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Huron changes mind on hosting State DI Tourney

The board of directors for Destination Imagination learned yesterday that the Huron School District has changed its mind about hosting the 2016 or 2016 State DI Event. Pierre also turned down the event due to prior commitments. The board will now be looking for a new location for the 2016 event.

Wednesday, May 13

Birthdays: Doris Strom • Nicole Koehler

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Cook's Choice.

3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.: VBS at United Methodist Church.

Piano recital at Emmanuel Lutheran

Thursday, May 14

Birthdays: Linda Johnson • Pam Rix • Sheila Johnson • Kevin Radke • Madisyn Waage • Alesha Peterson • Ryan Schelle

School Breakfast: Cook's choice.

School Lunch: Chicken, French fries, fruit, lettuce.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

10:00 a.m.: JH NEC Track at Britton-Hecla

3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.: VBS at United Methodist Church.

Cats anyone?

Anyone want a cat or two? We have two to give away. Contact Paul 397-7460.

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.

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

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**DAKOTA TREE
COMPANY**

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Groton Lions Club award three GHS scholarships. L-R are Groton Lions Club vice president, Justin Olson; awardees, Maryn Howard, Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Madison Colestock, and Lee Schinkel, past Lions Club president.

Boys Medley qualifies for state

The boys medley relay team of Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Landon Larson and Lucas Sternhagen placed second and qualified for the state meet with a time of 3:42.90.

Placing first at the Britton Track meet were Harleigh Stange in the 200m dachs, the girls 800m Relay team, Jessica Bjerke in the discus and shot put, Landon Larson in the 100m dash and 200m dash, Frank Wuestwald in the 400m dash, Jackson Doeden in the 110m hurdles, the boys 800m relay team of Doeden, Pray, Oliver and Herman and Steve Fey in the shot put.

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Sperry Stump Removal

Bevitized: Hairy Situation



by Beverly Patterson

Sunday night Don showered and then asked if I would give him a haircut. I obliged and before I was finished our neighbor stopped in. He could see I was doing a pretty impressive job on Don's hair so he said something about me cutting his hair next. I told him I would and could so that was that. He was next on the schedule. Each of the guys were having a beer and I said maybe I should start a "BAR-ber Shoppe." It might be more enjoyable for the customers and if the scissors slipped once in a while, the ears would tend to be a bit less sensitive....oh yes, my wheels were turning.

Once Don's excess hair had taken up residence inside the vacuum, it was Sam's turn. He asked for a buzz cut with a No. 3 attachment on the clipper. Don has a ton of clippers so I knew it wouldn't be hard to find the proper equipment. After scrounging around for a bit I found a clipper and Don found a No. 3 attachment for it and off I went to set sail on Sam's head of unsuspecting hair. Things were rolling along pretty smooth and I remember joking about how terrible it would be if the cordless clipper died half way through the cut and then, the cordless trimmer died half way through the cut!!! Sam went racing to the bathroom to see how ridiculous he looked. At this point I jotted down a mental note on my mental list to keep customers away from mirrors until their haircut is finished. I also added that I should

make sure all rechargeable trimmers are fully charged before starting a haircut. I felt this was something I would need to know when I started my business.

Eventually he came back and we decided the clipper would be fully recharged in less than 30 minutes so all three of us started watching TV. I tried not to look at Mr. Half-A-Haircut because I never like it when somebody laughs at me and I feared I might laugh and that just wouldn't be very nice. Thirty minutes later I went over and unplugged the trimmer and was totally shocked when it didn't fire up AT ALL!!!! Sam freaked out and about then Don hopped off the couch and found another trimmer with a No. 2 attachment. I reassured Sam it would work just fine and that the No.2 hairs would blend right in with the No. 3 hairs. It wasn't long before I knew this statement would become a bold face lie. I immediately removed the No. 2 trimmer from my hand which caused a bit of panic in Sam but I was able to keep him on the chair and just then Don showed up with yet another trimmer with yet another No. 3 blade attachment. I finished the haircut and all of the blood pressures that had risen slightly to more than slightly to almost a HEART ATTACK returned to normal and everyone was happy. Sam got out his wallet and was going to pay me for the mental torture he had just endured and I said, "Let's just say your first haircut was complimentary!" You gotta love a guy that offers to pay money for a haircut that nearly gave him a heart attack!

Classifieds

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Today in Weather History

May 13, 2005: Runoff from heavy rain resulted in minor flooding along the White River from south of Belvidere to Oacoma, affecting mainly agricultural land along the river. The river rose over its banks and flooded U.S. Highway 83 south of Murdo for a short time. No property damage was reported.

