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## Friday, April 10

**Birthdays:** Amber Farnen, Martha Miller, Pauline Luce, Cody Herron, Matthew Hinds

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pepperoni piazza, green beans, veggie cups, fruit.

State Student Congress at Pierre T.F. Riggs High School.

## Saturday, April 11

**Anniv:** Art & Linda Gengerke

**Birthdays:** Mason Dinger, Mitchel Thurston

## Sunday, April 12

**Anniv:** Bruce & Vickie Sippel

**Birthdays:** Brandon Spanier, Dee Kieso-Stange

9:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00 am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship in Pierpont

## 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.

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## Classifieds

### Help Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a GRASP OST Coordinator/Paraprofessional. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position closes on April 17, 2015. Questions should be directed to Mr. Dan Dalchow, Elementary Principal. Applications can be found at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com). (0407.0414)

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a Business Office Assistant. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position will remain opened until filled. Questions should be directed to Mr. Joe Schwan, Superintendent. Applications can be found at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com). (0407.0414)

Dairy Queen is now hiring! Looking for smiling, energetic people to work day or evening shifts, flexible schedule. Apply in person at 11 E Hwy 12 in Groton.

### FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/380-0571 or Arlys Kluess at 605-216-8399.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to sincerely thank all who came to help celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you to all that sent cards and gifts. I truly enjoyed them all.

Marie Gengerke. (pd)

## Camille Sippel named High Scholar

Camille Sippel of Groton, S.D., is among more than 1,800 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who will be honored during the All-University Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. April 12 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Sippel, a freshman in the College of Business Administration, is a High scholar.

Students are recognized at the Honors Convocation for their cumulative academic achievements (compared with Dean's List, which is for one semester). Honorees include:

Chancellor's Scholars: students who graduated in December or who will receive their degrees in May or August and have maintained 4.0 grade-point averages on all collegiate work at UNL and elsewhere;

Superior Scholars: seniors graduating in the 2014-2015 academic year who are in the top 3 percent of their college's senior class or who have been recognized at Honors Convocation each year of their enrollment;

High Scholars: students other than Chancellor's Scholars and Superior Scholars who are in the top 10 percent of their class.



**Camille Sippel**

## Introducing the Payments Innovation Caucus

By Senator Mike Rounds

In 1914, Western Union began issuing metal cards to the company's top customers. For a subscription fee, "preferred" customers could use their "metal money" to defer payments on various goods and services. This was the first step in a series of monetary advances which revolutionized access to capital and credit. It has significantly changed the way commerce is conducted around the globe today. In the 101 years since metal money was first distributed, the credit card - and now the payments industry - has moved from metal to plastic to virtual transactions. Today, payments can be made with the simple tap of a smartphone.

South Dakota has been a leader and an innovator in the payments industry. As technology has expanded the reach of mobile payments, South Dakota's role in this world economy has grown substantially. To help educate the Senate and others about the enormous potential of this industry and the dangers that could result if it is compromised, I have partnered with Senator Gary Peters from Michigan to form the bipartisan Senate Payments Innovation Caucus. The caucus is an opportunity for the Senate to understand the critical nature of the payments industry, to see what the industry has done for our state and to make certain South Dakotans have a voice in any changes to the industry moving forward.

The payments industry is growing at lightning speed. Last year, the Boston Consulting Group found that by 2023, the total world volume of electronic payments would hit an astonishing \$780 trillion in transactions worldwide. These electronic payments already allow us to click, swipe or tap to purchase countless items. Yet the industry continues to grow. New technologies such as the Starbucks app and ApplePay make it easier than ever before to purchase goods and services.

But mobile transactions have benefits far beyond simplifying our lives. They can be important tools for facilitating economic development throughout the world that can help lift nations out of poverty. Take Kenya for example. Today, 25 percent of the nation's gross national product flows through mobile payment networks. These networks help Kenyans transfer money quickly, safely and with little cost. When Kenya was engulfed in violence after the 2008 election, mobile payments played a critical role, helping Kenyans trapped by rioting access cash to buy needed food and supplies.

While we should celebrate the many benefits of mobile purchases, the larger and more interconnected the industry becomes, the more our enemies seek to attack it. Already, cyber hackers have attacked banks, merchants and payment intermediaries causing billions of dollars in damages, threatening our national security. To help keep these networks safe and reliable, it is important for Congress to take these threats seriously and understand how to best protect consumer financial data amid ever-changing technologies.

Payments innovation is a diverse industry that continues to grow and change each day. I'm proud of South Dakota's leading role in it and look forward to working on the Payments Innovation Caucus to inform others of its needs and keep consumer data safe from hackers.



