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## Monday, April 6

**Birthdays:** Cheryl Tullis, Walker Cutler, Josh Heupel, Courtney Kurtz

**Senior Menu:** Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

NO SCHOOL

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

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

## Tuesday, April 7

**Anniv:** Scott & Mary Fordham

**Birthdays:** Reilly Ell, Shelly Lerew, Steve Gibbs, Cody Becker

**Senior Menu:** Scalloped potato with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, lettuce, fruit, bread sticks.

3:30 pm: Track at Milbank

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

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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## GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 6, 2015 - 7pm

Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Dept Reports – Public Works- Terry, Dwight, & Shawn
- 5) Awards
- 6) Set Cleanup Week
- 7) 7:20pm Duane Rude - Drainage
- 8) 8pm Beverly Sombke – Garden Club Trees
- 9) Street Conditions
- 10) Peddler's Licenses
- 11) Meetings available:
  - a) Code Enforcement Class – Mitchell – May 6-7
  - b) Heartland Power – Madison – April 10
  - c) Finance Officers & Human Resources School – Pierre – Jun 9-12
  - d) iGrow- Small Business – Sisseton or DeSmet – April 24
- 12) Pepsi Cola Contract Extension
- 13) Exe Session – Legal & Personnel
- 14) Hire More Summer Employees
- 15) Cemetery Trimming
- 16) Appoint Ward 1 Councilperson

AND any other business that may come before the Council



## Essay and Poem Winners

Groton American Legion Auxiliary chose their essay and poem winners for 2015. The 6th graders wrote poems titled "Because of the Brave." The 7th and 8th graders wrote essays titled, "What Freedom Means To My Family." Diane Kurtz is the English teacher for grades 6th - 8th, and submitted the work.

Winners Left to Right:

1st place - 8th grade: AnneMarie Smith

2nd place - 8th grade: Tylan Glover

1st place - 7th grade: Payton Colestock

2nd place - 7th grade: Kaycie Hawkins

1st place - 6th grade: Erin Unzen

2nd place - 6th grade: Tanae Lipp

## Death Notice: Gary Lenling

Gary Lenling, 64, of Claremont died April 4, 2015 at his residence. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

## Classifieds

### Apartments For Rent

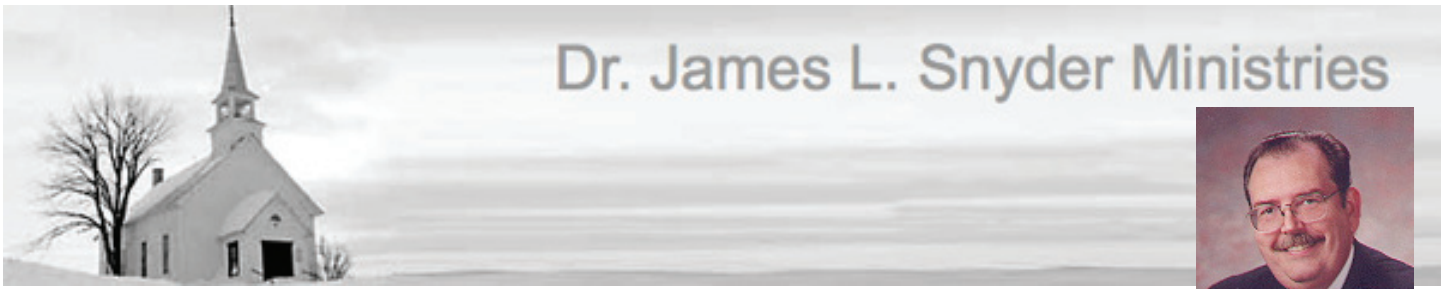
ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

### Lineman wanted

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

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## For some, Easter is a hop and a skip

**Dr. James L. Snyder**

As may be expected, Easter is one of my favorite holidays. Although I prefer to call it Resurrection Sunday, I am not easily offended by words. Remember the old saying, "Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you."

It is amazing to me how some people get all bent out of shape when it comes to words. I think it is impossible to keep up with the political correctness that some people insist. I have never known a single day or an hour in which I have wanted to be politically correct about anything.

I try to be as sensitive to people's feelings as possible. I do not want to needlessly offend anybody, but it is nearly impossible not to in the day in which we live. It has come to the place that you do not know quite how to greet anybody anymore.

"Merry Christmas," seems to enflame some people, which is why I always give the greeting to everyone I meet, even when it is not Christmas.

The least little thing offends so many people. Many people have thin skin, but very thick heads.

Just the other day the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought a situation to my attention. At first, I thought she was pulling my leg, so to speak. It became quite evident that she was not.

According to the article, somebody was objecting to the Easter Bunny. For some reason the person writing this article was objecting to Religious holidays. In his opinion, everything related to Religion needs to be stripped from our society.

He gave several examples, but one stood out among all the rest. That one was the humble little Easter Bunny. I have been a Christian for a long time and read my Bible through dozens of times and I have yet to run across any reference to the Easter Bunny. However, this person became very irritated at the Easter Bunny symbol. I am not sure what he thought that symbol was.

His attack on the Easter Bunny was because, in his opinion, it was a religious symbol of some sort. He did not go into any detail about what that symbol was; simply that it needed immediate extraction from contemporary society. In reading the article, I picked up the idea that this person was particularly agitated about everything religious. And he took his vengeance out on the Easter Bunny.

I really do not mind people attacking Christianity. After all, they did it to Jesus while he was alive. However, I wish if they are going to attack Christianity, they would at least read the Bible and know what to attack. If this person is as stupid in other areas of the article, as in this particular aspect, how can we believe anything he says? Dumb is as dumb writes.

I have been thinking about something for a long time and it might soon be time to put it into action. My plan is to spread the rumor that Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, is actually a religious symbol. I do not have to mention what it is a symbol of; simply that it is a religious symbol. That will

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be enough to have people, like the one who wrote this particular article, get in an uproar and demand that this symbol be eradicated from contemporary society.

I think good old Punxsutawney Phil could handle himself on this particular issue. Even if people should succeed in getting rid of the old boy, he probably could use the sleep.

If this plan succeeds, and the likelihood is pretty high, I might go on to my next plan. I will begin spreading the rumor that Thursday has a significant religious symbolism to it. Again, I need not define what that symbolism is, only that there is the possibility.

