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Monday, May 2

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

School Lunch: Chicken tenders, baked tiny potato, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tom Sundling • Terry Cutler • Hannah Luecke • Ryan Koehler • Jessica Nelson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Girls Varsity Golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen

2:00pm: 7th/8th Track Meet at Redfield

6:30pm: Kiwanis Athletic Banquet

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Tuesday, May 3

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Kim Weber • Leslie Dinger • Steve Herron • Nancy Radke • Daniel Grenz • Ashley Gustafson • Darlene Finnesand

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

3:00pm: Track at Milbank

7:00pm: Elementary Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 4

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

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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Up next is Jodi Hinman with her soft blanket. She made it with a polar fleece volleyball pattern on one side and a black minky on the other side. This make for a super soft, warm blanket! Jodi often came down in her study hall and advisory to work on her blanket. She found the step where you had to make an opening to be a bit of challenge, but in the end, her blanket turned out great. Jodi's activities include track, volleyball and basketball. **STUNNING JOB JODI!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Hannah Webb who is this year's FCCLA president. Her dress is a gorgeous platinum sliver color with a cap sleeve and fully beaded with a straight across neckline and a mermaid style skirt. The beading pattern changes from the top to bottom, the top features beaded lines in a flattering formation and the bottom the lines cross to form a diamond pattern that continues down the dress in some parts and some stay unbeaded to form a beautifully flowing dress. You look stunning Hannah! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

The FCCLA Style Show was held April 28th.
HD DVDs of the Style Show are available from the Independent for \$26.50 or can be mailed out for \$30.
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Next up is Maggie Simon modeling her Alyceparis ivory prom dress with gold accents. This dress features a V-cut neckline and beautifully placed straps to create an open back that comes to a point at the base of the neck. The top is a mesh material covered in intricate glitter designs. The dress also has a gorgeous flowing train accented with the same intricate glitter designs as the top. This was the first dress Maggie tried on when she went prom dress shopping and knew right away it was the dress for her. She accented it with gold and crystal earrings and tan wedges. So elegant Maggie! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



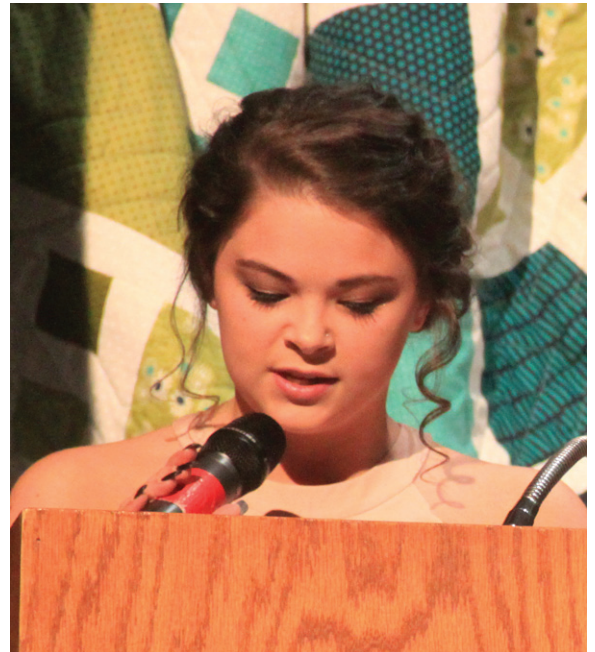
Finally we have Allison Weber modeling her prom dress she wore to her senior prom. This dress is a corset, ball gown. She feels like a sophisticated queen in this dress. She bought this dress at Brides and Belles. Allison special ordered this dress and waited anxiously for weeks for it to come in. Now that she has it, she agrees it is one of the most beautiful dresses she has ever owned. The beading is marvelous and breathtaking. Allison stepped out of the box choosing black and nude and is in love with it. It is the perfect dress for her. Thank you Allison, you look beautiful! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Macy Knecht performing "Temporary Home", by Carrie Underwood. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Kellyn Fluke with the FCCLA Year in Review. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Hannah Webb announces the FCCLA'er & Officer of the Year Awards.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Every year we select one member to receive the FCCLA'er of the Year and Officer of the Year awards. We assign a certain number of points to each activity our chapter is involved in and the member and officer with the highest number of points at the end of the year is awarded the honor of being our FCCLA'er and Officer of the Year.

***This year's FCCLA'er of the Year is Shannon Wiedrick.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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***This year's Officer of the Year is Madison Sippel.** (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)

There is a special group of women here tonight that have sacrificed their time and energy keeping us girls in line this year. Our chapter moms volunteer at the District and State FCCLA Meetings and act as judges, volunteers, and chaperones. We are so grateful for their encouragement and the time they spend with us! Our Chapter Moms this year are Lisa Adler and Jolene Herr.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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Lindsey Tietz

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Lindsey: At this time I would like to recognize our 9 senior FCCLA members.

Hannah Webb – 4 year member

Tia Thompson – 4 year member

Emily Raap – 3 year member

Kari Hanson – 3 year member

Jamie Kruger – 3 year member

Marlee Jones– 3 year member

Maggie Simon – 1 year member

Aubray Harry – 1 year member

Mrs. Tietz-Next I would like to present the FCCLA Service Award to FCCLA seniors. In order to earn this award, seniors must have sold 40 boxes of fruit over their entire membership, which could be 1-4 years, and achieved involvement points through the point system. Involvement points come from things like attending meetings, participating in activities such as volunteering at OST and the food drive, and also from being involved in district and state meetings. The following members have earned the FCCLA Service Award:

- Hannah Webb - \$300
- Tia Thompson - \$300
- Kari Hanson - \$200
- Jamie Krueger - \$200
- Marlee Jones - \$200

Mother's Day Specials

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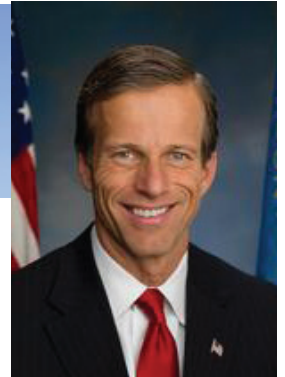
Mother's Day is May 8th – Open Monday–Friday
9–5, Saturday 10–4 & Sunday, May 8th – 10–2 (no
deliveries on Sunday)



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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Celebrating the Moms in Our Lives

One of the most noteworthy qualities about President Reagan was his unmatched ability to capture the feelings of the American people when he communicated with them. He connected with his audience in the moment, and the messages he delivered

were often so timeless they will transcend generations. Of mothers, President Reagan once said, "They're the main communicators of the values by which our nation has flourished for more than 200 years – the values of honesty, responsibility, decency, and personal effort. By imparting these and other values to our children, the mothers of America quite literally shape the future." His message is as true today as it was 30 years ago.

