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## Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

Birthdays: Dwight Strom, Gail Schinkel, Michelle Walter  
7:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunrise Service with Breakfast by League  
7:30am: St. John's Lutheran Easter Breakfast  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
3:00pm: HBM Easter Worship at Golden Living Center

## Monday, March 28

NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK

**Senior Menu:** Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread

**Anniv:** Gail & John Zeck

**Birthdays:** Craig Dunker, David Johnston, John Wheeting, Lana Jondahl, Neil Warrington, Riley Thurston, Bennett Suther

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: Dollar General hearing at Community Center

Tuesday, March 29

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, broccoli, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread

**Not sure where to go for Easter service? How about coming to Pierpont for our 10 a.m. worship?! It is a special day! For as the angel said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!"**

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The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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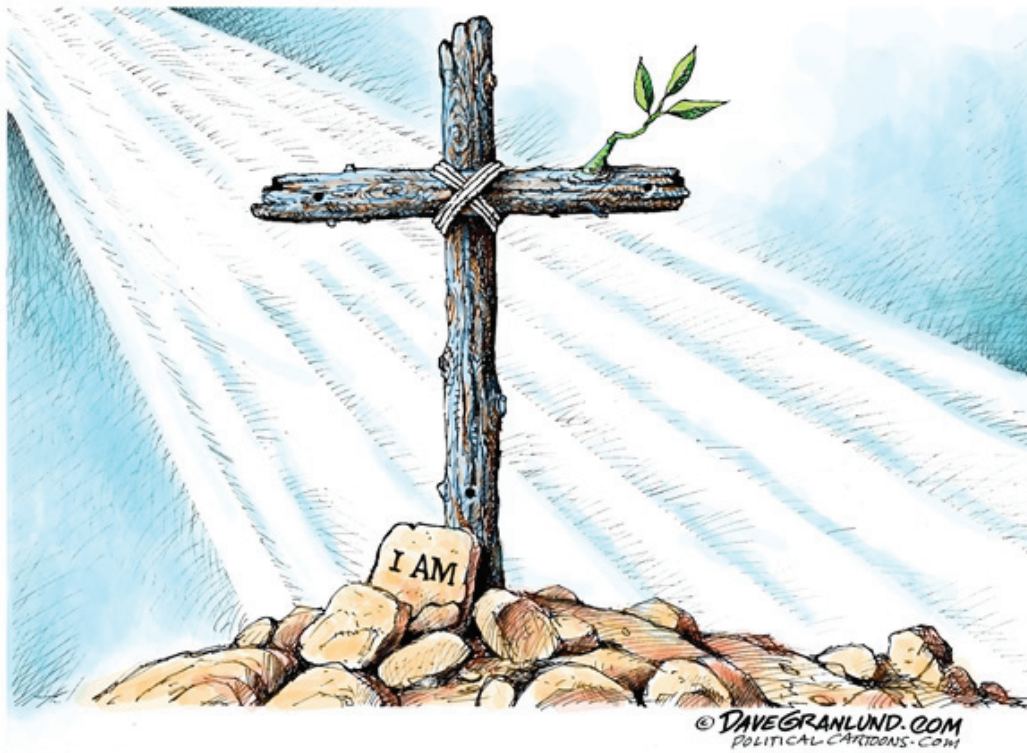


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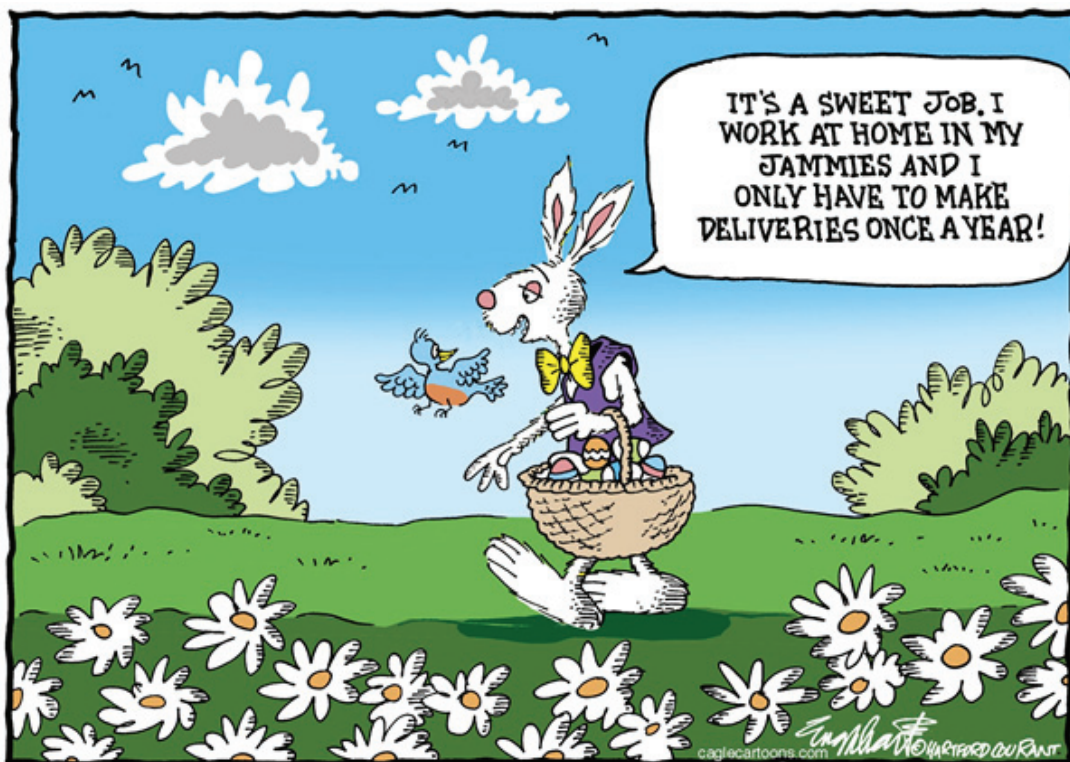
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## Researchers to Study Human Impact on Missouri River

VERMILLION, S.D. -- A new \$323,000, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation will help budding scientists from tribes and different backgrounds examine how human intervention affects the nearby Missouri River and its dependent ecosystems.

The 59-mile stretch of river that runs just south of the University of South Dakota and city of Vermillion is federally designated as the Missouri National Recreational River. This free-flowing section of one of the longest rivers in the world is home to a variety of plant and animal species and serves as a popular location for anglers and boaters. The un-channelized and undammed part of the "Mighty Mo" also represents an ideal spot for researchers to examine the impact of invasive activities on the river.

Funded through the NSF's Research Experience for Undergraduates program, the Sustainable Remediating InVasives to Encourage Resilience (RIVER) project will bring 10 undergraduate students annually to USD to perform research under the direction of a faculty member. Principal investigator Meghann Jarchow, Ph.D., said invasive elements range from non-native tree and fish species to agrochemical contamination of the river.

"Since numerous factors affect the river, it makes sense to approach efforts to maintain its sustainability from a multidisciplinary perspective," said Jarchow, who is also an assistant professor of biology and coordinator of the sustainability program at USD. "This program has an explicit focus on training interdisciplinary scientists. Increasingly, scientists will have to be good at working in teams with people from different disciplines and be more comfortable with issues related to diversity and inclusive excellence."

Beginning next fall, undergraduate students will apply to the program. Those chosen will spend 10 weeks of summer 2017 working on individual research projects with faculty who are members of USD's Missouri River Institute. The institute develops and promotes research, education and public awareness of the natural and cultural resources of the Missouri River Basin.

Students will also travel as a group to various locations on the river and collaborate on a final project, which will both disseminate their individual and collective research and make recommendations to the public on river management issues.

