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Open House Bridal Shower For

Brianna Woods
Bride-to-be of Zach Geary
Saturday, April 30th
9:30-11:30

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
Church – Groton**
The couple is registered at:
Target, Herbergers & Menards

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Rail-
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recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Monday, April 25

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, tater tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Charlie Pray, Rachel Blackmun, Rick Schauer

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Girls golf at Milbank

4:00pm: 7th/8th grade track at Aberdeen

7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

Ag Fair in Aberdeen

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, tomato spoon salad, pears, cornmeal muffin.

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

11:30am: Track in Groton

Wednesday, April 27

Biology II Health Science Career Day in Aberdeen

School Breakfast: Egg omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, broccoli, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Terry Schwabe

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

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Service Notice: Betty Jensen

Memorial services for Betty Jean Jensen, 88, of Conde will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7th at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate, assisted by Loren Siefken. Burial will be held in the Conde City Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday, May 6th from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Betty passed away, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Service Notice: Jean Lowary

Services for Laura Jean Lowary, 91, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday April 30th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Private family burial will take place in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Closed casket visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday from 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Jean passed away Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

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School Board, 7:30 p.m., April 25th

FCCLA Style Show, 7 p.m., April 28

FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m., April 29

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Today in Weather History

1875 - New York City received three inches of snow, the latest measurable snow of record for that location. (David Ludlum)

1898 - The temperature at Volcano Springs CA hit 118 degrees to establish a U.S. record for the month of April. (The Weather Channel)

1910 - Chicago, IL, was blanketed with 2.5 inches of snow, and a total of 6.5 inches between the 22nd and the 26th. It was the latest significant snow of record for the city. (The Weather Channel)

1920 - Atlanta, GA, received 1.5 inches of snow, and experienced their latest freeze of record with a morning low of 32 degrees. The high of just 39 degrees was only their second daily high colder than 40 degrees in April. (The Weather Channel)

1984 - A late season snowstorm struck the Northern Rockies and the Northern Plains. The storm produced some unusually high snowfall totals. The town of Lead, located in the Black Hills of western South Dakota, was buried under 67 inches of snow. Red Lodge, located in the mountains of southern Montana, reported 72 inches of snow. Up to 60 inches blanketed the mountains of northern Wyoming. It was rated the worst late season storm of record for much of the affected area. (25th-28th) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Low pressure off the coast of North Carolina produced heavy rain flooding creeks in the foot-hills and the piedmont area, before moving out to sea. The low pressure system also produced wind gusts to 50 mph in Virginia. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms racing at 65 mph produced large hail in Alabama and Georgia. Hail damage in Alabama was estimated at fifty million dollars, making it their worst weather disaster since Hurricane Frederick in 1979. Hail three inches in diameter accompanied a tornado near Valdosta GA. Hail four and a half inches in diameter was reported south of Atlanta GA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced severe weather from North Carolina to Indiana and Ohio, with more than 70 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A strong (F-2) tornado hit Xenia OH injuring 16 persons and causing more than a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Texas to Nebraska. Thunderstorms spawned fifteen tornadoes, including a powerful (F-4) tornado near Weatherford TX. Between 3 PM and 8 PM, a storm complex tracking northeastward across central Kansas spawned four tornadoes along a 119-mile path from Ness to Smith Center, with the last tornado on the ground for 55 miles. Del Rio TX was raked with hail two inches in diameter, and wind gusts to 112 mph. Brown County and Commanche County in Texas were deluged with up to 18 inches of rain, and flooding caused more than 65 million dollars damage. Two dozen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 87 degrees at Flint MI and 90 degrees at Alpena MI were records for April. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2008 - Anchorage, AK, receives a record 17.2 inches at the airport and 22 inches in northeast Anchorage from the 25th to 26th. The 15.5 inches on the 25th makes it the third most received on any one day in Anchorage.

