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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

Senior Menu: Meat loaf, baked potato with sour cream, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

No School. Faculty inservice

Saturday, April 25

Birthdays: Charlie Pray, Rachel Blackmun, Rick Schauer

10:00 a.m.: Track at Ipswich (moved from May 2nd)

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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

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Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

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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

Andover Bar & Grill is looking for a cook. Contact Stacy at 605/298-5252 or Randy at 605/216-2595.

Harry Implement, Ferney, is looking for a Truck driver for pickup and delivery of equipment. Contact Steve at 605-395-6421 or e-mail s.harry@harrysinc.com

FOR RENT

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

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)

Nursing Home And Assisted-Living Expenses Can Decimate Retirement Savings Seniors Need To Educate Themselves About Ways To Protect Their Nest Eggs, Financial Advisor Says

People pondering their retirement years often conjure images of spending more time on a favorite pas-time or traveling around the country or the world.

Health concerns can intrude on those idyllic scenes, though, not only affecting enjoyment of life but also punching a heavy dent in retirement savings.

"As we age, usually our medical or long-term care expenses increase, sometimes depleting our assets to a level of crisis," says financial advisor Jake Lowrey, president of Lowrey Financial Group, (www.lowreyfinancial.com).

"It's important for retirees, and anyone planning for retirement, to become educated about what the pitfalls are and what they need to do to avoid losing their life savings."

Long-term care especially can burn a hole in savings accounts. In 2012, for example, nursing home care averaged \$74,800 a year, according to a report by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Meanwhile, assisted living facilities averaged \$39,500 per year, and home-health services averaged \$21 per hour.

More than 10 million Americans need some sort of long-term care, the Kaiser report said. That number covers all ages, even children, but about half are people 65 and older.

"Those older Americans had looked forward to enjoying their golden years," Lowrey says. "They should be able to have actual golden years instead of what can end up being scary years, both personally and financially."

Certainly, being able to maintain good health is a key factor in protecting savings and making retirement enjoyable and satisfying, he says.

But life doesn't always work out that way. Fortunately, there are strategies seniors can use to lessen the impact of expenses brought on by long-term care needs. Lowrey says some of those include:

- VA benefits. Military veterans may be able to offset nursing home or assisted-living expenses through benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. A veteran's eligibility for long-term care services would be determined based on his or her need for ongoing treatment, personal care and assistance, as well as the availability of the service in the area where the person lives, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Other factors, such as financial eligibility, a service-connected disability, insurance coverage, and/or ability to pay may also come into play.

- Medicaid compliant SPIAs. A SPIA is a single-premium immediate annuity. Typically, a SPIA is a contract with an insurance company where you pay the company a sum of money up front (the premium),

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and the company promises to pay you a certain amount of money periodically for the rest of your life.

A Medicaid compliant SPIA is a specially designed annuity that pays out over the person's "life expectancy" and has other specific characteristics. A couple who put money in a Medicaid annuity are able to avoid having the income from that annuity count against the financial assistance a spouse receives for nursing home care.

- Setting up a trust. Trusts can help shelter wealth from the look-back periods in Medicaid requirements and assist in qualifying for VA programs, among other advantages, Lowrey says.

About Jake Lowrey

Jake Lowrey is a financial consultant and president of Lowrey Financial Group, (www.lowreyfinancial.com), an ethical and professional firm that guides clients to retirement success, including planning for long-term care needs. As a relationship-driven organization, Lowrey and his team educate clients about the newest, most progressive retirement and long-term care planning strategies to assure a brighter financial future.

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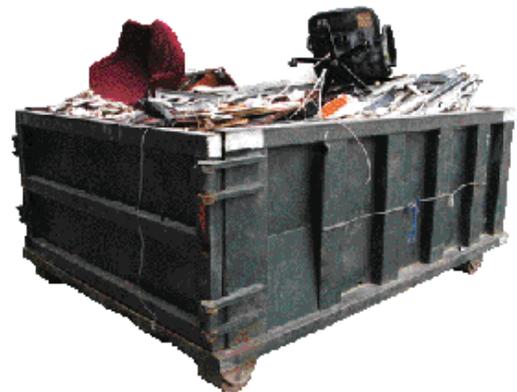
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Time for a Spring Cleaning

Groton City Spring Cleanup
May 2-9 2015



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Or Call City Hall at
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free hauling May 4-8



Senator John Thune makes a stop in Groton

A crowd of 33 people were on hand to welcome Senator John Thune to Groton last week.



Former Mayor Gerald Rix (right) greeted Senator John Thune. Council members present were Eddy Opp and Mary Flihs.

Senator John Thune stopped in Groton last week with a crowd of 33 people gathering at the Groton American Legion.

Thune was 14 minutes late arriving in Groton after doing several stops in Webster. He was greeted by former Mayor Gerald Rix and City Councilman Eddy Opp.

In Thune's opening remark, he said, "I learn a lot more when I'm listening instead of talking."

Senator Thune was both thanked for representing South Dakota well in Washington, D.C, and was also quizzed on various subjects such as the highway bill, the tax code, the Farm Bill, the Keystone Pipeline, immigration and the treatment of Veterans.

