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## 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

10:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

2:00 pm: POPS Concert

7:00 pm: POPS Concert

7:00 pm: Carnival of Silver Skates meeting at the Warming House

## Monday, April 13

**Birthdays:** Jessica Morehouse, JoAnn Nehls, Nancy Cutler

**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, orange sherbet.

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, links, juice, milk.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**



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## Rip 'N Ravel

Rip 'N Ravel CFEL Extension Club Met April 6th at Rose Waage's.

Fourteen baskets were made for the Easter project. President Beverly Sombke delivered them to the Brown County Extension Office in Aberdeen.

Spring Council and Recognition Tea is April 23 at Brown County Courthouse community room starting with registration at 12:30 pm.

A donation of \$50 was given to the 4H Foundation Fund.

The lesson "History of Aberdeen" was given by Darlene Finnesand. Also, an informational DVD was shown.

Next meeting will be May 4th at the Carol Dohman residence.

## 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-**

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## Friends . . . Near and Far

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



### Dennis Daugaard

**JobWise what are you doing today?**  
Governor of South Dakota

**How long have you been working at the current job?** This is my fifth year serving as governor.

**What are some of the most challenging parts of your job?** Managing the schedule is always a challenge. The first year was the most difficult because I tended to overcommit myself. As governor, you want to be able to say yes when South Dakotans invite you to their town to come to their event or tour their business but you have to realize your limitations. I have since become better about scheduling office hours and not overcommitting myself to travel.

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** I worked a number of jobs throughout high school and college. I washed dishes, waited tables, welded on the Load King assembly line and painted water towers for Maguire Iron. During law school I held jobs as a bus driver, law clerk, and security guard. After law school I practiced law in Illinois for three

years. I then went on to work for what is now US Bank in Sioux Falls for about nine years. Following that, I worked at the Children's Home Society, served in the Legislature and became lieutenant governor.

**What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate?** I graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1971.

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**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** I earned a bachelor's degree in government from USD and my law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Today you can't just get any degree and expect to get a job in your field, you have to get the right degree. Consider pursuing a career in the technical fields where there is high demand for workers. We lack skilled workers in certain areas like accounting, engineering, information technology, health care, and the trades. Many of these jobs pay well.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** I'd say marrying Linda and raising our three children are my biggest accomplishments.

**Spouses name and where are they from?** Linda Daugaard, Dell Rapids

**How did the two of you meet?** In eighth grade.

**Do you have any children? If so what's their names and ages and if they are no longer staying at home where are they at and what are they doing today.** Laura, (31), is married, has two children, and works for Lawrence and Schiller. Sara, (29), is also married with two children and she works as an electrical engineer. Chris, (27), is married and he works for Ernst Capital.

**Last question:** do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? High school and college certainly helped with that preparation. I think the experience I gained from working different jobs throughout my academic career were just as valuable.



## Taxed If You Do, Taxed If You Don't

When Benjamin Franklin said "In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," I don't know if even he knew the extent to which that would become true in America.

After the President's health care law was enacted, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the mandates were in fact taxes on hardworking Americans. The most notable tax included was a tax on those who don't have health insurance, but over the next few years, another tax will come into play: a tax on those who do have insurance.

It's called the health insurance tax – or HIT. The President's health care law included an annual multi-billion-dollar "fee" on health insurance companies, the costs of which will largely be passed directly on to consumers to the tune of \$350 and \$400 per year for a family plan.

Earlier this month, I met with local small businesses – many of whom helped pay for their employees' health coverage long before the President's mandates went into place. Now, they're wondering how they can afford to continue providing it. Then again, they can't afford not to either. One employer told me: "We can't afford the insurance. We can't afford the fine [if we don't provide insurance]. And so, if we have to cut them to 30 hours, for them that means what? A third job?" He didn't see that as a good option either.

These taxes have real-world implications on small businesses, on families, on folks' financial independence. That's something the administration doesn't seem to understand.

Over the last few years, Congress has passed and the President has signed nearly a dozen reforms to the health care law that give people some relief. I want to do all I can to continue offering that relief, keeping in mind that my ultimate goal is to replace the President's health care law with a patient-centered approach.

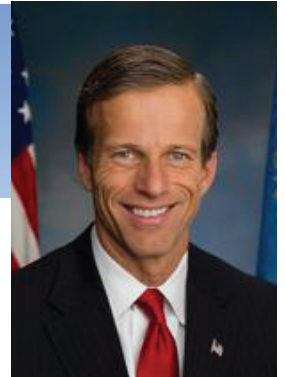
Currently, much of the focus centers on an ongoing Supreme Court case, *King v. Burwell*. As written, the law only provides subsidies to those who purchase insurance through state-run exchanges. But only 14 states opened their own exchanges. The other 36 states, including South Dakota, use the federally run exchange.

Through regulations, the IRS made the subsidies available to everyone who purchased health insurance on an exchange – regardless of whether it was a state- or federal-run exchange. The question before the Court now is whether the IRS broke the law in doing that. If the Court rules that they did, millions could lose the financial assistance they've been getting from the federal government to help pay for health insurance. The loss of that subsidy could undermine the President's health care law, requiring that it be replaced.