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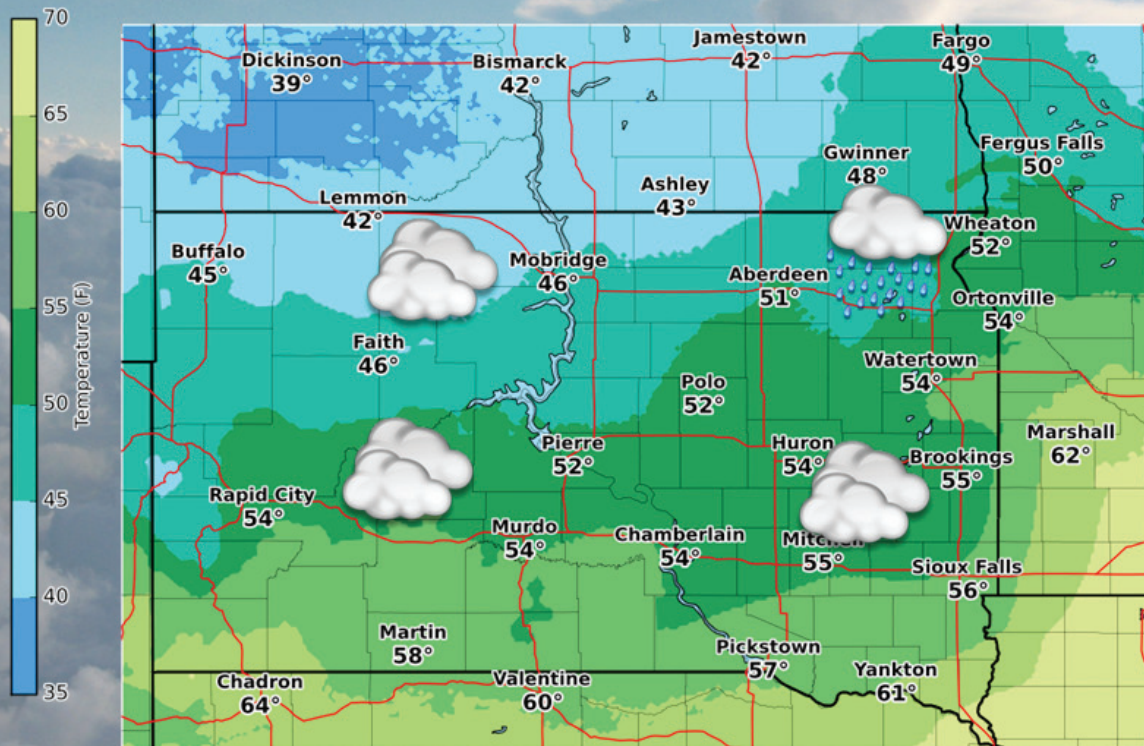
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
50% → 20%	30%		40% → 80%	90%	70%	60% 40%
Scattered Showers then Isolated Showers	Chance Rain	Cloudy	Chance Rain then Rain and Breezy	Rain	Rain Likely	Rain/Snow Likely then Chance Rain
High: 50 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 53 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 46 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 47 °F

Rain This Morning – Then A Break More Moisture For Tuesday



National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

Published on: 04/25/2016 at 3:55AM

Low pressure will continue to move east and weaken - with rain through mainly the morning hours. Another system will move into the region Tuesday with rain continuing into Wednesday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 71.4 at 3:51 PM

Low: 52.2 at 11:58 PM

High Gust: 39 at 1:20 PM

Precip: 0.68

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1962

Record Low: 19 in 1958

Average High: 62°F

Average Low: 36°F

Average Precip in April.: 1.42

Precip to date in April.: 1.93

Average Precip to date: 3.60

Precip Year to Date: 2.88

Sunset Tonight: 8:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:28 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 25, 2016, issued 4:42 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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CONSULTANT ON CALL

They called him the miracle worker. It was a miracle if he ever worked at all.

