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## Sunday, April 10

State FFA Convention in Brookings  
**Birthdays:** Amber Farmen, Martha Miller, Pauline Luce, Cody Herron, Matthew Hinds  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship and Holy Baptism  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
2:00pm: POPS Concert  
7:00pm: POPS Concert

## Monday, April 11

State FFA Convention  
**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Lunch:** Super nachos, romaine lettuce, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, orange sherbet.  
**Anniv:** Art & Linda Gengerke  
Birthdays: Mason Dinger, Mitchel Thurston  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, April 12

State FFA Convention  
**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Lunch:** Hot dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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## Groton Area Show Choir State A Champions

This was the first year that state-wide competition was held for show choir. The event was held Saturday at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School. Groton Area brought home the State A champion title. (Photo courtesy SDPB)

**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.**

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KRISTI NOEM  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



## The Bucket of Prosperity

This statement from Winston Churchill is a very appropriate reminder as we approach April 15, Tax Day: "Can a people tax themselves into prosperity? Can a man stand in a bucket and lift himself up by the handle?" The answer is obvious, and yet, year after year, the Obama administration has advocated for economic policies that shift a greater burden onto the shoulders of hardworking taxpayers. That isn't the right approach.

Today's tax code is more than 70,000 pages, filled with mandates, loopholes, and policies that pick winners and losers. It's complicated! As a result, the average taxpayer spends about 13 hours a year gathering all the receipts, reading all the rules, and filling out all the forms the IRS requires in order for us to file our taxes – and we need not be reminded that the President's health care law only added additional paperwork to the pile. Once everything is gathered, altogether we spend over \$160 billion and about 6 billion hours a year trying to get our taxes paid.

After all we go through to comply with an ever-increasingly convoluted tax code, the vast majority of Americans – more than 80 percent – feel as though these pages are rigged against them, benefiting those who can afford lawyers and accountants, rather than the average family.

While wealthy Americans may be doing fine, those families earning middle-class or low-income wages are much less likely to have received a raise in recent years. Meanwhile, the cost of food and other living expenses has gone up. Simply put, too many Americans remain on the sidelines. I believe one of the best things we can do to get folks back in the game is increase their take-home pay, and we can do so by lessening the amount Washington takes out of their pockets each month. That means tax reform.

Comprehensive tax reform will not be passed under the current administration. Rather, what we are aiming to do now is put a thoughtful, ready-to-pass proposal in place that can be finalized once a new administration occupies the White House next January. I currently serve on the committee tasked with simplifying the tax code and making it fairer for all – the House Ways and Means Committee's Tax Policy Subcommittee. Our mission statement is straightforward: "Create jobs, grow the economy, and raise wages by reducing tax rates, removing special interest carve-outs, and making our broken tax code simpler and fairer."

In principle, this means making the tax code easier to understand, fairer, and flatter. I'd like to see us reduce the number of pages within the tax code and cut down on the length of tax returns and IRS instructions that become so confusing for families this time of year. We also should be closing many of the loopholes that make the tax code so unfair.

Additionally, I'd like to remodel the tax code so it is fundamentally built to increase private-sector employment, wages, and your standard of living. Along these lines, businesses should have access to a fair and competitive tax rate that makes it easier to grow their companies – and their workforce – in our communities.

Finally – and perhaps most importantly – we must not allow the tax system to be used to bail out Washington's spending problem. We cannot increase the tax burden on any income group – doing so would be like, as Churchill said, asking a man to stand in a bucket and lift himself up by the handle. It just doesn't work.





## The Health Care Crisis in Indian Country

Since taking office in January 2015, it has become clear to me that Indian Health Service (IHS), specifically in the Great Plains Area—which covers South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa—is plagued with systematic problems affecting Native Americans in South Dakota. Tribal members have been suffering and, in some cases, dying due to inadequate or improper health care provided by IHS. It is time for IHS to get its act together and follow through on its trust responsibility to deliver quality health care to Native Americans.

My office has begun working on an in-depth profile analysis of IHS. We're working with the Congressional Research Service and analyzing data and reports from the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Health and Human Services to find answers. What we have found so far says a lot about why IHS is failing so miserably.

We need to understand the organization itself before we can begin to solve problems. We know though, that if we don't solve the problems at IHS, we will continue to see more examples of hospitals failing to meet basic requirements to provide safe health care, therefore losing essential services like emergency care. The Rosebud hospital's emergency department has been on diversion—which essentially means it is shut down—for four months, forcing patients to be diverted to facilities 50 or more miles away. The Winnebago and Pine Ridge hospitals have also been cited for serious safety deficiencies. We need to focus on why so many problems continue to occur at IHS, especially in the Great Plains Area, and why they aren't getting fixed. I plan on finding answers to these questions and working with the tribes on solutions.

Earlier this year, I requested a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing to examine a number of reports of negligence at IHS hospitals in the Great Plains Area. We heard horrific stories of dirty or broken medical equipment, poor record-keeping, and in one inexcusable case, a woman gave birth to her baby on a bathroom floor with no nurses or doctors around to help her.

An advertisement for Golden Living and Avera Health Plans. At the top is the Golden Living logo, which consists of the words 'golden' in orange and 'living' in blue, with a curved orange line underneath. Below the logo is the text 'We now accept' in red. Underneath that is the Avera Health Plans logo, which features the word 'Avera' in white on a blue background, with a white cross symbol to the right, and 'Health Plans' in white below it. At the bottom of the ad is the text 'for out patient therapy.' in red, followed by the address '1106 N 2nd St., Groton' and the phone number '605/397-2365' in black.

There is absolutely no excuse for hospitals not to reach basic benchmarks for providing proper health care. Tribal members have told my office that some IHS hospitals they visit are still working with outdated, inadequate and sometimes broken medical equipment. Through our research, we have found that IHS allocates less than 0.5 percent of their total \$4.8 billion budget to equipment purchases.

The Great Plains Area IHS, which operates 35 of the total 153 IHS facilities, only receives \$116 million for direct care, or 2 percent of the IHS total appropriation. We also learned that IHS has more than 15,000 employees, and only 750 are identified as doctors, yet more than 3,700 employees are dedicated to Medicaid billing. It's hard not to come to

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the conclusion that the IHS system is more concerned about building and protecting a bureaucracy than taking care of people. IHS has no funding formula, no consistent qualitative reporting measurements, and too many of their "Area Directors" appear to be little more than temporary employees. Lastly, IHS spends less per capita than the Bureau of Prisons spends on each inmate's health care. Looking at statistics like these makes it clear that IHS will never be able to function properly unless it undergoes major changes. More taxpayer money won't solve the dysfunction. Consider this: if the president proposed and Congress supported doubling IHS's budget, based on IHS's current template they'd have 1,500 doctors, 7,400 bureaucrats billing Medicaid, and they would have 20,000 administration employees and only 10,700 healthcare providers. That will solve nothing. Both systematic and financial changes need to occur.

The state of IHS and the inability to fix these decades-old problems has resulted in a federal government-initiated crisis in Indian Country. The Great Plains Area ranks second highest in infant mortality rates among all IHS regions. We have the highest diabetes death rates, highest tuberculosis death rates and the highest alcohol-related death rates. Great Plains Area tribal members have the lowest life expectancy rate at 68.1 years, while the U.S. average is almost ten years more at 77.7. These statistics aren't from a foreign country. These are South Dakotans and our neighbors. Frankly, all of us should expect more.