I know everyone says it about his or her own mom, but mine really was the best. Although she's gone, I still find myself applying the lessons she taught me to my life and family today. My mom was the most positive person I ever met. She brought joy and happiness with her wherever she went and never said an ill word about anyone.

As a lot of parents are, my mom and dad were a perfect balance for one another. My dad has always loved sports. He was a star basketball player and is a member of the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He has an entire gymnasium named after him in our hometown. Naturally, my siblings and I had an early – and at times intense – interest in sports. If we could, we probably would have spent every minute of daylight playing with friends in the field or on the court.

My mom recognized our love for sports, but always tried to create some balance in our lives. Every day during the summer, my mom required me and my siblings to come inside and spend one hour doing things like reading a book or playing the piano. If you grew up in a small town like me, you know how painful it was to sit inside and watch your friends run around outside and have fun without you. Mom made us read all of the classic pieces of literature, and to this day, I'm still able to read sheet music and sing a tune from time to time. She exposed us to things that we had no idea how much we'd appreciate later in life. It's a part of her that still lives with me today.

Like my mom was for me and my brothers and sister, my wife Kimberley is the glue that holds our family together. Moms do a lot of things, and Kimberley has done them all. When I was first elected to Congress, my girls were young, and I traveled a lot. It's no understatement to say Kimberley took parenting to another level while I was away. I always appreciated the hard and time-consuming work she did for our family, but I especially appreciated it during the times when I was home alone with the girls. One example, I remember trying (and failing) a number of times to braid Brittany's and Larissa's hair. I'd send them off to school, and based on the results, I'm sure their teachers could always tell when Kimberley was out of town.

My job provides me with opportunities to meet great moms too. There are a lot of hard-working, talented moms on my staff throughout South Dakota and in Washington, D.C., and many more come through our offices each year. I recently met with South Dakota's 2015 and 2016 Mothers of the Year Award recipients – two amazing women, Lynn Starzl and Laurie Visser, both from Yankton. Earlier this year, I spent some time with Tami Fite and her family, winners of this year's Angels in Adoption Award. Tami and her family have defied many odds over the years, and she's a shining example of what every good mom strives to be.

President Reagan was right when he said "It's no accident that America chose to honor all mothers with a special holiday." As you celebrate this special day with the special women in your life, reflect on everything they do for our families and our society, and wish them a very happy Mother's Day.

Groton United Methodist Women

May Luncheon

Wednesday, May 4th

*Serving from 11 am - 1 pm
No Reservation Required*



Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free

*Come and join us for lunch OR Make your own lunch to go
at the Groton United Methodist Church*

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GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 2, 2016 – 7pm

Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
 - 2) Financial Report
 - 3) Bills
 - 4) Sine Die
 - 5) Convene 129th Council – Oath of Office
 - 6) Election of Officers
 - 7) Appoint Finance Officer and Attorney
 - 8) Appoint Advisory Committees
 - 9) Motion to approve bills each meeting & authorize the Finance Officer to pay payroll and all regular monthly bills in a timely manner to avoid penalties and take advantage of discounts.
 - 10) Department Reports – Public Works – Terry Dwight & Shawn
 - 11) Street Project Plans
 - 12) Authorize Shawn to School
 - 13) Cancel Water Easement for Dollar General
 - 14) 2nd Reading Ordinance #704- Feral Cats
 - 15) Budget Training Workshop – Aberdeen – July 13
 - 16) Appoint Planning & Zoning Member
 - 17) Exec Session- Legal
- AND Any other business that may come before the Council**

Service Notice: Brian Sundstrom

Funeral services for Brian Sundstrom, 55, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Brian passed away Saturday, April 30, 2016 at his residence in Groton.

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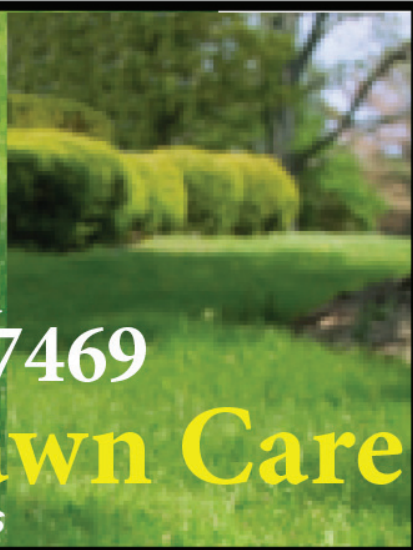
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Log in to Safety

Remember the days before you could just Google it? If you wanted to figure out where the most complete skeleton of a T-Rex was found, for instance, you had to go to the library, dig through the card catalogue, find a book about dinosaurs, and fight through the paper cuts to find the answer. That doesn't need to happen anymore. Through a device that fits in the palm of your hand, you can access the world – and by the same account, the world can access you.

Often times, we choose to allow the world to see a piece of us. It's that culture of sharing that has resulted in 300 hours of video being uploaded to YouTube every single minute and 70 million photos being posted on Instagram every day. Twitter, Facebook, and Snapchat let us share our every thought with followers, while text messaging and email has infinitely increased the speed of written communication.

But like all things, there are smart ways to use these new technologies and some not so smart ways. Earlier this year, I teamed up with Google to offer Rapid City middle schoolers some advice on how to stay safe online. They shared five tips all of us should note.

First, think before you share. Anything you put online – even if it's done so privately – can be shared. If you don't want it to get out, don't post it.

Second, protect your stuff. One of the best ways to do this online is to set strong passwords. HowToGeek.com offers this advice for setting a strong password: Select a password that has 12 characters, minimum. Include numbers, symbols, capital letters, and lower-case letters. Try not to use a dictionary word or a combination of dictionary words. And finally, don't rely on obvious substitutions, like changing all of the O's to zeros.

Third, know and use your settings. Around 15 percent of Americans have never checked their social networking privacy or security account settings. These settings let you choose who you are sharing your information with. Check yours out and adjust them as necessary today.

Fourth, understand how to identify and avoid scams. Every year, our office gets calls from dozens and dozens of South Dakotans who have received scam calls from someone pretending to be from the IRS. This is an obvious scam because the IRS will never reach out to you by phone without sending you a letter first. Other times, however, scammers may try to be more devious, posing as someone you know. Maybe they tell you your grandson needs money. If they start asking for personal information, hang up and give your grandson a call – he'll be able to tell you if it's legitimate or not.

The final piece of advice that Google offered was to stay positive. Follow the golden rule: Don't post, comment, or forward something unless you'd be alright with someone doing the same to you.

We live at an incredible time that lets us be more personally connected to the world around us than ever before. I encourage you to take the time and learn how to be safe in this new environment.