Soon high-minded plans will be in place to attack Thursday and do away with it. There will be a bill in Congress to call Thursday, "The Day after Wednesday." Of course, on the Senate side there will be those who will want to call it, "The Day before Friday." Soon it will be a hot topic headlining every media news program in America. The pros and cons will be heatedly debated. Some may even want to call it, "Wednesday Part 2."

No matter what they decide on, it will be certain that nobody who is politically correct could say the word "Thursday," ever again.

Personally, I would not mind that, because like Punxsutawney Phil, I could use the rest.

The only holiday that has not yet come under attack is the one celebrated on April 1. My thinking behind this is, every fool should have his or her day. Now, I never object to a fool celebrating on April 1. It seems to me that the celebrants of this holiday are vastly increasing. I make it a point every year to join in the celebration.

Easter is my special holiday. The apostle Paul defined it, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Many people hop over the truth, skip around reality and never find the real purpose of God's intention for them.

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## Friends . . . Near and Far

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

### Merry (Duerre) Lone

**JobWise what are you doing today?** I'm an independent insurance agent with the Jacobson agency and a real estate broker with ML Real Estate

**How long have you been working at the current job?** I have been with the Jacobson agency since 1995. I was an associate broker with the Jacobson agency since 2005. In 2014, I became a real estate broker and opened my own agency, ML Real Estate.

**How did you get your current job?** When my teaching position was cut in Bristol, my brother told me that his insurance agent was looking to expand his agency. I met with Audrey and Clint Jacobson and we entered into an agreement that I would operate an insurance agency in Bristol.

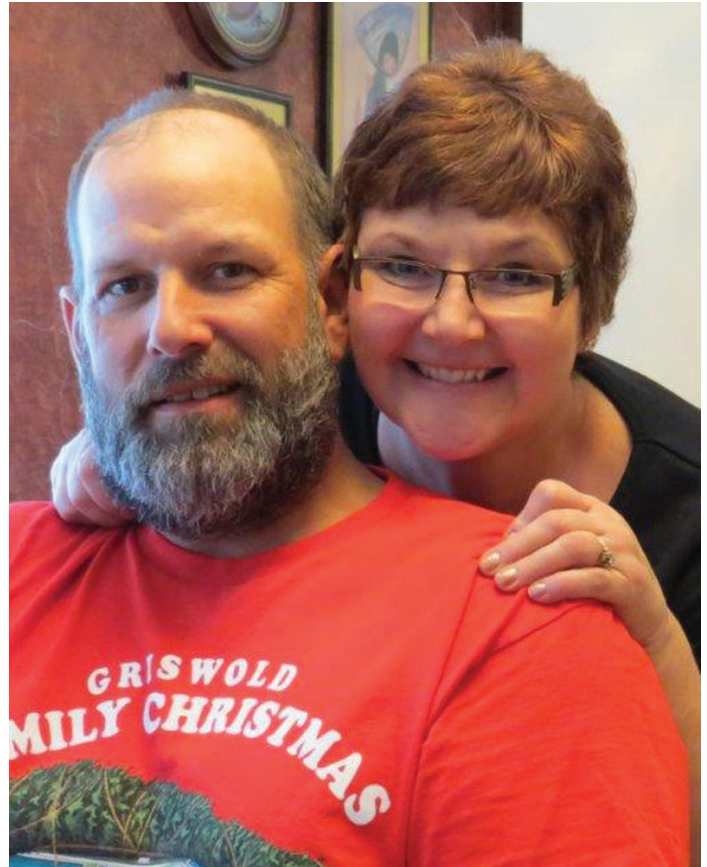
**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.**

I began my career as a high school English, Spanish teacher and librarian at Elm Valley school district in Frederick from 1987-1991. I then took a teaching position in Bristol from 1991-1995.

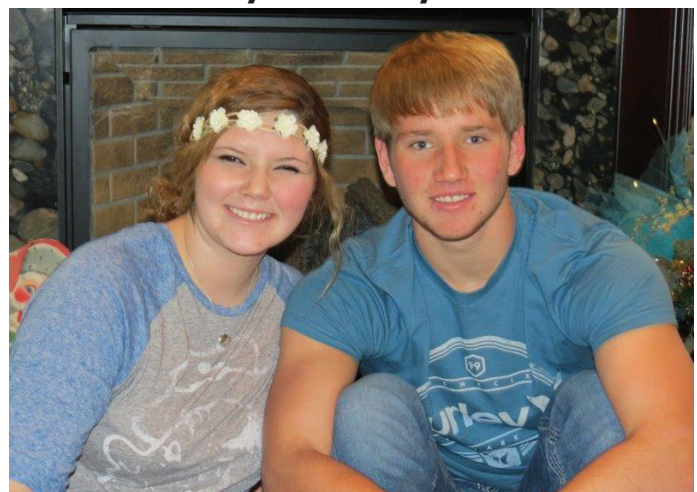
**What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate?** I went K-12 at Bristol school and graduated in 1983.

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** I attended one year at USD and then transferred to Northern State and graduated with a BS in Education, majoring in English with minors in Spanish, speech and library.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Say what you do and do what you say. In other words, commit and complete your commitments.



Garry and Merry Lone



Olivia and McClain Lone

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**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** I'm am proud that I completed college and had the opportunity teach wonderful students for eight years. My teaching position was cut due to downsizing. When that dream ended, I felt like my world had ended. But everything happens for a reason. I was able to embark on a new career, in which I could work out of my home and raise my children. I was able to have them at home with me with the help of my parents. They did not have to go to day care. It meant a lot to Garry and I. We sacrificed a lot in those early years, but it was all worth it!

**Married Life:** I started dating Garry Lone in 1990. We started talking at the Bristol all school reunion, even though he graduated from Langford. I had known him since high school because the Langford guys would always hang around Bristol. We married in Las Vegas, February 13, 1993 with 35 friends and family attending.

**Do you have any children?** Olivia is 19 and is a freshman at SDSU. McClain is 16 and a sophomore at Groton area school.

**Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** My educational experience was so memorable. I had many great and influential teachers throughout my high school and college years. Education is never a waste. It is time well spent.