On the tax code, Thune said that legislation was introduced eliminating the ceiling for allowing things to be expensed out instead of depreciated. President Obama had proposed to raise the ceiling from \$500,000 to \$1 million, but the legislation would eliminate the ceiling.

Arlis Doeden talked about funding for the transit and how it is impacted by the lack of funding for the highway bill and as a result, public transportation such as the Groton Transit, would be affected. Thune said, "We can't just keep borrowing. That's wrong. We have to pay for what we do. We need a five-year plan so people can plan."

Alfreda Nash talked about the treatment of Veterans. "If you weren't boots on the ground or were injured, the VA will not support you," she said. Robert Wegner also added that there was a small window for people to sign up. "If you missed it, you're out of luck," he said. Nash's husband, Dale, was also present in a wheel chair. Alfreda

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Senator John Thune

said he is getting no VA benefits, despite serving in the military.

Randy Schuring talked about immigration. "These people are not concerned about citizenship," he said. "They want the right to work so they can support their families back home.

Kelly Kjelden thanked Thune for his work in the Ethanol industry. Kjelden is the manager of Poet west of Groton.

Doug Sombke also thanked Thune for his work on the surface transportation bill. He also talked about postal employees and how the post office is closing offices that make a very small dent in the budget.

As far as the Keystone Pipeline, Thune said he would not put any money on the passage of the pipeline project. "I'm not optimistic," he said.



A child's Special Gift for Mom Event

Reserve your child's opportunity to plant a 4" blooming or green plant in a fun, colorful container just in time for Mother's day! Reserve a spot for your child(ren) to create a special gift for their mom or grandmother!

May 2nd

10-11am

or

2-3pm

\$20 per child/
per plant



Each paid reservation (by April 30) receives a 20% off one reg price item coupon (one per family)

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Today in Weather History

April 23, 2002: High winds of 35 to 50 mph gusting to over 70 mph occurred across much of central and northeast South Dakota. The strong winds caused some spotty damage to property and trees. With the dry conditions, dust was stirred up by the winds and caused reduced visibilities at many locations. The highest wind gust was 72 mph at Onida.

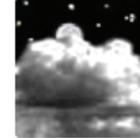
1961: Severe weather struck the south suburbs of Chicago, IL. Joliet, IL reported an inch of hail with some hailstones the size of golf balls. Heavy rain from these storms also resulted in some flooding. A tornado struck the town of Peotone resulting in damage to nearly every building with damage also reported in Lorenzo and Wilton Center, IL. Damage was estimated at \$9 million dollars with about 30,000 structures affected.

1989: Salina Kansas was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 105 degrees. The high of 105 degrees established an April record for the state of Kansas.

1999: On Friday, April 23, 1999 a horrific hailstorm moved southeast from Pennsylvania across Garrett County, Maryland and into the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. It had weakened some as it crossed Garrett County and the Allegheny Front, but as it passed east of Keyser, West Virginia, hail began to increase in size once again. By the time it reached Capon Bridge in eastern Hampshire County, West Virginia, the size of the hail had grown from golf balls to baseballs. As it moved into Frederick County, VA, the hail storm continued to grow dropping golf ball size hail in a swath now reaching from the north of Winchester, south to Stephen City (about 10 miles). The intensity of the hail stripped and shredded leaves and bark from the newly budding trees. Hailstones grew to the size of Grapefruit (4 inches in diameter) just east of Winchester. The storm continued east through Clarke County, southern Loudoun and northern Fauquier doing considerable damage to Middleburg, then across Fairfax County hitting Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Burke, Springfield, and Lorton with golf ball to baseball size hail. It crossed the Potomac River and weakened just slightly. It moved across northern Charles, clipped southern Prince Georges and then into Calvert County with 1 inch to 1.5-inch diameter hail and onto the Chesapeake Bay continuing southeast to the ocean. The damage left behind was incredible. In Northern Virginia alone, it amounted to over \$50 million dollars in losses to public and private properties. Some communities saw a third of the homes with siding and roof damage. Some required total replacement. Windows were broken, cars dented and windshields smashed. Piles of shredded plant debris were left on the ground in the storm path. In about 6 hours of time, this one thunderstorm, moving at about 50 mph, did \$75 million in damage. There have been other bad hailstorms to hit this area before, but none to cause this much damage to property.