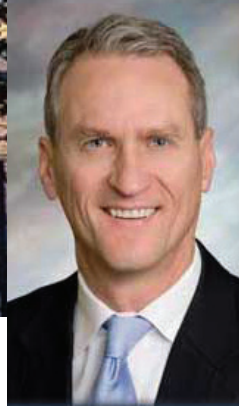
Oh, and before you pick up your smartphone to Google more about where that T-Rex was found – I did it for you. It was discovered near Faith, South Dakota in August 1990 – just months before the first webpage was posted to the World Wide Web.

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



A Message To The Classes Of 2016

Congratulations to the class of 2016! To all high school, college and technical school students now approaching graduation in South Dakota, I commend you for reaching this milestone. After years of studying, taking tests and writing essays, you've finally made it. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

Most of you probably already have a good idea of what you'll be doing next – what additional education you'll seek or what career you'll pursue. Whether you've decided to stay in South Dakota or pursue a career or education elsewhere, I hope you'll ultimately consider a future here in our state. There are a number of reasons to consider living and working here.

First, we have the lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 2.5 percent, compared to the national rate of 5 percent. Job opportunities are better here than in most places.

Secondly, the tax burden in South Dakota is low. We are among only a few states without an income tax, meaning you can keep more of the money you earn. Money that can repay student debt, buy a house someday or replace that car you drove into the ground in school.

Third, not only do people keep more of the money they earn in South Dakota, but that money will buy more here than in other places. According to a U.S. Department of Commerce report, South Dakotans experience a very low cost of living in the United States. We don't spend as much money on housing, insurance, food and the other everyday needs. In fact, we have some of the lowest costs in the nation. In New York, California, Washington, D.C., or many other places, you will find costs that are 12 percent, 15 percent, even 18 percent higher than the national average. In South Dakota our costs are only 88 percent of the national average.

Now some people will say, "South Dakota may have a low tax burden and low cost of living, but I won't get paid as much if I live there." Actually when it comes to per capita personal income, we fare pretty well. Nationally, we rank in the top half. And, if you adjust the per capita personal income to add cost of living and taxes, we rank fifth in the nation.

After I graduated from USD, I hitchhiked my way to Chicago to attend law school at Northwestern. I'd lived in South Dakota my whole life and I was ready for something bigger, something more exciting. I wanted to experience life in the bright lights of a big city. I finished school and decided to stay in Illinois for a few years to practice law. Still, over time, I came to miss seeing the stars at night, enjoying the wide open spaces and having the company of friendly, down-to-earth people. I was glad to have experienced something new and different, but I was ready to come home to something better.

My hope is not that you will never venture outside of our state, but rather that you would consider a more permanent future in South Dakota. Most of all, I hope you will come to realize, as I did, that your dreams can come true right here at home.

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Today in Weather History

May 2, 1984: High winds picked up a trailer home northwest of the Pierre Airport and hurled it through the air, smashing it to the ground 50 yards away. The upper sections of a home were damaged by the airborne trailer. Several branches and shed roofs were also damaged nearby.

May 2, 2008: A two-day blizzard dropped two to four feet of snow across the northern Black Hills and in Harding and Butte counties. Six to 14 inches of snow fell along the eastern foothills and in western Perkins and Meade counties.

1899 - A storm buried Havre, MT, under 24.8 inches of snow, an all-time record for that location. The water equivalent of 2.48 inches was a record 24 hour total for the month of May. (The Weather Channel)

1920 - A swarm of tornadoes in Rogers, Mayes and Cherokee Counties in Oklahoma killed 64 persons. (David Ludlum)

1929 - Virginia's worst tornado disaster occurred. Six tornadoes, two of which were west of the Blue Mountains, killed 22 people. Twelve children and a teacher were killed at Rye Cove, in Scott County. Four schools were destroyed by the storms. (The Weather Channel)

1983 - Severe thunderstorms spawned twenty tornadoes across Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York State. The tornadoes caused five deaths. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in the Lower Mississippi Valley produced golf ball size hail in northern Louisiana, and wind gusts to 77 mph at Lake Providence LA. Thunderstorms in Arkansas produced 4.20 inches of rain at Arkadelphia and 4.00 inches at Bismarck. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A powerful storm produced snow and high winds in the Central Rockies and the Central High Plains Region. Snowfall totals in Colorado ranged up to 12 inches at Strasburg, and winds in southeastern Colorado gusted to 87 mph at Lamar. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in eastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing to the north of a warm front produced severe weather in Oklahoma and Texas. There were 93 reports of severe weather. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Beatrice, and baseball size hail was reported at Ranger and Breckenridge. Juneau AK reported a record high temperature of 72 degrees while Honolulu equalled their record low for the month of May with a reading of 60 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Fourteen cities in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 90s. Tampa FL reported a record high of 97 degrees, and Fort Stewart GA was the hot spot in the nation with a reading of 100 degrees.

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from northeastern Texas to western Arkansas during the evening and early nighttime hours. Thunderstorms spawned a tornado which injured thirteen persons at Paris TX, and produced baseball size hail at Rio Vista TX. Thunderstorm rains of four to seven inches caused flash flooding in west central Arkansas, southern and eastern Oklahoma, and northern Texas. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny then Scattered Showers	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 67 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 76 °F