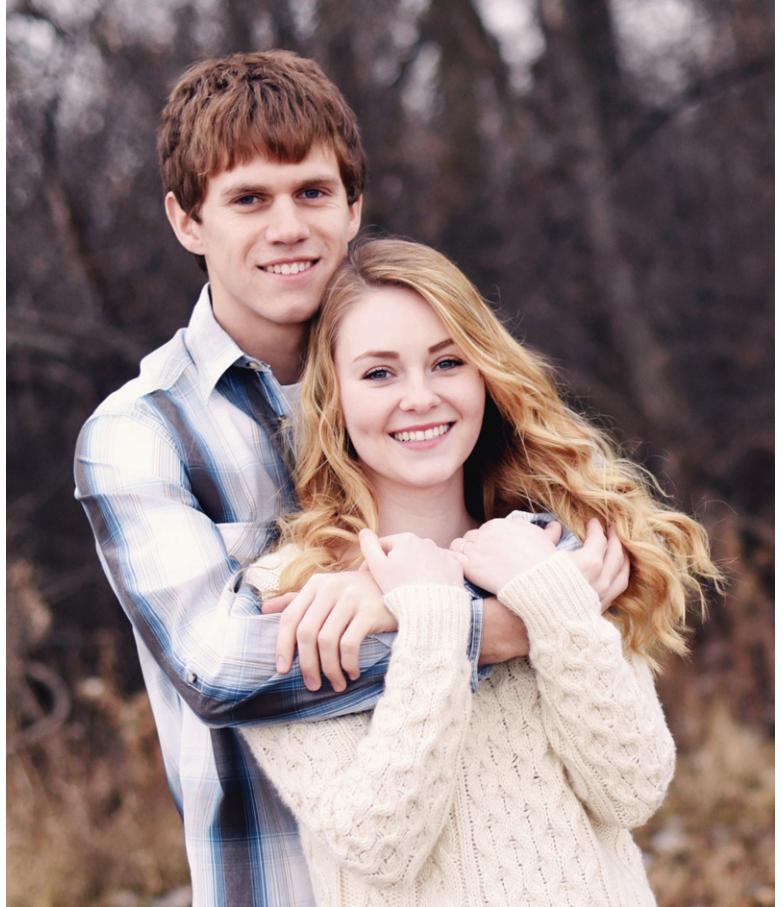
## Cutler, Hughes Engaged

Sophie Cutler and Alex Hughes are engaged and are planning a June 19 wedding. The parents of the couple are Tom and Nancy Cutler and Keith and Jeanette Hughes all of Groton. Alex will graduate in May from SDSU and Sophie will continue her education also at SDSU. The couple will make their home in Brookings.

## Cutler, Hughes Thank You

Thank you to all the people of the community that gave money to Lori's Pharmacy for our shower gifts we received so many beautiful gifts.

Sophie Cutler and Alex Hughes



## Sirens sound in Groton

Last evening the sirens were sounding in Groton and people were wondering what was happening. The sirens will sound if there is a call for more firemen. Normally, pages are sent out to the members of the Groton Fire Department, but if there is not enough firemen on hand, the sirens will then sound. There was a fire in the Bath-Columbia area and according to scanner reports, it was a tree pile that was on fire. Currently, there is a fire ban in Brown County due to the dry conditions.

## Service Notice: Arthur Bahr

Services for Arthur Bahr, 85, of Ferney will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 11th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. until time of service on Saturday. Art died April 9, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

## **National Plan To Combat Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Released; State Health Department, Health Care Partners Already At Work**

PIERRE, S.D. – A newly-launched federal plan will soon require states to take specific steps to reduce antibiotic resistance but South Dakota is already working on the issue says a state health official.

The new federal requirements call for antibiotic stewardship programs in all acute care hospitals, reductions of inappropriate antibiotic use in outpatient and inpatient settings, and programs in each state to monitor multidrug resistant organisms and assist healthcare facilities.

“South Dakota is well-positioned to meet these requirements. We’ve been working on these issues since 2013 when we came together with health care partners across the state to form the South Dakota Antimicrobial Stewardship Workgroup,” said Angela Jackley, healthcare-associated infections coordinator for the department. “Antibiotic-resistant bacteria infect more than two million Americans every year and are responsible for more than 23,000 deaths so this is a critically important issue.”

Workgroup members represent Avera Health, Regional Health, Sanford Health, hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, the South Dakota Infection Control Council, the South Dakota Pharmacy Association, the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, the USD Sanford School of Medicine, the Indian Health Service and the Department of Health.

Jackley said the members have worked statewide to improve antibiotic prescribing and make sure antibiotics are used only when really needed so they remain effective. Efforts have included training for health providers on drug resistance and appropriate use of antibiotics, development of clinical guidelines to address antibiotic overprescribing in outpatient settings, monitoring multidrug resistant organisms, and working with hospitals and clinics to reduce the use of broad spectrum antibiotics.

South Dakota’s efforts have been featured in a CDC publication on the subject and also on the antimicrobial stewardship website of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

## Blood Drive is April 16th

The Groton Blood Drive is set for Thursday, April 16, noon to 6 p.m. at the Groton American Legion. Contact June Ackman at 397-8369 or Carol Osterman at 397-8498 to make an appointment.

## Today in Weather History

April 10, 1965 Severe Thunderstorms in the afternoon and early evening resulted in severe hail reports throughout much of Clark County. Hail up to 2.00 inches in diameter was recorded 30 miles northeast of Huron around 2:40 PM. About 6:30PM, hail 0.75 inches in diameter fell near Garden City on a flock of wild geese in flight, killing 25 of them.

April 10, 1969: The Elm River in Westport was the highest of all time at 22.11 feet, which is 8.11 feet above flood stage.

April 10, 2005: Thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage in Menno, in Hutchinson County. Numerous trees including several large trees were uprooted. Numerous homes were damaged, some directly by the wind and others by tree and other debris. Garages were especially hard hit, including at least one garage which was destroyed. A grain elevator was damaged, with a catwalk and conveyor being blown over. An historical post office addition to a log building was destroyed, doors and part of the roof of a flour mill were blown down, and doors were blown off several other buildings. Many homes and other buildings had windows broken and siding damaged. A few small storage buildings were destroyed, and others were damaged or blown over. Several farms were heavily damaged, with machine sheds, at least one hog barn, and several other small structures destroyed. Several vehicles were damaged, including one pickup which was pushed partly onto the porch of a house. Power lines and poles were blown down, resulting in a power outage in Menno.

April 10, 2013: A large slow moving upper level low pressure area moving across the region brought several rounds of heavy snow to much of central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts from 6 to as much as 22 inches occurred over the several day period. Travel became difficult if not impossible with some roads closed for a time. Interstate-90 was closed the evening of the 9th. Many schools were also closed across the region. Additionally, a 66 year old male suffered a heart attack and passed away while shoveling the snow in front of his house in Aberdeen.








1935: Severe dust storms across Iowa and Kansas closed schools and highways. Dodge City, Kansas experienced its worst dust storm of record, with dense dust reported from the morning of the 9th until after sunset on the 11th. The sky was almost as dark as night at times during the daylight hours. The thick dust suspended traffic on highways and railroads and also suspended most business in town.

1979: This day was known as "Terrible Tuesday" to the residents of Wichita Falls, Texas as a tornado rated F4 on the Fujita scale ripped through the city. A massive F4 tornado smashed into Wichita Falls killing 43 persons and causing 300 million dollars damage. Another tornado struck Vernon, Texas killing eleven persons.



