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Wednesday, March 2

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Hot ham and cheese, French fries, carrots and dip, fruit.

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

Birthdays: Lisa Howard, Mandy Hansen, Megan McKiver, Rick Schelle

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Sarah Circle Serves)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Thursday, March 3

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

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

School Lunch: Pizza, corn, carrots and dip, fruit.

Anniv: Cal & Mary Hayenga

Anniv: David & Cheryl Krueger

Birthdays: Christine Zoellner, Josie LaMee, Tim Yeaton, Tristan Kampa

1:00am: Region Boys in Groton: Games at 6 pm and 7:30 pm

Friday, March 4

CDE at Redfield

State Debate in Aberdeen

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Follow The Groton
Activities On-Line



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Coming up next week at gdilive.com

Boys Regional Game

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3

Groton Area vs. Aberdeen Roncalli

Region 1A being played in Groton.

Ready to bring your heart and expertise to a team that feels more like a family? Bring your passion for patient care to the Golden LivingCenter in Groton. The Groton facility is now hiring for CNAs and Nurses. They have new wages with an excellent benefits package. All shifts are open. Join the team today by calling Jessica at 397-2365. The Golden LivingCenter of Groton is looking for you!

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The area received a dusting of snow Monday night. The sun came out on Tuesday and Marie Miller got this neat picture of the snow that melted on the roadway at Presentation College, but left even square areas where the sun did not shine beyond the vehicles.

Julianna Kosel ran the camera for Johnny Seiber of mysdtalk.com. We thought we had a lot of equipment for gdilive.com, but they have us beat in equipment, but according to Johnny, they have been doing this for eight years. This is our first year.



Gov. Daugaard Vetoes HB 1008

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has vetoed the following bill:
HB 1008 – An Act to restrict access to certain restrooms and locker rooms in public schools.
For more information about this bill and other bills, visit legis.sd.gov.

Note: A copy of the Governor's veto message follows:

March 1, 2016

The Honorable Dean Wink
Speaker of the House of Representatives
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives,
I respectfully return to you House Bill 1008, with my VETO.
House Bill 1008 does not address any pressing issue concerning the school districts of South Dakota. As policymakers in South Dakota, we often recite that the best government is the government closest to the people. Local school districts can, and have, made necessary restroom and locker room accommodations that serve the best interests of all students, regardless of biological sex or gender identity.

This bill seeks to impose statewide standards on "every restroom, locker room, and shower room located in a public elementary or secondary school." It removes the ability of local school districts to determine the most appropriate accommodations for their individual students and replaces that flexibility with a state mandate.

If and when these rare situations arise, I believe local school officials are best positioned to address them. Instead of encouraging local solutions, this bill broadly regulates in a manner that invites conflict and litigation, diverting energy and resources from the education of the children of this state.

Preserving local control is particularly important because this bill would place every school district in the difficult position of following state law while knowing it openly invites federal litigation. Although there have been promises by an outside entity to provide legal defense to a school district, this provision is not memorialized in the bill. Nor would such defense eliminate the need for school or state legal counsel, nor avoid expenses relating to expert witnesses, depositions and travel, or other defense costs. Nor does the commitment extend to coverage over settlement or damage expenses. This law will create a certain liability for school districts and the state in an area where no such liability exists today.

For these reasons, I oppose this bill and ask that you sustain my veto.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Daugaard

Governor Signs Bills Into Law

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed the following bills into law:
HB 1090 – An Act to require certain statements and audits concerning insurance pooling arrangements to be filed with the Department of Legislative Audit.
HB 1102 – An Act to allow for additional time to review certain competitive sealed bids.
HB 1108 – An Act to revise certain municipal special assessment provisions and to provide for exclusion of territory from municipalities.
HB 1117 – An Act to repeal certain provisions concerning the authorization for the use of other languages in public records or public meetings.
HB 1207 – An Act to authorize the sale of certain surplus real estate at the Human Services Center and to provide for the deposit of the proceeds.

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Region 1A Boys Basketball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Score:

Date: Thursday, March 3rd
Time: 6pm
Site: Groton Area HS

Score:

#4 Britton-Hecla

Score: **56**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 20 Min. after 2nd game
Site: Groton Area HS

Score: **Britton-Hecla**

Score: **46**

#5 Tiospa Zina

Date: Tuesday, March 8th
Time: 7pm
Site: Groton Area HS

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#3 Groton Area

Score: **70**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 20 Min. after 1st game
Site: Groton Area HS

Groton Area

Score:

Score: **55**

#6 Webster Area

Date: Thursday, March 3rd
Time: 20 Min. after 1st game
Site: Groton Area HS

Score:

#2 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score: **69**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 4:30pm
Site: Groton Area HS

Score: **Roncalli**

Score: **30**

#7 Milbank Area

Region 1	Seed Points	W-L
Sisseton	43.30	15-5
Aberdeen Roncalli	42.80	12-8
Groton Area	41.40	12-8
Britton-Hecla	40.60	10-10
Tiospa Zina	39.75	9-11
Webster Area	38.90	8-12
Milbank Area	38.30	5-15

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Dillion Freeman and Peyton Jondahl helped with the Kumla Dinner held Sunday at the Groton Community Center.



Jeslyn Kosel helped to peel potatoes for the Kumla Dinner held Sunday.



Julianna Kosel (left) is cautious with the hot butter that was given to her by Jeslyn Kosel.

Thanks to all who attended the Kumla Dinner Sunday at the Groton Community Center. The event was sponsored by Heaven Bound Ministries. Also thanks to Norman Townsend and Jeslyn Kosel for helping to peel potatoes, to Tina Kosel for helping with so many of the other chores and for making her famous coleslaw, Julianna Kosel for serving, to Dillon Freeman and Peyton Jondahl for helping with the dishes and other chores, and to Doris Townsend for helping with the money.

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Today in Weather History

March 2, 1966: The blizzard began late on March 2nd in the west and moved very slowly across the state reaching the extreme east on the 4th continuing into the 5th. Snow depths ranged from 2 to 4 inches in southeast South Dakota to nearly 3 feet in north central South Dakota. Winds of 40 to 55 mph with gusts to 70 mph caused widespread blowing snow and near zero visibilities during the storm. Drifts up to 30 feet were reported in sheltered areas with open fields nearly bare. The storm caused heavy livestock losses. Estimated losses were 50,000 cattle, 46,000 sheep, and 1800 hogs. The largest losses were in the central and north central parts of the state. The heavy snow also collapsed a number of structures. Three deaths were directly caused by the storm due to exposure and 3 deaths were indirectly caused by the storm; 2 due to heart attacks and 1 by asphyxiation. The blizzard was rated as one of the most severe that has been experienced in South Dakota. Many roads were blocked for days along with many schools and businesses closed.

March 2, 2007: A strong area of low pressure moved slowly northeast across the central and northern plains bringing widespread snowfall along with intense winds. The combination of the falling snow and the existing snow cover resulted in blizzard conditions with visibilities to zero at times. This blizzard event was part of the same upper level low pressure trough that brought the heavy snowfall to the area on February 28th. Additional snowfall occurred on March 1st and 2nd across the area as a large area of snowfall wrapped in from the east. Widespread blizzard conditions developed by noon on March 2nd and continued into the early morning hours of the 3rd. Snowfall amounts, including the snow on February 28th, ranged from 2 inches to as much as 22 inches across central and northeast South Dakota. The heaviest snowfall amounts were across northeast South Dakota where total snow depths were in the 25 to 30 inch range. Northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph with gusts near 60 mph brought zero visibilities at times across the area along with creating large snowdrifts. Schools, businesses, airports, roads, and interstates were closed for up to two days. Travel was not advised across the area. Also, many cars were ditched along with several accidents. Many travelers were stranded and several shelters were opened. The Emergency Operations Center was activated in Pierre and the Governor declared the blizzard area a disaster. Some of the most significant snowfall amounts over the 3 day period included, 11 inches at Andover, Hosmer, and Redfield, 12 inches at Webster, 13 inches at Miller, 14 inches at Victor, Groton, and Clark, 15 inches at Castlewood and Summit, 16 inches at Watertown and Roy Lake, 19 inches at Sisseton, 20 inches at Milbank, 21 inches at Bryant, and 22 inches at Clear Lake.

1927: Raleigh, North Carolina was buried under 17.8 inches of snow in 24 hours, a record for that location until 2000. On January 25, 2000, Raleigh saw 17.9 inches of snow in 24 hours.