Scattered Showers Today, Pleasant Temps

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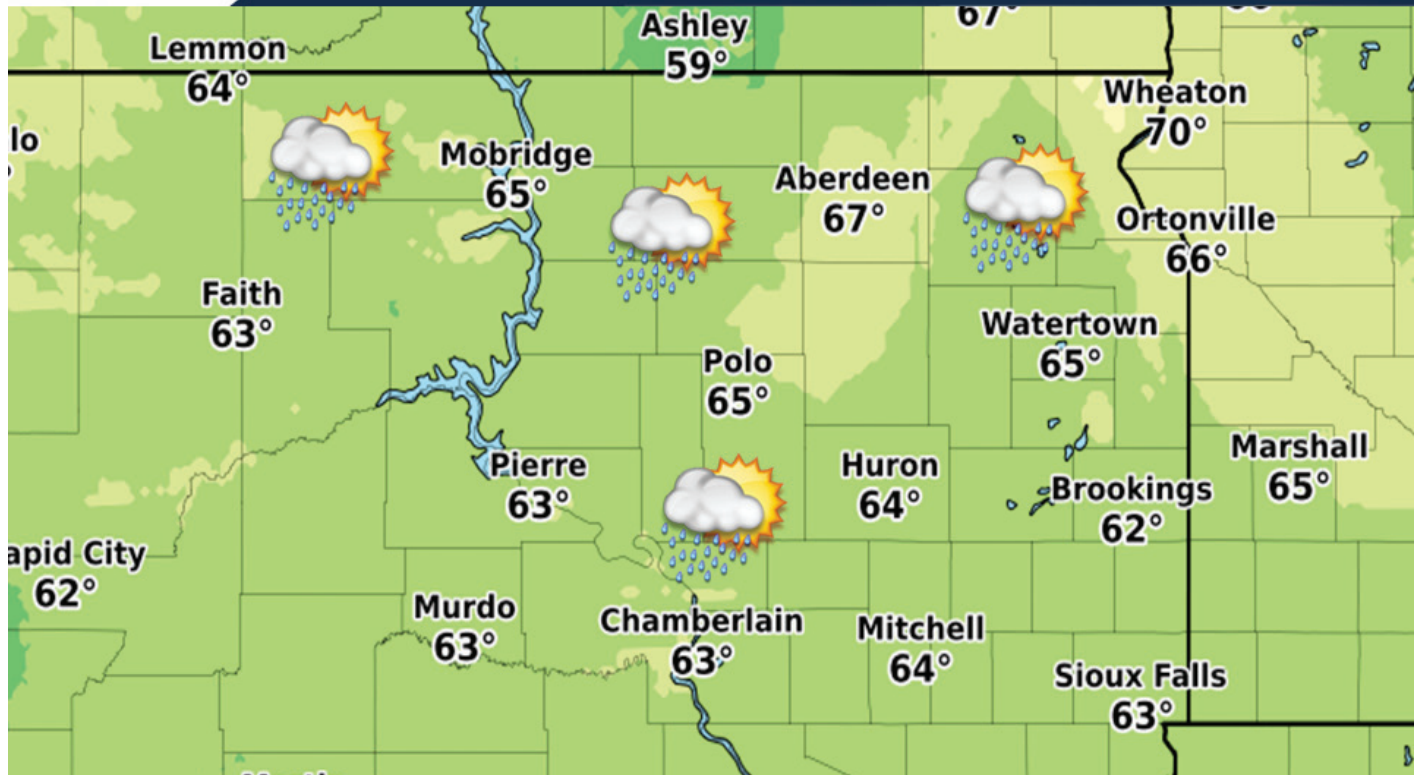
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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An upper level low pressure system will move south across the region today and bring scattered showers or thundershowers. Highs will rise into the 60s under partly sunny skies. Warming temperatures and dry conditions will be the story through Friday!

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 62.6

Low: 37.3

High Gust: 20

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 1955

Record Low: 20 in 1909

Average High: 65°F

Average Low: 39°F

Average Precip in May: 0.20

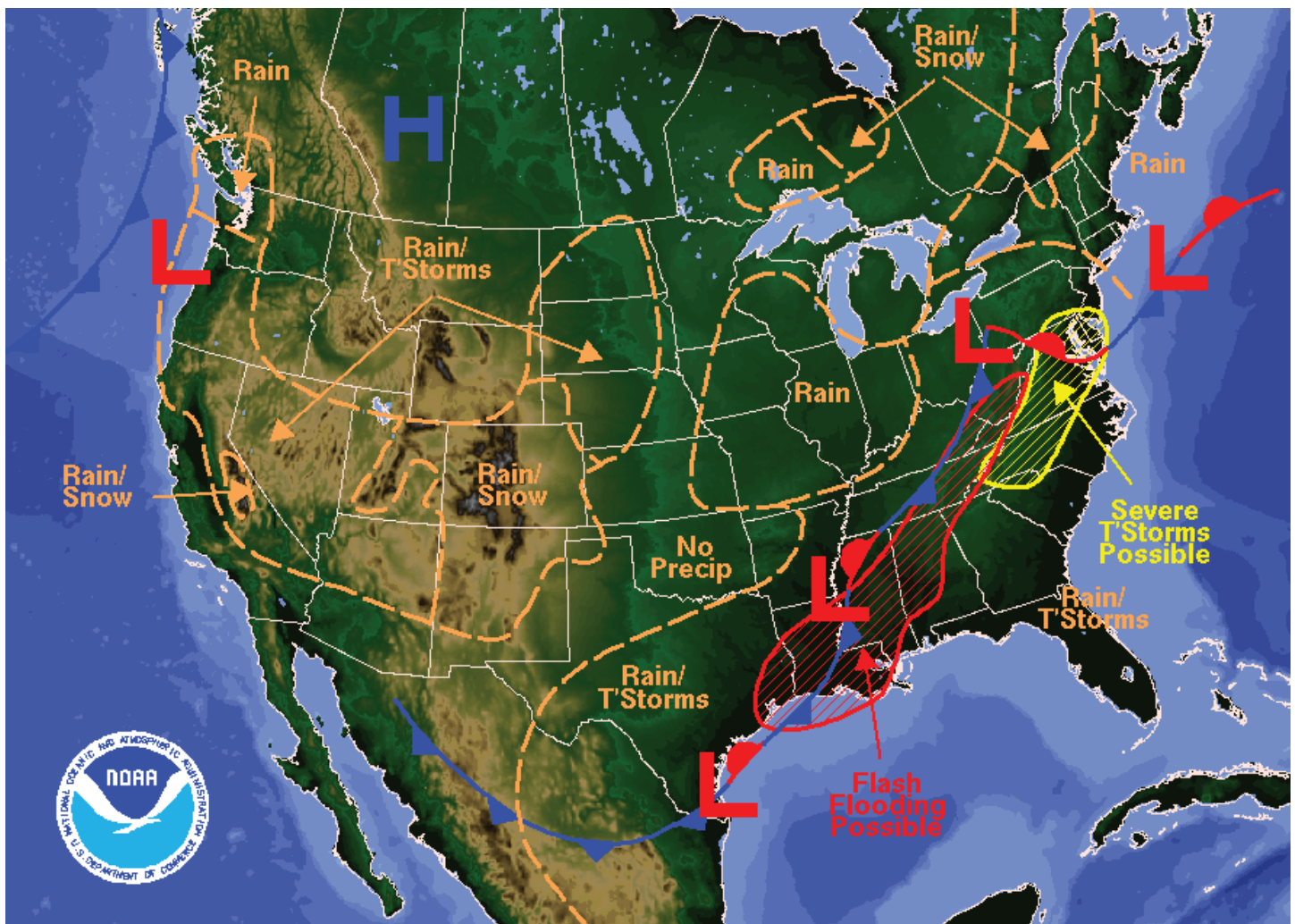
Precip to date in May: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 4.23

Precip Year to Date: 3.39

Sunset Tonight: 8:42 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:18 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 02, 2016, issued 4:29 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHAT TO PRAY FOR

Following the morning service, a deacon was sitting quietly reading his Bible when the janitor approached him asking if he had enough light.

"Yes, thank you, I do. But what did you think of our new pastor's prayer this morning?" he asked.

"It was great," came the answer. And he continued, "He prayed for things the other pastors didn't know God was concerned about."