If we're going to find a real plan to fix the problems at IHS, we need to fully understand the current organization. We can't rebuild or repair something until we find out what is and is not working. I will continue working with tribal leadership, IHS administrators, Health and Human Services and others to identify key areas of reform and identify potential solutions to provide better health care to our tribal members. The current situation within IHS is unacceptable.

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## Low Taxes and Low Spending

In the 2016 session legislators serving on the appropriations committee adopted a new budget process. With the goal of more thoroughly evaluating the state's budget while improving timeliness, appropriators held budget hearings earlier and adhered to new deadlines.

Their new process worked. Under appropriators' leadership, South Dakota has once again adopted a balanced budget that continues a tradition of low spending.

As a state government, we manage to get by with relatively little. For Fiscal Year 2016, South Dakota has the second lowest general fund spending in the nation at \$1.4 billion. Wyoming, the least populous state, is spending \$300 million more this fiscal year than we are. The six other states with the smallest populations are spending more as well. Rhode Island is spending \$3.6 billion, Montana, \$2.4 billion; Delaware, \$3.9 billion; Vermont, \$1.5 billion; North Dakota, \$3 billion; and Alaska, \$5.1 billion.

Even with the half-cent increase passed this legislative session, our 4.5 percent state sales tax is still quite low. Among the other states that have a sales tax but no income tax, South Dakota fares well. Florida has a 6 percent sales tax; Nevada, a 6.85 percent tax; Texas, 6.25 percent; and Washington, 6.5 percent. Only Wyoming's 4 percent sales tax is lower than South Dakota's— which probably has something to do with Wyoming's oil revenues.

We're not only a low-tax, low-spend state, we're also a state that consistently balances its budget. It doesn't cost money to exercise financial responsibility.

In a time when many other states are adopting rosy projections and employing budget gimmicks to justify overspending, South Dakota is acting responsibly. We don't spend money we don't have, we keep our budget structurally balanced and we seize opportunities to spend in the short-term where it can lead to savings. Perhaps that's why last May, Standard & Poor's credit rating agency upgraded South Dakota's rating to AAA, the highest rating possible. Moody's followed suit, just last February, giving us their highest rating.

This is what South Dakotans expect of their government. They want good stewardship of their hard-earned dollars, minimal taxes and limited spending. Under these principles the state of South Dakota is keeping government small and allowing individuals to prosper.

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## Today in Weather History

April 10, 1965: Severe Thunderstorms in the afternoon and early evening resulted in severe hail reports throughout much of Clark County. Hail up to 2.00 inches in diameter was recorded 30 miles northeast of Huron around 2:40 PM. About 6:30 PM, hail 0.75 inches in diameter fell near Garden City on a flock of wild geese in flight, killing 25 of them.

April 10, 1969: The Elm River in Westport was the highest of all time at 22.11 feet, which is 8.11 feet above flood stage.

April 10, 2005: Thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage in Menno, in Hutchinson County. Numerous trees including several large trees were uprooted. Numerous homes were damaged, some directly by the wind and others by trees and other debris. Garages were especially hard hit, including at least one garage which was destroyed. A grain elevator was damaged, with a catwalk and conveyor being blown over. A historical post office addition to a log building was destroyed, doors and part of the roof of a flour mill were blown down, and doors were blown off several other buildings. Many homes and other buildings had windows broken and siding damaged. A few small storage buildings were destroyed, and others were damaged or blown over. Several farms were heavily damaged, with machine sheds, at least, one hog barn, and several other small structures destroyed. Several vehicles were damaged, including one pickup which was pushed partly onto the porch of a house. Power lines and poles were blown down, resulting in a power outage in Menno.

April 10, 2013: A large slow moving upper-level low-pressure area moving across the region brought several rounds of heavy snow to much of central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts from 6 to as much as 22 inches occurred over the several day period. Travel became difficult if not impossible with some roads closed for a time. Interstate-90 closed on the evening of the 9th. Many schools were also closed across the region. Additionally, a 66-year-old suffered a heart attack and passed away while shoveling the snow in front of his house in Aberdeen.








1935: Severe dust storms across Iowa and Kansas closed schools and highways. Dodge City, Kansas experienced its worst dust storm of record, with dense dust reported from the morning of the 9th until after sunset on the 11th. The sky was almost as dark as night at times during the daylight hours. The thick dust suspended traffic on highways and railroads and also suspended most business in town.

1979: This day was known as "Terrible Tuesday" to the residents of Wichita Falls, Texas as a tornado rated F4 on the Fujita scale ripped through the city. A massive F4 tornado smashed into Wichita Falls killing 43 persons and causing 300 million dollars in damage. Another tornado struck Vernon, Texas killing eleven persons.



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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Blustery then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Partly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 53 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 43 °F	Low: 18 °F	High: 57 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 71 °F



## Temperature Roller Coaster!

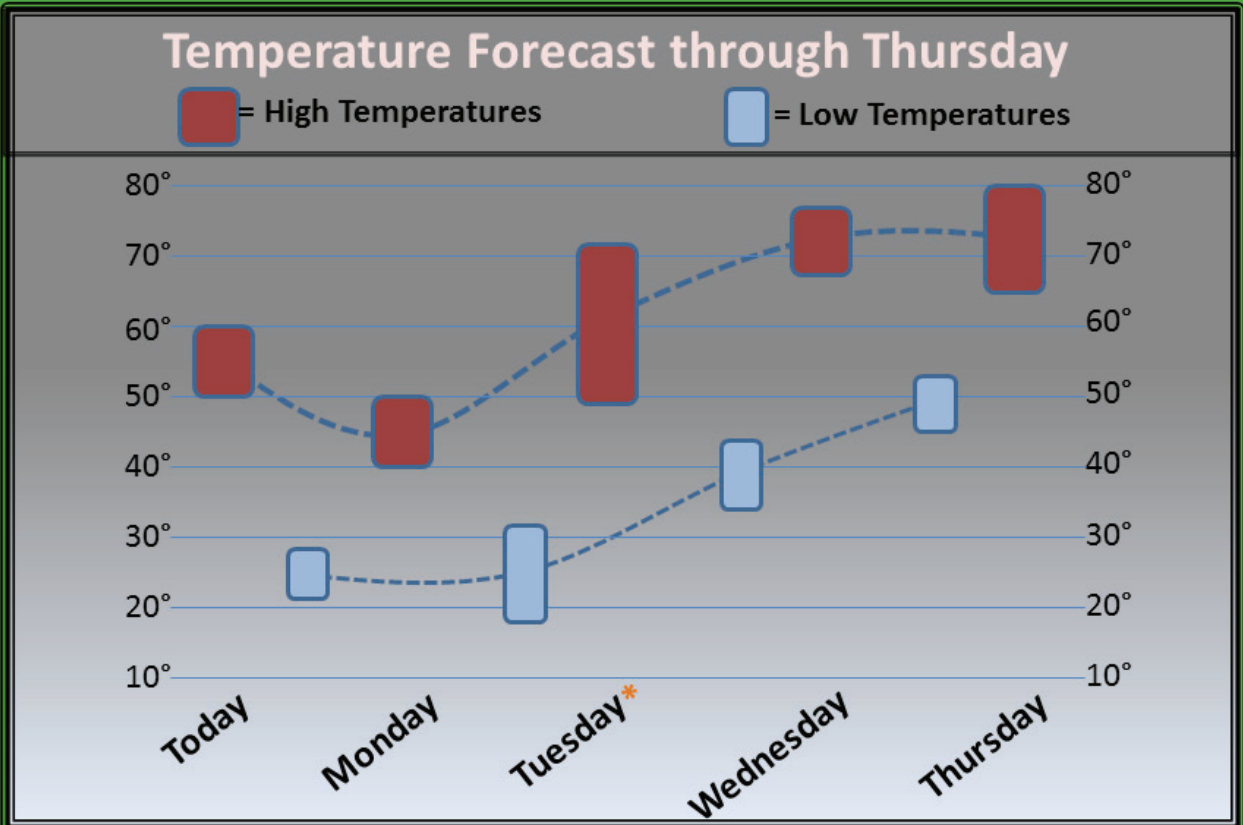
Dry and Breezy Today with Very High Fire Danger



