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## Thursday, April 30

**Birthdays:** Heather Feser, Logan Lane

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

**Senior Menu:** Turkey chow mein, rice/chow mein noodles, broccoli, bread sticks, sour cream apple pie square.

10:00 a.m.: Girls golf meet at Redfield

3:30 p.m.: JH Track meet in Groton

7:00 p.m.: FCCLA Style Show

## Friday, May 1

**School Breakfast:** Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Softs shell taco, tater tots, fruit, bread sticks.

**Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Howard Wood Relays at Sioux Falls

1:00 p.m.: Track at Sisseton

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

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**

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recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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## Classifieds

### 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.

## JOIN THE CONTEST!!!!

### WHO WILL BE THE 1<sup>st</sup> PERSON TO GO DOWN THE NEW SWIMMING POOL SLIDE IN GROTON??

For a donation of at least \$10 to the swimming pool slide you can nominate your friend, your child, your brother, your boss, your co-worker, or anyone (must be 48 inches tall) for the honor of being the first person to go down the slide. Send the name and \$10 donation to Groton City Hall at PO Box 587, 209 N Main St, Groton, SD 57445

Donations to the slide can be made under each person's name as votes. \$1 equals 1 vote. Votes can be cast for any candidate until May 20 when the winner will be announced.

Each week the leading vote getters will be posted.



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## Practical Money Skills



By Jason Alderman



## A Guide to Travel Insurance

A sudden storm, a missed connection or a family emergency can turn a hard-earned vacation or important business trip into a big disappointment. Travel insurance can save the day, but picking the right coverage requires research, cost comparison and above all, reading the fine print.

A quick online search can make it easy to identify and price highly rated travel insurance carriers. But personal circumstances and coverage should be examined thoroughly before any trip reservations are made.


First, travelers should evaluate their own life, home, auto and health insurance coverage. It is wise to call personal insurance agents to discuss the future trip and its accommodations and activities. The idea is to see where personal coverage ends and where additional travel insurance might be beneficial.

Some travelers, for example, might be surprised to know that their homeowners' policy actually offers liability coverage for out-of-state or foreign trips and their health insurance might offer full or partial evacuation insurance. Credit card companies may offer additional



**Yes! You Can Celebrate!**  
**Effective May 1, 2015**  
**Groton City Garbage pickup service will return to curbside on ALL streets.**  
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**Groton Street Department**

### Celebrate Arbor Day



### Plant A Tree

*Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Scott Danon, Mayor of the City of Groton, do hereby proclaim Friday - April 24, 2015 as

## Arbor Day

In the City of Groton, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated this* April 24 day of 2015  
Mayor Scott Danon



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protection. List specific risks and circumstances surrounding the trip to discuss with insurers to determine whether additional travel coverage might be necessary.

For business trips, employees should repeat this process with their benefits or human resources departments. Employers that regularly do business in risky areas where crime, geopolitical conflict or rough weather are common may have specific systems in place for these issues. But it is important to know how extensive an employer's protections might be to determine whether you'll need additional coverage.

Travel insurance covers these main risks: trip cancellation and/or trip interruption, baggage loss, medical and/or dental, pre-existing (medical) conditions and evacuation (medical or otherwise).

It is difficult to cite average premiums for trips because every trip and traveler is different. Coverage for

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Reserve a spot for your child(ren) to create a special gift for their mom or grandmother!

May 2nd

10-11am

or

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\$20 per child/  
per plant

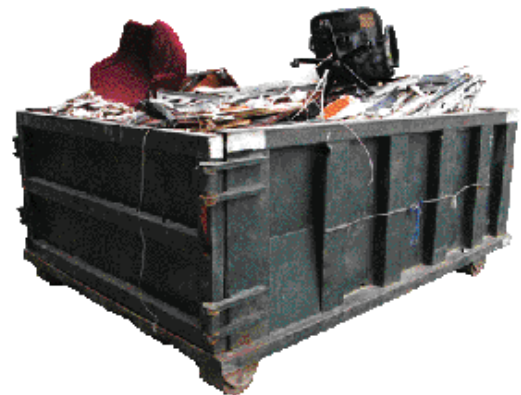


Each paid reservation (by April 30) receives a 20% off one reg price item coupon (one per family)

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## Time for a Spring Cleaning

Groton City Spring Cleanup  
May 2-9 2015



Bring Anything You  
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Or Call City Hall at  
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short domestic trips with basic coverage for cancellation or lost baggage might cost some money; comprehensive coverage for a major world excursion may go well into the hundreds.

Travel companies like airlines and cruise lines sell various forms of trip insurance, but it might be wise to buy directly from an actual insurance company in the travel insurance business, better known as a "third-party" carrier. While travel insurance sold by travel companies might be adequate, they generally cannot match the quality of coverage or customer service that a full-time insurance provider can.

Before you buy travel coverage, it is particularly important to know what the policy's exclusion clause says. That section of the travel insurance policy indicates particular activities or circumstances that will prevent the payment of a claim.

Insurance companies respond to claims when customers file documents properly. Travelers who need to make a claim should have copies of receipts, ticketing and paperwork relevant to losses such as flight delays, lost luggage or any other potential loss indicated in the policy. If the claim is the result of a criminal act, policyholders should make sure they obtain and file copies of police, hotel or other relevant documentation safely.

Finally, it never hurts to visualize potential risks on an upcoming trip. Quick online searches make it easy for travelers to check on weather and potential conflicts at their destination. The U.S. State Department features its own global travel alert and warnings webpage (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>) to prepare travelers for local crime, terrorist attacks or geopolitical conflict. The U.S. National Weather Service also features sites for long-term storm and hurricane prediction, though travel insurers will generally not issue coverage after a particular storm system is named.