1930 - A man was killed when caught in an open field during a hailstorm northwest of Lubbock TX. It was the first, and perhaps the only, authentic death by hail in U.S. weather records. (David Ludlum)

1980: An F3 tornado ripped directly through the center of Kalamazoo, Michigan, killing five people, injuring 79, leaving 1,200 homeless and causing \$50 million in damage. The tornado passed directly over the American Bank, where a barograph reported a pressure drop of 0.59 inches.

1981 - A tornado 450 yards in width destroyed ninety percent of Emberson TX. People did not see a tornado, but rather a wall of debris. Homes were leveled, a man in a bathtub was hurled a quarter of a mile, and a 1500 pound recreational vehicle was hurled 500 yards. Miraculously no deaths occurred in the tornado. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought an end to the early season warm spell in the north central U.S., but not before the temperature at Sioux City IA soared to a record warm 95 degrees. Strong southwesterly winds ahead of the cold front gusted to 52 mph at Marais MI. Evening thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail at Rockford MN, and wind gusts to 75 mph at Belmond IA. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Strong winds along a cold front ushering cold air into the northwestern U.S. gusted to 69 mph at Myton UT. Temperatures warmed into the 80s ahead of the cold front, as far north as Montana. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)






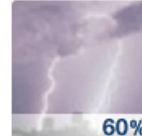

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather in the Southern Plains Region during the afternoon and night. A thunderstorm at Killeen TX produced wind gusts to 95 mph damaging 200 helicopters at Fort Hood causing nearly 500 million dollars damage. Another thunderstorm produced softball size hail at Hodges TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front spawned ten tornadoes from eastern Wyoming to northern Kansas, including seven in western Nebraska. Thunderstorms forming ahead of a cold front in the eastern U.S. spawned five tornadoes from northeastern North Carolina to southern Pennsylvania. Thunderstorms over southeast Louisiana deluged the New Orleans area with four to eight inches of rain between 7 AM and Noon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1995: This outbreak produced tornadoes extending from the Mississippi River near Burlington, Iowa, to west of Bloomington, Illinois. Two violent tornadoes, each ranked at F4 intensity, were reported. The first tornado traveled 60 miles from near Fort Madison, Iowa, to southeast of Galesburg, Illinois producing over \$10 million dollars damage. The second violent tornado traveled 7 miles across Fulton County from Ipava to Lewistown, Illinois producing \$6 million dollars damage. Another strong tornado took a 25 mile path across parts of Fulton, Mason, and Tazewell Counties. The storms also produced softball-size hail south and northwest of Macomb in Illinois. Five men were injured in Lawrence County, Indiana when lightning struck one of them and traveled to the other four. There were 184 reports of severe weather, including over three dozen tornadoes.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
20%	60%	70%			60%	50%
Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Thunderstorms Likely	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 74 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 67 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 75 °F



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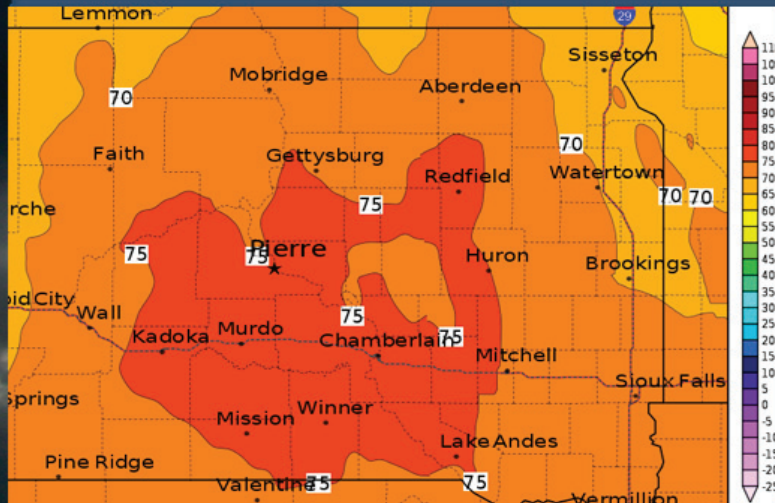


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Highs Today



Weather Headlines



Tonight: Chance for thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s.



Thursday: Showers likely. Highs in the 60s and lower 70s.



Friday: Chance of thunderstorms Missouri River. Highs in the 60s.