But he went to church and was so moved by the message that he went forward during the invitation and professed to be converted. His family and friends were delighted when he prayed: "Dear Lord, save me and use me to Your glory." Unfortunately, he added: "By the way, Lord, I'll be available whenever You need me to give you or others need guidance or directions."

God does not need our advice, He needs our attention. He does not need our suggestions, He needs our service. He does not need our words, He needs our wills. He does not need our heads, He needs our hearts.

More than anything, He wants our love—for if we truly love Him, we will labor for Him and live for Him. He also wants us to worship Him, and if we do, we will gladly and willingly work for Him. It is only when we make a definite decision to follow Him that we will make a daily difference in His world.

Jesus said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

Prayer: Help me, Father, to know Your will by studying Your Word that I may do Your work. Help me to live for Thee: through Christ. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

News from the Associated Press

Wildlife in Hill City area will produce smoke for days

HILL CITY, S.D. (AP) — A wildfire in the Hill City area in western South Dakota is about 50 percent contained, but it's still producing a lot of smoke.

The Great Plains Fire Information office says the Storm Hill Fire is burning mainly bug-killed trees and fallen timber, and smoke will be visible for days.

The fire that started Saturday burned about 200 acres of private and U.S. Forest Service land. That's about one-third of a square mile. Officials say it was started by a person, but the exact cause isn't yet known.

The fire at point threatened some structures and forced the closure of a highway. No injuries have been reported.

Public health expert to speak about health equity

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The chair and professor at the Department of Public Health at North Dakota State University will speak in Vermillion on Monday.

Dr. Donald Warne will give a presentation titled "Health Equity on the Northern Plains" at noon at the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medicine and Science Building on the University of South Dakota campus.

Warne is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge and he's descended from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men.

He has served as a clinician for the National Institutes of Health, on the faculty at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and as an adviser to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GF&P extends aquatic invasive species plan through 2020

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department has developed an updated aquatic invasive species management plan to guide department activities through 2020.

The revised plan is an extension of the 2008 plan and was developed with cooperation from state, federal and non-government partners to help control and prevent the spread of such aquatic invasive species as Asian carp and zebra mussels.

Mike Smith is GF&P's aquatic invasive species statewide coordinator. He says comments were gathered from different groups during the drafting of the plan, but it's important for the public to review it and provide input.

The 2016-2020 plan highlights the potential problems that aquatic invasive species may cause to South Dakota's aquatic resources and their effects on boaters, anglers and others.

Museum exhibit celebrates sheep production

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum will debut an exhibit on sheep production on Friday.

"The Unspun Tale: Sheep in South Dakota" kicks off with a free public reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. Attendees will be able to sample lamb hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments while watching demonstrations of spinning, knitting, weaving and fiber arts by the Brookings Fiberworks Guild.

South Dakota ranks fifth in U.S. sheep production, and the museum notes that the often-overlooked

industry plays a vital role in South Dakota's agricultural economy. Staff gathered oral histories, family photographs and artifacts from across the state to explore the topic.

The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year.

Trump laces into Cruz-Kasich collaboration

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Donald Trump is lacing into an extraordinary collaboration between Ted Cruz and John Kasich aimed at unifying the anti-Trump vote in some remaining primaries.

Trump says his two rivals are colluding in a way that would be illegal in many industries.

Under the arrangement outlined Sunday, Kasich, the Ohio governor, will step back in the May 3 Indiana contest to let Cruz bid for voters who don't like Trump. Cruz, a Texas senator, will do the same for Kasich in Oregon and New Mexico.

Trump said in a statement that Cruz and Kasich are "mathematically dead" — meaning neither can gather enough delegates to clinch the nomination before the party's July convention — and their compact smacks of desperation by two "puppets of donors and special interests."

The arrangement does not address the five Northeastern states set to vote on Tuesday, where Trump is expected to add to his already overwhelming delegate lead. Yet the shift offers increasingly desperate Trump foes a glimmer of hope in their long and frustrating fight to halt the billionaire's rise.

