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Thursday, April 16

Birthdays: Amy Briggs, Charles Raap, Clark Gibbs, Connor Smith, Cooper Smith, Jeff Larson, Kristi Peterson, Leslie Dohman, Marvin Bonn, Rodney Boehmer, Tom Tietz

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

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

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, veggie cups, fruit.

8:00am: Mock Crash Exercise

11:00 am: Girls Golf at Madison

Noon to 6 p.m.: Blood Drive at Groton Legion

4:00 pm: JH Track Meet at Sisseton

7:00 pm: DI Meeting at GES Music Room

Friday, April 17

Birthdays: Bernice Fliehs, Dan Felkey, Morghan Waage, Aaron Delzer

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 13th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Sandy Anderson



Terry and Sandy Anderson

Job Wise what are you doing today? I am the third grade teacher at Britton-Hecla School.

How long have you been working at the current job? I have been at Britton-Hecla for 13 years.

How did you get your current job? I was hired by the Hecla-Houghton School District and then moved to Britton-Hecla during the consolidation.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Hecla-Houghton School District as the third grade teacher for 12 years prior to Britton.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I graduated in 1979 from Hecla High School.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I attended NSU and received my BS in Elementary Education

What advice would you give the high school students today? I would suggest that they take time to think

about their career. I really like going to work because I love what I do.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I would say what brings me the most pride and happiness would be our family. I feel very successful in my teaching career. I really enjoy watching students grow in knowledge and character. My family has been involved in the Walk to End Alzheimers in Aberdeen and raised quite a bit of money. Last year we had over 100 participants from our family.

Are you married? I am married to Terry Anderson. He is in his first year of retirement. Well not really as he has really enjoyed helping on a farm, subbing, and painting houses. He had taught and coached for the Webster Area School District for over 30 years.

How did the two of you meet? We met through a lifelong friend of mine, Cathy Telin.

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.

I have two children. My daughter, Toni and Dave Mattson live in Britton, SD. She is Director of Nursing at the hospital and Dave works for Truss Pros. Her three children, Wyatt, Ella, and Paisley, and their child, Wynn live with them. They range in age from 3 months to 11 years old. My son, Weston and Elizabeth Dinger live in Groton, SD. He works for South Dakota Wheat Growers in technology and Elizabeth has an in home daycare. Their children Jackson, Gretchen, and Arianna live with them. They range in age from 4 to 10.

Terry has three daughters. Keri and Paul Davis live in Rock Rapids, Iowa along with Kaylee, Ashlynn, Lexi, and Kyla. Allison lives in Vermillion with Tally and Tona. CJ and Brian live in Madison with Brennan. All together we have 14 absolutely delightful grandchildren!

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I feel that Hecla High School provided an excellent education and Northern State University prepared me for an ever changing, demanding, and rewarding career in education.

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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. (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. (0407.0414)

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Bridal Showers

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Jessica Hoscheid, bride-to-be of Zach Harry, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The couple is registered at Target, Inspire and Menards.

Bridal Shower for Ashley Larson, bride-to-be of Austin Fordham, Saturday, April 25th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, S.D. Registered at Target and Herbergers. (2t)

Senator Thune coming to Groton tomorrow

US Senator John Thune will be at the Groton American Legion Clubroom (12 N Main, Groton) at 4pm on Friday, April 17.

A brief meeting will be held to discuss current events, projects and citizen concerns. Please come and meet your senator.

DUI Crash Simulation this morning

On Thursday, April 16, a Mock DUI Crash Simulation Program will take place at Groton High School. This demonstration will involve Groton Fire and Rescue, Groton Police Department and many other agencies throughout the county & state. We have selected students to take part as role players in this demonstration.

The program is hard-hitting and aims to expose the truth about car crashes and the impact they have, not only on the human body, but also on families, friends and all the other people that a casualty comes in contact with. Students will be able to see how the police, ambulance and fire departments work together. Media may also be present. This demonstration will be followed by intense session in the arena.

This program is designed to educate young adults about the seriousness of crashes and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and driving and texting.

DI meeting tonight

There will be a Destination Imagination group meeting tonight, 7 p.m., at the Groton Area Elementary School music room. This is for all families involved with DI. Each family is expected to provide supplies and workers for each of the upcoming events. It is these events that help keep DI going in Groton.

Blood Drive is today

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.

Governor Requests Flags At Half-Staff On Sunday To Honor Fallen Firefighter

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half-staff on Sunday, April 19, from 8 a.m. until sunset, in honor of Valley Springs firefighter Steven Ackerman.

Ackerman died Sunday, April 12, when the Valley Springs Fire & Rescue responded to a house fire in Brandon.

The Ackerman funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. CDT on Sunday, April 19, at the Brandon Valley High School Gymnasium. Visitation begins at noon Saturday at the George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon.

The Life of Douglas Roettele



The funeral service for Douglas "Doug" Roettele, 61, Columbia, SD was held, Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Northern Plains Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Pastor Neil Hannahs officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Doug died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at his home after a long courageous battle with Leukemia.

Douglas P. Roettele, son of Roland "Jim" and Jean (Quam) Roettele was born on February 15, 1954 in Aberdeen, SD. He was raised on the family farm near Columbia. Doug attended school in Columbia and went on to graduate from Groton High School. He then enrolled at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD where he earned a degree in diesel mechanics.

Doug was united in marriage to Sheila Sieler on May 31, 1974 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen. The couple made their home in Huron, SD for several years where Doug was employed with Beadle County Equipment as a diesel mechanic. They later returned and began making their home on the family farm.

Doug loved his life on the farm. He enjoyed working on his machinery, raising cattle, growing crops, and working side by side with his family. In his free time Doug enjoyed fishing, hunting, drag races, riding motorcycle, and trap shooting. He also served on the Columbia Township Board. Doug's greatest joy came from the time he was able to spend with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Grateful for having shared Doug's life are his wife Sheila Roettele, Columbia; two sons, Cody Roettele, Columbia and Christopher (Audra) Roettele, Aberdeen; two grandchildren, Alivia and Bennett Roettele; parents, Roland "Jim" and Jean Roettele and two sisters, Pat (Roger) Lewno and Nita (Jerry) Weideman.

