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Wednesday, April 22

Birthdays: Ali Pasteur, Dwayne Coon, Lance Leonhardt, Samantha Delzer, Janice Hoffman

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

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, corn, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

7:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran confirmation and league.

Thursday, April 23

Birthdays: Jim Meister, Troy Larson, Jaxon Koshney

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

School Lunch: Super nachos, sweet potato tots, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Friday, April 24

Birthday: Taryn Rossow

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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Classifieds

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for their visits, phone calls and cards after my surgery. All of these helped with my recovery.

Donald Walter

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped me since I broke my leg. I appreciate the visits, cards, phone calls, gifts, and prayers. I can never say thank you enough for everything! Your help means so much to me! What a great community we live in!

Gordie Nelson

Help Wanted

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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)

Activities association tackles transgender policy, again

By Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE, S.D. - One year after the South Dakota High School Activities Association approved the first reading of its transgender policy, the issue was back on the agenda for a lengthy discussion at its board meeting April 21.

After multiple attempts to rescind the policy failed in the last session of the Legislature, SDHSAA is working with representatives of the state's school superintendents and school boards to see if member schools want a statewide policy or if they want to create one specific to their school district.

The SDHSAA board heard lengthy testimony on Tuesday from educators, representatives of public policy councils, four legislators and the grandmother of a transgender girl.

Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, a former teacher and school athletic director, said his concern with the SDHSAA policy was that it allowed a minor to make a claim that invalidates the information on birth certificate.

Under the policy, a student with gender identity issues can make one gender claim during the course of a high school career. In other words, a boy could make a claim that he wants to be treated like a girl. If he then chose to go out for a team, he would compete as a girl.

Bolin said that in no other situation is a minor child allowed to invalidate the information on an official state document. He said in New Hampshire, North Carolina and Georgia the high school activities associations require that students use the gender listed on their birth certificates to determine if they'll play boys' or girls' sports.

Dale Bartscher of the Family Heritage Alliance said the board should not adopt a policy for fear of facing future lawsuits.

"It is hard to believe that you could lose federal funding for doing something that is voluntary" like playing high school athletics, Bartscher said, noting that not all states have adopted transgender policies.

Bartscher said South Dakota should follow the "16 states that have chosen no policy is the best policy."

Rep. Steven Haugaard, R-Sioux Falls, said the board's action went beyond the scope of state law and the organization's own bylaws.

"It endorses behaviors that do need attention," Haugaard said, "but not this kind of attention."

The board also heard from Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, and Rep. Brock Greenfield, R-Clark.

Linda Schauer of Concerned Women For America said the logistics of how transgender students would interact with team members was worrisome for her.

"Most parents don't want their daughters sharing a locker room or a shower with a boy who feels like a girl," Schauer said.

At the end of the meeting, after the transgender discussion was long past, SDHSAA Executive Director Wayne Carney expressed his frustration about how notions like shared showers are started.

"Absolutely nowhere in the policy is that allowed," Carney said. He noted that schools with female football players or wrestlers have managed to make accommodations for those athletes without having to share facilities.

Many of the speakers asking that the policy be rescinded said they believed the board was fixing a problem that does not exist. Libby Skarin, a lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the issue is a growing one across the country.

She said 15 states have policies similar to South Dakota's. "The clear trend taking place across this country is one of inclusion," Skarin said.

Also speaking in favor of the policy was Huron Superintendent Terry Nebelsick who said the board might be wise to poll its members to see if they want a statewide policy rather than a policy for each school district.

"The legal counsel of Huron wants you to have that policy," Nebelsick said.

Amy Wagner, state coordinator for the National Day of Prayer and the grandmother of a transgender girl, said the school district where her granddaughter when to high school didn't do her any favors by

allowing her to compete in a boys' sport.

"They need help. They need support, but not necessarily letting them make those critical decisions," Wagner said.

Board members didn't comment on any of the testimony.

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Policy for referring board decision passes first reading

By Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors passed the first reading April 21 of a measure that will allow member schools to refer actions taken by the board.

The referral process would apply only to decisions that involves a "substantial/significant capital expense or that requires adding additional personnel"

Those standards were met a few years ago when the board approved adding a shot clock to the higher divisions of basketball. The South Dakota School Superintendents Organization balked at the added expense of purchasing the shot clocks and then having to find someone to run the clock during each game.

Since then talks have been ongoing about the need for a referral process. The one unveiled Tuesday said that a decision could be referred if a petition if filed within 45 days of the board board action by 30 superintendents of member schools or 25 percent of superintendents of member schools if the policy is class specific.

Board member Linda Whitney of Sanborn Central High School spearheaded the effort to create the policy, but said in the future the board "shouldn't need it if everyone is paying attention."

Avon Superintendent Tom Culver, who helped draft the policy, said superintendents take some of the blame for past run-ins with the board.

"I think the superintendents, we dropped the ball, too, not being informed like would should."

Board member Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen said the activities association rules needed the same protections as the U.S. Constitution.

"I think we need the same checks and balances," Uttermark said.

Board member Steve Morford of Spearfish wasn't sold on the need for the policy. He said a "substantial" or "significant" capital expense might be different for Wagner than it is for Spearfish.

"We're going to deal with this more than you think," Morford said.

The first reading passed on a 7-1 vote with board member Roger Bordeaux of Todd County dissenting.

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Athlete safety becomes priority at activities association

By Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE, S.D. - Policies dealing with student-athlete safety will be studied during the next year for possible implementation, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors was told by staff April 21.

The study will be led by SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand who attended a meeting about athlete safety.

"I came back scared," Krogstrand said of the meeting the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the National American Society for Sports Management that dealt with high school athletic injuries.

Key areas covered at the meeting included emergency action plans, sudden cardiac arrest, contact and concussions and heat exposure.

"These are real things that happen," Krogstrand said of the incidence of heart attacks in young athletes.

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He said many schools have automated external defibrillators but the speakers at the meeting pointed out that the machines may not be charged or properly maintained.

Krogstrand said he learned that heat exposure isn't necessarily just an occurrence in Southern states.

"It can take place anytime, anywhere," Krogstrand said.

The states that had rules in place to guard against these injuries had one grim similarity.

"It seemed like every state, before they'd address these issues, kids would die," Krogstrand said.

During the next year, SDHSAA staff and sports medicine experts will work on policy recommendations to bring to the board.

"We really need to do a better job of this within the next 12 months," Krogstrand said.

Drug bust in Groton

GROTON, SD (KELOLAND.COM) - A drug search at a South Dakota high school has an 18-year-old woman in trouble with the law.

Police say the Groton Area School held a lockdown drill Tuesday, which is a normal practice for the district. During the drill, the South Dakota Highway Patrol brought a drug dog onto school property.

Highway patrol public information officer Tony Mangan confirms law enforcement arrested an 18-year-old on drug charges and handed the case over to the Brown County State's Attorney.

According to Groton police, the school holds two lockdown drills each year.

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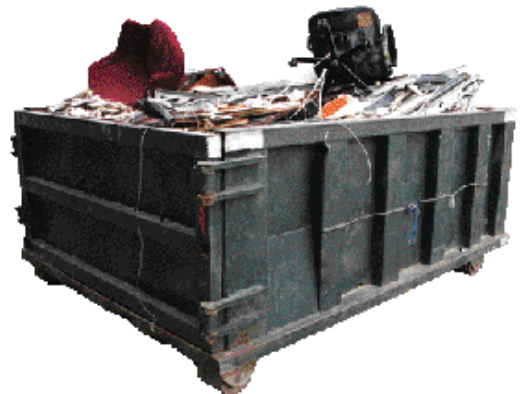
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Bevitized: Rainbow Tumblers Have The Power To Surprise!



by Beverly Patterson

did her weekly grocery shopping and treat us to pop with our supper on the weekends. It was so exciting. She would get out the rainbow colored Tupperware tumblers and fill each one with some ice cubes and some bubbly, delicious, very much anticipated pop. It kind of made the sandwiches a bit more palatable and before we knew it, the sandwiches and pop were gone and our eyes were glued to the television set watching the best choice of shows between the 2 and 1/2 channels we had. When I say 2 and 1/2 channels I mean CBS, NBC and then half the time public broadcasting would come in but only if the wind wasn't out of the west and it wasn't cloudy.