A good way to learn about the things that concern God is to carefully read a local newspaper. Its content provides many things for us to be concerned about and pray for. Examples include:

Our nation: we need to pray for our leaders and the issues of America and the world

Our Armed Forces: their protection and their families

Our cities: the unemployed, the homeless, the sick

Our newborns: that parents will show God's love

Our schools: that students will learn the truth

Our merchants: that they will treat people fairly

Our neighbors: the lost, the grieving, the hopeless

Our churches: their faithfulness to God and His Word

Our firemen, policemen, EMS personnel, health care providers

Our local governments, judges and legal system

Our families: that they will be strong and God honoring

Prayer: Father, help us to be aware of and concerned about everything in Your world that is important to You and to pray earnestly for Your will in all things. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 18:1-8 And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

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News from the Associated Press

DUI suspect accused of ramming Sioux Falls police squad car

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a drunken driving suspect intentionally rammed a patrol car before being arrested.

Officers responded to a hit-and-run report on Sunday and located the fleeing vehicle a short distance away. Authorities allege the suspect deliberately struck a patrol car before stopping.

The 28-year-old suspect was arrested on several charges including drunken driving and aggravated assault. Police didn't report any injuries.

4 plead not guilty to methamphetamine conspiracy charges

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two men and two women accused by authorities of being involved in a meth ring have pleaded not guilty to drug conspiracy charges.

The office of U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 20-year-old Chelsey Sherri Little, 27-year-old Sarah Jean Roblez, both of Mission, 42-year-old Shaun Espino, of St. Francis, and 40-year-old Rogelio Guel Jr., of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Authorities say the four individuals conspired to distribute methamphetamine in South Dakota between January 2015 and March 2016.

The four individuals are under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. It wasn't immediately clear if they have attorneys who could comment on their behalf. Their trial has been scheduled for June 7.

2 reservation hospitals agree to quality-of-care changes

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two government-run hospitals on Native American reservations in South Dakota will keep receiving crucial federal funding after agreeing to undertake significant measures to improve the quality of care provided to patients.

The Indian Health Service, which administers the hospitals on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian Reservations, announced Sunday that it reached last-chance remediation agreements with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Saturday. Under the agreements, the hospitals' management will be overhauled and a monitor will be appointed to provide periodic assessment reports. Emergency rooms at both facilities will be privatized, as previously proposed.

The agreement for the hospital on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, however, will not immediately result in the reopening of its ER, which has been shut down since early December.

"The agreements are structured to support the hospitals to fully meet safety and quality of care standards," the Indian Health Service, commonly referred to as IHS, said in a statement Sunday. "IHS intends to work diligently to make the best use of the technical assistance and resources available under the terms of the (system improvement agreements), to take advantage of every opportunity to improve quality of care."

After inspectors from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, known as CMS, uncovered serious deficiencies at the two facilities during unannounced visits, the agency earlier this year threatened to end the hospitals' ability to bill the government for services provided to Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible patients. At the same time, the agency also offered the facilities the opportunity to participate in what constitutes a remediation program, giving each facility reasonable time to implement "robust" changes.

Under the agreements, the CMS-appointed monitor will use onsite visits, interviews and records to provide monthly reports to both agencies. CMS will also form a "quality improvement network" to help the hospitals' management team, practitioners and staff improve the quality of "health care delivery systems."

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IHS's obligations in both agreements include ensuring that an "effective system" is in place to identify "unsafe situations and other barriers to safe, high quality care, adverse events and near misses" and to be able to immediately report those issues to hospital and IHS management.

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

The hospitals have been under intense scrutiny following unannounced inspections that began late last year. In October, inspectors cited the Pine Ridge hospital for safety deficiencies, including unsecured drugs and medical records. And in mid-November, an inspection of the Rosebud hospital found conditions so alarming the ER was closed two weeks later, forcing patients to be diverted to facilities about 50 miles away.

Each hospital's management team will be overhauled under Saturday's deals, with the option of hiring an external firm that would run the facilities full time and on site for at least the one-year duration of the agreements.

The Pine Ridge hospital agreement includes a provision to train staff on how to properly handle medical records, including complying with privacy laws.

The Rosebud hospital agreement states it will continue to divert patients until a number of conditions are met, including reaching proper staffing levels and conducting a mock survey. IHS would then remain responsible for the ERs at the Rosebud and Pine Ridge hospitals and a hospital in Winnebago, Nebraska, until contracting with a third party that would manage the facilities' emergency departments.

The ER closure has been a point of contention between IHS and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe — so much so that the tribe filed a federal lawsuit Thursday. In the suit, it asks for IHS and federal officials to be forced to reopen the Rosebud ER citing "immediate and irreparable injury" to tribal members.

Registration for 3-day Archaeology Camp opens Monday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Registration for the South Dakota State Historical Society's three-day Archaeology Camp opens Monday.

Archaeology Camp is an active, outdoor experience located on an archaeological site near the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area, north of Fort Pierre. Students should be prepared to hike and to work in the dirt alongside professional archaeologists.

The camp dates are June 7-9, with activities running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT. Registration is limited to the first 20 applicants.

The cost \$30, and registration closes on May 13 or when the camp is full.

Students will be introduced to the field of archaeology and learn why archaeological excavations are held, what stories artifacts can tell about the past, the history of fur trading posts, how to map a site and how to use team-building skills.

Car crash kills 2 men in western South Dakota

NEMO, S.D. (AP) — A car crash has killed two men in western South Dakota.

Authorities say the crash happened early Sunday near Nemo in Lawrence County. The driver lost control of the Honda Prelude, which left the road, became airborne and struck a tree.

Both the driver and his passenger died at the scene. The 20-year-old driver was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the car. His 23-year-old passenger was wearing a seat belt.

Names of the victims were not immediately released. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating.

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Tax receipts on farm machinery fall in agriculture slowdown

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's sales tax collections on farm equipment have fallen from record highs in recent years as profits in the agriculture sector decline, a slide that has forced farmers to tighten budgets and caused sales slumps for machinery dealers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts farm income will drop again in 2016 to its lowest level in nearly 15 years. Agricultural equipment sales taxes match farm income closely, said State Economist Jim Terwilliger, who expects receipts for the current budget year to be down about 15 percent.

The drop has been a factor during the last two legislative sessions, making state budget-setters cautious about sales tax growth that helps drive state spending, lawmakers on the state's Joint Committee on Appropriations said. Terwilliger said it's not surprising to see collections "come back down to earth" after the farm boom, given low commodity prices and falling income.

Sales tax collections on farm equipment peaked in the state's 2014 budget year at an estimated \$43.9 million, falling to \$33.6 million in fiscal 2015. Estimated tax due was about \$22.6 million through March, down \$4.3 million from the same period in the previous budget year, according to state figures.