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 62 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 63 °F



Showers & Thunderstorms Possible Late

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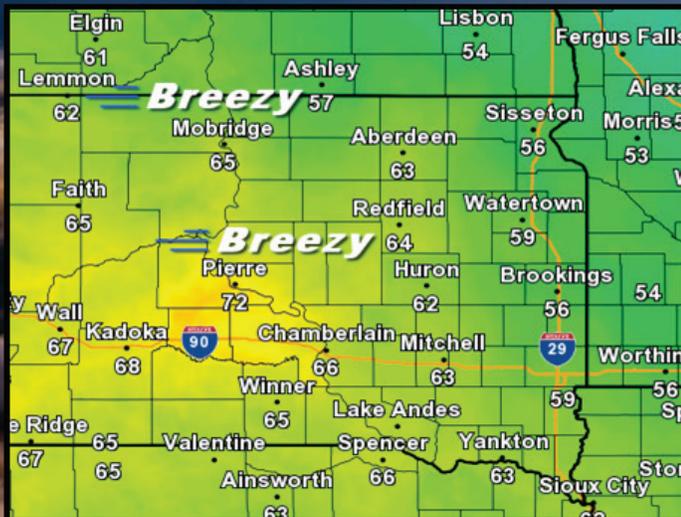


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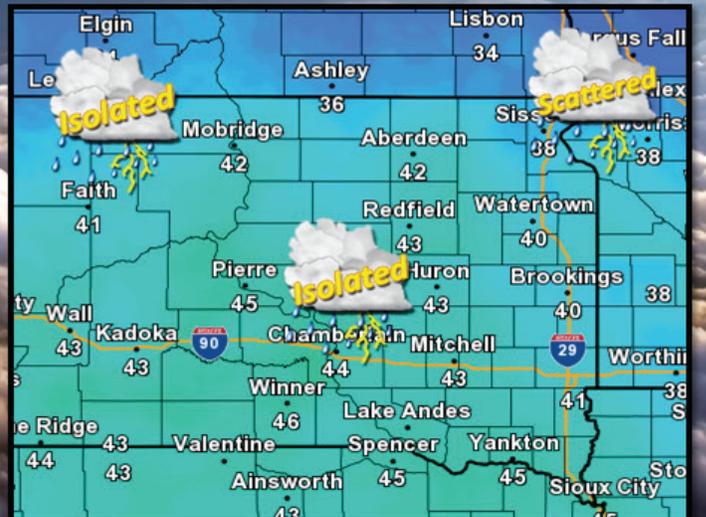


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Afternoon High Temps



Temps & Storm Chances Overnight



Published on: 04/23/2015 at 5:13AM

Southeasterly winds will increase across central SD today, causing fire danger to be very high. Tonight, showers and thunderstorms are possible, however no widespread rainfall is expected. Showers and thunderstorms are possible Friday as well, but chances are again pretty low.

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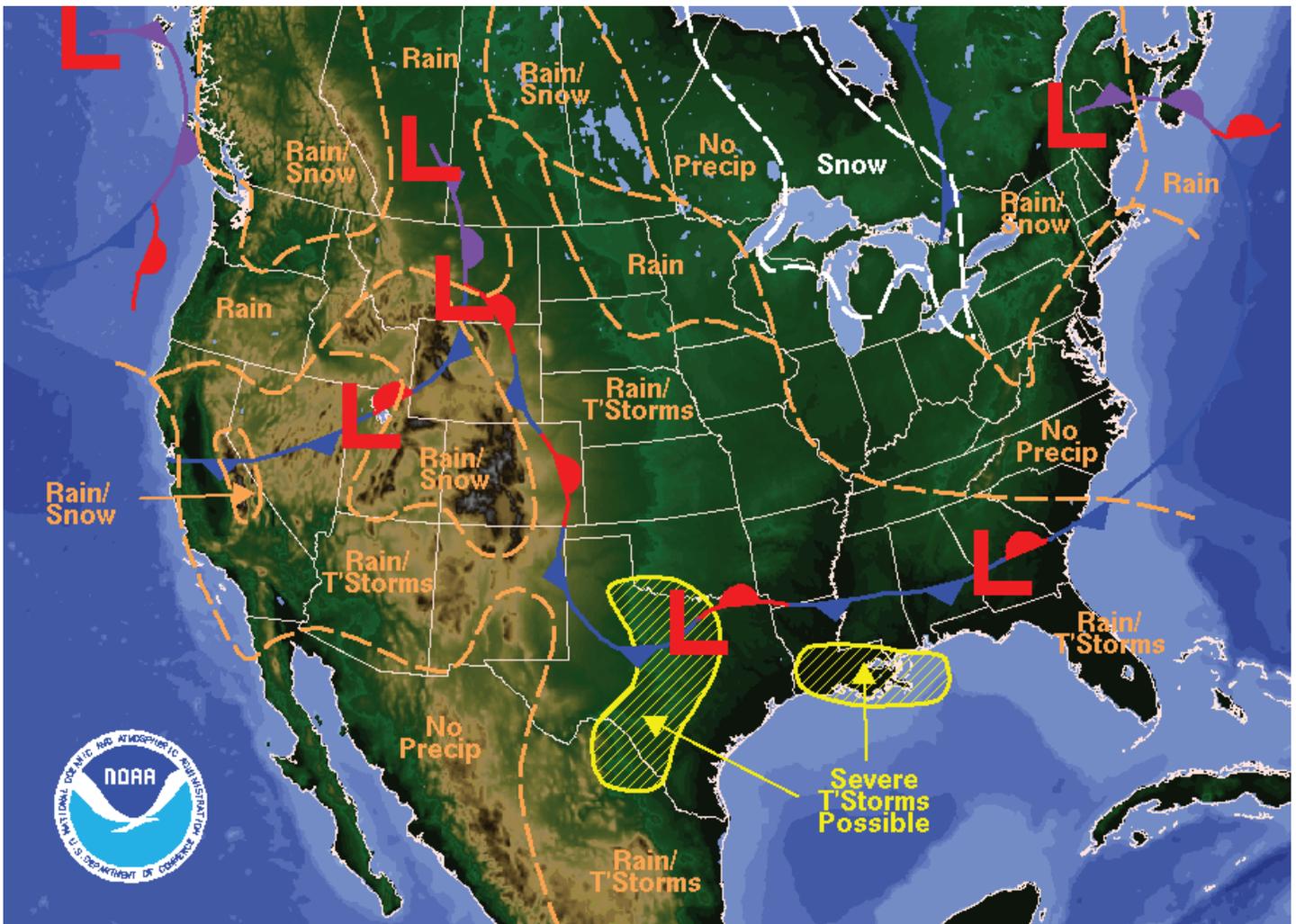
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 53.0
Low: 16.0
High Gust: 23
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.43