When my pop had washed down the last bite of my sandwich I continued to hold the glass up to my mouth and found that if I sucked all the air out,

When I was little we would sit in the living room, as a family, every Sunday night and watch Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom followed by Walt Disney. Sometimes dad would stop at the little beer joint in town and bring home an assortment of some of the most disgusting ready made sandwiches ever created. They couldn't have been wrapped in air tight packaging as they always tasted like cigarette smoke. All mom needed to do was slide them onto a cookie sheet and pop them in the oven to warm them up and before we knew it, supper was ready. She would always pick up a six pack of those large returnable quart bottles of pop when she



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it would stay on my face like magic! This was so cool. Becky and Jr took turns grabbing onto it and pulling it off so each time I put it back on, I would suck even more air out of it. There was a kind of tingly feeling and obviously I enjoyed it because I kept doing it for quite some time. Eventually it was time to head upstairs for bed which meant fighting to see who got to use the bathroom first. I'm not sure what place I came in that night but I do remember getting off the toilet and tossing a glance at myself in the mirror above the sink and something immediately caught my attention which prompted my brain to take another look.

O-H M-Y G-O-S-H!!!!!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY FACE???? I had a reddish ring all the way around my mouth that reached down to the bottom of my chin!!! Immediately, I was terrified! My heart began to pound and my palms got clammy and I recruited Becky to examine the situation. It wasn't long before she was ready to deliver her diagnosis. She could tell I was hanging on her every word as I was sure I had only days left to live. At this point, I'm doubting I'll ever forget the words that came out of her mouth. It was like one of those scenes from a movie when everything begins to happen in s-l-o-w m-o-t-i-o-n. She said, "You gave yourself a hickie with that stupid Tupperware glass!" The wave of relief that swept over my body was amazing! I knew, at the very second she delivered my fate, she was indeed, right as right can be!

This story may be an interesting angle for the Tupperware company to use in their advertising. For years they've promoted their extraordinary seals and the freshness locked inside their "burped bowls" but not once have they said anything about the tremendous seal their glasses have when sucked to a person's face! Heck, I didn't need a boyfriend to give me hickies when I became a teenager. We had a set of rainbow tumblers!

State Historical Society's Sioux Horse Effigy among featured artifacts in exhibit at Metropolitan Museum of Art

PIERRE, S.D. -- South Dakota's own Sioux Horse Effigy, an artifact from the collection of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, is now on display through May 10 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

"The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky," an exhibition of Plains Indian masterworks, has already been displayed in Paris at musée du quai Branly and at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

The effigy, which also serves as the logo of the South Dakota Historical Society, is capturing special attention. New York Times reviewer Holland Cotter made special mention of it in his March 12 review of the exhibition:

"[It's]... direct, candid gaze is unshakable and unforgettable. So is an image, carved in wood some 30 or 40 years later by a Hunkpapa Lakota artist of a horse apparently dying in battle. Now in the collection of the South Dakota State Historical [Society], the figure was conceived as a tribute to a beloved animal killed under fire. ... In a history of great sculpture, past and present, from the North American continent, it has a place in the highest pantheon."

The exhibit is notable for its more than 130 works of art from 57 European, Canadian and American institutions and private collections being displayed in an unprecedented continuum from pre-contact to the present-day. Featured works include numbers of the great early Plains Indian robes, and other masterworks collected in the 18th century by European explorers and taken back to the continent never to return to America until now.

"I've seen the effigy on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art," commented Jay D. Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. "It is beautifully and majestically displayed. We are delighted to see it earn such high praise from Holland Cotter, the notable New York Times art critic. In Pierre, we've always believed in its historical importance, and we are happy to see others placing it in the 'highest pantheon' of great North American sculpture."

A small display about the effigy's travels is currently available at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, but a much larger celebration is being planned for the return of the artifact this fall.

"Mark your calendars now for Oct. 10-12," commented Jay Smith, museum director of the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center. "We will soon be announcing a weekend full of activities surrounding the return of the great Sioux Horse Effigy."



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Shut-down schnozzle

By Richard P. Holm, MD

Spring is the time of the year when people come into the clinic because of a plugged proboscis, a stuffy schnozzle, a nasty nose.

An obstructed nasal airway becomes particularly troublesome when we are trying to sleep and nasal passageways deny us enough air to achieve that forget-about-it-all state in order to drift off into dreamland. Luckily, even with a totally plugged upper airway, adults can open their mouths, allowing breath to come in an alternate way, which is an option not available to infants, I should add... but that is another story.

A seasonal allergic cause for stuffy nose happens when prairie winds blow pollen into our homes and sleeping spaces: from trees in spring, grasses in summer, or weeds in early autumn. Symptoms of such an allergy include itchy and watery eyes, sneezing, congestion, runny nose and wheezing that generally last for more than two weeks.

This is in contrast to a stuffy nose from a viral infection or cold, which starts with a sore throat, full-body-aches for one to two days followed by nasal-passage swelling and a dry hacking cough that can last for one to two weeks.

So, what are we to do about a stuffy nose? I suggest only blowing the nose gently since forceful blowing can and will cause painful packed sinuses. Hot liquids like lemon-honey tea can be helpful. Almost all the drugs we used to prescribe for allergies are now available over-the-counter. Long-acting non-sedating antihistamine tablets or nasal spray steroids and antihistamines can help for both causes, but are particularly helpful when the cause is allergic. These are gentle medicines and they take a while to kick-in, so be patient.

My favorite advice is for continuous stimulation of the most powerful nose and throat clearing substance: saliva. This is best done by stimulating salivary glands with lemon or cough drops.

Some warnings: Short acting and sedating antihistamines like Benedryl are no more effective than the long acting type. The decongestants like Sudafed can cause people to become jittery, agitated, and can irritate the heart, so use them very judiciously. Decongestant nasal sprays like Afrin can cause dependency and should not be used more than twice a week. And remember, whether a viral infection or an allergy is causing the stuffy nose, antibiotics rarely will help, and can be harmful.

So when your noble nose becomes a shut-down schnozzle, there are methods you might use to bring you safe relief.

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Higher Crude Oil Prices Fueling Bumps at the Pump

AAA South Dakota, April 21, 2015 – South Dakota’s average pump price has jumped almost five cents per gallon during the last week due to sharply rising crude oil costs, AAA reports.

“West Texas Intermediate reached its highest levels of 2015 five days ago as supplies built more slowly than anticipated,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. “Even so, South Dakota drivers are paying an average of \$1.20 less per gallon today for self-serve regular than they did on April 30, 2014.”

At the close of yesterday’s formal NYMEX trading, WTI settled 64 cents higher at \$56.38 per barrel after hitting a 2015 high of \$56.71 last Thursday on news of just a 1.3 million barrel build in crude oil stocks. The market also is weighing potential geopolitical concerns in the Middle East and a weakening dollar. Domestic oil prices are more than \$10 per barrel higher than a month ago, helping drive retail gas prices higher.

	Today	Last Week	Change	Mar. 17	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.455	\$2.442	\$0.013	\$2.429	\$0.026	\$3.498
Brookings	\$2.437	\$2.499	(\$0.062)	\$2.505	(\$0.068)	\$3.732
Huron	\$2.281	\$2.411	(\$0.130)	\$2.393	(\$0.112)	\$3.677
Mitchell	\$2.305	\$2.259	\$0.046	\$2.356	(\$0.051)	\$3.576
Pierre	\$2.486	\$2.458	\$0.028	\$2.500	(\$0.014)	\$3.639
Rapid City	\$2.326	\$2.283	\$0.043	\$2.220	\$0.106	\$3.460
Sioux Falls	\$2.318	\$2.294	\$0.024	\$2.393	(\$0.075)	\$3.517
Vermillion	\$2.371	\$2.305	\$0.066	\$2.399	(\$0.028)	\$3.474
Watertown	\$2.540	\$2.415	\$0.125	\$2.336	\$0.204	\$3.642
Yankton	\$2.425	\$2.294	\$0.131	\$2.382	\$0.043	\$3.545
South Dakota	\$2.387	\$2.340	\$0.047	\$2.383	\$0.004	\$3.569

Today’s national average price for regular gasoline stands at \$2.46, the least expensive average for this date since 2009 when it came in at \$2.06.

