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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 pudding with bananas.

Anniv: Bruce & Vickie Sippel

Birthdays: Brandon Spanier, Dee Kieso-Stange

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

11:30am: Track in Groton

Wednesday, April 13

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

School Lunch: Beef sticks, baked tiny potato, broccoli, fruit.

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

Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Birthdays: Jessica Morehouse, JoAnn Nehls, Nancy Cutler

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

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

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POPS Concert held Sunday

After losing twice to Vermillion, the Groton Area Show Choir topped Vermillion in the state show choir competition held Saturday in Sioux Falls. After the long road trip, the show choir performed during the POPS Concerts held Sunday afternoon and evening in the GHS Gym. HD Videos (\$26.50) of the afternoon performance are available by calling 605/397-NEWS (6397). Or to have them mailed out, send \$30 to GDI, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445. The afternoon performance was also Livestreamed at gdilive.com. More photos of the event will be in tomorrow's GDI.

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.

Handiman looking for work

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Five Ways to Save on an Overseas Trip

By Nathaniel Sillin

My neighbors and I talked for weeks about their upcoming European vacation with their teenaged kids. We discussed every single place they planned to visit. But when I asked if they knew how much their European train and ground transportation, smartphone data plans and meals out were going to cost, they shrugged and said, "We're not worried. That's the cheapest part of the trip!"

They might have been right - if they had planned ahead. Sometimes it's not the airfare and hotel bill that get you, it's the failure to monitor small expenses that can turn into big ones in a hurry. No matter where you go, there are hidden money pits. That's why smart money management before you travel is so important. Whether you meet or exceed your budget depends on how you plan and execute your spending.

Consider these five tips to help you conserve funds in all major areas of vacation spending:

1. Start by sweating the small stuff. Take some time to do a bit of research on basic expenses at the various locations where you're planning to go. Talking to friends can help and so can travel magazines and sites.

2. Keep the costs of ground transportation in mind. The convenience of cabs or rental cars will likely cost more - and depending where you go, some options might be safer than others - so study options like reloadable city smart cards or continental rail passes. Paying individual ticket prices for short hops or long journeys can drain your budget. Also, consider traveling at off-peak times of the day to get cheaper rates on train travel.

3. Know what it costs to use your electronics. You've probably heard about people getting socked with huge cell phone bills. To avoid this, call your carrier before you leave to make sure your phone will work wherever you're going. If so, check if they offer an affordable international talk and data plan. If not, consider options like an international SIM card - a small chip card that fits inside your phone for specific use within that country - or a prepaid phone. If you're downloading any apps to supply maps, translation or reading material on your phone or computer, do it while you are home to avoid chewing up international data at your destination. Also, be careful with Wi-Fi. Many recognizable global restaurants and fast-food chains offer the service for free, so check before you pay for it. Once you're home, be sure to cancel any international services you've ordered.

4. Eat like the locals. The Internet and the myriad travel sites it offers make it easy to find good places to eat at all price levels practically anywhere in the world. But eating food out can add up. Focus on the cheapest and safest ways the locals eat.

5. Travel insurance can be smart money management. Lost luggage, missed connections or a medical emergency won't just ruin your trip - they can potentially wreck your finances. Check your personal home and health insurance to see what they might cover on a trip and back your protection with a leading travel insurance policy. Visit websites that will allow you to compare coverage you need to select the best option for you. Make sure to check any travel insurance policy closely for any exclusions or pre-existing conditions that could void your coverage.

Bottom line: It's surprisingly easy to overspend when traveling overseas if you don't do your research. Take the time to analyze all possible expenses large and small before you leave. Your travel budget will thank you.

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Today in Weather History

April 11, 1993: Heavy wet snow fell over a portion of northeast South Dakota, mainly east of Aberdeen and north of Watertown. The snowfall began on the 10th and carried into the 11th. 2 to 6 inches were reported across the area. However, 8 inches were reported near Summit and 7 inches near Sisseton.

April 11, 2007: A large upper-level low-pressure area wrapped snow into far northeast South Dakota. Snow covered and slushy roads resulted from the heavy wet snow making travel tough. Some schools and events postponed or canceled. Snowfall amounts included 6 inches at Sisseton and Milbank, 7 inches at Castlewood, 8 inches at Bryant, 9 inches at Toronto and Clear Lake, and 12 inches at Summit.

April 11, 2008: An intense area of low pressure moving northeast across the Central Plains brought widespread heavy snow and strong winds to parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts from 3 to 16 inches combined with north winds of 30 to 45 mph brought widespread blowing and drifting snow with blizzard conditions and heavy drifting affecting much of the area. A few thunderstorms also occurred, bringing rapid snowfall rates to some areas. Many vehicles went into the ditch with many other accidents occurring. Most roads became nearly impassable with no travel advised for parts of central and much of northeast South Dakota. There were many people stranded to wait out the storm. Also, many schools and businesses were closed on Friday the 11th. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Faulkton, Ree Heights, Kidder, and Hayti, 7 inches at Garden City, Castlewood, Miller, Britton, and near Stephan, 9 inches at Waubay, Bryant, and Roy Lake, 10 inches at Big Stone City and Milbank, 11 inches at Wilmot, Watertown, and Victor, 15 inches at Summit, and 16 inches at Clear Lake.

1965: Severe thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest spawned fifty-one tornadoes killing over 250 people and causing more than 200 million dollars damage. Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were hardest hit in the "Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak". Although no F5's were officially reported, at least 22 were rated as F3 or F4. This is the third deadliest day for tornadoes on record, behind the Super Outbreak of 4/3/1974, and the outbreak that included the Tri-State Tornado of 3/18/1925. Dr. Ted Fujita discovered suction vortices during the Palm Sunday tornado outbreak. It had been believed the reason why tornadoes could hit one house and leave another across the street completely unscathed was because the whole tornado would "jump" from one house to another. However, the actual reason is because most of the destruction is caused by suction vortices: small, intense mini-tornadoes within the main tornado.








1988: Sixteen cities in the western U.S., nine in California, reported new record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 95 degrees at Sacramento and 96 degrees at Bakersfield, California were the warmest of record for so early in the season.

1989: Forty-four cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 25 degrees at Conway Arkansas, 29 degrees at Dallas/Fort Worth Texas, and 22 degrees at Ozark Arkansas, were April records. Lows of 26 degrees at Hot Springs Arkansas and 31 degrees at Shreveport Louisiana equaled April records.

2012: The deluge began around 3:30 a.m. Over the next few hours, fast-moving hailstones pummeled the area north of Amarillo, Tex., which had lately been sitting in dust due to a lack of precipitation, according to the news organization. The hail mixed with melting hail turning the dust to mud and the mix create four-foot high mounds that shut down a major highway for the next 18 hours.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Breezy. Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy
High: 45 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 78 °F



