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Wednesday, April 1

Birthdays: Cody Hanson, Jake McKiver, Melanie Rossow

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

5:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation & Leagues both meet at SEAS for Stations of the Cross

Large Group Music Contest at NSU, Aberdeen

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

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, apple sauce, fresh fruit, carrots and dip.

Thursday, April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Birthdays: Doug Doeden, Vera Musil, Randy Jaeschke

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

9:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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

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Friends . . . Near and Far

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

Name: Kristi (Jensen) England
Job **Wise what are you doing today? Also list title if you have one.** I am a family physician at Affiliated Community Medical Centers in Marshall, MN

How long have you been working at the current job? Almost 8 years

How did you get your current job? Lots and lots of schooling and residency prepared me for this job. After that praying for direction and the right doors opening to bring me a little closer to home.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Nothing significant

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Langford High School, 1996

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? University of Minnesota - Morris, graduated in 2000 with a BA in chemistry. I then went on and graduated from the University of South Dakota with my MD in 2004. I then completed a 3 year Family Medicine residency at the Siouxland Medical Education Foundation in Sioux City, IA in 2007.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Study hard, but also make sure you enjoy and put effort into extracurricular activities as those help you be well-rounded. More than anything, a person's character is what counts most. How we treat others is what really matters in the long run. Having our priorities straight (God first, then family, then careers) and making decisions around that will give the most satisfaction and fulfillment in life.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Happy marriage, Good career, Debt-free (except mortgage), Ran a marathon ;-)

Are you married? Yes, Richard England

How did the two of you meet? We met at Campus Crusade for Christ at USD

Do you have any children? We have 3 children, Maksim (8), Sophia (5), and Arabella (4)

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



Rich holding Sophia, Max, Kristi holding Bella

One-third of teaching candidates placed outside South Dakota

One out of three teaching candidates who graduated from a South Dakota college or university recently took an out-of-state position.

The latest collection of data from South Dakota's higher education institutions by the South Dakota School Administrators (SASD) revealed 260 of the more than 770 graduates who obtained an education related degree were placed in a position out-of-state.

SASD's latest survey comes after a study in November found the number of South Dakota teachers eligible for retirement exceeds the number of students enrolled in teacher education programs.

"This information is scary," SASD Executive Director Rob Monson said. "We suspected this to be true, but now the data shows we're losing potential teachers to other states. We already know we don't have enough candidates to replace retirees. When you look at over 1,100 educators eligible for retirement, 726 in the teacher pipeline, and 1/3 of those being placed out of state, we are in trouble in preparing our K-12 students here in South Dakota for their future, and the future of the South Dakota workforce."

An additional 52 graduates chose to do something besides teaching, according to the figures provided.

"Nearly forty percent of our new graduates aren't going into South Dakota classrooms," Monson said. "South Dakota is running out of teachers."

SASD began compiling data last year on the teacher shortage facing South Dakota school districts, finding that one in five schools started the school year without a teacher in a classroom and 1/2 of S.D. districts cited salary, relocation – many to districts in other states – or a change in profession as reasons given by teachers who left South Dakota schools.

"Who's going to educate our kids? That's the question we need to be asking right now," Monson said.

"The data continues to show we've reached a critical point where we need to address that question."

The K-12 community will have help answering that question when Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Blue Ribbon Task Force convenes.

"Gov. Daugaard's previous studies of adult and juvenile justice, as well as roads produced impactful legislation and we're optimistic the Blue Ribbon Task Force will do the same," Monson said.

The task force will examine the teacher shortage, as well as school funding and student achievement, and will be comprised of stakeholders in education.

"We have a crisis in our schools," ASBSD Executive Director Wade Pogany said. "We need everyone to come together and commit to finding solutions for the shortage. Our schools can't afford for us to wait any longer."

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

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Injured Highway Patrol Trooper Returns to Work

PIERRE, S.D – A South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper injured during a January standoff in Brule County has returned to work.

Sgt. John Koenig, a 28-year veteran of the Patrol, returned to full duty Monday. He is stationed in Chamberlain.

"It is good to have Sgt. Koenig back," said Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the Highway Patrol. "Along with John and his family, we are thankful that he has been able to return to full duty."

Koenig was shot Jan. 7 when he responded to a report of an individual threatening law enforcement officers. The subject was located at a home near Kimball where a 24-hour stand-off with law enforcement took place. While Koenig's injuries were not considered life-threatening, he spent several days in a Sioux Falls hospital and then time recuperating at home.

"Sgt. Koenig serves as a reminder of the dangers Highway Patrol troopers and other law enforcement face while protecting and serving South Dakotans every day," said Price.

Two people in the home eventually surrendered, ending the standoff after 24 hours. The two men face criminal charges.

Huey Lewis and the News Joins SD State Fair Concert Lineup



HURON, S.D. –The South Dakota State Fair announces Huey Lewis and the News will perform at the Fair Grandstand on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

Huey Lewis and the News is one of America's great rock and roll bands, outlasting numerous musical trends while still remaining fresh. With numerous top 10 hits such as "Heart of Rock & Roll," "I Want a New Drug," "The Power of Love" and "Workin' for a Livin'," Huey Lewis and the News has left their mark on music history.

Front man Huey Lewis has an unmistakable voice with rich, textured qualities that lends itself well not just to their own hits, but also the variety of other songs featured in their live shows. Audiences are always delighted to hear Huey Lewis and the News' a cappella renditions of rock 'n' roll classics like "It's Alright" and "Do You Believe in Love."

"Huey Lewis and the News completes our concert line-up for the 2015 State Fair," said State Fair manager, Peggy Besch. "This group has a great list of hits so we expect to see a great and fun show!"

Huey Lewis and the News joins Kenny Rogers, John Conlee, The Band Perry welcomed by Legend Seeds, Red Wilk Construction CBR Bull Bash and monster trucks at the State Fair Grandstand.