Bottom line: Travel insurance can be a financial lifesaver. However, it's important to thoroughly evaluate such coverage in light of personal and business coverage you already have and, most of all, to read the fine print.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).

## Kasey Rae Waage

**Parents:** Jay and Jonna Waage

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sibling:** Jackson, 22

**Hobbies:** Golfing, scrap booking, drumming, playing marbles, being with friends and family

**School/community activities:** Volleyball, golf, FCCLA, Star Torch, Natural Helpers, show choir pit crew, Jazz band, Luther League, boys basketball statistician, Groton Area Helping Hands

**Favorite high school memory:** Getting to go to Washington, D.C. and New York with my classmates on my 18th birthday

**Future plans:** Attend SDSU and major in Biology Education in hopes of one day becoming a Science Teacher



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## Alec Voss



**Parents:** Chad and Joy Voss

**Hometown:** Bristol

**Sibling:** Whitney, 16

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, stargazing, Scientific research, knitting, working

**School/community activities:** football, band, vocal, all-school play, FFA

**Favorite high school memory:** everyday is a blessing. To place one memory on top is impossible

**Future plans:** Attend Lake Area Tech for Ag-Business. Get a job at a local farm co-op



Good Luck To All Seniors!

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## Dylan Vogel

**Parents:** Cheryl Hanson, Allan Vogel

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Lincoln Vogel, 10; Chase Vogel, 6.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, working..

**School/Community Activities:** Football.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Making it to semifinals in football.

**Future Plans:** Attend SMSU in Marshall, Minn., for Ag Solutions.



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## Today in Weather History

1852 - A tornado, following the same track as the famous "Tri-state Tornado" of 1925, struck the town of New Harmony IND. Just sixteen persons were killed by the twister, due to the sparse settlement. The "Tri-state Tornado" killed 695 persons. (David Ludlum)

1953 - A tornado 300 yards in width leveled homes on the north side of Warner-Robins GA, and barracks on the south side of the Warner-Robins Air Force Base. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 100 mph in Lincoln, Mineral and Sanders counties. Twenty-three cities in the central and southeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Memphis TN was the hot spot in the nation with a record high of 94 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - A cold front produced high winds in the southwestern U.S. Winds gusting to 90 mph in southwestern Utah downed power lines, and damaged trees and outbuildings. The high winds also downed power lines in Nevada, completely knocking out power in the town of Henderson. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in central and eastern Texas. Hail three inches in diameter was reported at Cool, and thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Hillsboro. For the first time of record Oklahoma City went through the entire month of April without a single thunderstorm. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1990 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in southern Virginia and the Carolinas, with tennis ball size hail reported southeast of Chesnee SC. Thunderstorms moving over the Chesapeake Bay flooded U.S. Highway 50 on Kent Island MD with several inches of water resulting in a seventeen-mile long traffic jam. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


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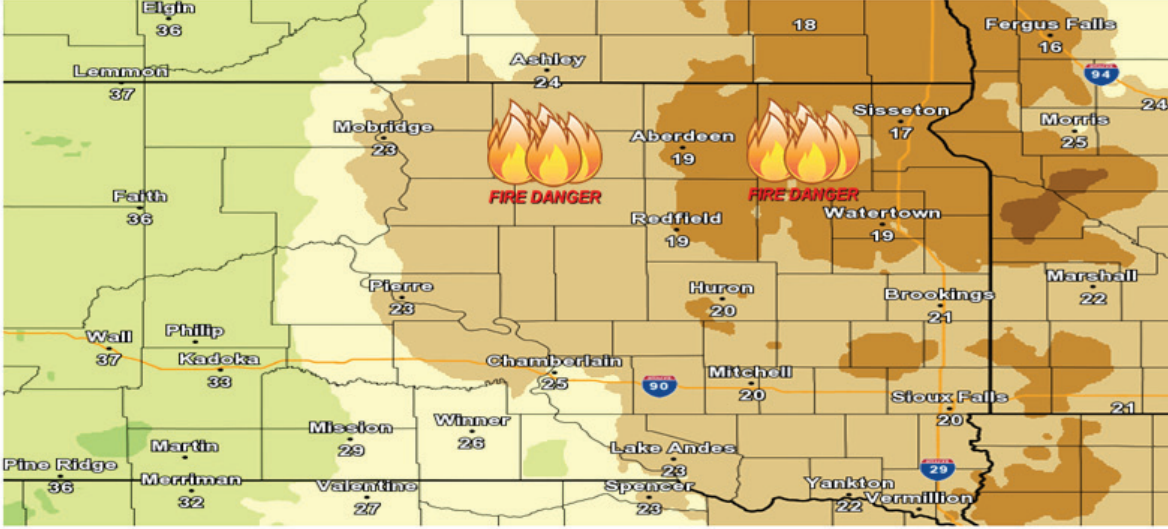
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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Breezy	Scattered Thunderstorms	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 80 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 75 °F

## Low Humidity and Breezy Winds Today

- Upper teens to low 20s RH this afternoon, wind gusts 20 to 30 mph.
- Very high fire danger for north central and northeast South Dakota.
- **Red Flag Warning in effect this afternoon!**





**Lowest Relative Humidity Forecast**

- Less than 5%
- 5% to 10%
- 10% to 15%
- 15% to 20%
- 20% to 25%
- 25% to 30%
- 30% to 40%
- 40% to 50%
- 50% to 60%
- 60% to 80%
- 80% to 100%

Valid ending Friday May 1st, 2015 at 1 AM CDT  
Created Thursday April 30th, 2015 at 5:34 AM CDT

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Updated: 4/30/2015 5:39 AM Central

Low afternoon humidity will combine with breezy south winds and bring very high fire danger for portions of north central South Dakota and all of northeast South Dakota. A Red Flag warning is in effect this afternoon to highlight this. The lowest humidity is expected across northeast South Dakota where readings are forecast to fall into the upper teens. South winds will gust from 20 to 30 mph across the area.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 71.9 at 4:42 PM