Published on: 05/13/2015 at 5:38AM

A system lifting northeast out of the southwestern states will track across the region in the next 24 to 36 hours. That system will provide enough energy to produce scattered showers and thunderstorms over the region. Widespread heavy rain is not expected at this time. Another stronger system for the weekend should produce more widespread rain and thunderstorms, and even some severe weather.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 60.0 at 6:32 PM

Low: 30.7 at 6:32 AM

High Gust: 22 at 8:11 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1932

Record Low: 24° in 1899

Average High: 68°F

Average Low: 43°F

Average Precip in May: 1.33

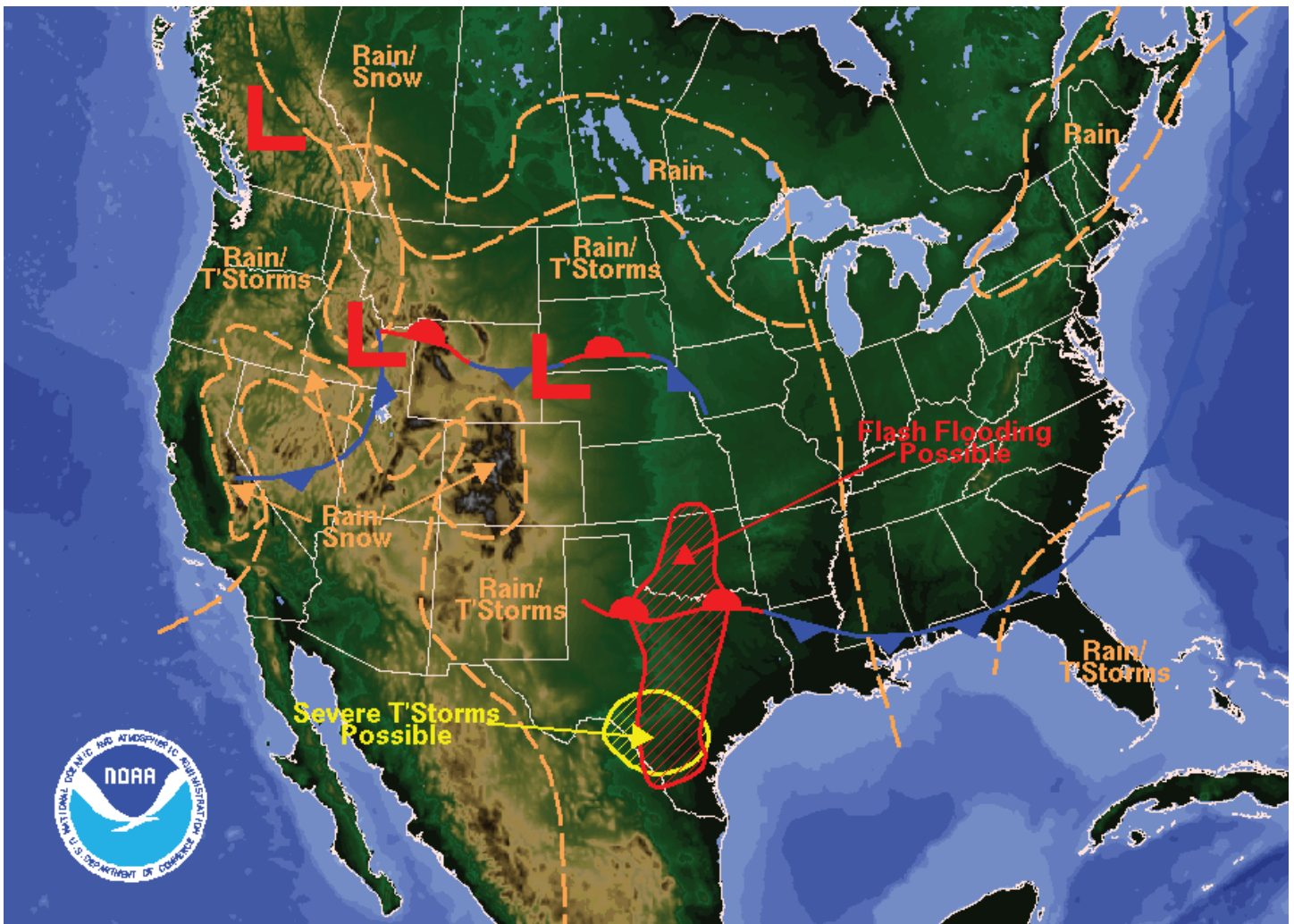
Precip to date in May: 2.61

Average Precip to date: 5.36

Precip Year to Date: 4.25

Sunset Tonight: 8:54 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, May 13, 2015, issued 4:38 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?

A man was found dead next to a dumpster. As they looked in his pockets for his identification, they discovered several checks. They were worth more than a thousand dollars. But they did him no good. He never surrendered them to receive their value.

As we read God's Word, we find promise after promise – all having value to the believer. But as with the checks, they must be "turned into cash" to have any value. We must go to God and claim His promises to meet our needs.

James said that God "does not resent your asking. But when you ask Him, be sure you really expect Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea..."

There are times when it is easier to believe in God than it is to believe in the fact that He deeply cares for each of us and our every need. Surely, if He is bound by His Word, we can go to Him "in faith believing." We must always remember that nothing is so small that it escapes His concern or that any problem is so large that He cannot solve it.

We limit God by the limitations we place on Him. The problems we have with our faith are our problems – not God's. "Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you," said Jesus.