Jarchow said she plans to recruit students who bring unique cultural and life experiences to the place-based nature of this project. She is collaborating with two tribal colleges located along the Missouri River -- the Nebraska Indian Community College and the Nueta, Hidatsa and Sahnish College -- to gain participation by Native American students in the region. She also aims to recruit sustainability majors from colleges and universities across the country.

Research projects will range from studying the effects of invasive tree and fish species on Missouri River food webs to the ethno-historical relationship among American Indian tribes and the Missouri River ecosystem. USD faculty from anthropology, biology, Earth science and sustainability will serve as mentors.

"My goal is to model a process where students gain depth of knowledge in their individual topics but also integrate with other people to get a better sense of the broader system," Jarchow said. "If we are training future scientists, we need to train them beyond just how to do the scientific method."



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## Planning Your Trip to Washington, D.C.

For more than 100 years, people from all over the world have been visiting Washington, D.C., during the spring to catch a glimpse of the cherry blossom trees lining the National Mall and Tidal Basin along the Potomac River. The Japanese cherry trees, a gift to the city of Washington from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo in 1912, are to represent the strong relationship between Japan and the United States. The official National Cherry Blossom Festival began in 1927 and has expanded over the years. The nearly five-week-long event now brings more than 1.5 million people to our nation's capital annually.

Many South Dakotans visit Washington, D.C., to see the cherry blossoms each year. Whether you're visiting on business, vacationing with your family or you're on a school trip, spring is a great time to take in all the historic landmarks and cultural institutions our vibrant capital city has to offer. My D.C. office staff is happy to help arrange tours for you at some of Washington's most iconic sites.

Members of my staff offer private tours of the U.S. Capitol building to visitors from South Dakota. We can also help line up tours for you at the White House, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Department of the Treasury, the Washington Monument and many more attractions. For a full list of monuments and museums, or to submit a tour request, visit the tour page on my website at [www.rounds.senate.gov](http://www.rounds.senate.gov). You can also call my office at (202) 224-5842 and ask to speak to my tour coordinator. Keep in mind that while some tours require no reservations, others require reservations months in advance, so it is best to plan ahead.

One of the great parts about visiting Washington, D.C., is that most of the museums and all of the national monuments are free. Additionally, many of the sites are within walking distance of each other, and are easily accessed by several different metro stations and bus stops. My office can help supply you with metro maps and maps of the National Mall in advance to help you plan your visit.

If you are in Washington, D.C., during the workweek, you are invited to attend our South Dakota delegation coffee events. Sen. John Thune, Rep. Kristi Noem and I hold a "South Dakota Sunrise Coffee" on most Wednesday mornings when the House and Senate are in session to meet with visiting South Dakotans and answer your questions about our work in D.C. It usually takes place in one of the Senate Office Buildings located next to the U.S. Capitol. All South Dakotans are welcome, but you will need to RSVP ahead of time so we know how much coffee and pastries to bring. You can RSVP on my website under the page entitled "South Dakota Sunrise Coffee."

While springtime in D.C. is a great time to plan your trip to the nation's capital, the historical sites are open year round. With so much to see and so much history to take in, I hope all South Dakotans consider a trip to our nation's capital. Don't forget to reach out for help planning tours, and be sure to stop by our office in Suite 502 of the Hart Senate Office Building while you're there!

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## **Pump Prices Hopping Upward as Americans Celebrate Easter and Late Spring Breaks** **Motorists will still find the cheapest Easter price for gasoline since 2004**

The national average price for a gallon of gasoline tipped over \$2 for the first time in 2016 to \$2.01 per gallon. South Dakota's average price is \$2.014 today, 29 cents above the price one month ago. Although pump prices are inching upward ahead of the convergence of holy days and holidays, consumers will pay the cheapest price for gasoline at Easter in a dozen years, according to AAA South Dakota.

"Americans tend to travel more this time of year. In addition to celebrating Good Friday and Easter, many families also are taking road trips for spring break, if they haven't already," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "As they hit the road, they will still pay the cheapest prices for gasoline for this time of year since 2004. The recent uptick in the average retail price of gasoline can be attributed in part to another rite of spring: the seasonal switchover from winter-grade to summer grade gasoline."

Americans will spend \$17.3 billion on Easter, the highest level in the 13 year history of the annual Easter Spending Survey by the National Retail Federation (NRF). That \$17 billion figure doesn't include the nearly \$800 million consumers will spend per day on gasoline and other motor fuel purchases in the days leading up to Easter Sunday. Americans were paying \$3.64 a gallon ahead of Easter in 2014. Four years ago pump prices were heading toward \$4 a gallon at Easter in many parts of the country. South Dakota's price average on March 24, 2012 stood at \$3.76 per gallon.

For most of the week, energy analysts and retail gas watchers including AAA and OPIS have been forecasting that U.S. pump prices were poised to hit the \$2 per gallon mark. "Over the past month, retail prices have climbed an average of a penny per day, climbing from \$1.70 per gallon to within a penny of \$2 per gallon," as of Wednesday, according to OPIS.

Motorists in 18 states and the District of Columbia are already paying \$2 and above for a gallon of regular gasoline. Gasoline demand remains robust nationwide, as does the demand for diesel fuel.



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## Findings report to be given March 29th

Representatives from Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson, Inc. will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM in the Groton Area High School computer lab to share the findings of their Values Definition and Educational Adequacy studies completed as part of the Groton Area School Board's long-range planning commitment. All members of the public are invited to attend.

City of Columbia has opening for city finance officer and city maintenance worker. Call at 396-2655 apply before April 4th application deadline.

Come and go bridal shower for Sarah Geary, bride-to-be of Sam Thorson, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and at Target.

The Livestream logo features a red and white stylized 'L' icon to the left of the word 'livestream' in a lowercase, sans-serif font.The Dollar General logo consists of the words 'DOLLAR GENERAL' in a bold, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered within a yellow rounded rectangular background.

**Special Exception Hearing**  
**Monday, March 28th, 7 p.m.**  
**Groton Community Center**  
If you can't make it to the hearing, watch it live on

**gdilive.com**



## Inscribing a Legacy

It was 1942 – less than a year after Pearl Harbor and months after America officially entered World War II. Tens of thousands of men had left their families to serve their country. Millions more were standing at the ready to do the same. And still, the United States faced a severe shortage of military pilots. As businesses and factories had already done, the Army turned to women.

Throughout our military's history, women have filled critical roles – even if they haven't always been recognized for it. In the American Revolution, women were nurses and cooks. In the Civil War, women like Frances Clalin – a mother of 3 who enlisted in the Union Army as Jack Williams – disguised themselves as men just to have the opportunity to serve in this way.

By World War I, tens of thousands of women had joined the military in various roles, serving as nurses, telephone operators, stenographers, and clerks. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, every branch of the military created additional roles for women. More than a quarter-million women stepped up to serve, including more than 1,000 young female aviators who came to be called the "Women Airforce Service Pilots," or WASP.

The women in WASP, who logged around 60 million miles of flying, transported cargo. They tested overhauled planes and flew new aircraft from the factory to a military base. They often towed targets to help gunners in the air and on the ground train – with live ammunition, mind you. 38 of these women lost their lives during such missions.

Still, women from across the country volunteered for service. Around a half-dozen South Dakotans served in the WASPs, including Ola Mildred Rexroat, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota who was the only Native American to serve in the group.

What's more, women offered up everything they had to be part of WASP. While male pilots would be trained once they joined the military, women had to have their pilot's license before applying to join WASP, which cost about \$500 – a significant amount of money at that time.