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 2009
Record Low: 14° in 1956
Average High: 61°F
Average Low: 35°F
Average Precip in April.: 1.18
Precip to date in April.: 0.44
Average Precip to date: 3.36
Precip Year to Date: 0.91
Sunset Tonight: 8:30 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:33 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Apr 23, 2015, issued 3:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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BEING GOOD AND DOING GOOD

Character counts. Character makes a difference. Character can be measured. Character is the difference that God brings to our lives. Character matters because God matters. When He is present and in control of our lives, everything changes because He changes everything. We view life differently because we view life through His eyes, hear voices through His ears, feel pain as He feels pain and give willingly as He willingly gave us His Son.

This "wife of noble character" has an impact on every aspect of her husband's life: "She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life." Imagine an obituary that included that statement, and ended with the words that included "whatever he accomplished in life was because of her homemaking talents and dedication to the well-being of her family." Certainly a stretch in today's environment. But, that's the implication and message.

An important message in this verse is that the wife is focused on the career of her husband and her home. If the wife has a career outside of the home it is secondary to everything else. This is far different from what we see in society today. The career of the husband and the management of the home is first and foremost.

Notice one small, three letter word: her. It may be a subtle implication but the burden for managing the home seems to shift from the wife to the husband if she is called home before him. Husbands and fathers need to be "in training" to assume her tasks if necessary.

Prayer: We pray Lord, for husbands and fathers who willingly become involved in caring for their homes. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 31:12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

News from the Associated Press

Wife of Davison County sheriff's deputy hurt in gun mishap

MOUNT VERNON, S.D. (AP) — The wife of a Davison County sheriff's deputy was injured in an incident involving his gun.

Attorney General's Office spokeswoman Sara Rabern says the woman was cleaning house Tuesday night when she moved the gun and it went off. The bullet hit the woman but she did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

The Daily Republic newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1yW1TT7>) that the state Department of Criminal Investigation is looking into the case.

Rabern says the deputy was not home at the time of the incident. She did not name him, citing the ongoing investigation.

Pierre man sentenced to almost 4 years for firearm felonies

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pierre man convicted of two firearm felonies has been sentenced to almost four years in prison.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says 40-year-old Clyde Aquallo was sentenced to 46 months in custody this week.

Aquallo was convicted in January for possession of an unregistered firearm and prohibited person in possession of a firearm. Both charges carry a sentence of 46 months but he will serve both at the same time.

Seiler says Aquallo was living on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in February when police came to his house for a domestic violence call.

Seiler says police learned there were firearms in the house. They eventually found Aquallo owned several guns, including a sawed-off shotgun that had a barrel that was too short.

New Legion hall going up in Wessington Springs after tornado

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — Crews are starting work on a new American Legion hall in Wessington Springs to replace the building destroyed by last summer's tornado.

Mayor Melissa Mebius says this week's groundbreaking shows how strong the town is, and the new community center will be one more step toward the return of normalcy.

Darold Rounds is on the committee charged with replacing the Legion building and says the new one will be a significant improvement, with a larger banquet area, a nicer bar and a commercial kitchen that will serve food six days a week instead of two.

The \$700,000 building will sit where the previous hall did on top of the hill overlooking the city and should open sometime in November.

Feds move to speed Upper Great Plains wind projects

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Federal officials say they are trying to cut in half the time it takes to review wind projects across six states in the Upper Great Plains.

The proposal from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Western Area Power Administration would cover projects in Montana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

The agencies said companies installed more than 12 gigawatts of wind energy generation capacity in the states since 2000.

As that growth continues, Western Area Power Administration spokeswoman Jennifer Neville said the hope is to reduce the duration of environmental reviews from two years to one.

That would be done by providing site-specific information to developers about potential impacts from wind projects on wildlife including bald and golden eagles.

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra holding flutist auditions

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra expects more than 100 flutists are coming to Sioux Falls to audition for its open principal flute spot.