**Low:** 35.3 at 6:26 AM

**High Gust:** 14 at 1:37 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 98° in 1992

**Record Low:** 5° in 1966

**Average High:** 64°F

**Average Low:** 38°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 1.76

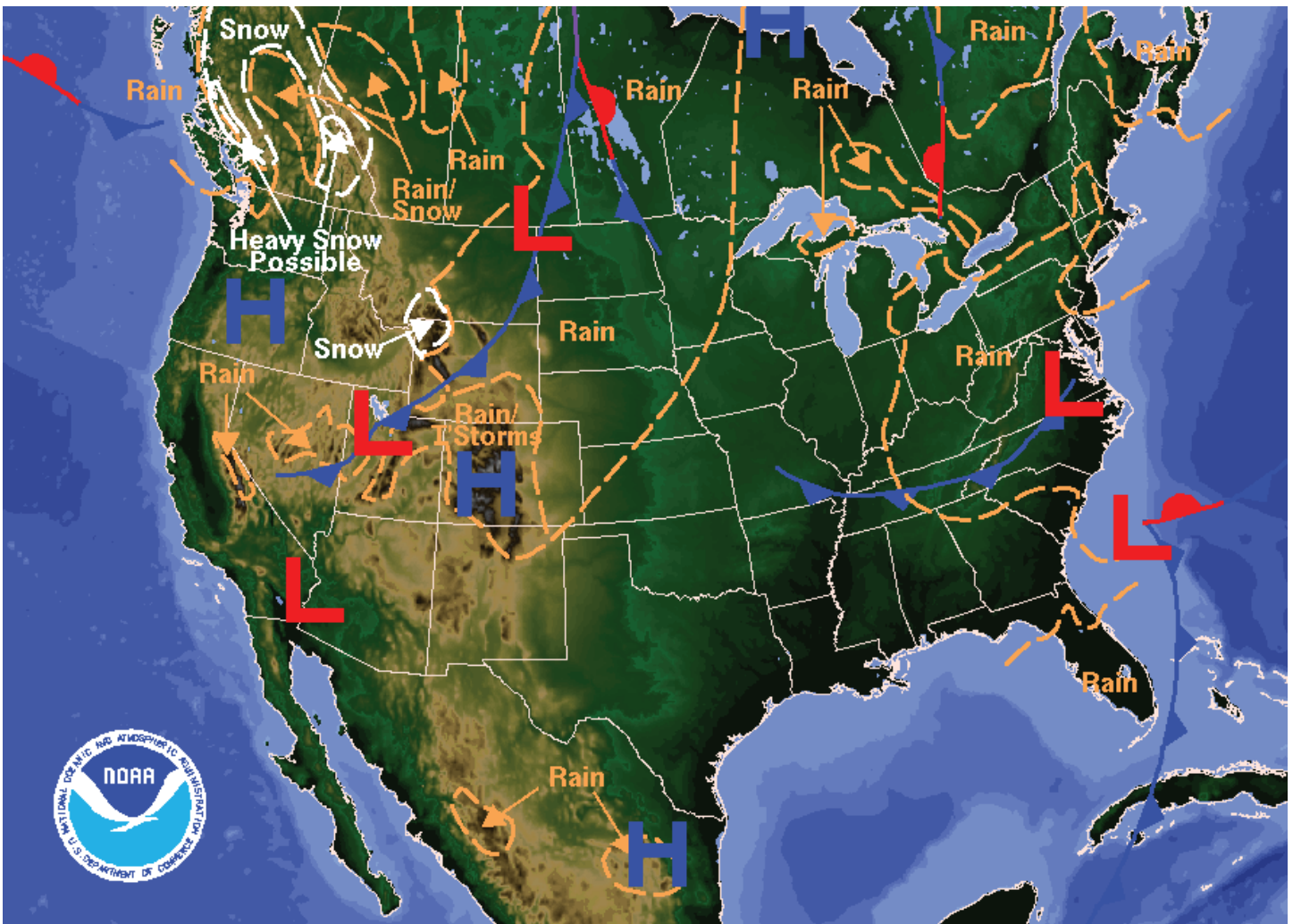
**Precip to date in April.:** 0.47

**Average Precip to date:** 3.94

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.94

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:39 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:22 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Apr 30, 2015, issued 4:39 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## FAITHFUL MEANS CONSISTENT

Imagine what it would be like to go to bed at night and wonder if the sun would be there to greet us in the morning. Or, to fear that the sun would stand still and scorch the earth because the universe lost its way. Or, to see a drought begin and worry that the rain will never come again.

We live in an orderly, predictable universe. It's the way God created and planned it to be. It is, simply stated, a picture of a God who is faithful, dependable, reliable and trustworthy. Who He was yesterday He will be today and when the sun sets this evening, it will not go into hiding but will rise again tomorrow because of the enduring faithfulness of God.

Faithfulness is important because it gives us the assurance of stability and structure. It creates trust and the possibility of planning. Though we may not desire some of the "contents" that come with predictability, at least we can prepare for them.

God's covenant with the children of Israel gave them the assurance of His faithfulness. Other gods were created by men but our God is the One who created man. He promised to guide, guard and grant us mercy, grace and salvation because of His great love for His creation.

"Wisdom" speaks of this God, to be sure. But, to be faithful to Him in all things and pass this wisdom on to children as mothers and mentors is something our God desires to be an important priority in Christian homes. "She speaks with God's wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue."

**Prayer:** Father, we pray for Your strength and dignity to fill all who are called by You to be mothers and mentors. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.



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## News from the Associated Press

### **Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center getting rare tapes of rodeo legend**

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Arizona couple is giving the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center in Fort Pierre a treasure trove of black-and-white films of the rodeo legend.