1988: Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central U.S. A tornado in Baton Rouge, Louisiana injured two persons, and another tornado caused five million dollars damage at the airport in Lafayette, Louisiana.

1990: Twenty two ships were trapped by ice in the worst ice jam in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 10 years. The ice was 23 feet thick.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
50%	60% → 20%			30% 20%		
Mostly Cloudy then Chance Rain/Snow	Snow Likely then Slight Chance Snow	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Wintry Mix then Slight Chance Rain	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 35 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 47 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 46 °F



Two Rounds of Precip Through Friday Mild This Weekend

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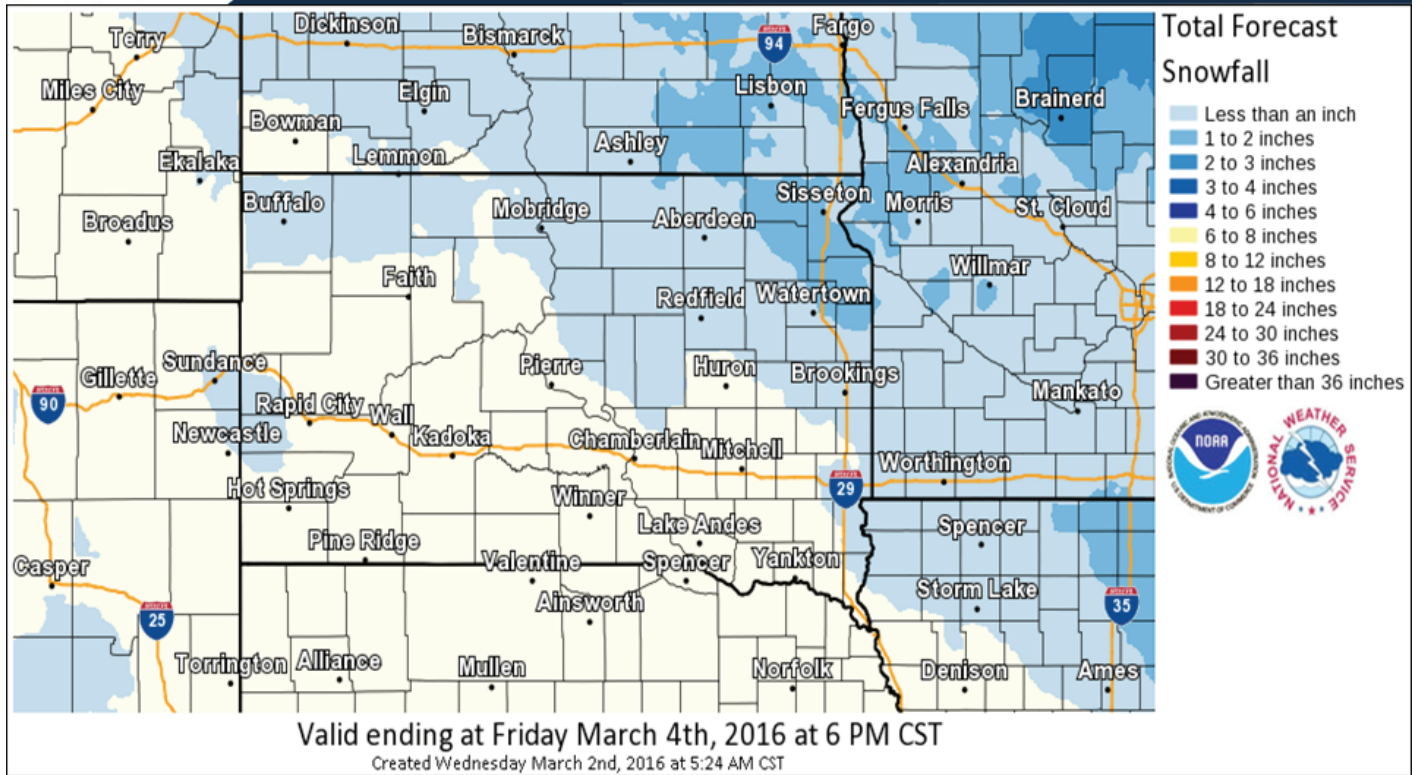
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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A storm system will move across the Dakotas today into this evening. It will be responsible for light snow accumulations over northern and northeastern South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. 1 to 2 inches are possible over northeast South Dakota...with some potential for slightly higher amounts locally in the Sisseton hills region. Another system moving through on Friday will bring a chance of mixed precipitation to the region, perhaps in the form of light freezing rain for some areas.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 22.3 at 4:30 PM

Low: 9.1 at 7:09 AM

High Gust: 17 at 2:26 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 72° in 1905

Record Low: -21 in 1913

Average High: 33°F

Average Low: 14°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.06

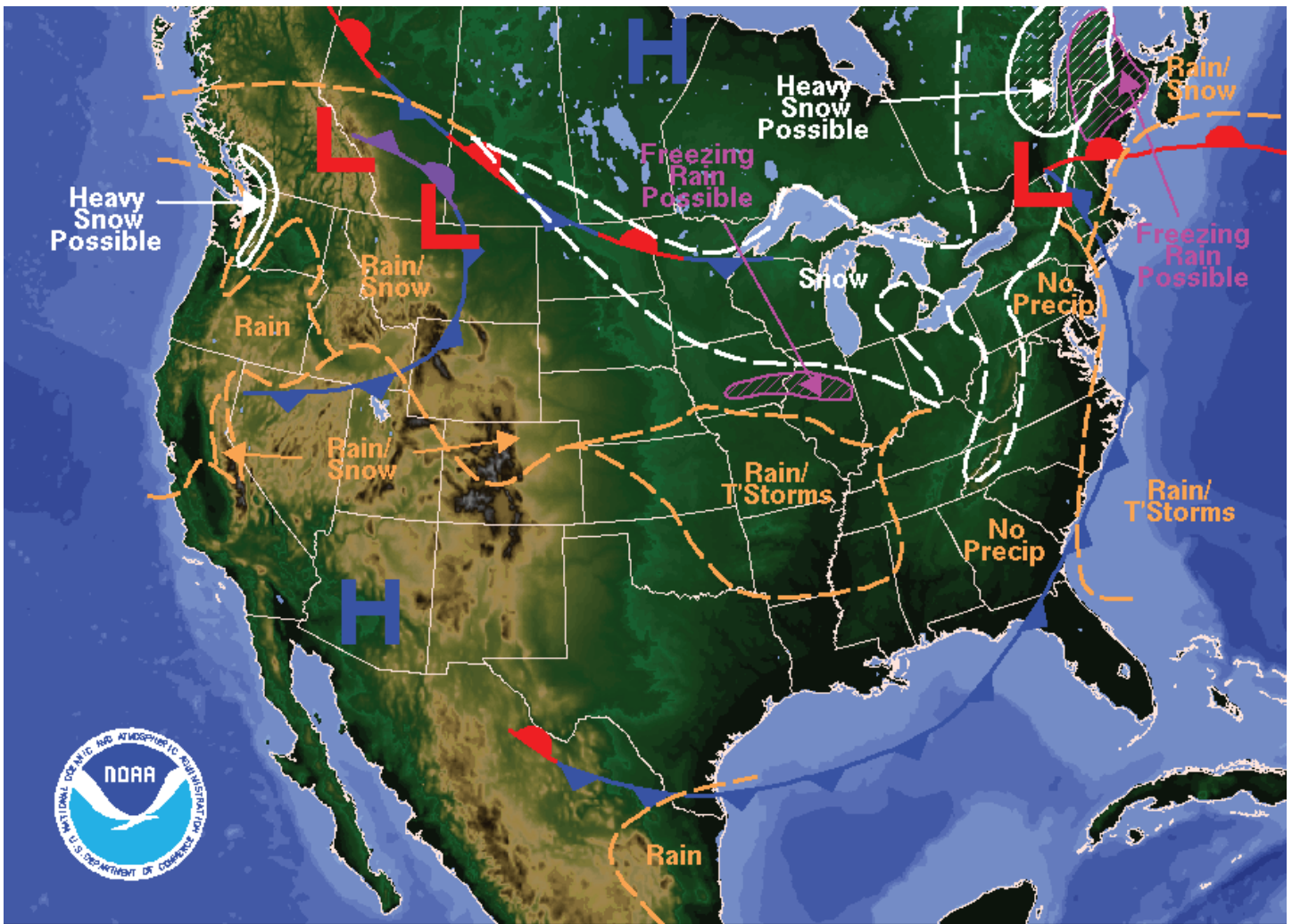
Precip to date in March.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 1.08

Precip Year to Date: 0.60

Sunset Tonight: 6:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Mar 02, 2016, issued 2:45 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE VALUE OF STRESS

A famous violin maker took his young apprentice into the forest to locate wood to make new instruments.