The symphony orchestra said Wednesday that flute hopefuls are coming to South Dakota from across the United States to audition. They will vie for the opening on Tuesday, April 28.

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Music Director Delta David Gier says the wide geographic distribution of interested flutists is encouraging. He says the principal position is competitive with similar spots in larger orchestras.

The auditions last over three rounds: preliminary, semi-final and final. They are closed to the public.

Britton grain terminal, rail line upgrades moving forward

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Millions of dollars of rail line upgrades to the state-owned Britton Line in northeastern South Dakota and construction of a grain terminal near Britton are moving forward, leaders involved with the projects said Wednesday.

The state Department of Transportation and Dakota, Missouri Valley and Western Railroad are weighing materials suppliers for part of the roughly \$9 million in upgrades to the line. Work on the roughly \$32 million Britton Grain Terminal broke ground earlier in April after some drainage issues, and the facility is expected to open in September 2016, said Philip Deal, president of Britton Grain Terminal, LLC.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard had previously announced the rail upgrades and new grain elevator in December 2014 as part of more than \$50 million in public and private money for rail improvements.

The rail construction includes an upgrade at Jarrett Junction and improvements to about 30 miles of track over the roughly 77-mile line between Geneseo Junction in North Dakota and Aberdeen, South Dakota, said Bruce Lindholm, of the department's Office of Air, Rail and Transit.

Nathan Sanderson, director of policy and operations for the governor, said in an email that the new Britton elevator is an example of the benefits that building up the state's rail infrastructure can bring.

"This grain terminal should offer farmers greater access to markets, while improving shipping times and reducing freight charges," Sanderson said. "The investments we make in rail infrastructure today will have a positive impact on South Dakota's economy and benefit our agriculture producers for decades to come."

Lindholm told the state Railroad Board last month that the planned Britton Line upgrades were paused because of uncertainty around the grain terminal caused by the drainage issues. Deal said the project is now underway.

The facility is expected be able to store nearly 5 million bushels of grain and load 80,000 bushels per hour into 120-car shuttle trains.

Deal said he had been working on the project since 2010 and it's exciting to "finally get going."

"We had to work through a lot of hurdles to get here," he said.

Jeff Wood, president of Dakota, Missouri Valley and Western Railroad, said the rail upgrades and the new elevator will help farmers in the region save money.

"For northeast South Dakota, it's a great opportunity; for southeast North Dakota, as well," Wood said. "We're excited to be part of it."

With bird flu spreading, USDA starts on potential vaccine

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is working on a vaccine to counter a deadly strain of bird flu, as losses to poultry producers mount.

A pure "seed strain" would target the H5N2 virus — which has already cost Midwest turkey and chicken producers over 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. If the USDA decides the vaccine is necessary to stop avian influenza, it will provide that seed strain to drug manufacturers.

The process, though, is fraught with questions about which birds would get the vaccine, how it might affect exports and whether it would be effective against the rapidly spreading strain.

WHY PRODUCERS WANT A VACCINE

USDA officials say the H5N2 virus could be a problem for the poultry industry for several years. And they say the virus could reappear this fall when the wild waterfowl that are believed to carry it fly south for the winter. Another concern is that it could spread to big poultry-producing states in the East.

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 of rounds of lab testing, and that 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 the 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 vaccine could mask any

viruses that poultry are carrying, because tests for the disease look for antibodies — the same antibodies that vaccines trigger a body to produce, he said.

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.

CDC eyeing bird flu vaccine for humans, though risk is low

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Federal officials said Wednesday they're taking steps to create a human vaccine for the bird flu virus that's slammed the Midwest poultry industry, though they still consider the danger to be low and the food supply not at risk.

Dr. Alicia Fry, an influenza expert with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said officials are hopeful there won't be any human cases of the H5N2 strain — which has cost chicken and turkey producers more than 7 million birds since early March — but the country must be prepared.

"We're really at the beginning of this and so are monitoring very closely. And we're cautiously optimistic that we will not see any human cases," Fry said on a conference call.

Most humans who have come down with other bird flu viruses had close, prolonged contact with infected birds, Fry said, so officials are monitoring at least 100 farm workers who've been exposed to affected flocks. She said signs could be flu-like symptoms or conjunctivitis, also known as pink eye.

It's standard CDC procedure with all new flu viruses to begin looking at creating a human vaccine, Fry said. She said they're preparing a seed strain, essentially a pure sample of the right viruses that could be the foundation for a vaccine.

"We haven't gotten further than that at this point because we don't have a need to go further than that," she said.

Similarly, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is testing a seed strain for a potential poultry vaccine but hasn't decided whether to put it into production, said Dr. David Swayne, director of the USDA's Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory in Athens, Georgia.

Scientists think H5N2 the virus is being spread by droppings from wild waterfowl and is making its way past tight biosecurity at commercial poultry farms. While they think it's most likely being carried accidentally on the few people allowed into the barns, USDA Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. John Clifford said officials also are looking at whether high winds could blow contaminated dust, feathers and other debris for short distances into facilities.

