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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 I will not be able to attend the Athletic Banquet tonight. If you would like to submit a photo for the paper, send to news@ grotonsd.net. Please ID photo as well.

Monday, May 4

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sweet tots, fruit, veggie cup.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible study 10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA Bible Study Leaders

10:00 a.m.: Girls Golf at Aberdeen Roncalli 2:00 p.m.: Junior High track at Redfield 6:00 p.m.: Kiwanis Athletic Banquet 7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

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

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets,

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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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Classifieds

BRIDAL SHOWER

Open House Bridal Shower for Jessica Hoscheid, future wife of Zachary Harry and daughter of Pete and Janet Hoscheid, will be held Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Grootn. Help us celebrate Jessica's upcoming wedding. The couple is registered at Target, Menards & Inspire

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 1st 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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A Message To The Graduating Classes Of 2015

Congratulations to the class of 2015! To all high school, college and technical school students now approaching graduation in South Dakota, I commend you for

reaching this milestone. After years of studying, taking tests and writing essays, you've finally made it. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

Most of you probably already have a good idea of what you'll be doing next – what additional education you'll seek or what career you'll pursue. Whether you've decided to stay in South Dakota or pursue a career or education elsewhere, I hope you'll ultimately consider a future here in our state. There are a number of reasons to consider living and working here.

First, we have the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 3.5 percent, compared to the national rate of 5.5 percent. Job opportunities are better here than in most places.

Secondly, the tax burden in South Dakota is low. We are among only a few states without an income tax, meaning you can keep more of the money you earn. Money that can repay student debt, buy a house someday or replace that car you drove into the ground in school.

Third, not only do people keep more of the money they earn in South Dakota, but that money will buy more here than in other places. According to a U.S. Department of Commerce report, South Dakotans experience a very low cost of living in the United States. We don't spend as much money on housing, insurance, food and the other everyday needs. In fact, we have some of the lowest costs in the nation. In New York, California, Washington, D.C., or many other places, you will find costs that are 10 percent, 12 percent, even 18 percent higher than the national average. In South Dakota those costs are only 88 percent of the national average.

Now some people will say, "There may a low tax burden and low cost of living, but I won't get paid

as much if I live in South Dakota." Actually, when it comes to per capita personal income, we fare pretty well. Nationally, we rank in the top half. And, if you adjust the per capita personal income for the low cost of living, we are the fifth best in the nation. If you adjust for lack of income taxes, we rank third in the nation.

Beyond the financial reasons, though, South Dakota is a great place to live because we have a good quality of life here. Our communities are safe, our public schools are high-quality and our people are friendly. We also have clean air, clean water and beautiful scenery. And you can't put a price tag on the love and support of your family, here in South Dakota.

My hope is not that you will never venture outside of our state, but rather that you would consider a more permanent future in South Dakota. Your dreams can come true – right here at home.



Thank you for your cooperation the last 2 months by hauling your garbage to our truck routes. Groton Street Department

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The Water Quality Protection Act By Senator Mike Rounds

In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed a rule to expand the definition of 'waters of the U.S.' This power grab would dramatically expand the federal government's jurisdiction under the Clean Air Act, beyond what the Act intended. The proposed rule, commonly known as WOTUS, has the potential to be one of the most burdensome and overreaching regulations in history for South Dakota's farmers and ranchers by requiring onerous and unnecessary new permits.

I've heard from a number of South Dakota farmers and ranchers, who continue to tell me the WOTUS rule would bog down productivity. Our Ag producers should be focused on growing crops and caring for their herds, not wasting time filling out paperwork or waiting around to get a permit to spray weeds in their ditches. In the Senate, I recently joined my colleagues in a bipartisan effort to prevent WOTUS from taking effect.

Our bill, the Federal Water Quality Protection Act, would protect traditional, navigable waters as well as the livelihood of farmers and ranchers by requiring EPA and the Army Corps to completely abandon

their current WOTUS rule. Instead, it directs the administration to go back to the drawing board, following principles and procedures we set forth in our bill.

We clarify that the definition of 'waters of the U.S.' does not include things such as groundwater, sheet flow, agricultural water and temporary ponds formed from rainwater, floodwater and wastewater because they do not have a connection to navigable waters. We also recommend grandfathering systems that may have been created by converting a stream into a water management system before the Clean Water Act was enacted. These commonsense ideas help set clear limits on the federal regulation of water.

Farmers and ranchers know their land better than anyone. Often times, it is handed down for generations. They make their living from the land, and have a vested interest in preserving and protecting it for their children and grandchildren. As such, they are inherently good stewards of the land. They deserve a voice in any rule that would dramatically affect the way their property is regulated and managed by the federal government. Our bill would also require EPA and the Army Corps to work with the Ag community and state and local governments when determining which water features should be under federal jurisdiction and which should be left to local governments.

Freeing Americans from burdensome regulations such as WOTUS has been a priority of mine since taking office. Our Federal Water Quality Protection Act would stop this unnecessary, burdensome and intrusive rule from getting in the way of our farmers and ranchers. It is another step toward reducing regulatory burden being handed down by unelected bureaucrats in Washington. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the Senate to get this bill to the President's desk before a final rule is published.



Groton City Spring Cleanup May 2-9 2015



Bring Anything You Wish to dispose of to Dumpsters located at the City Shop 10 E Railroad Ave

Or Call City Hall at 397-8422 for free hauling May 4-8

Monday, May 4, 2015 • Vol. 18 - No. 276 • 5 of 32 Drought-Parched Lake Mead Could Leave Seven States High and Dry

Historic-low water levels in the Colorado River Basin's biggest lake spells trouble, and potential water restrictions, throughout the West.

By Lisa Song, InsideClimate News

View of Lake Mead from the Hoover dam in September 2014 shows water levels at already dangerous levels. The lake, a key water source for seven states, reached an historic low in April 2015, with no relief in sight. Credit: Raquel Baranow, flickr

Lake Mead, the nation's largest reservoir, reached historic low levels over the weekend, another indication of the persistent drought that grips the American West.

Saturday night, even after a prolonged rainstorm, the gauges at Lake Mead settled out at 1,080.13 feet. It's the lowest recorded lake elevation since the reservoir was filled in the 1930s, said Rose Davis, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Reclamation, a federal agency that oversees water resources.

And it didn't stop there. By midafternoon Tuesday, the lake was at



View of Lake Mead from the Hoover dam in September 2014 shows water levels at already dangerous levels. The lake, a key water source for seven states, reached an historic low in April 2015, with no relief in sight. Credit: Raquel Baranow, flickr

1,079.76 feet. If lake levels are projected to fall below 1,075 feet in January 2016, it will trigger restrictions on the amount of water than can be drawn from the lake. Additional restrictions would follow if levels reach below 1,050 feet and 1,025 feet.

The city of Las Vegas, which gets 90 percent of its water from Lake Mead, is so concerned about falling reservoir levels that it is building a new intake pipeline deeper within the lake, to ensure it will be able withdraw water even if lake levels continue to decline.

Lake Mead is part of the Colorado River Basin, which provides a crucial source of water to seven states and Mexico. The region is in the midst of a 15-year drought, while the state of California is in its fourth consecutive dry year.

The California drought is one of the worst in the state's history, prompting Gov. Jerry Brown to issue unprecedented water use restrictions earlier this month.

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Climate change will only exacerbate the impacts, experts say.

Global warming is "more or less a stacking of the deck" that increases the likelihood of dry conditions in the West, said Greg Pederson, a research scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey.

"The way the climate system works out here is it tends to be sticky," Pederson said. "If it's wet, you get these generally wet conditions for 10 to 20 years at a time, and if it's dry, you typically get dry conditions 10 to 20 years at a time."

While scientists say that climate change may not be the main cause of the drought, it has made it worse. Global warming has caused the high temperatures that have dried up soils and caused early melting of the snowpack, and many scientists say it has also altered atmospheric circulation patterns that have shifted storms away from the state– meaning much less rain.