Prayer: Give us a faith, Father, that is larger than our problems and a trust that matches Your power. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:1-8 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Longtime Belle Fourche teacher dies while jogging after work

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — No foul play is suspected in the death of a Belle Fourche teacher who died while jogging after work.

The body of 56-year-old Phil McNally was found on a bike and walking path late Monday afternoon.

McNally taught at the high school for 15 years and also had taught political science as an adjunct professor at Black Hills State University. He also was a cross country coach, a former city councilman, and the organizer and adviser for the Butte County Teen Court program.

Grief counselors were made available at the high school Tuesday for staff and students.

Dakotas lead in production of nearly a dozen commodities

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The latest rankings from the federal Agriculture Department show that the Dakotas lead the nation in the production of nearly a dozen farm commodities.

North Dakota leads in spring wheat, durum wheat, oil sunflowers, honey, flaxseed, canola and pinto beans. It's also the top state in the production of all dry beans and all wheat.

South Dakota leads in bison, oats and all sunflowers.

North Dakota is second in all sunflowers, as well as in confection sunflowers, black beans, navy beans, lentils and dry peas. South Dakota is second in hay and honey.

North Dakota has the seventh-most land in farms, at 39.3 million acres. South Dakota is fifth, with 43.3 million acres.

Basic trauma kits available to SD law enforcement officers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — All law enforcement officers in South Dakota can now obtain a basic trauma treatment kit thanks to a federal grant.

The kit includes a tourniquet, trauma dressing, face shield, gloves, trauma sheers and tape.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the kit will allow officers to immediately administer first aid that could prove live saving as they are often the first to arrive at the scene of emergencies.

The state's Law Enforcement Training Division obtained federal funds to pay for the kits.

The kits are available to law enforcement officers and agencies in South Dakota and requires tactical medical training prior to distribution.

Regents OK deal with NSA for credits toward DSU degree

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — National Security Agency employees will soon be able to count their cybersecurity training at the agency toward college credit at Dakota State University under a proposal the state Board of Regents approved at a Tuesday meeting.

The agreement will allow NSA employees to earn up to 50 academic credits toward a 120-credit undergraduate degree in Cyber Operations from Dakota State University for completing certain training at the agency. The deal is the first of its kind between the NSA and a higher education institution, according to a report to the board.

"We're tickled pink. We're absolutely thrilled that we've done this," said Josh Pauli, a cybersecurity professor at Dakota State University who worked with the NSA examining the details of the agency's

training. "It's a Hollywood story. Who would have thought this little school ... would be doing this? But, hey, we're doing it, and we're thrilled."

Board of Regents Executive Director and CEO Jack Warner said the agreement represents "the growing recognition of Dakota State excellence" in cybersecurity.

Pauli reviewed classified NSA training courses to see how they matched up with Dakota State's Cyber Operations curriculum to help decide how much currency the training would provide toward a degree. He said some NSA employees go through more than 2,000 hours of training related to cybersecurity, computer programming and computer networking.

The university has had a formal relationship with the NSA for four years. The Cyber Operations program is one of 13 programs identified by the NSA as a highly technical higher education cybersecurity program. An NSA representative wasn't immediately available for comment.

The Cyber Operations program is available online, and the report to the board predicts the agreement will attract 50 online enrollees this fall with the "potential for explosive growth." The report said a bachelor's degree is a requirement for employees once they leave the military but decide they want to retain their positions at the agency as civilians.

Waylon Krush, CEO of Lunarline Inc., an Arlington-based cybersecurity firm, said he got very little college credit when he went through the military.

"I got a degree. It wasn't as hard as military training," said Krush, who said he worked in cybersecurity at the Department of Defense. "I'm actually really happy to hear that they're doing this in South Dakota because I think it's going to open up ... opportunities."

Groups help pets from South Dakota town hit by tornado

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Animal rescue groups are working to help pets affected by a tornado in the South Dakota town of Delmont.

The town's only animal rescue has taken in six dogs because their owners haven't been found or temporary housing doesn't allow pets. Teresa Richardson of E.T. Animal Farm tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1cR8NQ2>) that food donations are welcome, but that some pets were hurt and need veterinary care.

KELO-TV (<http://bit.ly/1cvbVjw>) reports Puff 'N Ruff Rescue in Davison County is trying to reunite pet owners with displaced animals.

The Sunday morning tornado injured nine people in Delmont and damaged dozens of buildings, including a 100-year-old church.

Electricity restored in tornado-ravaged town of Delmont

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Electricity and water once again are flowing in the tornado-ravaged South Dakota town of Delmont.

A relief fund also has been set up to help victims of the Sunday morning twister that injured nine people and damaged dozens of structures in the community of about 200 people, including a 100-year-old church and a new fire station.

As of midday Tuesday, one of the nine people who were injured when the twister cut through town remained hospitalized in stable condition, state public safety spokesman Tony Mangan said.