Doug was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and one brother Richard "Rick" Roettele.

The Life of Bentley James Bahr



Memorial services for Bentley James Bahr, 1 year, 9 months, Black Hawk, SD will be 11 a.m., Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, with Pastors Enno Limvere and Randy Battey officiating. Burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen. Bentley died Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

A time to sign the register book will be 1:00-7:00 p.m., Friday with family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home.

Bentley James Bahr was born on July 8, 2013 at Aberdeen, SD to Ashley Jean Bahr and Taylor Robert Bailly. He loved playing with all his toys, especially with balls, he also enjoyed four wheelers, dirt bikes and reading books. He was a very content, happy and loveable little boy. He loved hugging and giving kisses, especially to his cousin Sadie. He will be greatly missed by his parents, grandparents and all those who loved him.

Grateful for having shared Bentley's life are his mother, Ashley Jean Bahr, father, Taylor Robert Bailly, grandparents, Peggy and Russ Beadle, Mina, Kenn Bailly, Mina, Dean and Tammy Bahr, Timber Lake, great-grandparents, Robert and Vivian Bailly, Joyce Osness, Jim and Beverly Beadle, great-great grandmothers, Anna Beadle and Eva Mae Eldeen, several uncles, aunts, great uncles, great aunts and cousins.

Bentley is preceded in death by his grandmother, Janine Bailly, great-grandparents, Bob Osness, Sr., Arthur and Jeanne Bahr and Daryl and Jean Hofeman.

Today in Weather History

April 16, 1967: Severe thunderstorms moved through areas of central and eastern South Dakota, producing large hail, damaging winds, and even a few tornadoes. The event began in the mid-afternoon hours and lasted into the evening. One of the tornadoes (F1) formed over Lake Poinsette in Hamlin County. From there it moved from southwest to northeast, toward the northern shore, then made a loop and traveled toward the southeast. Two trailer houses and a few small buildings were damaged. 11 people were injured when a trailer house was turned over onto one side, and then turned over on the other side. In Brown County, the storms produced hail 1.75 inches in diameter and 61mph winds.

April 16, 1976: A deepening low pressure system moved northward out of Nebraska and across western South Dakota. Winds of 60 to 80 mph were reported across the area with gusts over 90 mph in southwest Minnesota. Some recorded wind speeds included 62 mph at Sioux Falls, 70 mph at Brookings, and 82 mph at Watertown. Many buildings were damaged and many roofs were blown off and at Sioux Falls and Huron airports planes were overturned. Across southwest Minnesota many trees were uprooted and several trucks were blown off of the highway. Across the area many barns, outbuildings, sheds, and older structures were completely demolished.








April 16, 2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 9 inches fell across parts of central and northeast South Dakota during the morning hours. The heavy snow caused many roads to become slushy and difficult to travel. The heavy snow also downed some tree branches. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Ferney, Miller, and Webster; 7 inches at Agar, Mellette, and Twin Brooks; 8 inches at Gettysburg, and 9 inches at Faulkton.

1849: Charleston, South Carolina recorded their latest freeze ever with temperature of 32 degrees, while 6 inches of snow fell at Wilmington, North Carolina. Snow fell as far south as Milledgeville, Georgia. A damaging hard freeze occurred from Texas to Georgia devastating the cotton crop.

1927: The Great Mississippi River Flood of 1927 continued to rage. Tremendous rains all over the Mississippi River Valley during the preceding autumn and winter sent floodwaters raging southward over a wide area. On this date, the government levee at Dorena, Missouri collapsed. The surge of floodwater continued pushing downriver toward the Mississippi Delta, bursting more levees as it went.

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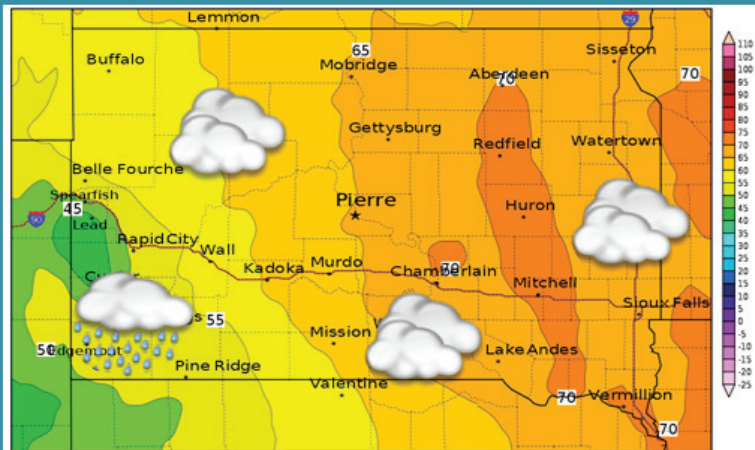
Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Chance Showers
High: 70 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 59 °F



Slightly Cooler Today Showers Possible for the Weekend



Today



Friday



Highs:
Mid 60s &
Low 70s

Saturday



Highs:
Upper 50s &
Mid 60s

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Published on: 04/16/2015 at 5:30AM

An upper level low pressure system currently over the desert southwest will slowly cross the central plains over the next couple of days. This system will eventually spread precipitation into the region, possibly as early as Friday afternoon for central South Dakota. Precipitation chances are best Friday night through Sunday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 73.4 at 3:48 PM