A pre-sale on tickets begins June 15 for backrest holders followed by Friends of the Fair pre-sale on June 18. General public ticket sales begin June 22. Ticket prices can be found online at www.sdstatefair.com.

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year's theme is "Sew it. Grow it. Show it." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Don't be Fooled, Phone Scams Continue to be Serious Threat Nationwide

WASHINGTON — As April 1st approaches, the IRS warns taxpayers not to be fooled by the tricks scammers use to take advantage of those they target. Scammers use fake names, provide bogus IRS badge numbers and alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS is calling.

With the final two weeks of the filing season about to begin and millions preparing their returns, taxpayers should be alert.

"This is no April Fool's joke. Everyone should be on the lookout for threatening calls from people faking IRS phone numbers and demands for immediate payment," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said. "These are scams. I urge taxpayers to stay vigilant and remain aware of the constantly changing tactics used by these criminals."

As the filing season nears its end, there has been a surge of phone scams where scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other threats.

They often leave "urgent" callback requests and sometimes prey on the most vulnerable people, such as the elderly, newly arrived immigrants and those whose first language is not English. Scammers have been known to impersonate agents from IRS Criminal Investigation as well.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do.

The IRS will not:

Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.

If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or report it online at the IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting Page.

If you've been targeted by this scam, also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their FTC Complaint Assistant at FTC.gov. If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue involving bills or refunds. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to IRS.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube and Tumblr, where people can search "scam" to find the related posts.

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Retail Gas Price Rally Fades

Among South Dakota towns, today's price averages range from a high of \$2.66 to a low of \$2.07.

AAA South Dakota, March 31, 2015 – Today's national average price for regular gasoline is \$2.41 per gallon. Consumers are paying two cents more than one month ago but a half-cent less than one week ago and \$1.15 less than the same date last year. The national average has now fallen for 18 of the past 24 days.

"South Dakota's statewide pump price for self-serve regular – now at \$2.34 per gallon – has bounced around this narrow price range for the last month," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "However, today's price is six cents below the 2015 high of \$2.40 recorded on March 12."

	Today	Last Week	Change	Mar. 3	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.436	\$2.368	\$0.068	\$2.392	\$0.044	\$3.492
Brookings	\$2.461	\$2.428	\$0.033	\$2.479	(\$0.018)	\$3.767
Huron	\$2.401	\$2.424	(\$0.023)	\$2.310	\$0.091	\$3.586
Mitchell	\$2.247	\$2.296	(\$0.049)	\$2.305	(\$0.058)	\$3.511
Pierre	\$2.471	\$2.532	(\$0.061)	\$2.373	\$0.098	\$3.604
Rapid City	\$2.237	\$2.228	\$0.009	\$2.115	\$0.122	\$3.459
Sioux Falls	\$2.297	\$2.315	(\$0.018)	\$2.362	(\$0.065)	\$3.472
Vermillion	\$2.362	\$2.399	(\$0.037)	\$2.315	\$0.047	\$3.436
Watertown	\$2.367	\$2.360	\$0.007	\$2.424	(\$0.057)	\$3.604
Yankton	\$2.394	\$2.355	\$0.039	\$2.314	\$0.080	\$3.603
South Dakota	\$2.344	\$2.343	\$0.001	\$2.309	\$0.035	\$3.528

"Among South Dakota towns with at least five gasoline stations, Chamberlain has the highest price average today at \$2.66. Custer boasts the state's least expensive fuel: \$2.07," said Buskohl. "In addition to the South Dakota cities listed in the chart, above, AAA receives daily gas price data for 201 other communities."

After briefly rising back above \$50 per barrel last week, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil has dropped back below that threshold. Crude prices have fallen to multi-year lows due largely to ample global production. The possibility of increased exports from Iran should a nuclear deal be reached this week would further increase production and has for now offset any "risk premium" stemming from regional stability due to violence in Yemen. A possible deal between the West and Iran could bring an estimated 500,000 barrels per day of additional oil to the global market, which would add more supply to an already well-supplied market and exert further downward pressure on crude prices.

At the close of yesterday's formal trading on the NYMEX, WTI settled down \$0.19 at \$48.68 per barrel.

The status of regional refineries continues to be a driving factor for gas prices in many parts of the country. However, while several weeks ago it was refineries going offline and driving prices higher in the Midwest and West Coast, today it is those facilities resuming production that has driven prices lower in the same regions.

For more than a month California has been the nation's most expensive state for gasoline. Today's price in the Golden State is \$3.20 followed by Hawaii (\$3.15), Alaska (\$2.92), Nevada (\$2.80) and Washington (\$2.75). South Carolina (\$2.10), Tennessee (\$2.14) and New Jersey (\$2.16) are the least expensive markets in the country for retail gasoline.

Today in Weather History

April 1, 1960: Heavy snow of 4 to 10 inches fell in the eastern half of South Dakota. Some highways were closed mainly due to the difficulty of plowing the heavy, wet snow. Power and phone failures of short duration were caused by the snowfall in the Aberdeen area, which received 7.5 inches, setting the record for April 1st. Snowfall with high water content aggravated floods that were currently in progress on the James, Vermillion and Big Sioux Rivers.

April 1, 2011: Snowmelt flooding in March continued across much of central and northeast South Dakota as the rest of the snowpack melted into early April. Many roads along with countless acres of crop and pastureland remained flooded. Roads, culverts, and bridges were damaged across the region. Several roads were washed out with many closed. Many homes were threatened with some surrounded by water. Rising lake levels in northeast South Dakota also threatened and flooded many homes. Many people had to use four-wheelers to get to their homes. A Presidential Disaster was declared for all the counties do to the flooding damage. The total damage estimates, including March, were from 4.5 to 5 million dollars for the area. The flooding diminished across much of the area into May. The snowmelt flooding damaged many roads and highways, including U.S. Highway 81, throughout Hamlin County. Many roads were closed throughout the county. In the late evening of April 13th on U.S Highway 81, a car with four people inside went through a flooded area at a high rate of speed and ended up in the flooded ditch. They all got out with no injuries. The snowmelt runoff caused Lake Kampeska to rise to nearly 44 inches overfull. The lake flooded several roads and also threatened many homes. Sandbagging was done to hold off the rising lake. Although, waves and ice chunks did eventually do some damage to homes. Also, many boat lifts were damaged. Mud creek near Rauville also went slightly above the flood stage of 9 feet to 9.64 feet for a couple days in early April.