A final decision will be issued by the Supreme Court in June, but Republicans in Congress are working on an alternative now. I'm hopeful this will allow us to move quickly and purposefully if the Court rules against the President.

Regardless of what happens in *King v. Burwell*, this debate is not over. I will remain committed to protecting hardworking taxpayers from the President's health care law, which taxes you if you do and taxes you if you don't.

**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Working Toward Repealing Destructive and Unnecessary Death Tax

For any family, the death of a loved one is a difficult and grievous time. Now add the federal government to this painful period, and the situation becomes a nightmare. The federal government shouldn't force grieving families to pay a tax on their loved one's life savings, built from income that has already been taxed by Uncle Sam. Many South Dakotans have witnessed this injustice firsthand – a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance who fell victim to the estate tax, also known as the death tax. Death shouldn't be a taxable event, which is why I'm glad the Senate recently adopted my amendment to the Senate budget resolution calling on Congress to finally eliminate this destructive tax. I also recently introduced the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015, which would permanently eliminate the death tax, with 27 of my colleagues.

Here in South Dakota, we are land rich and cash poor, leaving roughly one-third of South Dakota farms vulnerable to the death tax, based on cropland values provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The death tax imposes a tax rate as high as 40 percent on family farms, ranches, and small businesses, which hurts economic growth by discouraging savings and development. A recent study by the non-partisan Tax Foundation found that repeal of the death tax would increase the U.S. capital stock by 2.2 percent, boost economic growth, and create 139,000 jobs.

We work hard daily to build a better life for our children, but the death tax only burdens them. It violates the basic premise of the American dream. Ninety-eight percent of farms in South Dakota are family owned and operated, and according to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, over 2,500 South Dakota farms have been in the same family for more than 100 years. In some cases, families have to sell land just to pay the death tax, which punishes farmers and entrepreneurs for a lifetime of hard work.

By keeping more money in the hands of hard-working Americans, they will have a better opportunity to build a stronger economic future for their families and our country. In the U.S. Senate, I will continue to promote common-sense policies, like repealing the death tax, that give South Dakota farmers, ranchers, and small business owners the peace of mind of knowing that their hard-earned money will stay with their families, and not end up in the federal government's coffers.

## The Life of Arthur Bahr



Services for Arthur Bahr, 85, of Ferney will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 11 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.

Arthur Ernest Bahr was born on August 20, 1929 in Ferney to Ernest Carl and Emma (Stange) Bahr. He attended school in Ferney and began helping on the family farm. He enlisted in the US Army in 1953, serving in the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to South Dakota and farmed with his brother, Alvin. Art was united in marriage with Jeanne Anderson on October 22, 1955 in Minnesota. To this union, four children were born. Art continued to farm on his own for many years prior to retiring in town.

Art was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. He also belonged to the Groton American Legion, Post #39. He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his family.

Celebrating his life are his children, Kristine (John) Clay of Mesa, Arizona; Dean (Tammy) Bahr of Timber Lake; Jeannine (Todd) Elmquist of Federal Way, Washington; Diane Lewandowski of Langford, his brother, Alvin (Donna) Bahr of Turton, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife in 2007, two infant siblings and his sisters: Lydia Nowak and Julia Knapp.

Casketbearers will be Jordan Holler, Stanley Lewandowski, Marvin Bahr, Travis Elmquist, Joshua Elmquist, Nathan Bahr, Justin Getscher and Chad Getscher.

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## 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 11, 1993: Heavy wet snow fell over a portion of northeast South Dakota, mainly east of Aberdeen and north of Watertown. The snowfall began on the 10th and carried into the 11th. Generally 2 to 6 inches were reported across the area. However, 8 inches were reported near Summit and 7 inches were reported near Sisseton.

April 11, 2007: A large upper level low pressure area wrapped heavy snow into far northeast South Dakota. Snow covered and slushy roads resulted from the heavy wet snow making travel very difficult. Some schools and events were postponed or cancelled. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Sisseton and Milbank, 7 inches at Castlewood, 8 inches at Bryant, 9 inches at Toronto and Clear Lake, and 12 inches at Summit.

April 11, 2008: An intense area of low pressure moving northeast across the Central Plains brought widespread heavy snow and strong winds to parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts from 3 to 16 inches combined with north winds of 30 to 45 mph brought widespread blowing and drifting snow with blizzard conditions and heavy drifting affecting much of the area. A few thunderstorms also occurred, bringing rapid snowfall rates to some areas. Many vehicles went into the ditch with many other accidents occurring. Most roads became nearly impassable with no travel advised for parts of central and much of northeast South Dakota. There were many people stranded to wait out the storm. Also, many schools and businesses were closed on Friday the 11th. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Faulkton, Ree Heights, Kidder, and Hayti, 7 inches at Garden City, Castlewood, Miller, Britton, and near Stephan, 9 inches at Waubay, Bryant, and Roy Lake, 10 inches at Big Stone City and Milbank, 11 inches at Wilmot, Watertown, and Victor, 15 inches at Summit, and 16 inches at Clear Lake.