Electricity was restored late Monday to the 124 customers who can accept power, NorthWestern Energy spokesman Tom Glanzer said. Some damaged properties will need to be repaired before electricity can be restored, and those properties will be dealt with one by one, he said.

"Most of the people are coming back this morning to homes with electricity," Glanzer said Tuesday. "With the electricity back, there's a little bit of normalization for the city."

There also was water service in the community again on Tuesday, though a boil order is in place until Thursday while state officials await results from lab tests to ensure it's safe for consumption, state Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan said.

The National Weather Service rated the tornado as an EF-2, with a peak wind speed of 130 mph, a 17-mile-long path and a maximum width of 400 yards.

Cash donations designated to the Delmont Disaster Relief Fund can be dropped off at First State Bank locations in Delmont, Tripp, Armour and Geddes. Donations can be mailed to First State Bank, P.O. Box 68, Delmont, SD 57330.

The Red Cross of the Dakotas on Tuesday moved its operations from nearby Tripp to Delmont with the restoration of electricity and water service. More than 30 Red Cross volunteers are in the area.

South Dakota to get \$302K in national 'cramming' settlements

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota will receive about \$302,000 from Sprint and Verizon to settle allegations that the companies allowed phony charges on their customers' monthly bills.

Federal regulators announced Tuesday that Verizon Wireless will pay \$90 million and Sprint \$68 million to settle lawsuits from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The settlement resolves allegations that Sprint and Verizon placed unauthorized charges for third-party services on consumers' mobile telephone bills. That's a practice known as "mobile cramming."

The two mobile providers had partnered with third-party vendors that sell premium text messaging services, such as daily horoscopes, trivia and sports scores.

But federal regulators say consumers who hadn't signed up for the services were being billed anyway, typically about \$9.99 a month.

Last year, T-Mobile and AT&T Mobility also entered cramming settlements.

Man rams SUV into police cruiser during traffic stop in SD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 35-year-old man is facing various charges including aggravated assault after ramming a sports utility vehicle into a police cruiser in southeast South Dakota.

Police in Sioux Falls say James Dean Dubro was pulled over for a routine traffic stop, but before the police officer could get out of his vehicle, Dubro put the SUV in reverse and hit the cruiser. Police say Dubro was trying to get the cruiser out of the way.

Dubro sped away and the officer drove after him, but the pursuit ended shortly after Dubro drove into a trailer park and residents began to exit their homes.

Dubro was arrested hours later at a Dell Rapids home. He's in jail without bond. It's unclear whether he has an attorney.

The cruiser's estimated damage is \$600.

US corn, soybean crops expected to be slightly smaller

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The government says farmers are expected to grow 13.6 billion bushels of corn this year, about 4 percent less than last year's record crop.

The estimate released Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture assumes an average per-acre yield of nearly 167 bushels an acre, down from last year's record 171 bushels.

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Soybean farmers are expected to grow nearly 3.85 billion bushels, down 3 percent from last year's record crop. The soybean per-acre yield is projected at 46 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last year's record.

The USDA says farmers have started well this growing season with 75 percent of the corn crop planted, ahead of the five-year average of 57 percent.

Soybean farmers have planted nearly one-third of the crop, ahead of the average of 20 percent.

Rapid City schools superintendent leaving district next year

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The superintendent of the second largest public school district in South Dakota intends to resign at the end of next school year.

Rapid City Area Schools Superintendent Tim Mitchell says he will leave the district on June 30, 2016. He's been with the district for five years.

Mitchell announced his resignation Tuesday. He says he made the announcement more than a year in advance to allow for a smooth transition.

Mitchell's resignation comes months after the district proposed increasing the salaries of public school teachers at the expense of cutting \$6.5 million from other programs during the upcoming school year. The proposal would eliminate support personnel who help students with math and literacy education.

The district has more than 13,800 students.

Red Cross moving tornado operations from Tripp to Delmont

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — The Red Cross is moving its Delmont tornado relief operations to the town from nearby Tripp.

Electricity and water service have been restored in Delmont, so the Red Cross is moving its operations center to New Hope Lutheran Church in Delmont and setting up feeding operations at the old fire hall in coordination with the Salvation Army.

More than 2,500 meals and snacks have been served since the Sunday morning tornado that injured nine people and damaged dozens of structures in the community of about 200 people.

More than 30 Red Cross volunteers are in the area.

Ample moisture over past week aids South Dakota farmers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Up to 5 inches of moisture over the past week has helped replenish soil moisture across South Dakota.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop progress report that topsoil moisture supplies are rated only 42 percent short or very short, compared to 74 percent the previous week. Subsoil moisture supplies are rated 59 percent short or very short, compared to 70 percent the previous week.

Stock water supplies statewide are rated 60 percent adequate to surplus.