Low: 50.0 at 7:02 AM

High Gust: 39 at 10:47 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1913

Record Low: 14° in 1953, 1899

Average High: 58°F

Average Low: 32°F

Average Precip in April.: 0.74

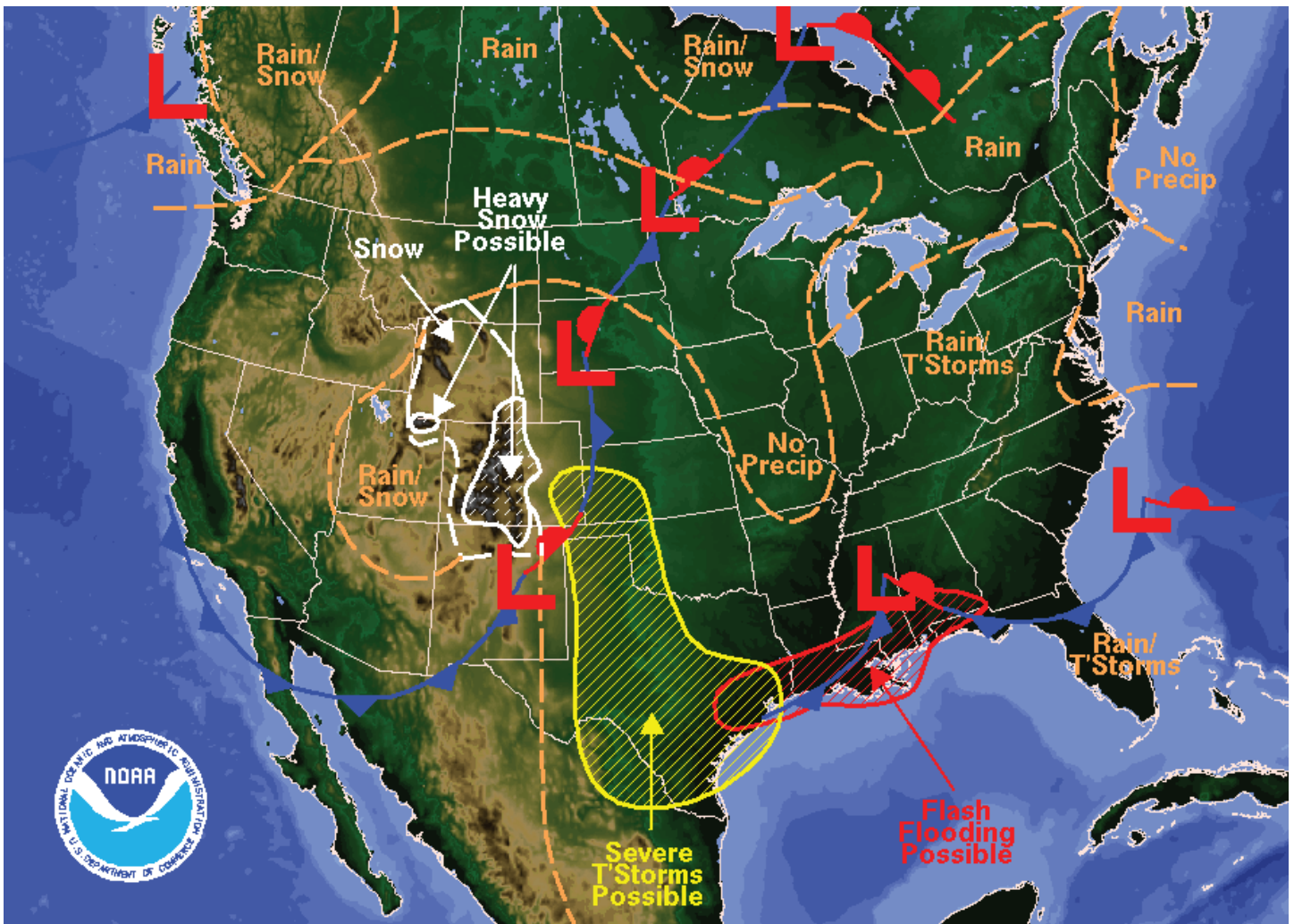
Precip to date in April.: 0.01

Average Precip to date: 2.92

Precip Year to Date: 0.48

Sunset Tonight: 8:21 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Apr 16, 2015, issued 3:30 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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COMMITTED LIVING

Throughout the Book of Proverbs, Solomon does not allow "wiggle" room. It is either "this is the way" or "that is the way" or "do not forget the way." It's like a visit to a physician: "If you want to be healthy, you must follow these directions and take this prescription." If anyone has a desire to honor God, live a life that is pleasing to the Lord, avoid doing what is wrong, walk in ways of the Lord, Solomon leaves no doubt about what we are to do. He is also very clear about the dangers and consequences of following our own ways and selfish ends.

"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully." There is little doubt about who Solomon had in mind when he wrote these words: Evil men are those who are committed to doing evil things. When we examine the lives of "evil men" we find evidence of evil thoughts, evil deeds and evil friends. Their lives are so centered on acts of evil that they have lost their understanding of justice. Their lives are so corrupt, so devious and so unjust that they cannot see or even recognize "right from wrong."

On the other hand, those who "seek the Lord" are fully capable of making the right choice when facing a difficult decision. From his own experience as a leader and from following the advice of his father, King David, Solomon learned that if anyone has a commitment to do what God will honor, God will grant that request. When our thoughts are God's thoughts, choices become clear.

Prayer: Empower us, Father, with the strength and courage that comes from Your Word, to do what is right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 28:5 Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.

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News from the Associated Press

Events planned for National Park Week at South Dakota sites

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — Several upcoming events are planned at National Park Service sites in South Dakota as part of National Park Week.

This year's theme for events April 18-26 is "Find Your Park," which is also the name of a campaign to mark next year's centennial anniversary next year of the agency.

Several programs are available in the Black Hills and Badlands area, including a presentation April 18 at Mount Rushmore National Memorial on bats in the ecosystem; daily tours April 20-24 at the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site; and music by artist in residence Jill Haley at the Cedar Pass Campground Amphitheater at Badlands National Park on April 25.

Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument are also part of the park service system in the state.

Petitioner arrested after refusing to leave post office

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A 68-year-old Black Hawk woman has been arrested after attempting to collect signatures for a petition at a post office in Rapid City.