1965: Severe thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest spawned fifty-one tornadoes killing 256 persons and causing more than 200 million dollars damage. Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were hardest hit in the "Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak". Although no F5s were officially reported, at least 22 were rated as F3 or F4. This is the third deadliest day for tornadoes on record, behind the Super Outbreak of 4/3/1974, and the outbreak that included the Tri-State Tornado of 3/18/1925. Dr. Ted Fujita discovered suction vortices during the Palm Sunday tornado outbreak. It had been believed the reason why tornadoes could hit one house and leave another across the street completely unscathed was because the whole tornado would "jump" from one house to another. However, the actual reason is because most of the destruction is caused by suction vortices: small, intense mini-tornadoes within the main tornado.








1988: Sixteen cities in the western U.S., nine in California, reported new record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 95 degrees at Sacramento and 96 degrees at Bakersfield, California were the warmest of record for so early in the season.

1989: Forty-four cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 25 degrees at Conway Arkansas, 29 degrees at Dallas/Fort Worth Texas, and 22 degrees at Ozark Arkansas, were April records. Lows of 26 degrees at Hot Springs Arkansas and 31 degrees at Shreveport Louisiana equaled April records.



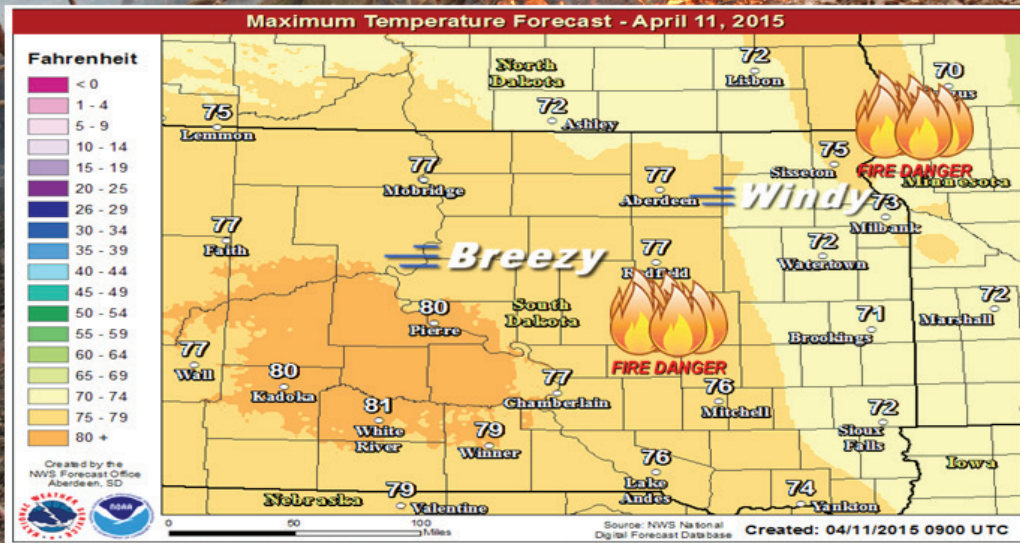
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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Isolated Sprinkles	Breezy	Breezy	Breezy	Breezy	Mostly Clear	Breezy
High: 76 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 66 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 76 °F

## Warm ... Breezy & Dry Conditions Well Into Next Week!

Low humidity and gusty south winds this afternoon  
 Wind switches to northwest Sunday, humidity remains low  
 No improvement is expected for Monday or Tuesday



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Fire danger concerns will continue for the next several days. Little chance for improvement from drought conditions is expected through the middle of next week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 59.4 at 6:31 PM

**Low:** 21.7 at 6:59 AM

**High Gust:** 15 at 11:15 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 83° in 1968

**Record Low:** 8° in 1939

**Average High:** 55°F

**Average Low:** 30°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.47

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

**Average Precip to date:** 2.605

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.48

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:14 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Apr 11, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## PREPARING WISELY

All through college it was my desire to be on the debate team. I would sit quietly, listen carefully and watch intently as the "team" would present their side of an issue. When finished, the other team would take "issue" with their position and attempt to dismantle the carefully stated opposing view. Although I saw the debate, I did not see the preparation. Both teams came to the "contest" thoroughly and carefully prepared. Both teams expected to win. Both teams were mentally alert and physically prepared. Both teams were ready to do battle with words, ideas, thoughts and illustrations.

We saw the debate but we never saw what the teams did to prepare for the debate. Their preparation, however, is exposed by a proverb of Solomon: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Knives are first shaped and fashioned for their intended use. They are crafted for a special or specific purpose and then polished to give them beauty and elegance. The handle must "fit" properly and be smoothed to perfection for a sure grip. But the final step in the process is when they are sharpened by the knife-maker. The work is completed when one metal is used against another metal to sharpen the blade to perfection.

No one knows everything about anything. We all have "mental" gaps and "space" in our brains for more knowledge, wisdom and insight. Though the Bible is the best place to prepare for life, we must use other resources - books and friends - to "sharpen" our minds.

**Prayer:** Father, bring others into our lives who will challenge our thoughts and ideas to become our best. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

## ATTENTION

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Black Hills brush burning not allowed until autumn**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture Wildland Fire Division has stopped issuing Black Hills brush pile burning permits until November.