While the virus has quickly killed tens of thousands of birds at the affected farms across eight states, crews are destroying all the rest as a precaution. Clifford estimated about 3.5 million birds have been euthanized already, but it will take time to cull all of them, particularly at an Iowa farm that had 3.8 million egg-laying hens.

In Minnesota, the country's top turkey producer and by far the hardest-hit state, health officials are monitoring 62 people involved in caring for the affected flocks. Many have followed recommendations that they take the antiviral drug Tamiflu as a preventative.

The genetic markers of the H5N2 virus don't seem to be associated with transmissibility to humans, Fry said. Another good sign is that the H5N2 virus and other viruses in the H5 family that have been circulating in parts of North America appear to be different from H5 viruses that have caused severe human illnesses in Asia, she added.

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Still, Fly recommended that the public avoid contact with wild birds, domestic poultry and their droppings.

Wisconsin's agriculture department received confirmation Wednesday of an H5 virus outbreak at an egg farm with 800,000 chickens. Spokeswoman Raechelle Cline said that while it's presumed to be H5N2, final test results are pending.

Cement truck rolls over on Interstate 29 in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The driver of a cement truck is at a hospital after the vehicle rolled over on Interstate 29 in Sioux Falls.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the driver lost control and the vehicle entered the ditch and rolled. The incident happened in the northbound lane just south of Highway 38.

Traffic was reduced to the passing lane while emergency personnel tended to the driver, who has not been publicly identified. The Patrol wouldn't provide details about the severity of the driver's injuries.

The incident remains under investigation.

NSIC to begin sanctioning women's swimming and diving

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference is sanctioning women's swimming and diving as the league's 18th championship sport, with competition beginning during the 2016-17 academic year.

Four NSIC schools already offer women's swimming and diving — Minnesota State-Mankato, Minnesota State-Moorhead and St. Cloud State in Minnesota; and Northern State in South Dakota. The University of Mary in North Dakota, and the University of Sioux Falls and Augustana College in South Dakota have announced they will add the sport, and will be launching searches for head coaches.

That will bring to seven the number of NSIC schools offering women's swimming and diving, which is one more than the conference minimum for a championship sport.

"(We) are grateful for our institutions that are committed to the sport and student-athletes for the long term," Commissioner Erin Lind said in a statement.

The NSIC has 16 schools in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska who compete at the NCAA Division II level.

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. EU URGED TO TAKE ACTION ON MEDITERRANEAN MIGRANTS

The leaders will examine a plan to respond to the crisis, after more than 10,000 migrants are plucked from seas between Italy and Libya in a week and hundreds more perish.

2. MAN'S DEATH AFTER ARREST EXPOSES TENSIONS IN BALTIMORE

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The device “eliminates any questioning or second-guessing or speculation as to what really occurred,” says police chief Randy Harvey.

6. WHO IS NAME-DROPPING

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7. JOY, ANGER FOR FAMILY OF MEXICAN GIRL WRONGLY SENT TO U.S.

A 14-year-old is ordered by a Mexican judge to go to Texas with a woman claiming her as her long-lost daughter, but DNA tests in Houston show Alondra Luna Nunez isn't the missing child.

8. AFGHAN MUSEUM SEEKS TO REMEMBER ANTI-SOVIET WAR

Herat's Jihad Museum creators say they did not seek to glorify war, but rather to preserve the memories of sacrifice and cruelty from the decade-long jihad.

9. WHAT COLBERT HAS BEEN UP TO

The former Comedy Central host reads Flannery O'Connor's story for the celebrated “Selected Shorts” program at Manhattan's Symphony Space.

10. JUDGE OKS 65-YEAR DEAL OVER NFL CONCUSSIONS

Awards could reach \$1 million to \$5 million for those diagnosed in their 30s and 40s with Parkinson's disease or Lou Gehrig's disease, or for deaths involving chronic brain trauma.

AP News in Brief

EU summit leaders face calls to take swift action to end tragedy of Mediterranean migrants

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders gathering for an extraordinary summit are facing calls from all sides to take emergency action to save lives in the Mediterranean, where hundreds of migrants are missing and feared drowned in recent days.

The leaders will examine a plan to respond to the crisis, after more than 10,000 migrants were plucked from seas between Italy and Libya in a week, and are widely expected to approve swift action.

EU President Donald Tusk urged the leaders from the 28 nations “to agree on very practical measures,” including “strengthening search-and-rescue possibilities, by fighting the smugglers and by discouraging their victims from putting their life at risk, while reinforcing solidarity.”

A key part of the action plan is to crack down on the people-smugglers operating off Libya and destroy their boats, to stop people sneaking into Europe.

“European Union naval operations in the Horn of Africa have successfully fought piracy — and a similar initiative must be developed to effectively fight against human trafficking in the Mediterranean,” Italian Premier Matteo Renzi wrote in a New York Times opinion piece. “Trafficking vessels should be put out of operation.”

Malta honors dead of Mediterranean's worst migrant disaster as smugglers face questioning

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — European officials honored the dead of the Mediterranean's worst-ever migrant disaster Wednesday as more would-be refugees arrived in Italy and prosecutors questioned the suspected smugglers.