Many of the women hoped they would be absorbed into the military after the war, but instead, the program was disbanded. The women were dismissed from their bases with no ceremony or fanfare, in many cases. Because WASPs were considered civil service employees, the fallen women received no military honors or benefits. In fact, it took 32 years after the end of World War II for WASPs to finally receive full military status, meaning they could use VA hospitals and had the right to be buried with a flag, among other things. Thirty-three years after that, 300 of these women gathered in Washington, D.C., to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

Earlier this month, the House passed H.R.4336, which I helped sponsor, to grant WASP members a place in Arlington National Cemetery. Should this legislation be made law, it would not only offer our nation's appreciation for the women's service, but inscribe their lasting legacy into this sacred ground.

We owe everyone who has served and sacrificed in service to our country a great deal of gratitude. While there is certainly more that should be done on all fronts to ensure veterans receive the care, respect, and dignity they have earned, the WASP legislation rightly recognizes the courageous actions of a few good women. I am humbled to have been a part of its passage.

To all those who have served, thank you.



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## Today in Weather History

March 27, 1993: Rain and a rapid snowmelt caused the Big Sioux and Vermillion Rivers to rise to 1 to 8 feet above flood stage March 26th through March 31st, 1993. The worst of the flooding occurred in far southeast South Dakota where large areas of farmland were under water. The floodwaters closed at least 4 state highways in southeast South Dakota and blocked dozens of smaller roads in the east. Large chunks of ice on the Big Sioux led to many temporary ice jams. The ice jams took out fences and washed out roads. In some areas, the ice had to be pushed off of the roads with tractors.

1890: The middle Mississippi Valley saw a major tornado outbreak on this day with 24, estimated F2 or greater tornadoes impacting the area. At least 146 people were killed by tornadoes. The most notable of the tornadoes was an estimated F4 that carved a path from the Parkland neighborhood to Crescent Hill in Louisville, Kentucky. This tornado destroyed 766 buildings and killed an estimated 76 to 120 people. Most of the deaths occurred when the Falls City Hall collapsed. Click [HERE](#) for more information from The Filson Historical Society.

1931: A blizzard struck western Kansas and adjoining states was called the "worst since January 1888". Twenty children, ages seven to fourteen, were stranded in a makeshift school bus for 33 hours during this blizzard.

1946: Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada thawed out as the mercury soared to 74 degrees, their warmest March temperature on record.

1950 - A three day snowstorm in the High Plains Region finally came to an end. The storm produced 34 inches of snow in 24 hours at Dumont, located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and a total of 50 inches. (David Ludlum)

1984 - The temperature at Brownsville, TX, soared to 106 degrees, and Cotulla, TX, reached 108 degrees, equalling the March record for the U.S. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - The second blizzard in less than a week hit eastern Colorado and western Kansas. Snowfall totals ranged up to 24 inches at San Isabel CO. Winds gusted to 50 mph at Goodland KS. The high winds piled snow into massive drifts, closing roads for days and killing thousands of cattle. Snow drifts thirty feet high were reported in northwest Kansas. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Temperatures rose quickly, then dropped just as rapidly, in the central U.S. Eight cities reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 80s. In southeastern Colorado, the temperature at Lamar CO reached 91 degrees. Strong southerly winds gusted to 63 mph at Gage OK. Strong northwesterly winds, gusting to 61 mph at Goodland KS, then proceeded to usher much colder air into the area. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central U.S. Two tornadoes were reported, and there were 77 other reports of large hail and damaging winds. Baseball size hail was reported at Willow OK and Bartlesville OK. Twenty-six cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date, including Yankton SD with a reading of 84 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1990 - Temperatures dipped into the teens and single numbers in the northeastern U.S. Scranton PA tied their record for the date with a morning low of 18 degrees. Temperatures warmed into the 60s and lower 70s in the Pacific Northwest. The afternoon high of 65 degrees at Astoria OR equalled their record for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1994: The Southeastern Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak occurred on this date. What began as a peaceful Palm Sunday quickly changed to a historic day in weather history when a powerful tornado ripped through southern Alabama and Georgia. By the time the storm was over, 22 people were dead and 92 were injured. The F4 tornado cut a 50-mile path from Ragland in St. Clair, County Alabama to the Georgia line. The storm touched down near Ragland at 10:51 am. The storm struck Ohatchee then roared across northeastern Calhoun County, passing near Piedmont and hitting Goshen in Cherokee County. The most disastrous damage occurred at Goshen, where the twister struck the Goshen United Methodist Church at 11:37am. 20 people were killed at the church, which did not hear the tornado warning issued 10 minutes earlier by the National Weather Service in Birmingham. A tornado watch had been issued at 9:30 am. Following the tornadoes, Vice President Al Gore pledged to extend NOAA Weatheradio coverage into the areas affected by the twisters, which had previously been unable to receive the alarm signals.



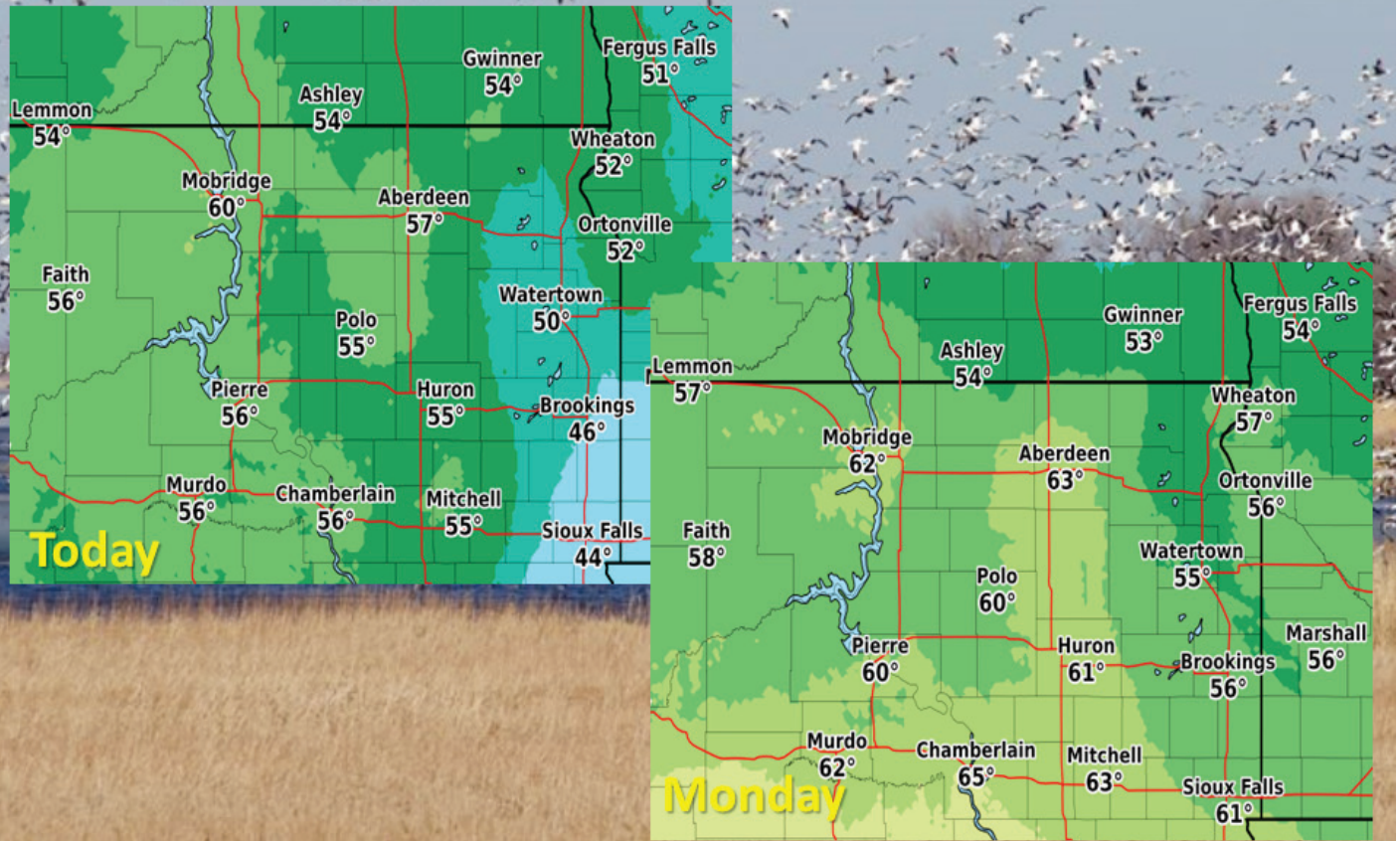
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Increasing Clouds	Partly Sunny then Chance Rain	Rain Likely	Rain Likely and Breezy
High: 56 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 61 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 45 °F