"I would guarantee you it's a combination" of natural and human causes, Pederson said. "And they're inevitably linked and related."

The bottom line, Pederson said, is that managing Western water resources is enough of a challenge given the climate's natural variability and increasing demand from a growing population. Climate change adds another layer of problems, he said.

Dry Havoc

The low levels at Lake Mead came as no surprise to Tim Barnett, a marine research physicist emeritus at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. In 2009, Barnett co-authored a study that predicted the Colorado River would be chronically unable to provide the amount of water expected by the seven basin states and Mexico by 2050. The researchers found that reduced runoff caused by climate change would create water shortages, even under conservative global warming scenarios.

In an interview, Barnett said the latest news from Lake Mead shows the region is on track for the types of shortages he predicted.

Barnett and other experts say water resources along the Colorado River have long been over-allocated. Water rights among the seven basin states (and Mexico) are managed through a complex system of treaties and laws that limit the maximum amount of water each state can withdraw from the river.

But those limits were based on river flows from some of the wettest years in the Colorado River's history.

"The bottom line is the Colorado River is over-appropriated," Barnett said. "And any reduction in water availability, any climate change that will make the Southwest more dry, is going to cause havoc somewhere down the road."

The state of California is legally entitled to receive 4.4 million acre-feet of water per year from the Colorado River. Jeanine Jones, interstate resources manager for the California Department of Water Resources, said the state has been able to take its full share from the river, in part because some of the upper basin states, like Wyoming, have low populations and haven't used all the water they're entitled to.

Jones said she expects a higher risk of shortages as the region's population grows. Rising demand and climate change are both considered in regional water management planning, she said.

Three of the seven states in the Colorado River Basin led the nation in population growth from 2000-2010. Nevada grew 35.1 percent, Arizona 24.6 percent and Utah 23.8 percent.

The four other states in the Basin—California, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming—all showed double-digit growth. The region added more than 6.9 million people, accounting for one quarter of the nation's growth in the decade.

With about 65 million people, the seven Basin states account for around 20 percent of the U.S. population.

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Larson places at Howard Wood Relays

Groton Area's Landon Larson participated in the Howard Wood Relays held in Sioux Falls, running against the best runners from several states and many large schools. Larson placed seventh in the 200m Dash. In the 400m Dash preliminaires, Larson had a state qualifying run to place seventh place and in the finals, he placed fifth.

Boys 200 Meter Dash Sp Event HS - All

(w: NWI) 1, 1136 Hall, Damian, Spearfish, 22.02. 2, 745 Gorney, Karter, Minot MagicHS ND, 22.25. 3, 140 Johnson, Hunter, Bismarck, ND HS, 22.39. 4, 563 Mossberg, Blake, Hinton IA HS, 22.41. 5, 1382 Hericks, Mason, Watertown, 22.53. 6, 486 Schmidt, Brennan, Freeman, 22.64. **7, 532 Larson, Landon, Groton Area, 22.74.** 8, 1024 Vinatieri, Chase, SF Roosevelt, 22.85.

Boys 400 Meter Dash HS - All Preliminaries

1, 486 Schmidt, Brennan, Freeman, 48.86Q. 2, 285 Richter, Jacob, Century HS, ND, 49.49Q. 3, 1176 Tracy, Josh, St Michael-Alber, 49.58Q. 4, 971 Sudbeck, Ned, SF Lincoln, 49.73Q. 5, 1032 Feterl, Isaiah, SFWashington, 49.98Q. 6, 546 Paul, Paul, Harrisburg, 50.23Q. 7, 532 Larson, Landon, Groton Area, 49.88q. 8, 3 Bachmeier, Anthony, Aberdeen Cntal, 49.96g. 9, 1159 Curl, Byrne, St Mary's ND HS, 50.25. 10, 1488 Rose, Lee, Yankton, 50.34. 11, 1442 Rechtenbaugh, Jonah, West Central, 50.40. 12, 886 Stiles, Ryan, RC Central, 50.52. 13, 891 Burks, Craig, RC Stevens, 51.22. 13, 947 Bindert, Isaac, SF Lincoln, 51.22. 15, 1460 Galbraith, Nathan, Winner, 51.36. 16, 1203 Simmons, Jacob, Sturgis, 51.47. 17, 34 McNeary, Brayden, Ab Roncalli, 51.56. 18, 674 Cropsey, Korder, Lyman, 51.74. 19, 1146 Sivertsen, Rance, Spearfish, 51.79. 20, 68 Weber, Luke, Arlington, 51.91. 21, 589 Hochman, Justin, Institut Collegi, 51.95. 22, 748 Olson, Teegan, Minot MagicHS ND, 52.04. 23, 843 Fiala, Kahler, Pierre HS, 52.40. 24, 617 Carlson, Brady, Jamestown HS, 52.43. 25, 765 Keller, Mason, Mobridge-Pollock, 52.61. 26, 1383 Howey, Ben, Watertown, 52.84. 27, 1377 Delvo, Ethan, Watertown, 52.85. 28, 1020 Scott, Kolby, SF Roosevelt, 53.01. 29, 1011 Hess, Kyle, SF Roosevelt, 53.04. 30, 776 Rihanek, Devin, Mt Vernon/Plank, 53.10. 31, 820 Hegdahl, Jacob, Oldh-Ramona/Rutl, 53.12. 31, 1209 Pickner, Bramm, Sully Buttes HS, 53.12. 33, 661 Muller, Jay, Lord Selkirk Reg, 53.39. 34, 712 Cleveland, Tyler, McCook/ Montrose, 53.41. 34, 954 Hurly, Keith, SF Lincoln, 53.41. 36, 730 Boodoo, Vishad, Miles Macdonnell, 53.45. 37, 1193 Rafferty, Thomas, St Thomas Mr, 53.55. 38, 1028 Burkhart, Brandon, SFWashington, 53.64. 39, 348 Johnson, Colton, Custer, 53.70. 40, 752 Strand, Taylor, Minot MagicHS ND, 53.77. 41, 509 Storer, Tanner, Gettysburg/Hoven, 53.84. 42, 159 VanWinkle, Tanner, Bon Homme, 53.95. 43, 260 Tvedt, Jacob, Castlewood, 54.15. 44, 121 Gomez, Tevin, Belle Fourche HS, 54.78. 45, 744 Davis-Aguilar, Adrian, Minot MagicHS ND, 54.95. 46, 723 Tuschen, Anthony, McCook/Montrose, 55.10. 47, 33 Maag, Austin, Ab Roncalli, 55.24. --, 1491 Sternhagen, Ryan, Yankton, DQ.

Boys 400 Meter Dash HS - All Finals

1, 285 Richter, Jacob, Century HS, ND, 48.16. 2, 971 Sudbeck, Ned, SF Lincoln, 48.60. 3, 1176 Tracy, Josh, St Michael-Alber, 49.30. 4, 3 Bachmeier, Anthony, Aberdeen Cntal, 49.44. **5, 532 Larson, Land-on, Groton Area, 49.51.** 6, 1032 Feterl, Isaiah, SFWashington, 49.70. 7, 546 Paul, Paul, Harrisburg, 50.46.

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Wanner is double winner at Ipswich

Audrey Wanner was a double winner at the Ipswich Tigers Relays track meet. She won both the long jump and the triple jump as Groton Area placed third. Tori Bjerke also won the shot put.

Team Points: Ipswich 169, Potter County 115, Groton Area 107, Sully Buttes 67, James Valley Christian 54, Herreid-Selby Area 51, Warner 49, Roncalli 31, Northwestern 31, Eureka-Bowdle 17, Frederick Area 16, Hitchcock-Tulare 5, Aberdeen Christian 3, Edmunds Central 1.

100m Hurdles: 2, Josie Doeden, 18.53; Audrey Wanner, 18.69; Katie Koehler, 20.27.

300m Hurdles: 5, Mckenzie Menzia, 53.46; 6, Josie Doeden, 53.52.