As they began to climb a mountain, the young apprentice pointed out some tall, strong, sturdy and healthy looking trees to the master violin maker. The old gentleman looked at the trees in passing, shook his head and kept climbing. Finally they passed the tall trees that grew half way up the mountain and came to some short, gnarled trees near the top. The trees had endured the ice of many winters and the winds that swirled around them since the time they began to grow.

As the old master began to cut down one of the trees, the young apprentice questioned him, asking, "Why these trees? The others were tall and beautiful."

"The wood of the sheltered trees will break under the pressure of shaping the wood into violins," said the old man. "But the trees beaten by time and nature will produce the best wood and they will make the most beautiful music."

It is normal to question God when we are torn by trials and surrounded by storms. Why, we ask. He is making us strong "so that when others are troubled, we can pass on to them the same help and comfort God has given us."

Prayer: Lord, when nights are long and days short, may we accept and understand that You are preparing us to minister to the needs of others when they suffer. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

South Dakota governor vetoes law on transgender bathrooms

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) South Dakota's governor vetoed a bill that would have made the state the first in the U.S. to approve a law requiring transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth.

Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who initially reacted positively to the proposal but said he needed to research the issue, rejected the bill Tuesday after groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Human Rights Campaign insisted it was discriminatory.

In his veto message, Daugaard said the bill "does not address any pressing issue" and that such decisions were best left to local school officials. He also noted that signing the bill could create costly liability issues for schools and the state. The ACLU had promised to encourage legal action if the bill became law.

"I am so happy right now. You have no idea," said 18-year-old Thomas Lewis, a transgender high school student in Sioux Falls. Lewis said he has support at his school, but that the veto shows such support goes beyond his friends.

"The government's not going to hold me back from who I really am," he said.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch, said he would ask lawmakers not to override the veto, saying more focus on the issue would detract from the Legislature's other accomplishments this year. The Republican-controlled Legislature approved the bill last month, with supporters saying it would protect student privacy.

Transgender rights have become a new flashpoint in the nation's cultural clashes following the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage last year. The high court victory encouraged advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights to push harder, prompting backlash from conservatives.

Caitlyn Jenner, the transgender activist and former Olympic decathlon gold medalist, had called on Daugaard to veto the bill. Opponents also used the South Dakota Tourism Department's Twitter hashtag to take aim at the state's roughly \$3.8 billion tourism industry.

Other high-profile cases include last week's vote in North Carolina by the Charlotte City Council to allow transgender people to choose a bathroom. The vote was immediately criticized by Gov. Pat McCrory, who said it denied privacy rights for those who expect to share restrooms or locker rooms only with people born with the same anatomy.

In Texas, Houston voters soundly defeated an ordinance that would have banned discrimination against transgender people after opponents alleged it would allow sexual predators to go into women's bathrooms.

Daugaard initially offered a positive reaction to South Dakota's proposal, but said he wanted to listen to testimony before making a decision. Last week, he met with three transgender individuals and heard their personal stories; before the meeting, the governor said he had never knowingly met a transgender person.

Opponents said the legislation was an attack on vulnerable transgender students that would further marginalize them at school. They also criticized comments made by some lawmakers, including Republican Sen. David Omdahl.

"I'm sorry if you're so twisted you don't know who you are," Omdahl said when asked about the bill last month. "I'm telling you right now, it's about protecting the kids, and I don't even understand where our society is these days."

Under the plan, schools would have been required to provide a "reasonable accommodation" for transgender students, such as a single-occupancy bathroom or the "controlled use" of a staff-designated restroom, locker room or shower room.

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Supporters said the proposal was a response to changes in President Barack Obama administration's interpretation of the federal Title IX anti-discrimination law related to education. Federal officials have said barring students from restrooms that match their gender identity is prohibited under Title IX.

Deutsch had said the plan pushed back "against federal overreach and intrusion into our lives."

Heather Smith, executive director of the ACLU of South Dakota, said Tuesday that had the governor signed the bill, schools would have been forced to choose whether follow state or federal law. She also said her organization would have encouraged any student harmed by the new law to file a federal civil rights complaint.

Smith said people from across the state and country reached out to the governor to urge this veto. She said that's the true testament of democracy.

Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, added that the governor "chose to do the right thing."

"Today, the voices of fairness and equality prevailed, and these students' rights and dignity prevailed against overwhelming odds and vicious opponents in the state Legislature," Griffin said.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

District 10B Semifinal

Alcester-Hudson 63, Gayville-Volin 39

Irene-Wakonda 79, Viborg-Hurley 47

District 11B Semifinals

Corsica/Stickney 75, Kimball/White Lake 56

Platte-Geddes 48, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 34

District 12B Semifinal

Colome 79, Marty Indian 54

Gregory 58, Burke/South Central 43

District 15B Semifinals

Dupree 80, Lemmon 67

Timber Lake 87, Tiospaye Topa 34

District 16B Semifinal

Faith 60, Bison 51

Harding County 90, Newell 57

District 1AA Semifinal

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 64, Brookings 56

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 44, Watertown 37

District 1B Semifinals

Rosholt 65, Florence/Henry 60

Waverly-South Shore 63, Wilmot 32

District 2AA Semifinals

Sioux Falls Lincoln 67, Brandon Valley 47

Sioux Falls Washington 69, Yankton 40

District 2B Semifinal

Langford 64, Aberdeen Christian 37

Warner 72, Northwestern 35

District 3AA Semifinals

Mitchell 57, Huron 48

Pierre 69, Aberdeen Central 61

District 3B Semifinals

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Herreid/Selby Area 79, Eureka/Bowdle 39
Potter County 56, Faulkton 42
District 4AA Semifinals
Rapid City Stevens 81, Douglas 43
Sturgis Brown 50, Rapid City Central 47
District 4B Semifinal
Highmore-Harrold 68, Sully Buttes 54
District 5B Semifinals
Castlewood 50, Arlington 47, 2OT
DeSmet 69, Deubrook 42
District 6B Semifinal
James Valley Christian 77, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 76
Wolsey-Wessington 78, Wessington Springs 44
District 7B Semifinals
Chester 69, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 50
Elkton-Lake Benton 60, Colman-Egan 50
District 8B Semifinal
Canistota 63, Ethan 54
Hanson 50, Bridgewater-Emery 49
District 9B Semifinals
Menno 59, Freeman 48
Parker 57, Scotland 35
Region 3A First Round
Dell Rapids 73, Baltic 42
Flandreau 96, Flandreau Indian 60
Madison 70, Garretson 47
Region 5A First Round
Parkston 73, Wagner 57
Tri-Valley 65, McCook Central/Montrose 38
West Central 77, Bon Homme 60
Region 6A First Round
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 67, McLaughlin 50
Crow Creek 65, Mobridge-Pollock 61
Miller 52, Stanley County 51

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Region 1A Regional Final: Webster 57, Aberdeen Roncalli 41
Region 2A Regional Semifinal
Hamlin 51, Redfield/Doland 25
Sioux Valley 53, Clark/Willow Lake 50, OT
Region 4A Regional Final: Elk Point-Jefferson 52, Lennox 27
Region 7A Regional Final: Winner 58, Little Wound 52
Region 7B Regional Final: Wall 38, Jones County 30
Region 8A Regional Final: St. Thomas More 67, Belle Fourche 40

S. Dakota lawmakers back sales tax increase for teacher pay

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard's proposed half-cent sales tax increase to help boost South Dakota's lowest-in-the-nation pay for teachers is all but law after passing through the state Senate on Tuesday.

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It would be the first permanent increase to the state's sales tax rate of 4 cents per dollar in nearly half a century. The Republican-held chamber voted 25-10 for the plan, surpassing the required two-thirds margin necessary to send the proposal for the governor's signature.

Daugaard said he is "elated" with the bill's passage, adding that it will help South Dakota compete for quality teachers to educate the state's students.

Momentum has been building to raise South Dakota's teacher pay, which a state task force determined is the lowest of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Advocates argued the state needs an ongoing source to pay for increasing teacher salaries and getting South Dakota out of last place.

"We can make history today, a history that we can all be proud of," said Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton, a Democrat. "I implore us to be on the right side of history for a change."

The increase would raise about \$107 million in the upcoming budget year, most of which would be put toward helping raise the state's target average teacher salary to \$48,500 per year.