Rapid City Police spokesman Brendyn Medina says post office management asked a group of petitioners Tuesday to stop soliciting signatures from patrons within or in front of the building. He says both parties eventually agreed the petitioners could move to the public sidewalk next to the parking lot and continue trying to collect signatures.

Medina says the petitioners returned to the post office Wednesday, and the woman refused to follow the post office officials' orders to stay off of the property.

She was arrested late Wednesday afternoon for failure to vacate after receiving notice.

Lower Brule meeting erupts after leadership disagreement

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

LOWER BRULE, S.D. (AP) — The political divisions that have split some members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe showed through Wednesday when the first tribal council meeting since the death of former Chairman Michael Jandreau ended in chaos.

More than 60 people gathered for the meeting on the Lower Brule reservation and packed into the Tribal Council chambers. But a disagreement between supporters of Jandreau's decades-long administration and a members calling for more transparency eventually turned into a crowd-wide shouting match, and it's unclear how the division will be bridged to form a collaborative government.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is "closely monitoring" the developments on the reservation after Jandreau's death and is working with the tribe to make sure no service interruptions occur, a spokeswoman said in an email.

Jandreau earned wide praise from tribal members and state and federal leaders for economic development projects that benefited the roughly 1,300 tribe members on the reservation along the Missouri River. 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, citing a two-year probe after learning of allegations of wrongdoing while doing other work on the reservation.

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Jandreau and Marshall Matz, who has been an attorney for the tribe, have vigorously denied those allegations.

Jandreau's political opponent, Kevin Wright, who was the tribe's vice chairman under Jandreau, opened the meeting with a prayer and a moment of silence for Jandreau, who died April 3 from heart problems. Wright then declared he would preside as chairman.

He had previously sent out a memo shortly before Jandreau's death citing the tribe's constitution and bylaws in assuming the role of acting chairman.

"I will assure the people that we will follow the constitution," Wright told the gathered audience shortly before he put the meeting into recess. "I will assure the people that we will provide services that they deserve and ... that we will continue as a government."

Shifting into recess prompted the room to break into chaos.

"We want to know who appointed you chairman," a man yelled out from the audience. "We don't appoint you. I don't. I don't recognize you!"

Councilman Orville Langdeau, who is also the tribe's secretary and treasurer, disputed the validity of the meeting for procedural reasons. Langdeau, a Jandreau supporter, said the meeting showed "that our people, our supporters are speaking it up and it's going to continue."

Wright said he can lead the tribe as executive and said the tribe and the council must come together. He said his goal is to create a functional, open government and to push for transparency in the tribe's finances.

A copy of the tribe's constitution previously provided to the AP by its general counsel says the tribal council appoints someone to serve the remainder of Jandreau's term.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Spokeswoman Nedra Darling said in the email that it would only get involved in a tribal leadership disagreement in "extreme circumstances," and only after the tribe had used up all internal avenues.

Jandreau's granddaughter, Roquel Gourneau, said the leadership issue could end up in tribal court or require a new election. Gourneau said the new council members are trying to unravel the progress her grandfather spent decades building.

Many observers, including those who fall in either political camp, are simply looking for a united path forward.

"For this tribe, there should not be sides," said Diane Grassrope, a tribe member who lives in Lower Brule. "We are the Kul Wicasa Oyate, and we need to come together for the good of the people."

Wildfire in Wind Cave National Park now 80 percent contained

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A wildfire in Wind Cave National Park remains at 10 square miles but is now 80 percent contained.

Authorities say the Cold Brook Fire has scorched 6,500 acres in the southwestern South Dakota park. That's about 20 percent of the park's surface area.

About 80 people have been working on the scene to contain the blaze, and they expect to have it fully contained Friday. Park Chief Interpreter Tom Farrell says cooler temperatures and higher humidity helped crews control the fire Wednesday.

The blaze began Monday afternoon when a prescribed burn grew out of control in high winds. There have been no injuries or damages to structures.

Park facilities remain open, though backcountry and hiking trails are closed, along with a couple of roads.

New presiding judge appointed to Third Judicial Circuit

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A new presiding judge has been appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit in South Dakota.

South Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson on Wednesday announced the appointment of Judge Gregory Stoltenburg. A presiding judge is an administrative leader in his or her respective circuit.

The Third Judicial Circuit encompasses 14 counties in eastern South Dakota including Brookings, Hamlin, Moody and Sanborn.

Stoltenburg appointment will be effective in June, following the retirement of Judge Tim Tucker.

Stoltenburg is a graduate of the university of South Dakota Law School and a member of the South Dakota National Guard. He previously worked in private practice and as prosecutor. Gov. Dennis Daugaard appointed him as a circuit court judge in 2013.

Bird flu outbreak could head eastward with fall migration

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eastern U.S. poultry producers are bracing for the potential arrival of a deadly bird flu virus outbreak that farmers in the Midwest have struggled to stop.

The fear is that if the virus isn't already lurking undetected somewhere in the Atlantic Flyway, it could spread there this fall when wild ducks fly south for the winter or fly back north next spring. Eastern poultry producers have had tight biosecurity measures and response plans in place for several years. Now they're preparing for the worst, said Donna Carver, extension veterinarian at North Carolina State University.

"Nobody wants to take any chances with this," she said.

The highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza strain has turned up since December in commercial poultry farms, backyard flocks wild birds in the Pacific and Central flyways, but it's done the most damage in the heavily traveled Mississippi Flyway, which roughly follows the Mississippi River, where Minnesota, the country's top turkey producing state, has lost nearly 1.5 million turkeys since early March.

Government scientists theorize that when ducks and other migratory waterfowl from different flyways gather at their northern breeding grounds this summer, they could expose each other to the highly pathogenic H5N2 virus, then carry it back south this fall along several migration routes, perhaps including the Atlantic Flyway. That flyway includes several of the country's top poultry producing states including Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland.