Tibbs gave the tapes to Jeb and Dorothy Rosebrook in 1962. They gave them to Denver filmmaker Justin Koehler, who produced a documentary about Tibbs.

Koehler is delivering the reel-to-reel tapes Friday, when he arrives for a public showing of "Floating Horses" at the center in Tibbs' hometown. Koehler hopes to release the film later this year.

Between 1949 and 1955, Tibbs won six PRCA saddle bronc-riding championships, a record still unchallenged, plus two all-around cowboy championships and one bareback-riding championship. He also wrote a syndicated newspaper column and starred in several movies. He was a founder of the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Tibbs died in January 1990.

### **Judge rejects plea deal; counselor to go on trial for fraud**

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota counselor who admitted defrauding the Medicaid program is now taking his case to trial after a judge rejected a plea deal.

Shawn Nills pleaded guilty earlier to making false claims to Medicaid and other state grant programs, and was expected to repay more than \$27,000. He was to be sentenced Wednesday, but Judge Vince Foley said Nills' statements in a presentence report didn't match the facts of the case he'd agreed to in March.

Nills' trial is to begin June 23 in Madison.

Authorities allege the fraud happened between October 2012 and March 2014, when Nills was CEO of Madison-based Community Counseling Services. He is now a counselor in Watertown.

### **South Dakota twin sisters named to Vikings cheerleading team**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A set of South Dakota twin sisters have been named to the Minnesota Vikings cheerleading team.

Experienced dancers Karmen and Kirsten Nyberg joined the team this week. The 23-year-old women previously were cheerleaders for the Sioux Falls Storm indoor football team.

The Nybergs have been dancing for about 18 years. They graduated from Augustana College last spring.

Karmen Nyberg danced competitively for 14 years, while Kirsten Nyberg also participated in competitive dance and cheerleading for more than ten years at the all-star and high school level. The sisters were members of Augustana's dance team.

### **State board takes input on proposed Harney Peak name change**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Supporters of renaming Harney Peak in the Black Hills dominated a state board meeting on Wednesday held to take public input on the proposed change.

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names met in Rapid City Wednesday night, and commenters made cases for and against replacing the name of the peak, the highest point in the U.S. east of the

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Rocky Mountains. The board also heard from the public at a different meeting earlier Wednesday in Custer.

Nearly every attendee in Rapid City who spoke during the meeting that lasted for about 3 ½ hours was in favor of giving the peak a new designation. It was originally named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in September 1855 led a group of soldiers who killed Sioux Indians in Nebraska.

Basil Brave Heart, who proposed the change in September, told the board that the peak shouldn't be named after a man who committed atrocities against Native Americans.

"I don't want this peak to define our generation coming up," said Brave Heart, who is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

One suggested name for the geographic feature is Black Elk Peak, but many others also have been proposed.

"Anything but Harney," said Carla Ann Rabbit, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Glen Lakner, 85, who lives near Wall, testified against renaming Harney Peak. Lakner, who served in the military, said he took issue with criticisms of Harney. He said holding a grudge since 1855 is too long.

"Let's quit digging up ... the antique stuff and the stuff that's gone and go on ahead," he said.

The board will continue taking public input at two more meetings and could issue a recommendation for a new name to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

## Couple testifies about being Jamaican lottery scam victims

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A woman who was the victim of a Jamaican lottery scam told a federal jury Wednesday that she received a postcard in June 2012 at her Madison, South Dakota, home from a company called American Cash Awards asking for \$10 to enter a sweepstakes.

She said she talked it over with her husband and mailed the money.

"I thought, all right, we've spent \$10 a lot worse ways," Doug Erickson said during testimony.

What followed was a yearslong nightmare that has wiped out most of their savings and an inheritance from Kathy Erickson's mother. Authorities say the couple is among more than 70 victims who were duped out of a total of \$5 million in a Jamaican lottery scheme that preyed upon mostly elderly and vulnerable citizens in the United States.

It's a story the Ericksons had not repeated to anybody, except Doug's dad, before testifying Wednesday in the trial of Sanjay Williams, of Montego Bay, Jamaica. Williams is accused of buying and selling so-called "sucker lists" with the names of potential victims for callers to exploit. The investigation originated with a victim from Harvey, North Dakota.

A month after sending in the postcard, Kathy Erickson received a call that she had won \$3.5 million, a Mercedes-Benz and a year's worth of Geico car insurance. She said she told the caller she didn't believe him. But after calls from official-sounding people and an email with a letterhead from a large national bank, the couple started what Doug Erickson called a "vicious cycle" by sending in \$14,000 supposedly to cover possession, insurance and clearance fees.

The scammers were relentless in demanding more money. Doug Erickson said he received dozens of calls a day on his cellphone. The callers claimed to be from the FBI, Internal Revenue Service and Federal Reserve Bank. They assured the Ericksons that the contest was legitimate and the prize was on its way — if they sent more money.

When the Ericksons finally begged to be left alone, as they both testified, two people who claimed to

be from an outfit called the World Bank Investigations offered to look into the problem — if they sent more money.

“They made it so a guy could not just leave it. Everybody lined up,” Doug Erickson said. “I’m a trusting person. We come from a town where you don’t have to worry about crime. You don’t have to worry about trust. You trust everybody. Now I’m at the point where I don’t believe nothin’ from nobody.”

The Ericksons were among several victims to testify Wednesday, including a home health care worker from Cincinnati who still sent money to an alleged scammer after the FBI contacted her about the fraud. All of the victims who have testified so far say they have not heard of or met Williams.

Williams, 25, has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering. His lawyer, Charlie Stock, said Wednesday during his questioning of an FBI special agent that investigators did not look into whether his client was himself a victim of identity theft. Stock pointed to one incident in which Williams’ email was hacked.