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\*Warmest over Western and Central South Dakota Tuesday

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We will be taking a ride on a temperature roller coaster over the next several days! Cool and dry Canadian high pressure will slowly sink into the area, behind exiting low pressure to our east. Very high fire danger will remain as breezy northwest winds set up this afternoon. The cool airmass will slide over the eastern Dakotas, Minnesota, and Iowa Monday morning. Looking farther out, a warming trend is expected Tuesday and Wednesday, with lingering dry conditions.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 55.8 at 5:40 PM

**Low:** 20.7 at 3:17 AM

**High Gust:** 45 at 2:55 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 88° in 1977

**Record Low:** 16 in 1997

**Average High:** 54°F

**Average Low:** 30°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.47

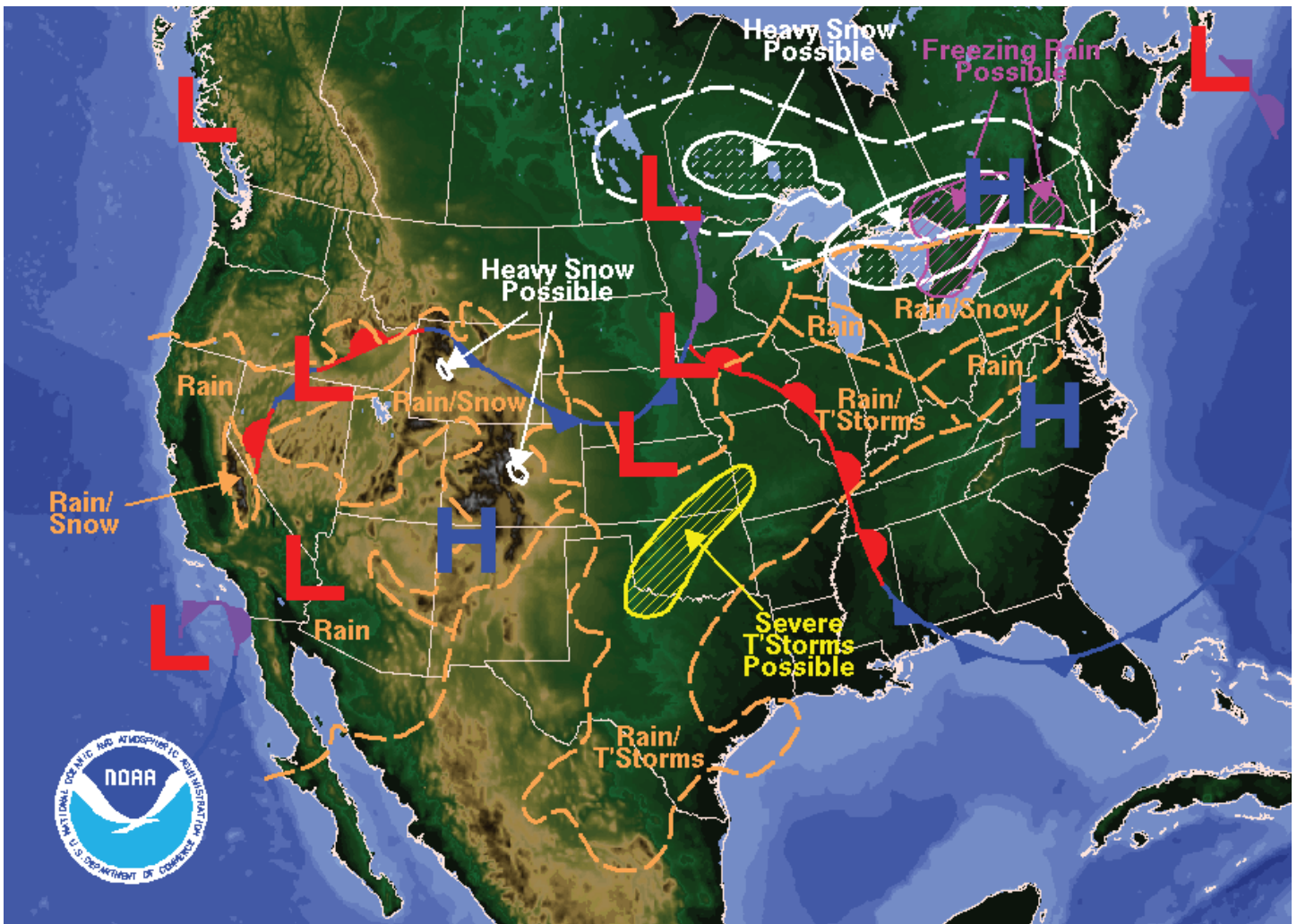
**Precip to date in April.:** 0.08

**Average Precip to date:** 2.65

**Precip Year to Date:** 1.03

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:14 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Apr 10, 2016, issued 4:19 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## BAPTIZE THE WHOLE PLANT!

A machinist who worked for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit for years had stolen many tools. One Sunday morning during a revival meeting, he became a Christian and was baptized that evening.

The next morning he reported to his foreman at the plant with boxes of the tools he had stolen over the years. He confessed his sin to his boss and asked to be forgiven.

This was such a surprise and shock to his foreman that he could not decide what to do. So, he contacted Henry Ford and asked for advice.

Upon hearing the story, Ford said, "Dam up the Detroit River and baptize the whole plant!"

Paul wrote that "He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised from the dead."

Paul and his co-workers set great examples for us. Whatever they did, they did to honor God. It was their love for Christ that controlled their minds, hearts and lives. They believed that those who received new life through Him should live for Him and that their lives would reflect a change to prove that point: they were to live a life that pleased Christ and honored Him in all that they did.

Christians are to live as Paul and his co-workers lived. Because they were brand new people on the inside, the change made its way to the outside. The born-again are not reformed, rehabilitated or reeducated: they are re-created – new creations. We do not turn over a new leaf; we begin a new life through Christ.

**Prayer:** Help us, Heavenly Father, to be grateful for our new life and to live a different, Christ-like and God-honoring life through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

## News from the Associated Press

### **SD state forester joins western state council committee**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota state forester Greg Josten has been selected to serve on the Council of Western State Foresters' executive committee as the organization's treasurer.

Council of Western State Foresters executive director Caitlyn Pollihan says Josten brings a wealth of forestry and natural resources experience from his long career at the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

He replaces previous CWSF executive committee treasurer and former New Mexico state forester Tony Delfin.

Josten has worked for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture since 1983 as fire management forester, forest stewardship program coordinator and supervisor of the service forestry and forest health programs.

In 2014, Josten was appointed to his role as South Dakota state forester.

### **Keystone pipeline ready for restart after repairs completed**

**JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — TransCanada Corp. said Saturday that it has completed repairs to its Keystone Pipeline, a week after the pipeline oozed thousands of gallons of Canadian crude into a South Dakota field.