According to FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com, the nationwide average gas price has increased about seven cents per gallon over the past week but it’s only four cents above the price one month ago.

The average price for regular gasoline has climbed higher in 49 states and Washington, D.C. week-over-week. Thirty-six states have seen average prices rise by a nickel or more per gallon, and drivers in eight states are paying a dime or more per gallon than they did one week ago. The largest increases have been in the Northeast. Hawaii, consistently one of the nation’s most expensive markets, is the lone state to buck this trend as motorists are experiencing slightly lower week-over-week prices at the pump.

California (\$3.16) continues to lead the market with the nation’s highest retail average for gasoline, followed by Hawaii (\$3.06), Alaska (\$3.00), Nevada (\$2.81) and Washington (\$2.75). Drivers in South Carolina (\$2.22), Mississippi (\$2.24) and Alabama (\$2.25) are paying the lowest averages at the pump.

Today in Weather History

April 22, 1968: A late season snow storm affected most of South Dakota, with the heaviest snowfall measuring 18 inches at Eagle Butte. In addition, localized icing damaged utility lines, 40mph winds caused localized blizzard conditions, and some calf losses were reported.

April 22, 1992: With a fresh blanket of snow from a recent snowstorm helping to keep the air cool the high temperature at Sioux Falls only reached 31 degrees. This is the latest below freezing high temperature on record in Sioux Falls.

April 22, 2001: Heavy snow of 7 to 15 inches fell across much of central and northeast South Dakota from early on the 22nd to early on the 23rd. Some freezing rain also brought heavy icing in Buffalo, eastern Lyman, and far southern Roberts counties resulting in some downed trees and branches along with some downed power lines. This late season snowstorm caused many travel problems along with some accidents. There were many vehicles in the ditch along Interstate-29 in Roberts County. Many schools and events were either cancelled or delayed on the 22nd and 23rd. The heavy snow also caused problems with ranchers and their livestock with some calves lost in the storm. Around 9:30 am on the 23rd in Kennebec, the heavy snow caused the roof of the 40 by 64 foot feed and seed warehouse to collapse. Late season record snowfalls were set at Aberdeen and Pierre. Some snowfall amounts included, 7 inches at Timber Lake and Leola, 8 inches at Eagle Butte, Mobridge and Aberdeen, 9 inches at Kennebec and Pollock, 10 inches at Gettysburg, Selby, Redfield, and Webster, and 11 inches at Onida, Mission Ridge, Hosmer, and Columbia. Locations with snowfall amounts of a foot or more included, 12 inches at Britton, Ree Heights, Highmore, Blunt, Seneca, and Pierre, 13 inches at Murdo, Presho, Miller, and Wilmot, 14 inches at Roy Lake and southwest of Harrold, and 15 inches at Saint Lawrence.








1978: Tents are sometimes struck by lightning. In this case, a close call, as a tent containing a number of sleeping Girl Scouts was hit by lightning as they were camping at Delgray Lake in Arkansas. Two of the Girl Scouts suffered minor burns.

1999: A one million dollar air charter Boeing 727 flew into large hail. Although the plane and its 66 occupants landed safely, the aircraft was declared a total loss.

2003: Tropical Storm Ana became the first Atlantic tropical storm since records began in 1871 to form during the month April. Maximum sustained winds reached 55 mph. Beginning as a non-tropical area of low pressure on the 18th about 210 miles south-southwest of Bermuda, it was classified as a sub-tropical storm early on the 20th, it gained full tropical characteristics near 0000 UTC on the 21st, developing an "eye" feature.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Slight Chc Showers	Chance Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High: 55 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 59 °F



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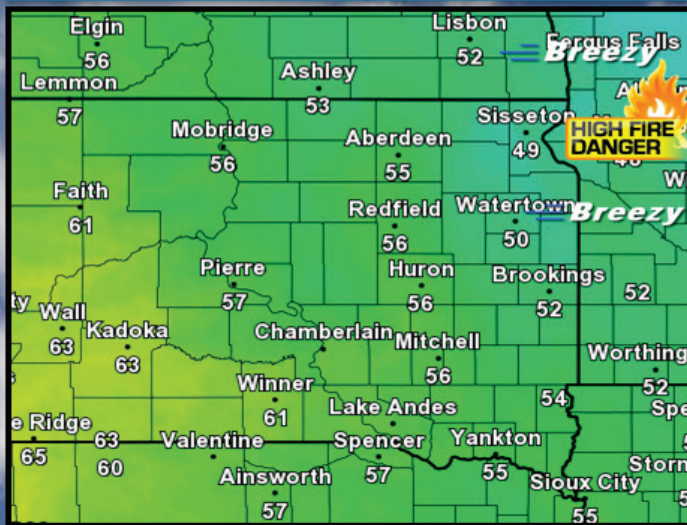


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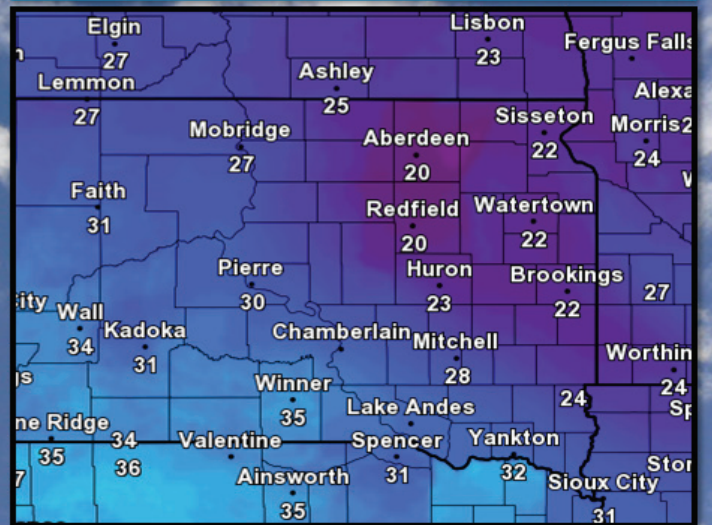


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Afternoon High Temps



Thursday Morning Low Temps



Published on: 04/22/2015 at 4:25AM

High pressure will be the dominate feature over the region today and tonight, so overall looking at dry conditions and light winds. However, the exception will be west central MN, where winds will increase to 15 to 25 mph this morning before gradually tapering off this afternoon. Because of the stronger winds, fire danger will be very high. Overnight lows are again expected to drop into the 20s for most locations.