The lawyer has implied that prosecutors have the wrong guy.

The trial is expected to last until the end of next week.

## 8th Circuit Court of Appeals defers gay marriage cases

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals deferred arguments and a decision Wednesday on same-sex marriage cases in four states until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the issue, allowing the appeals court to potentially rule on any matters not addressed by the nation’s highest court.

The appeals court said it’s holding off on “any further consideration” of the cases from South Dakota, Arkansas, Missouri and Nebraska for now. All four states are appealing federal judges’ decisions to overturn gay marriage bans. Oral arguments were scheduled to begin on May 12 in Omaha, Nebraska.

The ruling, which the court said was not prompted from either the plaintiffs or states involved, comes a day after the Supreme Court heard arguments on the issue of same-sex marriage in cases from four states. The court could decide by June whether gay couples can marry nationwide.

The eventual decision from the Supreme Court will determine how the 8th Circuit proceeds.

The final ruling could be broad and effectively make the cases before the 8th Circuit moot, but justices could also issue a narrow ruling or a decision based on procedural issues, allowing judges to rule on any questions raised in the 8th Circuit that aren’t addressed, said South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley.

“The 8th Circuit is saying, ‘We’re reserving the right once we see what the Supreme Court says, to make a determination of what, if anything, we have to resolve,’” he said.

Several parties involved in the cases said they were dismayed with the court’s announcement.

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge said in a statement that the 8th Circuit “has the authority to rule regardless of what is occurring before the U.S. Supreme Court.”

Josh Newville, a Minneapolis attorney who’s representing six same-sex couples from South Dakota, said he’s uncertain why the court waited to make the announcement until Wednesday, given that it knew oral arguments before the Supreme Court had been scheduled long ago.

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## Adam Sandler movie flap sparks debate over enduring American Indian stereotypes in media

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — When a group of American Indian actors walked off the set of an Adam Sandler movie this week, their decision generated praise and scorn on social media.

But everyone agreed on one thing: Despite growing awareness, outdated Native American stereotypes in Hollywood remain. And more Native Americans are voicing their opinions.

This week, eight actors quit the production of the satirical Western "The Ridiculous Six" over complaints about offensive names and religious scenes. The actors said they couldn't participate in a movie depicting a Native American woman urinating while smoking a peace pipe.

California writer Megan Red Shirt-Shaw, founder of Natives in America, an online publication for Native American youth, said the walkout generated praise from American Indian advocates because people were tired of the images and now have outlets to express their outrage.

"In the past, Native actors did speak out but they didn't have the technology to share their views widely," Red Shirt-Shaw said. "It's different now."



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On social media, activists used the hashtag #NotYourHollywoodIndian to denounce Sandler's project and to thank the actors for their "bravery."

Meanwhile, other Native Americans say more actors and writers are needed in media to battle hurtful images. They argued the actors should have stayed on set.

The Sandler film is set for a Netflix-only release, and the streaming service says it was designed to lampoon stereotypes popularized in Western movies.

A spokesman for Sandler's Manchester, New Hampshire,-based production company, Happy Madison Productions, didn't immediately return a phone message.

In recent years, Native Americans have been more outspoken.

For example, in 2013, some Native Americans were critical of Johnny Depp's portrayal on Tonto in the Disney version adaptation of "The Lone Ranger." Depp spoke in broken English, chanted prayers and wore a stuffed crow on his head. However, after a campaign by the movie to improve its image with Native Americans, Depp was eventually embraced on the Navajo Nation and was later adopted into the Comanche Nation.

A year before, the band No Doubt was forced to apologize and pull the music video "Looking Hot" after lead singer Gwen Stefani was criticized for dancing around teepees and wearing a series of American Indian-styled outfits.

Elise Marubbio, an American Indian Studies professor at Augsburg College, said those stereotypes are part of the nation's mythical West narrative and usually center on images of the Lakota fighting the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment.

Often Southern Great Plains tribes are often portrayed by filmmakers like John Ford as living in Monument Valley on the Navajo Nation of the American Southwest, Marubbio said.

That portrayal has changed little since the 1930s and seems to give some a justification to disrespectfully use American Indian clothing and practices.

Goldie Tom, a female actor who walked off the Sandler production, said she knew the movie wasn't going to be historically accurate, but she thought it would be tasteful.

"I don't regret my decision to be in the movie," Tom said. "But after this experience, I'm reminded that we still have work to do."

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## Report: Insurers skirt health law's protections for women

**CARLA K. JOHNSON, AP Medical Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — Some insurance plans offered on the health overhaul law's new marketplaces violate the law's requirements for women's health, according to a new report from a women's legal advocacy group.

The National Women's Law Center analyzed plans in 15 states over two years and found some excluded dependents from maternity coverage, prohibited coverage of breast pumps or failed to cover all federally approved birth control methods.

The report calls for regulators to do a better job reviewing the plans and for insurers to comply with the law. It calls for more public access to health plan coverage documents, especially as people comparison shop for coverage.

Gretchen Borchelt of the National Women's Law Center said violations leave women "without the coverage they need."

"The health care law has done so much for women. We now need to make sure it reaches every

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woman and every woman gets the full range of benefits required by the law," Borchelt said.

Karen Ignagni, CEO of the trade association America's Health Insurance Plans, said the report presented a distorted picture.

"Health plans provide access to care for millions of women each day and receive high marks in customer satisfaction surveys. To use highly selective anecdotes to draw sweeping conclusions about consumers' coverage does nothing to improve the quality, accessibility, or affordability of health care for individuals and families," she said.

Health and Human Service Department spokeswoman Katie Hill said the Obama administration takes "reports of non-compliance very seriously," will continue to provide guidance to insurers and states, and "will explore whether additional measures are necessary."