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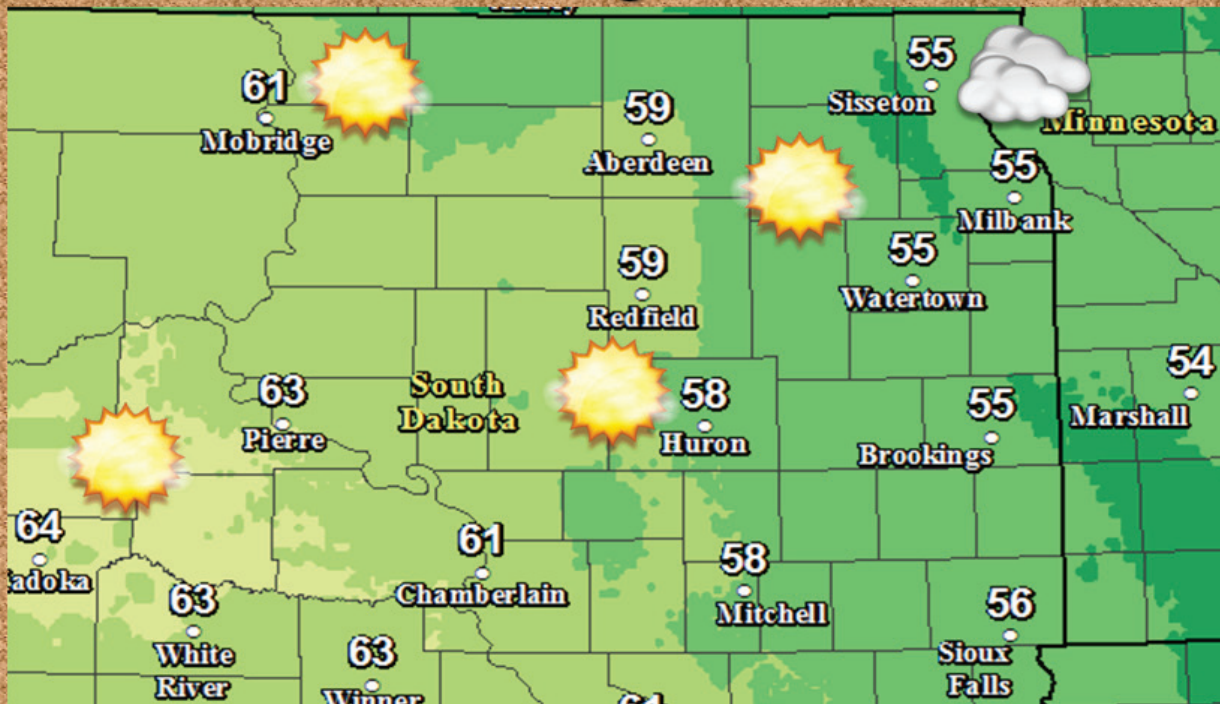
Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Isolated Showers	Breezy	Windy	Breezy	Sunny
High: 59 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 65 °F



## Warm & Mostly Dry Through The Weekend



### - Highs -



## National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 3/15/2015 3:45 PM Central

Published on: 04/10/2015 at 4:51AM

Mild and dry conditions will dominate the forecast through the weekend, though we might see a few sprinkles early Saturday. Temperatures will peak Saturday in the 70s, with strong northwest winds to follow for Sunday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 60.2 at 4:49 PM