"When it was going crazy in 2013, you just couldn't keep up. It was a madhouse. I think we sold too much stuff," said Rod Paul, a sales manager at C & B Operations, an equipment dealer. "It's just steady business now. It's not slow or dead, it's not overly wild either."

During leaner times, producers limit purchases and often opt to do more repairs and maintenance of their current equipment rather than upgrading to new machinery, said Keith Alverson, president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association. Some purchases across the state over the last several years may have been for convenience rather than necessity, he said.

"With the change in commodity prices, things are a little tighter around the farm," said Alverson, who has mostly corn on about 2,500 acres. "Sometimes it's just staying in the game rather than trying to make the big wins."

Grossenburg Implement, which has six stores in Nebraska and South Dakota, will take a major sales hit after recent record years, said CEO Barry Grossenburg. But the family-owned business will still be able to afford its bills and pay its employees, he said.

Nationally, sales of large farm equipment have dropped significantly, according to the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. This year, sales through March of two-wheel-drive tractors 100 horsepower and above are down nearly 33 percent over the same period in 2015, while four-wheel-drive tractor sales are down about 38 percent so far.

But sales of smaller tractors have spiked, according to the trade group.

"Agriculture is always a cyclical business," Senior Vice President Charlie O'Brien said. "I think that this is just one of the cycles that we all deal with, but it's lower than we've seen in quite a while."

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 IS DRIVING IMMIGRANTS TO APPLY FOR US CITIZENSHIP

In interviews, many say the fear of Donald Trump becoming president is a motivating factor for longtime immigrants to apply for citizenship in order to vote.

2. MIGRANT CHILDREN KEPT FROM ENROLLING IN SCHOOL

The AP finds hundreds of unaccompanied migrant children fleeing Central America have been prevented from enrolling in mainstream classrooms in at least 35 districts in 14 states.

3. AUSTRALIAN SAYS HE'S FOUNDER OF BITCOIN DIGITAL CASH

Entrepreneur Craig Wright was long thought to be associated with the digital currency and has publicly identified himself as its creator.

4. PUERTO RICO WON'T MAKE \$370 MILLION IN DEBT PAYMENTS

Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla cites a failure to restructure the bond payments or find a political solution

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to the U.S. territory's spiraling public debt crisis.

5. NURSING HOMES START TO OFFER MORE INDIVIDUALIZED MENUS

The U.S. government is proposing rules that would require facilities to create menus that reflect religious, cultural and ethnic needs and preferences.

6. KILLING OF 5 EGYPTIANS DEEPENS MYSTERY OVER FOREIGNER'S DEATH

Witnesses and relatives now say the men slain by Egyptian police were not gang members responsible for Italian graduate student Giulio Regeni's death, as authorities allege, but simple house painters.

7. MALIA OBAMA TO ENTER HARVARD IN 2017 AFTER TAKING 'GAP YEAR'

A year off between high school and college is becoming a popular choice for U.S. students and it caught the attention of the U.S. president's daughter.

8. LAST DANCE FOR 'TRUE AMERICAN ICONS'

Elephants give their final performance at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Rhode Island as the circus ends a practice that captivated audiences but raised the ire of animal rights activists.

9. WHICH TALK SHOW IS GOING OUT WITH A BANG

The "Live with Kelly and Michael" team of Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan takes the best entertainment talk show award at the Daytime Emmys.

10. WHO FINALLY ADVANCED AT NBA PLAYOFFS

DeMar DeRozan and the Toronto Raptors outlast the Indiana Pacers to win a best-of-seven series for the first time in franchise history.

A confident Trump seeks knockout of Cruz in Indiana

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

LA PORTE, Ind. (AP) — Back in the part of the country where he last lost to Ted Cruz, Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump is confidently pushing for a win Tuesday in Indiana that he argues ought to knock the Texas senator out of the race.

Buoyed by a sweep of last week's primary elections along the East Coast, the billionaire businessman appears to have learned a few lessons from his defeat last month to the Texas senator in nearby Wisconsin.

There have been no slip-ups on talk radio in recent days, nor stumbles over issues that matter deeply to Republican voters. Trump arrived in Indianapolis to start campaigning the day after winning his home-state New York primary weeks ago and began spending money on television advertising far sooner than he did in Wisconsin.

Addressing a cheering crowd at a Sunday rally in Terre Haute, the first of four events in Indiana over the final two days before Tuesday's election, Trump bragged: "If we win here, it's over, OK?"

Not quite, as the New York real estate mogul can't win enough delegates Tuesday to clinch the Republican nomination. But after his wins in five states last week, Trump no longer needs to win a majority of the remaining delegates at stake in the remaining primaries to lock up the GOP nomination.

Cruz has no such cushion. Already eliminated from reaching 1,237 delegates needed to win the nomination outright, he desperately needs a victory in Indiana to keep Trump from that number and press ahead with his strategy of claiming the nomination at a contested convention in Cleveland this summer.

"This whole long, wild ride of an election has all culminated with the entire country with its eyes fixed on the state of Indiana," Cruz said Sunday at a late night rally. "The people of this great state, I believe the country is depending on you to pull us back from the brink."

The importance of Indiana for Cruz became evident even before he and fellow underdog John Kasich formed an alliance of sorts, with the Ohio governor agreeing to pull his advertising money from Indiana in exchange for Cruz doing the same in Oregon and New Mexico.

But that strategy, which appeared to unravel even as it was announced, can't help either man with the tens of thousands of Indiana voters who had already cast ballots: early voting began in Indiana three weeks before they hatched their plan.

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It also risks alienating those who have yet to vote, said veteran Indiana Republican pollster Christine Matthews. She said that she believes many have continued to vote for Kasich in Indianapolis and in the wealthy suburbs north of the city.

"Indiana voters don't like the idea of a political pact, or being told how to vote," Matthews said. "They don't want to be part of that kind of a strategy."

It's those voters that Cruz needs, argued Pete Seat, a Republican strategist in Indiana whose firm was advising Kasich. He questioned why Cruz was focusing so much effort in blue-collar northern Indiana, where Trump is popular, instead of the voter-rich suburban counties that ring the state capital.

"If I were advising him, I'd tell him you need to be in these doughnut counties," Seat said. "He needs to be more concerned about them, and he's ignoring them."

There are other key differences between Indiana and Wisconsin.

While anti-Trump groups have spent almost \$3 million in Indiana and Cruz's campaign has spent \$3.4 million on television, Trump has countered with just over \$1 million of his own ads — something he didn't do until very late in Wisconsin.

The endorsement of Indiana's Republican governor, Mike Pence, wasn't as robust for Cruz as was that of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker. And Trump rolled out his own big name endorsement, former Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight, before Cruz won over Pence.

Trump was on heels in the final few days before Wisconsin's primary, unable to win over the state's influential conservative talk radio hosts and badly botching a question about abortion in a televised town hall.