"Having Donald Trump at the top of the ticket in November would be a sure disaster for Republicans," Cruz's campaign manager, Jeff Roe, said in a statement explaining the new plans. "Not only would Trump get blown out by (Hillary) Clinton or (Bernie) Sanders, but having him as our nominee would set the party back a generation."

Added Kasich's chief strategist, John Weaver, "Our goal is to have an open convention in Cleveland, where we are confident a candidate capable of uniting the party and winning in November will emerge as the nominee."

The announcement marks a sharp reversal for Cruz's team, which aggressively opposed coordinating anti-Trump efforts with Kasich as recently as late last week. And the agreement applies only to Indiana, Oregon and New Mexico — three of the 15 states remaining on the Republican primary calendar. As Kasich backs out of Indiana, Cruz promised he would not compete in n Oregon on May 17 and New Mexico on June 7.

Trump campaigned Sunday in Maryland, which will vote on Tuesday along with Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Speaking to several thousand people in an airplane hangar in Hagerstown, Maryland, Sunday evening, Trump stressed repeatedly that he expects to win the 1,237 delegates needed in the first round of voting in Cleveland to stave off a contested convention.

"I only care about the first," he said. "We're not going for the second and third and fourth and fifth."

As recently as three days ago Kasich's campaign announced investments in Indiana, including the opening of two offices and the creation of a campaign leadership team. His campaign on Sunday night canceled a town-hall meeting and gathering in Indianapolis scheduled to watch the results of Tuesday's primaries.

Both campaigns encouraged allied super PACs and other outside groups to "honor the commitments."

On the Democratic side Sunday, underdog Sanders rallied thousands of voters in two New England states and offered mixed signals on how hard he would push his differences with the commanding

front-runner, Clinton.

The Vermont senator largely steered clear of Clinton at a Rhode Island park, but hours later delivered a sharp critique before more than 14,000 supporters in New Haven, Connecticut. Sanders reiterated his call for Clinton to release transcripts of lucrative Wall Street speeches she delivered after leaving the State Department in early 2013.

"This campaign, unlike Secretary Clinton's, has not raised \$15 million from Wall Street and millions more from other special interests," he said as the crowd booed at the mention of Clinton's name.

Clinton eyed victories in four or five of Tuesday's contests, which would all but cripple Sanders' White House bid.

Ohio couple weds at starting line, then runs half-marathon

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — This year's Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon in Ohio will be a race to remember for one couple who married at the starting line before running the event's half-marathon.

The Repository newspaper (<http://bit.ly/24f1RkL>) reports marathon co-founder David Beck officiated as 50-year-old Lynnette Beedle and 49-year-old Stephen Klejka wed early Sunday in Canton.

The Hudson couple married in their running attire and matching blue "Team Kejka" sweatshirts, with Beedle donning a short white veil in her hair and Klejka strapping on a bow tie. After expressing their love for one another, they high-fived, kissed and set off for their 13.1-mile jog.

They were among about 3,000 runners who participated in the marathon, half-marathon or relay.

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 KASICH, CRUZ ARE ALIGNING TO DO

Trump's rivals are joining forces in three states to deny him the necessary delegates to win the Republican presidential nomination, the latest display of strife in the convulsive GOP race.

2. OBAMA LAYS OUT NEXT SYRIA MOVE

The president says he's sending up to 250 more troops to the country to "keep up this momentum" against the Islamic State group, saying their mission will be to drive the extremists from territory.

3. AP: TEST FINDS CHERNOBYL RESIDUE IN BELARUS MILK

On the eve of the 30th anniversary of the nuclear disaster, Belarus' government appears determined to restore long-idle land for farm use — and suppress criticism of lax health and safety enforcement.

4. WHY NEPALESE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEXT 'BIG ONE'

Experts say the South Asian country has some way to go to implement earthquake-safe building practices, a year after devastating temblors plunged it into chaos and economic decline.

5. PENTAGON, CONGRESS AT ODDS OVER BASES

The Defense Department believes the Army and Air Force have surpluses of space for training and basing troops, and trimming the excess would save money better used to strengthen the military.