Corn planting in South Dakota is three-fourths done, and soybean planting is one-third complete. Both are well ahead of the average pace over the past five years. Spring wheat seeding is wrapping up.

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. INVESTIGATION STARTS AFTER AMTRAK TRAIN DERAILS IN PHILADELPHIA, KILLING AT LEAST 5

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More than 140 people are taken to hospitals, and six are critically injured by the derailment whose scene Mayor Michael Nutter describes as "an absolute disastrous mess."

2. NEPAL OFFICIALS TELL PEOPLE TO EVACUATE DAMAGED BUILDINGS

Most people, though, flee into the open the day before, and spend the night in tents or under plastic tarps.

3. WHAT FAILED SENATE TRADE VOTE SHOWS

The outcome lays bare the strained relations between Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill.

4. WHY IRAN WARNS SAUDI ARABIA, U.S.

A senior Iranian official tells the Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemeni rebels that blocking an Iranian aid ship bound for Yemen will "spark a fire," as a five-day cease-fire appears to hold.

5. WISCONSIN'S CAPITAL FACES TEST AFTER SHOOTING DECISION

A prosecutor's announcement not to charge a white officer who killed an unarmed biracial man raises concerns that things could turn violent in Madison.

6. WHO IS REPORTEDLY EXECUTED IN NORTH KOREA

The North Korean defense chief is killed by anti-aircraft gunfire at a shooting range for sleeping during a meeting and talking back to Kim Jong Un, South Korea's spy agency tells lawmakers.

7. TSARNAEV'S LAWYERS TO MAKE FINAL CASE FOR LIFE, DEATH

The jury is expected to begin its deliberations late Wednesday after it hears closing arguments and instructions from the judge.

8. HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE SAINTHOOD OF ARAB NUNS

Mariam Bawardy and Marie Alphonsine Ghattas, who lived in Ottoman-ruled Palestine in the 19th century, will be the first from the region to receive sainthood since the early days of Christianity.

9. PLAN OK'D TO DRILL INTO BP'S ILL-FATED MACONDO RESERVOIR

Drilling is set to resume near the site of the well blowout that killed 11 workers and caused the nation's largest offshore oil spill five years ago off the coast of Louisiana.

10. BROWN IS THE NEW GREEN

Pressed by the four-year dry spell and water cuts, some of the finest courses in California are taking such steps as tearing out the grass in places where it won't affect the game.

AP News in Brief

Official says boat crammed with over 500 refugees located off Penang island in Malaysia

LANGKAWI, Malaysia (AP) — An official says a boat crammed with more than 500 refugees, likely Rohingya and Bangladeshi, has been found off the coast of Penang island in northern Malaysia.

The official told The Associated Press that the overcrowded boat is full of desperate people and it's too dangerous to board it. Authorities are contemplating what to do next, said the official on condition of anonymity. The official is not authorized to speak to the media.

Thousands of Bangladeshi and Rohingya, a long-persecuted minority in Myanmar, have become victims of human traffickers who promise them safe passage to Malaysia. But in recent weeks the traffickers have abandoned their human cargo and set them adrift in the sea off Malaysia and Indonesia.

Some estimates put their number at 6,000.

Amtrak train derails in Philadelphia killing 5 people, injuring dozens; federal probe to begin

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An Amtrak train abruptly overturned in Philadelphia, killing at least five people and injuring dozens of others, some of whom had to scramble through the windows of toppled cars to escape. The accident has closed the nation's busiest rail corridor between New York and Washington as federal investigators begin sifting through the mangled remains to determine what went wrong.

Train 188, a Northeast Regional, left Washington, D.C. and was headed to New York when it derailed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday. Amtrak said the train was carrying 238 passengers and five crew members.

Mayor Michael Nutter, who confirmed the deaths, said the scene was horrific and not all the people on the train had been accounted for.

"It is an absolute disastrous mess," he said. "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

He said all seven train cars, including the engine, were in "various stages of disarray." He said there were cars that were "completely overturned, on their side, ripped apart."

Nepal officials tell people to evacuate damaged buildings in wake of major earthquake

CHAUTARA, Nepal (AP) — Officials with bullhorns walked through the quake-damaged streets of this small Nepal town Wednesday, calling for people to leave the damaged buildings.

The evacuation orders came a day after Nepal, just beginning to rebuild after a devastating April 25 earthquake, was hit by magnitude-7.3 quake. Tuesday's earthquake killed at least 65 people, injured nearly 2,000 and caused landslides that blocked roads and slowed the delivery of relief supplies.

"There is danger!" the officials called out over the bullhorns. "Leave the buildings!"

Most people, though, had fled into the open the day before, and had spent the night in tents or under plastic tarps.

Tuesday's quake battered Chautara, a foothills town that became a hub for rescuers and humanitarian aid after the first earthquake. Officials there said at least three people had died Tuesday and more than 60 were injured.