James Millar, a spokesman for the Calgary-based company, said the pipeline was expected to be restarted on Saturday. It's still not clear what caused a breach.

"We don't know yet," said Millar, who would only describe the pipeline failure as a "small leak." "We are still working to determine what caused it."

TransCanada has estimated 16,800 gallons, or about 400 barrels of oil, leaked. The company said there was no significant environmental impact or threat to public safety.

Millar said it was the first such breach of the 36-inch steel pipeline since it began operating in June 2010. It has since transported some 1.3 billion barrels of crude from Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Illinois and Cushing, Oklahoma, passing through the eastern Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

The Keystone pipeline can handle 550,000 barrels, or about 23 million gallons, daily. It's part of a pipeline system that also would have included the Keystone XL pipeline had President Barack Obama not rejected that project last November.

TransCanada said Friday that it has received conditional approval from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration to the restart the pipeline after identifying the source of the leak that occurred about 4 miles from the Freeman pump station in Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

The pipeline had been shut down since April. 2. About 100 workers have been working at the site, where crews excavated soil to expose more than 275 feet of pipe to find the leak, the company said.

The company has not released estimates on cleanup costs and repairs.

The recent breach is similar in size to a 2011 spill caused by a faulty valve at a pumping station in North Dakota's Sargent County. North Dakota health officials said at the time most of the 400-barrel spill was contained by a berm around the pumping station but some oil mist had to be cleaned from standing water in a nearby field.

### **Over 100 dead as fire sweeps through Hindu temple in India**

**ANNA MATHEWS, Associated Press**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, India (AP) — More than 100 people were killed and nearly 400 injured when a massive fire swept through a Hindu temple in southern India during an unauthorized fireworks display early Sunday, officials said.

The fire started when a spark from the fireworks show ignited a separate batch of fireworks that were being stored at the Puttingal temple complex in the Kerala state village of Paravoor, said Chief Minister

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Oommen Chandy, the state's top elected official.

Thousands of people had been packed into the complex when a big explosion erupted at around 3 a.m., officials said. The blaze then spread quickly through the temple, trapping devotees within.

Chandy said that 102 people died and at least 380 were injured in the disaster.

Most of the deaths occurred when the building where the fireworks were stored collapsed, he told reporters at the temple complex. He said around 60 bodies of the victims had been identified so far.

Krishna Das, a resident of Paravoor, located about 60 kilometers (37 miles) north of Kerala's state capital of Thiruvananthapuram, said he had started walking away from the temple as the fireworks display was about to end when he heard a deafening explosion followed by a series of blasts.

He said he saw scores of people running away, chased by fire and chunks of concrete and plaster from the temple building. As soon as the first explosion was heard, a power outage hit the complex.

"It was complete chaos," Das said. "People were screaming in the dark. Ambulance sirens went off, and in the darkness no one knew how to find their way out of the complex."

He said that six ambulances had been parked outside the temple complex as a precaution. They were used to rush the injured to hospitals in the nearby cities of Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram.

Local villagers and police pulled out many of the injured from under slabs of concrete.

Television channels broadcast images of huge clouds of white smoke billowing from the temple, as fireworks were still going off in the night sky. Successive explosions from the building storing the fireworks sent huge chunks of concrete flying as far as a kilometer (half a mile), according to resident Jayashree Harikrishnan.

By around 7 a.m., firefighters had brought the blaze under control, officials said. Rescuers sifted through the wreckage in search of survivors, while backhoes cleared the debris and ambulances drove away the injured.

Thousands of anxious relatives went to the temple in search of their loved ones. Many wept and pressed police officials and rescue workers for information on their family members.

At one of the main hospitals in Thiruvananthapuram, senior physician Thomas Mathew said that judging from injuries, a stampede was also likely to have occurred at the temple.

The temple holds a competitive fireworks display every year, with different groups putting on successive light shows for thousands of devotees gathered for the last day of a seven-day festival honoring the goddess Bhadrakali, a southern Indian incarnation of the Hindu goddess Kali.

This year, however, authorities in Kollam district denied temple officials permission to hold the fireworks display, said A. Shainamol, the district's top official.

"They were clearly told that no permission would be given for any kind of fireworks," Shainamol told reporters.

She said permission was denied over fears that the competing sides would try to outdo each other with more and more fireworks, and because the temple gets overcrowded during the festival.

Public displays of fireworks can be conducted only with permission from district officials, Shainamol said.

Chandy, the state chief minister, said that he had appointed a retired judge to investigate the events leading to the fire, and that strict action would be taken against those who had ignored rules.

"We will be investigating how the orders were flouted and who was responsible for the decision to go ahead with the firework display," Chandy said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who flew in from New Delhi on Sunday, visited the site and discussed with Chandy and other Kerala leaders measures that could be taken to help the survivors.

Modi was accompanied by a team of doctors and burn specialists from New Delhi who will stay on to help treat the survivors, officials said.



## **Analysis: Nuclear deal puts US between Iran and a hard place**

**MATTHEW LEE, AP Diplomatic Writer**

### **An AP News Analysis**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is in a bind. Between Iran and a hard place.

As it seeks to implement, preserve and strengthen the landmark nuclear deal it negotiated with Iran, the administration is being buffeted by criticism from all sides: Iran, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, not to mention members of Congress, including some who supported the agreement.

Eager that a successful deal and a new era in the U.S.-Iran relationship be part of President Barack Obama's legacy, his administration finds itself encouraging foreign trade with Iran even as it forbids most American commerce with the Islamic Republic. Those efforts are complicated by the fact that the United States continues to condemn and try to punish Iranian actions in non-nuclear arenas such as Tehran's support of terrorist groups and belligerence toward Israel.

Under the nuclear deal that took effect in January, Iran curtailed its nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief. Iran has complied with its obligations to date.

But Iran says the economic boon isn't enough because of remaining U.S. economic penalties for its other behavior, and some officials have threatened to walk away from one of Obama's chief foreign policy achievements — the other is the rapprochement with Cuba

Asian and European government and companies, primarily banks, are balking at doing now-legal business with Iran, because of uncertainty over those remaining sanctions. They want written clarification about what current U.S. laws and financial regulations allow them to do. Essentially, they want a promise that the U.S. will not prosecute or punish them for transactions that involve Iran.

Adding to their unease is the 2016 U.S. presidential election, in which the top Republican prospects have pledged to rip up the nuclear deal.

At the same time, Israel, its supporters and Arab nations are crying foul over Iran's continued testing of ballistic missiles as well as its ongoing support for Lebanon's Hezbollah movement, Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and Yemen's Houthi rebels.

They say Iran is as dangerous as ever. Many members of Congress agree and are demanding new sanctions.

While the administration says it remains vehemently opposed to Iran's missile tests and destabilizing activities throughout the Middle East, it insists the nuclear deal has made Iran less of a threat. The cost of walking away from the deal, U.S. officials maintain, will be even more destabilization and a graver threat.

Thus, the U.S. has been thrust into a role of defending Iran on its nuclear deal compliance and condemning its other actions as it simultaneously promotes business with Iran in the context of the new leeway afforded by sanctions relief.

Obama and his national security aides have ruled out allowing Iran access to the U.S. financial system or direct access to U.S. dollars — still prohibited by U.S. law. But they are considering whether, and how, to respond to the Iranian complaints and the European and Asian demands for clarity on the financial rules.