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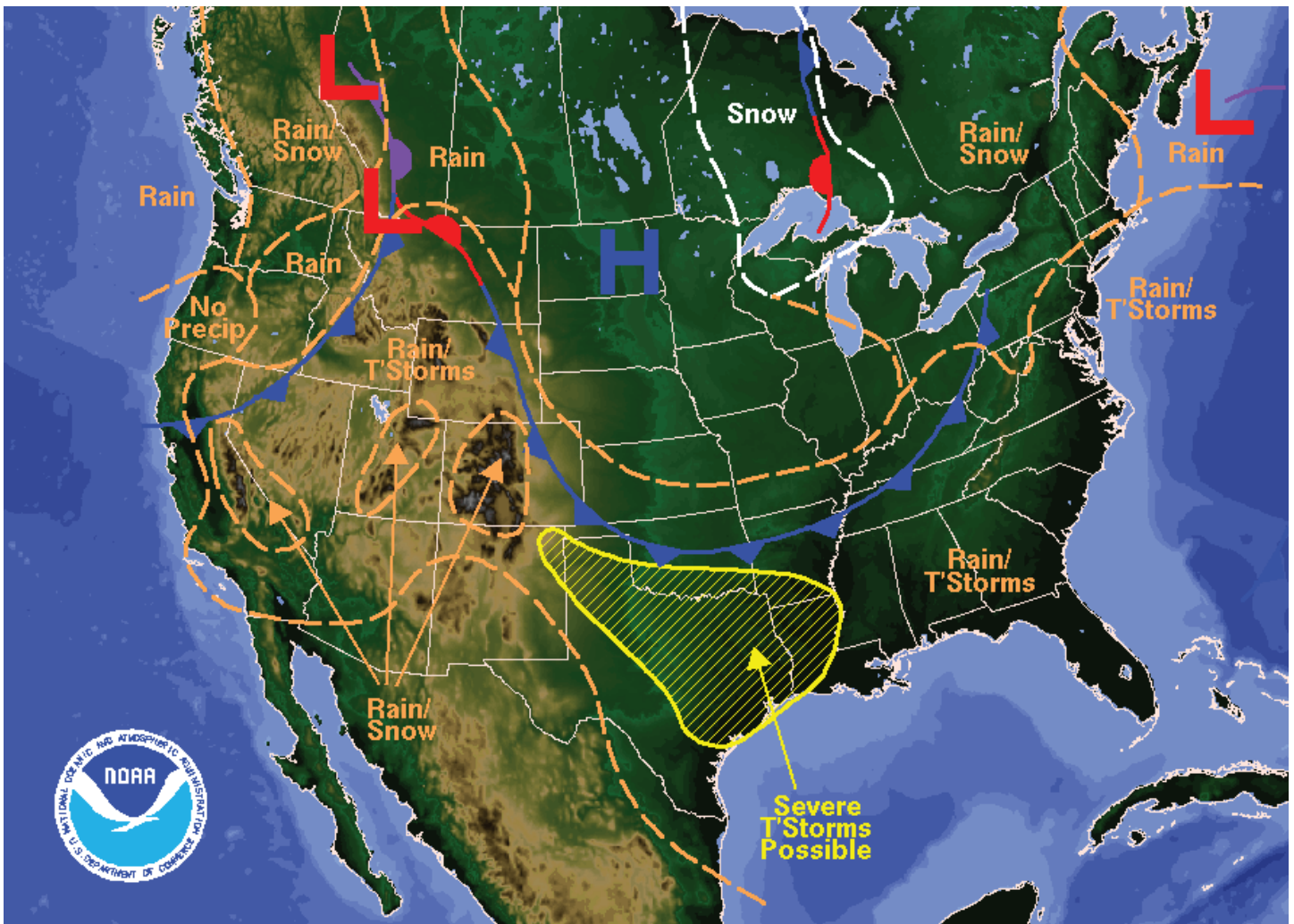
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 45.2 at 5:20 PM
Low: 25.4 at 11:26 PM
High Gust: 36 at 4:04 PM
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.43

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 1990
Record Low: 20° in 1956
Average High: 61°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in April: 1.11
Precip to date in April: 0.44
Average Precip to date: 3.29
Precip Year to Date: 0.91
Sunset Tonight: 8:29 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:35 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Apr 22, 2015, issued 3:21 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



MISPLACED TRUST

We all inherit the same sinful nature at birth. It is very evident in the way we think and act. We have an "inbred" dependence on our subjective, self-focused, self-centered, or perhaps might we be more honest and say "sinful" selves. We tend to rely on our God-given gifts as something we have accomplished on our own apart from Him. It is as though we took a lump of clay from the ground and fashioned a person, endowed him with skills and abilities and said, "Now, let's do something that we can be proud of!"

"He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe." This statement reminds us of the wisdom contained in another proverb: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understandings." Once again in his wisdom and our lack of it, Solomon took time to remind us of how we easily turn to ourselves rather than God. Trusting in ourselves is normal and natural but not without demonstrating to ourselves, others and God that we are fools.

Notice this: "A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the Lord will prosper." This theme, flowing throughout proverbs, is so very important when we relate it to our sinful nature. To "trust in" is difficult because it signals to the world that what we do is not of ourselves but is a gift from God and to God be the glory!

Greed is who we are - though not a word that we want to be associated with. It is something most of us try to avoid. Yet, the only option is to give credit to God.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for seeing who we can be in spite of ourselves. Make us willing to let go and let God! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 28:26 Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.

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Grant to state will help cover breast cancer screenings

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state has received a \$50,000 grant from the South Dakota affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help provide breast cancer screening services.

The South Dakota Department of Health says the grant to its breast and cervical cancer screening program called "All Women Count!" will cover mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women between the ages of 30 and 49.

The department says besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in South Dakota women and the second leading cause of cancer death.

Each year an estimated 538 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in South Dakota and 100 women die from the disease.

The "All Women Count!" program provides breast and cervical cancer screening services to women ages 30 to 64 that meet program guidelines.

Volunteers to clean up Pierre during annual spring event

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's capital city is kicking off its sixth annual spring cleanup effort. More than 100 volunteers will be planting trees, picking up trash and beautifying Pierre as part of this year's Go Green and Clean campaign. The effort is set to begin Wednesday.

Mayor Laurie Gill says the projects include cleaning up road right-of-ways, painting park structures and "giving the statues along the Trail of Governors a bath."

At least 27 organizations, including the city's police department, railway employees, and retired teachers, will take part in the campaign.

With bird flu spreading, USDA starts on potential vaccine

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — As losses to poultry producers continue to climb from a deadly strain of bird flu, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is working on a potential vaccine in response to the current outbreak.

A pure "seed strain" would target the H5N2 virus — which has already cost Midwest turkey and chicken producers more than 6.7 million birds since early March — as well as some other highly pathogenic viruses in the H5 family that have been detected in other parts of North America. The USDA would then provide that seed strain to drug manufacturers if the agency ultimately decides the vaccine is necessary to stop avian influenza.

The process, though, is fraught with questions about which birds would get the vaccine, how it might affect exports and whether it'd be effective against the current strain, which continues to spread.

WHY PRODUCERS WANT A VACCINE

USDA officials have said the H5N2 virus could be a problem for the poultry industry for several years. The virus had already killed or led authorities to order the culling of nearly 2.3 million turkeys before it was confirmed Monday at an Iowa egg-laying operation with 3.8 million hens. And Tuesday, four more turkey farms with more than 425,000 birds total were added to the list.

There could be a resurgence this fall when the wild waterfowl that are believed to carry the virus fly south for the winter. Another concern is that it could spread to big poultry producing states in the East.

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While government agencies and producers would much rather see tight biosecurity and other current strategies succeed, they want to have another tool available, said Dr. T.J. Myers, an associate deputy administrator for veterinary services with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

WHERE THE VACCINE STANDS

The USDA's Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory in Athens, Georgia, is developing the seed strain, which is essentially a pure virus sample that could be the foundation for producing an effective vaccine. The center's director, Dr. David Swayne, said it has already gone through a couple rounds of lab testing, and animal experiments will begin in early May to determine whether it's an effective strain to use. If those tests are successful and the USDA decides to put a vaccine into production, it would turn to the private sector to make it.

WHAT IT WOULD COST

Dr. John Clifford, the USDA's chief veterinary officer, said it's not clear how much a vaccine would add to the cost of producing birds but doesn't expect it would be much. It might be used mainly on more expensive birds such as those used for breeding, he said.

For turkey producers, the price of the vaccine could be minor compared to the cost of losing entire flocks, according to Steve Olson, executive director of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and the Chicken and Egg Association of Minnesota. But a vaccine might be too expensive for the broiler chicken industry, where profits per bird are small.

WHY THE USDA MIGHT DECIDE AGAINST A VACCINE

Introducing a vaccine raises a lot of questions, Myers said, including which poultry would get it, in what kind of settings, whether it would be effective in stopping the disease and potential negative effects on poultry exports.