The agency says that because to the lack of moisture and some recent fires, it likely won't issue permits on a case-by-case basis as it has in past years.

Over the past month, there have been several wildland fires that were sparked by embers from a brush pile.

Land owners with valid permits for campfires and burn barrels are not allowed to burn when the Black Hills Fire Danger is in the high category or above and when winds are 15 mph or greater.

### **Bird flu hurting turkey processor; exports unaffected**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The CEO of South Dakota's only turkey processing plant says the deadly bird flu that has killed more than a million turkeys is hurting his revenues but says his export business is virtually unaffected.

Dakota Provisions CEO Ken Rutledge says it's lost about 5 percent of its total production due to the highly pathogenic H5N2 strain of avian influenza. Farms in both South Dakota and North Dakota that supply them have confirmed cases.

Federal officials confirmed this week that a second South Dakota farm had been hit with the strain that's deadly to poultry. North Dakota State Veterinarian Susan Keller confirmed Friday a flock of 40,000 turkeys in Dickey County was impacted.

Rutledge says the majority of his exports go to Mexico, which is still allowing turkey to be imported.

### **Bird flu confirmed at 1 ND turkey farm, 4 more in Minnesota**

**STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A deadly bird flu strain was confirmed Friday at one North Dakota turkey farm and at four more in Minnesota, raising the number of farms affected across the Midwest to 20 and the toll to almost 1.1 million birds since the outbreak was first confirmed in early March.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the new cases in Minnesota of the highly contagious H5N2 strain are in Cottonwood, Lyon, Watonwan and Stearns counties. The four new farms housed a combined 189,000 turkeys.

In North Dakota, State Veterinarian Susan Keller said the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Iowa confirmed the H5N2 strain of avian influenza in a flock of 40,000 turkeys in Dickey County. It's that state's first confirmed case of the flu strain.

Officials in both states said those turkeys not killed by the virus will be euthanized to prevent the disease from spreading.

Once those birds have been destroyed, the 20 farms in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas will have lost nearly 1.1 million turkeys. Canadian officials confirmed Wednesday that a turkey farm in southern Ontario with 44,800 birds was hit, too. The USDA has sent more than 40 experts to Minnesota to assist in the response.

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson said his state has about 450 farms that raise

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around 46 million turkeys annually. The losses so far work out to about 1.9 percent of the state's yearly production.

"For these companies, and obviously for the farmers and their families that have been impacted by the H5N2 virus, there are some really difficult times ahead," he said.

Officials stress the risk to public health is low and that there's no danger to the food supply. No human cases have been detected in the U.S., said Dr. Joni Scheftel, state public health veterinarian with the Minnesota Department of Health.

The largest farm hit was a 310,000-bird farm in Meeker County owned by Jennie-O Turkey Store, the country's No. 2 turkey processor, where the virus was confirmed Wednesday. Three of the new cases were also connected with Jennie-O, a division of Hormel Foods Corp. The company said the Watonwan County farm is company-owned, while the Cottonwood and Lyon County operations were contract growers. Altogether, seven Jennie-O owned and contact farms have lost 626,000 turkeys because of the outbreak. But the company says its losses are a small percentage of its overall production.

In North Dakota, Keller said quarantine efforts were underway Friday.

Scientists suspect migratory waterfowl such as ducks are the reservoir of the virus. They can spread it through their droppings. But Michelle Carstensen, wildlife health program supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, said tests still haven't found any wild birds with the disease or any H5N2 in their droppings in Minnesota so far. Test results are expected next week on samples collected near affected farms in three counties, she said.

Officials are trying to determine how the virus has managed to evade the strict biosecurity that's standard practice at commercial turkey farms. The virus can be carried into barns by workers or by rodents and wild birds that sneak inside.

But Dr. Beth Thompson, assistant director of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health, said investigators haven't determined how the virus entered any of the infected barns. She said the industry's biosecurity practices are "top notch." And Fredrickson disputed the suggestion that those measures aren't working.

Thompson said they hope the threat recedes as the weather warms and the spring migration ends. Flu viruses prefer cold, wet conditions, she said, so they're hopeful that hot, dry days will kill it off. She said that would prevent it from being tracked into barns, if that's what's happening.

Carstensen said they still don't know if this virus will be a long-term problem. It was first detected in North America in December on the West Coast, and scientists don't know much yet about how it behaves, she said.

## **Yankton police find body of Hurley boy in Missouri River**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Yankton recovered the body of a 6-year-old southeastern South Dakota boy in the Missouri River on Friday after days of searching in inclement weather.

Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen said police found the body of Lincoln Hilt about 28 feet off shore. Authorities said earlier in the week they believed Hilt had drowned and that the search had become a recovery mission.

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 about 100 yards from where the body was found.

Authorities from various South Dakota and Nebraska agencies had searched for Hilt all week using dive teams, airplanes and dogs. The windy, rainy weather had slowed search crews. Strong winds on Thursday made boat operations difficult, and low-hanging rain clouds kept airplanes grounded for the

day, Paulsen said.