## Sunny - Dry & Mild - Today & Monday



Published on: 03/27/2016 at 5:34AM

Moisture remains stalled between eastern into south central South Dakota which will generate some light snow this morning. another weak wave will move across the region this afternoon and evening - helping to generate more widespread snow along the I29 corridor south of Watertown.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 39.1 at 5:20 PM

**Low:** 22.0 at 8:11 AM

**High Gust:** 24 at 1:19 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 83° in 1946

**Record Low:** -12 in 1913

**Average High:** 46°F

**Average Low:** 24°F

**Average Precip in March.:** 0.97

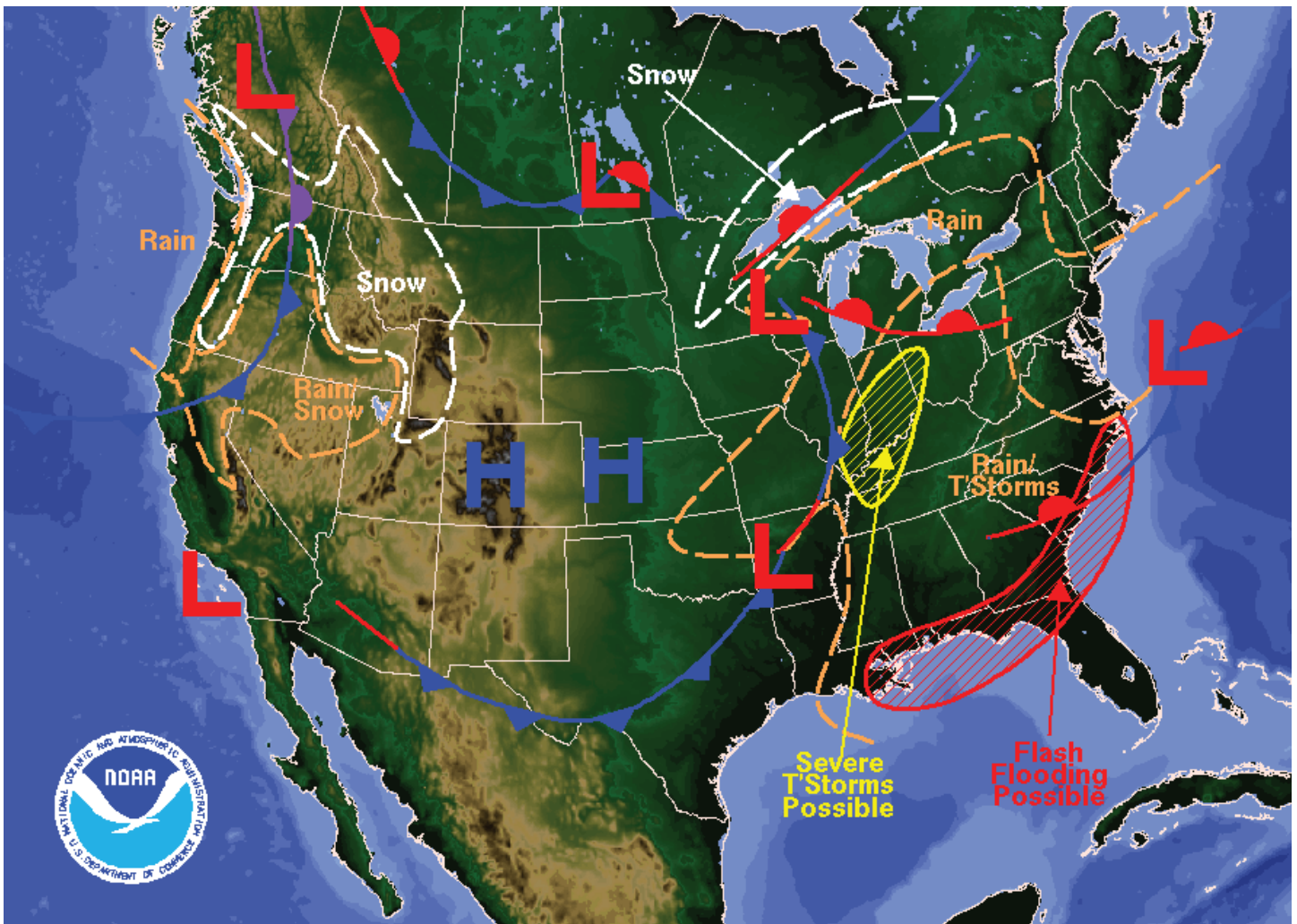
**Precip to date in March.:** 0.35

**Average Precip to date:** 1.99

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.95

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:56 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Mar 27, 2016, issued 5:00 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts





## THE RESURRECTION

Lo, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it; his appearance was as lightening and his clothes were as white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became as dead men.

And the angel said to the women, "Be not afraid I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Why seek the living among the dead? Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful man and be crucified and on the third day rise again.' Come now and see that place where He lay. (Then they remembered His words.)"

"Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goes before you into Galilee. There, you will see Him as He told you."

Some went away with fear and trembling and said nothing because they were afraid. Others went away quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

Prayer: Father, how grateful we are for Your victory over death and the assurance of eternal life with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scriptures for Today: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24

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News from the  Associated Press

## Augustana wins Div II title, beating Lincoln Memorial 90-81

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Daniel Jansen thought briefly that his senior season at Augustana would end three days too early.

But on Saturday, Jansen scored 25 points and added nine rebounds to lead the South Dakota school to the NCAA Division II championship, 90-81 over top-ranked Lincoln Memorial of Tennessee.

Jansen had injured his left foot in practice Tuesday, a day before the Vikings began play in the Elite Eight. In Wednesday's quarterfinals, he watched from the bench as Tarleton State led by eight points at halftime before the Vikings rallied to win.

"I still go back to our win over Tarleton State without Dan," Augustana coach Tom Billeter said. "That's unbelievable. Take the (National Association of Basketball Coaches) Player of the Year off any team and have that team step up, that was a huge, huge win for us."

Jansen didn't start but played 17 minutes in Thursday's semifinal victory over Western Oregon. He played all but 4 minutes against Lincoln Memorial.

After Augustana built a 14-point lead at 62-48. LMU's Emanuel Terry scored seven points to cut the lead to five at 64-59.

Then Jansen made two free throws and a three-point play. Terry left with his fourth foul with 10:26 remaining, allowing Schilling and Jansen to dominate inside.

"They were hitting shots. I think that's the difference between this team and last year's team," Jansen said. "If we let a team go on a run, we'd just crack and falter. This year really showed our maturity as a team. They threw their punch, and now it's our turn to throw our punch."

The Vikings (34-2) won their first national title by outrebounding Lincoln Memorial 42-36 and making 21 of 27 free throws. LMU (34-3) was only 9 for 18 from the line, and the 6-foot-9 Terry and 6-5 Dorian Pinson fouled out.

Alex Richter scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half. He made all four 3-point attempts, two in each half.

"They gave me some good looks," Richter said. "My first 3 was wide open in transition. I was a little surprised to be that open."