1912 - A tornado with incredible velocity ripped into downtown Houston, TX, breaking the water table and giving the city its first natural waterspout. (The Weather Channel)

1923 - Residents in the eastern U.S. awoke on "April Fool's Day" to bitterly cold temperatures. The mercury plunged to -34 degrees at Bergland MI and to 16 degrees in Georgia. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Forty-five cities across the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 37 degrees at Apalachicola FL, 34 degrees at Jacksonville FL, 30 degrees at Macon GA, and 22 degrees at Knoxville TN, were records for April. (The National Weather Summary)

1987 - A tornado touched down briefly during a snow squall on the south shore of White Fish Bay (six miles northwest of Bay Mills WI). A mobile home was unroofed and insulation was sucked from its walls. (The Weather Channel)








1988 - A powerful spring storm produced 34 inches of snow at Rye CO, 22 inches at Timpas OK, 19 inches at Sharon Springs KS, and up to 35 inches in New Mexico. Severe thunderstorms associated with the same storm spawned a tornado which caused 2.5 million dollars damage at East Mountain TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1989 - Up to six inches of snow blanketed the Adirondacks of eastern New York State and the Saint Lawrence Valley of Vermont. Up to a foot of snow blanketed the Colorado Rockies. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Texas, from southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana to southern Georgia, and from northern South Carolina to the Upper Ohio Valley during the day and evening. Thunderstorms spawned a tornado at Evergreen AL, and there were more than eighty reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail north of Bastrop LA, and produced damaging winds which injured one person west of Meridian MS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Breezy	Breezy	Breezy	Blustery	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 74 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 53 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 52 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 53 °F

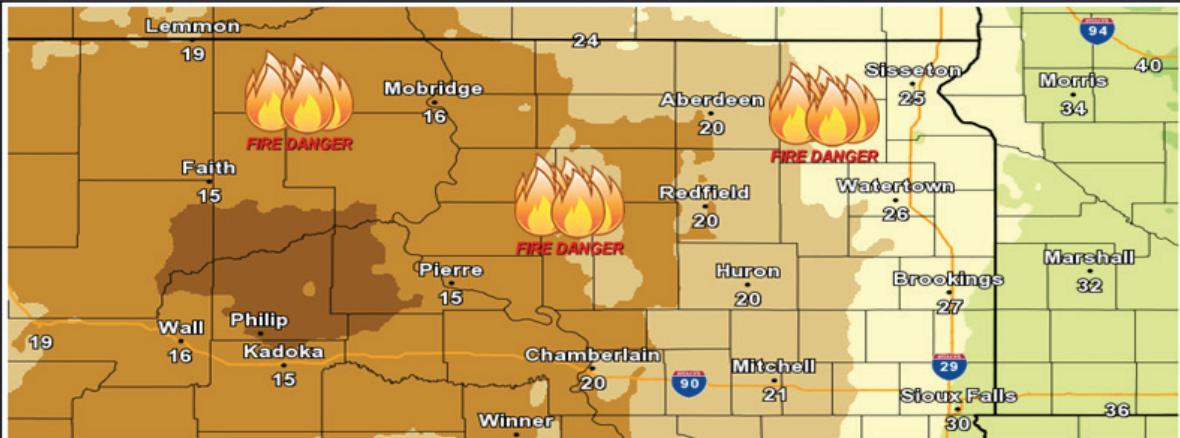


Dry and Windy Today, Fire Threat Continues



- Low humidity and gusty northwest winds today
- Very high to extreme fire danger
 - **Red Flag Warning in effect today for western and central SD east to James Valley**








Lowest Relative Humidity Forecast

- Less than 5%
- 5% to 10%
- 10% to 15%
- 15% to 20%
- 20% to 25%
- 25% to 30%
- 30% to 40%
- 40% to 50%
- 50% to 60%
- 60% to 80%
- 80% to 100%

Valid ending Thursday April 2nd, 2015 at 1 AM CDT
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National Weather Service – Aberdeen, South Dakota

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Very high to extreme fire danger once again today across the entire forecast area as strong northwest winds combine with low humidity during the afternoon hours. A Red Flag Warning is in effect today from central South Dakota eastward into the James River Valley where afternoon humidity values are forecast to fall into the 15 to 20 percent range. Northwest winds from 25 to 35 mph with gusts to around 40 mph over much of the area, with gusts near 50 mph possible over central South Dakota. If any fires were to ignite, they would exhibit erratic behavior and spread rapidly. Be wise and alert to any activities today that could produce a fire.