## Very Dry and Warm March

March 2015 was a very warm and dry month across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Average temperatures were from 4 to 7 degrees above normal for the month. The average high temperatures across the region were from 7 to 13 degrees above normal. Locations in central and north central South Dakota were among the top ten warmest on record. Pierre had their second warmest average high temperature for March along with Timber Lake. Mobridge and Kennebec had their third warmest average high temperature on record. There was a large range from the highest to the lowest temperatures for March with below zero readings early on to the very warm readings in mid and late March. Differences between the high and low temperatures across the region ranged from 80 to over 100 degrees. Kennebec had a difference of 102 degrees with a low of 19 below zero on March 5th and a high of 83 degrees on March 15th.

The area was also very dry throughout March with precipitation departures across the region generally from three-quarters to an inch below normal. As a result, moderate drought conditions expanded across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota throughout March with abnormally dry conditions spreading out west. Several locations had one of their top ten driest March's on record. Aberdeen and Mobridge tied for the tenth driest while Timber Lake had their fourth driest March on record. Timber Lake and Mobridge also tied for their second and third least snowfalls on record, respectively, with only a trace of snowfall.

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## Today in Weather History

April 6, 1959: Dust storms impacted much of the state of South Dakota beginning on the 6th and on into the 7th. The preceding drought period had left little moisture in the soil, so the fall-plowed fields in exposed locations eroded seriously. Strong winds on the 6th and 7th lifted the loose soil, creating areas of blowing dust. In the localities, visibility was less than a quarter mile for short periods. Some observers stated that it was the worst dust event since the 1930s.

April 6, 2006: Severe thunderstorms the morning of the 6th produced large hail up to 1.75 inches in diameter near Miller in Hand County. Later on, heavy rains of 3 to 6 inches fell from around midday through the afternoon hours causing flash flooding across parts of Spink, Clark, and Day counties. Many county and township roads were flooded with several of the roads damaged or completely washed out. Areas around Frankfort, Doland, Turton, Conde, Crandall, Raymond, Butler, and Bristol were most affected. Many roads were closed. Also, several basements were flooded and sewers were backed up.

April 6, 2008: An area of low pressure moving across South Dakota spread heavy snow of 6 to 15 inches across much of central, north central, and northeast South Dakota. Also, strong winds gusting to 25 to 40 mph caused some blowing and drifting snow. Many activities were cancelled and roads became treacherous. Many vehicles went into the ditch and several accidents also occurred. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Mission Ridge, Isabel, Mellette, and Britton, 7 inches at Faulkton, Andover, Columbia, Timber Lake, and Eureka, 8 inches at Bath, Selby, Mobridge, and Leola, 9 inches at Hosmer, 10 inches at Ipswich, 11 inches at Mound City, and 6 miles east of Hayes. Locations with a foot or more of snow included, 12 inches at Roscoe and Elm Lake, 13 inches at Eagle Butte, Onaka, and 23 miles north of Highmore, and 15 inches at Bowdle.

1936 - A tornado outbreak in the Deep South resulted in a total of 446 deaths and eighteen million dollars damage. It was a "Tale of Two Cities". During the evening of the 5th a tornado hit Tupelo MS killing 216 persons, injuring 700 others, and causing three million dollars damage. The next morning the paths of two tornadoes met about 8:30 AM and cut a swath four blocks wide through Gainesville GA killing 203 persons, injuring 934, and causing thirteen million dollars damage. Eight to ten feet of debris filled the streets following the storm. At least 70 persons died in the Cooper Pants Factory, the greatest tornado toll of record for a single building. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1983 - The temperature at Denver, CO, dipped to a record cold seven degrees above zero. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Rain and melting snow caused flooding from New England to Ohio. Flooding in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts was the worst in fifty years, causing forty-two million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A powerful storm produced wind gusts to 75 mph around Chicago, IL, and wind gusts to 92 mph at Goshen IN. The high winds created twenty-five foot waves on Lake Michigan. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in California. Afternoon highs of 91 degrees in Downtown San Francisco, 93 degrees at San Jose, 98 degrees at San Diego, 103 degrees at Santa Maria, 104 degrees at Riverside, and 106 degrees in Downtown Los Angeles established records for the month of April. (The National Weather Summary)








1990 - Snow developed in the northeastern U.S. for the second time in the month. In Virginia, a heavy wet snow blanketed northern and central sections of the Shenandoah Valley, and eastern foothills, with up to 12 inches reported around Harrisonburg. Heavy snow also blanketed the high elevations of West Virginia, with 10 inches reported at Snowshoe. An inch of snow at Syracuse NY raised their total for the winter season to a record-tying 161.3 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Thunderstorms erupted and produced severe weather including 32 reports of tornadoes, most of which touched down in Mississippi and Louisiana. Between 20 and 25 homes were destroyed and 7 people were injured. Mississippi governor Haley Barbour declared a state of emergency (CNN).