About \$36.5 million of the increase also would go to property tax relief, and about \$3.2 million would go toward salaries at technical schools.

Opponents argued the tax increase should be limited and unsuccessfully pitched smaller alternatives in the Senate. They also said existing state funds should be prioritized to find money for education.

"We keep hearing today that you can't find the money," Republican Sen. Bill Van Gerpen said. "The money's there."

The bill faced a difficult path through the GOP-dominated Legislature, but it received support from both parties. The House hit the exact margin to approve the plan last week after the bill initially failed by a single vote.

Advocates celebrated the measure's success. Text messages and Facebook posts started pouring in from teachers across the state after the vote, said Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association, a professional organization with more than 5,000 members.

"This is a historic day for our students and our schools in South Dakota," she said.

The Latest: Bill sponsor asks lawmakers not to override veto

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The latest on a South Dakota proposal that would require transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth (all times local):

6:35 p.m.

The primary sponsor of legislation that would've required transgender students to use bathrooms matching their sex at birth says he's asking lawmakers not to override the governor's veto.

Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch said Tuesday that more focus on the issue would detract from the Legislature's other accomplishments this session.

Deutsch says the bill was meant to be a practical solution to "our evolving social values on gender issues." He says emotions on both sides of the issue dominated news coverage and the debate over it.

Deutsch says he still believes the bill was a good piece of legislation, but he says the national focus on South Dakota should be on the state's business environment and the excellent work being done in the state's schools.

When the legislation was approved, it received enough votes in the South Dakota House to override a veto, but not in the Senate.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard rejected the bill Tuesday afternoon.

6:05 p.m.

The Human Rights Commission says the voices of fairness and equality prevailed when South Dakota's governor vetoed a bill that would have required transgender students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms that matched their sex at birth.

The group's president, Chad Griffin, said Tuesday that students' rights and dignity prevailed against overwhelming odds and vicious opponents in the state Legislature.

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The American Civil Liberties Union says Gov. Dennis Daugaard made a symbolic statement when he vetoed the measure Tuesday. The group says it shows that South Dakota's transgender students are a valued part of the community.

Heather Smith, executive director of the ACLU of South Dakota, says people from across the state and country took time to reach out to the governor to urge this veto. She says that's the true testament of democracy.

5:30 p.m.

A transgender high school student in Sioux Falls says he's elated that Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed a bill that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms matching their sex at birth.

Thomas Lewis says he's had a lot of support at Lincoln High School. But he says Daugaard's veto means that such support now goes beyond his friends and extends to state government. The 18-year-old says, "the government's not going to hold me back from who I really am."

The Republican-controlled Legislature approved the proposal last month, with supporters saying it was meant to protect student privacy.

Daugaard vetoed the legislation Tuesday, saying the bill didn't address any pressing issue and that such decisions were best left to local school officials.

5:10 p.m.

South Dakota's governor has vetoed a bill that would have required transgender students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth.

South Dakota would have been the first state to take such a step. But Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard (DOO'-gard) rejected the bill Tuesday after the American Civil Liberties Union and the Human Rights Campaign joined transgender students and adults in calling the legislation discriminatory.

In his veto message, Daugaard wrote that the bill "does not address any pressing issue."

The Republican-controlled Legislature approved the proposal last month. Supporters said the measure was meant to protect student privacy.

Under the plan, schools would have been required to provide a "reasonable accommodation" for transgender students, such as a single-occupancy bathroom or the "controlled use" of a staff-designated restroom, locker room or shower room.

3:25 p.m.

The American Civil Liberties Union says it will encourage affected students to file civil rights complaints if South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signs a bill requiring transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth.

ACLU of South Dakota executive director Heather Smith says that if the bill is signed into law Tuesday, the organization would encourage any student harmed by the legislation to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Smith says the ACLU would represent any such students in their complaints.

Daugaard faces a Tuesday deadline to make a decision on the legislation, which was approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature last month.

Smith says a person or organization also could also file a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of such a law.

12:50 p.m.

A spokesman for South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the governor will sign or veto legislation regarding the use of school bathrooms by transgender students rather than letting the bill become law without his signature.

Daugaard said his decision would come Tuesday afternoon, but he didn't say how he plans to act on the

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bill when questioned as he left an event at the state Capitol rotunda.

His chief of staff, Tony Venhuizen, says the governor wouldn't choose the option of letting the legislation become law by not signing it.

Daugaard's deadline to either sign or veto the bill is Tuesday. The state's Republican-controlled Legislature approved the measure in February.

10 a.m.

South Dakota's governor faces a Tuesday deadline to make a decision about a bill that would require transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth.

Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard hasn't said what he plans to do with the proposal. If he signs the legislation, or allows it to take effect without his signature, South Dakota would become the first state in the nation with such a law.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Human Rights Campaign have condemned the legislation as discriminatory, but Republican supporters say it's meant to protect the privacy of students.

Under the legislation, schools would be required to make a "reasonable accommodation" for transgender students, such as single-occupancy bathroom.

The state's Republican-controlled Legislature approved the plan in February.

Contestants chosen for South Dakota's spelling bee

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Fifteen students have made the list of competitors who will try to represent South Dakota in a national spelling bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

The students who will participate in the state's spelling bee on March 19 hosted by the University of South Dakota were the top spellers at regional competitions that took place in Vermillion, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Mitchell and Rapid City.

Contestants will range from fourth through eighth grades. The winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee that will run from May 23 to 27 at the nation's capital.

The state's competition will be streamed live online at www.usd.edu/spellingbee.

Bryan to kick off Dykhouse Stadium with concert

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University's new Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium will make its debut with a concert ahead of its first football game.

School officials say Luke Bryan will perform at the stadium on Thursday, Sept. 8, two days before the Jackrabbits take the field in the new venue against Drake University. Bryan is the Country Music Association's and the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year in 2015.

The Jacks Bash kickoff celebration is a joint effort by SDSU and South Dakota based First Premier Bank and Premier Bankcard.

Students will get to purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$25 per seat. Season ticket holders can get tickets for \$75, and limited number of \$75 tickets for the general public will be offered.

Reservation hospital to lose Medicare, Medicaid money

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A government-run hospital on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota where federal health inspectors found serious deficiencies leading to people receiving substandard care — to the extent that the lives of emergency room patients were at risk — will no longer be able to bill the government for services provided to those eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services notified the administration of the 35-bed hospital on the Rosebud Indian Reservation on Tuesday that the funding cutoff will take effect March 16. The move, which comes after the November findings and a follow-up inspection in February that found remaining problems, is a blow to an already-underfunded facility operated by the federal Indian Health Service.

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Citing the "serious nature and circumstances of this involuntary termination," the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said in a letter addressed to Duane Marcellais, the acting administrator of the hospital, that if the facility wanted to re-enter the program it must provide "reasonable assurance of its capacity to maintain compliance with the Medicare requirements for certification."

An unannounced inspection of the Rosebud hospital in November found conditions so alarming the emergency room was shut down two weeks later. Inspectors determined the failures constituted an "immediate jeopardy" situation, a term used when a hospital's actions — or lack thereof — have caused or are likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment or death to a patient.

The inspectors found that records for a patient with a history of untreated tuberculosis didn't show that infection-control measures were put in place while the person was treated, and a different patient having a heart attack didn't receive treatment until 90 minutes after she arrived. A patient who insisted on walking to the bathroom on two occasions did so without nursing staff and ended up delivering a premature baby there.

IHS provides free health care to enrolled tribal members as part of the government's treaty obligations to Native American tribes. The agency historically has been severely underfunded and its facilities bill Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance for care given to patients who have that coverage. Statistics from a 2005 government study show that reimbursements at the time constituted between 7 and 58 percent of some hospitals' direct medical care budgets, with the average being 39 percent.

IHS said Tuesday it wants CMS to allow the hospital to enter into what constitutes a last-chance alternative to termination that would extend the proposed funding cutoff date and allow to hospital to make significant quality improvement changes.

"The agency is committed to making improvements to ensure the safe delivery of care for patients at Rosebud Hospital and to implement reforms to stabilize, strengthen and raise the overall quality of care in the IHS Great Plains Area," IHS said in a statement.

Representatives from CMS, IHS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe met Tuesday. O.J. Semans, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Health Board who attended the meeting, said the termination "is making IHS accountable for what we've been telling them for years."

"CMS is only telling them what we already told them for years," Semans said. "The service that we are being provided is heartbreaking. It is an atrocity that hasn't happened anywhere in the United States, except for Indian Country."