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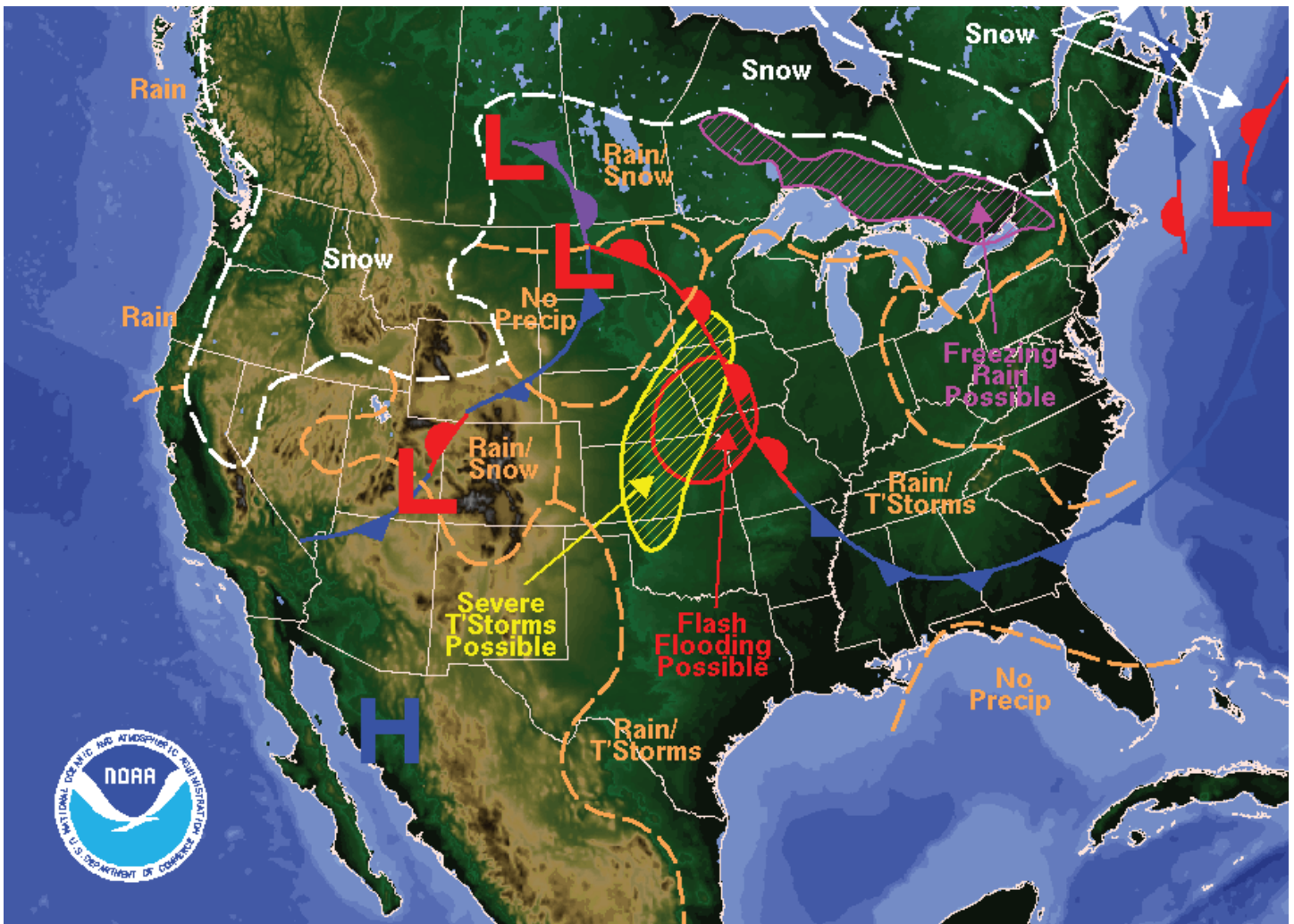
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 75.5 at 4:47 PM
Low: 27.2 at 7:13 AM
High Gust: 19 at 9:15 PM
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 80° in 1928
Record Low: 0° in 1899
Average High: 49°F
Average Low: 26°F
Average Precip in March: 1.16
Precip to date in March: 0.07
Average Precip to date: 2.18
Precip Year to Date: 0.47
Sunset Tonight: 8:02 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:13 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Apr 01, 2015, issued 3:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HIDE AND SEEK

One of my favorite pastimes when I was a child was playing "hide and seek" with my neighborhood friends. It was always more fun to play at dusk when shadows from trees and building would provide secret places. The first one found from the previous round was always given the task to count while others hid from his sight. Then, the search began for those who were quietly hiding in places they thought were impossible to find. On occasion, someone would find a place that no one had thought of before and the one searching would have to give up and the game would start again.

God "conceals" His glory in much the same way. He does not do it in a malicious manner or play a game with us. Rather, it is His way of revealing His majesty and might, power and presence. He is always there doing something in some way. But it is not always obvious.

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings," said Solomon. In fact, on a previous occasion, he said, "The Lord has said that He would dwell in a dark cloud."

So, where does all of this leave us? Why would He not be obvious all of the time? Why does He hide from us at all? It is because He is above and beyond us though beside and within us anxious for us to seek and trust Him.

God is worthy of worship and wonder even when He cannot be seen when dark clouds gather. Though we may walk through the valley of the shadow, His light is always waiting for us when we walk by faith and trust in Him.

Prayer: Give us courage, Lord, to walk in faith when days are dark, nights long and the journey difficult. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

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News from the  Associated Press

Wildfire in northwestern South Dakota 70 percent contained

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Crews battling a large wildfire in northwestern South Dakota's Harding County have it about 70 percent contained.

The Sheep Draw Fire started Saturday afternoon and was fueled by winds gusting more than 70 mph. The Great Plains Fire Information office estimates that it has burned about 14,000 acres, or nearly 22 square miles. It's the largest wildfire in the state in three years.

The fire has threatened some homes, buildings and natural gas wells, but the only structure that has burned has been a shed at a gas well. No one has been hurt.

The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

Economic report points to slow growth in Midwest, Plains

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new report suggests slow economic growth is ahead for nine Midwestern and Plains states.

The survey report issued Tuesday says the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index dropped to 51.4 in March from 57 in February. The January figure was 54.8.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the survey, and he says manufacturers of non-durable goods reported that sales, production and employment have weakened over the past several months.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Flandreau Police to get money for service dog, equipment

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — The police department in Flandreau is getting \$10,000 from the state to buy a police service dog, kennel and equipment.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the dog and equipment are meant to be used during drug investigations.