Authorities had dropped a 35-pound buoy into the river to give them a better understanding of where Lincoln might have drifted. They said if they had not found him by the end of the weekend, the search might have been scaled back.

Hilt was a kindergarten student at Viborg-Hurley Elementary School.

## **10 new trooper join ranks of South Dakota Highway Patrol**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Ten new troopers have joined the ranks of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. Nine men and one woman graduated Friday in the rotunda of the South Dakota state capitol.

The state patrol troopers of Class 56 went through basic law enforcement training, attended the state Highway Patrol Recruit Academy and completed field training. Their training lasted eight month in all.

Governor Dennis Daugaard was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony Friday.

The governor told the new troopers the key to their new positions is controlling their emotions. He says that is a challenge for law enforcement nationwide.

## **Daugaard names Rapid City attorney as new 7th Circuit judge**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new circuit court judge to fill the seat vacated by state Supreme Court Justice Janine Kern.

Daugaard says Jane Wipf Pfeifle (FY'-flee) of Rapid City will preside as a circuit court judge in South Dakota's Seventh Circuit Court. She fills the vacancy created last year when Daugaard appointed Kern to the state's high court.

The Seventh Circuit includes Custer, Fall River, Pennington and Shannon counties.

Pfeifle is a shareholder of Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun, a law firm she joined in 1986. She primarily focuses on employment law, education law and civil litigation.

Pfeifle served from 1998 to 2005 as an associate justice of the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court.

She has been active in the South Dakota and Sicanju Oyate Bar Associations.

## **Pop bottle bomb is likely source of Sioux Falls explosion**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police believe a pop bottle bomb was the source of an early morning explosion that woke residents and 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.

Police say they found burned grass and the remnants of what they think was a pop bottle bomb near a city intersection.

No injuries were reported. Police are working to identify suspects.

## **North Dakota officials expect NAWS legal battle to drag on**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota officials believe a federal study of a large Missouri River water project in the state has adequately addressed fears of environmental harm in the state of Missouri and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

However, they're still resigned to the likely continuation of a drawn-out legal fight that has already delayed the Northwest Area Water Supply project for more than a decade.

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"I'd like for it to be concluded in the near future, but I'm not optimistic enough to think that that would be the case," said Tim Freije, NAWS project manager for the State Water Commission.

NAWS was first authorized by Congress in 1986. It is projected to bring Missouri River water to 82,000 people in northwestern North Dakota by 2060, if it is built. But Manitoba sued in 2002, when construction began, over fears that it would result in the transfer of harmful organisms to its waters, and Missouri sued in 2009 over concerns about a depletion of river water. The river provides water to 3 million people in Missouri and is vital to the state's shipping and agriculture industries.

U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer in Washington, D.C., later combined the lawsuits and ordered more environmental study.

The final environmental report released by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation this week calls for the addition of filtration to previously recommended river water treatment methods of chlorination and ultraviolet disinfection. It also concludes NAWS would use less than 1 percent of the storage capacity in the Missouri River basin, and that potential effects of climate change on the river would more than offset project water withdrawals.

Manitoba water officials said they are still reviewing the report, but Missouri appears ready to continue fighting NAWS.

"We remain committed to protecting the rights of Missourians who rely upon the river to transport agricultural products," Eric Slusher, spokesman for Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The lawsuit has not completely stopped the project.

Collyer has allowed some construction to take place, including pipeline construction up until about two years ago. About 240 miles of the planned 300 miles of pipeline are in the ground, and as many as 30,000 people are getting water — albeit treated groundwater through Minot's water plant until the river water treatment dispute is settled. After a 30-day public comment period on the government's environmental report, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will issue a final decision to Collyer, who will then proceed with the lawsuit.

The more stringent water treatment called for in the final study would increase the cost of NAWS from \$207 million to \$244 million. The federal government's share is 65 percent, though if Congress does not appropriate the entire amount, it would fall on the state to make up the shortfall.

About \$116 million has been spent so far, according to Freije. Of that, \$52 million has come from the federal government, \$29 million from the state and \$35 million from a Minot city sales tax.

Sales tax proceeds currently are going to other uses such as infrastructure projects and property tax relief. With the expected rise in the cost of the NAWS project, "I fully expect our 1 cent sales tax will need to be directed back to NAWS for 3-5 years, dependent on sales tax collections," city Public Works Director Dan Jonasson said in an email.

## 20 being inducted into South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Three-time track and field Olympian Cindy Greiner and two-time world boxing champion Battling Nelson are among 20 people being inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame this weekend.

The banquet is Saturday at Sioux Falls' Convention Center.

Former Minnesota Vikings linebacker Ben Leber was chosen for induction but can't attend. He'll be inducted next year.

Also being inducted this year are athletes Phyllis Hunter (tennis), Jill (Theeler) Schlekeway (track), Jane Wipf Wiebe (running), Chad Nelson (basketball), Grover Potts (football), Oliver Garnier (baseball),



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Dale Palmer (track/football), A.B. Tyler (polo), Alice Bauer (golf) and Billy Etbauer (rodeo); coaches Ward Lambert (basketball), David Gottsleben (track), Vic Godfrey (track) and Rollie Greeno (track); contributors Bob Laskowski (media), Doug Evans (physical education) and Neysa Villa (volunteer); and athlete/coach/contributor Paul Sheeks in several sports.