James Sumner, president of the Georgia-based USA Poultry and Egg Export Council, said some countries might regard vaccine use as a reason to bar imports from the U.S. The concern is that the vaccine could mask any actual virus that poultry might be carrying, he said, because tests for the disease look for antibodies — the same thing vaccines trigger a body to produce.

Dr. Kyoungjin Yoon, an avian influenza expert at Iowa State University, said human experience shows flu vaccines don't always match well with viruses in circulation. Vaccine-induced immunity could also slow the detection of outbreaks, Yoon said. One of the main symptoms is that flocks start dying off quickly.

SD law bars EB-5 loan firm's past tax liability disclosure

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota law prohibits the state Department of Revenue from disclosing whether it will decide to pursue back taxes from a company set up to recruit wealthy foreign investors in an investment-for-visa program that became entangled in scandal, the department said Tuesday.

Last month, the state's Division of Banking issued a license to SDRC Inc., the Aberdeen-based firm managing loans to projects in the EB-5 visa program, that allows it to be a nonresidential mortgage lender. That means the firm must pay the state's bank franchise tax, the division said.

The Revenue Department is examining whether it can retroactively collect the bank taxes from SDRC, a private firm founded by Joop Bollen, a department spokesman said. But Jason Evans, property and special taxes deputy director, told The Associated Press that state law bars the department from disclosing whether it decides to pursue those taxes.

"It's confidential taxpayer information," Evans said. "I don't know that we'll ever be able to disclose

that to give you the closure that you're looking for."

The Revenue Department received notice of the license in March and will collect the tax moving forward, but it's unclear what the firm's ongoing tax burden will be.

South Dakota was one of the pioneers in EB-5 financing under Bollen, a former state administrator who oversaw the program as a public employee and then with SDRC, and the late Richard Benda, a former Governor's Office of Economic Development secretary. The program recruits wealthy immigrant investors for projects in exchange for green cards.

Benda's October 2013 death was ruled a suicide. At the time, Attorney General Marty Jackley was preparing to file felony theft charges against Benda amid allegations of financial misconduct at GOED surrounding EB-5.

Bollen initially ran the EB-5 program for the state when he was in charge of the South Dakota International Business Institute at Northern State University. He privatized it in 2009 and turned it over to SDRC. The state ended its contract with SDRC in September 2013 amid state and federal investigations.

It came out last fall that the Division of Banking was examining whether SDRC should be considered a financial institution because it administers loans. The Brown County Commission requested this month that the Department of Revenue retroactively collect bank franchise taxes from SDRC.

Commissioner Tom Fischbach, who offered the resolution, said he thinks the public has the right to know whether the Revenue Department collects the taxes.

"I would sure think the public would have the right to know if they have to pay it or not," he said. "That's my opinion, but it's not a legal one."

Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, said state officials are required to follow the law. He said the statute reflects the public's expectation that the information they file when paying taxes remains private.

"That is only a prohibition against state officials," Venhuizen said. "(SDRC is) certainly free to tell you whatever they like, but we really can't."

Bollen declined to comment Tuesday.

No listing for Sierra sage grouse sends signal across West

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Interior Secretary Sally Jewell reversed the government's proposed federal protection for a type of sage grouse specific to California and Nevada on Tuesday, and said it shows it's still possible to head off a bigger, looming listing decision for the greater sage grouse across 11 western states.

Jewell joined Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and others in announcing she's withdrawing the government's 2013 proposal to declare the bistate, Mono Basin sage grouse a threatened species along the California-Nevada line.

The bird found only along the Sierra's eastern front no longer faces the threat of extinction thanks to voluntary conservation efforts and range improvements initiated by ranchers, local governments, private land owners and public land managers, she said.

"What this has shown is that despite the stresses we feel on the landscape here — particularly around drought and wildfire and other stresses that impact this part of the world — we can still create and find habitat that supports sage grouse," Jewell said in a speech outside Nevada Department of Wildlife headquarters in Reno.

"There's no reason you can't have a healthy state with a healthy economy and a healthy ecosystem.

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By working together, you can have it all," she said.

The bistate bird is a genetically distinct population of the greater sage grouse species, which is under consideration for protection in Nevada, California and nine other states stretching from Oregon to the Dakotas.

"This is welcome news for all Nevadans," said Sandoval, a Republican. "Working together, I'm hopeful we can preclude the need to list the greater sage grouse just as we have done with the bistate."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is under a court order to make a listing decision on the greater sage grouse by Sept. 30 in a legal battle with conservationists that spans more than 15 years.

"I think it is very possible not to list that species," Jewell told reporters after her bistate announcement.

Conservationists who petitioned to protect both populations accused Jewell of caving to pressure from Western conservatives who fear federal protection would mean dramatic restrictions on livestock grazing, energy exploration and other development of public lands.

Michael Connor, California director of the nonprofit Western Watersheds Project, said that as recently as last December federal officials had assigned the bistate grouse the "maximum priority for listing" based on the magnitude of threats facing the isolated population across more than 7,000 square miles Carson City to near Yosemite National Park.

"The service's backpedalling in claiming that unfinished management plans and voluntary, cooperative agreements will protect the species is untrue and smacks of political expediency," Connor said Tuesday.

Randi Spivak, public lands director for the Center for Biological Diversity, agreed. "Half measures may delay extinction but it won't prevent it," Spivak said.

Jewell said the decision not to list the bistate grouse should be "real encouraging" for other western states pursuing similar voluntary measures to ward off listing of the greater sage grouse.

"I think if it had been listed after all the hard work and effort after 15 years, it would make people discouraged — 'Gosh, we've worked together so hard and maybe there isn't a way to protect these ecosystems,'" Jewell told reporters.

She said Tuesday's decision should "give the scientists and the land managers and the private land owners and the ranchers and the state and governors all encouragement that we need to stay the course on the greater sage course and we'll be able to achieve a similar outcome if we work together."

Mary Grim, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regional sage grouse coordinator, said the agency was concerned about the rate of habitat loss when it proposed listing the bistate bird as threatened two years ago. Since then, ranchers, conservationists and government agencies have committed more than \$45 million to restoration efforts over the next 15 years, making the listing unnecessary, she said.

"If you look at the science, look at the commitments we have, clearly in comparison to 2010, the future looks very bright for bistate sage grouse," Grim told The Associated Press. "There's no reason to think the subspecies is at risk now or in the future of going extinct."

Gov. Steve Bullock signs Montana anti-bullying bill into law

LISA BAUMANN, Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — It took more than 10 years, several proposals and countless stories from young people who have suffered, but on Tuesday, Montana joined every other state in the nation with an anti-bullying law.

Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock signed the Bully Free Montana Act at Jefferson Elementary School in Helena. Bill sponsor Rep. Kim Dudik, Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, students and their families joined Bullock for the signing of House Bill 284.

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"I am pleased that Montana will finally have a bullying-prevention law," Bullock said. "All too often, we've heard bullying is just a part of growing up. ... We know that isn't the case. They (students) just don't have to put up with that type of behavior."

The new law defines bullying as any repeated harassment, hazing or threatening in person, or in writing including electronic communication. As proposed, it would have directed public school districts to adopt certain policies addressing the issue of bullying. The final version simply prohibits students and teachers from bullying any student in a public K-12 school. It does not explicitly refer to cyberbullying, but the law would forbid it under the general bullying ban.

Parents and local authorities can also go after bullies, schools or education officials who break the law. "A safe environment forms the foundation for a quality learning experience, and that's really what this bill is about," Juneau said. "I want every child to feel safe at school, and this new law helps bring us closer to that goal."

Lawmakers have been trying to pass some form of the measure since 2003, with mostly Republican opponents saying it would infringe on school districts' ability to enact local rules.

Forty-six of the 49 states that have established bullying laws did so by 2010. Hawaii, Michigan and South Dakota were the last to make changes, leaving Montana as the only state that hadn't addressed the issue with legislation.

Thirty-eight percent of Montana seventh and eighth graders have said they are being bullied, while 26 percent of high school students said they are being bullied, Dudik said.