The award comes from the state's Drug Control Fund, which is funded with money seized in drug arrests.

Sgt. Anthony Schrad with the Flandreau Police Department says his agency is thankful for the award. He says "combatting drug abuse" is a department priority.

Huey Lewis and the News playing at South Dakota State Fair

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Thune visits ship his father served on during World War II

NEW YORK (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune has made his first visit to the USS Intrepid, the aircraft carrier where his father served in 1944 as a fighter pilot in World War II.

Thune said he had an unexpected opportunity on Tuesday to visit the ship while in New York on legislative business for the Commerce Committee. He says visiting the boat his dad, Harold Thune, served on is “a really neat experience” full of history.

Thune made a call from the ship to his 95-year-old dad, who is in Hawaii visiting Pearl Harbor for the first time since he served during the war.

Thune says it’s interesting to have a first-hand source to ask questions about what it was like to be on the ship, which is now a museum.

Judge finds rights of Indians violated in custody case

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota state officials developed and implemented policies that have routinely violated provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the due process rights of American Indian parents during preliminary child custody hearings since 2010, a federal judge ruled this week.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken issued his decision late Monday in the lawsuit filed by the Oglala Sioux and Rosebud Sioux tribes and Indian parents on how the state has run hearings in the state’s seventh judicial circuit, which includes Pennington County. The hearings are typically held within two days of the state removing children from a home and usually last less than five minutes.

Viken’s decision is the culmination of a multi-year dispute about Indian children in foster care in South Dakota. The tribes and parents have alleged the state violates the rights of parents by holding improper hearings after children are removed from homes. During the hearings, parents are not allowed to testify or provide evidence, are not allowed court-appointed counsel, and are not allowed to cross-examine the witnesses making the allegations.

Viken found in favor of all seven of the plaintiffs’ claims and wrote in his opinion that state 7th Judicial Circuit Court Presiding Judge Jeff Davis and other defendants “failed to protect Indian parents’ fundamental rights to a fair hearing.” In addition, Viken found officials violated by the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which ensures the state must meet a higher burden of proof before removing Indian children from a home and must return children to their home as soon as it’s safe to do so.

While Viken ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, the litigation is still pending, in part. Viken will lay out in May how courts must act during the preliminary 48-hour custody hearings. And a different part of the lawsuit regarding the role of the state Department of Social Services — which Viken didn’t rule on — could still go to trial.

Davis declined comment, the attorney general’s office said it was not directly involved in the case and all private attorneys contacted didn’t return requests seeking comment.

Viken wrote in his opinion that there were 823 children involved in the 48-hour hearings between 2010 and 2013 in Pennington County and that more 350 Indian children were kept in state custody

for at least one month. In all of the 48-hour hearings overseen by Davis, who is one of several judges who handles cases, Viken found that the judge ruled in favor of keeping children in state custody 100 percent of the time.

Attorneys for the tribes and parents, including the American Civil Liberties Union, said the ruling was a major victory, not only for American Indians in the state but nationwide.

Stephen Pevar, the senior staff counsel of the racial justice program for the ACLU and professor at New York University, said it's the first time Indian tribes and Indian families have filed suit in federal court alleging systemic violations of the Indian Child Welfare Act in its more than 30-year history.

Dana Hanna, a Rapid City attorney who represented the families and tribes along with Pevar, echoed his co-counsel's sentiments.

"This case will be used — this decision will be used — as authority in other cases around the country when these issues are raised in other jurisdictions," said Dana Hanna, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

Longtime Lower Brule Sioux chairman sedated in hospital

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Chairman Michael Jandreau is sedated in a Sioux Falls hospital as his doctors consult with their counterparts at the Mayo Clinic about his tenuous health.

Tribe attorney Marshall Matz said Jandreau's family met with physicians Tuesday to discuss medical test results. Matz said Jandreau suffered from a heart problem spurred by pneumonia and was flown to the hospital on Friday. Jandreau, 71, has been chairman of the tribe for at least 30 years and is known for helping to build a robust farm economy on the Lower Brule Reservation.

Secretary of Tribal Relations Steve Emery said the state had discussed working with Jandreau on agriculture and tourism initiatives before his health problems.

"His tenure has certainly lasted a lot longer than most chairmen's do," Emery said. "He's been a fixture."

But Jandreau has been in the spotlight recently after a report by a human rights advocacy organization alleged millions of taxpayer dollars meant to benefit the reservation disappeared over several years.

Matz and Jandreau have vigorously denied any wrongdoing in relation to the Human Rights Watch investigation released in January, and Matz has urged the organization to retract its findings and issue an apology to the tribe. The report accuses Jandreau and others of diverting money and concealing financial activity.

Human Rights Watch said the "most blatant example" of wrongdoing stems from the tribe's purchase of a New York-based brokerage firm, Westrock Advisors.

The report accuses tribal leaders and their business partners of setting up several shell companies and then securing a \$22.5 million federal loan guarantee from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Rather than putting the money toward its stated purpose of economic development, the money was used to buy Westrock, which went bankrupt two years later, the report said. The guarantee was ultimately sold for about \$20 million to another company, though the tribe hasn't disclosed the status of the loan, the report found.

Matz pushed back against any implication of misused funds.

"We deny any wrongdoing; we don't deny a bad business transaction," Matz said.

The Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General is evaluating whether to investigate the tribe. Stephen Hardgrove, chief of staff of the Office of Inspector General, said it had received the Hu-

man Rights Watch report and had several options moving forward.

"Right now we are looking into whether we will open an investigation or not," he said. "We're really just trying to take a careful look as far as what's the best course of action to take on this report."

Rapid City high school senior dies after scooter accident

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An 18-year-old Rapid City Stevens High School senior has died of injuries suffered a few days ago when he collided with a car while on a motorized scooter.