In Indiana, Trump heads into Tuesday with all of his usual confidence. He aggressively attacked Cruz on Sunday, suggesting evangelical conservatives have "fallen out of love with him" and mocked his decision to announce former GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina as his running mate.

"They're like hanging by their fingertips," he said, mimicking Cruz and Kasich: "Don't let me fall! Don't let me fall!"

Trump even let on that he's eager to move on to a likely general election race against Hillary Clinton — or, as Trump continued to call the Democratic front-runner, "Crooked Hillary."

He said the end game of the primary battle with Cruz is "wasting time" that he could otherwise be spending raising money for Republicans running for the Senate.

"It would be nice to have the Republican Party come together," Trump told supporters in Fort Wayne. "With that being said, I think I'll win anyway."

Nursing homes starting to offer more individualized menus

ALEJANDRA CANCINO, For The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — On a recent Thursday, the staff at Sunny Vista Living Center in Colorado Springs bustled in the kitchen. The phone rang with a last minute order as Chris Willard tended to a large pot of Thai-style soup with fresh ginger, vegetables and thin-sliced beef.

It was a special meal for a woman of Asian descent who didn't like any of the dozen choices on the menu.

"You have to be creative," said Willard, a chef with an easy smile and a long mustache, who is the nursing home's food service director. Earlier that day, he had received a thumbs-up for his gluten-free pancakes.

Sunny Vista is part of a slow but growing trend among the nation's 15,600 nursing homes to abandon rigid menus and strict meal times in favor of a more individualized approach toward food.

Advocates pushing for the change say it has taken more than three decades to get to this point.

Now, the federal government is proposing regulations that would require facilities to create menus that reflect religious, cultural and ethnic needs and preferences, as well. Further, the proposed rules would empower nursing home residents with the "right to make personal dietary choices."

The government acknowledges that the nation's 1.4 million nursing home residents are diverse and that "it may be challenging" to meet every preference. But it wants facilities to offer residents "meaningful choices in diets that are nutritionally adequate and satisfying to the individual."

Regulations aside, Donna Manring, owner of Innovative Dining Solutions, a consulting firm, said that

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aging Baby Boomers will put pressure on nursing homes to adapt by offering such menu items as organic vegetables, locally-sourced meat and gluten-free or vegetarian options.

"Put your seatbelts on because expectations are going to grow greatly," Manring said.

While Sunny Vista is ahead of the proposed changes, advocates for seniors say many nursing homes are still stuck in time, operating like hospitals and offering a limited number of unsavory meals.

The ability to choose what to eat and when to do so is hugely important for seniors' quality of life, said Amity Overall-Laib, director of the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center.

Issues with the quantity, quality and variation of meals rank among the top 10 complaints of nursing home residents and their relatives or friends.

Shannon Gimbel, the lead ombudsman for the Denver region, said the complaints go beyond the chicken being too dry or too tough. She's stepped in to advocate for seniors who weren't getting enough food or whose requests for fresh vegetables were ignored for far too long.

"There are more options than there have ever been," Gimbel said. "Do I think it stills needs to be better? Yes, I do."

Under current regulations, food is supposed to be palatable. But Penny Shaw, a nursing home resident in the Boston area and an advocate for nursing home reform, said she's been served overcooked vegetables and watery mashed potatoes.

"Who would want to eat that?" asked Shaw, 72.

Shaw said her nursing home offers menu choices, but they are limited. She'd love to order a soup cooked from scratch, kiwis instead of melon and have an avocado once in a while. But the soups are pre-made, and kiwis and avocados are not offered, she said.

"Person-centered implies individualized and I don't think that'll ever happen," Shaw said.

Part of the problem is cost. In fiscal 2014, nursing homes spent a daily average of \$20.07 per person on dietary costs, which includes the cost for raw food and kitchen staff, according to the American Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes. But those costs vary widely across the country. In Texas, the average is \$14.54; while New York is \$23.97.

Janet Burns, chief executive at Sunny Vista, said the cost of fresh food is lower than prepackaged meals, but labor costs are higher. Her dietary costs were \$1.08 higher than the nation's average in 2014. However, she said, higher costs are offset by things like preventing weight loss, a problem experienced by many nursing home residents. For example, she said, medication to increase a resident's appetite is more expensive than preparing a special meal.

Costs aside, Burns said, "It's the right thing to do."

Sandra Simmons, a professor at Vanderbilt University who studies quality of care and life in institutional settings, says studies have shown that the daily caloric intake of 50 percent to 70 percent of nursing home residents is below recommended levels, she said.

The issue, she argues, isn't just food choices but low staffing levels. Many nursing home residents need physical help or, if they have dementia, they need cues or encouragement to eat. If staff members are stretched thin, they might not be able to provide that level of care. And that means that even if there are choices, residents might not get them.

Back at Sunny Vista, resident Althea Jones said it's been difficult to express her opinions about food, something ingrained in her since childhood. No one told her she had a right to do so, she said. Now she's being encouraged to speak up — and her voice is being heard. "I love beans," said Jones, 85. "I don't eat cattle or pigs, but I can eat chicken."

Fears of Trump drive immigrants to become citizens

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MIAMI (AP) — On a recent Saturday morning in South Florida, 50-year-old Edgar Ospina stood in a long line of immigrants to take the first step to become an American.

Ospina has spent almost half his life in the U.S. after emigrating from his native Colombia, becoming

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eligible for citizenship in 1990. But with Donald Trump becoming a more likely presidential nominee by the day, Ospina decided to wait no more, rushing the paperwork required to become a citizen.

"Trump is dividing us as a country," said Ospina, owner of a small flooring and kitchen remodeling company. "He's so negative about immigrants. We've got to speak up."

Nationwide, immigrants like Ospina are among tens of thousands applying for naturalization in a year when immigration has taken center stage in the presidential campaign, especially in the race for the Republican nomination.

Trump, the GOP front-runner, has pledged to deport the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally. He's also vowed to bar Muslims from entering the country and threatened to cut off remittances that Mexican immigrants in the U.S. send back home. And he's called for building a border wall — among other proposals to deal with unlawful immigration, saying the federal government has failed to protect the border from people and drugs illegally entering the country.

That rhetoric, immigrant advocates and lawmakers say, is driving many foreign-born residents to seek citizenship.

"There is fear of a Trump presidency," said Maria Ponce of iAmerica Action, a Washington-based immigrant rights group that is teaming up with other organizations to help those seeking citizenship — part of a national campaign called "Stand Up To Hate." They've sponsored naturalization workshops from Washington state to Nebraska and Massachusetts.

Nationwide, naturalization applications are up 14 percent in the last six months of 2015 compared with the same period in 2014, according to the government.

And the pool of future U.S. citizens is large. Nearly 9 million legal permanent residents, or green-card holders, are eligible to become Americans. Of those, about 4 million are Hispanic.