The administration has sent State Department and Treasury officials to try to explain the regulations, but questions remain. Some European leaders, notably French President Francois Hollande, have personally raised the matter with Obama, diplomats say.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew and Secretary of State John Kerry, who negotiated the nuclear deal, argue that the administration must live up to the "letter and spirit" of the sanctions relief. They say Iran has complied and must get the benefits of the agreement even if Tehran continues other objectionable activities. They have left the door open to further sanctions relief, primarily as it concerns foreign businesses trading with Iran.

U.S. lawmakers, many of whom opposed the nuclear deal on principle, have moved to prevent what they say is an administration overreach: a proposal to ease rules relating to the use of the dollar in third-party foreign currency exchanges in support of deals with Iran. Administration officials say such an easing is unnecessary because those transactions are allowed. Still, the suggestion of a change has Capitol Hill on edge.

Despite the uncertainty, the administration has thus far refused to say what, if anything, it will do to clear the air.

## Officials: Group that hit Brussels planned 2nd France attack

**RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — The attackers who struck Brussels on March 22 initially planned to launch a second assault on France, Belgium's Federal Prosecution Office said Sunday.

But the perpetrators were "surprised by the speed of the progress in the ongoing investigation" and decided to rush an attack on Brussels instead, the office said in a statement. It didn't provide any details on the initial plot or its targets and the office couldn't immediately be reached for further comment.

Two suicide bombers killed 16 people at Brussels Airport on March 22. A subsequent explosion at Brussels' Maelbeek subway station killed another 16 people the same morning. Investigators have found intimate links between the cell behind those attacks and the group that killed 130 people in Paris on Nov. 13.

Sunday's statement provides confirmation of what many have suspected: the series of raids and arrests in the week leading up to the Brussels attacks — including the capture of key Paris attacks fugitive Salah Abdeslam — pushed the killers to action.

Belgian police detained four men in Brussels raids over the weekend who were charged with participating in "terrorist murders" and the "activities of a terrorist group" in relation to the Brussels attacks. One of them, Mohamed Abrini, has also been charged in relation to the Paris attacks, prosecutors said.

Abrini has acknowledged being the "man in the hat" spotted alongside the two suicide bombers who blew themselves up at Brussels Airport, officials said. Surveillance footage has also placed him in the convoy with the attackers who headed to Paris ahead of the Nov. 13 massacre.

Abrini was a childhood friend of Brussels brothers Salah and Brahim Abdeslam, both suspects in the Paris attacks, and he had ties to Abdelhamid Abbaoud, the Paris attackers' ringleader who died in a French police raid shortly afterward. Brahim Abdeslam blew himself up in the Paris bombings while Salah Abdeslam was arrested in Brussels on March 18 — four days before the attacks there — after a four-month manhunt.

The other suspects charged over the weekend were identified as Osama Krayem, who left the Swedish city of Malmo to fight in Syria and was described by one relative as having been "brainwashed." Also charged were Herve B. M., a Rwandan national, and Bilal E. M.

The past couple of days' developments represent a rare success for Belgian authorities, who have been repeatedly criticized for bungling the bombings investigation. Despite the progress, Brussels remains under the second-highest terror alert, meaning an attack is still considered likely.

"There are perhaps other cells that are still active on our territory," Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon told RTL television on Saturday.

In a separate development, Brussels' STIB transport network announced that 12 stations closed since the attacks would reopen on Monday. Eighteen of the capital's 69 stations will remain closed until further notice, including Maelbeek.]

## Prince William and wife Kate begin royal tour of India

**RAFIQ MAQBOOL, Associated Press**

MUMBAI, India (AP) — The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge paid their respects at one of the sites of the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks Sunday as they began a weeklong visit to India, their first royal tour in two years.

Prince William and his wife, the former Kate Middleton, began their first engagement in India by laying a wreath at a memorial at Mumbai's iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel, where 31 people were killed in the 2008 attacks. A total of 166 people were killed when 10 gunmen targeted multiple locations in Mumbai.

Crowds of onlookers gathered to catch a glimpse of the couple as they got out of their car and entered the hotel, where employees welcomed them with garlands of roses.

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William and Kate, who will also visit India's neighbor Bhutan, are traveling without their two children — 2 1/2-year-old Prince George and 11-month-old Princess Charlotte. They had taken George to Australia with them in 2014 on their last royal tour.

Later Sunday, the royal couple was to meet children from a Mumbai slum and take in a round of cricket at a local cricket academy.

Their first evening in India ends at a charity ball, where they'll meet with Bollywood celebrities and prominent business leaders.

During their trip, William and Kate will sit down for lunch with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. In a nod to William's conservation efforts, they'll also visit Assam state's Kaziranga National Park, home to two-thirds of the world's Indian one-horned rhinos.

They'll take a one-day trip to Bhutan at the invitation of the Himalayan kingdom's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck and Queen Jetsun Pema.

William and Kate will then head back to India, where they'll wind up their tour with a visit to the Taj Mahal, retracing the steps of a visit to the monument of love by William's mother, the late Princess Diana.

## Hong Kong emerges as hub for creating offshore companies

**ERIKA KINETZ, Associated Press**

**KELVIN CHAN, Associated Press**

HONG KONG (AP) — In 2009, Jasmine Li, whose grandfather was the fourth most powerful politician in China at the time, donned a floral Carolina Herrera gown and debuted at a ball in Paris. That same year, a British Virgin Islands company she would later come to own for \$1 was born in an aging building in a red-light district of Hong Kong, just one example of the city's key role in helping the world's elite shuttle their wealth offshore.

The information about Li, who has not been accused of wrongdoing, comes from a tremendous cache of documents leaked from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca and published by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. Those records highlight the central role Hong Kong has come to play in designing offshore financial vehicles.

Hong Kong brims with people expert at packaging and protecting wealth. The back pages of newspapers teem with advertisements for corporate formation companies, one-stop shops promising fast bank account opening, corporate compliance, tax and accountancy services. Offshore vehicles are used to minimize tax, mitigate political risk and circumvent onerous regulations in China. And they are completely legal.

But Hong Kong's offshore financial machinery works so well, and so discreetly, that it can be abused by those seeking to hide illicit assets or evade taxes. As traditional havens like Switzerland cave to years of grinding pressure from European and American tax authorities, unsavory money is drawn to Hong Kong, which despite reforms retains its reputation for secrecy, non-cooperation, and a light regulatory touch, watchdog groups and lawyers say.

"Hong Kong attracts this type of hot money from across the region and globally, partly because of its perceived stability," said Iain Willis, a partner at Latymer Partners, a corporate intelligence advisory firm in London. "Light-touch' financial regulation, easy rules on company incorporation and limited transparency" add to its appeal, he said.

Hong Kong was Mossack Fonseca's go-to spot for financial intermediaries, home to 2,212 accountants, banks and other middlemen Mossack Fonseca used to set up 37,675 offshore companies for its global clients from 1977 to 2015 — more than any other place in the world, according to ICIJ's analysis.

China's Foreign Ministry dismissed ICIJ's reports as "groundless," and the government has aggressively censored discussion of them.

Hong Kong tax authorities said in an email Friday that they would "take necessary actions" based on the offshore leaks, and work to "enhance the efficiency and effectiveness" of enforcement as required.

Mossack Fonseca tapped a Hong Kong firm called P&P Secretarial Management — which is run by an accountant named Wai-hon Chiu, according to corporate filings — to register Harvest Sun Trading in the

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British Virgin Islands. P&P Secretarial is not listed in the telephone directory, and its contact details are not easy to find on the Internet. Its name is not among the three businesses listed at the entrance to the second-floor office it now occupies in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district. The front door opens onto a lone ivy plant stuck in a corner of two blank white walls. There is no receptionist, and unannounced visitors are not welcome.