**Low:** 35.3 at 7:30 AM

**High Gust:** 35 at 5:16 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 88° in 1977

**Record Low:** 30° in 1997

**Average High:** 54°F

**Average Low:** 29°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.42

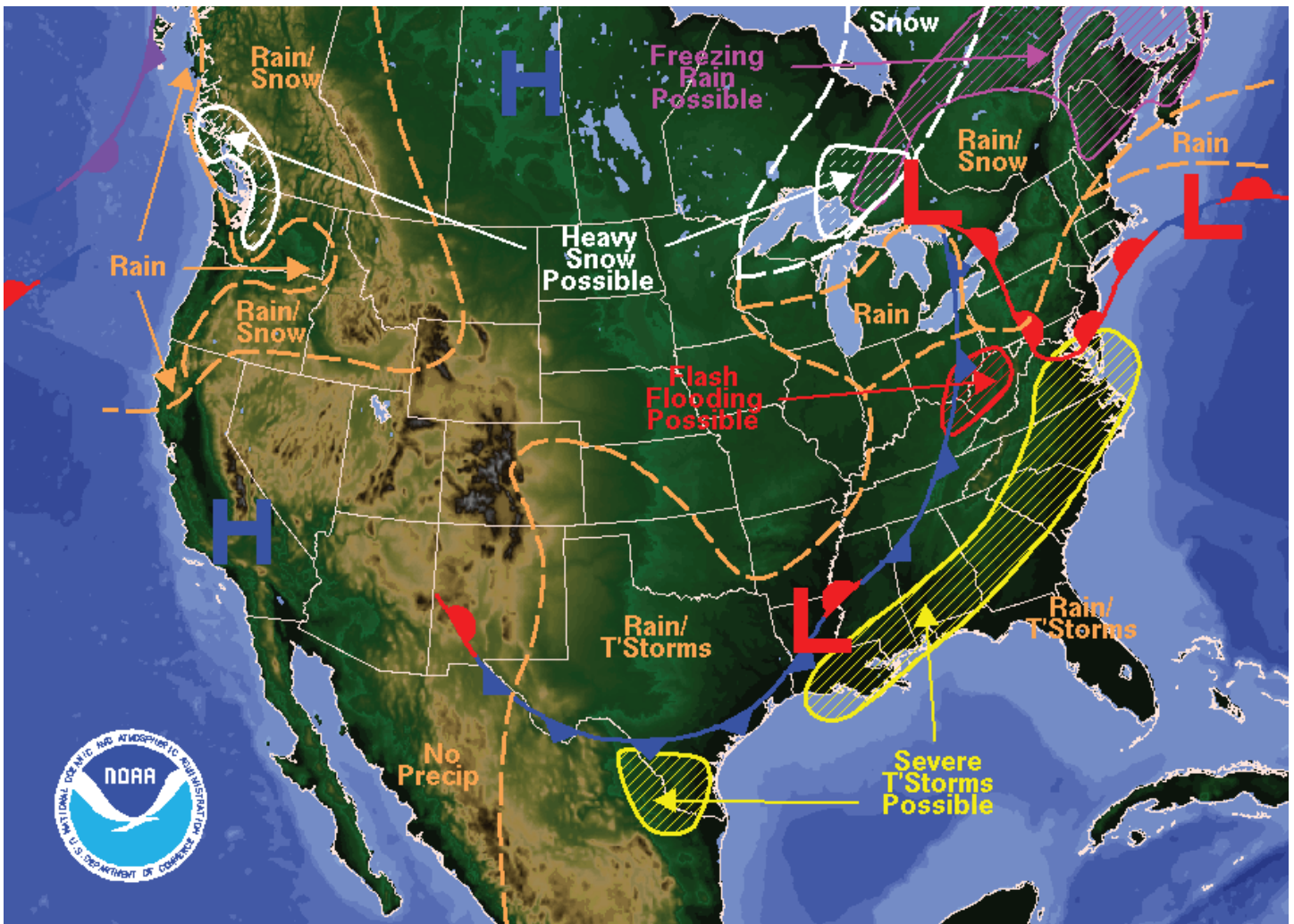
**Precip to date in April.:** 0.01

**Average Precip to date:** 2.60

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.48

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:13 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:56 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Apr 10, 2015, issued 4:00 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WATCH YOUR STEP!

We live in a "politically correct" society. Each day brings new challenges and attacks on our faith, beliefs, values, families, churches, and... the list, actually seems endless. What was once the source of strength, hope, courage, encouragement, inspiration, wisdom, guidance and the guardian of our lives - God's Holy Word - has now become irrelevant, constantly under attack by those who are godless, and has been replaced by humanism.

Listen, however, to the wise insight of Solomon: "The prudent see danger and take refuge; but the simple keep going and suffer for it." There is a very important distinction between "the prudent" and "the simple." The "simple" are those who are "open-minded" to whatever is popular at the moment. They have no standards or criteria to distinguish between right and wrong. If it is in fashion or fashionable, popular or predominate in the lives of celebrities or politicians, the "simple" fall in line and become believers and leaders in the revolt to take God from His rightful place in His world.

But "the prudent" are different. They are filled with insight and good judgment. They carefully view all alternatives before making a decision. They are careful and cautious and use good judgment in all situations. In this verse "prudent" people are people who apply God's wisdom to life's situations and follow His directions.

In another proverb Solomon wrote, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception." Thank God for His wisdom!

**Prayer:** Thank You, God, for providing us standards for successful living. May our decisions reflect prudence. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 27:12 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Tech education leader in the Dakotas is new MTI president**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A longtime leader in technical education in the Dakotas is the new president of Mitchell Technical Institute in South Dakota.

The school has named Mark Wilson as its fifth president. He'll succeed Greg Von Wald, who is retiring after seven years as president.

Wilson is currently the president of Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. He also has served as director of South Dakota's Office of Career Learning and Instruction, and as assistant director of North Dakota's State Board for Career and Technical Education.

Wilson holds degrees from Valley City State University and the University of North Dakota. He begins his duties in Mitchell on July 1.

### **Search for missing South Dakota boy to ramp up for weekend**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The search for a 6-year-old southeastern South Dakota boy believed drowned in the Missouri River on Easter will be ramped up this weekend, after being slowed by rainy, windy weather on Thursday.

Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen says authorities will be using three dive teams, an underwater camera, two airplanes and boats with cadaver dogs in their search for Lincoln Hilt.

The Hurley boy went missing Sunday night while fishing with family from the docks at a Yankton city park. He had received a fishing pole as an Easter gift. Family members last saw him sitting on the dock.

Paulsen says if the boy's body is not found by Sunday night, the search might be scaled back.

### **Source of Sioux Falls explosion that shook houses unknown**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are trying to determine the source of a reported explosion that caused some houses to shake.

Authorities say they received 17 calls from residents about 12:30 a.m. Friday reporting the boom. Numerous police officers throughout the city also reported hearing the sound.

KSFY-TV contacted the Air National Guard and the National Weather Service and says officials did not have any possible explanations.

KDLT-TV says there were no immediate reports of any damage, electricity outages or injuries.

### **Commission getting advice where to lower 80 mph speed limit**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Transportation Commission could consider reducing the newly implemented 80 mph speed limit along sections of two major interstates within the next couple of months.

Department of Transportation staff told the commission Thursday that they are putting together recommendations for stretches of I-90 and I-29 where they would advise bringing the limit down.

The new speed limit on interstates came as a result of a transportation funding package that Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed last month that aims to raise more than \$80 million in its first year to fix ailing roads and bridges in the state.

South Dakota on April 1 became the latest state to allow drivers to legally travel at speeds as high as



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80 mph. Texas, Utah and Wyoming already allow those speeds and others are considering it.

Transportation Department Division of Operations Director Greg Fuller said recommendations to reduce the speed limit at certain sections of the interstates could go before the board in about two weeks. The board would then set a later public hearing where they would be voted on.

Sections where the speed limits could be reduced include certain turns.

Commission member Edward Seljeskog voiced some concerns about the new speed limit for areas near Rapid City. He also said he is concerned about the effect of high speeds on tractor-trailer tires.

An Associated Press report from late March revealed that many tractor-trailers on the nation's roads are driven faster than the 75 mph their tires are designed to handle, a practice that has been linked to wrecks and blowouts.

"This whole thing just isn't sitting well, and I don't know what we could do about it at this stage," Seljeskog said.

Tire and trucking industry groups blame the states for allowing unsafe speeds, but state officials note the speed limit doesn't require truckers to go that fast and say they should be aware of how fast their equipment can safely travel.

## Hundreds gather in Lower Brule to mourn Jandreau's death

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

LOWER BRULE, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of mourners, representatives from South Dakota's tribal governments and state and federal leaders gathered Thursday to remember late Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Chairman Michael Jandreau, who was considered an icon in Indian Country.

Leaders from other Native American tribes from South Dakota and neighboring states paid respects to Jandreau and told stories to a packed gymnasium of funeral-goers at the Lower Brule Community Center. The 71-year-old Jandreau died on April 3 from heart problems at a Sioux Falls hospital after serving as a leader in the tribe for more than 35 years.

Former Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Chairman Tex Hall was one of many leaders who noted Jandreau's long tenure at the helm of tribal government on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation along the Missouri River.

"I always knew him as chairman," Hall said. "He was devoted to the Lower Brule people."

Jandreau was elected to the Lower Brule Tribal Council in the early 1970s and later became chairman. He earned praise from tribal members and state and federal leaders for economic development projects that benefited the 1,300 Native Americans on the reservation.