## AP News in Brief

### **Anticipation grows: Obama, Castro to use historic meeting to reinvigorate efforts to mend ties**

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Generations of distrust between the U.S. and Cuba could begin to fade away Saturday as their presidents meet face to face for the first time since the height of the Cold War. The historic gathering offers Barack Obama and Raul Castro the chance to infuse fresh momentum into their efforts to restore normal relations between their countries.

Anticipation of an Obama-Castro meeting has been steadily building throughout this week's Summit of the Americas in Panama City, and reached a fever pitch Friday evening when they traded handshakes and cordial greetings in a prelude of things to come. Not once in more than 50 years have the leaders of Cuba and its northerly neighbor spent quality time together, assuring their expected sit-down on Saturday would be one for the history books.

Raising the stakes even further for the two leaders was mounting speculation that Obama would use the occasion to announce his decision to remove Cuba from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, a gesture Cuba has eagerly sought for both practical and symbolic reasons. The U.S. long ago stopped accusing Cuba of conducting terrorism, and Obama has signaled he's ready to take Cuba off the list. On Thursday, he suggested an announcement was imminent when he revealed that the State Department's lengthy review of the designation is finally complete.

Mending ties with the longtime U.S. foe could form a cornerstone of Obama's foreign policy legacy. Latin America represents a rare bright spot for Obama, whose efforts to improve U.S. standing elsewhere in the world have met often-intractable obstacles.

"As the United States begins a new chapter in our relationship with Cuba, we hope it will create an environment that improves the lives of the Cuban people," Obama told a gathering of civil society groups on Friday, casting the move to end hostile relations as a triumph for Cubans that would empower them to chart their own path to prosperity.

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### **At historic summit, Obama seeks to leverage shift on Cuba to re-engage with Latin America**

PANAMA CITY (AP) — After his ice-breaking handshake with Cuba's leader, President Barack Obama is looking to the Summit of the Americas to chart a less conflictive future with Latin America, a region that has long chafed at Washington's dominance.

The informal encounter before the opening ceremony, together with a surprise message sent by the hugely popular Pope Francis, set expectations for substantive dialogue among the more than 30 regional leaders on Saturday.

The challenges are huge. The title of the seventh edition of the summit is "Prosperity with Equality," a theme touched on in a letter from the Argentine-born pontiff reminding the region's leaders that poverty hasn't fallen as fast as their economies have grown in the past decade's commodities-fueled run.

"It's not enough for the poor to pick up the crumbs that fall from the table of the rich," according to

the letter, which was read by the Vatican's secretary of state, Pietro Parolin. "Direct action for the most vulnerable, just like small children are in a family, should be the priority of those who govern."

Obama and Raoul Castro had clasped hands once before, at the funeral of South African President Nelson Mandela, but expectations are higher this time following Obama's decision in December to begin talks on restoring relations with Cuba that were severed in 1961.

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## **Funeral set for black SC driver fatally shot by white police officer during traffic stop**

SUMMERVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Mourners are expected to gather Saturday in Summerville, South Carolina to remember Walter Scott, the 50-year-old black driver who was fatally shot by a white police officer after fleeing a traffic stop in North Charleston.

A steady stream of people gathered Friday afternoon at a wake to pay their respects to Scott, whose open casket was draped in an American flag and adorned with a Dallas Cowboys sign and a miniature figure of a player. A heart-shaped flower arrangement to the left of his casket during the wake read "Beloved Father" and a ribbon on the right read "St. Andrews Parish High School Class of 1984." Some visitors talked about how well-preserved Scott appeared to be as they walked away from the casket, others expressed how bewildered they were with the circumstances that led to him lying there.

Scott was stopped on April 4 for driving with a broken tail light and eventually ran from the officer. Scott was driving a 1991 Mercedes that he bought from a neighbor and was headed to an auto parts store that morning, his brother Rodney Scott said.

Police and an attorney for former officer Michael Slager said Scott was fatally shot during a tussle over Slager's gun. Slager was fired and charged with murder after video recorded by a witness surfaced and showed the officer firing eight shots at Scott as he tried running away. Video from the police car's dashboard camera shows Slager asking Scott for his license and registration, then heading back to his cruiser before Scott gets out of the car and runs.

The case prompted outrage across the country as the latest instance of an unarmed black man being killed by a white officer.

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## **Wartime heroism of Polish couple who saved Jews at Warsaw zoo recalled in new exhibition**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — It was World War II, Warsaw was under German occupation, and the wife of the director of the Warsaw zoo spotted Nazis approaching the white stucco villa that she and her family inhabited on the zoo grounds.

According to plan, she went straight to her piano and began to play a lively tune from an operetta by Jacques Offenbach, a signal to Jews being sheltered in the house that they should be quiet and not leave their hiding places.

That scenario, repeated over years of war, was one of the tricks that allowed Jan and Antonina Zabinski to save the lives of dozens of Jews, a dramatic chapter in Poland's wartime drama that was virtually unknown until an American author, Diane Ackerman, published a book about the Polish couple in 2007 called "The Zookeeper's Wife."