Migratory waterfowl are considered the natural reservoir of avian influenza viruses, and new research shows mallard ducks are most prone to catching H5N2. They don't get sick from it, but they can shed the virus through their droppings or oral secretions. If those viruses then get carried into a poultry barn — such as by being tracked in by a farm worker or by hitchhiking in on equipment, rodents, small birds or insects — the results can be deadly. Midwest and Ontario commercial producers have lost over 2 million birds to the virus since early March — all turkeys except for 200,000 chickens in Wisconsin.

Researchers believe that waterfowl from several flyways congregated last summer to breed in the "Beringian" region in northern Russia and became infected with a number of different H5N8 viruses, then carried slightly different viruses back south last fall into Europe, North America and East Asia, said Hon Ip, a microbiologist with the National Wildlife Health Center, an arm of the U.S. Geological Survey based in Madison, Wisconsin.

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"The exact same thing could happen" this fall with the H5N2 virus, he said.

Ip spoke by phone from Athens, Georgia, from a major international symposium on avian influenza that drew around 300 experts from 35 countries who are keenly interested in finding solutions. He said a hot topic was learning why the H5N2 virus may be even better at being spread by wild birds than the less widespread H5N8, and the potential ways it could spread along and between flyways.

U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists told reporters from the symposium that there's still much they don't know about this virus, which didn't turn up in North America until late last year. T.J. Myers, an administrator with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, pointed out that around 20 of the 34 confirmed cases in commercial poultry flocks had been detected only in the previous 10 days.

One challenge scientists have in predicting how the virus may spread is that they don't have enough surveillance data from wild birds to prove they're the source yet, said Tom DeLiberto, assistant director of the USDA's National Wildlife Research Center. Only 56 wild birds have tested positive for H5N8, H5N2 and a few similar viruses, and most were in the northwest, he said. Only four or five wild birds have tested positive in the Mississippi Flyway, he said.

While Minnesota produces the most turkeys at 46 million annually, North Carolina is No. 2 in numbers, No. 1 in poundage and No. 3 in total poultry production.

Carver said an industry-wide prevention effort is underway from the West Coast to the East Coast.

"We're going to approach it as if it's going to happen and really try to get our growers and people with backyard birds to take it very seriously," she said

Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of SD firefighter

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has ordered that flags be flown at half-staff Sunday to honor a fallen volunteer firefighter.

Valley Springs firefighter Steven Ackerman died in a weekend house fire in the southeast South Dakota city of Brandon.

Ackerman's funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brandon Valley High School gymnasium. Visitation is 12-5 p.m. Saturday at the George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon.

The 38-year-old Ackerman worked with a family heating and cooling business and served on the Valley Springs planning and zoning commission. He was a volunteer firefighter for 14 years.

The South Dakota Firefighters Association says Ackerman is the 43rd firefighter to die in the line of duty in South Dakota since 1924, and only the 22nd volunteer firefighter to be killed.

Thune has \$10.4 million in bank for likely 2016 Senate bid

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune has nearly \$10.4 million in the bank for his likely bid for a third Senate term in 2016.

Thune's campaign announced Wednesday the Republican lawmaker's first-quarter haul was roughly \$793,000 and that he is sitting on \$10.37 million.

Campaign manager Joshua Shields says the camp is pleased with the fundraising pace for the quarter, which ran between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2015.

Shields says it's unclear when a formal re-election announcement will come.

South Dakota Democratic Party chairwoman Ann Tornberg says the party is working to recruit a candidate to run against Thune.

He ran unopposed for his second term in 2010.

Tornberg says \$10.4 million is a formidable war chest, but she says the party hopes a candidate will

emerge soon.

Tech school leader says Obama visit is source of pride

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Lake Area Technical Institute President Mike Cartney says he was “overwhelmed and speechless” when told that President Barack Obama will speak at the Watertown school’s commencement ceremony next month.

Cartney says the “once-in-a-lifetime phone call” also filled him with pride for the school, its business partners and the community.

Obama on Monday announced that he will visit the community college on May 8. After his trip to South Dakota he will have visited all 50 states.

Cartney says the presidential visit will be a wonderful experience for students. He says, “Imagine how meaningful obtaining your college degree becomes when the president of the United States is your commencement speaker?”

Dakotas universities work to boost American Indian studies

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — American Indian studies programs at four universities in the Dakotas are collaborating to boost the quality of their offerings to students, raise awareness of Native American issues and help ensure their own futures.

Officials also are looking to recruit other schools in the region into the American Indian Studies-Great Plains Consortium, which was launched late last month by the University of North Dakota, the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State and Black Hills State.

The schools’ Indian studies programs are well-established, but small, with fewer than 10 total full-time faculty members and only a couple of dozen students majoring in the discipline, according to UND Indian Studies Chairman Sebastian Braun.

Consortium participants hope that by collaborating, they can offer students a broader and stronger education.

“We all have our strengths. We all offer different classes. We have different faculty with different focuses,” said David Posthumus, a professor in the USD Native Studies program.

For example, Posthumus said, he himself is an anthropologist and USD specializes in Lakota studies, and the consortium could help spread knowledge in those areas to students at other schools.

“We’re passionate about our interests. We want everybody to feel that passion,” Posthumus said.

The consortium held its first meeting at SDSU in late March and is still working out how best to accomplish its goals. Among the possibilities being discussed are faculty exchanges, student conferences, cooperation in curriculum development and “perhaps in the future, some sort of an online or collaborative master’s program,” Braun said.

Another goal is to increase student participation and faculty numbers, which could help ensure the long-term future of the programs, he said.

“If this (consortium) helps make the programs more attractive, then all the better,” Braun said.

Officials at universities in Minnesota and Iowa already have asked about the possibility of joining the consortium, according to Posthumus and Braun. The group will be open to public and tribal colleges throughout the region, which also would include Montana and Nebraska, they said.

“We just think a liberal arts, broad education in Native studies is going to prepare students to go out and be successful not just in (the region) but in the world in general,” Posthumus said.