6. WHO IS TRUMP'S KINDRED POLITICAL SPIRIT

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions and the GOP front-runner have been drawn together by a shared belief that some of their party leaders are selling out their own voters.

7. OHIO SLAYINGS REMAIN A MYSTERY

Authorities are scrambling to determine who killed eight family members in a "pre-planned execution" that has shaken residents of a rural southern town.

8. HOW SAGGING OIL PRICES ARE HITTING MIDEAST

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The IMF says oil exporting countries in the region lost \$390 billion in revenue due to lower oil prices last year, and should brace for losses of more than \$500 billion this year.

9. SALES OF PRINCE'S MUSIC SKYROCKET

Led by "Purple Rain," "When Doves Cry," "Little Red Corvette" and "Let's Go Crazy," the artist sold 2.3 million songs in the three days following his death.

10. WARRIORS FACE MORE UNCERTAINTY WITH CURRY

Golden State again faces the possibility of another playoff game without its star guard, who will have an MRI on his sprained right knee.

Prince was a one-man band and a friend to many others

BY HILLEL ITALIE, AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — On his own, Prince was a revolutionary recording artist and one-man band.

But the nearly-40 year career that ended with his death Thursday was hardly a private party. The other half of his musical legacy were his many collaborations and contributions, whether joining Stevie Wonder on stage in Paris for a spontaneous jam of "Superstition" or writing such future hits as "I Feel for You" and "Manic Monday" and giving them to other artists.

In an industry where collaborations with other artists and credits are negotiated as heavily as world treaties, Prince followed only one credo when it came to working with others: the love of the music.

"Oh yes, he loved helping other people," said his friend and former fiancée Sheila E., "and helping people by saying, 'Hey, here's a song you might want to do or like, I think this fits you, or you know come into the studio and see if we can work together.'"

In recent years, he boosted singer-songwriters such as Judith Hill, Lianne La Havas, Esperanza Spalding and Liv Warfield, and recorded singers like Rita Ora. Kendrick Lamar was among the many who traveled to Paisley Park for his famous late-night jams.

Among the countless tributes to Prince over the past few days were stories of his generosity and inspiration. On her Facebook page, Erykah Badu shared a litany of memories "That time Prince was your rhythm guitarist then sent you the picture. The time Prince was so gracious to come to your club in the hood of South Dallas and play for 4 hours into the night...The time you recorded 'Today --- the earth song' at Paisley Park. All the times y'all shot pool and argued over religion."

Ken Ehrlich, the veteran producer of the Grammy Awards, told The Associated Press about luring Prince to the 2004 ceremony, where he would memorably team up with Beyonce on "Purple Rain" and "Baby, I'm a Star."

"I had asked him on several occasions before. I had never had much success," Ehrlich said. But as soon as he heard he would perform with Beyonce, Prince replied, "I'll do it," the producer said.

Prince called him and asked that they meet at a rehearsal hall in Los Angeles.

"In one day, he had laid out the entire medley" that he and Beyonce would perform, Ehrlich said.

"He put his guitar down, and he looked at me (with) a 'look what I did' smile," the producer recalled. "It was like a school kid showing off for the teacher."

Singer Kandace Springs told the Associated Press that she was contacted by Prince a couple of years ago through Twitter after he saw a YouTube video for her cover of Sam Smith's "Stay With Me." Skeptical at first that the encouraging notes really were from Prince, she was on a plane to his home in Paisley Park within days and was asked to close his 30th anniversary concert for "Purple Rain." At the time, she said, she was being encouraged to take on an urban hip-hop sound, but she considered herself more of a jazz artist.

"He spoke straight into me, 'You need to be who you are, not be what some other people tell you,'"

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she recalled.