"Finally Montana has a law that says bullying is not OK," said Dudik, Democrat from Missoula. "It's been a long time coming, and we've finally gotten it done."

Sixth South Dakota farm confirmed with deadly bird flu

REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) — A bird flu strain that's led to the deaths of more than 6.7 million birds in the Midwest has been confirmed at a sixth commercial turkey farm in South Dakota.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the H5N2 strain of avian influenza in a flock of 33,300 birds in Spink County. The confirmation means the virus will have led to the deaths of about 289,000 birds in South Dakota since it appeared in the state last month.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven says infected birds at the first five farms where the virus has been detected have been euthanized and work is underway at the farm in Spink County.

Oedekoven says it'll be probably another month before any of the farms that were initially infected can begin producing turkeys again.

A primer on the bird flu affecting Midwest poultry flocks

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Scientists believe 70-degree temperatures will kill the deadly bird flu virus — and the change in weather can't come fast enough for producers in some Midwestern states struggling to contain a virulent strain that has doomed nearly 6.7 million turkeys and chickens since March. Here are some questions and answers about the outbreak:

WHAT'S THE LATEST?

The number of hens that'll have to be killed at a northwest Iowa farm was revised downward Tuesday, from 5.3 million to 3.8 million. That's still the largest number of poultry in one spot to be affected.

The smaller — yet still large — figure is the actual number of chickens at Sunrise Farms instead of

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the capacity of the farm, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Iowa agriculture officials gave Monday.

A total of eight Midwestern states, Iowa included, have been affected by the H5N2 virus. On Tuesday, four more farms, 3 in Minnesota and 1 in South Dakota, confirmed outbreaks.

WHAT'S THE OUTLOOK?

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials say the virus could be a problem for several years. USDA Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. John Clifford said Tuesday that once temperatures reach the 70s, new cases should drop off as the virus doesn't survive well in warmer weather. In Minnesota, where many turkey farms have been affected, temperatures barely reached 40 in some spots Tuesday.

Federal and state agriculture officials are confident that current quarantines, surveillance and biosecurity measures will limit the spread, though any significant spreading of the virus would be cause for concern. Resurgence is expected this fall when wild waterfowl that are natural carriers of avian influenza fly south for the winter.

WHAT KIND OF FLU IS THIS, EXACTLY?

H5N2 is a highly contagious virus that kills commercial poultry quickly once it gets into a barn. The risk to the public is considered low, and infected birds and eggs are kept out of the food supply.

WHERE IS THIS TURNING UP, AND IN WHAT KINDS OF BIRDS?

Only two egg operations have been affected — one in Iowa and one in Wisconsin. Except for a couple of backyard flocks, all of the other cases have been at commercial turkey farms. Twenty-eight turkey farms in Minnesota, the nation's top turkey-producing state, have been affected — more than anywhere else. Experts say that's due to its thousands of lakes and ponds, which are attractive to migrating ducks and other waterfowl.

ARE TURKEYS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE THAN CHICKENS?

It appears turkeys pass this strain of virus on to others more easily than chickens; the fatality rate in turkey flocks is often 100 percent vs. about 60 percent in chickens. H5N2 and other highly pathogenic strains have also been found since late last year among wild birds, backyard flocks and commercial farms in some western states and British Columbia.

AREN'T MOST COMMERCIAL POULTRY BARNs TIGHTLY CONTROLLED TO KEEP DISEASES OUT?

They are enclosed but not airtight. Poultry farms with good biosecurity strictly limit who and what is allowed in: Workers often have to shower, wear protective coveralls and step in disinfectant, while equipment coming in and out is typically sanitized. But the system doesn't always work, and rodents and wild birds can bring in the virus. Clifford said it's even possible wind-blown feathers and dust exposed to wild bird droppings could spread it.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BIRD FLU ARRIVES?

Affected birds die, and quickly. And once an infection is confirmed at a farm, all surviving birds are typically killed to prevent it from spreading. Turkeys and chickens being raised for meat are killed by pumping a water-based foam into the barn floor. In egg-laying facilities, where multiple levels of cages are off the floor, birds will likely be euthanized with carbon dioxide, rendering them unconscious in seconds.

WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE CARCASSES?

They compost them — usually in the same barn where they died. The heat generated by composting is enough to kill flu viruses and other pathogens commonly present in poultry, such as salmonella. The compost then can be safely spread as fertilizer.

HOW ARE FARMS AFFECTED FINANCIALLY?

An outbreak certainly can cost a farm dearly. The government doesn't compensate producers for birds

that die of the virus itself, but it does reimburse them for birds that have to be euthanized as a precaution. That gives farmers an incentive to report suspected outbreaks.

DOES THIS MEAN I'LL BE PAYING MORE FOR TURKEY, EGGS AND CHICKEN?

Though roughly one in five eggs nationwide come from Iowa, consumers are unlikely to see price spikes in the near future. The toll nationwide represents just a small part of U.S. turkey and egg production.

SD readies for storm season with statewide tornado drill

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota is preparing for the upcoming storm season.

A 30-minute statewide tornado drill is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. CDT Wednesday. Residents will see and hear the actual alerts used during tornadoes.

The National Weather Service says outdoor warning sirens will go off in many areas. The drill will also include the activation of the Emergency Alert System, which will interrupt local media broadcasts.

Schools may schedule safety drills and local emergency responders may also practice the response procedures they follow during severe weather events.

The Weather Service says residents should treat the drill as a real emergency and put their tornado safety plan to the test.

The tornado drill is part of the Severe Weather Preparedness Week sponsored by the Weather Service and state emergency management officials.

South Dakota artifact on display at world-renowned museum

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — People visiting one of New York City's world-renowned museums can now catch a glimpse of an artifact that belongs to South Dakota's Cultural Heritage Center.

South Dakota's Sioux Horse Effigy is being showcased at the Metropolitan Museum of Art as part of an exhibition of Plains Indians masterworks.

"The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky" includes more than 130 works of art from 57 European, Canadian and American institutions as well as private collections. Featured works range from a 2,000-year-old human-effigy stone pipe to contemporary paintings, photographs and a video-installation piece.

The exhibit, which was previously displayed in Paris, will be in New York City through May 10.

The effigy is expected to return to the Heritage Center in Pierre in October.

Iowa egg farm with bird flu quarantined to contain virus

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The northwest Iowa chicken farm dealing with a bird flu virus has been quarantined and is working with state and federal officials to prevent the spread of the disease.

Sunrise Farms near Harris in Osceola County says Tuesday it houses 3.8 million laying hens, a smaller number than the 5.3 million government officials initially reported. It is a division of Sonstegard Foods Co. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A company statement says routine tests confirmed the virus in its flock.

The chickens must be killed and composted on the farm as part of the containment process.

A quarantine area of about 6 miles is established around affected farms and all poultry in the area is tested, including backyard flocks and other commercial operations.

The virus has hit eight Midwestern states.

SD workforce campaign fights barren wasteland perception

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has launched a workforce development campaign that aims to erase perceptions in other states of a barren wasteland with little opportunity.

And ironically, the focus of the campaign is a video about the desolate planet of Mars. The final graphic reads: "South Dakota. Plenty of jobs. Plenty of air."

The new ad campaign by Lawrence & Schiller takes a light-hearted approach to getting young people interested in moving to South Dakota. It also touches on an approach the state plans to use involving so-called trending topics — like the colonization of Mars.

State Economic Development Commissioner Pat Costello says the overriding message to people is that they can have fun in South Dakota, and make a life in the state.

The campaign launches May 1.

Huset's Speedway near Brandon being sold; will be renamed

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Badlands Entertainment Group is buying Huset's Speedway near Brandon and will upgrade it and rename it Badlands Motor Speedway after the 2015 racing season.

The longtime 1/3-mile dirt track hosts races involving hobby stocks, modifieds, late-models and sprint cars. It also hosts special events including World of Outlaws sprint races. Three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart raced a sprint car there in July 2013.