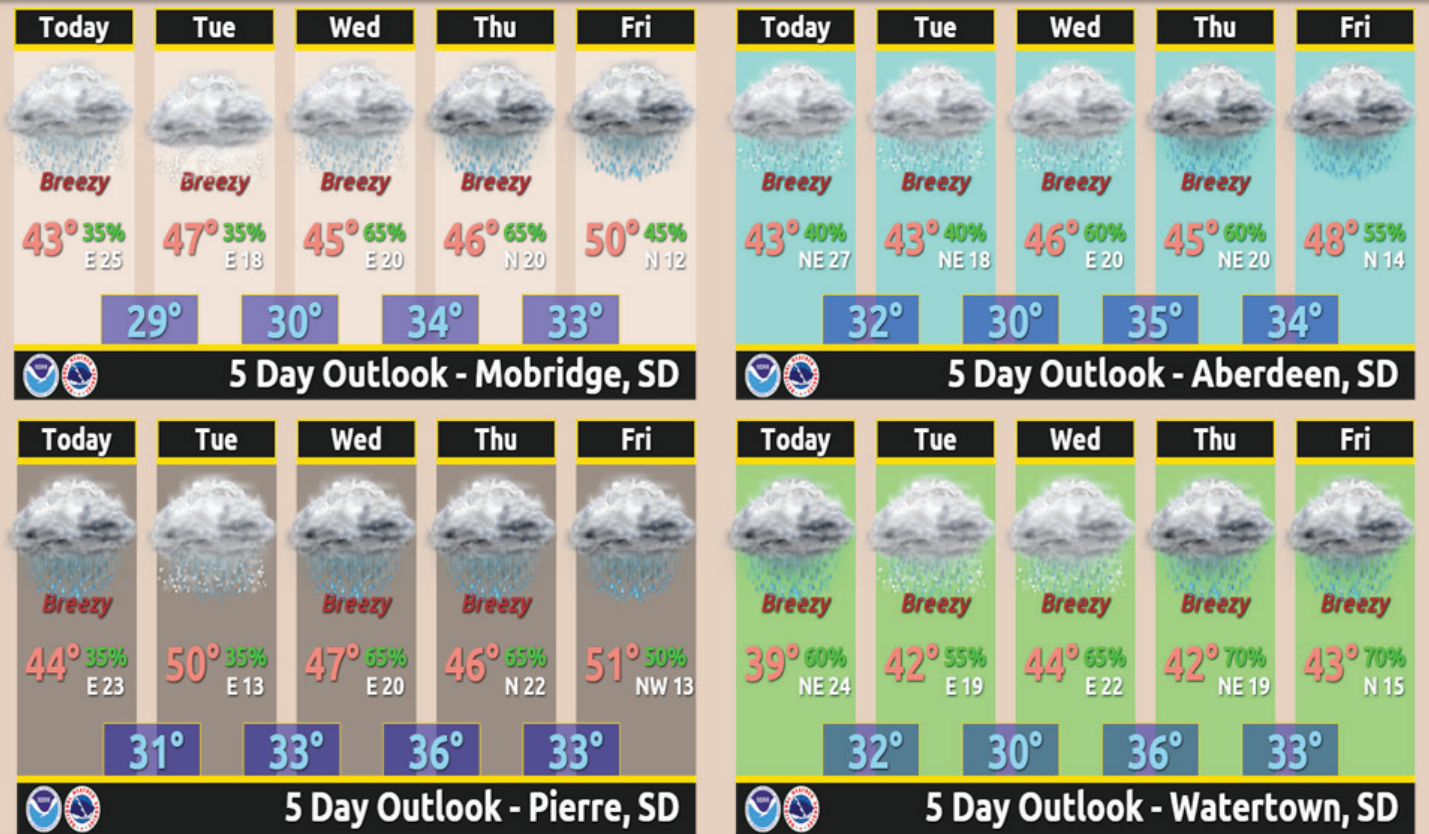





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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Rain/Snow	Chance Rain/Snow	Chance Rain/Snow	Chance Rain/Snow
High: 61 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 51 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 42 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 48 °F

## Unsettled Weather This Week



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Published on: 04/06/2015 at 5:48AM

A rather unsettled and cool week is expected across the region. However, the best chances for decent measurable precipitation won't occur until the late Wednesday through Friday time span. The clouds and expected precipitation will keep temperatures mostly below normal during the week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 53.3 at 3:58 PM

**Low:** 29.0 at 7:36 AM

**High Gust:** 25 at 12:47 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 85° in 1921

**Record Low:** 6° in 2007

**Average High:** 52°F

**Average Low:** 87°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.22

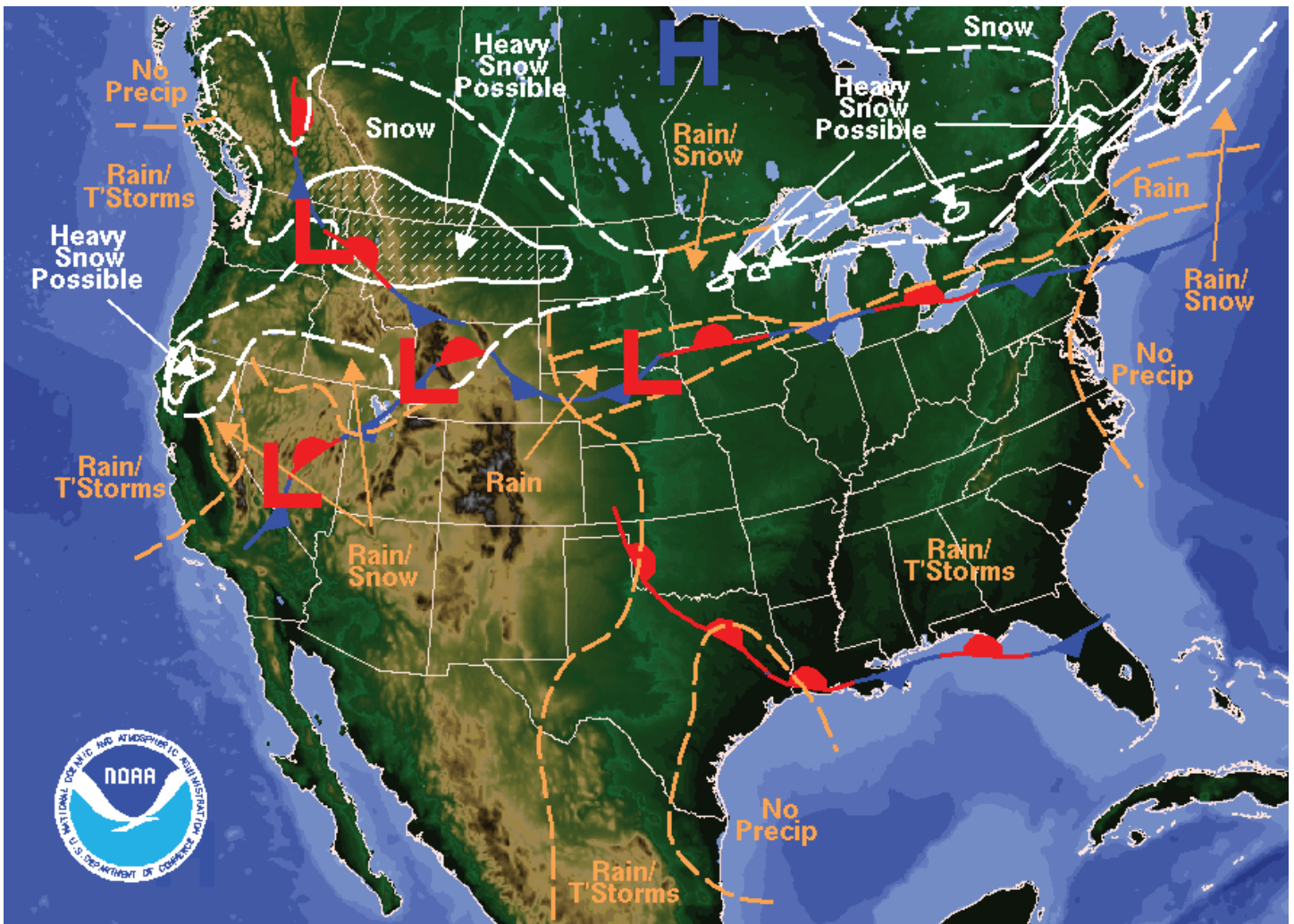
**Precip to date in April.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 2.40