Twenty-four caskets containing the only bodies recovered from the weekend capsizing that left an estimated 800 dead were laid out for an interfaith memorial service on the grounds of Malta's main hospital.

Wails from members of Malta's African community punctuated the ceremony, which included Christian and Muslim prayers.

"We mourn them, because irrespective of our creed, nationality, race, we know that they are our fellow human beings," Gozo Bishop Mario Grech said during the service.

Malta's president and prime minister, Italy's interior minister and the EU's migration commissioner attended.

Pakistan prime minister, army chief in Saudi Arabia to push for negotiations in Yemen conflict

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's top leaders are in Saudi Arabia to push for negotiations in the Yemen conflict.

In Islamabad, Foreign Office spokesman Tasnim Aslam says Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and army chief Gen. Raheel Sharif will meet King Salman on Thursday to discuss the crisis.

Pakistan welcomed the kingdom's decision to halt the Saudi-led coalition airstrikes targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels.

But hours after Saudi Arabia declared an end to its nearly monthlong air campaign in Yemen, new airstrikes hit the Iran-backed rebels and their allies on Wednesday — suggesting the U.S.-backed offensive will be scaled back but not halted completely.

Both predominantly Sunni majority countries, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are close allies.

Man's death after arrest in Baltimore exposes tensions between community and the police

BALTIMORE (AP) — The death of Freddie Gray, a Baltimore man critically injured while in police custody, has sparked demonstrations across the city that touch on the fears many from his neighborhood say they feel about their everyday interactions with police.

"He was a typical Sandtown kid," said Sean Price, who grew up in Baltimore's Sandtown neighborhood where Gray lived. "He wasn't perfect but neither is anybody. This isn't anything new. Freddie Gray is just a microcosm of what happens every day in Sandtown, in Baltimore."

The Sandtown neighborhood in West Baltimore surrounds blocks of red-brick public housing called the Gilmor Homes. Trees are sparse amid abandoned lots overgrown with grass and crumbling, burned-out row homes, their doors and windows boarded up.

Gray was arrested April 12 after police "made eye contact" with him and another man in an area known for drug activity, police said, and both men started running. Gray was handcuffed and put in a transport van.

Exactly what happened in the van and how he was injured are still unknown. But he died a week later in a hospital of what police described as "a significant spinal injury."

As body cameras find a place in policing, some officers seek them out on their own

NEW RICHMOND, Ohio (AP) — The dramatic body camera video shows the slaying suspect charging at the officer, screaming — pleading, even — for him to open fire.

“Shoot me!” yells Michael Wilcox to the backpedaling officer, who keeps the suspect at bay until he ultimately surrenders when backup arrives.

The widely circulated video from Officer Jesse Kidder’s own personal body camera illustrates not only the kind of life-or-death moments officers can face, but also how some in law enforcement are getting cameras on their own if their departments can’t.

While some police around the country have balked at the use of body cameras, saying they would subject them to an unreasonable level of monitoring, interest in supplying them to officers is growing. Studies of camera use by police in Rialto, California, and Mesa, Arizona, showed steep declines in citizen complaints and in use of force by officers.

In the Ohio village of New Richmond, where Kidder’s restraint last week in the face of a potentially deadly suspect has drawn wide acclaim, police chief Randy Harvey said the video shows why he’d like to have the wearable cameras for all his officers. But he needs to figure out to pay for them, an issue for many departments, large and small.

Victims describe devastating injuries, profound loss during Boston Marathon bombing trial

BOSTON (AP) — The long-lasting impact of the Boston Marathon bombing was brought home to jurors as the loved ones of two of the people killed in the attack described their profound loss.

The testimony came on Wednesday, the second day of the penalty phase in the trial of convicted bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

The jury first heard from the family of Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier, who was shot and killed by Tsarnaev and his brother as they tried to flee days after the bombings.

Joseph Reynolds, Collier’s stepfather, said his wife could not get out of bed for months after her son’s death and has still been unable to return to work, two years later.

Reynolds and Collier’s brother, Andrew, described Sean Collier as a kid who always had a strong sense of right and wrong, even putting bugs outside rather than killing them.

It’s gilt by association: 2016 candidates drop names to boost appeal, go way beyond Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is name-dropping season for the 2016 presidential hopefuls.

They’re salting their speeches, interviews and tweets with mentions of everyone from the old standby, Ronald Reagan, to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., rapper Nicki Minaj and astronomer Galileo.

It’s all part of a not-so-subtle effort to boost their own appeal by borrowing from the luster of others. Call it gilt by association.

There’s a flip side, too: Republicans tossing out the names of Democratic foils to rile up the GOP faithful (and gin up campaign contributions).

Afghan museum seeks to remember, not glorify, horrors of war against Soviet Union

HERAT, Afghanistan (AP) — The Jihad Museum in the Afghan city of Herat sits in a hillside garden, surrounded by blooming rose bushes and the detritus of the war against the Soviet Union — a war that claimed thousands of lives in this city alone.

