coordination on coalition airstrikes. The Kurds, who are led by the Kurdish Democratic Party (PYD) and its armed wing known as the YPG, welcome the help, but want more.

Lee’s authoritarian legacy may fall short for Singapore as young seek voice, inequality rises

SINGAPORE (AP) — Lee Kuan Yew brought prosperity to Singapore with an authoritarian system designed to outlast him, but that legacy may be ill-suited for the 21st-century challenges facing the tropical city-state.

One of the last of a generation of Southeast Asian strongmen, Lee died Monday at age 91 after being hospitalized in early February, suffering from severe pneumonia. The famously blunt-speaking autocrat stepped down as prime minister in 1990, but for decades after remained a commanding presence in Singapore politics and the region. His son is the current prime minister.

His death is an inflection point for Singapore. After gaining self-rule from Britain in 1959, the island at the tip of the Malay Peninsula was transformed under Lee’s iron leadership into a wealthy finance and manufacturing powerhouse.

To give his government a free hand to fashion a new society, Lee systematically crushed dissent, muzzled the press and imprisoned political opponents. A social compact of authoritarian government in exchange for a guarantee of prosperity has endured for two generations.

Now, it is increasingly under strain.

Singaporeans mourn death of founding father Lee Kuan Yew as world leaders pay tribute

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SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore mourned longtime leader Lee Kuan Yew with raw emotion and a blanket of relentlessly positive coverage on its tightly scripted state television on Monday, mythologizing a man who was as respected as he was feared.

The government announced that Lee, 91, “passed away peacefully” several hours before dawn at Singapore General Hospital. The increasingly frail elder statesman was hospitalized in early February with severe pneumonia.

State TV broke away from its regular programming with a rolling hagiographic tribute to Lee’s life and achievements. In a live broadcast, one of its reporters called the death the “awful and dreaded” news. Effusive tributes flowed in from world leaders, including President Barack Obama, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A self-proclaimed authoritarian who saw the world in stark realist terms, Lee commanded respect from Singaporeans, who this year will celebrate the country’s 50th anniversary of independence. He led multiracial Singapore with an iron grip for more than three decades until 1990, and is credited with transforming the resource-poor island into a wealthy finance and trade entrepot with low crime and little corruption.

Singapore’s government has declared seven days of national mourning, and flags will fly at half-staff on state buildings. A national holiday has not been declared, and daily life in this pragmatically commercial city of vaulting glass towers and broad, immaculate streets continues to bustle.

Cuba sees tourism boom amid move for US detente, as travelers rush in ‘before the Americans’

HAVANA (AP) — Bookings to Cuba jumped 57 percent for one New York tour operator in the weeks after Washington said it would renew ties with Havana. In February, they were up 187 percent; and so far this month, nearly 250 percent.

The boom is just one sign that the rush is on to see Cuba now — before, as many predict, McDonald’s claims a spot in Old Havana and Starbucks moves in on Cubita, the island’s premium coffee brand.

The sense that detente will unleash an invasion of Yankee tourists and change the unique character of one of the world’s last remaining bastions of communism is shared by many travelers flocking here.

“Cuba has a very authentic atmosphere which you see nowhere else in the world,” Gay Ben Aharon of Israel said while walking through Revolution Square. “I wanted to see it before the American world ... but also the modern Western world comes here.”

Outsiders may romanticize the “time-capsule” nation, but many on the island are ready for change.

Millionaire Robert Durst returning to New Orleans court; lawyers say he was illegally arrested

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Millionaire Robert Durst is going back to court in New Orleans after nearly a week in a prison mental ward 70 miles away.

At Monday’s preliminary hearing on weapons charges, his lawyers planned to argue that the 71-year-old Houston man should be released because he was illegally arrested on those charges and a Los Angeles County warrant accusing him of murdering a female friend. They also contend his arrest was orchestrated to coincide with the last episode of the HBO show about him.

William Gibbens and Dick DeGuerin outlined their arguments in court papers filed last week for a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Harry Cantrell on the weapons charges. One charge alleges he had

a .38-caliber revolver; previous felony convictions make that illegal. The other charge alleges he had the weapon and illegal drugs: a bit more than 5 ounces of marijuana.

Prosecutors have not said whether they will bring those charges before a grand jury.

None of Durst's previous convictions was serious enough to merit the felon in possession charge, his attorneys say.