100m Dash: 3, Harleigh Stange, 12.06; Jasmine Schinkel, 14.98.

200m Dash: 6, Harleigh Stange, 27.77.

400m Dash: 4, Gia Gengerke, 1:08.01; 5, Audrey Wanner, 1:08.96; Emily Thompson, 1:30. **800m Run:** 8, Jasmine Schaller, 2:58.51.

400m Relay: 3, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Heather Lone, Josie Doeden, Mckenzie Menzia), 55.2.
800m Relay: 5, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Heather Lone, Gia Gengerke, Mckenzie Menzia), 1:58.64.
1600m Relay: 8, Groton (Mckenzie Menzia, Josie Doeden, Jasmine Schaller, Jodi Hinman), 4:56.87.
Medley Relay: 8, Groton (Jodi Hinman, Jasmine Schinkel, Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski), 5:19.54.

3200m Relay: 7, Groton (Jasmine Schaller, Jodi Hinman, Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski), 12:07. **High Jump:** 3, Gia Gengerke, 4-7; Katie Koehler, 3-11.

Long Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 15-5.25; 5, Katie Koehler, 13-6.5; Jasmine Schinkel, 12-3.25. **Triple Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 32-7; Katie Koehler, 28-7.

Discus: 4, Alyssa Sippel, 102-10.5; 5, Carly Wheeting, 102-7; 7, Jessica Bjerke, 98-8.

Shot Put: 1, Tori Bjerke, 33-9; 4, Carly Wheeting, 32-2.5; 7, Jessica Bjerke, 28-8.5; Madison Sippel, 26-8.25.

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Stump Removal

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Doeden qualifies for state, Sternhagen wins at Ipswich

Jackson Doeden has qualified for the state track meet with a state qualifying time in the 110m Hurdles. Lucas Sternhagen was a winner in the 800m run as Groton Area placed third at the Ipswich Relay track meet.

Team Scores: Roncalli 145, James Valley Christian 94, Groton Area 79, Sully Buttes 68, Potter County 59, Warner 50, Herreid-Selby Area 49, Ipswich 45, Faulkton 42, Edmunds Central 34, Frederick Area 20, Northwestern 19, Eureka-Bowdle 17, Hitchcock-Tulare 12, Aberdeen Christian 8.

110m Hurdles: 3, Jackson Doeden, 15.8 (State Qualifying)

300m Hurdles: 7, Bennett Shabazz, 47.62.

100m Dash: Tyler Iverson, 14.51.

200m Dash: Tyler Iverson, 30.45.

400m Dash: 8, Lucas Sternhagen, 56.08.

400m Relay: 4, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman), 47.17.

800m Run: 1, Lucas Sternhagen, 2:0.96; 5, Brandon Keith 2:23.65.

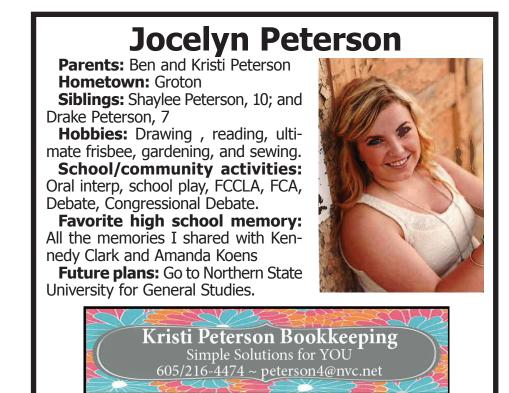
800m Relay: 6, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Adam Herman), 1:40.8.
1600m Relay: Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring, Lucas Sternhagen, Martin Rygg), 3:54.
Medley Relay: 7, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring), 4:12.69.
3200m Relay: 3, Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 9:17.28.
Long Jump: 6, Adam Herman, 18-1.5; Bennett Shabazz, 16-1 7/8; Trevor Pray, 16-1 3/4.
Triple Jump: Adam Herman, 38-4; Trevor Pray, 34-2.

Discus: Mclain Lone, 134-10; Nick Dalchow, 118-8; Luke Thorson, 102-1.

Shot Put: 3, Nick Dalchow, 40-3; 5, Hunter Lerew, 39-7; 6, Steve Fey, 39-1.5; Mclaine Lone, 38-1; Chris Zarycki, 35-4.5; Luke Thorson, 34-9.5.



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Kaitlin O'Neill



Parents: Robin O'Neill and Steve O'Neill

Hometown: Groton

Sibling: Grady O'Neill, 13.

Hobbies: Dance, singing, baking, exercising, painting, and eating

School/community activities: Show choir, dance team choregrapher, band, jazz band, Carnival of Silver Skates, choir, Color Guard, yearbook editor, cross country, and dance. I also enjoy volunteering at the NESD Celtic Faire and Games as well as at Camp Dream Makers.

Favorite high school memory: Sophomore year Pops Concert was my favorite memory. This was my favorite show that I have been in, had the ballad solo, was in chamber choir, had a duet with Luke Smith, and performed "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" with Sydney Thorson and Kari Hanson.

Future plans: I plan on attending Minnesota State University Mankato. I plan on majoring in Athletic Training on the Physical Therapy Tract. I will also be double majoring or minoring in dance.

Animal Health Clinic



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Austin Merkel

Parents: Janel Merkel and Curtis Merkel

Hometown: Claremont

Siblings: Lucas Merkel, 20; Jacob Merkel, 23; Amy Vietmere-Krueger, 30; Allan Vietmere, 38.

Hobbies: Video games, hunting, fishing, disc golf, layboarding, nature walks.

School/Community Activities: Football, FFA.

Favorite High School Memory: When Rayce pulled the fire extinguisher in Mr. Stearns study hall. Running over Braden with my car. Future Plans: Work.

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Breanna Marzahn



Parents: Wade and Renee Marzahn **Hometown:** Groton

Siblings: Landon, 16; Nicole, 13; Andrew 11.

Hobbies: Watching movies, reading, listening to music, camping, hanging with friends.

School/Community Activities: 4-H, Destination Imagination, cheerleading, high school band, Carnival of Silver Skates, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Youth Group, Natural Helpers, Star Torch.

Favorite High School Memory: Going to every football game with Katie Groeblinghoff. Being crowned Carnival of Silver Skates queen in 2014.

Future Plans: South Dakota State University and major in either Interior Design or Elementary Education.



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Nicole Lewandowski



Parents: Brad and Becky Lewandowski

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Sarah, 20; Hannah, 15; and Jacob, 10.

Hobbies: Being with friends, drawing, painting, reading

School/community activities: FFA, Star Torch, church youth group and junior American Legion Auxiliary member

Favorite high school memory: Lake days with friends

Future plans: Attend South Dakota State University in the filed of Occupational Therapy



Wyatt Larson

Parents: Carson and Julie Larson **Hometown:** Columbia **Siblings:** Emily, 21; Chandler, 12. **Hobbies:** Hunting, sports, working on the farm, going to the lake.

School/Community Activities: Basketball, football, baseball, FFA, coached basketball for two years.

Favorite High School Memory: Making it to the state semifinals my senior year in football.

Future Plans: Attend South Dakota State University for Ag Systems Technology and eventually coming back to the farm.





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Today in Weather History May 4, 1964: A tornado touched down southwest of Kadoka causing \$25,000 in damage.