Badlands CEO and Sioux Falls native Chuck Brennan says he's a longtime fan of the track, and owning it is a dream come true. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Brennan says Badlands is planning a "massive face-lift" of the speedway that will cost millions of dollars over the next several years. The infield will host outdoor concerts, and a track hall of fame will be added.

Reinstated Northern State wrestling program gets head coach

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Northern State University has hired a coach to lead the wrestling program that the school suspended but then reinstated after an outpouring of financial support from across the country.

Rocky Burkett has spent the last three seasons as the head wrestling coach at Aberdeen Central High School. He led the Golden Eagles to the 2014 South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament team title and was named state coach of the year.

Burkett returns to the Northern State coaching staff after previous stints as a graduate assistant from 2005-2007 and assistant coach from 2007-11. He succeeds Pat Timm, who resigned in early March after 15 seasons.

"This is my dream job, and this program is ready to reach new heights," Burkett said.

Two weeks after Timm's resignation, Northern State officials suspended the wrestling program and said they wanted to review the long-term viability and financing of the program for two seasons. However, the school then received pledges of more than \$70,000 per year for five years to support operating expenses, scholarships and an assistant coach position. National Wrestling Coaches Association Executive Director Mike Moyer also worked with school officials to save the program.

Moyer issued a statement saying the program is in good hands with Burkett.

"Coach Burkett represents the gold standard in coaching and is highly regarded for his commitment to providing a solid, educationally based athletic experience for his student-wrestlers," Moyer said.

Aberdeen hires professional to eliminate pesky pigeons

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The city of Aberdeen is taking aim at pesky pigeons in the city.

The City Council on Monday approved a \$7,250 contract with a professional to eliminate nesting sites and trap the birds.

City Manager Lynn Lander says the Aberdeen Downtown Association has contracted with another person to reduce the number of pigeons through a netting program, but the population of the birds has still grown from an estimated 1,500 to 3,500.

Lander says each female pigeon can live up to 10 years and produce 20 offspring each year.

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. ITALIAN PREMIER PRESSES EU ON MIGRANT REFORM

Matteo Renzi says the European Union must devise a policy to stop the flood of migrants setting out from Libya, including establishing refugee camps in Niger and Sudan.

2. YEMEN'S SHIITE REBELS CALL FOR MASSIVE RALLY IN SANAA

The move comes after Saudi Arabia announced an end to airstrikes, which claimed hundreds of lives and pushed the impoverished Arab country deeper into chaos.

3. WASHINGTON FARMWORKER KILLED BY OFFICER HAD RUN-INS WITH POLICE

Reports about Antonio Zambrano-Montes' interactions with law enforcement, obtained by The AP, shed light on his bizarre and dangerous behavior.

4. PROTESTERS TAKE TO BALTIMORE STREETS

The Justice Department opens a civil rights investigation into the death of Freddie Gray, a black man who suffered a fatal spinal-cord injury after he was handcuffed and put in the back of a police van.

5. HOW PROSECUTORS DEMONSTRATE TSARNAEV'S DEFIANCE

During the trial's penalty phase, the jury is shown a photo of the Boston bomber extending his middle finger to the security camera in his jail cell.

6. WHO IS MISSING FROM CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN NARRATIVE

The presidential hopeful's kickoff events with voters are sprinkled with stories about her family — except for the most famous, her husband, Bill.

7. SUNNI TRIBESMEN FIGHT THEIR OWN

When Islamic State militants swept across northern Iraq the al-Lehib tribe welcomed them, but it is now split between those who joined the extremists and those resisting their brutal rule.

8. WHAT USDA IS DEVELOPING

As poultry producers' losses climb from a recent bird flu outbreak, federal officials start work that could lead to vaccine — but the process is fraught with questions.

9. HBO NOW: BOTH A BLESSING AND A CURSE

The new streaming service allows one to watch hit shows such as "Game of Thrones" without subscribing to cable TV. But it also offers more video than you can ever find time to watch.

10. NFL UNVEILS 2015 SCHEDULE

In the season opener on Thursday, Sept. 10, the Patriots will host the Steelers in a matchup of tradition-rich franchises.

AP News in Brief

Renzi: EU can't leave it to Italy to stop migrant 'slavery'; calls for refugee camps in Africa

ROME (AP) — Italy pressed the European Union on Wednesday to devise concrete, robust steps to stop the deadly tide of migrants on smugglers' boats in the Mediterranean, including setting up refugee camps in countries bordering Libya.

Italian Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti also said human traffickers must be targeted with military intervention.

"We know where the smugglers keep their boats, where they gather," Pinotti told Sky TG24 TV in an interview. "The plans for military intervention are there."

She was speaking a day before EU leaders hold an emergency summit in Brussels called in the wake of a shipwreck off Libya last weekend which authorities believe may have killed more than 800 migrants. It would be the highest known loss of migrants' lives in a single incident in the Mediterranean.

In the latest arrival of migrants, an Italian naval vessel docked in the Sicilian port of Augusta with 446 people aboard who had been rescued from a smugglers' boat on Tuesday off the southern coast of the Italian mainland. The navy said 59 of the migrants are children.

After Saudi Arabia halts airstrikes, Yemenis in capital, Sanaa, have quietest night in a month

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's capital, Sanaa, was calm overnight and into Wednesday morning after Saudi Arabia declared an end to its month-long airstrikes targeting Yemen's Iran-backed Shiite rebels and their allies, a campaign that has claimed hundreds of lives and pushed the impoverished Arab country deeper into chaos.

For the residents, it was the quietest night in almost four weeks, with no massive explosions or new scenes of devastation to wake up to.

The rebels, known as Houthis, called for a massive rally, urging supporters over their Al-Masirah TV network to take to the streets of Sanaa later Wednesday to mark the end of the bombardment and to denounce the Saudi "aggression."

The U.S.-backed airstrikes campaign by Saudi Arabia, launched March 26, was aimed at crushing the Houthis and allied military units loyal to former autocratic President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had taken over Sanaa and much of northern Yemen.

The kingdom said its aim was also to restore to power President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who was forced to flee Yemen to Saudi Arabia last month in the face of the Houthi advance.

Police officer who shot Washington farmworker had dragged him away from fire weeks earlier

SEATTLE (AP) — One of the officers who killed an immigrant farmworker in Washington state in a shooting that helped fuel the nationwide debate over police use of force had dragged the man away from his burning rental home just weeks earlier.

Antonio Zambrano-Montes, who in another case had pleaded with police to kill him, was sitting on the ground in January in a meth-induced trance near the fire when Officer Adam Wright found him, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press under public records requests.

Weeks later, Wright and two other officers shot Zambrano-Montes after he had been throwing rocks in a busy intersection. Video footage that showed the man running away, then turning around with arms outstretched just as police unloaded, prompted months of protests. He was the third person killed by Pasco officers within six months.

The documents obtained by the AP shed new light on Zambrano-Montes' run-ins with police and his erratic, sometimes dangerous behavior.

While Pasco police say their officers generally receive more training than state standards require, records show only a half-dozen had taken an extended course on dealing with people in the throes of drug-abuse or mental health crisis — fewer than other departments in the region.

Protesters pour into Baltimore streets after death following man's arrest

BALTIMORE (AP) — Amid tears and cries for justice, demonstrators poured into the streets of Baltimore carrying signs emblazoned with the name of a man who died from a spinal injury he suffered while in police custody. Tuesday's demonstration marked the beginning of a week of protests and rallies planned across the city.

The Justice Department said earlier in the day that it has opened a civil rights investigation into the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal-cord injury under mysterious circumstances after he was handcuffed and put in the back of a police van.

At the site of Gray's arrest, more than a thousand demonstrators gathered to remember Gray, who friends and relatives say was kind, funny and generous, and call for police reform.

"I want this to be a sign to the Baltimore Police Department that this is not an act of surrender," said Pastor Jamal Bryant of the Empowerment Temple, one of the rally's organizers, as he called on those in the crowd to raise their hands. "It's a sign of strength, of one unity and one commitment that we will not rest until we get justice for Freddie Gray.