Sioux Falls building activity reaches a new all-time high

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — City officials in Sioux Falls say building activity reached a new all-time high in 2015, with \$676.3 million in construction permits issued.

Finance Director Tracy Turbak says the strong building activity contributed to a 5.9 percent growth in city sales taxes and an unemployment rate of 2.6 percent.

Turbak presented the preliminary 2015 year-end financial results to the Sioux Falls City Council on Tuesday. He says the city used a small portion of its reserves for the first time in five years. It budgeted for the use \$5.3 million in operating reserves but wound up using only \$2.5 million.

Turbak says the use of reserves allowed the city to open its 11th fire station and complete some needed building maintenance and renovations.

11th suspect in polygamous food stamp fraud case surrenders

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The final person indicted in a food stamp fraud scheme in the polygamous community on the Utah-Arizona border has surrendered.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah says Kimball Dee Barlow surrendered Tuesday and will make his first court appearance Wednesday in St. George, Utah.

Prosecutors say Barlow managed the communal storehouse where sect members took the products they bought using the food stamps so leaders could distribute it as they chose.

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Barlow's attorney could not immediately be reached for comment.

He is one of 11 people charged with fraud and money laundering.

Nine of the others, including Lyle Jeffs, have already pleaded not guilty to the charges. Lyle Jeffs runs the day-to-day operations for the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with his brother Warren Jeffs serving a life prison sentence.

South Dakota-based entomologist loses appeal to USDA

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has rejected an appeal by a federal scientist who said his research was repressed.

South Dakota-based entomologist Jonathan Lundgren filed an internal complaint against USDA in 2014, saying he'd been restricted from publishing and talking about his research on pesticides and pollinating insects.

USDA found the complaint without merit. Lundgren appealed, and Minnesota Public Radio reports (<http://bit.ly/1Qq4gEa>) that the appeal has been rejected.

Lundgren's attorney, Jeff Ruch, works for the group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, which is suing USDA over its scientific integrity policy.

USDA says it's committed to scientific integrity and did nothing wrong.

A separate whistleblower complaint that Lundgren filed against USDA is moving forward. That complaint is to a federal whistleblower protection board.

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. HILLARY CLINTON, DONALD TRUMP EMBOLDENED BY COMMANDING SUPER TUESDAY VICTORIES

Now the leading Democratic and Republican presidential candidates are setting their sights on the general election — and each other.

2. HOW THE ISLAMIC STATE GROUP IS TRYING TO WIDEN ITS FOOTPRINT IN PAKISTAN

The extremist group is trying to recruit students, doctors, lawyers, journalists and businessmen as it competes with the Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaida.

3. NASA ASTRONAUT SCOTT KELLY IS BACK ON EARTH AFTER HIS RECORD YEAR IN ORBIT

Along with Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko, the American spaceman ended a mission that was deemed a stepping stone to Mars.

4. U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON THE TOUGHEST SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA IN TWO DECADES

Approval by consensus is expected after the U.S. and China spent weeks negotiating the new sanctions in response to North Korea's latest nuclear test and rocket launch.

5. A DEPLETED U.S. SUPREME COURT TAKES UP ITS BIGGEST ABORTION CASE IN A QUARTER CENTURY

The justices consider a Texas law that regulates abortion clinics in the midst of a bitter presidential campaign and less than three weeks after Justice Antonin Scalia's death.

6. MACEDONIAN AUTHORITIES BRIEFLY OPEN BORDER WITH GREECE TO A TRICKLE REFUGEES

About 10,000 people remained camped at the crossing, awaiting their turn.

7. CHINA'S PRESIDENT XI JINPING POISED TO COLLECT NEW TITLE

There are growing expectations that Xi will be elevated to the position of "core" of the current generation of leaders - a sign of his overwhelming grasp on power but also his need to continue warding off potential challengers with the National People's Congress set to meet Saturday

8. KEIKO FUJIMORI CONFRONTS A LEGACY AND A CURSE IN HER SECOND TRY FOR PERU'S PRESIDENCY

The daughter of former hardline President Alberto Fujimori is striving to distinguish herself from his corrupt legacy without alienating his die-hard supporters.

9. MAN CHARGED IN SLAYING OF TWO VIRGINIA STUDENTS EXPECTED TO AVOID POSSIBLE DEATH

SENTENCE WITH PLEA

Jesse LeRoy Matthew Jr.'s plea is expected to end two remarkably similar murder cases that amplified concerns about campus safety.

10. MISSING ROVER AND WHISKERS? NEW TECH PRODUCTS HELP TRAVELING PET LOVERS KEEP IN TOUCH

A growing number of startups are selling devices that let your pets call you, play games and win treats when they are home alone.

NASA spaceman back from record year flight; gives thumbs up

MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut Scott Kelly returned to Earth on Wednesday after an unprecedented year in space for NASA, landing in barren Kazakhstan with a Russian cosmonaut who shared his whole space station journey.

Their Soyuz capsule parachuted onto the central Asian steppes and ended a science-rich mission at the International Space Station that began last March and was deemed a steppingstone to Mars.

It was a triumphant homecoming for Kelly and Mikhail Kornienko after 340 days in space. Kelly pumped his fist as he emerged from the capsule, then gave a thumbs-up. He smiled and chatted with his doctors and others as photographers crushed around him in the freezing cold.

"The air feels great out here," NASA spokesman at the scene, Rob Navias, quoted Kelly as saying. "I have no idea why you guys are all bundled up."

Clearly animated and looking well, he said he didn't feel much different than he did after his five-month station mission five years ago.

Kelly and Kornienko had checked out of the space station 3½ hours earlier. In total, they traveled 144 million miles through space, circled the world 5,440 times and experienced 10,880 orbital sunrises and sunsets during the longest single spaceflight by an American.

Kelly posted one last batch of sunrise photos Tuesday on Twitter, before quipping, "I gotta go!" His final tweet from orbit came several hours later: "The journey isn't over. Follow me as I rediscover # Earth!"

Piloting the Soyuz capsule home for Kelly, 52, and Kornienko, 55, was the much fresher and decade younger cosmonaut Sergey Volkov, whose space station stint lasted the typical six months.

The two yearlong spacemen faced a series of medical tests following touchdown. Before committing to even longer Mars missions, NASA wants to know the limits of the human body for a year, minus gravity.

As he relinquished command of the space station Monday, Kelly noted that he and Kornienko "have been up here for a really, really long time" and have been jokingly telling one another, "We did it!" and "We made it!"

"A year now seems longer than I thought it would be," Kelly confided a couple weeks ago.

Not quite a year — 340 days to be precise, based on the Russian launch and landing schedule. But still record-smashing for NASA.

Kelly's closest U.S. contender trails him by 125 days. Russia continues to rule, however, when it comes to long-duration spaceflight. The world record of 438 days was set by a Russian doctor during the mid-1990s.

"A really smart person said to me one time, 'Teamwork makes the dreamwork in spaceflight,' and spaceflight is the biggest team sport there is," Kelly said Monday. He acknowledged each of the 13 U.S., Russian, European and Japanese space fliers with whom he and Kornienko lived during the past year. "It's incredibly important that we all work together to make what is seemingly impossible, possible."

For NASA, that mission possible is Mars.

Scientists are hoping for more one-year subjects as NASA gears up for human expeditions to Mars in the 2030s. Radiation will be a top challenge, along with the body and mind's durability on what will be a 2½-year journey round trip. With his one-year mission, Kelly has "helped us take one giant leap toward putting boots on Mars," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said in a statement.

The choice of the pioneering Kelly turned out to be a bonanza. His identical twin, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, offered himself up as a medical guinea pig so researchers could study the differences between the

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genetic doubles, one in space and the other on the ground. They provided blood, saliva and urine samples, underwent ultrasounds and bone scans, got flu shots and more, all in the name of science.

"My brother @StationCDRKelly is back home on our planet! Talk about aliens. He's been off the planet for a year," Mark Kelly joked via Twitter.

Kelly and Kornienko were due to split up later Wednesday. Kelly heads to Houston with two flight surgeons and several other NASA reps, arriving late Wednesday night. That's where he'll be reunited with his two daughters, ages 21 and 12; his girlfriend, a NASA public affairs representative at Johnson Space Center; and his brother and his brother's wife, former Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

"Excited to welcome him back in Houston," Giffords tweeted.

Kornienko returns to his home in Star City, Russia, near Moscow, to his wife, daughter and toddler grandson.