1774: Snow was reported in the Williamsburg Gazette to have fallen in Dumfries, Virginia. George Washington's weather diary logged at Mount Vernon, that it was a cold day with spits of snow and a hard wind from the northwest. Thomas Jefferson near Charlottesville logged that the Blue Ridge Mountains were covered with snow. The late snow and frost killed most of the fruit crop in the northern part of the state. It also snowed north across Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

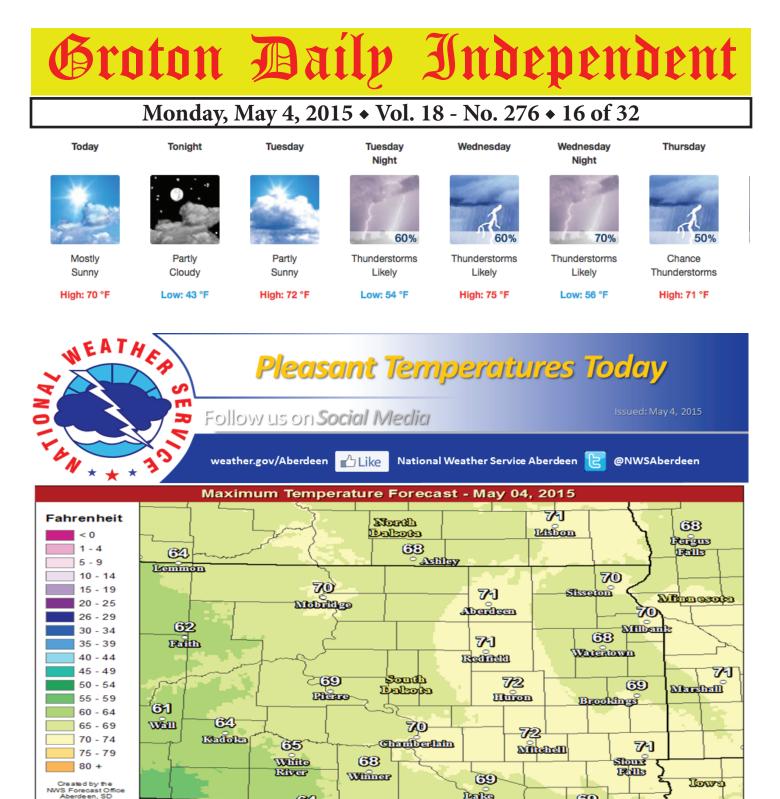
2003: The week of May 4th through the 10th was one of the most active weeks for tornadoes in U.S. history. On this date through the 5th, the deadliest outbreak of severe weather since May 1999 produced 84 tornadoes, large hail and damaging winds across eight states. Several thunderstorms became tornadic with a total of five distinct tornado touchdowns in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Two of the tornadoes received a rating of F4, two a rating of F2, and the last was rated was rated F1. Total damage exceeded 144 million dollars. Several of the tornadoes tracked long distances ranging from 15 to 80 miles. More than 3000 homes and businesses were damaged. At least 38 people were killed in Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

2007: A devastating EF5 twister demolishes nearly every structure in Greensburg around 9:30 pm (CDT) and kills ten. The mammoth wedge tornado cuts a swath 1.7 miles (2.7 km) wide and 22 miles (35 km) long across the Kansas landscape. It is the worst single tornado to touch down in the US in eight years.



Fire east of Groton

The eastern sky was a blazing fire last night as a field east of Groton was ablaze. Fire Departments from Groton, Columbia, Claremont and Aberdeen Rural fought the blaze into the early morning hours. Also assisting was a crew from Sand Lake Refuge and Troy and Darin Zoellner.



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High pressure will begin shifting east of the area today, allowing for easterly surface winds to develop. Pleasant temperatures and dry conditions are expected for most of central and northeastern South Dakota today, as well as west central Minnesota. A few showers are expected this morning over western South Dakota, possibly making it as far east as the Missouri River.

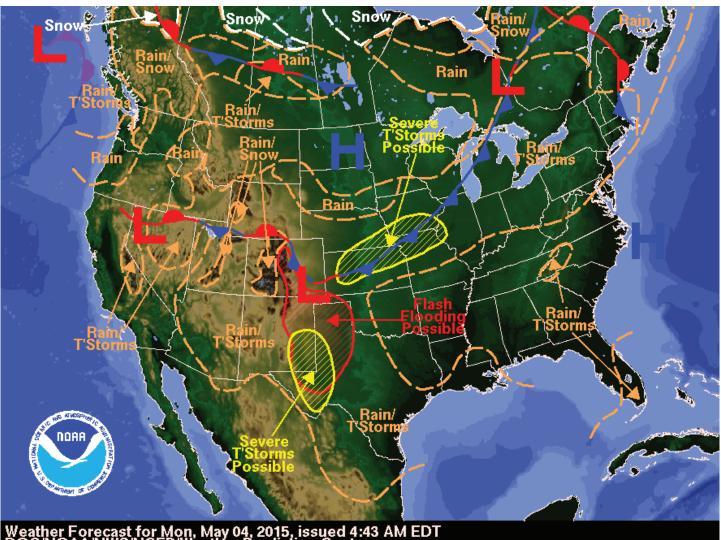
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Yesterday's Weather High: 69.3 at 1:56 PM

High: 69.3 at 1:56 PM **Low:** 48.4 at 6:01 AM **High Gust:** 30 at 10:25 AM Snow: 0.00 Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 98° in 1926

Record High: 98° in 1926 Record Low: 20° in 2005 Average High: 65°F Average Low: 39°F Average Precip in May: 0.30 Precip to date in May: 0.30 Average Precip to date: 4.33 Precip Year to Date: 0.95 Sunset Tonight: 8:44 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:16 a.m.



Veather Forecast for Mon, May 04, 2015, issued 4:43 AM EDT OC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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A SPINE AND A SPIRIT

Kenneth was a shy eight-year-old who loved to read. On one occasion his Sunday school teacher asked him to read part of the story of Daniel. In reading one of the verses, he accidentally read "an exceptional spine was within him" rather than "an excellent spirit was within him." Both phrases, however, clearly describe who Daniel was.

Daniel was recognized for his wise insight, great wisdom and prophetic visions. As he rose to power and prestige with the king, the other palace administrators became jealous of his privileged position. In their effort to get rid of Daniel, they were successful in persuading the king to outlaw prayer. It did not matter to Daniel and rather than give in to pressure, he continued to pray to the Lord, his God.

We all recall with pleasure the amazing miracle God performed by protecting him when he was thrown into the den of hungry lions. God was with him and guarded him against any harm. Daniel was faithful to God and God was faithful to him and blessed him.

Daniel was able to "show his exceptional spine" every time he was challenged to surrender to the demands of a sinful world. It was the "excellent spirit" that came from his relationship with God that gave him his "exceptional spine." He knew that this God was sovereign.

Prayer: Father, give me a faith that will not flinch and a spine that will not shrink when tempted to compromise. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Daniel 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

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News from the Associated Press

NDSU and SDSU standouts getting a shot in the NFL

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Standout North Dakota State University defensive end Kyle Emanuel has found a home in the NFL, while two standout college running backs in the Dakotas are getting shots in the pros. Emanuel was taken by the San Diego Chargers in the fifth round of the NFL draft. He was the 153rd player taken.

During his senior season at NDSU, Emanuel was named winner of the Buck Buchanan award, given to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Bison running back John Crockett wasn't drafted, but he signed a free-agent deal with the Green Bay Packers. Standout South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner signed a free-agent contract with the Detroit Lions.

Zenner was the first player in FCS history to post three consecutive 2,000-yard rushing seasons.

Man driving wrong way on I-29 dies in crash with semitrailer

BROOKINGS, S.D. (\overline{AP}) — A Brandon man died over the weekend when his car collided with a semitrailer while he was driving on the wrong side of Interstate 29.

The Highway Patrol says 20-year-old Adam Bauer was driving north in the southbound lanes of I-29 early Saturday when he struck the semi about 10 miles south of Brookings.

Bauer died at the scene. The patrol says the semi driver wasn't hurt.

Authorities are still investigating why Bauer was driving the wrong way.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman sending rocket team to national contest

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls will be the only South Dakota team next weekend at the national finals of a rocketry contest near Washington.

The 2015 Team America Rocketry Challenge, or TARC, is billed as the world's largest such gathering, and this year it includes 100 teams from 27 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

O'Gorman will compete on Saturday at the final fly-off in The Plains, Virginia.

TARC finalists are competing for scholarships and prizes totaling more than \$60,000 and the chance to travel to the Paris International Air Show in June. The winning team will represent the United States in the International Rocketry Challenge and face off against teams from the United Kingdom and France.