Casey Schilling added 20 points and 19 rebounds. He scored eight points early in the second half to help second-seeded Augustana take an eight-point lead after Lincoln Memorial pulled to 45-43.

Gerel Simmons led Lincoln Memorial with 21 points. Terry and Jalen Steele had 15 each, and Pinson finished with 13.

Augustana won its 15th straight game.

TIP-INS

Augustana: Schilling finished with 15 or more points and 15 or more rebounds for the seventh time in his career. . The Vikings took a 15-point halftime lead and used all 14 players on their roster in their 74-55 semifinal victory. ... This was the second time in the 60-year history of Division II championships that the top two seeds met for the title. No. 1 Old Dominion beat New Orleans 76-74 in 1975. . Jansen, Schilling and Richter are seniors. Levi Jansen, Daniel's younger brother, will be a freshman for the Vikings next season.

Lincoln Memorial: The Railsplitters' loss ended a 24-game winning streak, including a 103-102 semifinal win over West Liberty on Thursday. Simmons and Steele are LMU's only senior starters. ... No. 1 seeds are 9-6 in Division II championship games

## Syracuse, Tennessee women set for improbable regional final

ERIC OLSON, AP Sports Writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Syracuse has made it to the women's Elite Eight for the first time. Tennessee has reached a regional final for the fifth time in six years after a surprising run that followed — by the Lady Vols' daunting standards — a horrid season.



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This improbable matchup Sunday — No. 4 seed Syracuse vs. No. 7 seed Tennessee — will send the winner to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

"Basketball is a tournament sport. That's what we've been teaching," Tennessee coach Holly Warlick said Saturday. "We're in the Elite Eight and we have 13 losses. We split our season up in three seasons. It's the regular season, the SEC, now the NCAA Tournament. Whether you win all your games or lose, when you get into the tournament, it's a clean slate. It's tournament time and anything can happen."

Syracuse (28-7) posted its biggest win in program history when it came back from a 13-point deficit to upset No. 1 seed South Carolina 80-72 on Friday. Tennessee (22-13) followed its victory at No. 2 Arizona State a week ago with a 78-62 romp over No. 3 Ohio State.

Whoever wins in Sioux Falls will face the winner of the regional in Lexington, Kentucky, where No. 7 seed Washington beat No. 3 Kentucky and No. 4 Stanford shocked No. 1 Notre Dame.

"They're always preaching parity. I think it's getting a little closer," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said. "You have UConn who is a very good basketball team. South Carolina is a dominant basketball team. So is Notre Dame. You look at those teams, two of those teams losing, it does say a lot about the game and where the game is going."

Syracuse and Tennessee will play for the second time this season. The Lady Vols won the first-ever meeting 57-55 in Knoxville on Nov. 20 in a game Warlick said she scheduled because she wanted her team to face a 2-3 matchup zone defense.

"We thought we may see it down the road," she said, "so we are."

The Lady Vols held Syracuse to 32-percent shooting and capitalized on their size advantage, with the 6-foot-2 Bashaara Graves scoring 16 points and the 6-6 Mercedes Russell adding 13.

"I think the experience from that game and playing other big games we played in our league has been big for us," Hillsman said. "Hopefully we can play better in this game."

Some things to know:

**IN THE ZONE:** Hillsman was an adherent to full-court, man-to-man pressure defense when he arrived at Syracuse 10 years ago. His first Orange team had injury problems, though, and he wanted to keep his best player out of foul trouble. He took note of the signature zone played by the men's team coached by Jim Boeheim and became a believer.

"When you look out of your window, you see all those banners, and none of them are yours — and all are men's basketball and coach Boeheim — it makes you start to peek downstairs when they're in practice," Hillsman said.

Hillsman added, "He totally converted me."

**NOT SO SHARPSHOOTER:** Syracuse's Brianna Butler, the active NCAA career leader in 3-point field goals, was 2 for 13 in the November meeting. It was her second-worst game of the season when attempting at least 10 3s. "I would just say it was a pretty off-shooting night," Butler said. "With Syracuse, it doesn't really depend on one player. You can have any person come in and step up huge for us."

**INJURY UPDATE:** Tennessee starting guard Jordan Reynolds' status was uncertain. She didn't play the second half against Ohio State after taking a shot to the face. Two other players, Graves (hand) and Diamond DeShields (leg), said they were fine. Syracuse reported no injuries.

**LOTS OF HISTORY:** Tennessee will be playing in its 150th NCAA Tournament game, most of any school, and will be trying to reach the Final Four for the 19th time. The Lady Vols haven't made it that far since 2008, when they won the most recent of their eight championships.

**BIGS WILL BE BIG:** The game probably will be decided in the post. Syracuse's 6-4 Briana Day and others will have to deal with Russell and Graves, who combined for 39 points and 24 rebounds against Ohio State.

"We're just going to do what we do, follow our game plan, play our scheme, just play hard," Day said. "I mean, it's difficult for them and us because they have good players and we have good players. I don't see much of a difficult thing there."

## Wisconsin-based 'Cheesehead Revolution' challenged by Trump

SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A trio of Wisconsin Republicans looking to inject the party with their own youthful, aggressive brand of conservatism ushered in the "Cheesehead Revolution." Their aim was to position the GOP for success in the 2016 presidential election.

Then came Donald Trump.

With the anti-Trump movement in full swing even as Trump solidifies his front-runner status in the presidential race, the focus turns to the April 5 primary in the home state of those three heavyweights: House Speaker Paul Ryan, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus and Gov. Scott Walker.

They are trying to chart a course in the face of a revolt over Trump's rise and what it means for the future of the Republican Party — and for each of them individually.

"The great plans came off the tracks with the presence of Donald Trump, both in terms of where the party would be and presidential ambitions," said Democratic Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, who ran against Walker twice and lost both times. "Donald Trump changed everything."

The "Cheesehead Revolution," as Walker and Priebus dubbed it, began in 2011. With Ryan rising in the House, Walker a new governor, and Priebus taking over the party apparatus, the trio then represented what looked to be a unified party in a swing state that could become a GOP stronghold in presidential races to come.

But in 2012, Mitt Romney lost to incumbent Barack Obama, with Ryan as his running mate. Priebus tried to steer the party in a more inclusive direction.

In 2013, he issued the "Growth and Opportunity Project," aimed toward an immigration overhaul and outreach to minorities, and driven by the recognition that Hispanics in particular were rising as a proportion of the population.

Now that tract is known as an autopsy report.

The recommendations put Priebus at odds with more conservative Republicans. And now, two of the three remaining presidential candidates, Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, have built their campaigns not on trying to broaden the party by reaching out to Hispanics and minorities, but by appealing to evangelicals and more conservative white voters.

Priebus's report "has been haunting the Republican Party" ever since its release, said Steve King, an Iowa Republican congressman who backs Cruz.

"It's awfully hard to recover from something like that," King said.

Trump launched his campaign by calling Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals. He's made a border wall a cornerstone of his platform. Those positions have torn at the party's core, contributing to efforts to stop him.

Priebus puts the best face on the chaotic campaign. He says his party is large enough to handle a variety of opinions about the best course. He cites record fundraising and voter turnout. He calls it a "miracle turnaround."

Ryan became House speaker in October, replacing John Boehner, and his stock has risen to a point that some Republicans see him as an alternative to Trump if the nomination isn't settled going into the summer convention. "Paul Ryan has brought about climate change there," said King, meaning the climate in Congress, "and I mean that in a very complimentary way." King is one of the most conservative members of Congress and was a critic of Boehner.

Just as he refused initial calls to run for speaker, Ryan has tried to tamp down talk of being drafted as an alternative to Trump at the convention.