Police say Nehemiah Larimer was riding his scooter at about 6 p.m. Friday when the collision occurred at the intersection of Sheridan Lake Road and Canyon Lake Drive.

A second scooter rider who was following Larimer stopped in time and was not injured.

Larimer family friend Nick Reid, who was authorized to speak on behalf of the family, says Larimer died Monday evening after his organs were removed so they could be donated.

Police say the accident remains under investigation and charges are pending against the 15-year-old male driver of the car.

Board planning for heightened input on Harney Peak renaming

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state board is expecting more public input than usual on the proposed name change to Harney Peak in Pennington County.

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names planned for five public meetings across the state at its Tuesday meeting. The board also accepts written comments.

One new suggested name for the geographic feature is Black Elk Peak, but many others have already been proposed. The peak is located in the Black Hills National Forest, and it's been described as the highest summit in the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains.

It was named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in 1855 led soldiers that killed 86 Sioux in Nebraska. The board will take public input and could issue a recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Trooper wounded in Kimball standoff returns to patrol duty

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper wounded during a standoff in January has returned to work.

Sgt. John Koenig (KAY'-nig), of Chamberlain, was shot Jan. 7 near Kimball. While his injuries were not considered life-threatening, he spent several days in a Sioux Falls hospital and then time recuperating at home.

Investigators say more than 100 rounds were fired during the daylong standoff.

Forty-two-year-old Donald London is charged with two counts of attempted murder and three counts of aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer. His father, 66-year-old Michael London, is charged with aiding and abetting the crime.

Prosecutors say Donald London fired his rifle and struck Koenig when troopers surrounded his house after he threatened to kill the Chamberlain police chief.

Koenig's been with the patrol for 28 years.

Man charged in stabbing of Bureau of Indian Affairs official

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Federal authorities have charged a man in the stabbing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in central South Dakota.

Authorities allege that Brian Iron Boulder, 51, also known as Brian Ironboulder, stabbed Patrick F. Duffy in the back with a knife on March 25, penetrating Duffy's chest wall. Duffy was in critical condition for a time in a Sioux Falls hospital, and doctors had to insert a tube to drain blood from the chest cavity.

His cousin, Rapid City attorney Patrick K. Duffy, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the superintendent is alert and is expected to recover. It's not known how long he might be out of work. Duffy declined to release more details, citing his cousin's privacy.

Court documents don't indicate a motive for the alleged stabbing. BIA special Agent Tino Lopez said in an affidavit that a witness told him Iron Boulder often talked with Duffy at his office, and that the stabbing occurred after one of the conversations.

"I observed (at the scene) what appeared to be the handle of a knife protruding out of the center left portion of Duffy's back parallel to his shoulder blade area," Lopez said.

Iron Boulder later admitted to him that he had stabbed Duffy, Lopez said.

Iron Boulder's public defender, Douglas A. Abraham, told the AP he does not comment on pending cases.

Documents show that Iron Boulder on Friday waived his right to a detention hearing. He will remain in custody until a preliminary hearing that was not immediately scheduled. U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has set a June 2 date for a jury trial on an assault charge that carries a maximum punishment of 20 years in prison.

Iron Boulder is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe but has been living on the Crow Creek Reservation, where Duffy oversees BIA facilities in Fort Thompson and manages tribal land, according to the Capital Journal in Pierre, South Dakota.

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. NUCLEAR TALKS GO INTO OVERTIME

Negotiations between Iran and six world powers resume hours after the parties abandoned a self-imposed deadline to produce the outline of an agreement.

2. CORONER: DEATH OF ANDREW GETTY APPEARS NATURAL OR ACCIDENT

The Getty oil fortune heir was 47 and part of one of the wealthiest and best-known American families.

3. HOW INDIANA DEBATE IS EXPOSING REPUBLICAN DIVISIONS

The backlash over the contentious religious freedom law in Indiana is forcing the GOP's presidential contenders to weigh in.

4. TIKRIT TO BE RECAPTURED 'WITHIN THE COMING HOURS'

Iraq's interior minister says security forces are battling the last remaining pockets of Islamic State militants and full control of the city is imminent.

5. WHO IS VISITING FRENCH ALPS CRASH SITE

Lufthansa's CEO refuses to say what the airline knew about the mental health of the co-pilot suspected of deliberately destroying the plane.

6. PALESTINIANS WANT LEVERAGE ON ISRAEL IN ICC

Their formal acceptance into the International Criminal Court is part of a broader effort to put global pressure on the Jewish state and exact a higher price for its occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state.

7. ON THE MENU: PINK PINEAPPLES, PURPLE TOMATOES

These cancer-fighting, heart-healthy foods are among the genetically engineered foods that could receive government approval.

8. JONI MITCHELL HOSPITALIZED IN LOS ANGELES

The Grammy-winning folk singer is in intensive care, but it's not clear what has stricken the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.

9. CREATOR OF THE PET ROCK DIES

Gary Ross Dahl, who invented the smooth stones that were packed in a cardboard box containing a tongue-in-cheek instruction pamphlet for "care and feeding, was 78.

10. WHY GETTING TO THE FINAL FOUR WON'T BE AS COSTLY FOR PARENTS

That's because the NCAA is helping pay for families of athletes to travel and see their sons and daughters play in the biggest college basketball games of the season.

AP News in Brief

Iran nuclear negotiators resume talks after crashing through March deadline for deal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Iran nuclear negotiators resumed talks here Wednesday, just hours after abandoning a March 31 deadline to reach the outline of a deal and agreeing to press on. However, as the discussions dragged on, three of the six foreign ministers involved left the talks, and prospects for agreement remained uncertain.

Claiming enough progress had been made to warrant an extension after six days of intense bartering and eager to avoid a collapse in the discussions, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his British and German counterparts huddled with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif in the Swiss town of Lausanne to continue a marathon effort to bridge still significant gaps and hammer out details of a framework accord.