"Thanks to the (Affordable Care Act), tens of millions of women have gained access to and are using much-needed health care," Hill said.

Under the health law, most health insurance plans must cover all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives as preventive care for women, free to the patient. The idea is to help women determine when they get pregnant and to increase the number of healthy newborns.

The report found 15 insurance companies in seven states that failed to cover all the FDA-approved contraceptives. For instance, a Wisconsin plan excluded sponges. A South Dakota plan wouldn't cover a long-lasting hormonal method that involves a small rod implanted under the skin of a woman's upper arm.

Other plans required financial cost-sharing for some birth control methods but not others, according to the report.

Problems cited by the report included one Tennessee plan that wouldn't cover maternity coverage for dependents, which could include spouses or offspring under age 26. Plans in Colorado and South Dakota limited the number of ultrasounds a pregnant woman could receive. An Alabama health plan capped the number of prenatal visits at six a year.

Health plans in Colorado, Ohio and Tennessee excluded breast pumps from coverage in 2014, the report said.

The analysis found problems with at least one health plan in every state, including on both state-run marketplaces and states relying on the federal HealthCare.gov exchange. The states included in the report are Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin.

Most health plans are complying with the law, Borchelt said, so the violations wouldn't affect all of the roughly 6 million women covered on the marketplace.

"We want insurance companies to step up and regulators to do a better job of enforcing the requirements," Borchelt said.

## Man accused of propositioning boys at Sioux Falls Wal-Mart

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Bond has been set at \$10,000 cash for a 64-year-old Mitchell man accused of propositioning young males at a Sioux Falls Wal-Mart.

Michael Holland was arrested at his home Sunday and made his initial court appearance on Monday. He did not immediately enter a plea to 12 charges including sexual exploitation of a minor.

Holland allegedly propositioned three teenage boys and a man in his early 20s in the store on April 16. Police arrested him after viewing surveillance video from the store.

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## Listeria concerns spark Hy-Vee recall of pasta salad

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Hy-Vee Inc. says it is recalling Hy-Vee Summer Fresh Pasta because of a potential listeria contamination.

The West Des Moines-based grocer said Tuesday that the company has learned that frozen vegetables in the salad could be contaminated with the bacterium *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The company sold the salad from April 9 to April 27. Hy-Vee has pulled the salad from stores in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Hy-Vee says people who bought the pasta salad between those dates should dispose of it or return it for a refund.

The company says there are no known listeria infections linked to the recall.

Listeria generally only affects the elderly, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women. It can cause fever, muscle aches, gastrointestinal symptoms and even death.

## 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. A LIGHT AMID QUAKE TRAGEDY

Crowds cheer as a teenage boy is pulled from the wreckage of a Kathmandu building that collapsed five days ago when a massive temblor shook Nepal.

### 2. WHAT'S NEXT FOR BALTIMORE POLICE

Authorities tell the community they plan to turn over the findings of a police investigation into Freddie Gray's death to a state's attorney by Friday.

### 3. KREMLIN: KIM NOT COMING TO MOSCOW

Putin's spokesman says the leader of North Korea will not be attending celebrations in Moscow for Victory Day.

### 4. HOW SOME IN MILITARY ARE MARKING FALL OF SAIGON

U.S. Marines who were part of the 1975 Saigon evacuation in Vietnam return to the old U.S. Embassy and share their stories of what happened that day.

### 5. WHO ARE CASUALTIES OF SYRIA'S CIVIL WAR

With up to a million people hurt in the conflict, many fighters and civilians have suffered traumatic injuries that have left them handicapped.

### 6. POPULAR DESIGNER DRUG BEHIND BIZARRE CRIMES IN FLORIDA

Flakka can cause hallucinations, paranoia and violent outbursts and at \$5 a hit, authorities fear it could quickly spread.

### 7. VERMONT INDEPENDENT THROWS HAT IN RING

Sen. Bernie Sanders, running for the Democratic nomination for president, says "people should not underestimate" him.

### 8. WHAT HAS GOP DIVIDED BEFORE HIGH COURT

The next big Supreme Court ruling is approaching on Obama's health care law, and congressional Republicans have no consensus on how to respond.

### 9. WHY CHINA BUILDING A SKYSCRAPER IN 19 DAYS MAY NOT BE A GOOD THING

Some critics are saying a modular approach like this could lead to cityscapes with overly uniform architecture.

### 10. 'SUPER SATURDAY' A MATCH MADE IN SPORTS HEAVEN

The Mayweather-Pacquiao fight, the Kentucky Derby, the NBA and NHL playoffs and the NFL draft — Saturday in sports has something for everyone.

## AP News in Brief

### Rescuers pull out teenage survivor as aftershocks keep Nepal's capital on edge

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A long-absent noise — cheers — rang out in Nepal's capital Thursday as rescuers pulled a teenager alive from the earthquake rubble he had been trapped in for five days. The joy interrupted a dreary and still fearful day in which thousands worried about aftershocks lined up to board free buses to their rural hometowns.

Hundreds cheered as the 18-year-old, identified by police as Pemba Tamang, was pulled out of the wreckage, dazed and dusty, and carried away on a stretcher. He had been trapped under the collapsed debris of a seven-story building in Kathmandu since Saturday, when the magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck.

Nepalese rescuers, supported by an American disaster response team, had been working for hours to free him. L.B. Basnet, the police officer who crawled into a gap to reach Tamang, said he was surprisingly responsive.

"He thanked me when I first approached him," said Basnet. "He told me his name, his address, and I gave him some water. I assured him we were near to him."

When Tamang was lifted out, his face was covered in dust, and medics had put an IV drop into his arm. A blue brace had been placed around his neck. He appeared stunned, and his eyes blinked in the sunlight as workers hurriedly carried him away.