"The boss is away. He will be back next week," said a woman in a dark dress, who confirmed that P&P Secretarial did indeed have a presence in the office which did not bear its name. She refused to give her name.

Great fortunes run through small offices like this, and not just from clients of Mossack Fonseca, which derived nearly a third of its business from Hong Kong and China, according to ICIJ.

"It's quite natural that Hong Kong would grow to play a significant role in the plumbing infrastructure of globalization," said Martin Kenney, an asset recovery lawyer in the British Virgin Islands. "They are the architects, designers and engineers of the structures."

In part, the prominence of offshore vehicles in Hong Kong has to do with its special relationship with mainland China. Many investors set up offshore vehicles so they can sell mainland assets without being subjected to layers of government approval. Others have used, and sometimes abused, offshore structures to take advantage of China's tax breaks for foreign companies. More foreign direct investment to China between 1979 and 2014 ostensibly came from the British Virgin Islands than from anywhere else, aside from Hong Kong, according to the U.S. Congressional Research Service .

Hong Kong does not tax income that originates abroad, a policy that supports the proliferation of foreign-registered companies. Hong Kong's independent legal system and effective escape route from mainland China's currency controls — it's easier to move money between mainland China and Hong Kong than elsewhere — also add to its appeal, lawyers say.

The kind of political uncertainty that drove investors offshore before Hong Kong's 1997 handover persists today. The Basic Law, a mini-constitution that enshrines China's "one country, two systems" policy toward Hong Kong, expires in 2047.

"We are on borrowed time," said David Webb, a former investment banker and Hong Kong shareholder activist.

Offshore vehicles have become so commonplace that 75 percent of Hong Kong-listed companies are actually domiciled in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, according to an analysis by Webb.

But there are other, more controversial uses of Hong Kong's offshore machinery.

The Panama Papers, together with past leaks published by ICIJ, show how China's own political and economic elite use Hong Kong intermediaries to get their money out of China. While the leaks contain no allegations of wrongdoing, they are a sore spot for China's top leadership, which has been trumpeting nationalism and moral virtue as it tries to slow capital flight and fight corruption.

Much of the wealth that runs through Hong Kong comes from mainland China, which is widely seen as a growth market in the offshore industry. The top source of funds that Mossack Fonseca helped move offshore was China, according to an analysis of ICIJ data by the Guardian newspaper.

In 2009, when Chinese President Xi Jinping's brother-in-law Deng Jiagui wanted to register two companies in the British Virgin Islands, his advisers at Mossack Fonseca turned to a Hong Kong firm called Wong Brothers & Co., according to ICIJ's documents.

The firm's lead partner is an accountant named Charles Chan-lum Chow. Chow was a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a government advisory body, in southern Guangdong province from at least 2003 to 2013, according to state media reports and government websites. He spent 12 years on the board of China Aerospace International Holdings, the listed subsidiary of the main contractor for China's space program.

Chow did not respond to requests for comment.

Deng's companies went dormant before Xi took power, according to ICIJ, and no allegations of wrongdoing have been made. It's not clear what happened to whatever Xi family assets those companies once held.

"Everybody in the elite needs Hong Kong," said Ho-fung Hung, an associate professor at Johns Hopkins



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University. "Everybody. Even Xi Jinping's family needs it. They don't have an incentive to shut this channel to move money out."

It's not just Chinese running money through Hong Kong. When a company linked to France's far-right National Front party wanted to move money out of the country, associates of party leader Marine Le Pen used shell companies in Hong Kong, according to a report in Le Monde newspaper based on the Panama Papers. The French daily has also linked a separate Hong Kong firm with family members of Algeria's governing elite.

The company that helps run two of those firms, P&B Management Services, is housed in a dimly-lit office in Wan Chai district, according to Hong Kong corporate filings. Staff there declined to speak with a reporter.

Large-scale counterfeiters from Germany, Austria and Japan, as well as China, run off-shore structures out of Hong Kong to launder their money, said Douglas Clark, a lawyer at Hong Kong's Gilt Chambers.

"That's part of Hong Kong being a trading city and entrepot," he said. "It welcomes everyone."

Despite a recent crackdown on secrecy, Hong Kong is still ranked as the second most secretive jurisdiction in the world, after Switzerland, by the Tax Justice Network, a U.K. advocacy group.

Rules are only as good as their enforcement, said John Christensen, Tax Justice Network's director, adding that "Hong Kong has never had a strong supervisory culture."

In 2014, Hong Kong began requiring companies to have at least one real person serving as a director. This effectively barred the practice of creating impenetrable daisy chains of corporate ownership, in which one mysterious company was controlled by another mysterious company.

But clients can easily register companies under other people's names. "They can always find their relative as the nominee," said the director of a small incorporation firm also based in Wan Chai district, who would only give his surname, Lee, for fear of compromising client privacy.

He said most clients don't mind using their real names in filings. The big secrecy business runs out of the gleaming skyscrapers of Hong Kong's Central business district, where elite firms charge ten times his rates, he said.

"Wealthy people, they won't come here," he said. "They'll go to Central. They don't mind paying a few thousand more for more secured, private service."

## 3 rescued island castaways spelled 'help' with palm fronds

HONOLULU (AP) — The men rescued in this tale of three castaways were not named Tom Hanks, or Gilligan, or Robinson Crusoe. Though they might as well have been.

In a scene straight from Hollywood, or a New Yorker cartoon, a U.S. Navy plane spotted the word "help" spelled out in palm fronds on a beach on a deserted island in the remote Pacific.

The three men, missing for three days after a wave overtook the skiff they were traveling in, were found waving their orange life jackets on the tiny Micronesian island of Fanadik, several hundred miles north of Papua New Guinea, officials said Saturday.

The men's families reported them missing Tuesday after they failed to show up at the Micronesian island of Weno, where they were traveling from their home island, Pulap.

"Fortunately for them, they were all wearing life jackets and were able to swim to the deserted island," U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Melissa McKenzie said.

A local boat picked the men up and took them to a hospital. McKenzie said she didn't have information on the men's condition Saturday, but officials told the Washington Post they were not injured.

Two bulk carriers searched a combined 17 hours for the men as part of AMVER, a U.S. Coast Guard voluntary search and rescue program. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and ask them to help.

In the last two weeks, 15 people have been rescued in the Pacific with the help of 10 AMVER vessels and six aircrews, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

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## 2016 candidates scoop up delegates in West, bid for NY love

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders is pointing to his growing string of statewide wins and Hillary Clinton to her still-commanding lead in the delegate hunt as the Democratic rivals jostle for momentum heading into New York's big primary later this month. The Republicans, too, are trying to scoop up delegates out West while bidding for some New York love.

With his win Saturday in Wyoming, Sanders has now won seven of the last eight state contests. But his latest victory did nothing to help him in the delegate chase: He and Clinton each got seven delegates.

"Now that we are in the second half of this campaign, we are going to state after state which I think have a more progressive outlook," Sanders said. "We are in this race to win."

Clinton, looking right past the Wyoming results, told a crowd in Brooklyn that she needs a big win in New York on April 19 to help her quickly lock up the Democratic nomination. She added that the sooner the nomination fight ends, "the sooner we can go after the Republicans full time."

Trying to claim a cloak of inevitability for his candidate, Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook said in a statement that she "has a nearly insurmountable lead in pledged delegates that will become harder and harder to overcome after each contest."