The Zabinskis' remarkable wartime actions — which included hiding Jews in indoor animal enclosures — seem certain to gain even more renown with the inauguration Saturday of a permanent exhibition in the villa, an attractive two-story Bauhaus home from the 1930s still on the grounds of the Warsaw Zoo.

The exhibition pays homage to the couple with photos of them, sometimes with their beloved zoo

animals, in rooms recreated to evoke the wartime period. There are sculptures of animals made by a Jewish artist, Magdalena Gross, who stayed there during the war. Visitors will also be able to see basement chambers where the Jews took shelter, as well as a narrow tunnel they crawled through to reach animal enclosures.

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## **Be yourself: a simple challenge for Clinton, Republican contenders that isn't quite so simple**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama had some simple advice for Hillary Rodham Clinton in the days before the launch of her presidential campaign. "If she's her wonderful self, I'm sure she's going to do great," he said.

That sounds easy enough.

But plenty of politicians — Clinton among them — have found it a tricky proposition to just be themselves in the maelstrom that is a presidential campaign.

Clinton spent a good share of her 2008 primary campaign trying to find the right formula for revealing her true self, projecting first strength, then empathy. Four years later, a buttoned-up Republican Mitt Romney, described by friends as warm and generous, never shook the stereotype of callous rich guy. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore, cast as a stiff, struggled to connect with voters in a more natural way.

Sure, policy is important, but when running for president, finding an authentic way to mesh it with one's personality matters, too.

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## **Residents of Illinois hamlet nearly leveled by deadly twister may get to see what's left**

FAIRDALE, Ill. (AP) — Northern Illinois residents whose rural hamlet was nearly leveled by a deadly twister may get to return to their homes Saturday to assess the damage from the storm that killed two women who shared a friendship, favors and the same neighborhood.

Jacklyn Klosa, 69, was found Friday morning in the rubble of her Fairdale home, not far from where Geraldine Schultz, 67, died Thursday night when the tornado bore down on their neighborhood in Fairdale, a community of about 150 people. The storm that came through the area 80 miles west of Chicago ripped buildings from their foundations.

Schultz, known as "Geri," hosted annual Christmas parties and made a point of driving Klosa to clinics for medical treatment. Klosa, known as "Jackie," was described by friends as a friendly and quick-witted woman who spoke her mind.

Klosa "was just one of the most friendly people in the world, a wonderful mother and a wonderful friend," said Les Bellah, mayor of neighboring Kirkland, recalling the "big ol' hug" he got from her recently but also how she'd "let you know" if she was upset with you. "You never had to wonder what she was thinking."

Fairdale has no village government, no school, no cable TV and no major businesses. Some residents kept horses in town; one family found one of its horses dead amid the debris Friday afternoon.

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## **Muslim cleric says man accused of bomb plot against Army base is mentally ill, acted strangely**

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A man accused of plotting a suicide bomb attack on a Kansas military base to help the Islamic State group is mentally ill and was acting strangely days before his arrest, according to a Muslim cleric who said he was counseling him at the FBI's request.

John T. Booker Jr., 20, of Topeka, was charged Friday with planning a suicide attack at Fort Riley, about 70 miles west of Topeka. Prosecutors allege he told an FBI informant he wanted to kill Americans and engage in violent jihad on behalf of the terrorist group, and said he believed such an attack was justified because the Quran "says to kill your enemies wherever they are," according to a criminal complaint.

Authorities arrested Booker as he was trying to arm what he thought was a 1,000 pound bomb outside the Army post, according to prosecutors. The criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Topeka charges him with three crimes, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction.

The top federal prosecutor for Kansas also charged another Topeka man, Alexander E. Blair, 28, with failing to report Booker's plans to authorities. The complaint alleges that Blair and Booker shared some "extremist views" and that Blair loaned Booker money to rent space to build and store a bomb.

Imam Omar Hazim of the Islamic Center of Topeka told The Associated Press that two FBI agents brought Booker to him last year for counseling, hoping to turn the young man away from radical beliefs. Hazim said the agents told him that Booker suffered from bipolar disorder, characterized by unusual mood swings that can affect functioning.

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## **Police: DC man spent 48th birthday on a crime spree that left 1 dead at Census Bureau in Md.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Anderson spent his 48th birthday going on a crime spree in Washington and Maryland, police say.

On Thursday about 5:30 p.m., authorities say, Anderson kidnapped his girlfriend from a street in the nation's capital, forcing her into a green Honda Accord at gunpoint. Roughly 30 minutes later in nearby Maryland, police say, he shot a guard at the Census Bureau after the guard spotted the car and two people fighting inside. The guard later died. About 7:30 p.m. back in Washington, Anderson got into several shootouts with police who were pursuing him that left both him and an officer wounded.

The woman was found safe after Thursday's crime spree.

Anderson was taken to the hospital in critical condition, according to a court document, but his condition was unknown Friday. He was charged with armed kidnapping and assault on a police officer as more details emerged about the two-hour crime spree, his criminal history and the guard he fatally shot. More serious charges are expected to follow in Maryland where the guard was killed.