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### Foreigners see Shangri-la, but Nepalese see towering obstacles as they dig out from quake

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Even amid the misery, with entire neighborhoods sleeping on sidewalks for fear of a massive earthquake's aftershocks, even with no running water, no electricity, and anger and frustration boiling over — even with all this, you can still find hints of the picture-postcard image of Nepal many foreigners hold in their imaginations.

There, perhaps, is Shangri-la, off in the Himalayan foothills that loom up above the tiled roofs and arched gates of the colonial-era buildings that made it through Saturday's earthquake. There's the squeak of the rickshaw, the gentle calls of "Namaste," the blissed-out backpacker stumbling down tree-lined boulevards.

It was almost always more mirage than truth, and never more so than after the country's worst disaster in decades.

People here have long seen their struggles with crushing poverty, corruption and infrastructure failures, and with a political fecklessness almost Shakespearean in scale, overshadowed by the beauty of the land and its firm place in the collective popular romantic imagination.

As Nepalese now dig out from a quake that has killed 5,500 and counting, there's widespread pessimism that these ugly truths will become any clearer to an outside world smitten with an image that doesn't match the reality. There is even less faith that a government that many feel has consistently failed its people will rise to the occasion.

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## **Baltimore officials try to dampen expectations of an immediate resolution to Gray case**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Having weathered two all-night curfews with no major disturbances, Baltimore officials are now trying to manage growing expectations they will immediately decide whether to prosecute six police officers involved in the arrest of a black man who later died of injuries he apparently received while in custody.

In an effort to be transparent, authorities have told the community they plan to turn over the findings of a police investigation into Freddie Gray's death to a state's attorney by Friday. Gray's death from a spinal injury a week after his April 12 arrest is what sparked riots Monday — the worst the city has seen since 1968.

Prosecutors will review the information and eventually decide how to move forward, authorities have said.

But protesters on the streets and high school students who met with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake on Wednesday have said there are rumors circulating that some kind of "verdict" will be rendered as soon as Friday.

"It became very clear ... that people misunderstood," Rawlings-Blake said.

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## **As Supreme Court ruling on health law nears, congressional Republicans divided over response**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans are divided over how to respond to an approaching Supreme Court decision on President Barack Obama's health care law, even as growing numbers concede that their long-sought goal of repealing the statute will have to wait.

Should the plaintiffs prevail in the GOP-backed lawsuit, the justices could annul one of the law's backbones: federal subsidies helping around 7.7 million people afford health insurance in more than 30 states. Republicans broadly agree that Congress should react by temporarily replacing that aid, aware that abruptly ending it would anger millions of voters before the 2016 presidential and congressional elections.

Yet when it comes to choosing an overall response to a court ruling, GOP lawmakers have suggested at least five different proposals — so far. None has won consensus backing from Republicans.

The divisions underscore the challenge Republicans face between satisfying conservative supporters who want the law dismantled and providing help should millions lose their ability to afford coverage. But the sheer existence of the GOP proposals could help in court because it might suggest to the justices that despite Democrats' claims that eliminating the subsidies would spark health insurance chaos, Congress is already working on ways to avoid that.

Republicans say they remain uniformly intent on dismantling the 2010 law, but there's also no agreement on what the replacement should be. Increasingly, many acknowledge that as long as Obama remains in office, any repeal effort will mostly serve to tee up the issue for the 2016 elections.

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## **Sen. Bernie Sanders warns that he shouldn't be underestimated in running for president**

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent who is running for the Democratic nomination for president, says he will do more than simply raise progressive issues or nudge Hillary Rodham Clinton to the left.

"People should not underestimate me," Sanders told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday confirming his presidential bid. "I've run outside of the two-party system, defeating Democrats and Republicans, taking on big-money candidates and, you know, I think the message that has resonated in Vermont is a message that can resonate all over this country."

Sanders is the first major challenger to enter the race against Clinton, who launched her bid for president earlier this month and is considered the front-runner in the Democratic race. He is likely to be joined in the coming months by former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb and ex-Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee.

As he has for months in prospective campaign stops in the early voting states, and throughout his political career, the former mayor of Burlington, Vermont, assailed an economic system that he said has devolved over the past 40 years and eradicated the nation's middle class.

"What we have seen is that while the average person is working longer hours for lower wages, we have seen a huge increase in income and wealth inequality, which is now reaching obscene levels," Sanders said.

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## **40 years after Vietnam War, communists celebrate victory; Americans reflect on fall of Saigon**

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — This city once known as Saigon was festooned in red banners on Thursday that read "Long Live the Glorious Communist Party of Vietnam," 40 years after northern forces seized control of the country and America walked away from a divisive and bloody war that remains a painful sore.

Thousands of Vietnamese, including war veterans in uniform, lined up to watch soldiers and traditional performers parade through the streets of what is now Ho Chi Minh City.

On April 30, 1975, North Vietnamese tanks rolled into Saigon, then the capital of South Vietnam. They crashed through the gates of the presidential palace and hoisted the communist flag. It was an incredible victory for the revolutionary forces that had waged guerrilla warfare for more than a decade against the U.S., and before that against France.

"The tank crashing the gates ... was a symbol of victory for the Vietnamese nation and the Vietnamese People's Army, marking the end of the 30 years of national resistance against the French and then the Americans," said Nguyen Van Tap, 64, who drove Tank 390 through the iron bars and reunited with members of his tank company Wednesday. "For the Vietnamese, April 30 is a day of festivities and national reunification."

For the U.S. and its South Vietnamese allies, the day was one of panic, chaos and defeat known simply as the fall of Saigon.

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## **Near Syria's border, wounded fighters and civilians recover from war trauma**

KILIS, Turkey (AP) — Sitting up in bed, 16-year-old Anas Baroudi lifts up an orange blanket to show where his left foot used to be, before he lost it almost three years ago in Syria's civil war.