Robin Vos, the Republican speaker of Wisconsin's state Assembly, said Trump's rise has helped to put the Republican Party at a crossroads. But Vos said he still believes Walker, Ryan and Priebus are in positions to "change the face of government."

Vos pointed to Walker's record as governor as proof that with a "good, articulate leader," Republicans can advance their conservative agenda, even in a politically divided state like Wisconsin. Vos endorsed Cruz on Friday.

But Walker has been struggling with public support since his failed presidential run. His call in September for other Republican candidates to join him and drop out of the race to make it easier for others to take on Trump went ignored for months.

Walker still hasn't endorsed anyone in the race, with Wisconsin's primary just over a week away. He told AP he sees Trump's popularity as an "an anomaly" that is overshadowed in significance by Republican success in governor's races and state legislative contests for years.

"You look over the last five, six years, the story that's had the longer impact is not who the nominee is for one presidential election but this shift that's happened nationally," Walker said.

Barrett, the Milwaukee mayor who lost to Walker in 2010 and 2012, said the political landscape has changed for Walker and Republicans since the governor won a recall election four years ago over his battle with public-service unions in the states. "A lot of the glitter's gone," he said.

## Israeli leader slams criticism of military after shooting

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the military Sunday following uproar over footage of a soldier lethally shooting a Palestinian attacker who had already been shot and subdued.

Netanyahu said the incident does not reflect the military's conduct, and that criticism of the armed forces as a whole over the shooting is "outrageous and unacceptable."

"The soldiers of the IDF, our children, maintain high ethical values while courageously fighting against bloodthirsty murderers under difficult operational conditions," he said. "We must all support the IDF Chief-of-Staff, the IDF and our soldiers, who safeguard our security."

The shooting took place on Thursday in the West Bank city of Hebron after two Palestinians stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier. The military said troops then shot and killed the pair.

In a video released by the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem, one of the attackers appears to still be alive after the initial shooting. The video, taken by a Palestinian volunteer for the group, shows the wounded Palestinian lying on the ground, slowly moving his head. About a minute later, a soldier raises his rifle and fires. Blood is then seen streaming from the Palestinian's head.

The military has arrested the soldier and opened an investigation into what it said appeared to be a "grave breach" of its values. The soldier's family says he feared the wounded militant was reaching for an explosive.

Several right-wing lawmakers have come to the soldier's defense, accusing detractors of abandoning him before he was given a fair hearing. Hundreds protested outside the prison in which he is being held, and posters have surfaced denouncing those who criticized him, including the defense minister and military chief.

The killing came amid a six-month wave of Palestinian stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks that has killed 28 Israelis and two Americans. Over the same time, at least 188 Palestinians have died by Israeli fire. Israel says most were attackers, and the rest died in clashes with Israeli security forces.

Israel blames the attacks on incitement by Palestinian leaders amplified by social media. Palestinians say the violence stems from frustration at nearly five decades of Israeli military occupation. The Palestinians have also accused Israel of using excessive force and killing assailants who have already been stopped or wounded.

## Sanders wins 3 states; Clinton retains big delegate lead

LISA LERER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders scored three wins in Western caucus contests, giving a powerful psychological boost to his supporters but doing little to move him closer to securing the Democratic nomination.

While results in Washington, Alaska and Hawaii barely dented Hillary Clinton's significant delegate lead, Sanders' wins on Saturday underscored her persistent vulnerabilities within her own party, particularly with young voters and activists who have been inspired by her rival's unapologetically liberal message.

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In an interview with The Associated Press, Sanders cast his performance as part of a Western comeback, saying he expects to close the delegate gap with Clinton as the contest moves to the more liberal north-eastern states, including her home state of New York. He also said his campaign is increasing its outreach to superdelegates, the party insiders who can pick either candidate and are overwhelmingly with Clinton. "The Deep South is a very conservative part of the country," he said. "Now that we're heading into a progressive part of the country, we expect to do much better."

He added: "There is a path to victory." With Clinton far in front, however, it is a difficult path.

Clinton anticipated the losses: She barely campaigned in the three states, making just one day of stops in Washington state, and was spending the Easter weekend with her family.

She is turning her focus to the April 19 contest in New York, seeking to win a large share of the delegates at stake and to avoid the blow of losing to Sanders in a state she represented in the Senate. She is trying to lock up an even larger share of delegates in five northeastern contests a week later, hoping to deliver a big enough haul to unify the Democratic Party and relegate Sanders to little more than a protest candidate.

Sanders, who's found some success in the industrial Midwest, wants to leverage his working-class support and fiery arguments against free trade into an April 5 victory in delegate-rich Wisconsin. He also plans to compete fiercely in New York and is pushing for the party to schedule a debate in the state, saying in the interview that it would be "really absurd" if one did not take place.

After Sanders' three wins on Saturday, Clinton held a delegate lead of 1,243 to 975 over Sanders, according to an Associated Press analysis, an advantage that expands to 1,712 to 1,004 once the superdelegates are included. It takes 2,383 delegates to win.

Based on the AP count, Sanders needs to win more than 57 percent of the remaining delegates from primaries and caucuses to have a majority of those delegates by June's end.

His bar is even higher when the party officials are considered. He needs to win more than 67 percent of the remaining delegates overall — from primaries, caucuses and the ranks of uncommitted superdelegates — to prevail.

He did not emerge from his Saturday sweep with significantly more delegates, winning 55 delegates to Clinton's 20 for the day after his victories in Alaska, Washington and Hawaii. More are likely to be allocated to Sanders in several weeks, when the Washington state Democratic Party releases vote shares by district. Sixty-seven delegates are awarded based on results in the state's congressional districts.

But there's little question that Sanders has tapped into a powerful frustration within the party. He continues to attract tens of thousands to his rallies and has collected more than \$140 million from 4.7 million donations.

Most of his 15 primary-season wins have been in states with largely white populations and in caucus contests, which tend to attract the most active liberal Democrats. He's heavily favored by younger voters, who were a key part of the coalition that twice boosted President Barack Obama to victory. Clinton's ability to win the White House, should she capture the nomination, will hinge on how well she can motivate his passionate — and politically active — supporters.

In Spokane, Washington, a huge line of caucus attendees — largely Sanders backers — snaked around a high school parking lot Saturday morning.

"I think one of the biggest things is free tuition for students," said Savannah Dills, 24, a college student who supports Sanders. "And getting big money out of politics. He's not paid for by billionaires."

Retiree Dan McLay, 64, attended the caucus in a hard-hat, which he joked he needed because he was one of the relatively few Clinton supporters in the big crowd.

"Look at this thing in Brussels," McLay said, referring to the deadly attack in Belgium this week. "We need a real experienced leader."

It was strong support for Sanders that brought Kirsia Hughes-Skandijs out to her first caucus in Juneau, Alaska.

"This is the first time I've ever felt that kind of belief in a candidate, that they mean what they say and that they are not saying what they think people want to hear," she said.



## Syrian troops drive IS out of historic Palmyra

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian government forces backed by Russian airstrikes drove Islamic State fighters from Palmyra on Sunday, ending the group's 10-month reign of terror over a town whose famed 2,000-year-old ruins once drew tens of thousands of visitors each year.

Government forces had been on the offensive for nearly three weeks to try to retake the central town, known among Syrians as the "Bride of the Desert," which fell to the extremists last May. Their advance marks the latest in a series of setbacks for IS, which has come under mounting pressure on several fronts in Iraq and Syria in recent months.

Gen. Ali Mayhoub announced on state TV that the fall of Palmyra "directs a fatal blow to the ISIL, undermines the morale of its mercenaries, and ushers in the start of its defeat and retreat." He said it lays the ground for further advances toward Raqqa, the IS group's de facto capital, and Deir el-Zour, an eastern city it largely controls.