"The world is watching," Bryant said. "The world is watching, and the world needs to see that black Baltimore is unified."

Clinton's campaign launch highlights family and upbringing, just not so much Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's granddaughter, Charlotte, is a symbol of the future. Clinton's late parents offer lessons about hard work and resiliency. Her own daughter, Chelsea, gives voters a window into her mother's life long before she was one of the world's most famous women.

In campaign kickoff events in Iowa and New Hampshire, Clinton shared stories with voters about the lesser-known members of her family: her father's work running a small textile business in Chicago, her mother's hardscrabble upbringing and what the future may hold for baby Charlotte's generation. Taken together, the biographical sketches animate her pitch to middle-class families.

"When I think about my dad, it was a lot easier in those days to have an idea, to get what you needed and to go to work," Clinton said at a Keene, New Hampshire, furniture factory this week, describing obstacles for small businesses. In Iowa, she remembered her father, Hugh Rodham Sr., as a "waste-not-want-not kind of guy" whose fabric drapery business provided for her family.

The Clintons' political history will play a big part in her new campaign, but the early emphasis has been elsewhere. The most famous man in her life, former President Bill Clinton, only comes up in

passing. In New Hampshire, where her husband remains popular, Hillary Clinton said she called him to offer travel updates while in Iowa, and smiled when a community college instructor recalled the bullish economy during her husband's two terms.

"I remember!" she said.

Sunni tribesmen battle their own after breaking with Islamic State group over killings

MAKHMOUR, Iraq (AP) — When Islamic State militants swept across northern Iraq last summer, the Sunni al-Lehib tribe welcomed them as revolutionaries fighting the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. But less than a year later, the tribe is bitterly split between those who joined the extremist group and those resisting its brutal rule.

The tribe hails from a village just south of Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, which was captured by the IS last year. Like many Sunnis in northern Iraq, they initially welcomed the Islamic State group as liberators.

"We were happy when Daesh came," tribal leader Nazhan Sakhar said, using an acronym for the extremist group. "We thought they were going to Baghdad to establish a government. But then they started killing our own people. It turned out they were the same as al-Qaida."

Now he leads a group of around 300 fighters who have reluctantly allied with Iraqi troops and Kurdish forces to fight the IS group — and fellow tribesmen who still support the extremists.

Iraq's Sunnis have complained of discrimination and abuse since the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein's Sunni-led dictatorship and replaced it with an elected government dominated by the country's Shiite majority. That discontent fueled the rise of the Sunni IS group and paved the way for its takeover of much of northern and western Iraq last year.

Boston Marathon jurors see photo of defiant Tsarnaev as prosecutors make case for death

BOSTON (AP) — As jurors looked at a photograph of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev giving the finger to a security camera in his jail cell, a federal prosecutor described it as a defiant act by an unrepentant man who didn't care that he had killed four people, including an 8-year-old boy and a police officer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nadine Pellegrini began laying out the government's case for executing Tsarnaev, and showed the jury large, vibrant pictures of the people killed in the bombing and its aftermath. Then she revealed the photo of Tsarnaev, taken three months later in his holding cell at the federal courthouse.

"This is Dzhokhar Tsarnaev — unconcerned, unrepentant and unchanged," Pellegrini on Tuesday told the jurors who will decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should be executed.

The penalty phase in the Boston Marathon bomber's trial opened in dramatic fashion, with prosecutors portraying Tsarnaev as a coldblooded killer and "America's worst nightmare."

The government then began trying to drive home the horror of the attack by calling to the stand witnesses who lost legs or loved ones in the April 15, 2013, bombing.

Afghan deportees from Iran, including many vulnerable teens, return to home they barely know

ISLAM QALA, Afghanistan (AP) — Tajigul Haidary had overstayed her residents' visa in Iran and was expecting just a hefty fine when she went to renew it, she said. Instead, she was arrested as an illegal immigrant, imprisoned, held in a transit center with hundreds of other Afghans and, early this week, deported at a dusty border point back to Afghanistan.

It's a homeland that she hardly knows. Her family took her to Iran when she was nine years old. Now 26 years old, she is married to another Afghan in Iran, has a 4-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter and is five months pregnant. When she was deported, she was wrested away from them.

"My husband tried his best to get me out but they wouldn't listen to him. My children cried, but it made no difference. I don't know what to do. I have to get back," she said, tugging at the voluminous black chador worn by many Iranian women, as she sat on a plastic chair in a shed at the Islam Qala border crossing.

Around 25,000 Afghans a month are deported from Iran at Islam Qala — nicknamed "Zero Point" — along with another 30,000 a month who cross returning home voluntarily — a sign of Tehran's efforts to control the huge numbers of Afghans who flock to their neighbor. Iran has long been an outlet for Afghans, either searching for work to escape poverty or seeking refuge from their country's chronic wars and instability.

Many Afghans are concerned that Iran is looking to shut off that outlet by clamping down even more on illegal migrants.

Review: Wading through options for HBO; you just need Internet — and time to watch

NEW YORK (AP) — HBO Now, the cable channel's new stand-alone streaming service, is both a blessing and a curse.

Like HBO Go, the app that cable and satellite TV subscribers have, HBO Now gives you instant access to new TV episodes and movies, along with programs from months and years ago. People who don't subscribe to cable TV are now able to watch hit shows such as "Game of Thrones" and "Girls" without "borrowing" parents' accounts or turning to piracy sites.

The curse? Having more video than you can ever find time to watch.

I spent a weekend catching up on "Game of Thrones" in time for the April 12 season premiere. Then I squandered a day off from work bingeing on the startup parody "Silicon Valley." Now on my list: shows that ended years ago, including "Six Feet Under."

And don't get me started on movies. HBO gets many Hollywood hits that never make it to Netflix streaming. Plus, it makes its own movies, including recent documentaries on Frank Sinatra and Scientology.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 22, the 112th day of 2015. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1915, the first full-scale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres (EE'-preh) in

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Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler; however, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1990, pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon freed American hostage Robert Polhill after nearly 39 months of captivity.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 2000, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington. Broadway producer Alexander Cohen died in New York at age 79.

Ten years ago: Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington D.C. to conspiring with the September 11 hijackers to kill Americans. (Moussaoui is serving a life prison sentence.) President George W. Bush named General Peter Pace to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Five years ago: The Deepwater Horizon oil platform, operated by BP, sank into the Gulf of Mexico two days after a massive explosion that killed 11 workers. The NCAA announced a 14-year, \$10.8 billion deal with CBS and Turner Broadcasting under which every game during an expanded March Madness schedule would be broadcast live nationally for the first time in the tournament's 73-year history.

One year ago: In a blow to affirmative action, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 6-2, a voter-approved change to the Michigan Constitution forbidding the state's public colleges to take race into account in admissions. Vice President Joe Biden told Ukrainian political leaders the United States stood with them against "humiliating threats" and encouraged them to root out corruption as they rebuilt their government. Albert Pujols became the first major leaguer to hit his 499th and 500th homers in the same game, driving in five runs to help the Los Angeles Angels beat the Washington Nationals 7-2.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 90. Actress Charlotte Rae is 89. Actress Estelle Harris is 87. Singer Glen Campbell is 79. Actor Jack Nicholson is 78. Singer Mel Carter is 72. Author Janet Evanovich is 72. Country singer Cleve Francis is 70. Movie director John Waters is 69. Singer Peter Frampton is 65. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 64. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 61. Actor Ryan Stiles is 56. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 56. Comedian Byron Allen is 54. Actor Chris Makepeace is 51. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge (DRAH'-guh) is 49. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 49. Actress Sheryl Lee is 48. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 48. Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 48. Country singer Kellie Coffey is 44. Actor Eric Mabius is 44. Actor Ingo

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Rademacher (RAH'-deh-mah-ker) is 44. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 41. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 36. Actress Cassidy Freeman is 33. Actress Michelle Ryan is 31. Actress Amber Heard is 29.

Thought for Today: "What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow." - Henry Fielding, English novelist (born this date in 1707, died in 1754).