Survey: States spent heavily to clear winter snow and ice BOB SALSBERG, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Winter's full fury arrived late in much of the country but once it did it was relentless, quickly exhausting snow removal budgets and pushing the resources of state transportation agencies to their limit as they fought to keep highways safe and passable, according to a first-of-its-kind survey.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials said 23 states reported combined spending of more than \$1 billion on winter maintenance operations and 8 million work hours plowing or treating state roads from October to March.

The states that responded to Monday's survey, obtained in advance by The Associated Press, also went through 6 million tons of salt and other huge quantities of brine and liquid deicing chemicals. One state reported using 216,000 gallons of beet juice, which can help salt stick to road surfaces.

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"This winter the storms just came one on top of the other and there wasn't time in between to replenish your salt piles and give your folks some time off," said Rick Nelson, coordinator of the association's Snow and Ice Cooperative Program.

A single season snowfall record was broken in Boston, with virtually all the 110 inches coming in a six-week stretch from late January to early March when temperatures rarely rose above freezing.

"In January we were talking about what we were going to do with the surplus snow and ice funds," recalled Thomas Tinlin, Massachusetts' highway administrator. The Department of Transportation wound up spending \$154 million on winter maintenance, well above its \$107 million annual budget. Additional money was appropriated to assure the state's private snow plow contractors got paid.

Massachusetts used 600,000 tons of salt and 1.6 million gallons of liquid deicer. Crews removed 17.5 billion cubic feet of snow from state roadways, equivalent to 40 times the volume of dirt excavated during the massive Boston highway project known as the Big Dig, state officials noted.

Pennsylvania, which budgeted \$203 million for winter maintenance based on a five-year average of previous expenditures, spent \$272 million to keep traffic flowing on the state's 40,000 miles of roadway, according to Erin Waters-Trasatt, a transportation spokeswoman.

Pennsylvania also was among several states that sent crews and equipment to help out in Massachusetts, she said.

It wasn't just the typical northern snow belt states that felt winter's wrath.

"Normally we don't budget for ice and snow because we don't get it that often," said Melinda McGrath, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. But recent winters have brought several dangerous ice storms to the south, and this year Mississippi spent \$3.1 million, used 887 tons of salt and devoted 64,704 work hours to keep state roads safe.

An even larger and longer-term expense, McGrath said, are potholes. It's a universal headache for motorists and highway officials as freezing and melting cycles cause pavement to expand then crack. Maryland was among several other states reporting a large increase in potholes this spring.

The actual taxpayer cost of winter road maintenance was much higher than measured by the survey. Not all states responded and the expenses incurred by municipalities for plowing local roads was seen as comparable to state governments.

Unlike the previous winter, AASHTO said there were no serious shortages of salt this year.

When lawmakers and the general public consider transportation funding, winter maintenance needs can often be overlooked said Bud Wright, the group's executive director.

"When we think about funding transportation we need to consider the total amount needed to keep people and goods moving throughout the entire year," he said.

States are prohibited from using federal highway funds for snow and ice removal, but some sought federal disaster assistance to offset costs. President Barack Obama approved disaster declarations for Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut for a January blizzard, making those states eligible for 75 percent reimbursement. But a broader request from Massachusetts to consider all the major storms a cumulative disaster was denied.

Summary of winter highway maintenance expenses The Associated Press

A look at approximate winter maintenance costs from October-March in some of the hardest hit U.S. states. Note some figures would likely increase due to additional late-season storms or as new totals are calculated. Twenty three states responded to a survey by the American Association of State High-

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way and Transportation Officials.

STATE	AMOUNT EXPENDED (millions)	SALT (tons)	PERSONNEL HOURS
Arkansas	\$14.9	44,000	Not provided
Colorado	\$36.8	50,000	435,000
Connecticut	\$44.6	212,000	483,000
Indiana	\$40.0	273,000	308,000
Kansas	\$14.6	69,000	150,000
Kentucky	\$40.9	288,000	Not available
Louisiana	\$1.2	150	22,000
Maryland	\$108.1	337,000	408,000
Massachusetts	\$154	600,000	296,000*
Michigan	\$80	400,000	320,000
Mississippi	\$3.1	887	64,700
Missouri	\$32	110,000	525,000
Montana	\$17	2,970	56,000
Nebraska	\$22.2	85,000	157,000
New Hampshire	\$46	190,000	Not available
New York	Not provided	1,100,000	Not provided
Ohio	\$120.3	947,000	1,100,000
Pennsylvania	\$272 **	1,000,000	2,500,000
South Dakota	\$11	5,800	92,000
Utah	\$14	203,000	313,000
Vermont	\$26.7	118,000	231,000
Washington***	\$13.8	129,000	287,000
Wyoming	\$18.4	180,000	221,000

(asterisk)Figure comprises only MassDOT employee hours, does not account for private contractors, out-of-state crews, etc.

(asterisk)(asterisk)Updated figure provided by PennDOT

(asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk)Salt usage and work hours through January

2 Sisseton men killed in pickup rollover

VEBLEN, S.D. (AP) — Two men from Sisseton are dead and a third seriously injured after their pickup rolled in northeastern South Dakota.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the crash was reported around 5:30 p.m. Saturday near Veblen in Marshall County.

Killed were the driver, 46-year-old Waylon Horne, and a passenger, 53-year-old Keith DuMarce. Both died at the scene.

Another passenger, a 40-year-old man, also from Sisseton, suffered life-threatening injuries and was hospitalized in serious condition in Sioux Falls.

Authorities say the driver lost control, and the pickup went into the ditch and rolled about six times. Both passengers were not wearing seatbelts and were thrown from the vehicle.

The Highway Patrol says alcohol and speed appear to be factors in the crash.

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17 South Dakotans chosen for panel to study elder abuse

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Seventeen people have been appointed to a committee that will study financial, physical and emotional abuse of elderly South Dakotans.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court David Gilbertson urged lawmakers to focus on the issue in his State of the Judiciary speech.

Task force members include: Supreme Court Justice Steven Zinter, Tim Neyhart, Robert Kean and Assistant Attorney General Paul Cremer, of Pierre; Rick Rylance, Quentin Riggins, Sen. Bruce Rampelberg and Rep. Brian Gosch, of Rapid City; Jennifer Murray, of Spearfish; Sen. James Bradford, of Pine Ridge; Kristina Schaefer, Dr. David Brechtelsbauer and Sarah Dahlin Jennings, of Sioux Falls; Dr. Victoria Walker, of Vermillion; Sen. David Novstrup, of Aberdeen; Rep. Kris Langer, of Dell Rapids; and Rep. Lee Schoenbeck, of Watertown.

Their first meeting will be later this summer.

Vermillion High School students to help in building project

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A group of Vermillion students have been hired to help move every piece of classroom furniture from Vermillion High School into another building as workers forge ahead with an improvement project in the 50-year-old school.

The Equalizer (http://bit.ly/1JXAznH) reports the school board in Vermillion has hired 10 students at the rate of \$8.50 an hour to empty the high school building after the last day of classes scheduled for May 20. The students will carry the furniture and other materials to the new Career and Technical Education building, where they'll remain for the summer.

The high school building is undergoing a \$4.9 million renovation that includes upgrades to its heating, ventilation, air conditioning and water systems. The renovation began in mid-April with asbestos abatement in the school's tunnels.

ND lottery scam trial allows prosecutors to focus on victims DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Sanjay Williams often creates a scene during his North Dakota trial on accusations he participated in a wide-ranging Jamaican lottery scam: constantly whispering and passing notes to his lawyer and shaking his head in disgust when his suggestions are ignored.

But his decision to go to trial put the spotlight not on him but rather the dozens of mostly elderly victims from the Dakotas and around the U.S., some of whom are testifying about losing their savings to relentless and aggressive scammers.