Prince was so prolific a songwriter that demos or B-sides became hits for others, often by design. Cyndi Lauper and Mitch Ryder covered "When You Were Mine," an aching love song originally on the flip side of Prince's single "Controversy." Prince wrote Sheila E.'s signature hit, "The Glamorous Life," while an early song he worked on, "I Feel for You," became a smash for Chaka Khan. "Nothing Compares 2 U" was Sinead O'Connor's biggest hit. For the Bangles, he wrote one of their biggest hits, "Manic Monday," under the pseudonym "Christopher."

"(Prince) really liked our first album," the Bangles' Debbi Peterson told MTV UK in 1989. "He liked the song 'Hero Takes a Fall,' which is a great compliment, because we liked his music. He contacted us, and said, 'I've got a couple of songs for you. I'd like to know if you're interested,' and of course we were."

Sometimes, just a phone call was enough. In the early 1980s, Stevie Nicks was working on her solo album, "The Wild Heart." The Fleetwood Mac singer had heard Prince's "Little Red Corvette" on her car radio and loved it so much she decided to write an answer song, "Stand Back," which became a Top 5 hit in 1983. While in the studio, she came up with a crazy idea: Call Prince himself to help out.

"I said, 'Prince, this is Stevie Nicks, and I wrote a song to your song 'Little Red Corvette,' and we're at Sunset Sound right now, and I was wondering — first of all, I wanted to tell you that I'm giving you 50 percent of (the royalties) it if it ever goes anywhere, but are you in town?'" Nicks told MTV.com in 2009. "If you are, how would you feel about coming down and playing on it?" Never in a million years did I think this man would be like, 'I'll be right there.' He was there in 20 minutes and he played (she mimes instrumental parts of the song on 'Stand Back,') and he was there an hour and a half, and then he left."

Face of fracas? Durant says testy playoffs just part of game

SCHUYLER DIXON, AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin Durant suddenly, and reluctantly, found himself at the center of a conversation over whether Oklahoma City's rough-and-tumble series with Dallas was out of control.

LeBron James steadfastly believes he won't have the same problem, even though the Cleveland star was called out twice by Detroit early in a first-round matchup of division rivals that don't really like each other.

"It's just not who I am," James said before the Cavaliers closed out a sweep with a 100-98 win on Sunday night. "It's not the makeup of my game to lose focus on anything. I know what the main thing is, what the main objective is to this game, so it's not hard at all."

Durant probably thought the same thing before Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle accused him of a dirty play, and the NBA apparently agreed by giving the mild-mannered forward a technical a day after he elbowed Dallas rookie Salah Mejri in Game 3.

Then the seven-time All-Star was ejected for the first time in his playoff career over a flagrant foul that he said was inadvertent in Game 4 on Saturday night.

And he had to answer questions about swipes to the head, elbows and shoves rather than 3-pointers, rim-rattling dunks and the Thunder's commanding 3-1 lead in the series with the Mavericks.

These playoffs are no different than most. The number of flagrant fouls and technicals in the first round probably won't come close to the most since 2000, according to STATS. And it's not the first or last time for the postseason focus to shift to chippy moments.

"That's all part of the game," Durant said after a 119-108 win in Dallas that put Oklahoma City in position to wrap up the series Monday night at home.

"For the most part, no one's dirty. I know Carlisle and (Dallas owner) Mark Cuban want to tell you guys that. But we're just going out there and playing."

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Durant, who has been ejected once in the regular season in his career, was fined \$15,000 by the NBA for his hard foul with 50 seconds remaining on another Dallas rookie in Justin Anderson, who played at the same high school as Durant in the Washington, D.C., area.

And Russell Westbrook was docked \$25,000 for shouting an expletive at a fan in Dallas earlier in the second half.

There was also an altercation in front of the Oklahoma City bench in the first half, and Serge Ibaka got a technical 30 seconds after Durant's foul for elbowing Charlie Villanueva.

Still, Thunder coach Billy Donovan won't let himself get drawn into the debate over whether the series has gotten too testy.