The tribe owns the Golden Buffalo Casino & Motel, a propane plant, a construction company, hunting and tourism enterprises, and a farm that is known as one of the nation's top popcorn producers and processors.

But Jandreau spent his final days defending himself against allegations of financial wrongdoing outlined in January by Human Rights Watch. The group accused him and others of diverting money and concealing financial activity. Jandreau and Marshall Matz, who has been an attorney for the tribe, have vigorously denied those allegations.

Those present described Jandreau as a tireless champion of the Lower Brule Sioux and Indian Country as whole who was unconcerned with taking credit for his work. Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue said Jandreau was a very spiritual man, and the ceremony included both Catholic and traditional Native American elements.

"I don't know if we have someone within our whole, big nation to do what Mike has done keeping us

together," Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele said.

Jandreau was born Oct. 20, 1943, in Fort Thompson on the Crow Creek reservation. He was educated in Catholic American Indian schools. His wife, Jackie, died in 2011.

Standing in the gymnasium with a child perched on his arm, Jandreau's nephew, Boyd Gourneau, called the service "a wonderful tribute for a wonderful man."

"My heart is heavy," Gourneau said. "He was my uncle, my mentor. He'll be greatly missed."

## **Bird flu found on at least 15 turkey farms in Midwest**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A bird flu strain that's deadly to poultry has been confirmed in a second commercial turkey flock in eastern South Dakota and preliminary tests have confirmed the presence of some form of bird flu at a North Dakota farm, bringing to at least 15 the number of Midwest farms infected in the latest outbreak.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the strain of avian influenza in the flock of 34,000 turkeys in Kingsburg County, South Dakota, which sits between Huron and Brookings. The flock is located within the Central flyway where the strain has previously been found.

A North Dakota state veterinary lab on Thursday confirmed the presence of bird flu in a commercial turkey flock but it's still unknown whether it's the highly contagious H5N2 strain.

The North Dakota State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab said samples from the flock of 40,000 turkeys in Dickey County tested positive for H5 avian influenza after the owner reported an increase in death rates.

State officials are waiting to get confirmation from the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa, on the exact strain of avian influenza. If confirmed, it would be the first case in a commercial operation in North Dakota.

The cases were the latest in a growing outbreak of bird flu, especially the highly contagious H5N2 strain affecting poultry in multiple states, including nearby Minnesota. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the risk to people to be low.

So far the total number of outbreaks across the Midwest has reached at least 15, including the new finding in South Dakota. Minnesota has been hit the hardest with nine farms struck by the virus. The disease has killed or forced producers to destroy well over 500,000 birds since early March.

"We do anticipate that we could find additional cases, additional farms infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza," said Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, the South Dakota state veterinarian.

The first case of the virus in South Dakota was found last week at farm run by a Hutterite colony near Huron in Beadle County.

South Dakota officials on Thursday said they had quarantined the latest farm and that birds on the property would be killed to prevent the spread of the disease.

Oedekoven said all turkeys at the Beadle County farm had been destroyed and that disposal is underway. He said the Kingsbury County farm would begin destroying birds Thursday and hoped they would be done on Friday.

Oedekoven said the state disposes of the carcasses by either burying or composting them.

As a precaution, the state plans to quarantine and test all poultry in a 10-kilometer zone surrounding the latest farm, Oedekoven said. They also plan to do some surveillance in a 20-kilometer zone.

Oedekoven said he's not aware of any commercial turkey flocks in that quarantine zone, but has identified nine locations that have some backyard poultry.

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In the No. 1 turkey producing state of Minnesota, U.S. Sen Amy Klobuchar met with turkey producers and said on Thursday that she plans to speak with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to discuss the federal response to the crisis.

The Minnesota Democrat, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said their discussions focused on federal funds to reimburse producers for part of their losses, how they'll cope with lost production during the eight months it can take before a farm can start raising turkeys again, why this is happening now and how to prevent it.

Experts think migrating waterfowl carried the virus to Minnesota, but haven't proved that yet or determined how it's been getting past tight biosecurity at farms.

"Clearly we need some better guidance, and we need to get to the bottom of it so our producers know what they should do, so it doesn't either happen to them or happen again," she said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The USDA does not compensate farmers for birds killed by the disease itself, but does reimburse them for birds that have to be destroyed as a precaution. Klobuchar said there's enough money for now, but she wants to talk to Vilsack about ensuring adequate funding if the virus keeps spreading.

The senator said she also wants to make it clear to federal officials that other countries should not use the outbreak as an excuse to block U.S. turkey imports. Around 40 countries have blocked imports of Minnesota turkey products to varying degrees.

While the risk is low and no human has been infected so far, Lon Kightlinger, the South Dakota state epidemiologist, said they are still asking those who are directly exposed to infected birds to self-monitor for 10 days.

## **Safety chief wants to cap big rig speeds to fix tire problem**

**MEGHAN BARR, Associated Press**

**TOM KRISHER, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's highway safety chief says his agency will push for quick action on a regulation requiring electronic speed limiters on big rigs. It may also contact states about speed limits that are higher than commercial truck tires are designed to handle.

The statements Thursday by Mark Rosekind, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, came at a discussion with reporters ahead of his speech at a safety symposium in New York.

Rosekind, who took over the agency in December, was responding to questions about an Associated Press investigation that found most heavy truck tires aren't designed to travel more than 75 mph, yet 14 states now have truck speed limits of 75, 80, and, in part of Texas, even 85 mph. Some of those states raised their limits without consulting the tire industry.

Tire manufacturers and safety advocates say that if tires are driven higher than their speed ratings for prolonged periods, heat can build up and cause them to blow out.

Rosekind said no one has died because of the discrepancy between tire speeds and speed limits, but he wants his agency to move so that doesn't happen.

"You don't wait for somebody to die when you know there's a safety problem there," he said.

Truck tires, he said, aren't even tested by the tire industry for the higher speeds that some trucks are being driven. "So there's another disconnect between what's going on, and now you're sort of in a position of unfortunately again having to retroactively react to figure out 'OK, how do we fix that?'" he said.

Addressing the higher state speed limits was among the options, he said, but he didn't give details on how that might happen.

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States set their own speed limits, having been given sole authority to do so by Congress in the mid-1990s.