Cooler Today

Then Warming through Thursday, but still dry

Updated: 4/11/2016 4:30 AM Central

weather.gov/Aberdeen



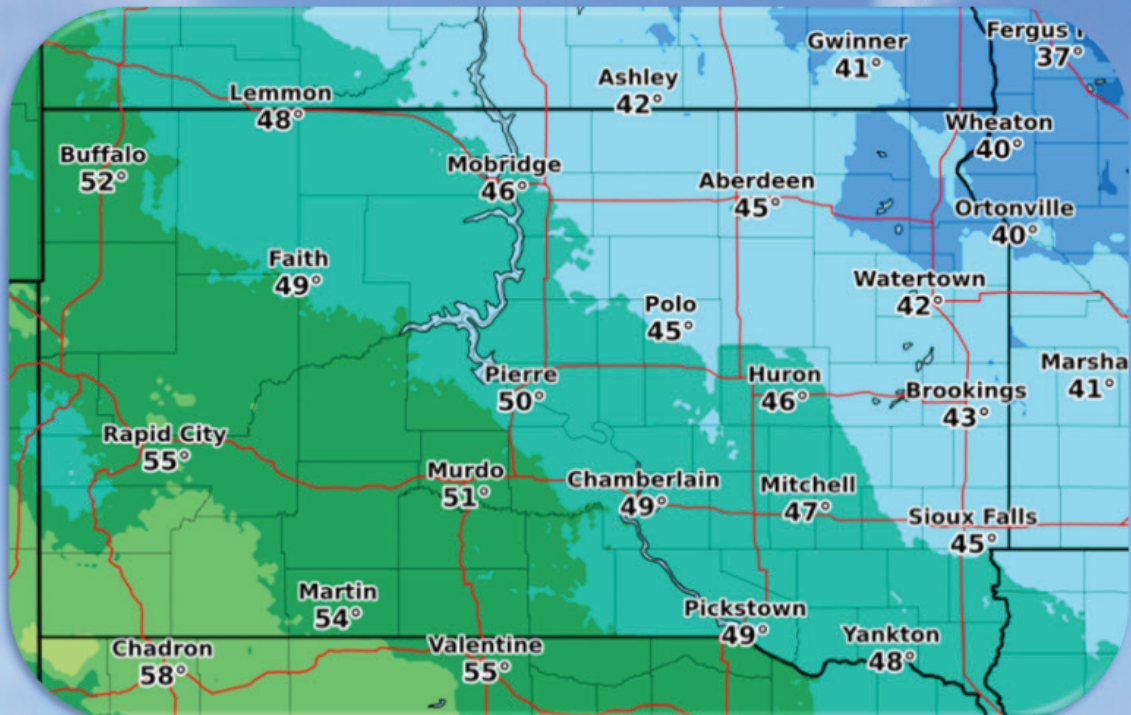
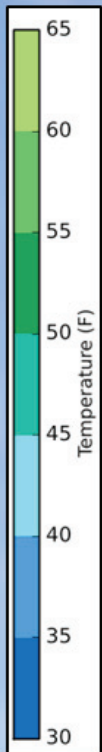
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High Temperatures Today



Published on: 04/11/2016 at 4:31AM

Cool and dry Canadian high pressure will keep much below normal temperatures across the region through tonight. Temperatures today will top out in the 40s across much of central and eastern South Dakota, and west central Minnesota. The area of high pressure will slide east on Tuesday, allowing much warmer air to return through Thursday. Expect breezy conditions to briefly return on Tuesday, especially over eastern South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 51.0 at 12:22 PM

Low: 31.1 at 11:57 PM

High Gust: 39 at 4:07 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 83° in 1968

Record Low: 8 in 1939

Average High: 55°F

Average Low: 30°F

Average Precip in April.: 0.52

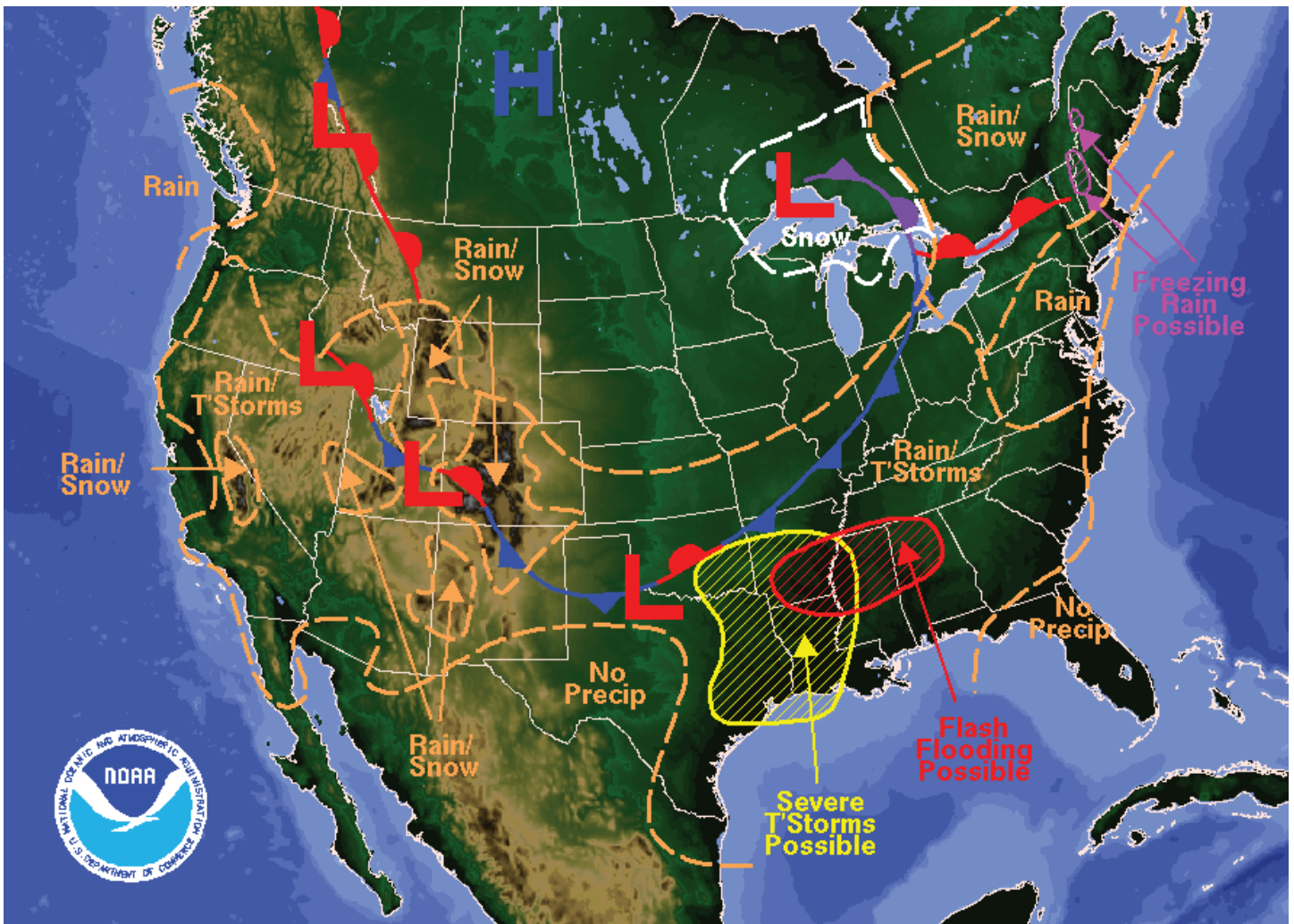
Precip to date in April.: 0.08

Average Precip to date: 2.70

Precip Year to Date: 1.03

Sunset Tonight: 8:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 11, 2016, issued 4:23 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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BOOMERANG BUDDIES

Two friends in Australia enjoyed throwing boomerangs together. Over the years they devised various contests to see who was the best. One day, in an act of kindness, one of them gave the other a new boomerang.

When they got back together a short time later, the friend showed up with his old boomerang.

"What happened with the new boomerang I gave you?" he asked. "How does it perform?"

"I don't know," came the answer. "I'm still trying to throw this old one away but it keeps coming back!"

The Apostle John wrote, "If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from every wrong."

True repentance not only involves confession of our sins but a commitment to Christ not to continue in sin. If we are genuinely sincere when we confess our sins, we will also become conscious of how we live and what we can do to avoid repeating the sins we have committed in the past. The desire to sin can be very much like a boomerang – the temptation to go back to our sins of the past again and again.

It may be that when we confess our sins, we lack a certain sense of sincerity or genuineness. Perhaps there is such an attractiveness or appeal to some sins that our desire to truly repent and give them up is only half-hearted and insincere.

God knows our minds and the desires of our hearts. If we truly want victory over sin and are anxious to flee every temptation that lead to sin, we must commit ourselves completely to Christ and pray for His strength to guide, guard, protect and empower us.

Prayer: Give us Your strength, Lord, to live close to You and draw upon Your power to defeat temptation the next time, and every time, we face it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

News from the Associated Press

Governor's Agricultural Summit planned for Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The seventh annual Governor's Agricultural Summit hosted by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture will be held June 1-2 in Brookings.