Jamaican lottery scams have been happening for years and Congress has held hearings to complain about them, but few cases of this magnitude have been prosecuted. That changed when FBI Special Agent Frank Gasper and Assistant U.S. Attorney Clare Hochhalter, both of North Dakota, begin poking into the case of Edna Schmeets.

Schmeets, now 86, is a widow from Harvey who four years ago received a call from a man who told her she had won \$19 million and a new car. She just needed to pay taxes and fees. The process dragged out until her savings were wiped out.

"Oh my goodness," Schmeets said on the stand last week when asked how much money she lost. "When I figured it out, it was about \$297,000."

Williams is described by investigators primarily as a "lead broker" who bought and sold "sucker lists" of potential victims. He has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering. He is

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the only one of 32 defendants to opt for trial. Eight defendants are awaiting extradition from Jamaica. Williams, who has fired a couple of lawyers and written more than a dozen letters to the judge complaining about his case, and his current attorney Charlie Stock, of Crookston, Minnesota, sit one seat apart during trial. Williams regularly pores over documents and talks to Stock, who occasionally holds up the palm of his hand as a stop sign.

Stock himself filed a motion earlier to withdraw from the case, which U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland rejected.

"The court well-understands the difficulties faced by defense counsel who is the third attorney appointed by the court to represent Mr. Williams," Hovland wrote in a December memo. "However, appointing replacement counsel would only lead to further delay."

Gasper and Hochhalter have identified more than 70 victims, many of whom have been coming to North Dakota from around the country to check their embarrassment and humiliation at the courthouse door and tell their stories. Authorities said they hope those accounts will put others on alert.

Prosecutors on several occasions have displayed a map that shows the range of scams allegedly led by Williams and Lavrick Willocks, a co-defendant whose operation is described as more accomplished and sophisticated than Williams'. It connects the dots between Williams' and Willocks' western Jamaican bases and the United States victims, spread out like an airline route map.

All told, about 20 victims are expected to appear before trial winds down at the end of this week.

Long-time Pierre flower shop ruined after Friday night fire

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A flower shop that has been a fixture of the state's capital city and run by one man's family for more than 60 years burned down Friday night.

A fire was reported at the Pierre Flower Shop and Greenhouse around 8 p.m. and firefighters from Pierre and Fort Pierre fought the blaze until early Saturday morning. No firefighters were injured but one police officer needed treatment for smoke inhalation.

Authorities said most of the shop's buildings, which cover much of a city block and include a storefront, four greenhouses and a shed, were destroyed in the fire.

Wally Thomsen has run the business since he returned from college more than 40 years ago and he told the Capital Journal the shop has been in his family since his parents bought it in 1951.

"It's hard to watch 40-plus years of work go up like that," said Thomsen as he watched the fire Friday night. "Actually it goes back a lot farther."

It's still unclear what started the fire. The state fire marshal is expected to look into the cause on Sunday.

It was the second fire city crews fought on Friday. They had worked to put out an apartment fire earlier in the day.

Groom accused of raping bridesmaid gets 7 ¹/₂ years in prison

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — A Hot Springs man convicted of raping a bridesmaid on his wedding night has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison.

Fall River County State's Attorney Jim Sword says a jury in January found Cleve Janis Jr. guilty of thirddegree rape.

Sword says Janis was married in August of 2013. After the ceremony, the wedding party went to a local Hot Springs bar. Sword says Janis later found the victim sleeping at his home and raped her.

The victim testified against Janis and the incident was investigated by the state Division of Criminal

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Investigation.

Sword argued for a 25-year sentence since Janis has "never taken responsibility."

He was eventually sentenced to 15 years with 7 1/2 years suspended. He must register as a sex of-fender.

Summer camps with a mission: To create cybersecurity experts WILSON RING, Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — At Vermont's Norwich University, 20 high school students will build computers they'll be able to take home. At Dakota State University in South Dakota, about 200 students will learn about programming. In Southern California, 250 middle school Girl Scouts will be given tiny computers, the chance to fly drones and earn special patches.

And none of the children or their parents will have to pay a cent.

The camps are part of an expanding but modestly funded program called GenCyber that is funded by the National Science Foundation and National Security Agency. The agencies are taking the long view in fulfilling an insatiable need for cybersecurity experts, both in government and private industry, by teaching children about the threats that can be found online, as well the basics of defense and how to make sure they don't misuse the information they are collecting.

"In order to be really cyber aware, or be ready for the next wave of the cybersecurity workforce, a student, high school, college or new grad entering the workforce really needs to be fundamentally strong in those principles and programming," said Josh Pauli, an associate professor at Dakota State who will oversee this summer's program, expected to draw 200 students to the Madison, South Dakota, campus. "We're trying to bake it in early when these kids are 15, 16, 17 years old."

Last year, the NSA and NSF collaborated on a pilot program that ran six such summer camps across the country, for both children and teachers. They set a goal of 30 for this summer, but demand was so great there are 43 at a cost of about \$4 million, said Steven LaFountain, the dean of the College of Cyber at the National Security Agency, who is credited by many with conceiving the idea.

LaFountain said that his original goal was to get to 200 camps by 2020, but that demand is so great it could happen sooner.

The camps vary in length; some are day camps, some sleepover. There are different camps for high school and middle school. Some are just for girls, some just boys, some mixed. Some camps are just for teachers.

Victor Piotrowski, the lead program director of the CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service program run by the National Science Foundation, said the camps are part of a broader effort by the federal government to attract people to cybersecurity at a time when, as he put it, the unemployment rate in that workforce is zero.

"Every company now has it on its radar, and everybody wants to hire computer science specialists, and unfortunately we don't have the capacity," Piotrowski said.

The 20 high school students who will attend the camp at Norwich, which is nationally recognized for its cybersecurity programs, will build their own computers, learn about attacking and defending networks, and hear from speakers, said Peter Stephenson, the director of the school's Center for Advanced Computing and Digital Forensics.

"Obviously, the government is hoping, especially the NSA, is hoping that they'll be able to take advantage of some of these students as they progress, but there's no requirement here that these students move on to government," Stephenson said.

Dakota State had 350 applications for 200 spots this summer, Pauli said.

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Claire Jefferson-Glipa, of the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio, east of Los Angeles, said troops were looking for ways to give girls from low-income areas an edge. She cold-called Tony Coulson, the director of the Cyber Security Center at California State University, San Bernardino, after hearing about the school's cyber programs.

Last December, 300 girls went to the school for a one-day workshop called "Cyber Pathways for Middle School Girls." It was so successful they put together the weeklong program that will be held there next month.

The girls will receive small computers they can take home. They will learn how to build and create firewalls and spend time taking apart electronic equipment. They'll also fly drones.

"It will be a fun cat-and-mouse game between teams, where one team will take a turn flying the drone and the others will take turns trying to take control over those drones," Jefferson-Glipa said.

Sophianna Satiana, a seventh-grade Cadette Girl Scout from Riverside County who got her first exposure to cybersecurity at the December workshop, said the workshop helped her become aware of the need for such protections.

She plans to attend the summer camp but said she didn't know if she'd go into cyber security when she grows up.

"I guess I really want to learn how to protect myself and stay safe," she said.

Bird flu virus raises questions scientists working to answer DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It's been five months since the H5N2 bird flu virus was discovered in the United States, and producers have lost 21 million birds in the Midwest alone. Yet, researchers acknowledge they still know little about a bird flu virus that's endangered turkey and egg-laying chicken populations that supply much of the nation.

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal agencies are puzzled by the H5N2 virus' spread — even amid heightened biosecurity measures — and apparent lack of widespread deaths in largely unprotected backyard flocks.

"At this point, we don't know very much about these viruses because they've only recently been identified," Dr. Alicia Fry, the CDC's leader of the influenza prevention and control team, said. "We're following the situation very closely because this is something we're continuing to understand."

The current H5N2 virus surfaced last winter in Canada and was first identified in the United States in early December, when it was found in a wild bird on the West Coast. This spring, the virus was found in poultry operations in eight Midwest states, forcing commercial producers to kill and compost millions of turkeys and chickens in Iowa, Minnesota and elsewhere.