"They've got a great gamesmanship," Donovan said of the Mavs, repeating a line he'd been using for three days. "They're a veteran, savvy group that's been around, that's got a lot of pride. We've just got to keep our focus and concentration on what we've got to do each and every possession."

In a playful exchange with a reporter from Oklahoma City before Game 4, Carlisle tried to reinforce his belief that Thunder players were the "instigators." But the scene in Game 4 was bad enough that he flatly refused to discuss the topic afterward, cutting off the first question.

Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki seemed to agree with Durant.

"There were a few bad plays, but other than that I thought it was pretty clean," Nowitzki said, while calling Durant's foul "unnecessary." "Obviously both teams go hard and when both teams crash the glass, there are going to be confrontations."

One thing now missing for the Mavericks and Thunder is a competitive series after Oklahoma City never trailed in both games in Dallas.

That's not a problem at the moment for the Los Angeles Clippers and Portland in a matchup of the fourth and fifth seeds in the Western Conference.

Clippers star Chris Paul got a technical in the third quarter for complaining to the refs, raising the emotions with the Trail Blazers trailing 2-1 after a 96-88 win in Game 3. The series resumes Monday night.

"I think with about 2 minutes left, it was a dead ball and I huddled the guys up and I asked, 'Are y'all ready to go home? If we don't finish this out that's where we are going to be headed,'" Portland guard Damian Lillard said. "That's the situation for us and every other team."

"This is it. Of course it's going to get a little bit chippy."

And in the case of Mavericks-Thunder, a lot chippy. But not so much that it concerns Carlisle going into Game 5.

"The officials will handle it," the Dallas coach said Sunday. "You've got to trust that the NBA is going to have a strong crew and they're going to handle that. You get deeper into a playoff series, things are more familiar. It's all part of it."

Durant, a little surprised that he ended up as the face as of this fracas, would agree.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 25, the 116th day of 2016. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1816, Romantic poet Lord Byron, beset by financial problems and personal turmoil (including a failed marriage), left his native England at age 28, never to return. (Byron died eight years later in Greece.)

On this date:

In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first

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recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehs-POO'-chee).

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell, Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1944, the United Negro College Fund was founded.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1974, the "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal as a bloodless military coup toppled the Estado Novo regime.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing concern about possible nuclear war; Andropov reassured Samantha that the Soviet Union did not want war, and he invited her to visit his country, a trip Samantha made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

Ten years ago: In a video posted on the Internet, al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee) swore allegiance to Osama bin Laden and said any government formed in Iraq would be merely a "stooge." President George W. Bush ordered a temporary suspension of environmental rules for gasoline, making it easier for refiners to meet demand.

Five years ago: President Bashar Assad of Syria sent the military into the southern city of Daraa, where an anti-government uprising had begun the previous month.

One year ago: A magnitude-7.8 earthquake in Nepal killed more than 8,200 people. Families of soldiers, leaders and visitors gathered in Turkey near former battlefields, honoring thousands of Australians and New Zealanders who fought in the Gallipoli campaign of World War I on the 100th anniversary of the ill-fated British-led invasion. Italy celebrated the 70th anniversary of a partisan uprising against the Nazis and their Fascist allies near the end of World War II.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 76. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 72. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 71. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (BYORN ul-VAY'-us) (ABBA) is 71. Actress Talia Shire is 71. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 69. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 66. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 62. Actor Hank Azaria is 52. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 52. Rock musician Eric Avery is 51. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey + Rory) is 51. TV personality Jane Clayson is 49. Actress Renee Zellweger is 47. Actress Gina Torres is 47. Actor Jason Lee is 46. Actor Jason Wiles is 46. Actress Emily Bergl is 41. Actor Jonathan Angel is 39. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 39. Singer Jacob Underwood is 36. Actress Melonie Diaz is 32. Actress Sara Paxton is 28. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 20.

Thought for Today: "I think it is all a matter of love: the more you love a memory, the stronger and stranger it is." — Vladimir Nabokov, Russian-born author (1899-1977).