Failed Senate trade vote leaves Obama, Democrats divided as Republicans jeer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama poured intense effort into lobbying fellow Democrats on trade. They repudiated him nearly unanimously.

Every Democratic senator except one, Delaware's Tom Carper, voted against moving forward on legislation Tuesday to award Obama "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that can pass Congress without being amended. The vote failed 52-45, falling eight short of the 60 votes needed and dealing a stinging setback to the centerpiece of Obama's second-term economic agenda, his hopes for a landmark pact with Asian nations.

Although the White House and senators of both parties are already working to revive the legislation, the outcome stunned the Capitol and highlighted Democratic divisions on trade heading into a presidential election year with control of the Senate at stake. Obama says it's essential for U.S. goods and services to have easier access to other countries in a globalizing economy, while many Democrats and the labor unions that back them still feel the pain of job losses they blame on earlier trade deals and

fear more could be yet to come.

Tuesday's vote also laid bare the strained relations between Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill, who have spent years complaining of neglect by a president who tends grudgingly, if at all, to the relationship-building aspects of politics.

The president's tough sell on the trade legislation included Oval Office meetings, flights on Air Force One, promises of political support and concerted outreach by officials from Vice President Joe Biden on down. Obama mounted a public relations campaign to exert pressure, attacking his Democratic opponents as "wrong" in interviews and speeches, and even directly engaging liberal standard-bearer Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, dismissing her over the weekend as "a politician like everybody else."

Iran warns US, Saudi that hindering aid ship en route to Yemen will 'spark a fire'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A senior Iranian military official has warned the Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemeni rebels that blocking an Iranian aid ship bound for Yemen will "spark a fire," as a five-day humanitarian cease-fire appeared to hold early Wednesday after going into effect the day before.

"I bluntly declare that the self-restraint of Islamic Republic of Iran is not limitless," Gen. Masoud Jazayeri, the deputy chief of staff, told Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam state TV late Tuesday.

"Both Saudi Arabia and its novice rulers, as well as the Americans and others, should be mindful that if they cause trouble for the Islamic Republic with regard to sending humanitarian aid to regional countries, it will spark a fire, the putting out of which would definitely be out of their hands."

Iran says the ship, which departed Monday, is carrying food, medicine, tents and blankets, as well as reporters, rescue workers and peace activists. It says the ship is expected to arrive at Yemen's port city of Hodeida next week. Iran's navy said Tuesday it will protect the ship.

Saudi Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, a military spokesman, said Tuesday that no ship would be permitted to reach Yemen unless there was prior coordination with the coalition, and that if Iran wants to deliver humanitarian aid it should do so through the United Nations.

Wisconsin's capital faces test with protesters set to gather after police shooting decision

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Some of the Madison Police Department's toughest critics peacefully protested in the hours after a prosecutor said he wouldn't charge a white officer who killed an unarmed biracial man. But the city faced another test Wednesday as activists called for a widespread walkout.

After recent riots in cities where white officers have killed black men — including Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore — Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne's announcement Tuesday raised concerns that things could turn violent in Wisconsin's capital city as well.

The Young, Gifted and Black Coalition, which called for the walkout, has staged multiple protests since Tony Robinson's death on March 6. The group had demanded that Madison Officer Matt Kenny be fired and charged with homicide, but the rallies have been peaceful.

Ozanne, who is biracial but identifies himself as black, is Wisconsin's first minority district attorney. He pointed out his racial heritage as he made the announcement, noting his black mother participated in the Freedom Summer, a black voter registration drive in Mississippi in 1964. He said he views Robinson's death through that lens but made his decision based on the facts.

"I am concerned that recent violence around our nation is giving some in our community a justification for fear, hatred and violence," Ozanne said as he wrapped up his announcement. "I am reminded that true and lasting change does not come from violence but from exercising our voices and our votes."

Gunmen kill 43 in attack on bus packed with Shiites in southern Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen killed more than 40 people on Wednesday aboard a bus in southern Pakistan bound for a Shiite community center, in the latest attack targeting the religious minority.

The attack in the port city of Karachi was the deadliest Pakistan has seen in months. Provincial police chief Ghulam Haider Jamali said 43 people were killed, including 16 women, and another 13 people were wounded.

The bus was in a relatively deserted area on the outskirts of the city en route to a community center for Ismaili Shiite Muslims when six gunmen boarded it and opened fire, Jamali said. The attackers then fled on three motorcycles.

"These are the people who are extremists, who are terrorists," Jamali said of the assailants. "These are the same people who have been doing terrorism before."

Qadir Baluch, a security guard at a nearby building, said he heard the gunshots and saw the militants driving away. He said one of them was wearing a police uniform.