Scientists speculate that perhaps rodents or small birds, seeking food, tracked the virus into barns. Maybe it's the work of flies, as the bird flu virus has been found on the insects in a Pennsylvania outbreak in 1983 and in Japan in 2004. The USDA's chief veterinarian even floated the idea last week wind may be blowing dust and feathers carrying the virus from the barnyard into buildings through air vents.

"To me, the main concern is the disease is moving even with heightened biosecurity," said Richard French, a professor of animal health at Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts. "Ideally we've got to try and figure out the way it's most likely moving and try to put controls in place to stop that."

Poultry farms' biosecurity measures include changing clothes and boots before entering barns, disinfecting equipment and vehicles before they approach the barns and assigning workers to specific barns. As new operations are infected almost daily, USDA epidemiologists also are trying to determine wheth-

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er the virus came from a wild bird or could have spread from poultry in another barn or a nearby farm. "We are continuing to evaluate how facilities become positive because we also want to be cognizant of any potential risk of lateral spread from farm to farm," said Dr. T.J. Myers, the USDA associate deputy administrator of veterinary services. "We are doing those evaluations as we speak and we really don't have enough data to report on that yet."

Another puzzling question has been why there hasn't been a surge in infections of backyard flocks. The USDA has identified 12 cases including five in Washington in January and February, plus others in Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Cases might not be reported, French said, noting that commercial operations have a financial incentive to immediately report illnesses because the government pays them for each live bird that must be destroyed. Plus, French said, outdoor chickens could have been exposed over time to low pathogenic versions of bird flu and have developed stronger immunity.

One belief held by researchers will soon be tested: whether the virus will die as temperatures warm up and ultraviolet light increases. With temperatures this week in the 70s in many of the affected states and even warmer weather expected soon, infections should decline if that assumption is true.

But David Swayne, director of the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory in Athens, Georgia, acknowledged it's hard to predict what will happen.

"It's pretty complex. It involves the climate, the temperature itself, the amount of humidity there," he said.

Scientists expect the virus to return in the fall along with cooler temperatures and wild birds migrating south, but Swayne says the virus could burn itself out and disappear for a while before that.

Amid all the questions is one about the human element: Could the virus spread to people? So far, it hasn't, but significant efforts are underway to develop a vaccine just in case.

"We're cautiously optimistic that we will not see any human cases, but there certainly is a possibility that we may," Fry said.

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. TWO GUNMEN KILLED OUTSIDE MUHAMMAD CARTOON CONTEST IN TEXAS

A bomb squad is called in to search their vehicle as a precaution, authorities say.

2. NEPAL SEEKS FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR RECONSTRUCTION

"We'll need enormous help from the international community," says Information Minister Minendra Rijal.

3. BALTIMORE MAYOR LIFTS CURFEW

Early Monday, there were no reports of confrontations between protesters and police as there had been on previous nights.

4. WHO IS ACCUSED OF WITHHOLDING SEX CRIMES INFO

The number of sex-related assaults occurring in U.S. military communities is far greater than the Defense Department has publicly reported, a U.S. senator says in a scathing critique.

5. NYPD RETRAINS EVERY OFFICER TO KEEP COOL

The AP gets an exclusive look at the department's new refresher course aimed at discouraging verbal abuse and needless physical force.

6. GOP FIELD GROWS

Former technology executive Carly Fiorina and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson are set to launch

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their runs for president on Monday.

7. WHY SUNNIS ARE SLOW TO RETURN TO IRAQ'S TIKRIT

A month after the Islamic State group was driven out of the city, Sunni residents are fearing the Shiite militias that now patrol its battered streets.

8. MCDONALD'S TO DETAIL TURNAROUND PLANS

The company is fighting competition from a variety of players and admits that it failed to keep up with changing tastes.

9. WHAT NFL LINEBACKER'S CASE HIGHLIGHTS

Amid a push to punish jilted lovers, NFL linebacker Jermaine Cunningham will be the most recognizable defendant yet to face "revenge porn" charges.

10. KENTUCKY DERBY WIN RAISES EXPECTATIONS FOR AMERICAN PHAROAH

"Well, we've got to get to the Preakness first," trainer Bob Baffert says, referring to the 1 3/16-mile race May 16 in Baltimore.

AP News in Brief

Police kill 2 men who shot security guard outside Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Two gunmen were killed Sunday in Texas after opening fire on a security officer outside a provocative contest for cartoon depictions of Prophet Muhammad, and a bomb squad was called in to search their vehicle as a precaution, authorities said.

The men drove up to the Curtis Culwell Center in the Dallas suburb of Garland as the event was scheduled to end and began shooting at the security officer, the City of Garland said in a statement. Garland police officers returned fire, killing the men.

Garland police spokesman Joe Harn said it was not immediately clear whether the shooting was connected to the event inside, a contest hosted by the New York-based American Freedom Defense Initiative that would award \$10,000 for the best cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

But he said at a late Sunday news conference that authorities were searching the gunmen's vehicle for explosives, saying, "Because of the situation of what was going on today and the history of what we've been told has happened at other events like this, we are considering their car (is) possibly containing a bomb."

Drawings such at the ones featured at the Texas event are deemed insulting to many followers of Islam and have sparked violence around the world. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous.

Nepal says it will need immense international support as it turns attention to reconstruction

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal's government will need immense international support as the Himalayan nation begins turning its attention toward reconstruction in the coming weeks, in the wake of the devastating April earthquake, a top official said Monday.

Nepal is one of the world's poorest nations, and its economy, largely based on tourism, has been crippled by the earthquake, which left at least 7,200 people dead. While there are no clear estimates yet of how much it will cost to rebuild, it will certainly be enormously expensive.

"In two to three weeks a serious reconstruction package needs to be developed, where we'll need

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enormous help from the international community," said Information Minister Minendra Rijal. "There's a huge, huge funding gap."

He also said foreign rescue workers were welcome in Nepal, saying they could remain as long as they are needed. He had earlier said that the need for their services was diminishing, but later denied that he wanted them to leave the country.

Soon, he added, the nation will be shifting away from a rescue mode and "will be concentrating more on relief operations."

Things to know about the situation in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray

Life is starting to return to normal in Baltimore after Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake lifted a city-wide curfew that was in effect for five nights. The curfew followed the riots and looting after the funeral last week of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died after he was injured while in police custody. Early Monday, there were no reports of confrontations between protesters and police as there had been on previous nights.

The state of emergency is expected to remain in effect over the next two days while the Maryland National Guard continues to draw down about 3,000 troops brought in to keep the peace. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan says more than 200 businesses were lost to the rioting and looting.

Police say officers will continue to deploy to "areas of concern" and monitor protest activity. More recent protests have been mostly peaceful and even somewhat celebratory in tone since Friday's announcement of charges against six officers involved in Gray's arrest.

Police said Sunday they had arrested 486 people since the unrest began, including 46 people on the final night of the curfew.

APNewsBreak: Senator says more sex crimes in military than Defense Department is reporting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of sex-related crimes occurring in U.S. military communities is far greater than the Defense Department has publicly reported, a U.S. senator said Monday in a scathing critique that asserts the Pentagon has refused to provide her information about sexual assaults at several major bases.

The spouses of service members and civilian women who live or work near military facilities are especially vulnerable to being sexually assaulted, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said in a report. Yet they "remain in the shadows" because neither is counted in surveys conducted by the Defense Department to determine the prevalence of sexual assaults within the ranks, the report said.

"I don't think the military is being honest about the problem," Gillibrand said in an interview.

The senator said her analysis of 107 sexual assault cases found punishments that were too lenient and the word of the alleged assailant was more likely to be believed than the victim. Less than a quarter of the cases went to trial and just 11 resulted in conviction for a sex crime. Female civilians were the victims in more than half the cases, according to Gillibrand, an outspoken advocate for an overhaul of the military justice system.