Interim Agriculture Secretary Dustin Oedekoven says the summit provides an opportunity for stakeholders from all aspects of agriculture to come together to talk about the state's largest industry.

The event at the Swiftel Center kicks off with an ag tour to provide attendees a closer look at agriculture in the east central region of the state. The following day's program will focus on agricultural policy, weather's impact on agriculture and water quality.

It will also showcase how some of the state's producers are incorporating a variety of conservation practices into their operations.

TransCanada resumes oil shipments through Keystone Pipeline

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — TransCanada Corp. has resumed sending oil through the Keystone Pipeline after a weeklong shutdown prompted by a leak and oil spill in southeastern South Dakota.

The pipeline came back online Sunday, but with a reduced pressure. The company says it is continuing cleanup and land restoration at the site of the spill, which TransCanada estimates was about 400 barrels, or just under 17,000 gallons.

The leak was discovered April 2. The company says there was no significant environmental impact or threat to public safety.

The pipeline transports crude from Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Illinois and Oklahoma, passing through the eastern Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. It can handle 550,000 barrels, or about 23 million gallons, daily.

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

Suit: US grouse protections driven by politics, not science

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Rural Nevadans suing to block the Obama administration's greater sage grouse protection plan say a trail of internal government documents they cite in a new federal court filing shows politics was the driving force behind a pre-determined policy that flies in the face of its experts' own best science.

The latest motion seeks to void the protections that have severely restricted the development of millions of acres of federal land across 10 Western states. In some cases, the protections have made sections of federal land totally off limits.

Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt and lawyers for nine Nevada counties, ranchers and miners say three top Interior Department officials who dubbed themselves the "Grouseketeers" illegally sought input from conservationists outside the planning process.

The motion for summary judgment filed in Reno last week also says the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ignored its staff's advice to reopen the process to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement, and "reverse-engineered studies with pre-determined conclusions designed to defend the land management restrictions."

"There was a political agenda rather than a scientific basis for requiring withdrawals and absolute prohibitions on development and use," Reno attorney Laura Granier wrote on behalf of the plaintiffs who first filed the lawsuit in September to block protections of the greater sage grouse.

They argue the public has been "unlawfully deprived of the disclosure and impact analysis required" under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Planning Management Act. They've asked Judge Miranda Du — twice before, unsuccessfully — to at least suspend the protections until the

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government conducts a supplemental environmental impact statement analyzing significant changes made to the plans after the original environmental impact statement was subjected to public comment.

Administration officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. In the past, they have said agency officials do not comment on pending litigation. Judge Du has given the government until April 25 to respond.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell decided in September that the greater sage grouse didn't warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act and instead launched land-use amendments intended to ensure the survival of the bird.

Environmentalists argue Jewell had no basis to reverse her department's earlier finding in 2010 that listing the bird was warranted but precluded. They recently filed their own lawsuits saying the land-use regulations don't do enough to protect it, especially in areas with oil and gas reserves.

The ranchers, miners and Nevada counties say the Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management "rushed through the process" because they considered meeting a deadline for a listing decision more important than complying with the law.

"The administrative record reveals astonishing overreach and disregard for public involvement and statutory requirements to impose a top-down policy engineered by three officials in the Department of Interior," Granier wrote.

She identified the three "Grousketeers" — a phrase apparently based on the "Mousketeers" featured in Mickey Mouse cartoons — as Deputy Assistant Interior Secretaries Jim Lyons and Michael Bean, and Sarah Greenberger, legal counsel to Jewell. She said the trio met after the public comment period with environmental leaders to "get insight as to what would be required for (them) to 'buy-in' " on the plans.

Laxalt said the current protections halt development on nearly 3 million acres "that Nevadans depend on for their economic livelihood." He said federal law requires the government to carefully consider concerns raised by the state and its citizens "not just special interest environmental groups."

"The self-appointed 'Grouseketeers' mock all Nevadans and show their true agenda," Laxalt said.

The motion says the Fish and Wildlife Service drew boundaries around what became priority grouse habitat areas "based on maps and information from the 'conservation community' and then BLM unlawfully ignored the Nevada Department of Wildlife who demonstrated the boundaries were inconsistent with the state's data and actual science."

It says the government prepared "form responses" to Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval's objections "before even receiving them, and cookie-cutter responses to the public and county protests, which are identical in form regardless of the issues raised."

Nominations sought for 2016 Governor's Awards

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Human Services is accepting nominations for the 2016 Governor's Awards.

The South Dakota Board of Vocational Rehabilitation is working with the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Statewide Independent Living Council on the nominations.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard will recognize individuals and employers for their contributions to the rehabilitation and employment of South Dakotans with disabilities during a ceremony later this year.

Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination in the following categories: Outstanding Employee with a Disability, Outstanding Citizen with a Disability, Outstanding Private Employer (Small Employer), Outstanding Private Employer (Large Employer), Outstanding Transition Services Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

Forget the drought, Thailand's national water fight is on

JOCELYN GECKER, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Drought? What drought? Bring out the water guns!

Thailand may be going through its driest period in 20 years, but the country's military government wants visitors from around the globe to know that the biggest water fight in the world is still on.

So, get your buckets, hoses and other gear ready for the three-day nationwide street party that begins Wednesday to mark the Thai New Year.

"We can still use water for the new year festival. It's not that dry," said government spokesman Sansern Kaewkamnerd. The government has instructed the Tourism Ministry to make sure foreign tourists don't misunderstand the severity of the drought and cancel holiday plans out of concerns the water supply will be cut off, he said.

After all, there are millions of dollars at stake.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand expects this year's holiday to generate more than 15 billion baht (\$427 million) for the tourism sector and attract half a million visitors in a span of five days.

Songkran, as the festival is known, has the spirit of a soggy Mardi Gras and is a major tourist attraction. Revelers line the streets, or prowl the roads in pickup trucks, armed with water guns and plastic bowls, and douse anyone in sight. Some areas are closed to traffic for wet and wild street parties with loud music, booze and dancing.

Rare controversy has preceded this year's water fight, with environmentalists and other critics calling for festivities to be curtailed.

"Instead of mindlessly wasting water, New Year revelers should be mindful of the crushing drought," The Nation newspaper said in an editorial last week calling for "a dry Songkran" to show solidarity with the country's farmers.

Twenty-seven of Thailand's 77 provinces have been declared drought zones, with the lowest level of rainfall in more than two decades. Farmers have been ordered to curtail their water use and scale back planting. Tap-water rationing is in effect in some provinces.

And yet Thailand's military government is playing down the dry spell and says it is powerless to crimp such a popular national holiday.

"As the prime minister has said, Songkran brings happiness to the Thai people, and canceling it would be too difficult," Sansern said.

A ban would also be hugely unpopular both with Thais and tourists.

In past promotions, the tourism authority has played up the party scene, urging tourists "to get wet and wild" and "be part of the largest street water fight the world has to offer." In 2011, the tourism authority used the holiday to organize a Guinness World Record attempt for the world's largest water pistol fight, drawing more than 3,400 people to a 10-minute shootout in central Bangkok.

The prime minister, a former general who has dictatorial powers after toppling a civilian government in 2014, has bristled at the notion of canceling Songkran.

"I will not ban water throwing, that's impossible," Prayuth Chan-ocha, the prime minister, said in response to a proposal for government controls on holiday water use. He added dismissively, "Parents should teach their children to use less water and not splash it around for three days and three nights."

Prayuth is calling for strict measures this year during the festivities, but not related to water rationing. The junta is putting a damper on dancing and indecent attire, saying specifically that women and transgenders who show too much skin will face arrest.

"I have told officials, police and soldiers that there should be no women — or transgender women — dressed provocatively or dancing on the backs of trucks," Prayuth said. "If they do, they will be arrested."

Environmentalists say the government should get its priorities straight.

"The government should tell people the truth, that the drought is bad. They should not try to cover up the truth," said Smith Thammasaroj, chairman of the Foundation of National Disaster Warning Council. "If people keep thinking we have enough water, it could badly hurt agriculture and farmers."

"They shouldn't worry about clothing and covering up the body," he said. "They should worry about the

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drought.”