On the Republicans side, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz completed his sweep of Colorado's 34 delegates by locking up the remaining 13 at the party's state convention in Colorado Springs. He already had collected 21 delegates and visited the state to try to pad his numbers there.

Trump organized late in Colorado and left the state convention up to his organizers, and spent about a half-hour on Saturday touring the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum in lower Manhattan.

He and Clinton found a rare point of agreement in poking back at Cruz for his earlier criticism of "New York values."

Trump's campaign said in a statement after his museum visit that the site was "symbolic of the strength of our country, and in particular New Yorkers, who have done such an incredible job rebuilding that devastated section of our city. This is what 'New York values' are really all about."

Clinton, for her part, told a Latino crowd in Brooklyn, that "I actually think New York values are really good for America."

Her agreement with Trump ended right there, as she launched into an argument for electing Democrats to protect the U.S. economy.

"It's a fact that our economy does better when we have a Democrat in the White House," she said.

Clinton has 1,287 delegates based on primaries and caucuses to Sanders' 1,037. When including super-delegates, or party officials who can back any candidate, Clinton has 1,756, or 74 percent of the number needed to clinch the nomination. Sanders has 1,068.

Trump still has a narrow path to clinching the Republican nomination by the end of the primaries on June 7, but he has little room for error. He would need to win nearly 60 percent of all the remaining delegates to clinch the nomination before the convention. So far, he's winning about 45 percent.

Following Cruz's sweep of Colorado's remaining delegates on Saturday, the Associated Press count stands at Trump 743, Cruz 545, and John Kasich 143. Marco Rubio, who suspended his campaign, has 171 delegates. To clinch the nomination by the end of the primaries, a candidate needs 1,237 delegates.

## 5 things to know about G-7 foreign ministers' meeting

**MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press**

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized countries are meeting in the western Japanese city of Hiroshima on Sunday and Monday.

Germany's Frank-Walter Steinmeier was to miss the first day sessions due to aircraft problems at departure.

Here are five things to know about the annual gathering of the top diplomats from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States:

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## WHY HIROSHIMA?

Japan hopes to send a message of non-proliferation and peace. Once all but annihilated by a U.S. atomic bomb, Hiroshima has risen back as a symbol of peace and nuclear disarmament. It's also the hometown of host Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida. Hiroshima can also entertain the guests with its homegrown oysters, reputed to be Japan's best, and the picturesque Miyajima shrine by the sea.

Kishida told Sunday's reception that he hoped the experience would help the visiting ministers to "learn how Hiroshima has risen back from the atomic bombings to become the symbol of peace and hope."

## PEACE MEMORIAL PARK AND A-BOMB MUSEUM

The foreign ministers will honor the dead at the Hiroshima Peace Park and visit the nearby Atomic Bomb Museum on Monday, a dream-come-true for many surviving victims, who have for decades campaigned to bring leaders of nuclear states to Hiroshima to see the damage. Japan also hopes the ministers will issue a separate "Hiroshima declaration" on nuclear non-proliferation, in addition to the usual communique.

## ON THE AGENDA

The recent attacks in Belgium are likely to put terrorism and violent extremism high on the agenda, along with the refugee issue, nuclear non-proliferation including North Korea's recent rocket and missile launches, maritime security amid China's assertive posture in the East and South China seas, as well as the Middle East and Ukraine.

## RUSSIA ABSENT BUT ON AGENDA

A key player not in the room is Russia. The eighth member of what used to be the G-8 has been excluded since last year because of its support for separatist rebels in Ukraine. Russia's foreign minister is due to visit Tokyo to meet Japanese counterpart Kishida later in the week, a possible prelude to a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Russia in May. Other G-7 countries might not welcome such a trip.

## SUMMIT OPENER

The foreign ministers' meeting is the first of 10 ministerial meetings including finance, energy, environment and agriculture, held across the country ahead of the G-7 leader's summit on May 26-27 in the coastal city of Shima in central Japan, near Ise, home to a Shinto shrine known as the nation's most sacred with links to the Emperor.

## **Manny Pacquiao unanimously outpoints Timothy Bradley**

**TIM DAHLBERG, AP Boxing Writer**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Manny Pacquiao may not be ready for retirement just quite yet.

Pacquiao returned from the biggest loss of his career with a bang Saturday night, knocking down Timothy Bradley twice on his way to a unanimous 12-round decision in their welterweight showdown.

Pacquiao shook off the ring rust from a layoff of nearly a year after losing to Floyd Mayweather Jr. to beat Bradley for a second time in the rubber match between the two fighters. In doing so, the Senate candidate in his native Philippines showed he may have to reconsider his plans to retire and devote his full time to politics.

Pacquiao (58-6-2) knocked down Bradley (33-2-1) in the seventh round, though Bradley seemed to have slipped. He left no doubt in the ninth with a big left hand that sent Bradley sprawling.

The fight was scored 116-110 by all three ringside judges. The Associated Press had it 117-110.

In the final seconds, many in the crowd of 14,665 at the MGM Grand arena were on their feet chanting "Manny! Manny!" as Pacquiao tried to end the bout with a flourish. He never came close to finishing off Bradley, though he was so far ahead on the ringside scorecards that it didn't matter.

If the fight was indeed the end of the 37-year-old Pacquiao's career, it was a remarkable one. Aside from

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the loss to Mayweather last year he did little wrong in winning eight weight class titles in 21 years as a pro. "As of now I am retired," Pacquiao said. "I am going to go home and think about it but I want to be with my family. I want to serve the people."

Pacquiao had no problems with the right shoulder he injured against Mayweather as he stalked Bradley across the ring, looking to land big shots. He landed enough of them to make Bradley wary, and the knockdown in the ninth round seemed to take the rest of the fight out of Bradley.

"Manny was strong the entire fight and he was also very patient," Bradley said. "I wasn't professional enough to stay patient myself and I walked into shots."

Both fighters took some time to get untracked, with the early rounds offering little action. Pacquiao seemed a bit rusty from his layoff and Bradley was unwilling to get inside and trade punches.

Pacquiao began picking up the pace and stalking Bradley, though, coming in behind a right jab and following it with his left hand. In the seventh round, he seemed to graze Bradley with a pair of punches and Bradley went to his knees for what referee Tony Weeks ruled a knockdown.

"He was very quick, very explosive," Bradley said.

Ringside punching stats showed Pacquiao landing 122 of 439 punches to 99 of 302 for Bradley.

Pacquiao said before the fight that he felt refreshed after his layoff and stronger than ever. He hadn't scored a knockout at 147 pounds since stopping Miguel Cotto in 2009, and went after Bradley with big left hands to try to break that streak.

"I was looking for a knockout in every round," Pacquiao said. "He's a very tough fighter and a very good counter puncher."

Pacquiao, who was guaranteed \$7 million, was fighting for the first time since losing to Mayweather last May in the richest fight ever. He lost a unanimous decision in that fight, blaming his lackluster performance on the shoulder injury that flared up in the fourth round and required surgery afterward.

Still, Pacquiao was a 2-1 favorite against Bradley, who beat him on a controversial decision the first time they fought before losing a unanimous decision in the second fight in 2014.

Bradley vowed this would be his best fight, with new trainer Teddy Atlas in the corner giving him instructions. Atlas fulfilled his job, jumping into the ring after each bell to lecture Bradley, sometimes having to be pushed out of the ring by Nevada boxing officials so the next round could start.

"Teddy obviously made a difference," Pacquiao said. "This was the best Timothy Bradley I have faced in the three fights.