Kelly has spent more time in space, altogether, than any other American: 520 days over the course of four missions. Realizing this is likely his last journey, it was "a little bittersweet" saying goodbye to his orbiting home. He'll have plenty of pictures, at least, for the scrapbook — he posted 1,000 dramatic, color-drenched pictures of Earth on his Twitter and Instagram accounts.

"What a ride he took us on!" fellow astronaut Reid Wiseman said in a tweet from Houston.

"Those of us who dream of sending astronauts to deep space thank Scott Kelly for his sacrifice," said Jim Green, director of planetary science for NASA, "and are thrilled to welcome him home."

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump cemented as 2016 leaders

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MIAMI (AP) — Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, emboldened by commanding victories Tuesday across large swaths of the country, are beginning to focus on each other in the race for the White House.

Clinton previewed a "love and kindness" message while Trump traded his typical rollicking rallies for a sober media conference where he pressed his case that Clinton is a proven failure as a longtime politician.

Both spoke from Florida, where the general election is often won or lost. That wasn't one of the dozen states that weighed in on a day known as Super Tuesday because it's the busiest of the 2016 primary season.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz won his home state, Oklahoma and Alaska, buttressing his out-of-the-gate win in the Iowa caucuses a month ago, while Florida Sen. Marco Rubio notched his first victory, in Minnesota.

"Our campaign is the only campaign that has beaten, that can beat, and that will beat Donald Trump," Cruz thundered to supporters gathered at the wood-paneled Redneck Country Club in Stafford, Texas.

Still, he'd been counting on more appeal in the Southern states and among evangelical Christian voters. Trump, who dubs his surging campaign the "Trump Train," has derailed those plans.

Rubio and the other Republicans still in the race, John Kasich and Ben Carson, struggled Tuesday to convey optimism even as they vowed to fight on.

Simple math reinforces a bind for the Republicans who reject Trump, as the brash billionaire businessman carried seven states and continues to barrel toward the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the GOP nomination.

Trump won at least 203 delegates Tuesday. Cruz collected at least 144 delegates and Rubio picked up at least 71. Overall, Trump leads with 285 delegates, Cruz has 161, Rubio has 87, Kasich has 25 and Carson has eight. It takes 1,237 delegates to win the GOP nomination.

Increasingly, leading Republicans talk of a contested convention in July as their best remaining option for stopping Trump, whose divisive rhetoric about immigrants and ethnic and religious groups has some fearing a GOP wipeout in November.

Like Cruz, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders was victorious in his home state.

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He also picked up victories in Oklahoma, Minnesota and Colorado, and he assured supporters he'd take his fight to "every one" of the remaining contests. With a staggering \$42 million raised in February alone, Sanders has the campaign cash to do just that — though Clinton is well on her way to the 2,383 delegates needed on the Democratic side.

Tuesday's results left little doubt as to the front-runners in the race.

Clinton collected wins in seven states, and Trump swept up victories in seven, including Virginia, another important general election battleground.

She is assured of winning at least 457 of the 865 delegates at stake Tuesday. Sanders will gain at least 286. When including party leaders, Clinton has at least 1,005 delegates and Sanders has at least 373.

Clinton held on to older voters and strongly prevailed among Hispanics and African-Americans, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks by Edison Research. Trump, a political newcomer, pulled in two-thirds of voters looking to install an outsider in the White House, while GOP voters seeking an experienced candidate were split between Rubio and Cruz, both first-term senators.

Speaking from his gold-flecked Mar-a-Lago resort, Trump asserted that his candidacy is a "movement" and that he is expanding the Republican Party even as many of its leaders have distanced themselves from him.

A moment after Trump professed to have good relationships with his party's elite, he issued a warning to House Speaker Paul Ryan, who had declared earlier Tuesday that "this party does not prey on people's prejudices." Trump said that if the two don't get along, Ryan is "going to have to pay a big price."

One way Trump claimed he would unify the party was by training his fire on Clinton.

He said she should be disqualified from even running for office because she broke from government protocol by using a private email server while she was secretary of state.

Clinton tried to turn Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan on its head, saying the country instead must be made "whole again."

"What we need in America today is more love and kindness," she said. "Instead of building walls, we're going to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity and empowerment."

Trump ridiculed her comments. "She's been there for so long," he said. "If she hasn't straightened it out by now, she's not going to straighten it out in the next four years."

Rubio said his supporters would never rally around Trump. He and Kasich showed little sign of relenting, especially with their home states of Florida and Ohio voting on March 15.

"We are so excited about what lies ahead for our campaign," Rubio said at his Tuesday night rally in Miami, his hometown. "You see, just five days ago we began to unmask the true nature of the front-runner in this race."

He portrayed his attacks on Trump as having an impact already, though that wasn't evident in Super Tuesday's results.

"Two weeks from tonight right here in Florida," Rubio said, "we are going to send a message loud and clear: The party of Lincoln and Reagan will never be held by a con artist."

Ohio school district welcomes students back after shootings

MADISON TOWNSHIP, Ohio (AP) — Classes are resuming in a southwest Ohio school district, two days after authorities say a 14-year-old boy shot students in a school cafeteria.

Madison Local Schools officials say staff members will ride on buses Wednesday morning and be outside the school complex to welcome students back.

Some 1,600 students from pre-K through grade 12 attend the schools just west of Middletown.

Crisis counselors will be on hand and extra staffers will join students for lunch in the cafeteria where the shootings occurred. Authorities say two students were shot on Monday and two others hurt, possibly by shrapnel or while running away.

Families were able to walk through the schools Tuesday evening.

The 14-year-old shooting suspect remains in juvenile detention after denying charges in a brief juvenile court hearing earlier Tuesday.

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Company to combine 6 dailies into 2 publications in Bay Area

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Six daily newspapers in the San Francisco Bay Area will be consolidated into two, one serving Oakland and the East Bay and the other Silicon Valley, the Bay Area News Group announced Tuesday.

In the East Bay, The Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune, The Daily Review and The Argus will become the new East Bay Times. In Silicon Valley, the San Jose Mercury News — the group's flagship publication — and the San Mateo County Times will become the Mercury News, said BANG's vice president for audience Dan Smith.

Subscribers in Oakland, Hayward and Fremont also will receive new community weeklies, Smith said.

Smith said the changes, starting April 5, were prompted by an extensive survey of subscribers.

"Our East Bay readers wanted more news about the East Bay and less news about Silicon Valley so, by focusing on two regional brands instead of a large group of newspapers trying to serve the Bay Area, we'll better achieve our mission," he said.

There will be a modest reduction in staffing, Smith said, adding that most would be connected to the newspapers production and a small number to the newsroom.

"All of our decisions are being guided by research," he said.

With the changes, the group aims to bolster regional news reporting in the East Bay, adding coverage of transportation, the environment and local business by placing new reporting and editing resources in its community news bureaus.

The news organization will also combine two of its websites — contracostatimes.com and insidebayarea.com — into an East Bay-focused site, eastbaytimes.com.

BANG also publishes the Santa Cruz Sentinel, the Marin Independent Journal, The Reporter in Vacaville and the Times-Herald in Vallejo.

The group has a daily combined circulation for print and digital subscribers of just under 400,000 on weekdays and 525,000 on Sundays.

TV host Erin Andrews says she'll never get over nude videos

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sportscaster and TV host Erin Andrews testified Tuesday that her career has thrived since a stalker took nude videos of her and posted them on the Internet, but she doesn't think she'll ever get over the emotional fallout.

Andrews has been on the witness stand for two days, often giving tearful testimony about the fear and suffering she has gone through as a result of the stalking and the videos.

She has filed a \$75 million lawsuit against her stalker and the owner and operator of the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt. The hotel is a franchise.

Jurors will have to determine whether the companies share some of the blame after stalker Michael David Barrett altered a peephole in her hotel room in September 2008 to shoot the secret video footage. They also will have to determine how much Andrews suffered emotionally as a result.

A defense attorney for the companies told Andrews that they both agreed she was a victim of a crime. But during cross-examination, attorney Marc Dedman asked her about her career success since she discovered in July 2009 that someone put the secretly shot videos of her online.

Andrews acknowledged that she has moved on to Fox Sports, making more money than she did at ESPN and is now hosting the show "Dancing With the Stars."

Dedman noted that, in addition, Andrews has endorsed Reebok, Degree antiperspirant, Florida orange juice and a slew of other companies, as well as appeared in a commercial for Victoria Secret — one where she was fully clothed — and worked the red carpet and hosted the CMT Awards.