Services set for homeowner, firefighter killed in Brandon

BRANDON, S.D. (AP) — Memorial services have been scheduled for a volunteer fireman and a homeowner who died in a weekend house fire in Brandon.

The funeral for homeowner David Smith is 7 p.m. Thursday at Heartland Funeral Home in Brandon, with visitation from 5-7 p.m. Smith, a 47-year-old husband and father of five, worked as a truck driver for a construction company.

The service for Valley Springs firefighter Steven Ackerman is 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brandon Valley High School gymnasium. Visitation is 12-5 p.m. Saturday at the George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon.

Ackerman, 38, worked with a family heating and cooling business and served on the Valley Springs planning and zoning commission. He was a volunteer firefighter for 14 years.

Ackerman is the 43rd firefighter to die in the line of duty in South Dakota since 1924, and only the 22nd volunteer firefighter to be killed, according to the South Dakota Firefighters Association.

"He will receive all the honors of a firefighter funeral," Brandon Fire Chief Gary Lembcke told the Argus Leader newspaper.

People in several area communities are responding to a Facebook campaign by leaving their porch lights on in memory of the fallen firefighter, KELO-TV reported.

"Living in a small community, you're willing to help out your neighbors and he was always willing to help anyone out who needed help," Angela Danielson said.

The two men died late Sunday. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined but authorities do not consider it suspicious.

Brandon Police Chief Dave Kull told the newspaper that the cause of the fire and the cause of death for both victims will be released after he receives reports from the fire marshal's office and the coroner's office.

Bond doubled to \$500,000 for suspect in toddler's death

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Bond has been doubled to \$500,000 for a Rapid City man accused of killing his girlfriend's 21-month-old son in Black Hawk.

Twenty-eight-year-old Thomas Pentecost made his initial court appearance Tuesday on alternate charges of murder and manslaughter in the death of Bentley Bahr. Pentecost had been charged last week with aggravated assault and attempted murder, but the boy was taken off life support Monday.

Authorities allege that the boy suffered head trauma while being cared for by Pentecost while the mother was away. Pentecost said the boy fell and hit his head.

The toddler was declared brain dead on Saturday.

Pentecost is being assigned a public defender. He also faces drug charges, and could face up to life in prison if convicted in the boy's death.

Ballot measures decided in communities across South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Several communities around South Dakota decided ballot measures on Tuesday.

Sioux Falls residents voted to begin the school year after Labor Day. It was a close decision, with 52 percent of voters in favor of changing the school calendar.

There also was a close vote in Delmont, where an ordinance tightening rules on animals in town was overturned by just one vote. There might be a recount.

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Voters in the Edmunds Central School District by a wide margin approved a \$9 million bond issue to upgrade the school in Roscoe.

In Centerville, school district residents voted overwhelmingly to extend an annual \$225,000 opt out of the state property tax freeze for another five years.

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. CLINTON CHARITY TO LIMIT DONATIONS TO 6 COUNTRIES

In spite of criticism over accepting money from foreign governments, the Clinton Foundation will continue to look abroad for millions of dollars.

2. AFTER MURDER CONVICTION, MORE LEGAL WOES FOR AARON HERNANDEZ

The former New England Patriots star tight end is facing separate murder charges in a 2012 double slaying and civil lawsuits.

3. PILOT'S FRIEND ALERTED SECRET SERVICE

A friend of the Florida postal worker who landed a gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol's lawn says he feared the man would get shot down.

4. FAMILIES UNMOVED BY SOUTH KOREAN LEADER'S REMORSE

Angry relatives of 304 passengers who drowned in a ferry sinking snub Park Geun-hye on the disaster's anniversary, even as she pledged to salvage the ship.

5. EFFORTS TO FIND FLIGHT 370 TO INTENSIFY

The search area for the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner will be expanded by another 23,000 square miles in the Indian Ocean if it is not found by May.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN FACES HIGH-PROFILE LEGAL TEST

Obama's order to address climate change is still months away from being finished, but critics want to halt the process in its tracks.

7. WELFARE RULES TIGHTEN IN KANSAS

A bill before the governor would prohibit poor families from using cash assistance from the state to attend concerts, get tattoos, see a psychic or buy lingerie.

8. HOW A PHILIPPINES EATERY IS ADDRESSING A DISORDER

Manila's Puzzle Cafe aims to help people with autism by giving them a job with the hope that they may improve their social skills.

9. WHAT COUNTRY HAS BEEN DESERT SET FOR HOLLYWOOD

Morocco has served as the Baghdad of "American Sniper," the Tehran seen in "Homeland" and the Mali of "American Odyssey."

10. WHO MADE HER FINAL CATWALK

Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen, 34, completed her final fashion show in Sao Paulo, ending a 20-year career.

AP News in Brief

Criticism over Clinton charity's foreign money leads to limits rather than an outright ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — In spite of criticism over accepting money from foreign governments, the Clinton Foundation has decided to continue to look abroad for millions of dollars while limiting donor nations to a select group of six. The change in policy comes as former board member Hillary Rodham Clinton undertakes her presidential campaign.

The foundation's reliance on funding from several Mideast governments that suppress dissent and women's rights — concerns that the State Department focused on during her stint as secretary of state — sparked criticism and gave the Republican Party a new offensive against the leading Democrat. Clinton resigned from the foundation's board last week.

The Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation's board said Wednesday night that future donations will only be allowed from the governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom — all nations that previously supported the charity's health, poverty and climate change programs. Longtime U.S. allies, the six maintain relatively uncontroversial ties to the U.S.

While direct contributions from other governments would be halted, those nations could continue participating in the Clinton Global Initiative, a subsidiary program that encourages donors to match contributions from others to tackle international problems without direct donations to the charity. However, the foundation will stop holding CGI meetings abroad — a final session is scheduled for Morocco in May — and most foreign governments will no longer be allowed to sponsor programs.