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.47

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:08 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:03 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 06, 2015, issued 4:01 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## "NO EXCUSES"

Years ago Mary and I had a beautiful boat. Each time we went to board the boat we would see her name written in beautiful script across the stern: "No Excuses." Those provocative words made us pause and think whether or not we had completed all of our tasks and responsibilities before enjoying the pleasure of a trip around the lake. It also reminded us of the fact that to be honorable Christians, if we failed our Lord or denied Him for any reason, we had "No Excuses."

"A man's own folly ruins his life," are a few great words to think about often. Here's why: Our outward behaviors are always a reflection of the values that we store deep within our hearts. And here Solomon emphasizes this fact often, unless God-centered, our decision making processes will lack sound judgment because the knowledge or wisdom or understanding does not come from God. When we go our own way without comparing or contrasting what we are doing in light of God's published directions, there may be problems. And if there are, unfortunately, we have "No Excuses."

Here is a proverb that reinforces another proverb: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Our folly - trusting our distorted instincts rather than the wisdom of our God - does not make sense if we are His followers. We have access to Him and His promises. Fools, by choice, destroy whatever opportunity God gives them by looking within for their guidance rather to Him.

While fools are their own undoing, they refuse to take any responsibility for their behavior though their "heart rages against the Lord." It is because God has "frustrated" or "mangled" their best laid plans when they are contrary to His will. Normally, fools respond by "raging" like an angry, caged lion who cannot escape.

**Prayer:** Lord, we have "no excuse" to offer You or ourselves if we refuse to accept Your wisdom. Open our heads and hearts. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 19:3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord.

## ATTENTION

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Missouri River management meetings set in Pierre, Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers is holding public meetings on Missouri River conditions and operations in the two state capitals in the Dakotas on Tuesday.

The meeting in Pierre is at 11 a.m. in the Capitol Lake Visitor Center. The meeting in Bismarck is at 6 p.m. in the Bismarck Event Center.

The meetings are among five being held this week throughout the Missouri River basin. Corps officials will detail plans for managing the river system this year, and answer questions from the public.

### **South Dakota elk and mountain goat season details released**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has set the dates for the 2015 elk hunting seasons and also reopened the mountain goat season.

Commissioners this week finalized the allocation of firearms and archery elk licenses for Custer State Park, the Black Hills and the prairie.

They also re-opened the mountain goat hunting season for the first time in the state since 2006. The season will offer two any mountain goat licenses and will run from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.

More information on the South Dakota elk hunting seasons is available at <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/elk> and details on the mountain goat hunting season are at <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-goat.aspx>.

### **1 person dead, 5 injured after police chase in Rapid City**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — One person is dead and at least five others are injured after a police chase ended in the crash of a stolen car.

Authorities said Rapid City police responded early Sunday morning to a report of suspicious activity. Police identified a vehicle as stolen and began a pursuit.

Rapid City police said the chase lasted about two minutes, until the car crashed at an intersection.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office said that of the seven juveniles in the car, one person was killed and five others were taken to a hospital and treated for injuries.

Police said the injuries ranged from minor to life-threatening.

A seventh person ran from the scene but has since been located. It was not immediately clear whether that person was injured.

An investigation is ongoing.

### **SD lawmakers to study education funding, elder and sex abuse**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — State lawmakers and interested groups will spend the summer investigating several problems in South Dakota that could be solved with legislation during the 2016 session in Pierre.

Legislators will meet in late April to determine topics to study over the summer, and several groups already have been formed or extended.

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Such studies frequently germinate into concrete legislation. The road and bridge funding hike that lawmakers passed in March that raises more than \$80 million in its first year came out of a summer study group on highway needs. Lawmakers also passed a study-spawned bill this session mandating that certain insurance plans cover a costly but effective treatment for children with autism and would lay the groundwork for further coverage in the future.

Here are some of the upcoming efforts:

## JOLENE'S LAW

The Jolene's Law Task Force during the 2015 session put forward mandatory reporter legislation meant to make sure an account of abuse doesn't become jumbled as it passes through multiple people on its way to authorities.

The work group also asked for reauthorization from the Legislature to continue studying the topic of child sexual abuse, but the bill suffered a surprise defeat in a legislative committee. Gov. Dennis Daugaard stepped in and folded the task force into the executive branch so it could keep working.

The task force is named after Jolene Loetscher, of Sioux Falls, who was a victim of sexual abuse as a teenager and has talked publicly about her story.

Loetscher has said the task force wants to continue working on a broader public awareness campaign in part about the signs of abuse and to improve how K-12 students, volunteers, teachers and parents are educated about abuse, among other initiatives.

## EDUCATION

Republican state officials want to study the South Dakota education system and re-evaluate how it's funded, rather than changing policy based on anecdote and public opinion. Daugaard and GOP legislative leaders in February announced the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students, which will report recommendations to the 2016 Legislature.

Daugaard said at the time that South Dakota should strive for high student achievement, excellent teachers and a funding system to support them both. Increases in education funding could be necessary, he has said, but it's important to have evidence backing whatever action the state decides to take.

## ELDER ABUSE

South Dakota officials want to better understand the scope of elder abuse in the state through a new task force on the topic, and the governor signed into law a measure to create an interim committee dedicated to studying the prevalence of financial, physical and emotional abuse.

The bill was spurred by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court David Gilbertson, who urged lawmakers to focus on the issue in his State of the Judiciary speech this year.

## **SD turkey season starts as fall hunting season dates set**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Several hunting seasons have been set for next fall, as turkey hunters head out this weekend for the start of South Dakota's spring season.