Some cities, including Bangkok, have taken it upon themselves to dilute this year’s festivities.

Bangkok city hall has ordered a 9 p.m. curfew on water fights and is trying to keep the festival to three days, excluding the weekend — measures that it says will save 5 billion liters (1.3 billion gallons) of water.

Wanlop Suwandee, the chief adviser to Bangkok’s governor, made a highly publicized proposal that partygoers put down their guns and instead use handheld spray bottles, the kind used on indoor plants to make leaves wet.

The idea struck many as laughable in a city where water guns are not mere pistols, but large pump machine guns often with water storage tanks worn as backpacks.

Krit Pongchaiassawin, a 22-year-old university student, said he had no plan to enter into battle firing a gentle mist.

“Are you kidding me?” said Krit, while shopping for a water gun at a Bangkok outdoor market. “I would get laughed off the street if I had a spray bottle. People would see that and just dump more water on me.”

Israel seals home of Palestinian in deadly rock-throwing

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says forces have sealed the home of a Palestinian charged with killing an Israeli when he threw rocks at the man’s car in Jerusalem.

Sixty-four-year-old Alexander Levlovitz was driving home from a holiday meal last year when his car was struck and crashed. He was the first Israeli to be killed in the current seven month-long wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Palestinian attacks have killed 28 Israelis and two Americans. Some 188 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, most of whom Israel says were attackers. The rest were killed in clashes.

The military says the east Jerusalem home of the rock thrower, Abed Dawiat, was sealed Monday.

Israel says home-sealing and demolitions are meant to deter attacks. Critics say the tactic amounts to collective punishment.

‘Cuban Twitter’ fallout found relief in FOIA’s glacial pace

JACK GILLUM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As U.S. officials dealt with the fallout of the government’s once-secret “Cuban Twitter” program, they had one thing on their side: notorious delays in the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The government didn’t have copies of the documents, which formed the basis of an Associated Press investigation detailing a program on which taxpayers spent millions. But officials were worried that asking the contractor to hand over copies would risk making the details even more public.

“The risk is that it gets FOIA’d later. FOIA will take six months,” said Mark Lopes, a former senior official with the U.S. Agency for International Development. “I say yes so we get through the next week, six months from now when FOIA comes out, this will all be over?”

USAID’s calculus — realizing that the nation’s public-records law can be so slow as to border on unusable — comes amid new data showing that delays to process requests from the public or journalists worsened under the Obama administration. Last year, the government also set a record for coming up short in finding documents.

The government’s responsiveness under FOIA is widely regarded as a barometer of its openness. President Barack Obama has said his administration is the most transparent in history.

In USAID’s case, emails released last week to the AP come two years after the news cooperative asked for them following its 2014 report of a secret Twitter-like program in Cuba. ZunZuneo, as it was called, was among several Cuban civil-society programs designed to bring about democratic change.

The programs have received sharp criticism from some U.S. lawmakers, who called them “reckless,” “boneheaded” and “downright irresponsible.” The AP found that some Cubans unwittingly ensnared in the program were detained by Cuban authorities, and a secret U.S. hip-hop operation backfired after Cuban authorities found that an independent music festival was really backed by the Obama administration.

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USAID spokesman Ben Edwards said the agency was “committed to openness and transparency, and we take our obligation to release information under FOIA very seriously,” adding that delayed responses came from a “significant increase” in information that requestors sought.

The newly released documents, showing the back-and-forth among USAID officials trying to respond to the ZunZuneo revelation, contain dozens of redactions largely for personal-privacy reasons. But most censored items appeared to be benign bits of information like officials’ email addresses and general narratives that, at times, describe journalists.

“Um, this could be worse. (Redacted lines) this Jack Gillum guy, and unfortunately, Desmond Butler, who has written extensively and unfavorably on crappy USG programming in Cuba in the past,” wrote one former official, Joseph McSpedon, referring to this reporter and Butler, who’s covered U.S. government programs there.

Under the president’s instructions, the U.S. should not withhold or censor government files merely because they might be embarrassing. USAID cited privacy exemptions in 82 requests last year, and that was the exception cited most often.

The AP previously obtained thousands of leaked internal documents about the Cuba program, run by Washington-based private contractor Creative Associates International. A December 2015 inspector general’s report found the program was inadequately monitored and had conflicts of interest.

A USAID lawyer acknowledged in the emails the risk in obtaining those very documents from Creative Associates. If the government had possession of them, she said, they could become public record.

“Mark is correct that any copies or notes would be subject to FOIA,” wrote Susan Pascocello, the agency’s deputy general counsel. “It would be a good idea for me or Hal to speak with the person who is going to Creative so that we can provide guidance.”

Overall, USAID said it took nearly 11 months last year to process FOIA requests that were deemed “complex” — when a request asks for a lot of documents or requires government workers to search multiple places. The agency processed 305 FOIA requests that same year.

Under FOIA, citizens and foreigners can compel the U.S. government to turn over copies of federal records for little or no cost. Anyone who seeks information through the law is generally supposed to get it unless disclosure would hurt national security, violate personal privacy or expose certain confidential decision-making.

Yet in one newly released USAID message, one government official’s friend suggested FOIA was the source of the ZunZuneo documents and should be tightened up: “AP didn’t get this through FOIA, did they? If so, maybe it’s time to hire some new redactors. They got a bit too much of an inside view.”

The sender’s name and email were censored.

Kerry makes gut-wrenching visit to Hiroshima site of A-bomb

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — An emotional John Kerry said Hiroshima’s horrible history should teach humanity to avoid conflict and strive to eradicate nuclear weapons as he became the first U.S. secretary of state to tread upon the ground of the world’s first atomic bombing.

Kerry’s visit Monday to the Japanese city included him touring its peace museum with other foreign ministers of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and laying a wreath at the adjoining park’s stone-arched monument, with the exposed steel beams of Hiroshima’s iconic A-Bomb Dome in the distance.

The U.S. attack on Hiroshima in the final days of World War II killed 140,000 people and scarred a generation of Japanese, while thrusting the world into the dangerous Atomic Age. But Kerry hoped his trip would underscore how Washington and Tokyo have forged a deep alliance over the last 71 years and how everyone must ensure that nuclear arms are never used again.

“While we will revisit the past and honor those who perished, this trip is not about the past,” he told Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, a Hiroshima native. “It’s about the present and the future particularly, and the strength of the relationship that we have built, the friendship that we share, the strength of our

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alliance and the strong reminder of the imperative we all have to work for peace for peoples everywhere.”

Kerry’s appearance, just footsteps away from Ground Zero, completed an evolution for the United States, whose leaders avoided the city for many years because of political sensitivities.

No serving U.S. president has visited the site, and it took 65 years for a U.S. ambassador to attend Hiroshima’s annual memorial service. Many Americans believe the dropping of atomic bombs here on Aug. 6, 1945, and on the Japanese city of Nagasaki three days later were justified and hastened the end of the war.

Kerry didn’t speak publicly at the ceremony, though he could be seen with his arm around Kishida and whispering in his ear.

The otherwise somber occasion was lifted by the presence of about 800 Japanese schoolchildren waving flags of the G7 nations, including that of the United States. They cheered as the ministers departed with origami cranes in their national colors around their necks. Kerry was draped in red, white and blue.

Hours afterward, the top American diplomat still seemed to be absorbing all that he saw.

“It is a stunning display, it is a gut-wrenching display,” he told reporters of the museum tour, recounting exhibits that showed the bomb, the explosion, the “incredible inferno” and mushroom cloud that enveloped Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. “It tugs at all of your sensibilities as a human being. It reminds everybody of the extraordinary complexity of choices of war and what war does to people, to communities, countries, the world.”

Kerry urged all world leaders to visit, saying: “I don’t see how anyone could forget the images, the evidence, the recreations of what happened.”

Japanese survivors’ groups have campaigned for decades to bring leaders from the U.S. and other nuclear powers to see Hiroshima’s scars as part of a grassroots movement to abolish nuclear weapons.