Rosekind said chief among NHTSA's options is the speed-limiting device requirement that would prevent trucks from going over 75 mph. But the proposed regulation has been stalled for years in a morass of cost analyses and government reviews. Rosekind said Thursday that he'll press to move the requirement along and said it has the support of the American Trucking Associations, a coalition of industry groups.

The discrepancy between truck tires and speed limits was revealed in documents filed in a NHTSA investigation of Michelin truck tire failures that began last October. The agency opened the probe after getting complaints about tire failures. In one case, a truck going more than the 75 mph speed limit on Interstate 10 in Deming, New Mexico, blew a tire and rolled onto its side. No injuries were reported.

The agency closed the investigation after finding that truck owners, not the tires, were at fault because of under-inflation or heavy loads. But the investigator noted that a more likely cause was state speed limits that were higher than the truck tires were designed to travel.

Of the states that now let trucks go 75 mph or more, four allow 80 or higher, mainly on rural freeways — Texas, Utah and Wyoming and South Dakota. Three more states — Missouri, Nevada and Washington — may allow to 75 or higher.

## **Cattle thief used Craigslist to sell calves he didn't own**

HIGHMORE, S.D. (AP) — A Highmore man was sentenced to four years in prison for using Craigslist and an auction barn to sell cattle he didn't own.

State and Hyde County prosecutors say 27-year-old Kyle Alan Hall received a seven-year sentence for grand theft, with three years suspended.

Prosecutors say he was working as hired man on a Hyde County ranch when he put some of his employer's livestock up for sale. Investigators were able to recover 27 stolen cattle that hadn't been branded.

## **Herreid bar owner, 3 others face felony arson charges**

HERREID, S.D. (AP) — The owner of a bar in the northern South Dakota town of Herreid and three other people face felony arson charges in a fire that significantly damaged the business.

Road House Bar and Grill owner Lori Brandner also faces a felony insurance fraud charge for filing an insurance claim after the Jan. 21 fire.

Brandner could face up to 20 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines if convicted. Her husband, Pete Brandner, told The Associated Press that she declined comment.

Campbell County State's Attorney Mark Kroontje tells the American News (<http://bit.ly/1NWgj7c>) that a bar employee also is charged in the case, along with two North Dakota residents who are not connected with the business.

## **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. HOW THE U.S., CUBA CAN MAKE HISTORY

Obama and Raul Castro are expected to meet at a summit in Panama, marking a historic moment for two countries seeking to restore ties they abandoned decades ago.



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## 2. PAKISTANI LAWMAKERS VOTE TO STAY OUT OF YEMEN CONFLICT

Pakistan's parliament instead adopts a resolution calling on the warring parties to resolve the conflict through peaceful dialogue.

## 3. 'I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT IN MY LIFE'

A large tornado hits the tiny northern Illinois town of Fairdale, killing one person, injuring seven and sweeping homes off their foundations.

## 4. NORTH CHARLESTON CHANGED POLICE TACTICS BEFORE SHOOTING

As the population grew and crime went up, police were given a mandate to more aggressively fight crime in the South Carolina city, a blitz that upset many black residents.

## 5. DOMESTIC INCIDENT TURNS DEADLY

A man kidnaps a woman, shoots and kills a Census Bureau guard and leads police on a car chase through Maryland and Washington before he's cornered and wounded.

## 6. LATEST GIZMO FROM APPLE DEBUTS

From Beijing to Paris to San Francisco, the Apple Watch makes its debut with customers invited to try them on in stores and order them online.

## 7. AIRPORT BREACHES DEEMED WIDESPREAD

An AP Investigation finds hundreds of intruders have hopped fences, slipped past guardhouses, crashed their cars through gates at the nation's busiest airports.

## 8. HOW RECYCLED SOAP CAN SAVE LIVES

A nonprofit gathers half-used bars of soap from hotels and refashions them into new bars for developing countries, where better hygiene can be life-saving.

## 9. WHAT THE STAR OF 'MAD MEN' WAS ACCUSED OF

Jon Hamm took part in a violent college hazing in 1990 at the University of Texas that led to criminal charges and the frat disbanding, according to court and school records.

## 10. WHO IS BREAKING OUT AT GOLF'S FIRST MAJOR

Jordan Spieth flirts with the major championship scoring record at the Masters, shooting an 8-under 64 and taking a three-shot lead heading into the second round.

## AP News in Brief

### Obama, Cuban President Castro to come face to face at Americas summit amid bid to restore ties

PANAMA CITY (AP) — As leaders from across the Western Hemisphere gather Friday in Panama, all eyes will be on two presidents: Barack Obama and Raul Castro, whose expected encounter at the Summit of the Americas will mark a historic moment as the U.S. and Cuba seek to restore ties they abandoned decades ago.

Americans and Cubans alike can recall just how deep the animosity between their countries ran during the Cold War, when even a casual, friendly exchange between their leaders would have been unthinkable. So while Obama and Castro have no formal meetings scheduled together, even a brief handshake or hallway greeting will be scrutinized for signs of whether the two nations are really poised to put their hostile pasts behind them.

Obama and Castro cross paths at the Summit of the Americas in the throes of a delicate diplomatic experiment: the renewal of formal relations between countries that haven't had any in more than 50 years.

Even their arrival Thursday evening seemed steeped in symbolism: Obama, after arriving in Panama

City, was whisked via helicopter to his waiting motorcade at an airport former known as Howard Air Force Base, from which the U.S. launched its 1989 invasion of Panama.

Castro's plane landed on the tarmac minutes later, missing Obama only briefly — two world leaders passing warily in the night.

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## **Aggressive policing of South Carolina city challenged after police shooting of black motorist**

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — As North Charleston surged in population last decade, South Carolina's third-largest city fought rising crime through a simple policing solution: be aggressive. But the city's police department lost the respect of many black residents in neighborhoods they blitzed, and now many are upset after the fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist by a white officer.

Police in North Charleston used computers to track the neighborhoods where crime was on the rise, then sent waves of officers to patrol and conduct traffic stops, looking for offenders and letting drivers know they were present and cracking down. By the numbers, the tactics worked: every major category of crime, from murder to burglary to robbery to rape all fell significantly from 2007 to 2012, the last year for which statistics are available for the State Law Enforcement Division.