Archery turkey season started Saturday and the traditional prairie, Black Hills and Custer State Park firearms turkey seasons begin April 11. Both run through May 17.

Game, Fish and Parks commissioners reviewed several small game seasons at their meeting this week and made no changes from last year.

Pheasant season will run Oct. 17 to Jan. 3; grouse (prairie chicken, sharp-tailed and ruffed), Sept. 19 to Jan. 3; cottontail rabbit, Sept. 1 to Feb. 29; crow, Sept. 1 to Oct.31 and March 1 to April 30, 2016; mourning dove, Sept. 1 to Nov. 9; and partridge, Sept. 19 to Jan. 3.

## Oklahoma poultry owners urged to increase health safety

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry is encouraging owners of domestic bird and poultry to take additional biosecurity precautions after two new strains of avian influenza have been found in wild waterfowl and domestic poultry.

In the past month, cases have been found in Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and South Dakota. No humans have become ill from these strains and health officials say there is no danger to humans from eating poultry products.

People should avoid contact with sick or dead poultry or wildlife. If contact does occur, the person should wash his or her hands with soap and water and change clothing before having any contact with healthy domestic poultry and birds, the department said Friday.

"No matter how hard you try, there's always a little bit of chance that somebody hasn't cleaned off their shoes or put their protective booties on," state veterinarian Rod Hall told The Journal Record. "We think that's how some of the commercial producers have become infected."

All bird owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to state and federal officials, either through the Oklahoma State Veterinarian's office at (405) 522-6141 or through the U.S. Department of Agriculture at (866) 536-7593.

17-year-old Selby girl dead after two-vehicle crash

MOUND CITY, S.D. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl from Selby is dead following a two-vehicle crash near Mound City.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Asiajae Spotted Horse was a passenger in one of the two vehicles that crashed Friday. Both drivers were injured.

Authorities say a 1996 Ford Taurus driven by 40-year-old Corey Hart and a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by 17-year-old Tanner Lesch collided at an intersection four miles south of Mound City.

The pickup rolled onto its top. Lesch was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected. Spotted Horse was a passenger in the pickup and was trapped in the vehicle.

All three were transported to Mobridge Regional Hospital, where Spotted Horse was pronounced dead.

The Highway Patrol is investigating and charges are pending.

## Rapid City Rush to retire jersey of former star player

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Rush is retiring the jersey of its former captain Saturday, a first for the seven-year-old western South Dakota hockey team.

The team planned to honor Scott Wray by retiring his No. 17 jersey during Saturday night's final regular season home game against the Quad City Mallards.

Wray, now the head coach of the Powassan Voodoos, a Tier 2, Junior A team of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, scored at least 20 goals in each of his first four seasons with the Rush, including 31 regular-season goals during his first year with the club in the 2009-10 season, (<http://bit.ly/1MQz94d>).

Wray spent the final five years of his 16-year professional career with the Rush. He retired as the Rush's career leader in games played (314), goals (106) and total points (236). Wray is second in career assists (130) and penalty minutes (359).

Wray's jersey will be the first to be retired during the seven-year history of the Rush, which is part of the East Coast Hockey League.

Players and coaches said Rush commanded the team during his tenure, even once fighting the opposing team's enforcer — "in a preseason game, a meaningless preseason game, just to get the guys fired

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up," said Rush defenseman Riley Weselowski.  
"That's the kind of leader he was," he said.

## Crews making progress on Moonshine Fire in Harding County

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Officials in northwestern South Dakota said crews had made significant progress Saturday in containing a second Harding County wildfire, one of many fires in the Dakotas that have started recently in the wake of dry ground conditions, strong winds and a lack of moisture.

Jonathan Moor, a spokesman with the Bureau of Land Management, said the Moonshine Fire in Harding County was about 70 percent contained on Saturday morning and expected crews could have it fully contained by early next week.

It's not spreading anymore, Moor said, but there are still some active pockets within the perimeter that could be carried further by a change in wind. It's estimated the fire has covered more than 2,800 acres, or about 4.4 square miles.

The fire is the second to scorch Harding County in the last week and one of many to scorch North Dakota and South Dakota recently.

The massive Sheep Draw Fire near Harding, South Dakota, covered approximately 22 square miles and is now completely contained. Two engines are just monitoring the area for flare-ups and will stay on site for another week.

North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple declared a fire emergency on Wednesday as dry conditions and unseasonably high temperatures led to several grass fires in the state.

The National Weather Service issued "red flag" warnings for the southeast and south central portions of South Dakota on Saturday.

Kyle Weisser, a meteorologist with the weather service in Sioux Falls, said they issue the warnings when a combination of dry conditions, a large number of dead and dormant plants and strong winds can lead to fires that spread quickly.

"It really kind of sets the stage for potential fire problems," he said.

Weisser recommended the public try not to burn on days when the service issues red flag or extreme fire danger warnings.

## 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. KENYAN WARPLANES ATTACK AL-SHABAB POSITIONS

The air strikes against Islamic militants in Somalia follow last week's extremist attack on a Kenyan college that killed 148 people.

#### 2. ROLLING STONE PLEDGES TO REVIEW EDITORIAL PRACTICES

But the magazine won't fire anyone after a leading journalism school lambasted how it reported a discredited article about an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia.

#### 3. STRIKES PROLIFERATE IN CHINA AS WORKING CLASS AWAKENS

AP's Didi Tang finds that millions of migrant workers in China are discovering their labor rights through social media, leading to mobilizations that challenge Beijing.

#### 4. ORDINARY FOLKS HEED CALL TO ARMS

Despite reassurances from NATO that they're safe from Russian aggression, everyday Europeans are eager to receive military training.



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## 5. GROWING PAINS HIT ASIA'S AVIATION INDUSTRY

Disasters, the disappearance of a Malaysian jetliner and financial turbulence highlight the challenges confronting the world's biggest air travel market.

## 6. HOW A SENATOR PLANS TO CHANGE GOP POLITICS

Rand Paul has designs on changing how the party goes about getting elected to the White House and how they govern once they get there.

## 7. OBAMA CASTS IRAN TALKS AS PART OF BROADER FOREIGN POLICY

The president portrays American power as a safeguard that gives him the ability to take calculated risks like the nuclear deal with Tehran.