As Kerry expressed interest, neither Japanese government officials nor survivor groups pressed for the U.S. to apologize. And Kerry didn’t say sorry.

“I don’t think it is something absolutely necessary when we think of the future of the world and peace for our next generation,” Masahiro Arimai, a 71-year-old Hiroshima restaurant owner, said of an apology.

Yoshifumi Sasaki, a 68-year-old, longtime resident, agreed: “We all want understanding.”

Both wished for Obama to follow in Kerry’s footsteps next month.

The president still hasn’t made a decision about visiting Hiroshima and its memorial when he attends a Group of Seven meeting of leaders in central Japan in late May, and Kerry made no promises. During his first year in office, Obama said he would be “honored” to make such a trip.

“Everyone in the world should see and feel the power of this memorial,” Kerry wrote in the museum’s guest book. “It is a stark, harsh, compelling reminder not only of our obligation to end the threat of nuclear weapons, but to rededicate all our effort to avoid war itself.”

“War must be the last resort — never the first choice,” he added.

Wading into U.S. politics, both Kerry and his Japanese counterpart rejected Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s recent suggestion that Japan consider developing its own nuclear weapons to defend itself against nuclear-armed North Korea.

Kishida said, “For us to attain nuclear weapons is completely inconceivable.”

Kerry called such notions “absurd on their face,” contradicting the efforts of every Democratic and Republican president since World War II to prevent wider nuclear proliferation.

Kerry acknowledged that some governments want all nuclear weapons, including those in the U.S. arsenal, destroyed immediately. He described such calls as unrealistic, potentially making the world more dangerous in the short-term by ridding nations of their deterrence against bad actors such as North Korea. Instead, he urged an ordered, methodical process toward the final goal of denuclearization.

“We all know it’s not going to happen overnight,” Kerry said.

But he said, “We have to get there.”

G-7 foreign ministers push nuclear disarmament in Hiroshima

MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized countries, meeting Monday in the atomic-bombed Japanese city of Hiroshima, called for a renewed push for flagging nuclear disarmament efforts as they wrestled with some of the intractable global problems facing their nations.

A joint communique condemned the usual suspects: recent extremist attacks from Turkey and Belgium to Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Pakistan; North Korea's nuclear test and missile launches; and Russia's "illegal annexation" of the Crimean peninsula in Ukraine.

The international community used to share common values that maintained stability and prosperity, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said at a news conference.

"Today, the world is now facing challenges to change such common values and principles unilaterally, such as terrorism and violent extremism," he said.

On terrorism, the top diplomats from the U.S., Japan, Britain, Canada, France, Germany and Italy pledged to complete a G-7 action plan that the leaders of their nations can adopt at their summit in Japan's Ise-Shima region in late May.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said it's essential to reduce the number of terrorists who may try to return home from Syria and other areas. He also said it's key to stem the flow of refugees around the world.

"The refugee crisis demands a global response, and we all agreed on that here," he said.

A separate statement took aim at China's land reclamation in the South China Sea, where it is enmeshed in a series of overlapping territorial disputes with Southeast Asian nations.

"We express our strong opposition to any intimidating, coercive or provocative unilateral actions that could alter the status quo and increase tensions," the statement said, without mentioning China by name.

It also expressed concern about the situation in the East China Sea, where Japan and China both claim some uninhabited islands.

Japan gave the issue of nuclear nonproliferation added significance by making Hiroshima the venue for the two-day foreign ministers meeting.

Kerry — the highest-ranking American official to visit Hiroshima since World War II — and the foreign ministers jointly laid flowers for the victims of the U.S. atomic bombing in 1945.

They issued two statements on nonproliferation, including a "Hiroshima Declaration" that calls on other political leaders to visit Hiroshima.

"In this historic meeting, we reaffirm our commitment to ... creating the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons," the declaration said.

The task is made more complex, it said, by the deteriorating security environment in countries such as Syria and Ukraine, as well as by North Korea's "repeated provocations."

The Hiroshima declaration aims to revitalize and restart the effort toward a nuclear-free world, which seems to have shrunk, said Kishida, the Japanese foreign minister.

"To that end, it was significant that the G-7 ministers saw the reality of the atomic bombing," he said, noting that the group includes both nuclear and non-nuclear states. "It is crucial for both nuclear and non-nuclear weapons countries to cooperate and together raise awareness of what happens when nuclear weapons are used."

Prince William, wife Kate meet young entrepreneurs in India

NIRMALA GEORGE, Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge met with young entrepreneurs in India's financial capital of Mumbai on Monday to speak with the country's next generation of business leaders about their start-up ideas.

On the second day of their weeklong royal tour of India, Prince William and his wife, the former Kate Middleton, spent nearly an hour with the entrepreneurs and the venture capitalists likely to fund some of their enterprise ideas.

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Kate, dressed in a cream wool crepe outfit, smiled and waved at crowds of onlookers who had gathered outside the cafe where the meeting was held.

Later Monday, the royal couple flew to New Delhi, where they laid a wreath at a memorial to honor Indian soldiers who had died in World War I.

They were also due to pay respect to Mohandas K. Gandhi and tour a museum near the spot where India's independence leader was assassinated.

In the evening, the couple was to attend a garden party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday, which is April 21. William was expected to speak to the large gathering of prominent Indians at the reception about his grandmother, who is Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

William and Kate 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.

On Wednesday, the royal couple will sit down for lunch with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, before traveling to the Kaziranga National Park, home to two-thirds of the world's Indian one-horned rhinos, in the northeastern state of Assam.

They'll also take a one-day trip to neighboring 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 1992 visit to the monument of love by William's mother, the late Princess Diana

Somalia: At least 5 killed in bomb blast at a restaurant

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A witness says a car bomb blast outside a restaurant in the Somali capital has killed at least five people.

Mohamed Mahdi said he saw five bloodied people lying outside the restaurant, which is located close to the local government's headquarters.

Another witness, shopkeeper Yusuf Ali, said the bombing targeted a busy area where there were many shoppers nearby.

The blast happened as the restaurant in Mogadishu's Hamarweyne district was packed with customers at lunchtime.

Best Buy Signals a New Geek Squad with Launch of New Geekmobile and Updated Logo

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr 11, 2016--Geek Squad began more than 20 years ago as a small business dedicated solely to repairing personal computers. Today, it is a national organization of 20,000 agents dedicated to helping customers learn about and enjoy their technology.

Now, the iconic Geekmobiles that transport Geek Squad Agents to Americans' homes more than 13,000 times a day have a refreshed look. Starting today, Best Buy's Geek Squad will dispatch more than 1,000 Toyota Prius c hybrid cars nationwide.

In recognition of the launch, Geek Squad has deputized Super Bowl MVP Von Miller, a Dancing with the Stars cast member and self-proclaimed geek, to join Agents on the first client house call made in the new Geekmobile.

The new vehicle, bearing an updated Geek Squad logo, is visible evidence of how the Geek Squad is expanding its in-home service capabilities and expertise to keep pace with ever-changing technology. Agents today make more than 5 million house calls a year, driving an estimated 12.6 million miles to assist Americans with the full range of technology needs, including home technology design and installation, as well as troubleshooting and repair.

"Today's Geek Squad Agents are more likely to help clients with a new home theater experience, improve Wi-Fi performance or install a security solution than they are to fix the family computer," said Geek Squad

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Chief Inspector Nate Bauer. "The new Geekmobile and refreshed logo reflect how we continue to evolve along with technology."

Geek Squad selected the Toyota Prius c because of its innovative engineering and environmental advantages. The Prius revolutionized the auto industry as the first mass-produced hybrid gasoline-electric vehicle. The Prius c will produce about half the emissions of the previous Geekmobile over the life of the vehicle, making it attractive to Best Buy because of the company's commitment to reduce its own carbon emissions by 45 percent by 2020.

"Toyota is excited to partner with Best Buy and to supply the Geek Squad with a fleet of Prius c vehicles," said Doug Coleman, National Vehicle Marketing & Communications Manager, Advanced Technology Vehicles, Toyota. "This partnership provides Toyota with an opportunity to expose the Prius c to thousands of new consumers from coast to coast each and every day."