Anderson's attorney's phone number rang busy Friday.

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## **Survivors, US veterans mark 70th anniversary of Buchenwald liberation, recall horror of camp**

WEIMAR, Germany (AP) — Buchenwald survivor Henry Oster recalls thinking that a fellow inmate had "lost his sense of reality" when he said 70 years ago Saturday that the concentration camp was being liberated, bringing an end to the long ordeal of the 21,000 surviving prisoners.

Oster, 86, visited the site near the German city of Weimar for the first time since its liberation on April 11, 1945 — one of a group of survivors and veterans who came to mark the anniversary of the liberation. Buchenwald was the first major concentration camp entered by American forces at the end of

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World War II.

"What I see here, where the barracks used to be, at every barrack there was a pile of dead bodies, this is in your memory forever," Oster said. "When someone asks how Buchenwald was, you immediately see the dead bodies again."

Around 250,000 prisoners were held at Buchenwald from its opening in July 1937 to its liberation. An estimated 56,000 people were killed, including political prisoners, people dubbed "asocial" by the Nazis, Soviet prisoners of war, Sinti and Roma, and approximately 11,000 Jews.

Oster, a Jewish German born in Cologne, was taken to the Lodz ghetto in occupied Poland in 1941 and later to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. His father died of starvation and his mother was gassed on the day they arrived at Auschwitz, he said.

## **No scoreboard watching: Jordan Spieth focused only on himself with big weekend lead at Masters**

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — At the Masters, those famous, hand-operated scoreboards are all over the course. It's kind of hard to miss them.

Jordan Spieth will do his best.

Golf's next big star has positioned himself for a coronation at the most hallowed of spots, playing the first two rounds at Augusta National better than anyone who came before him.

Spieth heads to the third round with a 14-under 130 — the lowest 36-hole score in the tournament's history — and a commanding five-stroke lead that matches the biggest edge at this point in the tournament.

"No scoreboard watching," Spieth said. "Just keep my head down and set a goal for myself."

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

Today is Saturday, April 11, the 101st day of 2015. There are 264 days left in the year.

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

On April 11, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

### **On this date:**

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, ending the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba. (Napoleon later escaped from Elba and returned to power in March 1815, until his downfall in the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815.)

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1955, the film drama "Marty," starring Ernest Borgnine, was released by United Artists.

In 1965, dozens of tornadoes raked six Midwestern states on Palm Sunday, killing 271 people.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on

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its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian (tan-zuh-NEE'-uhn) forces seized control.

In 1989, Mexican officials began unearthing the remains of victims of a drug-trafficking cult near Matamoros; one of the dead was University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, who had disappeared while on spring break. (Several cult members were later convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison.)

**Ten years ago:** During a meeting at his Texas ranch, President George W. Bush told Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon he could not allow further West Bank settlement growth and said Israeli and Palestinian doubts about each other were hampering peace prospects. Jeffrey Ake (ayk), a 47-year-old contract worker from LaPorte, Indiana, was abducted in Iraq. (His fate remains unknown.) Miss North Carolina Chelsea Cooley was crowned Miss USA at the pageant in Baltimore.

**Five years ago:** Thousands of people stood in the streets of Poland's cities in a silent tribute to President Lech Kaczynski (lehk kah-CHIN'-skee) and the other 95 people killed in a plane crash the day before. After a five-month hiatus, golfer Tiger Woods tied for fourth at the Masters, as Phil Mickelson earned his third green jacket.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama, in a fiery speech at civil rights activist Al Sharpton's National Action Network conference, accused the GOP of using voting restrictions to keep voters from the polls and of jeopardizing 50 years of expanded ballot box access for millions of black Americans and other minorities. White House budget director Sylvia Mathews Burwell was named by President Obama to succeed Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. In a rare diplomatic rebuke, the United States blocked Iran's controversial pick for envoy to the United Nations, Hamid Aboutalebi, a member of the group responsible for the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

**Today's Birthdays:** Ethel Kennedy is 87. Actor Joel Grey is 83. Actress Louise Lasser is 76. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman is 74. Movie writer-director John Milius is 71. Actor Peter Riegert is 68. Movie director Carl Franklin is 66. Actor Bill Irwin is 65. Country singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale is 58. Songwriter-producer Daryl Simmons is 58. Rock musician Nigel Pulsford is 54. Actor Lucky Vanous is 54. Country singer Steve Azar is 51. Singer Lisa Stansfield is 49. Rock musician Dylan Keefe (Marcy Playground) is 45. Actor Johnny Messner is 45. Actor Vicellous (vy-SAY'-luhs) Shannon is 44. Rapper David Banner is 41. Actress Tricia Helfer is 41. Rock musician Chris Gaylor (The All-American Rejects) is 36. Actress Kelli Garner is 31. Singer Joss Stone is 28. Actress-dancer Kaitlyn Jenkins is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "If we were to wake up some morning and find that everyone was the same race, creed, and color, we would find some other causes for prejudice by noon." - George Aiken, U.S. senator (1892-1984).