Troops in Palmyra are now dismantling explosive booby traps planted by IS, the station reported. State TV and a Britain-based monitoring group later reported that troops captured a military base to the east.

The advance marks a strategic and symbolic victory for the government, which has sought to portray itself as a bulwark against terrorism. The town was an important juncture on an IS supply line connecting its territory in central and northern Syria to the Anbar province in Iraq, where the group also holds territory.

IS drove government forces from Palmyra in a matter of days last May and later demolished some of the best-known monuments in its UNESCO world heritage site, including two large temples dating back more than 1,800 years and a Roman triumphal archway.

State TV showed the rubble left over from the destruction of the Temple of Bel as well as the damaged archway, the supports of which were still standing. It said a statue of Zenobia, the 3rd century queen who ruled an independent state from Palmyra and figures strongly in Syrian lore, was missing. Many of the Roman colonnades, however, were still standing.

The extremists have destroyed a number of historical sites across their self-declared caliphate, viewing such ruins as monuments to idolatry.

IS also demolished Palmyra's infamous Tadmur prison, where thousands of government opponents were reportedly tortured.

Syrian state TV hailed the government's advance, and a local reporter spoke live from inside Palmyra, showing troops in the center of the town. Some of the nearby buildings had been reduced to rubble.

Syrian Culture Minister Issam Khalil hailed the recapture of Palmyra as a "victory for humanity and right over all projects of darkness." Maamoun Abdulkarim, director of the museums and antiquities department in Damascus, said Palmyra's Great Colonnade had suffered only minor damage. "We will rebuild what you have destroyed," he said, addressing IS.

The Syrian opposition, which blames the government for the country's devastating civil war and the rise of IS, rejected that narrative.

"The government wants through this operation to win the favor of Western nations by fighting against terrorism, while obscuring its responsibility as providing the reasons for the spread of terror," said Khaled Nasser, a member of the opposition coalition that has been negotiating with the government in Geneva.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict through local activists, confirmed IS had lost the town. Observatory chief Rami Abdurrahman said three weeks of fighting killed more than 400 IS fighters, as well as 180 troops and allied militiamen.

Residents told The Associated Press that IS evacuated all of Palmyra's civilians to other territories under its control before government forces entered the city.

"It's joyful for people to return home. Still we are sad to see damage in this historical city," said Sohban Eleiwi, a businessman from Palmyra now residing in Homs.

But other residents said they would not return to live under government rule.

"We don't hate the regime any less than we hate Daesh," said Osama Khatib, a Palmyra native who fled

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to Turkey three years ago after serving a jail sentence for taking part in demonstrations.

"Daesh and the regime behave the same way," he said, referring to IS by its Arabic acronym.

Government forces have advanced on a number of fronts in recent months, aided by a Russian air campaign. Moscow announced earlier this month that it would begin drawing down its forces, but said it will continue to target IS and other extremist groups.

Russian jets carried out 40 air sorties near Palmyra in a 24-hour period, hitting 158 targets and killing more than 100 militants, Russia's defense minister said Saturday.

The government has also benefited from a U.S. and Russian-brokered cease-fire that has sharply reduced violence across the country since it took effect last month. IS and the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front are excluded from the agreement. The truce is intended to support peace talks underway in Geneva that were adjourned last week.

Syria's conflict began a little more than five years ago with mostly peaceful protests against the Assad family's four-decade rule. A fierce government crackdown and the rise of an insurgency plunged the country into a full-blown civil war that has killed more than 250,000 people.

## **Pope celebrates outdoor Easter Mass; Vatican security tight**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is celebrating Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square, where tens of thousands of faithful are patiently enduring tight security to be near him.

Police are checking the handbags and backpacks of tourists, pilgrims, Romans and journalists who are streaming toward the square for the pontiff's traditional noontime blessing and speech on world affairs.

For years, Islamist extremists in social media have listed as potential targets the Vatican and Rome, which hosts the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church.

Francis last week in two public appearances denounced those carrying out "terrorist acts" while profaning God's name.

The pope appeared solemn Sunday as he sprinkled incense around the altar set up on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

## **Chocolate and beer: Belgians fear attacks will hurt tourism**

**DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press**

BRUSSELS (AP) — At the aptly named Planete Chocolat, the shelves are laden with enticing Easter treasures for shoppers: bunnies with bows, pastel-wrapped eggs and elegant boxes of pralines.

Swanee Vranckx, a clerk at the shop near Brussels' main square, said she would normally have seen 50 to 100 customers by midafternoon in the days before one of the biggest holidays of the Christian year. But after the bombing attacks that shattered the tranquility of Belgium's capital, only a handful had come in search of Easter treats.

While the city's chocolatiers are quick to offer condolences to the victims of the tragedy, they are equally fast to express their concerns about the future. Their livelihoods depend on people from around the globe streaming into their shops to indulge in their world-famous goodies — and they know that tourists don't go places they don't feel safe.

"I'm sure it will happen — people will cancel their trips," Vranckx said. "They think it is a place for terrorists."

The March 22 attacks that killed 31 people and wounded 270 are only Brussels' latest brush with violence. Just days before the bombings, Belgian and French police arrested Salah Abdeslam, the chief suspect in the Nov. 13 attacks that left 130 people dead in Paris, in his Brussels hideout. In May 2014, three people were killed when a gunman targeted the Jewish museum of Belgium.

The notion that Belgium, a small Western European nation of 11 million, might become known for terrorism is shocking to many here. This is a place where U.S. President Barack Obama says it was "easy to love a country known for chocolate and beer."

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And at Easter, the nation's sweet tooth is on full display: shop windows are crammed with chocolate. Belgians are said to eat more than 8 kilograms (17.6 pounds) of the stuff every year — ranking them among the world's top consumers.

The country traces its love affair with chocolate to King Leopold II's control of the Congo in the late 19th century, which provided the country with a ready supply of cocoa. Things really began to take off after 1912, when the son of a Swiss pharmacist created the first filled chocolates, which he called pralines, at his family's Brussels factory.

Today, Belgian chocolatiers ship their wares around the world and Brussels shopkeepers compete with artistic window displays in hopes of luring in tourists on their way to the art museums or the Grand Place, the UNESCO world heritage site.

This year, not far from there, residents and visitors alike gathered to remember the victims and scrawl messages of sadness and hope in the aftermath of the attacks.

The bombings will cut consumer spending on recreation, leisure and tourism but they are likely to have only a short-term impact on the whole Belgian economy, according to Francesca Peck, an economist at IHS Global Insight in London. The losses may be magnified because the attacks occurred so close to the long Easter weekend, when restaurants and bars are typically busy.

As a result, the Belgian economy is expected to grow 1.45 percent this year, down from a previous forecast of 1.6 percent, IHS estimated.

But the slowdown will probably be temporary, as it was after the November attacks in Paris, where shoppers refused to change their habits in the face of terror threats, Peck said.

"As terrible as the events in Brussels have been, economic activity is typically pretty resilient to terrorist attacks," she wrote.

Belgians, though, are worried about what this means for the longer term — will people in Japan, the United States and China change their minds about visiting their beloved cobblestone streets and classic European cafes? Shopkeepers were just beginning to hope things were about to improve as the months after the Paris attacks had passed uneventfully.

Now all bets are off.

At the sleek Neuhas chocolate shop near from the Grand Place, manager Tim Verstraeten could only shake his head.

"We don't know what is going to happen," he said.

## Christians in Holy Land, across world celebrate Easter

JERUSALEM (AP) — Christians in the Holy Land and across the world are celebrating Easter, commemorating the day followers believe Jesus was resurrected in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago.

The cavernous Holy Sepulcher church in Jerusalem was packed with worshippers on Sunday. The site is where Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected.