But anger is surfacing as civil rights leaders are demanding a full U.S. Justice Department investigation of the North Charleston force and its crime-fighting approach. The fatal shooting of Walter Scott as he fled after a traffic stop Saturday stirred outrage around the nation, but people in North Charleston familiar with the police department's focus said they weren't surprised.

"If the image of the city is more important than the lives of their citizens, there is going to be a problem," said Dot Scott, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Charleston branch. She's unrelated to the slain motorist.

The U.S. Justice Department is conducting a parallel investigation with a local prosecutor into whether there were civil rights violations in the killing of Walter Scott. The NAACP would like that expanded to a full probe of whether racism and lack of respect for civil rights is pervasive through the entire department — like the federal agency's probe after of another black death at the hands of a law enforcement officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

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## **Dashboard cam captures routine traffic stop, but gap remains before encounter turned fatal**

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Questions persist about the shooting death of a black South Carolina motorist after the release of dashboard video of a traffic stop that led to a white officer being charged with murder.

The dash cam footage released by state police on Thursday showed North Charleston Officer Michael Thomas Slager pulling over motorist Walter Scott for a broken brake light last weekend.

Saturday's traffic stop opens routinely as Scott is stopped in a used Mercedes-Benz he had bought days earlier, footage from the patrol car showed. The white officer is seen walking toward the driver's window, requesting Scott's license and registration. Slager then returns to his cruiser.

The video also shows Scott beginning to get out of the car, his right hand raised above his head. He then quickly gets back into the car and closes the door. After Slager goes back to his patrol car, minutes later, Scott jumps from his car and runs. Slager chases him.

What's missing is what happens from the time the two men run out of the frame of dashboard video to

the time picked up in a bystander's cellphone video a few hundred yards away. The cellphone footage starts with Scott getting to his feet and running away, then Slager firing eight shots at the man's back.

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## **1 dead after large tornado hits tiny Illinois town, destroying more than a dozen homes**

FAIRDALE, Ill. (AP) — A tornado hit the tiny northern Illinois town of Fairdale, killing one person, injuring seven and sweeping homes off their foundations, as part of a storm system that pummeled a large swath of the country.

A 67-year-old woman was found dead inside her home, DeKalb County coroner Dennis Miller said at a news conference early Friday. Seven others were taken to area hospitals for injuries.

In Fairdale, an unincorporated town of about 200 residents about 80 miles northwest of Chicago, "17 structures have been determined to be destroyed," Matthew Knott, division chief for the Rockford Fire Department, told The Associated Press. He added that the total could fluctuate. "All of the others have sustained damage of some sort," he said.

The town's power was out early Friday, and everyone had been evacuated. A shelter was set up at a nearby high school. The Red Cross and Salvation Army were assisting.

Authorities said that they were fairly confident there were no more victims among the debris but that they would be working Friday to account for every single resident, including those who may have left town before the storm.

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## **Pakistani parliament votes not to join Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, urges peaceful dialogue.**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's parliament on Friday decided not to join the Saudi-led coalition targeting Shiite rebels in Yemen, with lawmakers adopting a resolution that calls on the warring parties in the impoverished Arabian Peninsula country to resolve the conflict through peaceful dialogue.

After days of debating, Pakistani lawmakers unanimously voted in favor of a resolution, which states that "the parliament desires that Pakistan should maintain neutrality in the Yemen conflict so as to be able to play a proactive diplomatic role to end the crisis."

The predominantly Sunni Pakistan, which has a Shiite minority of its own and shares a long border with Shiite powerhouse Iran, has been concerned about getting involved in Yemen's increasingly sectarian conflict and a Saudi-Iran proxy war in the region.

The conflict in Yemen pits the Saudi-led Sunni Gulf Arab coalition against Shiite rival Iran, which supports the rebels known as the Houthis and has provided humanitarian aid, though both Iran and the rebels deny it has armed them.

The growing regional involvement risks transforming what until now has been a complex power struggle into a full-blown sectarian conflict like those raging in Syria and Iraq.

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## **Police: Man kidnaps woman, shoots Census Bureau guard, leads officers on chase, is captured**

An armed man kidnapped a woman, shot a Census Bureau guard and led police on a car chase through Maryland and Washington, D.C., on Thursday before authorities cornered him in an exchange of gunfire that left the suspect and a police officer wounded, authorities said.

The guard, identified as Lawrence Buckner, died at a hospital in Cheverly, Maryland, at 7:19 p.m.

Thursday, said Prince George's Hospital Center spokeswoman Erika Murray. She did not give Buckner's age.

The officer and suspect were both conscious when they were taken for medical care, D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier told a news conference.

Lanier said a guard at a gate of the U.S. Census Bureau in Suitland, Maryland, saw two people fighting in a car that matched the description of a vehicle described in a report of an armed kidnapping.

When the guard approached the car, the man shot him and took off, crossing the border into the nation's capital and firing at D.C. police who had begun to chase him, Lanier said.

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## **AP investigation: Airport intruders bike on tarmacs, speed cars down runways, even board jets**

One man tossed his bike over a fence and pedaled across a runway at Chicago O'Hare, stopping to knock on a terminal door. Another rammed a sports-utility vehicle through a security gate at Philadelphia International and sped down a runway as a plane was about to land.

At Los Angeles International, a mentally ill man hopped the fence eight times in less than a year — twice reaching stairs that led to jets.

Several hundred times over the last decade, intruders have hopped fences, slipped past guardhouses, crashed their cars through gates or otherwise breached perimeter security at the nation's busiest airports — sometimes even managing to climb aboard jets.

An Associated Press investigation found 268 perimeter breaches since the start of 2004 at airports that together handle three-quarters of U.S. commercial passenger traffic. And that's an undercount, because two airports among the 31 that AP surveyed didn't have data for all years. None of the incidents involved a terrorist plot, according to airport officials.

"Enough is enough," U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said in response to the AP report, adding that since a breach last April in San Jose she's been asking the Transportation Security Administration and airport officials to "work together and resolve this alarming situation."

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## **40 years later, US ambassador feels shame, anger over Cambodia pullout, 1st American 'bug-out'**

PARIS (AP) — Twelve helicopters, bristling with guns and U.S. Marines, breached the morning horizon and began a daring descent toward Cambodia's besieged capital. Residents believed the Americans were rushing in to save them, but at the U.S. Embassy, in a bleeding city about to die, the ambassador wept.