The original logo reflected the Geek Squad's heritage as a computer repair service. It has been modernized to reflect the full range of services Best Buy offers today, with Agents optimizing home theater systems, creating fast and secure home networks, and harnessing the power of the Internet of Things with smart home products.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL TO EVER VISIT HIROSHIMA DELIVERED

John Kerry visits the memorial to the atomic bombing, offering a message of peace and hope for a nuclear-free world seven decades after the U.S. killed 140,000 Japanese.

2. WHO HAS THE EDGE AMONG VOTERS IN GENERAL ELECTION

An AP-GfK poll finds Americans trust Hillary Clinton more than Donald Trump to handle a wide range of issues.

3. POLICE HUNT SUSPECTS IN DEADLY INDIA FIRE

Medical teams tend to hundreds injured in a massive blaze in a Hindu temple that killed 110 people, while authorities search for those responsible for illegally putting on the fireworks display.

4. WHY SOME FAMILIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LOVED ONES' REMAINS

An AP analysis finds that policing of the funeral industry in the United States is fragmented, with few consequences for those who break rules.

5. 'CUBAN TWITTER' FALLOUT FOUND RELIEF IN FOIA'S GLACIAL PACE

A two-year delay in the Freedom of Information Act benefited U.S. officials as they dealt with the repercussions of the government's once-secret program.

6. TRUMP CRIES FOUL OVER DELEGATE PROCESS

The Republican front-runner blasts the way the country chooses presidential party nominees as "corrupt" and "crooked" as he grapples with the potential of a brokered convention he risks losing.

7. INVESTIGATION INTO SLAYING OF EX-NFL PLAYER CONTINUES

Former New Orleans Saints defensive lineman Will Smith was shot in the back and side, according to a warrant, and police say a road rage incident preceded the slaying.

8. KEIKO FUJIMORI LEADS PERU ELECTION

The daughter of the jailed former president leads in preliminary results from the first round of Peru's presidential election and appears headed to a June runoff.

9. BRYAN ADAMS CHALLENGES NEW MISSISSIPPI LAW

The Canadian rocker is canceling a performance this week in Biloxi, citing the state's new law that allows religious groups and some private businesses to refuse service to gay couples.

10. SPIETH READY TO MOVE ON AFTER EPIC MELTDOWN

The young Texan staggered to the finish at Augusta National, squandering a five-shot lead at the Masters and losing by three strokes to England's Danny Willett.

Police hunt suspects in India temple fire that killed 110

AIJAZ RAHI, Associated Press

PARAVOOR, India (AP) — Medical teams on Monday tended to hundreds of people injured in a massive fire that killed at least 110 people, while authorities searched for those responsible for illegally putting on the fireworks display that caused the weekend blaze at a Hindu temple in southern India.

Amid the burned wreckage of the Puttingal Devi temple complex in the village of Paravoor, rescue officials sifted through huge piles of dust, wood and concrete for clues about how an unauthorized pyrotechnic display staged before dawn Sunday sparked a fire that swept through the temple as it was packed with thousands for a religious festival.

Police detained five workers for questioning about fireworks stored at the site, hoping to learn more about who owned the fireworks and who had contracted the pyrotechnical display, police constable R. Unnikrishnan Nair said. The five were later released, but Nair did not say whether they were able to help authorities track down any of the 15 temple board members who fled after the accident.

The Press Trust of India news agency reported that police were investigating six people — missing temple board members and associates of firework contractors — for possible charges of attempted murder and culpable homicide, both punishable by life imprisonment, and illegally storing a cache of explosives.

As of Monday afternoon, the death toll from the disaster stood at 110, with more than 380 injured, including many with burn injuries and others hurt when an adjacent building storing fireworks collapsed, police said.

Following the fire, which broke out around 3 a.m. Sunday, villagers and police pulled many of the injured out from under slabs of concrete and twisted steel girders. They were taken to hospitals in the Kerala state capital of Thiruvananthapuram, about 60 kilometers (37 miles) south of Paravoor, as well as the nearby city of Kollam.

Scores of worried relatives crowded the Kollam District Hospital on Monday, searching for loved ones still missing.

"We are just trying to calm them down so that they can give us the information, with which we can help them find their missing relatives," said K. Shijil, a help-desk worker at the hospital who was giving out emergency kits that included a towel, clothes, drinking water and cookies.

Among a throng of people crowding the help desk was Somraj, a gray-haired man in his 50s. He was looking for his son-in-law, Anu Lal, who had been watching the fireworks show with him when the disaster occurred.

"We were about to return home, when Anu said, 'Let's watch for a few more minutes,'" recalled Somraj, who like many in southern India goes by one name. "Then came this loud explosion, and everything went dark. I've been searching for him everywhere."

The fire started when a spark from the fireworks display ignited a stash of fireworks that had been stored at the temple complex.

Scores of devotees ran in panic as the massive initial blast cut off power in the complex. Flames trapped many devotees inside the compound. More explosions sent flames and debris raining down, with some chunks of concrete falling as far as 1 kilometer (half a mile) away, a witness said.

"It was complete chaos," villager Krishna 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."

TV channels showed video of huge clouds of white smoke billowing from the temple, as fireworks were still going off in the sky.

Most of the 110 deaths occurred when the building where the fireworks were stored collapsed, according to Kerala state's chief minister, Oommen Chandy.

Most of the bodies have been identified, officials said, though there were still at least 11 unknown victims charred beyond recognition.

District authorities worried about safety had denied permission to the temple this year for its annual competitive fireworks show, during which different groups put on displays at the end of a seven-day festival

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honoring the goddess Bhadrakali, a southern Indian incarnation of the Hindu goddess Kali.

"They were clearly told that no permission would be given for any kind of fireworks," said A. Shainamol, the district's top official. She said officials had worried that the competing sides would try to outdo each other with more and more fireworks, and nearby residents had complained that the shows were a nuisance and a fire hazard.

Warrant: Ex-Saints player Will Smith was shot in back, torso **JANET MCCONNAUGHEY, Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former New Orleans Saints player Will Smith was shot in the back and side, according to a warrant read in court Sunday night before a magistrate set a \$1 million bond for the man accused of killing him.

Police said Smith, 34, was killed in a case of road rage by a man who had rear-ended his car. They arrested Cardell Hayes, 28, on a charge of second-degree murder. Prosecutors have 60 days to decide whether to bring that charge against Hayes.

Hayes' Humvee H2 rear-ended Smith's Mercedes G63 around 11:30 p.m. Saturday in the upscale Lower Garden District, pushing it into a Chevrolet Impala driven by two of Smith's acquaintances. The two argued, and Hayes shot both Smith and Smith's wife, Racquel, police said. She was taken to a hospital with a leg wound.

Defense attorney John Fuller asked for low bond Sunday night, noting that Hayes had waited for police, owns a towing business and is raising his 5-year-old son.

Magistrate Brigid Collins said she understood but, according to the warrant, "I've also got a gentleman who was shot in the back."

Smith and his wife, who have three children, had been at the French Quarter festival, which features local music and food, in the hours before the shooting. He posted a photo of himself and his wife on Twitter and Instagram with the caption: "Having a blast at the #fqf2016 @ French Quarter Fest."

Hayes and Smith didn't know each other, Fuller said. But, he said outside the courthouse, the accident that police said touched off the deadly confrontation was the second within moments.

He said Hayes ran into the back of Smith's Mercedes while following a hit-and-run driver who had rear-ended his Humvee and sped off. Fuller wouldn't say whether Hayes identified the Mercedes as that vehicle.

Hayes is not guilty of murder, and the story is more complex than the police account, Fuller said after the hearing. He said Hayes called 911 after he was hit and convinced a witness who was about to leave to remain and talk to police.

Police spokesman Tyler Gamble told The Associated Press in an email Sunday that he had no immediate information about the witness or the 911 call.

Online court records show Hayes pleaded guilty in 2014 to one count each of possessing an illegal weapon and possessing drug paraphernalia.