"You have done very well in your career since 2009?" Dedman asked.

"Yes," Andrews replied.

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Andrews said she has thrown herself into her career just to feel normal but remains anxious and depressed. She also said it ripped her apart when some in the media thought the nude videos were part of a publicity stunt before Barrett was arrested.

Barrett was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison after he admitted to stalking Andrews in three different cities, altering hotel room peepholes and shooting nude videos of her in Nashville and Columbus, Ohio.

Barrett testified Monday, in a videotaped deposition, that he removed the hotel door peepholes and altered them so he could pull them out easily to place his cellphone up to the empty hole and shoot videos.

She also talked about her reluctance to date after the videos were posted and her relationship with boyfriend Jarret Stoll, a professional hockey player who plays for the Minnesota Wild.

"I feel sad because I think he would have loved the girl more who was there before this happened," Andrews said tearfully. "And I feel guilty about that."

She said to this day she remains on guard every time she stays in a hotel during her extensive business travels.

When she checks in, she immediately asks to change rooms in the hotel, she said. She said she refuses to let anyone inside the room, and sweeps it for cameras and "booby traps."

She said she is taunted daily about the videos, which are still online. She also testified that she fears that she will have children who will one day come home and say that other kids have seen the nude images.

The defense presented an ESPN executive, who testified via video that he did not notice any problems with her work after the discovery of the nude videos. In fact, Patrick Donaher, who was senior director of talent, planning and development for the network while Andrews was there, said she did a good job covering games and improved before she left for Fox in 2012.

Jurors must decide how Barrett came to be placed next to her room in the hotel. She maintains that the hotel honored a request of his to be put in an adjacent or adjoining room but never told her about it. The defense maintains that Barrett schemed his way into getting into the room.

Attorney General turns up the heat in public war with Apple

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The nation's top law officer called for dialogue with the tech industry, but also turned up the heat on Apple for refusing to help the FBI unlock an encrypted iPhone used by an extremist mass killer in San Bernardino.

"One risk is making this all about Apple when in reality it's about all of us," U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch told an audience at a major cybersecurity industry conference in San Francisco on Tuesday.

"We have to decide," she added. "Do we let one company, no matter how great a company, no matter how beautiful their devices — do we let one company decide this issue for all of us? Do we let one company say this is how investigations are going to be conducted?"

Lynch spoke as top officials of the FBI and Apple were testifying on the same topic before Congress. Meanwhile a courtroom collision is looming over Apple's challenge to a federal court order that the company says would make all iPhones vulnerable to hacking by government authorities and criminals alike.

During her speech at the annual RSA security conference, Lynch echoed comments earlier in the day by National Security Agency director Mike Rogers, who told attendees that the government wants to work collaboratively with the tech industry to fight extremists and malicious hackers.

But in an on-stage interview that followed her prepared remarks, Lynch reiterated the government's argument that it's only asking Apple for limited assistance, as it has in previous cases where the tech company has helped authorities obtain information from suspect's iPhones.

When asked if she saw any middle ground in the dispute, Lynch told Bloomberg News anchor Emily Chang, "For me, the middle ground is to divulge what the law requires." Lynch went on to compare the government's demand to a routine search warrant that allows police to enter a home and look for evidence of a crime.

Some legal experts dispute that characterization and argue that a U.S. magistrate's order in the San

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Bernardino case oversteps the government's authority. Apple's argument was echoed Monday by a different U.S. magistrate, who ruled in a New York case that the government had no legal justification for demanding Apple's help with a drug suspect's iPhone.

Lynch said she was disappointed by the New York ruling, which the government has said it will appeal. While the cases involve the same legal issues, the New York ruling is not binding in the San Bernardino case.

While Lynch's tone was conciliatory, her remarks showed the government isn't giving up in the battle to frame the debate and win over public support. Another Obama administration official, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, echoed some of Lynch's sentiments in a separate San Francisco speech Tuesday when he also called for government-industry cooperation on encryption issues.

But Carter warned against letting one case determine future policy and said a law hastily written in "anger or grief" would be the wrong approach.

Taking a jab at Apple's reputation for innovation, Lynch said she was surprised by its refusal to reconsider its position. "It's a great company," she said, adding that Apple's stance seemed to be "we're going to innovate, we're going to move forward, but in this one area we're done."

Lynch drew applause at the end of her speech, but her stance was not widely shared among other tech industry executives and computer security experts making presentations. Several previous speakers warned of the dangers of weakening encryption. And earlier in the day, a top Microsoft executive drew applause when he said his company will support Apple in the looming court battle.

Speaking at the same conference, Microsoft president Brad Smith argued that companies have an obligation to protect customer data against government overreach. He also cautioned that the balance between privacy and law enforcement concerns should be struck by Congress — "not by those of us who are unelected, but by people who are."

Smith criticized Lynch's Justice Department for attempting to use what he called an outdated law — one as old as the Constitution and last amended more than a century ago — in the San Bernardino case. Technology shouldn't be above the law, he said, but added that courts shouldn't be setting rules for "21st century technology" using laws "from the era of the adding machine."

Smith agreed with Lynch that the tech industry has a responsibility to help keep the public safe." After the extremist attacks in Paris, he said, Microsoft quickly provided information in response to lawful orders from authorities who were tracking shooting suspects who were then at large. "We do play our role as an industry," Smith said.

Will TV bills rise with channel choice? Canada to find out

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Can you save money if you pay only for the TV channels you watch?

The question will be put to a real-world test in Canada starting Tuesday.

TV executives in the U.S. and Canada have long argued that the best value for your money comes through packages of hundreds of channels. You might not want every football game or Korean drama, but you can usually find something to watch when you plop down on the couch. When everyone buys a big package of channels, the cost of each is spread thin. Your monthly cable bill reflects that lower per-channel cost, even if you watch just a few channels.

And though you might gripe about paying for all the channels you never watch, the price of each channel could rise a lot if fewer people chose to pay for each one individually. The industry has also resisted offering full choice because overall subscription and advertising revenue could decline. Some channels might not survive at all.

"We don't sell it alone right now because we generate more revenue by being in a larger package," ESPN President John Skipper said at the recent Code Media conference. Asked if the leading sports network would cost too much on its own given the rising cost of sports rights, he replied that was "just a hypothetical and ultimately, specious mathematical problem."

Today, there are more alternatives to traditional TV than ever. Millions of U.S. households have dropped big pay TV packages in the past few years and have turned to online services such as Netflix, Hulu and

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HBO Now.

The question is: Who will win and lose if every channel goes it alone?

The first step in Canada's government-mandated plan is partial. At first, pay TV providers only have to offer slimmed-down basic package for \$25, with theme packs like sports or entertainment channels as add-ons. Some U.S. cable and satellite companies are already starting to offer slimmer packages, such as Sling TV from Dish for \$20 a month.

Full channel choice, or a la carte, is due in Canada by the end of the year. In the U.S., you can only buy certain networks a la carte like HBO, Showtime and CBS, which are offered online. A U.S. regulatory push for an a la carte system died in 2007, but might be revived if the Canadian plan catches on.

"We will find out as this whole system rolls out, are you really going to pay less money? Or are you going to pay a hell of a lot more for (sports network) TSN than you thought?" says Lawson Hunter, a former Bell Canada executive who has criticized the unbundling plan.

Ali Yurukoglu, a Stanford economics professor, co-authored an a la carte simulation paper in 2011. In it, TV customers cut the number of channels they received in half, to about 20. But after the surviving channels renegotiated deals with cable operators, consumers had to pay twice as much for each channel. People ended up paying 2 percent more overall.

"Our predictions were that the average consumer would be no better and no worse off," he said.

Ahead of the Canadian rollout, major cable operator Rogers Communications began offering two sports add-ons — TSN and Sportsnet — at \$18 each, bringing a sports fan's bill to a minimum \$61 a month, not much below the \$66 a month for a similar sports-included package that has 230 more channels.

Unbundling might not be all bad, Rogers CEO Guy Laurence told analysts in January. Because people can pay less under a la carte, "we may see the return of some people who have left cable TV."

There have also been concerns that smaller, niche channels won't survive. Yurukoglu believes that won't matter much, because successful programs can migrate to the surviving channels.

A la carte might also make some channels stronger, by concentrating subscriber fees on the channels that consumers actually want, Yurukoglu says. For example, AMC, backer of the hit show "The Walking Dead," could do even better if fans of the show didn't have their monthly bills spread to less-popular channels.

AMC Networks Inc. CEO Josh Sapan told an investor conference in December his company is already preparing for that post-apocalyptic future.