In its annual report on sexual assaults in the military released Friday, the Defense Department reported progress in staunching the epidemic of sexual assaults. It estimated that sex crimes are decreasing

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and more victims are choosing to report them — a sign that there is more confidence that offenders will be held accountable.

Sunnis slow to return to Iraq's Tikrit after IS rout, fearing victorious Shiite militias

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi government forces drove the Islamic State group out of Abu Mustafa's hometown of Tikrit over a month ago, but he has yet to return, fearing the Shiite militias that now patrol its bombed and battered streets.

The well-off businessman, who fled to Iraq's relatively secure Kurdish region before the operation began, has heard of widespread looting and vandalism, including of his own property. And he's heard that the militiamen are exacting revenge on Sunnis like himself, viewing them as sympathizers of the extremist group.

Shiite militia commanders deny such allegations, and have called on the Sunni residents of Tikrit to return. But of the hundreds of thousands who fled, only a tiny fraction have come back, complicating the government's efforts to restore normal life and bridge the country's sectarian divide.

Abu Mustafa, who asked that his full name not be used for fear of retribution, said he was eager to return home with his 10-member family. They have been living in a rented apartment in the northern city of Sulaimaniyah since early March.

"We were optimistic about the involvement of the Shiite militias in the battle for Tikrit, but this turned to shock after hearing about the misdeeds they committed," the 66-year-old food wholesaler said. "For now, I doubt that my family will be safe if we return to the city."

NYPD retrains every officer to keep cool, 'talk people into cuffs' when making arrests

NEW YORK (AP) — Two New York City cops approach a gray sedan with a suspected drunken driver slumped over the wheel. They ask him to get out, and that's when the trouble begins.

The suspect, dressed in a rumpled suit, curses and hollers at the officers because he doesn't want to go to jail. He refuses to be handcuffed and backs away, yelling "Can't we work this out?"

But even as the man's temper rises, the officers stay impassive and firm, explaining why they need to take him downtown. Eventually, the man calms down and gives up.

"I've realized," Detective Leonardo Pino said, "that if I try to meet his tone with my tone, it doesn't get better."

The scenario was fake — the suspected drunken driver was a fellow officer and the street scene was a set built in a Hollywood-style sound stage. It's all part of a massive, across-the-board retraining ordered for the nation's largest police force in the wake of last year's fatal arrest of Eric Garner.

Obama legacy begins to take shape starting with decision to build library in Chicago

WASHINGTON (AP) — Piece by piece, President Barack Obama is trying to build the foundation for the legacy he wants to leave, putting in place decisions that will reverberate beyond his presidency. In quick order, Obama decided to locate his presidential library in his Chicago hometown and on Monday he will announce the launch of a foundation to continue the work of a program he created to

broaden educational and other opportunities for boys and young men of color.

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"I'll be done being president in a couple of years, and I'll still be a pretty young man, not compared to you guys, but I'll still be pretty young," Obama told a group of middle-school students recently. "And so I'll go back to doing the kinds of work that I was doing before, just trying to find ways to help people, help young people get educations, and help people get jobs, and try to bring businesses into neighborhoods that don't have enough businesses. That's the kind of work that I really love to do."

Obama has seemed more focused than ever on legacy-building achievements since last fall, when the outcome of significant Democratic losses in the Senate put Republicans in control of both houses of Congress for the first time since he took office in 2009.

Shortly after the election rout, Obama announced controversial new steps to shield millions of people living in the country illegally from the threat of deportation, but his actions are being challenged in federal court.

New sea star babies offer glimmer of hope for potential recovery amid mass deaths in Pacific

LOPEZ PASS, Wash. (AP) — Emerging from a recent dive 40 feet below the surface of Puget Sound, biologist Ben Miner wasn't surprised by what he found: The troubling disease that wiped out millions of sea stars up and down the West Coast had not spared this site along the rocky cliffs of Lopez Island. He and another diver tallied the grim count on a clipboard he had taken underwater. Only two dozen adult sea stars were found in an area where they were once abundant.

But Miner's chart also revealed good news — a few baby sea stars offered a glimmer of hope for the creature's recovery.

In scattered sites along the Pacific Coast, researchers and others have reported seeing hundreds of juvenile sea stars, buoying hopes for a potential comeback from sea star wasting disease that has caused millions of purple, red and orange sea stars to curl up, grow lesions, lose limbs and disintegrate into a pile of goo.

"Babies. That's what we hope for," said Miner, associate professor of biology at Western Washington University. "If you're hoping for sea star populations to recover, it's the best news you can get to be able to go to sites and see that there are babies."

After Kentucky Derby victory, Triple Crown talk begins for American Pharoah

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Trainer Bob Baffert barely had 14 hours to digest his Kentucky Derby victory with American Pharoah before hearing the inevitable question.

Does his horse have what it takes to win the Triple Crown?

"Well, we've got to get to the Preakness first," an admittedly tired Baffert said Sunday, referring to the 1 3/16-mile race May 16 in Baltimore. "I don't even think about that yet."

The question seems somewhat premature, but it isn't totally farfetched considering American Pharoah earned a signature victory that answered questions about his resume.

Saturday's one-length victory over Firing Line — with Baffert-trained Dortmund finishing third — before a record crowd of 170,513 at Churchill Downs was his fifth in six career starts.

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Today in History

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Today is Monday, May 4, the 124th day of 2015. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1925, an international conference opened in Geneva to forge an agreement against the use of chemical and biological weapons in war; the Geneva Protocol was signed on June 17, 1925 and went into force in 1928.

On this date:

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal from the French.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Imperial Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

In 1959, the first Grammy Awards ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Domenico Modugno won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)"; Henry Mancini won Album of the Year for "The Music from Peter Gunn."

In 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington D.C. to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1975, comedy performer Moe Howard of "Three Stooges" fame died in Los Angeles at age 77.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed an accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

In 2000, the destructive "ILOVEYOU" malware, sent by e-mail, began to infect computer networks and hard drives across the globe. Londoners chose political maverick Ken Livingstone to be their first elected mayor.

Ten years ago: A military judge at Fort Hood, Texas, threw out Pfc. Lynndie England's guilty plea to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, saying he was not convinced the Army reservist knew her actions were wrong at the time. (England was later convicted in a court-martial and sentenced to three years in prison - she served half that term.) A suicide bombing at a police recruitment center in Irbil, Iraq, killed 60 people. Prosecutors rested their case in the molestation trial of Michael Jackson, who ended up being acquitted. Retired Army Col. David Hackworth, 74, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who spoke out against the war and later became a journalist and advocate for military reform, died in Tijuana, Mexico.

Five years ago: A Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. (Faisal Shahzad (FY'-sul shah-ZAHD') later pleaded guilty to plotting to set off the propane-and-gasoline bomb in an SUV and was sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: Eight acrobats were injured, most of them seriously, when a carabiner clip broke dur-

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ing an aerial hair-hanging stunt, sending the women plummeting to the ground during a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus show in Providence, Rhode Island. Sinn Fein (shin fayn) party leader Gerry Adams was released without charge after five days of police questioning over his alleged involvement in the decades-old IRA killing of a Belfast mother of 10, Jean McConville.

Today's Birthdays: The former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 87. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 85. Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson musical family, is 85. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 78. Rock musician Dick Dale is 78. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia Davison (The Angels) is 71. Actor Richard Jenkins is 68. Country singer Stella Parton is 66. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 65. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 65. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 64. Singer-actress Pia Zadora is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Oleta Adams is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sharon Jones is 59. Violinist Soozie Tyrell (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 58. Country singer Randy Travis is 56. Actress Mary McDonough is 54. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 48. Actor Will Arnett is 45. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 43. Contemporary Christian singer Chris Tomlin is 43. TV personality and fashion designer Kimora Lee Simmons is 40. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 38. Sports reporter Erin Andrews is 37. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 36. Actor Alexander Gould is 21. Actress Amara (uh-MAH'-ruh) Miller is 15.

Thought for Today: "The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it." - Franklin P. Jones, American journalist-humorist (1908-1980).