## 8. WHY THAT DEAL FOR A NEW BEEMER ISN'T SO HOT

Even though the euro is sliding, European luxury goods like BMWs, Bordeaux wine and Hermes handbags still carry expensive price tags for U.S. consumers.

## 9. 'SELFIES ARE BAD'

Britain's Prince Harry jokes and chats with an enthusiastic crowd before a monthlong embedment with Australia's army.

## 10. NCAA TITLE UP FOR GRABS

Wisconsin, fresh off its upset of previously unbeaten Kentucky, meets four-time champion Duke for college basketball's ultimate prize.

## AP News in Brief

### **Columbia report cites across-the-board editorial shortcomings in Rolling Stone rape article**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Rolling Stone is pledging to review its editorial practices but won't fire anyone after a leading journalism school issued a blistering critique of how it reported and edited a discredited article about an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia.

The Columbia Graduate School of Journalism said in the Sunday report that the magazine's shortcomings "encompassed reporting, editing, editorial supervision and fact-checking."

Two of the report's authors, dean Steve Coll and academic dean Sheila Coronel, were scheduled to discuss their investigation at a news conference Monday in New York.

The analysis was accompanied by a statement from Rolling Stone Managing Editor Will Dana apologizing for the failures and retracting the November 2014 story. Some University of Virginia students said none of that will erase the article's repercussions.

"I think the real casualty of the report is the University of Virginia's trust in journalism," said Abraham Axler of New York City, president of the university's Student Council. "I don't think any University of Virginia student going through this will ever read an article the same way."

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### **Pakistan's defense minister says Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen wants ground troops**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A Saudi-led coalition targeting Shiite rebels in Yemen has asked Pakistan to contribute soldiers, Pakistan's defense minister said Monday, raising the possibility of a ground offensive in the country.

Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif made the comments as Pakistan's parliament debates

whether to contribute militarily to the campaign against the rebels, known as Houthis. Pakistan previously offered its verbal support for the mission, but hasn't offered any military support.

Days of Saudi-led airstrikes have yet to halt the Houthi advance across Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, fuelling speculation that there could be a ground operation launched in Yemen. Saudi Arabia and other coalition members have not ruled it out.

Saudi Arabia also asked for aircraft and naval ships to aid in the campaign, Asif said. He said Saudi officials made the request during his visit to Jeddah last week.

"I want to reiterate that this is Pakistan's pledge to protect Saudi Arabia's territorial integrity," Asif said. "If there's a need be, God willing, Pakistan will honor its commitment."

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## Strikes proliferate as China's working class awakens, posing challenge to authorities

NANLANG TOWNSHIP, China (AP) — Timid by nature, Shi Jieying took a risk last month and joined fellow workers in a strike at her handbag factory, one of a surging number of such labor protests across China.

Riot police flooded into the factory compound, broke up the strike and hauled away dozens of workers. Terrified by the violence, Shi was hospitalized with heart trouble, but with a feeble voice from her sickbed expressed a newfound boldness.

"We deserve fair compensation," said Shi, 41, who makes \$4,700 a year at Cuiheng Handbag Factory in Nanlang, in southern China. Only recently, she had learned she had the right to social security funding and a housing allowance — two of the issues at stake in the strike.

"I didn't think of it as protesting, just defending our rights," she said.

More than three decades after Beijing began allowing market reforms, China's 168 million migrant workers are discovering their labor rights through the spread of social media. They are on the forefront of a labor protest movement that is posing a growing and awkward problem for the ruling Communist Party, wary of any grassroots activism that can threaten its grip on power.

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## Defense Secretary Ash Carter, on inaugural trip to Asia, focuses on America's future in region

WASHINGTON (AP) — Islamic extremists grab parts of Iraq and Syria. Yemen slides into civil war. Iran's nuclear program strains U.S. relations with Israel. Ukraine fights Russian-backed separatists.

At a time of crisis across the Middle East and beyond, the Obama administration is trying to keep its focus on a widely advertised shift to Asia.

The administration has pursued the strategy since 2011, arguing that no region is more important to the United States' long-term interests than Asia, particularly as the rise of China jangles nerves in other Asian capitals.

Yet the volatile Middle East keeps drawing back the attention of U.S. policymakers, and the U.S. military.

A year ago, it seemed unlikely the U.S. would have troops back in Iraq after completing its withdrawal in 2011. The rise of the Islamic State group has put fractious Iraq back on the U.S. front burner. Meanwhile, the White House is pumping the brakes on planned U.S. troop withdrawals from Afghanistan this year.

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## **With message of change, delivered deadpan, Sen. Rand Paul prepares to enter White House race**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Change? For sure. Hope? Maybe not so much.

That's Rand Paul's approach to winning the White House when the original hope-and-change candidate, Barack Obama, vacates it in early 2017.

Ready to enter the chase for the Republican presidential nomination this week, the first-term Kentucky senator has designs on changing how members of his party go about getting elected to the White House and how they govern once they get there.

He will do so with an approach to politics that is often downbeat and usually dour, which just might work in a nation deeply frustrated with Washington.

Since his election to Congress, and in the lead-up to his entry into the presidential race, Paul has favored blunt takes on America's woes instead of the sunny earnestness that helped fuel Obama's rise to popularity in 2007 and 2008.

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## **Obama casts Iran talks as part of broader foreign policy, with American power as safeguard**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is casting the Iran talks as part of a broader foreign policy doctrine that sees American power as a safeguard that gives him the ability to take calculated risks.

Obama staunchly defended a framework nuclear agreement with Iran as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to prevent a bomb and bring longer-term stability to the Middle East. He insisted the U.S. would stand by Israel if it were to come under attack, but acknowledged that his pursuit of diplomacy with Tehran has caused strain with the close ally.

"It's been a hard period," Obama said in an interview with New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman. He added that it is "personally difficult" for him to hear his administration accused of not looking out for Israel's interests.

"We are powerful enough to be able to test these propositions without putting ourselves at risk," he said, citing his overtures to Cuba and Myanmar as other examples of his approach.

The president's comments come in his seventh year in office and days after the U.S. and other world powers reached a tentative agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief. The framework cleared the way for negotiators to hammer out technical details ahead of a June 30 deadline for a final deal.