"We will not only survive, but we may even thrive," he said.

Possible jurors called for trial between Hulk Hogan, Gawker

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Just before he was about to step into a Florida courtroom Tuesday morning, former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan issued a tweet to his 1.4 million followers.

"Time for the real main event! "I AM" going to slam another Giant! Hogan vrs Gawker! Watcha Gonna Do Gawker? Only Justice Brother HH."

The "main event" he was referring to? Not a wrestling smackdown, but a \$100 million legal battle with a popular news website over his privacy.

After years of wrangling, a legal fight is unfolding in a Florida courtroom between Hogan and the news and gossip website Gawker over a sex tape the celebrity made with the wife of radio personality Bubba the Love Sponge Clem.

The ex-wrestler, whose legal name is Terry Bollea, sued Gawker after it published parts of the video in 2012. The video was recorded in 2006. He says his privacy was violated, but Gawker says the publication was a legitimate scoop because Hogan had talked openly about his sex life before, in forums such as Howard Stern's radio show.

Hogan is seeking \$100 million from Gawker for posting the video of him and Heather Cole, the ex-wife of Clem, Hogan's one-time friend.

Hogan appeared in court wearing all-black, a cross necklace and a black bandanna.

Last year, Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Pamela Campbell ruled that Hogan could wear a plain bandanna

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in court, a far cry from his usually flashy gear in the ring and on TV.

Jury selection began Tuesday. Nearly 500 potential jurors were summoned; about 100 of those were told to return Wednesday.

Many of the prospective jurors weren't thrilled about the possibility of a weeklong case. Of the 114 who responded to a summons, all but 48 were dismissed by noon. Those who weren't dismissed were asked about their exposure to the story in the news media and whether they follow celebrity news.

In June, Gawker founder Nick Denton told The Associated Press that the fight for the right to publish the video was an important one, both for his news organization and the First Amendment. Denton said Gawker had the right to publish the edited video because Hogan talked in detail about his sex life before the video's release, which made the story newsworthy.

"I care about the readers having the right to know both sides of a story," he said. "Readers should also have the right to get the story behind the celebrity story."

It is still unknown how the video surfaced in the news media, although a Tampa Police report points to a former employee of Clem's as the possible culprit. The Hillsborough County State Attorney declined to press charges. Although the video was delivered to Gawker anonymously in 2012, other celebrity gossip sites had mentioned the video and at least one published photos.

Gawker posted a one-minute, 41-second clip from the full, 30-minute video.

The yearslong lead-up to the trial has been messy, with attorneys for Hogan accusing Gawker's lawyers of releasing confidential information from the video to the news media. Some of that information included Hogan making racist remarks. Hogan suffered swift backlash: World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. severed ties with him. In a statement, Hogan apologized for using "offensive language."

Gawker denied that its lawyers leaked the information and said that many people had copies of the video, along with the audio and the transcript.

Hogan, perhaps the biggest star in WWE's five-decade history, was the main draw for the first WrestleMania in 1985 and was a fixture for years in its signature event, facing everyone from Andre The Giant and Randy Savage to The Rock and even company chairman Vince McMahon.

He won six WWE championships and was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2005 by Sylvester Stallone.

Hogan also became a celebrity outside the base of his "Hulkamania" fans, appearing in numerous movies and television shows, including a reality show about his life on VH1, "Hogan Knows Best."

Stocks snap higher following encouraging signs on US economy

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks roared to their best day in more than a month Tuesday as investors hit the "buy" button following some encouraging signs of strength in the U.S. economy. Construction spending reached its highest level in eight years in January. Banks, the worst-performing sector of the market so far this year, led the way higher.

Stocks jumped at 10 a.m., when the Commerce Department reported that construction spending continued to rise in January. At the same time, a survey showed some signs of life in the beaten-down manufacturing sector. Those were good signs for the U.S. economy.

Banks rose the most, but big names in consumer and tech stocks also climbed, as did oil prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 348.58 points, or 2.1 percent, to 16,865.08. The Standard & Poor's 500 index surged 46.12 points, or 2.4 percent, to 1,978.35. That was the biggest gain for the S&P 500, a widely used benchmark, since late January.

The Nasdaq composite index, which is heavily weighted with technology companies, made its biggest gain since August, adding 131.65 points, or 2.9 percent, to 4,689.60.

Stocks have stumbled this year as investors feared for the health of the U.S. economy at the same time that China, Europe, and Japan are slowing or struggling. Tuesday's report showed construction spending rose by the most in eight months. A manufacturing index had its best reading in six months, though

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activity is still declining.

Bank of America picked up 67 cents, or 5.4 percent, to \$13.19 and JPMorgan Chase gained \$2.90, or 5.2 percent, to \$59.20, leading financial stocks higher. The S&P 500's financial component has slumped about 9 percent this year, worse than any other industry, as investors worry about loans banks have made to energy companies and low interest rates.

In recent months the strong dollar has hurt tech stocks, which do a lot of business outside the U.S., because it makes their products more expensive overseas and cuts into their revenue. Those stocks climbed Tuesday, with the biggest gains going to familiar names. Apple gained \$3.84, or 4 percent, to \$100.53. It had been more than a month since Apple stock closed above \$100. Alphabet, the parent of Google, rose \$24.95, or 3.5 percent, to \$742.17. Microsoft picked up \$1.70, or 3.3 percent, to \$52.58 and Facebook stock added \$2.90, or 2.7 percent, to \$109.82.

Karyn Cavanaugh, senior markets strategist for Voya Investment Management, said investors abandoned tech and bank stocks as the market slumped in January and February.

"They've just been beaten with a stick this year," she said. "Earnings have not been that bad and the companies' financials are not that bad."

Cavanaugh said investors are pleased with the construction and manufacturing reports, and relieved that the dollar and oil prices seem to have stabilized.

Agribusiness giant Monsanto gained \$2.50, or 2.8 percent, to \$92.49 and chemical maker DuPont rose \$2.07, or 3.4 percent, to \$62.94. Among consumer stocks, Amazon rose \$26.52, or 4.8 percent, to \$579.04 and Netflix gained \$4.89, or 5.2 percent, to \$98.30.

Most automakers reported big gains in their February U.S. sales. Ford climbed 58 cents, or 4.6 percent, to \$13.09 after its sales rose almost 20 percent, a better gain than analysts expected. Honda, Fiat Chrysler and Nissan also reported big improvements. GM's sales fell as it tries to shift its business away from rental sales, but its stock gained 57 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$30.01.

Auto parts supplier BorgWarner rose \$1.48, or 4.6 percent, to \$34.16, and navigation device maker Garmin added 93 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$41.44.

Hertz climbed after the company said it cut costs and improved the management of its rental fleet. The stock, which has been trading at its lowest since 2009, jumped \$1.04, or 12.2 percent, to \$9.54.

Clothing, handbag and accessories maker Kate Spade gained \$2.17, or 10.9 percent, to \$21.99 after it gave a strong profit forecast for 2016. Human resources software company Workday reported a smaller loss and better-than-expected sales. The stock rose \$11.29, or 18.7 percent, to \$71.74.

Medical device maker Medtronic gave up \$3.21, or 4.1 percent, to \$74.18 after its sales fell short of analysts' projections.

Industrial conglomerate Honeywell said it's giving up on its effort to buy rival United Technologies. It had offered to buy United Technologies for \$108 per share, or about \$90 billion, and Honeywell said its target wasn't willing to negotiate a deal. United Technologies, which was one of the best Dow performers in February, slumped \$1.57, or 1.6 percent, to \$95.05. Honeywell rebounded \$4.52, or 4.5 percent, to \$105.87.

Oil prices also moved higher. U.S. crude rose 65 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$34.40 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oils, rose 24 cents to \$36.81 a barrel in London. Natural gas, which closed at a 17-year low on Monday, climbed 3 cents to \$1.74 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Overseas markets rose after China's move to support bank lending helped offset concern over a drop in manufacturing in the world's second-largest economy. Germany's DAX climbed 2.3 percent and France's CAC-40 added 1.2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.9 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 1.5 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 added 0.4 percent.

The euro fell to \$1.0868 from \$1.0884 late Monday and the dollar rose to 114.05 yen from 112.82 yen.

The price of gold slipped \$3.60 to \$1,230.80 an ounce and silver decreased 16 cents to \$14.76 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to \$2.15 a pound.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline fell 2 cents to \$1.31 a gallon. Heating oil rose less than 1 cent to \$1.10 a gallon.