An Associated Press analysis of Clinton Foundation donations between 2001 and 2015 showed governments and agencies from 16 nations previously gave direct grants of between \$55 million and \$130 million. In addition to the six nations that will be allowed to continue donating, the others were Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Kuwait, Italy, Brunei, Taiwan and the Dominican Republic.

Malaysia: Search area for Flight 370 will be doubled if plane is not found by May

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The search area for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 will be expanded by another 60,000 square kilometers (23,000 square miles) in the Indian Ocean if the jetliner is not found by May, officials said Thursday, affirming their commitment to not give up until it is located.

Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said that Malaysia, Australia and China, which are leading the hunt for the Boeing 777 that went missing on March 8 last year, are "committed to the search."

He told reporters after meeting with his counterparts from the other two countries that so far 61 percent of the 60,000 kilometer (23,000-square-mile) search area has been scoured off Australia's west coast. The remaining 39 percent would have been searched by the end of May, he said.

"If the aircraft is not found within the 60,000 square kilometers, we have collectively decided to extend the search to another 60,000 square kilometers within the highest probability area," he said. However, searchers are hopeful that they can find the plane in the current search area, he said.

The announcement removes some ambiguity about the future of the search as it was never made clear what would happen if the plane is not found. It will also come as a solace to the relatives of the victims, who are holding out the hope of recovering the bodies.

Friend feared Capitol gyrocopter pilot would get shot down, so he alerted Secret Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A Florida postal worker who piloted a gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol lawn to call attention to his belief that campaign finance laws are too weak is “a patriot” who first came up with the idea about a year ago, a friend said.

Doug Hughes, 61, called his friend Mike Shanahan on Wednesday and said he was in the D.C. area and ready to take off, Shanahan was quoted by The Tampa Bay Times as saying. Shanahan said he feared law enforcement would shoot down the small aircraft emblazoned with the Postal Service logo, so he alerted the U.S. Secret Service. The gyrocopter landed about half a city block from the Capitol building.

“I was scared to death they were going to kill him,” Shanahan said.

Hughes steered his tiny aircraft onto the Capitol’s West Lawn after flying through restricted airspace around the National Mall, police said. A Senate aide told The Associated Press the Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the aide was not authorized to publicly discuss details of the investigation.

Hughes is a married father of four who wanted to “spotlight corruption in DC and more importantly, to present the solution(s) to the institutional graft,” reads a statement on his website, The Democracy Club. He lives in the Tampa Bay area community of Ruskin.

Even after murder conviction, many more cases left for ex-New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — Even after he was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole, former New England Patriots star tight end Aaron Hernandez is nowhere near done with his legal troubles. He still faces double murder charges in Boston, as well as civil lawsuits over the killings and a lawsuit in Florida from a former friend who said he was shot in the face and left for dead after arguing with Hernandez.

A jury on Wednesday found Hernandez guilty of the June 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of Hernandez’s fiancée. Lloyd was killed — shot six times in a deserted industrial park less than a mile from Hernandez’s home — for reasons that still remain unclear. Hernandez’s lawyer acknowledged his client witnessed the crime but insisted he did not do it.

After the verdict, Hernandez was brought to a state prison less than a 4-mile drive from Gillette Stadium, the place where he once used to catch touchdown passes by Tom Brady in front of tens of thousands of fans. He will eventually be moved to another maximum-security institution.

A first-degree murder conviction in Massachusetts automatically triggers an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court. A date for the Hernandez appeal wasn’t immediately set.

Hernandez also is charged in a 2012 double killing in Boston. His alleged connection to that slaying emerged as the Lloyd investigation unfolded. Prosecutors in Boston say that Hernandez killed two men, Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado, after one of them accidentally bumped into him and spilled Hernandez’s drink at a nightclub. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder.

Angry relatives unmoved by S. Korean leader's vow to salvage ferry on sinking's anniversary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Angry relatives of passengers who drowned in a ferry sinking snubbed South Korea's president on the disaster's anniversary Thursday, even as she pledged to salvage the ship.

Tears and grief mixed with raw fury as black-clad relatives and their supporters mourned the 304 victims of the ferry Sewol, most of whom were high school students. Earlier in the day, relatives blocked the prime minister from attending a mourning event. They later canceled another ceremony because of what they called government indifference to their plight.

There's widespread fatigue among many South Koreans a year after one of the country's worst disasters. But there's also frustration among those who see their government as having failed to meaningfully improve safety standards and hold high-level officials accountable for a disaster blamed in part on incompetence and corruption.

Hours before a trip abroad, President Park Geun-hye visited a small port near the site of the sinking to offer her condolences to the bereaved relatives. Most, however, refused to meet her, in protest of the government's handling of the sinking, and had already left the port.

Park gave a speech anyway, announcing ship salvaging plans for the first time. She provided few details, however, saying only the salvage operation would happen "as soon as possible."

Snapshots of the legacy from al-Bashir's quarter-century in power in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — During a quarter-century in power, President Omar al-Bashir has succeeded in keeping an iron grip on Sudan despite repeated disasters that would have toppled many leaders. This week's election seems certain to entrench his rule.

Sudan lost a third of its territory as South Sudan broke away. The country has been torn by internal wars and battered by international sanctions for alleged support of terrorism. Al-Bashir is the world's first sitting president wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. And poverty is a constant.

Al-Bashir's success has come in part from a heavy security hand that has silenced dissent. Despairing of any vote breaking his grip, few Sudanese turned out for an election extended over four days that ended Thursday. But snapshots can be found of Sudan's dissent and discontent.

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Agriculture Department to propose standards for organic seafood raised in US

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than a decade of delays, the government is moving toward allowing the sale of U.S.-raised organic fish and shellfish. But don't expect it in the grocery store anytime soon.

The Agriculture Department says it will propose standards for the farmed organic fish year this year. That means the seafood could be available in as few as two years — but only if USDA moves quickly to complete the rules and seafood companies decide to embrace them.