Deep-water Macondo field, scene of BP's catastrophic blowout, set to be drilled into again

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Deep-water drilling is set to resume near the site of the catastrophic BP PLC well blowout that killed 11 workers and caused the nation's largest offshore oil spill five years ago off the coast of Louisiana.

A Louisiana-based oil company, LLOG Exploration Offshore LLC, plans to drill into the Macondo reservoir, according to federal records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Harper's Magazine first reported the drilling plans late Tuesday.

LLOG's permit to drill a new well near BP's site was approved April 13 by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, an agency overseeing offshore oil and gas drilling operations. The company's exploration plan was approved last October following an environmental review by a sister agency, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

The company, a privately owned firm based in Covington, Louisiana, will be looking to extract oil and gas deep under the Gulf of Mexico's seafloor, an undertaking that proved catastrophic for BP.

Fire razes slipper factory in suburb of Philippine capital, dozens of workers feared dead

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A fire razed a rubber slipper factory in a suburb of the Philippine capital Wednesday and dozens of workers reported missing were feared to have perished, the city mayor and fire officials said.

At least three bodies have been recovered and fire officials said there were no survivors found after the fire was put under control, said Mayor Rex Gatchalian of Valenzuela city north of Manila.

Relatives reported 62 people missing, but Gatchalian said only seven people have been reported to have survived. There could be others on their list of missing who were able to escape but no one has

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come forward to confirm that.

District Fire Marshall Wilberto Rico Neil Kwan Tiu said he was among the first to reach the second floor of the gutted building after the fire and saw "numerous bodies," many charred beyond recognition.

Gatchalian said the fire apparently was ignited from sparks from welding works at the building's main entrance door.

News guide: Big money, big questions about Hillary Clinton and her family's foundation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of dollars in foreign money sloshing around a presidential candidate, even in the name of helping the world's poor, is bound to spill over into controversy.

Doubly so when it comes to the Clintons, America's two-for-the-price-of-one political family.

Questions swirling around Bill and Hillary Clinton's family foundation:

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2015. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I would say to the House, as I said to those who have joined this government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside-down, making the "Inverted Jenny" collector's items.)

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence was critically injured in a motorcycle accident in Dorset, England; he died six days later.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act. The musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1968, a one-day general strike took place in France in support of student protesters.

In 1973, in tennis' first so-called "Battle of the Sexes," Bobby Riggs defeated Margaret Court 6-2, 6-1 in Ramona, California. (Billie Jean King soundly defeated Riggs at the Houston Astrodome in September.)

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca (MEH'-met AH'-lee AH'-juh).

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house; 11 people died in the resulting fire that destroyed 61 homes.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Su-

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preme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

In 2000, explosions at a fireworks warehouse in the Netherlands killed 23 people and injured nearly 1,000 others. (A suspect was found guilty of causing the blasts, but his conviction was overturned.)

Ten years ago: The Pentagon proposed the most sweeping changes to its network of military bases in modern history, a plan that would close 33 major facilities in 22 states and reconfigure hundreds of others. The president of Mexico, Vicente Fox, praised the dedication of Mexicans working in the United States, saying they were willing to take jobs that "even blacks" wouldn't do, a statement that prompted criticism in the United States. Government troops in Uzbekistan put down an uprising they blamed on Islamic militants; opponents said the troops fired into crowds and killed hundreds of people.

Five years ago: Three Pakistani men who authorities say supplied funds to would-be Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad (FY'-sul shah-ZAHD') were arrested in a series of raids in New England. President Barack Obama met with police officers who responded to the attempted car-bombing, greeting them at the New York Police Department's high-tech Real Time Crime Center.

One year ago: A mine fire in Soma, Turkey, killed 301 workers. A European court, in an important test of the "right to be forgotten," ruled that Google had to amend some of its search results at the request of ordinary people when they showed links to outdated, irrelevant information. Israel's former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced to six years in prison for his role in a wide-ranging bribery case (he has remained free pending an appeal).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 77. Actor Harvey Keitel is 76. Author Charles Baxter is 68. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 66. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 66. Singer Stevie Wonder is 65. Actress Leslie Winston (TV: "The Waltons") is 59. Producer-writer Alan Ball is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 54. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert (kohl-BEHR') is 51. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 51. Actor Tom Verica is 51. Country singer Lari White is 50. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 49. Actress Susan Floyd is 47. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 43. Actress Samantha Morton is 38. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 36. Actor Iwan Rheon is 30. Actress-writer-director Lena Dunham is 29. Actor Robert Pattinson is 29. Actress Candice Accola is 28. Actor Hunter Parrish is 28. Folk-rock musician Wylie Gelber (Dawes) is 27. Actress Debby Ryan is 22.

Thought for Today: "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." - Thomas R. Marshall, U.S. vice president (1854-1925). (To which American humorist Franklin P. Adams replied, "What this country really nee