If it was Pacquiao's last fight, he goes out as one of the biggest pay-per-view attractions in the sport. Pacquiao headlined 22 pay-per-view fights, generating more than 18 million buys and \$1.2 billion in PPV revenue.

His next career probably won't be as lucrative, with Pacquiao running for the Senate in elections next month in the Philippines. Should he win — and he is one of the favorites — it would be almost impossible to remain an active fighter.

Pacquiao said in the days leading up to the fight that his family — particularly his wife — wanted him to retire.

"Thank you boxing fans," he said in the ring afterward.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, April 10, the 101st day of 2016. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1916, the Professional Golfers' Association of America was founded in New York.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed the first United States Patent Act.



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In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jazz Age evocation of empty materialism, shattered illusion and thwarted romance, was first published by Scribner's of New York.

In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1953, the 3-D horror movie "House of Wax," produced by Warner Bros. and starring Vincent Price, premiered in New York.

In 1966, English author Evelyn Waugh, 62, died in Combe Florey, Somerset, England.

In 1974, Golda Meir told party leaders she was resigning as prime minister of Israel.

In 1985, singer Madonna launched "The Virgin Tour" with a concert at the Paramount Theater in Seattle.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

In 2010, Polish President Lech Kaczynski (lehk kah-CHIN'-skee), 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political, military and church officials.

Ten years ago: Former Enron Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling began testifying in his fraud and conspiracy trial in Houston, declaring himself "absolutely innocent." (Skilling was convicted on 19 counts and sentenced to more than 24 years in prison; his sentence was reduced by a decade in 2013.) Hundreds of thousands of people demanding U.S. citizenship for immigrants who were in the country illegally took to the streets in dozens of cities from New York to San Diego. French President Jacques Chirac caved in to protesters, canceling a law on youth employment that had fueled nationwide unrest.

Five years ago: In the first remarks since his ouster, former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak denied allegations that he had used his position to amass wealth and property. Bob Dylan performed a concert in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. Charl Schwartzel won the Masters by two strokes over Adam Scott and Jason Day after a wild final round at Augusta National; the 26-year-old South African closed with four straight birdies, making a 20-footer at the final hole to wrap up a 6-under 66.

One year ago: During the National Rifle Association's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee, a succession of potential Republican presidential rivals slung criticism and cracked jokes about Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was expected to announce her White House candidacy. The Apple Watch made its debut.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Max von Sydow is 87. Actress Liz Sheridan is 87. Sportscaster John Madden is 80. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 69. Actor Steven Seagal is 65. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 63. Actor Peter MacNicol is 62. Actress Olivia Brown is 59. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 59. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 58. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 57. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 56. Rock singer Katrina Leskanich (les-KAH'-nich) is 56. Actor Jeb Adams is 55. Olympic gold medal speedskater Cathy Turner is 54. Rock musician Tim "Herb" Alexander is 51. Actor-comedian Orlando Jones is 48. Rock musician Mike Mushok (Staind) is 47. Singer Kenny Lattimore is 46. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 46. Blues singer Shemekia Copeland is 37. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 35. Actress Chyler Leigh is 34. Pop musician Andrew Dost (fun.) is 33. Actor Ryan Merriman is 33. Singer Mandy Moore is 32. Actor Barkhad Abdi (BAHRK'-hahd AHB'-dee) is 31. Actress Shay Mitchell is 29. Actor Haley Joel Osment is 28. Actor Alex Pettyfer is 26. Actress-singer AJ (AKA Amanda) Michalka (mish-AL'-kah) is 25. Actress Daisy Ridley (Film: "Star Wars: The Force Awakens") is 24. Actress Ruby Jerins is 18.

Thought for Today: "Your actions, and your actions alone, determine your worth." — Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966).

## Spieth stumbles but still keeps Masters lead

DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — One round away from another green jacket, Jordan Spieth couldn't help but look back.

A victory in the Masters was starting to look inevitable Saturday when Spieth stood on the 17th tee with a four-shot lead. The wind that caused so much havoc had subsided. Rory McIlroy was out of the picture. Spieth had just made five big putts in a row, three of them for birdie.

Two holes later, he found himself explaining what went wrong.

Sure, he had the lead for the seventh straight round at Augusta National, but just barely. Two wild tee shots, two poor wedges and five putts at the end of an already wild ride left Spieth with only a one-shot lead.

And it left the Masters up for grabs.

"It was a really tough finish to go from holding a four-shot lead ... to where all of the sudden, now it's anyone's game," Spieth said. "So it's tough to swallow that."

His biggest challenge?

"Understand this is the position I wanted to be in after 54 holes," he said, "and not think about the finish to today's round."

A bogey and a double bogey gave Spieth a 1-over 73, one shot ahead of Masters rookie Smylie Kaufman. It also gave plenty of hope to a cast of challengers that include 58-year-old Bernhard Langer and Hideki Matsuyama of Japan, who were two shots behind.

Looming three shots behind — that's nothing at Augusta National — were world No. 1 Jason Day and Dustin Johnson. Eleven players were within five shots of the lead, and that even includes McIlroy, who didn't make a birdie in his round of 77.

"To be honest with you, I would be feeling a lot worse about myself if I hadn't have just seen what Jordan did the last two holes," McIlroy said. "I sort of take a bit of heart from that, that I'm still in this golf tournament."

That's what gnawed at Spieth.

He led by four shots after the third round a year ago and was able to protect the lead. With a forecast for less wind Sunday, it could be a sprint to the green jacket filled with birdies, eagles and those Augusta National roars that have been largely swept away by three straight days of 25-mph gusts.

"I know I have to shoot a significant under-par round tomorrow in order to win this tournament, when I could have played a different style of golf, like I did on Sunday last year," he said.

Kaufman, who qualified for the Masters by shooting 61 in the final round to win in Las Vegas, used to spend his summers playing junior golf against Spieth. He kept the stress to a minimum and rallied with three birdies over his last six holes for a 69.

No one has won a green jacket on his first try since Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979. Maybe there's one waiting for a 24-year-old named Smylie.

"This place fits my eye pretty well," Kaufman said. "I just enjoy playing, coming out every day. It's Augusta National. It's hard not to have some fun out there."

The biggest surprise was Langer, who won his second Masters in 1993 about three months before Spieth was born. Playing alongside Day — and usually playing from some 60 yards behind him — Langer plodded his way around in the wind and ran off three birdies for a 70.

On the 30-year anniversary of Jack Nicklaus becoming the oldest Masters champion at 46, Langer now has a chance to become the oldest winner of any major by 10 years. Julius Boros won the 1968 PGA Championship when he was 48.

Can he really win?

"I believe I can," Langer said.

Matsuyama, who won the Phoenix Open earlier this year, had a brief chance to tie Spieth until missing a birdie chance on the par-5 15th. Just like Spieth, he let the last few holes get away from him with bogeys on the 16th and 17th for a 72. He still was only two shots behind.

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Day (70) and Johnson (72) were at even-par 216, along with Danny Willett, the Englishman who wasn't sure he was going to be able to play in his first Masters because his wife was pregnant. She gave birth last week.

Almost as surprising as Langer being two shots behind is McIlroy still even having a chance. Starting the round one shot out of the lead, he fell apart after the turn with a bogey from the trees on No. 10 and a double bogey in the water on the 11th.

Spieth also made double bogey at No. 11, but was able to recover. The lead was down to one shot, until he made an 18-foot birdie on the par-3 12th, then holed fast, sliding birdie putts on the 14th and 15th to restore his margin.

And three holes later, it was gone.