The gun he had Sunday was legal, Fuller said, noting that police didn't accuse him of any weapons charge. Gamble said the gun hadn't been reported stolen, but tracing its actual history takes more time.

Hayes sued the New Orleans Police Department and six officers after police killed his father in 2005. Police settled the lawsuit in 2011. The settlement is confidential, said attorney Ike Spears, who represented Hayes in that lawsuit.

Smith was beloved by fans for his role in New Orleans' 2009 Super Bowl championship, though the defensive captain also was at the center of the NFL's bounty probe in 2012, the last year he played in an NFL regular season game.

The league concluded that Smith and fellow defensive captain Jonathan Vilma helped run a locker-room pool that paid cash bonuses for heavy and even injurious hits.

Smith successfully appealed a four-game suspension, though coach Sean Payton was suspended the entire 2012 season.

A year earlier, however, Smith served a two-game suspension for using a weight-loss product that included a diuretic banned by the league for masking steroid use.

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Smith, a native of Queens, New York, played for Ohio State's 2002 national championship team and graduated in 2005 with a degree in criminology.

New Orleans chose him in the first round of the 2004 draft. He led the Saints with a career-high 13 sacks in 2009. Smith's 67 ½ career sacks rank fourth in Saints history. The New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame says Smith had been unanimously voted into the hall last month.

Off the field, Smith established a foundation "to motivate, educate and provide opportunities for women and children."

The Smith family said in a statement Sunday that they were thankful for the outpouring of support but requested privacy as they grieve.

Trump cries foul over process as he presses campaign forward

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LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is blasting the way the country chooses presidential party nominees as "corrupt" and "crooked" as he grapples with the potential of a brokered convention that he risks losing.

Speaking to thousands packed in a frigid airport hangar in western New York on Sunday, Trump ripped the byzantine fight over delegates at the heart of his party's nominating process. He argued anew that the person who wins the most votes in the primary process should automatically be the GOP nominee.

"What they're trying to do is subvert the movement with crooked shenanigans," said Trump, comparing his woes to those of Bernie Sanders, who is winning states but still far behind Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton in the race for delegates that decide party nominations.

"We should have won it a long time ago," Trump said. "But, you know, we keep losing where we're winning."

Trump was coming to terms with the political reality of candidates chasing delegates ahead of their nominating convention, and now he's shifting his focus to developing a strategy akin to the one rival Ted Cruz has been pursuing for months.

"A more traditional approach is needed and Donald Trump recognizes that," Paul Manafort, Trump's new delegate chief, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." At his rally in Rochester, Trump repeatedly insisted his campaign was "doing fine" and predicted he would clinch the nomination before the summer convention.

Nonetheless, his supporters described with disdain what they saw as an effort by the party's establishment to deny Trump a victory they feel he has already earned.

"I'm 59 years old and maybe I've had my head in the sand through the years, but I've never seen anything like this," said Cheryl Griggs of Hilton, New York, who attended the rally with her son. "To go against the votes of the people and the will of the people and put somebody else in there, I think, is horrific."

She said she didn't understand the delegate process and believes that the winner should be decided by popular vote.

Rochester's Scott Nasca said he worries the efforts would only leave Trump bruised heading into a general election.

"The sad thing is the guy's got to go against the Democratic establishment, and now he's got to go against his own party's establishment as well, and it's just not right," said Nasca, 48, who owns an investment company,

"It's absolutely ridiculous. But he's a threat to the big people in politics, the lobbyists, the elitists in the Republican Party," he added. "They're going to disenfranchise their own voters."

His brother-in-law Mark Tachin, 50, a mason contractor in Rochester, was equally glum.

"It's like the American people don't have a voice anymore, it almost feels like that," he said. "As much as people are voting right now in these huge turnouts that Trump is getting, they're still not paying attention to these turnouts. They're still trying to do their own thing despite the voice of the people. It's just unbelievable to me."

"It's just they don't get it," he added, "It's disheartening."

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Trump was introduced at the rally by Buffalo real estate developer and 2010 gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino, who said that talk of a brokered convention "suggests that they can take that right away from the American people to choose their leader."

Elsewhere, Trump continued to try to catch up to Cruz's ground operation, which is months ahead in some states when it comes to securing friendly delegates. Cruz is trying to eat into Trump's home-state support in conservative pockets of New York.

Manafort said the Cruz campaign was using a "scorched earth" approach in which "they don't care about the party. If they don't get what they want, they blow it up."

"The key, especially for uncommitted delegates, is the electability question," Manafort said on NBC.

Last weekend, 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 still has a narrow path to nailing down 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 ended his campaign, has 171 delegates.

AP-GfK Poll: Clinton has edge over Trump on range of issues

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stark warning for Donald Trump as he eyes a possible general election showdown with Hillary Clinton, Americans trust the Democratic front-runner more than the Republican businessman to handle a wide range of issues — from immigration to health care to nominating Supreme Court justices.

Even when asked which of the two candidates would be best at "making American great" — the central promise of Trump's campaign — Americans are slightly more likely to side with Clinton, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

The survey does reveal some potential trouble spots for Clinton. Trump is nearly even with her on whom Americans trust to handle the economy, which voters consistently rank as one of the top issues facing the country. Clinton is trusted more on the economy by 38 percent of Americans, while 35 percent side with Trump.

And despite Americans' overall preference for Clinton on a host of issues, just 20 percent say she represents their own views very well on matters they care about, while 23 percent say somewhat well.

But as with most issues addressed in the AP-GfK poll, the numbers for Trump are even worse: Just 15 percent of Americans say he represents their views very well and 14 percent say somewhat well.

Trump's support with registered Republican voters is also soft on some issues, with less than 50 percent saying they trust him over Clinton on working with Congress or handling the U.S. image abroad. About a quarter of Republicans say they trust neither candidate on either of those issues.

Those figures underscore the work the real estate mogul must do to shore up support within his own party if he's the nominee.

Greg Freeman, an independent who leans Republican, said he would "absolutely not" trust Trump to handle major issues facing the United States.

"I think he would have the U.S. in wars at the drop of a hat. He would make the international community angry at the United States," said Freeman, a 41-year-old from Walhalla, South Carolina. "He has a lot of comments on issues, but he has no solutions."

While Clinton and Trump are the favorites to face off in the fall campaign, obstacles remain, particularly for the Republican billionaire. He's leading in the delegate count, but needs to perform better in the upcoming final primaries in order to reach the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination. If he fails

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to hit that number, the GOP contest will be decided at the party's convention in July — and it's unclear whether Trump's slim campaign operation is prepared for that complex challenge.

Clinton has yet to shake Democratic challenger Bernie Sanders, a Vermont senator who has energized young voters with his calls for breaking up Wall Street banks and making tuition free at public colleges and universities.

While Sanders faces tough odds of overtaking Clinton, who has a commanding lead in delegates, his continued presence in the race has rankled the former secretary of state and prevented her from fully turning her attention toward the general election.

Still, Clinton has been starting to draw a contrast with her potential Republican opponents, namely Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, his closest rival.

"I'm really looking forward to debating either Donald Trump or Ted Cruz," Clinton said Friday. "Mr. Trump, tell me again about how you're going to build this wall and make the Mexicans pay for it. Tell me again why you think it's a good idea for Japan and South Korea to develop nuclear weapons."

Trump's campaign appears well-aware of the need to bolster the businessman's policy credentials. He's recently expanded on his foreign policy views, including questioning U.S. participation in the NATO military alliance and suggesting some Asian nations may need nuclear weapons. Campaign officials have also said Trump plans to give a series of policy speeches in the coming weeks.

Clinton's edge over Trump on the issues spans both foreign and domestic policy.

She holds a significant advantage on handling immigration, health care, the U.S. image abroad, filling Supreme Court vacancies, international trade and working with Congress. Her biggest advantage is on handling gender equality issues, with 55 percent of Americans trusting her and just 12 percent backing Trump.

Clinton has a slimmer lead over Trump on which candidate is trusted to protect the country, with 37 percent backing the Democrat and 31 percent backing the Republican. The margin is similar when Americans were asked who they trusted to handle the threat posed by the Islamic State group.