A MiG fighter jet and an attack helicopter captured from the enemy are parked on a manicured lawn in front of the circular building, which is covered in tiles listing the names of those who died in the war.

At its center is a diorama with hundreds of half-life-size figures engaged in still-life battles of the anti-Soviet “jihad,” or holy war. It is built against a painted backdrop that provides a three-dimensional illusion so bridges, roads, jets and helicopters project into the distance.

“Mujahedeen” warriors man anti-aircraft guns, capture Soviet tanks, bomb jeep convoys, kill captives and drag their wounded off the battlefield. Local warlord and former mujahedeen leader Ismail Khan, who was Herat’s governor from 2001-05 and remains a powerful local political force, stars in many scenes leading the fight.

Visitors view the scenery from above amid a soundtrack of gunfire, bombings and screams that bring the war to life. Lights flash and fires burn beneath tanks. Bloody corpses litter the ground and spill out of jeeps and tanks, and burka-clad women stand on rooftops throwing rocks at the enemy as attack helicopters roar overhead.

Calbuco volcano erupts in southern Chile for first time since 1972; nearby town evacuated

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — The Calbuco volcano erupted Wednesday for the first time in more than 42 years, billowing a huge ash cloud over a sparsely populated, mountainous area in southern Chile.

Authorities ordered the evacuation of the 1,500 inhabitants of the nearby town of Ensenada, along with residents of two smaller communities.

The National Mining and Geology Service issued a high alert, barring access to the area around the volcano, which lies near the cities of Puerto Varas and Puerto Montt, a little more than 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) south of Chile’s capital, Santiago.

“For us it was a surprise,” said Alejandro Verges, regional emergency director of the Los Lagos region where the eruption took place. He said Calbuco wasn’t under any special form of observation.

Authorities said a large amount of ash was observed but no hot rocks or lava had been seen by late in the day. No injuries were reported.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, April 23, the 113th day of 2015. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On April 23, 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip. Titled “Me at the Zoo,” the video consisted of 18 seconds of YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo, commenting on the animals’ “really, really, really long, uh, trunks.” (Today, YouTube claims more than 1 billion users and says that 300 hours of video are uploaded every minute.)

On this date:

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In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52, died on what has been traditionally regarded as the anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

In 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1914, Chicago's Wrigley Field, then called Weeghman Park, hosted its first major league game as the Chicago Federals defeated the Kansas City Packers 9-1.

In 1935, Poland adopted a constitution which gave new powers to the presidency.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Mississippi.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1965, the Four Tops' single "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)" was released by Motown.

In 1985, the Coca-Cola Co. announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke (negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version).

In 1995, sportscaster Howard Cosell died in New York at age 77.

In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, the first freely elected Russian president, died in Moscow at age 76.

Ten years ago: Leaders of China and Japan met in Jakarta, Indonesia, to try to settle their nations' worst dispute in three decades, but failed to reach an agreement in the bitter feud over Tokyo's handling of its World War II atrocities. Silvio Berlusconi was sworn in as head of Italy's 60th postwar government. Renowned British actor Sir John Mills died in Denham, England, at age 97.

Five years ago: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed the nation's toughest illegal immigration law, saying "decades of inaction and misguided policy" had created a "dangerous and unacceptable situation"; opponents said the law would encourage discrimination against Hispanics. The Coast Guard suspended a three-day search for 11 workers missing after an explosion rocked the Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico. Actress Sandra Bullock filed divorce papers in Austin, Texas, to end her five-year marriage to Jesse James.

One year ago: Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal signed a law allowing legally owned guns in bars without restriction and in some churches, schools and government buildings under certain circumstances. Facebook reported its earnings had nearly tripled and revenue had grown sharply in the first quarter, surpassing Wall Street's expectations. Mark Shand, 62, the brother-in-law of the Prince of Wales and a chairman of an elephant conservation group, died in New York after sustaining a serious head injury in a fall.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 85. Actor David Birney is 76. Actor Lee Majors is 76. Hockey Hall of Famer Tony Esposito is 72. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 68. Actress Blair Brown is 67. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 66. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 66. Actor James Russo is 62. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 61. Actress Judy Davis is 60. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 55. Actor Craig Sheffer is 55. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 54. Rock musician Gen is 51. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 50. Actress Melina Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAH'-ree-deez) is 48. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 47. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 47. Actor Scott Bairstow (BEHR'-stow) is 45. Actor-writer John Lutz is 42. Actor Barry Watson is 41. Rock musician Aaron Dessner (The National) is 39. Rock musician Bryce Dessner (The

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National) is 39. Actor-writer-comedian John Oliver is 38. Actor Kal Penn is 38. MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 38. Actress Jaime King is 36. Pop singer Taio Cruz is 32. Actor Aaron Hill is 32. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is 31. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 30. Singer-songwriter John Fullbright is 27. Tennis player Nicole Pietrangeli is 26. Actor Dev Patel (puh-TEHL') is 25. Actor Matthew Underwood is 25. Actor Camryn Walling is 25.

Thought for Today: "In the future everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes." - Andy Warhol, American pop artist (1928-1987).