"It's not painful," the Syrian teenager says quietly as he covers the leg again.

Lying in the next bed is Hassan, 26, a rebel fighter who lost his right eye and mobility in his right leg when a tank shell struck close to him on the front lines of Aleppo.

They both tease 23-year-old Khaled Qatrib, another Syrian war amputee who is sharing their room,

about being a "Facebook addict," with a smartphone seemingly attached to his hand.

The mood is relatively upbeat among the young Syrian men, their lives forever scarred by war, at the Dar Al-Salameh center for recovery and physiotherapy in the Turkish border town of Kilis.

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## **Chinese builder assembles 57-story skyscraper in 19 days using modular approach**

CHANGSHA, China (AP) — A Chinese construction company is claiming to be the world's fastest builder after erecting a 57-story skyscraper in 19 working days in central China.

The Broad Sustainable Building Co. put up the rectangular, glass-and-steel Mini Sky City in the Hunan provincial capital of Changsha using a modular method, assembling three floors per day, company vice president Xiao Changgeng said.

The company, which has ambitions to assemble the world's tallest skyscraper at 220 floors in only three months, worked on Mini Sky City in two spurts separated by winter weather. Its time-lapse video of the rapid assembly has become popular on Chinese video-sharing sites since it was first uploaded on YouTube.

"With the traditional method, they have to build a skyscraper brick by brick, but with our method, we just need to assemble the blocks," company engineer Chen Xiangqian said.

Such modular approaches have been used for high-rise apartment blocks elsewhere, including in Britain and the U.S. Some critics say the method could lead to cityscapes with overly uniform architecture.

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## **Naked, 'superhuman' paranoids begging police to save them from imaginary mobs? That's flakka!**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — One man ran naked through a Florida neighborhood, tried to have sex with a tree and told police he was the mythical god Thor. Another ran nude down a busy city street in broad daylight, convinced a pack of German shepherds was pursuing him.

Two others tried separately to break into the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. They said they thought people were chasing them; one wound up impaled on a fence.

The common element to these and other bizarre incidents in Florida in the last few months is flakka, an increasingly popular synthetic designer drug. Also known as gravel and readily available for \$5 or less a vial, it's a growing problem for police after bursting on the scene in 2013.

It is the latest in a series of synthetic drugs that include Molly, Ecstasy and bath salts, but officials say flakka is even easier to obtain in small quantities through the mail. Flakka's active ingredient is a chemical compound called alpha-PVP, which is on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's list of the controlled substances most likely to be abused. It is usually made overseas in countries such as China and Pakistan.

Flakka, a derivative of the Spanish word for a thin, pretty woman, is usually sold in a crystal form and is often smoked using electronic cigarettes, which are popular with young people and give off no odor. It can also be snorted, injected or swallowed.

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## **The fight, the Derby, the playoffs, the draft — Saturday in sports has something for everyone**

The most-anticipated fight of all time. The best-known horse race. The premier baseball rivalry. The NFL draft.

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And those are just the highlights.

Super Saturday — perhaps a day unlike any other in the history of sport — awaits.

Stock the refrigerator, replace the remote batteries, get the weekend errands done early, invite your friends, fire up that grill and if you're very fortunate, confirm those flights. For the sports consumer, an amazing number of options will be available.

From the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight that could generate \$400 million and topple every known record in boxing history, to the 141st edition of the Kentucky Derby, to the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox colliding for the 2,142nd time to the NFL draft's finishing rounds and so much more, it's a sports enthusiast's dream.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 30, the 120th day of 2015. There are 245 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

### On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened with a ceremony that included an address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, the radio show "Queen for Today" (later "Queen for a Day") premiered on the Mutual Network.

In 1958, the American Association of Retired Persons (later simply AARP) was founded in Washington, D.C., by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.

In 1968, New York City police forcibly removed student demonstrators occupying five buildings at Columbia University.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1988, Gen. Manuel Noriega, waving a machete, vowed at a rally to keep fighting U.S. efforts to oust him as Panama's military ruler.

In 1990, hostage Frank Reed was released by his captives in Lebanon; he was the second American to be released in eight days.

**Ten years ago:** Missing Georgia woman Jennifer Wilbanks admitted to police in Albuquerque, New Mexico, that she was a "runaway bride" after initially claiming to have been abducted; on what was supposed to have been her wedding day, she was escorted to the airport by officers for a flight home. Vietnam marked the 30th anniversary of the war's end. James Toney outpointed John Ruiz to win the



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WBA heavyweight title in New York.

**Five years ago:** Heavy winds and high tides complicated efforts to hold back oil from a blown-out BP-operated rig that threatened to coat bird and marine life in the Gulf of Mexico; President Barack Obama halted any new offshore projects pending safeguards to prevent more explosions like the one that unleashed the spill.

**One year ago:** Iraq voted in its first nationwide election since U.S. troops withdrew in 2011. Police in Northern Ireland arrested Sinn Fein (shin fayn) party leader Gerry Adams over his alleged involvement in the Irish Republican Army's 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a 38-year-old Belfast widow, Jean McConville (Adams was released without charge). A lawyer for Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said Ford would take a leave of absence to seek help for substance abuse.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Cloris Leachman is 89. Singer Willie Nelson is 82. Actor Burt Young is 75. Singer Bobby Vee is 72. Movie director Allan Arkush is 67. Actor Perry King is 67. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 67. Singer Merrill Osmond is 62. Movie director Jane Campion is 61. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 56. Actor Paul Gross is 56. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 54. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 53. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 50. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 48. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 48. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 44. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 44. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 44. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 42. Actor Johnny Galecki is 40. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 39. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 34. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 33. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 33. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkinsons) is 31. Actress Dianna Agron is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination." - Louis Kronenberger, American author (1904-1980).