Forty years later, John Gunther Dean recalls one of the most tragic days of his life — April 12, 1975, the day the United States "abandoned Cambodia and handed it over to the butcher."

"We'd accepted responsibility for Cambodia and then walked out without fulfilling our promise. That's the worst thing a country can do," he says in an interview in Paris. "And I cried because I knew what was going to happen."

Five days after the dramatic evacuation of Americans, the U.S.-backed government fell to communist Khmer Rouge guerrillas. They drove Phnom Penh's 2 million inhabitants into the countryside at gunpoint. Nearly 2 million Cambodians — one in every four — would die from executions, starvation and hideous torture.

Many foreigners present during the final months remain haunted to this day by Phnom Penh's death



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throes, by the heartbreaking loyalty of Cambodians who refused evacuation and by what Dean calls Washington's "indecent act."

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## **APPLE WATCH LIVE: Try-on visits, online orders begin in the US, China and other markets**

From Beijing to Paris to San Francisco, the Apple Watch made its debut Friday. Customers were invited to try them on in stores and order them online.

The watch is Apple's first new product category since the iPad came out five years ago. Analysts are waiting to see how well the watch will sell beyond devoted Apple fans. Apple has a better chance at succeeding than any other smartwatch maker so far, yet it will likely take time before sales reach the kind of numbers that Apple gets for iPhones and iPads.

Watch prices start at \$349, but can go as high as \$17,000 for a luxury edition in gold. People can try the watch on in Apple stores, but for now all orders are being handled online. Shipments begin April 24.

It's available in the U.S. and eight other markets around the world. In the U.S., the watch is available only in Apple stores. In some countries, select department stores and resellers also have it.

Here's a look at developments surrounding Apple Watch, latest updates first:

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## **World's itty bitty (and fake) countries discuss being better nations, see who has best cape**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The largest gathering of world leaders this side of the United Nations is convening Saturday at a decidedly less glamorous edifice: the Anaheim Central Library down the street from Disneyland.

No one will be representing the United States, Great Britain or China, but you may catch a glimpse of the president of Molossia, decked out in a beribboned, full-dress uniform that would be the envy of any Third World dictator. There he'll be hobnobbing with kings, queens, dukes and barons from places like Slabovia, Westarctica, Vikesland and Broslavia.

The occasion is MicroCon 2015, what organizers say is the first North American gathering of micronations, those itty bitty countries that pretty much nobody but the people who rule them believe really exist.

"It's almost like a diplomatic version of a model railroad for nerds," says Steven F. Scharff, who has been studying the micronation movement for decades.

Most of these faux countries print their own stamps and mint their own money. Some even produce sashes, swords, pendants and other royal doodads that Scharff says rival anything coming out of England's royal House of Windsor. Much of it will be on display Saturday, along with the flags of some two dozen countries.

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, April 10, the 100th day of 2015. There are 265 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On April 10, 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jazz Age evocation of empty materialism, shattered illusion and thwarted romance, was first published by Scribner's of New York.

### **On this date:**

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In 1790, President George Washington signed the first United States Patent Act.

In 1815, the Mount Tambora volcano on the Indonesian island of Sumbawa exploded in one of the largest eruptions in recorded history, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths.

In 1864, Maximilian, archduke of Austria, was proclaimed emperor of Mexico.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, a day after surrendering the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, said farewell to his men, praising them for their "unsurpassed courage and fortitude."

In 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1953, the 3-D horror movie "House of Wax," produced by Warner Bros. and starring Vincent Price, premiered in New York.

In 1963, the fast-attack nuclear submarine USS Thresher (SSN-593) sank during deep-diving tests east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1974, Golda Meir told party leaders she was resigning as prime minister of Israel.

In 1985, singer Madonna launched "The Virgin Tour" with a concert at the Paramount Theater in Seattle.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

**Ten years ago:** Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon arrived in Texas to meet with President George W. Bush. Tiger Woods won his fourth Masters with a spectacular finish of birdies and bogeys.

**Five years ago:** Polish President Lech Kaczynski (lehk kah-CHIN'-skee), 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political, military and church officials. "Designing Women" co-star Dixie Carter, 70, died in Houston.

**One year ago:** A bus carrying 44 students from Southern California for a free tour of Humboldt State University on the state's far north coast collided with a FedEx tractor-trailer near Orland; five students and three adult chaperones died, along with the drivers. A woman was taken into custody after throwing a shoe at Hillary Clinton as the former secretary of state began a Las Vegas convention keynote speech; the shoe missed. KISS, Nirvana and Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band were ushered into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at Brooklyn's Barclays Center. CBS named Stephen Colbert to succeed the retiring David Letterman as host of the "Late Show." Phyllis Frelich, a Tony Award-winning deaf actress who'd starred in the Broadway version of "Children of a Lesser God," died in Temple City, California; she was 70.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Max von Sydow is 86. Actress Liz Sheridan is 86. Actor Omar Sharif is 83. Sportscaster John Madden is 79. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 68. Actor Steven Seagal is 64. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 62. Actor Peter MacNicol is 61. Actress Olivia Brown is 58. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 58. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 57. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 56. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 55. Rock singer Katrina Leskanich (les-KAH'-nich) is 55. Actor Jeb Adams is 54. Olympic gold medal speedskater Cathy Turner is 53. Rock musician Tim "Herb" Alexander is 50. Actor-comedian Orlando Jones is 47. Rock musician Mike Mushok (Staind) is 46. Singer Kenny Lattimore is 45. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 45. Blues singer Shemekia Copeland is 36. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 34. Actress Chyler Leigh is 33. Pop musician Andrew Dost (fun.) is 32. Actor Ryan Merriman is 32. Singer Mandy Moore is 31. Actor Barkhad Abdi (BAHRK'-hahd

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AHB'-dee) is 30. Actress Shay Mitchell (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 28. Actor Haley Joel Osment is 27. Actor Alex Pettyfer is 25. Actress-singer AJ (AKA Amanda) Michalka (mish-AL'-kah) is 24. Actress Ruby Jerins is 17.

**Thought for Today:** "Work is something you can count on, a trusted, lifelong friend who never deserts you." - Margaret Bourke-White, American photojournalist (1904-1971).