A Mass is expected later in Bethlehem's Nativity Church, built atop the site where Christians believe Jesus was born.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis presided over a solemn vigil service Saturday night. In his homily, Francis said darkness and fear must not prevail and "imprison" the world with pessimism. The call to hope on the eve of the most joyful celebration in the Christian calendar contrasted sharply with his condemnation of the attacks in Belgium and elsewhere by Islamic extremists.

## Philippine mayor guns for presidency with vow to bury crime

**JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Nicknamed "Duterte Harry," after a Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules, the Philippine city mayor casually threatens to shoot criminals, hang them using laundry line or drown them in Manila Bay. His expletives have sideswiped even the deeply revered pope.

Despite such brazen talk, Rodrigo Duterte has emerged as a top contender in Philippine presidential elec-

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tions on May 9 in an impressive political rise that has been likened to Donald Trump's. The tough-talking mayor finds the comparison offensive and draws the line.

"Donald Trump is a bigot, I am not," Duterte told The Associated Press, referring to Trump's proposals to ban Muslims entering the U.S and erect a wall along the Mexican border.

Duterte, 70, built a political name with his iron-fist approach to fighting crime in southern Davao city, where he has served as mayor for 22 years. He has been credited for turning the vast port region of about 1.5 million people from a Marxist insurgency-wracked murder capital in the 1980s to one of a few Philippine cities with a reputation for law and order and economic vibrancy.

A lawyer, former government prosecutor and congressman, Duterte is the son of a former Davao provincial governor who grew up in a middle-class family that valued integrity. He has a penchant for mischief and recalls his mother, a school teacher, often punished him for misconduct by ordering him to kneel with hands extended sideways in front of a statue of Jesus Christ. He was once kicked out of high school for involvement in a brawl.

In Davao, Duterte has patrolled streets at night on a Harley Davidson and at times driven a taxi to try to catch robbers preying on drivers. He banned smoking and reportedly once forced a foreigner to chew a cigarette stick for violating the ordinance. Firecrackers, which kill and injure hundreds in the country during New Year's revelries, are prohibited and a nighttime curfew for minors has eased juvenile delinquency.

What sets Duterte apart from other politicians is his devil-may-care way with expletives, often uttered in public in the local Tagalog language, when he lets off steam over criminality, corruption and government incompetence.

In his most infamous outburst, Duterte used an expletive on Pope Francis to express his disgust over a huge traffic jam caused by a papal visit to Manila last year that trapped the mayor for hours. Filipino bishops were shocked and he later apologized.

Nowadays, Duterte's cusses come with his trademark campaign battle cry to "kill all" criminals, fueling longstanding suspicions of his involvement in many unsolved killings of suspected criminals that authorities blame on vigilantes.

On the campaign trail, Duterte has offered to replicate his record in Davao to the rest of a Southeast Asian nation long weary of crime, rebellions and widespread corruption. He portrays himself as the "last card" of the people.

Jumping from mayor to president is a big leap in a country where leaders have traditionally risen from a national office, mostly as senators. Duterte's bold pledge to eradicate crime, especially drug trafficking and kidnappings, as well as corruption in three to six months has resonated with the public, but also sparked alarm and doubts.

Pressed by a TV journalist in a recent debate to elaborate, Duterte said that suspected drug dealers end up in jail in Manila — and dead in his city.

"When I say 'leave Davao,' you leave Davao. If you do not do that, you're dead. That's the way the story will go, no drama," he said to a loud applause.

Rival candidate Mar Roxas recalled that 7.5 billion pesos (\$158 million) worth of drugs and a number of suspects were seized when he was interior secretary in charge of the national police for three years, but he stressed that the drug menace remains, including in Davao.

The U.S.-educated banker asked how Duterte can end the problem in such a short time and expressed fears of unwarranted killings. A heated exchange ensued.

"If you do not know how to kill people and you're afraid to die, that's the problem, you cannot be a president," Duterte told Roxas.

In a Youtube video last year that has gone viral, Duterte enthralled a crowd of drivers by saying he would have criminals hanged with laundry line. If he becomes president, he said, "even God will cry."

Manila Bay would teem with fat fish, the mayor told a TV network in another warning to criminals, adding "that's where I will dump you."

The death threats have morphed into much-awaited punch lines spread by word, online and in his campaign ads and rallies. Supporters mob him like a movie celebrity, jostling to take selfies with him.

"He's like a rock star," said Dante Jimenez, a leading supporter who founded an anti-crime volunteers'



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organization in the 1990s, after his brother was killed by drug dealers. "Just seeing him as president would give us a feeling of assurance and security."

Duterte's antics have stunned rights activists. Phelim Kline of Human Rights Watch said his "boastful brand of violent impunity should be a path to prosecution, not a platform for political office."

The watchdog has called for an investigation into suspicions of Duterte's involvement in extrajudicial killings by the so-called Davao death squads, mostly motorcycle-riding masked gunmen blamed for numerous killings of crime suspects and drug dealers. No charges have been filed against the mayor and he challenges critics to bring him to court.

When asked if he would condone extrajudicial killings, Duterte says he would not, but argues that police and soldiers could legally shoot suspects who put up a fight.

Panfilo Lacson, former head of national police, said that based on his long experience, most suspects would surrender when cornered and face years of prosecution, making Duterte's vow to solve crime in a short period "not doable, if not impossible."

"No matter how good a sound bite it may sound, it will stay as such — a sound bite," Lacson said.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Easter Sunday, March 27, the 87th day of 2016. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

On this date:

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated in Kirtland, Ohio, by Joseph Smith Jr.

In 1884, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.

In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that Germany's main defensive line on the Western Front had been broken.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.

In 1976, the first section of Washington, D.C.'s Metrorail, 4.2 miles long, was opened to the public.

In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF').

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

In 1990, the U.S. began test broadcasts of TV Marti (mahr-TEE') to Cuba, which promptly jammed the signal.

In 1996, an Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's (YIT'-sahk rah-BEENZ') confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced the former law student, Yigal Amir (YEE'-gahl ah-MEER'), to life in prison.

Ten years ago: Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) testified at his federal trial that he was supposed to hijack a fifth airplane on Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House. Lyn Nofziger, President Ronald Reagan's political adviser, died in Falls Church, Virginia, at age 81. TV producer-director Dan Curtis died in Los Angeles at age 78.

Five years ago: International air raids targeted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte (surt) for the first time as rebels quickly closed in on the regime stronghold. Miami's LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh accomplished something that hadn't been done in more than 50 years: Each had 30-10 nights — James with 33 points and 10 rebounds, Bosh with 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Wade

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with 30 points and 11 boards — as the Heat beat the Houston Rockets 125-119.

One year ago: Italy's highest court overturned the murder conviction of Amanda Knox and her ex-boyfriend in the 2007 slaying of Knox's roommate, bringing to a definitive end the high-profile case that had captivated trial-watchers on both sides of the Atlantic. U.S. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., announced he would retire the following year.

Today's Birthdays: Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 82. Actor Julian Glover is 81. Actor Jerry Lacy is 80. Hall of Fame racer Cale Yarborough is 77. Actor-director Austin Pendleton is 76. Actor Michael York is 74. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 66. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 57. Jazz musician Dave Koz (kahz) is 53. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 53. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 52. Rock musician Johnny April (Staind) is 51. Actress Talisa Soto is 49. Actress Pauley Perrette is 47. Singer Mariah Carey is 46. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 46. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 46. Actor Nathan Fillion is 45. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 41. Actress Megan Hilty is 35. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd is 32. Actress Brenda Song is 28. Pop singer/songwriter Kimbra is 26. Actress Taylor Atelian is 21. Classical crossover singer Amira Willighagen (TV: "Holland's Got Talent") is 12.

Thought for Today: "Fear grows in darkness; if you think there's a bogeyman around, turn on the light."  
— Dorothy Thompson, American journalist (1894-1961).