Much of Trump's appeal with voters has rested on his broad pledge to "make America great again." But when asked which candidate they trusted more to make the country great, 33 percent of Americans picked Clinton and 28 percent backed Trump.

Thirty percent said they didn't trust either candidate to make that happen.

Jordan Spieth: Where does he go after epic Masters meltdown?

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Where does Jordan Spieth go from here?

He could have been sailing along on the second act to one of the greatest years in golf history. Instead, the young Texan left Augusta shaking his head, and trying to figure out how to shake off one of the most epic collapses in the history of the game.

It won't be easy.

"Big picture, this one will hurt," Spieth said, still sounding in a bit of shock outside the Augusta National clubhouse Sunday evening after it all slipped away. "It will take a while."

Not only will Spieth have to erase the memory of his splashdown on No. 12 — a quadruple-bogey 7 that included two water balls and turned a one-time five-shot lead into a three-shot deficit to the eventual champion, Danny Willett.

Spieth will also have to clear all the bad thoughts out of his head. Over the weekend, he played 31 holes of good-to-great golf and put himself in position for a second green jacket at the tender age of 22. Those other five holes were 17 and 18 on Saturday, then 10, 11 and 12 on Sunday. He went a cumulative 9 over on those and had bad swing thoughts that he simply couldn't overcome.

"The wheels kind of came off the last ... holes on Saturday," said Spieth, who brought his coach, Cameron McCormick, back into Augusta for a quick tuneup before tee time in the final round.

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It helped. For a while.

My confidence going into the first hole was fantastic," said Spieth, who made four straight birdies to hit the turn at 7 under, in the lead by five strokes. "But listen, I had my 'B-minus' game tee to green. Ultimately, you have to have your 'A' game every single part, and I just didn't have those iron swings, as it showed on the back nine."

All of which set up an awkward award presentation in Butler Cabin, which was then replicated on the practice green in front of the clubhouse.

First, Spieth had to present the green jacket to Willett in front of the television cameras.

Then, he had to do it again for the patrons.

Willett earned the honor by shooting a bogey-free round of 67 that left him three ahead of Spieth and Lee Westwood. Willett finished at 5-under 283.

Still looking a bit shocked, Spieth managed to muddle through.

"I can't imagine that was fun for anyone to experience," he said, "other than maybe Danny's team and those who are fans of him."

He fully expected to be taking home his own green jacket for another year, as is the custom for the Masters champion.

"I can't think of anybody else who may have had a tougher ceremony to experience," said Spieth, who now has to leave his jacket at the club.

For Willett, this is a career-changing victory that almost never got started. His first child was due Sunday. But Zachariah James Willett came early, on March 30, which allowed the new dad to rebook his ticket to Augusta and play in his second Masters.

Now, Willett can be mentioned in the same sentence with none other than Nick Faldo — the only other Englishman to wear the green jacket.

Faldo's third and final victory at Augusta came courtesy of Greg Norman's epic collapse back in 1996. Willett's came courtesy of Spieth, though the 28-year-old Englishman, who will move up to ninth in world ranking, did plenty to earn the victory, as well.

He went bogey-free through the last 18 holes, which looks all the more impressive considering the shaky play going on around him.

Westwood, still 0-for-the-majors, chipped in for an eagle on 15 to get within one shot of the lead, only to miss a 4-footer to save par at the 16th — right after Willett had drained a longer birdie putt.

The two-shot swing finished off Westwood, who at least showed he's still got game at age 42 after enduring a winless 2015, when his focus was clearly distracted by a divorce and a move back to his native England to be closer to his kids.

"Obviously, I must be doing something right," Westwood said.

Dustin Johnson, another extremely talented player who has dealt with personal issues, also got within a shot of the lead but couldn't pull out his first major title.

For Johnson, it was a familiar story — plenty of good shots, but some shaky putting and mistakes at the most inopportune times. He double-bogeyed the fifth and was all done after another double-bogey at the 17th. He finished in a tie for fourth with J.B. Holmes and Paul Casey, four shots back.

"I think my game's exactly where it needs to be," Johnson said, not looking at it as another one he let get away. "I feel like I've got control of my game. I'm looking forward to the year for sure."

For Spieth, the next major can't come soon enough.

But he has to wait two painful months for the U.S. Open at Oakmont.

Time to clear his head, and try to move past the one he gave away.

"I'm very confident in the way that we play the game of golf," Spieth said. "I think that when we're on, I believe we're the best in the world."

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Candidates _ even Trump _ shift to delegate hunt

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic and Republican presidential candidates are coming to terms with the cold mathematical reality of chasing delegates ahead of their nominating conventions, with front-runners Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump driving for challenge-proof majorities against rivals who won't go away.

For Trump, who remains well short of the 1,237 delegates he needs to clinch the GOP nod, that means his campaign focuses on developing a delegate-centered strategy akin to the one that rival Ted Cruz has pursued for months.

"A more traditional approach is needed and Donald Trump recognizes that," Paul Manafort, Trump's new delegate chief, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Even so, the billionaire developer later in the day complained that the system is "corrupt" and "crooked" and said it's unfair that the person who wins the most votes may not be the nominee.

"What they're trying to do is subvert the movement with crooked shenanigans," Trump told a crowd of thousands gathered in a packed airport hangar in Rochester, New York. "We're supposed to be a democracy," he added, drawing parallels with Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.

If denied the GOP nomination, he went on to warn, "you're going to have a big problem, folks, because there are people who don't like what's going on."

For Clinton, who lost Wyoming Saturday night to Sanders, it means maintaining her commanding leads among delegates and popular votes no matter how many states Sanders wins — or how much "momentum" he claims. Key to her drive is a win April 19 in New York, which she represented in the U.S. Senate.

Asked in a CNN interview that aired Sunday whether she's quietly preparing a strategy in the unlikely event of a contested Democratic convention, she replied, "No, I intend to have the number of delegates that are required to be nominated."

After stops in New York City churches, Clinton headed to Baltimore for her first campaign rally in Maryland, where she picked up the endorsement of popular local congressman Elijah Cummings.

Maryland, where Clinton is favored, holds its primary on April 26 along with Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut.

Clinton's campaign is pushing for big wins across the northeast, in an effort to gain what they've termed an "all but insurmountable" lead in the delegate race. It's a strategy shared by Trump, who is also looking to win all the delegates he can in New York.

With neither front-runner strong enough to claim inevitability, their challengers stuck to the hope that by winning more races and cozying up to delegates, they stand a chance of eventually grabbing their respective party nominations.

For Ohio Gov. John Kasich, it's about winning enough delegates to keep all candidates from locking up the majority. And that means sowing doubts about the effect that a Trump or Cruz nomination would have on the party. He said there's "great concern" not just about how each would represent the GOP, but about the prospect of a blowout loss up and down the ticket in November.

"We would lose seats all the way from the statehouse to the courthouse" — meaning races all down the ballot, Kasich told CBS's "Face the Nation."

Sanders, behind Clinton by hundreds of delegates and more than 2.4 million votes, is pointing to state-wide wins in seven of the last eight contests. But his latest victory in Wyoming did nothing to help him in the delegate chase: Both Sanders and Clinton got seven delegates.

On CBS, Sanders noted that the contest has moved from the conservative South — "Not a stronghold for me" — into states like New York, Pennsylvania and California where he expects to do well.

"Our plan right now is to win this thing," Sanders said on "Face the Nation." "I think we have a real shot to end up with more delegates."

On the Republican side, Trump continued to try to catch up to Cruz's ground operation, which is months ahead and trying to eat into Trump's home state support in conservative pockets of New York. Manafort said the Cruz campaign was using a "scorched earth" approach in which "they don't care about the party."

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If they don't get what they want, they blow it up."

"The key, especially for uncommitted delegates, is the electability question," Manafort said on NBC.

They spoke after 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.

Clinton has 1,287 delegates based on primaries and caucuses, compared to Sanders' 1,037. When including superdelegates, 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 nailing down 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.