Alaska police probe if human remains found along trail are linked to family missing since May

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Authorities are investigating the discovery of human remains found along an Alaskan trail less than two miles from the home of a missing family.

Kenai Police said Sunday that the remains found a day earlier might be connected to the disappearance last May of the four family members.

Kenai police with help from the FBI led a massive search effort when the family went missing. The searches turned up no clues.

Relatives said at the time it appeared the family had left without packing. Their two vehicles remained parked outside their apartment and their rent for June had not been paid.

On Saturday, a person driving down a west Kenai trail spotted clothing and what appeared to be human remains, police said in a statement. Responding officers found remains and items reported missing from the home of Rebecca Adams, 23, and her boyfriend, Brandon Jividen, 38. They were last seen May 27, the day after Memorial Day.

The Big Shift: Infields spin, batters frustrated as defenses response to data explosion

COPLAY, Pa. (AP) — Twentysomethings sit in rows inside a two-story, red brick building in an Allentown suburb that Norman Rockwell could have painted. Using a keyboard and a pair of screens each, the video scouts note every one of the 700,000 pitches and 130,000 batted balls in the major leagues each year, night after night after night.

Hundreds and thousands of miles away, infielders shift from left to right and back on big league diamonds, swaying like metronomes marking time in a Beethoven symphony, moving to locations personalized for each batter.

All this re-aligning is designed to drive hitters, well, batty. And it's working: The big-league batting average is at its lowest level since 1972.

Players no longer are told to do everything the way Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth and Christy Mathewson did. The Big Shift is on, and long-held beliefs have burst in this post-steroids era, where hits and runs have become as precious as rare gems.

"This is something that has changed in baseball over the last two, three years, and it's completely different," said Jed Lowrie, the shortstop of the Houston Astros, easily the shiftiest team in the major leagues last year.

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Today in History

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Today is Monday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2015. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

On this date:

In 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the legendary silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1940, the radio program "Truth or Consequences," hosted by Ralph Edwards, was first broadcast over four CBS radio stations in New York and New England.

In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there had been "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles - an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1990, the romantic comedy "Pretty Woman," starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts, was released by Buena Vista Pictures.

In 2011, Academy Award-winning actress Elizabeth Taylor died in Los Angeles at age 79.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court refused to reinsert Terri Schiavo's feeding tube and the Florida Legislature decided not to intervene in the epic struggle over the brain-damaged woman; Schiavo's parents then filed a request with the U.S. Supreme Court. An explosion at a BP oil refinery in Texas City, Texas, killed 15 people. Truck driver Tyrone Williams was convicted in federal court in Houston for his role in the 2003 deaths of 19 immigrants he was smuggling across Texas. (After initially receiving a life sentence, Williams was resentenced in Jan. 2011 to nearly 34 years in prison.)

Five years ago: Claiming a historic triumph, President Barack Obama signed a \$938 billion health care overhaul, declaring "a new season in America." President Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met in an unusual pair of low-profile meetings at the White House amid a serious dispute about settlement construction. The National Football League changed its overtime rules for playoff games.

One year ago: During a visit to Beijing, U.S. first lady Michelle Obama told Chinese professors, students and parents that she wouldn't have risen to where she was if her parents hadn't pushed for

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her to get a good education. Adolfo Suarez, Spain's first democratically elected prime minister after decades of right-wing rule under Gen. Francisco Franco, died in Madrid at age 81.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Marty Allen is 93. Sir Roger Bannister, the runner who broke the 4-minute mile in 1954, is 86. Movie director Mark Rydell is 86. Motorsports Hall of Famer Craig Breedlove is 78. Singer-producer Ric Ocasek is 66. Singer Chaka Khan is 62. Actress Amanda Plummer is 58. Actress Catherine Keener is 56. Actress Hope Davis is 51. Actor Richard Grieco is 50. Country musician Kevin Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 50. Actress Marin Hinkle is 49. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 47. Actress-singer Melissa Errico is 45. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 45. Actor Randall Park (Film: "The Interview"; TV: "Fresh Off the Boat") is 41. Actress Michelle Monaghan is 39. Actress Keri Russell is 39. Actress Anastasia Griffith is 37. Gossip columnist-blogger Perez Hilton is 37. Actress Nicholle Tom is 37. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 37. Actor Nicolas Wright (TV: "Manhattan Love Story") is 33.

Thought for Today: "What some call health, if purchased by perpetual anxiety about diet, isn't much better than tedious disease." - Alexander Pope, English poet (1688-1744).