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## **Bipartisan Medicare bill helps doctors and kids, but many deficit hawks unimpressed by savings**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say bipartisan legislation that reworks how Medicare pays doctors is a milestone toward curbing a huge, growing benefit program.

It's "the first real entitlement reform in decades," says House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, using Washington jargon for programs that automatically pay people who qualify.

Many deficit hawks are less impressed with the bipartisan measure that Congress is expected to complete soon.

A look at the debate over how significantly the legislation would bolster Medicare's finances:

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## **AP PHOTOS: In Egypt's limestone quarries, powder-covered workers toil in harsh conditions**

MINYA, Egypt (AP) — In the desert of southern Egypt, workers in limestone pits look as though they stepped out of a blizzard, covered in the white powder of the stones that are the economic lifeblood of this region.

The quarries are the main employers in Minya province, some 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Cairo. Around 45,000 people, including children, work in an estimated 1,500 quarries, digging out stones that later will be used in construction or powdered to be used by pharmaceutical and ceramic companies.

But the work, paying \$7 to \$13 a day, is backbreaking — and dangerous. Workers have suffered amputations and electrocutions, sometimes dying.

One laborer, 15-year-old Baskharoon Mounir, lost his left arm to a cutting machine in 2013 after working for only a month without safety equipment or training.

"I wish I could go back, even with one arm," Baskharoon says. "It would be better than staying at home, but when they see me, they do not allow me to work."

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## **Actor Tom Cruise takes in women's Final Four game, watches matchup between UConn and Maryland**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Cruise took in a women's Final Four game on Sunday night, watching UConn beat Maryland 81-58.

The three-time Academy Award nominee sat in a suite above the Terrapins bench and received a loud ovation from the crowd when the cameras showed him on the video board.

It wasn't clear who he was rooting for. Not that it mattered to UConn star Breanna Stewart, who scored 25 points to lead the Huskies to the victory.

"No. Where was he? Oh, my gosh," she gushed after the game. "I didn't even get to meet him."

The 52-year-old Cruise has starred in several sports movies. He's played a variety of sports roles, including a football player and an agent — but not a basketball player or hoop coach. At least not recently.

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## **Season of the near miss: 2014-15 serves up plenty to celebrate, and fix, in college basketball**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Maybe it was fitting that nobody — not even Kentucky — escaped this year unscathed.

Monday night marks the final chapter of a very imperfect season for college basketball. It was filled with the usual thrills of March and April but just as many rough patches in the months before.

A season closing with Duke playing Wisconsin for a title the smart money said would land in the Bluegrass State included a steady parade of complaints and concerns, both about the quality of the product on the court and the viability of the game off it.

This was also the season basketball lost two of its greats within the span of a week — coaches Jerry Tarkanian and Dean Smith. When they got into the profession, would either have envisioned the 2015 version of the beautiful-yet-troubled mega-business they helped create?

"It's a whole new world," said Steve Fisher, the 70-year-old San Diego State coach who made his name leading Michigan's Fab Five to the Final Four in the '90s. "With Dean and Tark, and I'll throw my group

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in there, no one ever got into it thinking, 'I'm going to get rich being in this profession.' Today, a lot of people get rich as a result of being in this profession. Everything about that isn't totally healthy."

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 6, the 96th day of 2015. There are 269 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1965, the United States launched Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite, into geosynchronous orbit.

### On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York.

In 1865, in the closing days of the Civil War, Union forces led by Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia in the Battle of Sailor's Creek.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.

In 1947, the first Tony Awards were held in New York. (This event, focusing on individual achievement, did not specifically recognize plays or musicals; honorees included Ingrid Bergman, Helen Hayes, Jose Ferrer and Fredric March and playwright Arthur Miller.)

In 1954, a month after being criticized by newsman Edward R. Murrow on CBS' "See It Now," Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., given the chance to respond on the program, charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1963, the United States signed an agreement to sell the Polaris missile system to Britain.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky, 88, died in New York City.

In 1985, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1998, country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville home at age 55.

**Ten years ago:** Iraq's new government finally began to take shape as lawmakers elected as president Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader who promised to represent all ethnic and religious groups. Fifteen U.S. service members and three American civilians were killed when their Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan. Prince Rainier III of Monaco died at age 81, leaving the throne to Prince Albert II.

**Five years ago:** The White House announced a fundamental shift in U.S. nuclear strategy that called the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists a worse threat than the nuclear Armageddon feared during the Cold War. Former Soviet diplomat Anatoly Dobrynin, 90, died in Moscow. Actor Corin Redgrave, 70, died in London. Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation, died in Oklahoma at age 64.

**One year ago:** Legendary Hollywood actor Mickey Rooney, 93, died in North Hollywood. U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel delivered a two-pronged warning to Asia Pacific nations, announcing in Tokyo that the U.S. would send two additional ballistic missile destroyers to Japan to counter the North Korean threat, and saying China had better respect its neighbors. The U.S. Navy rescued an American

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family with an ill 1-year-old from a sailboat that had broken down hundreds of miles off the Mexican coast. George Strait won his second entertainer of the year - 25 years after winning his first - and Miranda Lambert and Keith Urban teamed up to earn top honors at the Country Music Awards.

**Today's Birthdays:** Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 87. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 86. Country singer Merle Haggard is 78. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 78. Actor Roy Thinnes is 77. Writer-comedian Phil Austin (Firesign Theatre) is 74. Movie director Barry Levinson is 73. Actor John Ratzenberger is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven is 64. Actress Marilu Henner is 63. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Janet Lynn is 62. Actor Michael Rooker is 60. Former U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., is 59. Rock musician Warren Haynes is 55. Rock singer-musician Frank Black is 50. Actress Ari Meyers is 46. Actor Paul Rudd is 46. Actor-producer Jason Hervey is 43. Rock musician Markku Lappalainen (mar-KOO' lap-uh-LAN'-en) is 42. Actor Zach Braff is 40. Actor Joel Garland (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 40. Actress Candace Cameron Bure is 39. Actor Teddy Sears is 38. Jazz and rhythm-and-blues musician Robert Glasper is 37. Actress Eliza Coupe is 34. Folk singer-musician Kenneth Pattengale (Milk Carton Kids) is 33. Actor Bret Harrison is 33. Actor Charlie McDermott is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "History is the ship carrying living memories to the future." - Sir Stephen Spender, British poet and critic (1909-1995).