The foreign ministers of China, France and Russia all departed Lausanne overnight, although the significance of their absence was not clear.

The remaining ministers and the Chinese, French and Russian officials left behind are looking to reach understandings that would form the basis for a comprehensive agreement to be reached by the end of June.

After the talks last broke in the early hours of Wednesday, Zarif said solutions to many of the problems had been found and that documents attesting to that would soon be drafted. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said before leaving that the negotiators had reached agreement in principle on all key issues, and in the coming hours it will be put on paper.

Signs point to natural causes or accident in death of Getty scion in Hollywood Hills home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andrew Getty, among the heirs in a family whose name is synonymous with elite American wealth, was found dead in his Hollywood Hills home from was most likely natural causes or an accident, authorities and family members said.

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Neither the coroner nor police had officially identified the man, but a statement from 47-year-old Andrew Getty's parents, Ann and Gordon Getty, confirmed it was him.

Gordon Getty is the San Francisco billionaire scion of the late J. Paul Getty, whose oil fortune made his family among the richest in U.S. history.

Andrew Getty's death appeared to be from natural causes, Los Angeles County coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter said, but it has been initially called an accident because of medication found at the scene. He said coroner's officials need to await the results of further examination and toxicology tests, which could take up to 10 weeks to process.

"The tentative information that we do have is that he was not feeling good for the last couple months," Winter said, "and he supposedly had an appointment tomorrow with a personal physician."

Interior minister says Iraqi forces will recapture Tikrit from Islamic State within 'hours'

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's interior minister says security forces are battling the last remaining pockets of Islamic State militants in Tikrit and that he expects them to gain full control of the city "within the coming hours."

The minister, Mohammed Salem al-Ghabban, says the objective now is to free Tikrit and restore normalcy as quickly as possible. He says the government will help displaced residents return and that a civil defense unit will be combing the city for roadside bombs and car bombs.

Al-Ghabban spoke from the front-lines in Tikrit on Wednesday, a day after troops reached city center. Iraqi forces launched the operation to recapture Saddam Hussein's hometown on March 2. The U.S. launched airstrikes on the embattled city last week at the request of the Iraqi government.

Religious freedom debate highlights GOP divisions, social issues as 2016 primary begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a debate many Republicans hoped to avoid.

But as the backlash intensifies over a so-called religious freedom law in Indiana, the GOP's leading White House contenders have been drawn into a messy clash that highlights the party's strong opposition to same-sex marriage and threatens to inject social issues into the early stages of the 2016 presidential primary season.

The debate has also energized Democrats nationwide while exposing sharp divisions between Republicans and local business leaders who oppose a law that critics say allows business owners to deny services to same-sex couples on religious grounds.

"It's been a tough week," Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said in a Tuesday press conference. He called for a legislative fix to address what he called a perception problem just five days after signing the bill into law.

It is a huge moment for Pence, a Republican presidential prospect himself, who has become the public face of the contentious law. It is also a critical time for the Republican Party, which has recently played down its opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage to help attract more women and younger voters before the next presidential election.

Lufthansa executives visit French Alps crash site amid questions about co-pilot

SEYNE-LES-ALPES, France (AP) — Lufthansa's chief executive said Wednesday it will take "a long, long time" to understand what led to a deadly crash in the Alps last week — but refused to say what the airline knew about the mental health of the co-pilot suspected of deliberately destroying the plane.

Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr and the head of its low-cost airline Germanwings, Thomas Winkelmann, were visiting the crash area Wednesday amid mounting questions about how much the airlines knew about co-pilot Andreas Lubitz's psychological state and why they haven't released more information about it.

The two men lay flowers and then stood silently facing a stone monument to the plane's 150 victims. The monument looks toward the mountains where the Germanwings A320 crashed and shattered into thousands of pieces March 24 and bears a memorial message in German, Spanish, French and English.

Spohr said the airline is "learning more every day" about what might have led to the crash but "it will take a long, long time to understand how this could happen."

He then deflected questions from reporters at the site in Seyne-les-Alpes, and drove away.

Palestinians hope joining International Criminal Court will give it more leverage on Israel

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinians formally joined the International Criminal Court on Wednesday, as part of a broader effort to put international pressure on Israel and exact a higher price for its occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state.

Beyond seeking war crimes charges against Israel at the court, the Palestinians want the U.N. Security Council to set a deadline for an Israeli troop withdrawal and hope for new momentum of a Palestinian-led international movement of boycott, divestment and sanctions.

The atmosphere seems ripe for international intervention after recently re-elected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu startled the world with a pledge to voters, since withdrawn, that he would not allow a Palestinian state to be established.

But a legal and diplomatic showdown isn't inevitable as aides say Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas isn't interested in an all-out confrontation with Israel. War crimes charges against Israel could be years away and Washington likely will soften any Security Council resolution on Palestinian statehood.

Here is a look at what's expected:

American farmer among the winners in the year since Russia was hit by US and EU sanctions

MOSCOW (AP) — Kansas-born farmer Justus Walker is prospering in Russia — one year after U.S. and European Union sanctions against his adopted country over its aggression in Ukraine.

Walker, sporting a bushy beard reminiscent of a Russian peasant from past centuries, uses his Siberian dairy smallholding to support his missionary work.

He shot to fame in August, shortly after the Russian government banned Western food imports in retaliation for the sanctions.

The farmer told Russian TV that said his cheese had been struggling to compete with Italian mozzarella until the ban kicked in. He chortled as he added: "But now your Italian cheese won't be there!"

The clip went viral across Russia, turning the American farmer into an Internet meme, even though

he opposes sanctions and says his remarks were taken out of context. His sales soared and there was even a boom in Walker-themed souvenirs.

What's next? Next-generation GMOs could be pink pineapples, purple tomatoes, healthier oils

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer-fighting pink pineapples, heart-healthy purple tomatoes and less fatty vegetable oils may someday be on grocery shelves alongside more traditional products.