Organic seafood would be welcome news for the increasing number of organic shoppers — and for retailers that have profited from their higher prices. It could also help the U.S. farmed fish industry find a premium as it struggles to compete against cheaper imports.

Among the U.S. seafood that could be covered: salmon, tilapia, catfish, shrimp and mollusks such as mussels, oysters and clams.

The United States is "trying to play catch-up on organic aquaculture," says Miles McEvoy, who heads up USDA's organic program. The European Union and Canada, along with other countries, have been exporting their own organic products to the United States.

UN special envoy to Yemen stepping down after peace efforts lost to fighting

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N.'s special envoy to Yemen has stepped down after four years of efforts at a peaceful political transition in the Arab world's poorest country fell apart amid a Shiite rebel uprising and Saudi-led airstrikes.

A U.N. statement late Wednesday said Jamal Benomar "has expressed an interest in moving on to another assignment" and that his successor will be named "in due course." Benomar's departure creates a diplomatic vacuum in Yemen, where he had been the key international figure working to bring the feuding parties together, even after diplomats fled embassies and the U.N. staff pulled out.

Benomar, who previously served as an envoy in Iraq and Afghanistan, had come under criticism from some in the Middle East, particularly Saudi Arabia, as his recent efforts to broker peace showed little success.

Yemen is now under weeks of airstrikes by a Saudi-led coalition in an attempt to push back Shiite Houthi rebels who swept south and caused the Western-backed president to flee.

The U.N. said in its statement that it will "spare no efforts to re-launch the peace process," but the challenge has grown as the fighting in Yemen has become a kind of proxy war between Saudi Arabia and its Sunni allies and Iran, a Shiite power that has supported the Houthis. More than 700 people have been killed since the airstrikes began.

Manila's autism-friendly cafe offers refuge to differently abled youth staff and customers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Guided by a therapist and cue cards, Jose Canoy carefully removed a waffle from the griddle, turned off the waffle maker and asked for a serving plate from the kitchen staff at Manila's brightly-decorated Puzzle Cafe. Each of Canoy's next moves were similarly laid out in index cards with pictures: A script for greeting customers, offering them the menu, serving the food and finally handing out the bill.

Canoy, 20, is among seven trainees with autism at the small cafe, which aims to provide its workers a place to assimilate into society, improve social skills and spread awareness of the poorly understood disorder, which the World Health Organization estimates impairs about one child for every 160 worldwide.

Canoy's elder brother and co-owner of the cafe, Jose Antonio, said his family decided to create the coffee shop to help his younger brother become productive and secure his future. The family also wants to promote autism awareness and to train others like Jose to help them find permanent, paying jobs and avoid being ostracized. Two other apprentices have Down syndrome and most of the trainees are in their 20s.

"We're out here to show people that being different is not bad," Jose Antonio Canoy said. "You can live it."

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The autism-friendly cafe, with Thomas the Train toys and picture puzzles on its shelves, opened in November and held a grand opening ceremony April 11, in time for Autism Awareness Month. The puzzle piece is a global symbol of autism.

Royal baby mania returns: Britain ready to welcome William and Kate's second child

LONDON (AP) — Royal fans are ready to welcome Prince William and Kate's second child — a younger brother or sister to Prince George, whose birth two years ago whipped up a worldwide media frenzy.

As in 2013, the royals are keeping everyone guessing by disclosing virtually nothing about the baby — including the due date and gender.

If the bookies are to be believed, the baby will be a princess and she will be called Alice.

Here's what we know — and don't know — ahead of the second royal baby's birth, expected in the coming days:

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 16, the 106th day of 2015. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 16, 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died. U.S. troops reached Nuremberg. U.S. forces invaded the Japanese island of Ie Shima (ee-eh shee-mah). In his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1879, Bernadette Soubirous, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers (neh-VEHR'), France.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, leaving Dover, England, and arriving near Calais, France, in 59 minutes.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1940, Major League Baseball's first (and, to date, only) opening day no-hitter took place as Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched a no-no against the Chicago White Sox, 1-0, at Comiskey Park.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people). Financier Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse, "Let us not be deceived - we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1986, dispelling rumors he was dead, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi appeared on television to

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condemn the U.S. raid on his country and to say that Libyans were “ready to die” defending their nation.

In 1991, Sir David Lean, who had directed “The Bridge on the River Kwai,” “Lawrence of Arabia” and “Doctor Zhivago” (and who was the first husband of actress Kay Walsh) died in London at age 83.

In 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho (sung-wee joh) killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

Ten years ago: Marla Ruzicka (roo-ZEE'-kah), the founder of a humanitarian group to aid civilian casualties in Iraq, was killed in a car bombing in Baghdad. Cardinals meeting at the Vatican destroyed the late Pope John Paul II's ring and seal to formally end his reign. Authorities in Hillsborough County, Florida, found the body of missing 13-year-old Sarah Michelle Lunde (LUHN'-dee). (A suspect, David Lee Onstott, was later convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.) Actress Kay Walsh (the second wife of director David Lean) died in London at age 93 (some sources reported 90).

Five years ago: The U.S. government accused Wall Street's most powerful firm of fraud, saying Goldman Sachs & Co. had sold mortgage investments without telling buyers the securities were crafted with input from a client who was betting on them to fail. (In July 2010, Goldman agreed to pay \$550 million in a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but did not admit wrongdoing.)

One year ago: More than 300 people, mostly students, died when a South Korean ferry, the Sewol, sank while en route from Incheon to the resort island of Jeju; 172 people survived.

Today's Birthdays: Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI is 88. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 88. Singer Bobby Vinton is 80. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 68. Ann Romney is 66. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 63. Rock singer and former politician Peter Garrett is 62. Actress Ellen Barkin is 61. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 53. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 52. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 51. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 50. Actor Jon Cryer is 50. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 49. Actor Peter Billingsley is 44. Actor Lukas Haas is 39. Figure skater Mirai Nagasu is 22.

Thought for Today: “The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved.” - Russell Lynes, American writer (1910-1991).