These genetically engineered foods could receive government approval in the coming years, following the OK given recently given to apples that don't brown and potatoes that don't bruise.

The companies and scientists that have created these foods are hoping that customers will be attracted to the health benefits and convenience and overlook any concerns about genetic engineering.

"I think once people see more of the benefits they will become more accepting of the technology," says Michael Firko, who oversees the Agriculture Department's regulation of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

Critics aren't so sure. They say there should be more thorough regulation of modified foods, which are grown from seeds engineered in labs, and have called for mandatory labeling of those foods. The Agriculture Department has the authority to oversee plant health of GMOs, and seeking Food and Drug Administration's safety approval is generally voluntary.

Singer Joni Mitchell hospitalized in Los Angeles; ambulance called to her Bel Air neighborhood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joni Mitchell was in intensive care in a Los Angeles-area hospital on Tuesday, according to the Twitter account and website of the folk singer and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.

"Joni was found unconscious in her home this afternoon," said a statement on the Mitchell website. "She is currently in intensive care undergoing tests and is awake and in good spirits."

It wasn't immediately clear what illness she had.

Los Angeles fire officials said paramedics answered an afternoon 911 call in Bel Air, where Mitchell lives, and took a patient to the hospital. But they could not verify her identity or give details on her condition.

The 71-year-old singer-songwriter told Billboard magazine in December that she has a rare skin condition, Morgellons disease, which prevents her from performing. Still, she released a career-spanning four-disc box set last year and appeared at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party in February.

NCAA pilot program pays for Final Four family travel — but will it continue?

Getting to the Final Four won't be as costly for the parents of many players this week, thanks to an NCAA pilot program that is helping pay for families of athletes to travel and see their sons and daughters play in the biggest college basketball games of the season.

The family travel program was approved in January. It allowed the College Football Playoff to pay for the parents or guardians of Ohio State and Oregon players to travel to Arlington, Texas for the national championship game and for the NCAA to pay for family members of the players participating in the men's Final Four in Indianapolis and women's in Tampa, Florida this weekend.

The next step is for the NCAA to decide whether to make it permanent — and some, such as Ohio

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State athletic director Gene Smith, want to expand it to the championships for all sports.

Under the program, the College Football Playoff and NCAA were allowed to provide schools \$3,000 per player per team to cover travel, food and hotel costs for two parents or guardians.

Smith said 87 of 110 Ohio State football players took advantage of the benefit that was implemented through an NCAA waiver just days before the national title game.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 1, the 91st day of 2015. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II. (U.S. forces succeeded in capturing the Japanese island on June 22.)

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York; Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House speaker.

In 1815, Prussian/German statesman Otto von Bismarck was born in Schoenhausen.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan routed Confederate soldiers under the command of Maj. Gen. George Pickett in the Battle of Five Forks in Virginia.

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich. (Hitler was released in Dec. 1924; during his time behind bars, he wrote his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf.")

In 1933, Nazi Germany staged a daylong national boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1954, the United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1962, the Katherine Anne Porter novel "Ship of Fools," an allegory about the rise of Nazism in Germany, was published by Little, Brown & Co. on April Fool's Day.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1972, the first Major League Baseball players' strike began; it lasted 12 days.

In 1975, with Khmer Rouge guerrillas closing in, Cambodian President Lon Nol resigned and fled into exile, spending the rest of his life in the United States.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay (cq) Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

In 1992, the National Hockey League Players' Association went on its first-ever strike, which lasted 10 days.

Ten years ago: The Vatican reported that Pope John Paul II was near death, his breathing shallow and his heart and kidneys failing. President Bill Clinton's former national security adviser, Sandy Berger, pleaded guilty to sneaking classified documents out of the National Archives; he was later sentenced to two years' probation.

Five years ago: Roman Catholic cardinals across Europe used their Holy Thursday sermons to defend Pope Benedict XVI from accusations he'd played a role in covering up sex abuse scandals. Dayton denied the previous year's national champs another title as the Flyers beat North Carolina 79-68 to win

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the NIT. Actor John Forsythe, 92, died in Santa Ynez, California.

One year ago: Mocking his critics, President Barack Obama boasted that 7.1 million people had signed up for his health care law, and said "the debate over repealing this law is over." Congress demanded answers from General Motors' new CEO, Mary Barra, on why the automaker had taken 10 years to recall cars with a faulty ignition switch linked at that time to 13 traffic deaths; Barra acknowledged that the company took too long to act.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 86. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 85. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 83. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 81. Actor Don Hastings is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro is 76. Actress Ali MacGraw is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 76. Baseball All-Star Rusty Staub is 71. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 67. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 65. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 65. Actress Annette O'Toole is 63. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 62. Singer Susan Boyle is 54. Actor Jose Zuniga is 53. Country singer Woody Lee is 47. Actress Jessica Collins is 44. Rapper-actor Method Man is 44. Movie directors Albert and Allen Hughes are 43. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 42. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 40. Actor David Oyelowo (oh-YEHLOH'-oh) is 39. Singer Bijou Phillips is 35. Actor Sam Huntington is 33. Comedian-actor Taran Killam is 33. Actor Matt Lanter is 32. Actor Josh Zuckerman is 30. Country singer Hillary Scott (Lady Antebellum) is 29. Actor Asa Butterfield is 18.

Thought for Today: "The only sin is mediocrity." - Martha Graham, American modern dance pioneer (born 1894, died this date in 1991).

Driver's Exam Stations

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

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

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

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply

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can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

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

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

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

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

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

- ◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)
 - ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport
 - ◆ Certificate of Naturalization
 - ◆ Certificate of Citizenship
- Non-Citizens may bring:
- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card
 - ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document
 - ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

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

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

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

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

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

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

Address Exceptions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Veterans

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

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

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