Rep. Luis Gutiérrez, D-Ill., was featured in a public service announcement encouraging immigrants to become citizens so they can vote in November. He mocked Trump's slogan, suggesting it was really: "Make America Hate Again."

"We've seen it in the past and we are seeing it again many times over this year," he said. "When immigrant communities feel they are under attack they react with a large number of eligible immigrants becoming citizens and a large number of eligible citizens becoming voters."

Erica Bernal of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials said the tenor of the presidential campaign is galvanizing Latino immigrants. She said today's movement is reminiscent of the 1990s when Latinos in California rose up against Proposition 187, which sought to deny government services to those in the state illegally. The courts overturned it.

Her group and several local ones in Los Angeles recently launched a regional campaign to encourage Latino immigrants to become citizens. About 775,000 legal immigrants in the L.A. area are eligible for citizenship.

To qualify, immigrants must have been in the country five years, complete a 21-page application, get fingerprinted, pass a civics and English exam and pay almost \$700 in fees.

Ivan Parro, citizenship coordinator with the Florida Immigrant Coalition said immigrants laugh when he asks why they want to become Americans.

"You know why," they say, "I want to vote against racism and hate," said Parro.

He says immigrants this year are "desperate to be part of the political process."

Maria Cristina Giraldo, originally from Colombia and already a U.S. citizen, said she is so fearful of Trump becoming president that she brought five relatives to a naturalization workshop in South Florida.

"Trump is anti-immigrant," said Giraldo, who works cleaning houses. "I don't know if it's because he's such a brute in his speeches or that he isn't careful in what he's saying, but he's very nasty toward Hispanics."

Her sister, Gladys Ceballos of Hollywood, Florida, agreed. She's trying for the second time to become a citizen after failing to pass the English exam. She says she's not fearful of Trump, but she doesn't trust him.

John Haughton, 66, a Jamaican immigrant, said: "Trump is a man who would say one thing today and may modify his views tomorrow."

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"I want my voice heard," said Haughton, a legal permanent resident since 2008.

Seung Baik, 43, who was born in South Korea and brought to the U.S. as a teenager, said he too believes Trump is too divisive.

"It took me a little longer to become a citizen because I didn't want to apply and treat this as a membership to something, like joining a club," said Baik, a church pastor. "The world and this nation are changing, and my vote matters."

Baik said he won't be registering as a Democrat or Republican but remains independent. He's undecided about whom he will vote for in his first presidential election as a U.S. citizen, but "it won't be Donald Trump."

An inside look at the other draft, as free agents find spots

AARON BEARD, AP Sports Writer

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Gary Shipman was at his desk at noon Saturday, thumbing through depth charts and occasionally looking across the room at the wall-mounted TV trumpeting the start of the NFL draft's final day.

Shipman, who represents four college football players eligible to play in the NFL this season, didn't expect to hear any of their names called, even when teams are willing to take chances in the sixth or seventh round. Shipman and his staff were busily studying NFL rosters, trying to find the right fit for their players, keeping tabs on how franchises are using picks and trying to sell teams on his list of undrafted free agents well before the 253rd and final selection was made in Chicago.

This is the draft TV viewers don't see, and it is still going on. Players with multiple offers can decide where to try out based on signing bonuses, systems that fit their skills, coaches they may know, geography and, most importantly, where they have the best chance to make the final roster of 53 players or a 10-man practice squad. Others are just happy to get an invite to a rookie minicamp, and hope it leads to a chance to play.

"There are teams out there that we're going to hear from today that we've never spoken to," Shipman told The Associated Press as his staff gathered around a table near the TV early Saturday afternoon. "We're going to sort of make an on-the-spot judgment as to whether those places are a good fit as some of the teams we think are a good fit have moved on. . It's a day where your mind definitely has to be alert as to what's going on."

Teams began calling around 9 a.m. Saturday, just letting Shipman know some of his clients were on their radar. But by 1 p.m., the phones were largely quiet in Shipman's law office — which blends into Wilmington, a city near the North Carolina coast. Shipman and five staffers — including agent James Moore — were immersed in what was happening more than 900 miles away on the main stage in Chicago.

Entering his fourth season as a certified agent, Shipman is seeking opportunities for three players from the University of North Carolina — linebackers Shakeel Rashad and Jeff Schoettmer , and tailback Romar Morris — and North Carolina State offensive lineman Alex Barr .

While picks were still being made, teams were thinking about who else to invite to training camp. The Atlanta Falcons even sent a YouTube video to NFL agents touting opportunities they provide to undrafted players.

Shipman's staff noted every pick on a whiteboard and analyzed what it could mean for their clients. Shipman and Moore sent a steady stream of text messages to teams, as much to keep the players in the discussion as to get information.

"I think we get more nervous than the players," Moore said with a chuckle.

Both Rashad and Schoettmer, who started every game in UNC's 11-win season, knew they were going to have to wait most of the day.

The Philadelphia Eagles and Los Angeles Rams appeared interested in Rashad, who was at his parents'

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home in Jacksonville, Florida. The Falcons seemed intrigued by Schoettmer, who was at his home in Dallas. Well into the fourth round, neither was watching.

Schoettmer switched between golf and hockey, while Rashad took in a marathon of "Criminal Minds" while monitoring the draft on his laptop.

"I feel if I keep watching it, I'll keep getting stressed about it," Rashad said.

Some players worry that no call will come, and their lifelong dream will end anti-climactically without ever getting to even work out with an NFL team.

Shipman kept checking in with his clients to see how they were holding up.

"That's one of the things I try to do with all these guys: stay in their head, keep them thinking positive, keep them worried about the things they can control, not worried about the things they can't control," Shipman said. "And there's nothing they can do to control this process at all."

That helplessness was evident as more calls started coming in.

The Falcons appeared to move on from Schoettmer after drafting another linebacker. And while Shipman let teams know Rashad had interest in them, he hadn't been able to secure a deal nor a commitment from anyone to use a seventh-round pick on him.

There was no panic, only an uptick in the tension and concern in the conversations across the table — and some pacing.

Yet as Shipman and Moore called the linebackers, two new potential suitors phoned: New Orleans for Schoettmer, Houston for Rashad.

The Saints offered Schoettmer a three-year deal and a \$5,600 signing bonus — an offer that sparked high-fives around the room — but told Shipman they plan to bring in another undrafted linebacker to compete with him.

"I ain't worried about that," Shipman responds with a grin. "Unless it's Thor (or) you're bringing in someone from the WWE that's 2 ½ times bigger than him."

The Texans offered Rashad a three-year deal with a \$10,000 signing bonus that Shipman accepted to another round of high-fives.

Just after 6 p.m., with at least 20 picks still left, Rashad and Schoettmer had their deals. Moore said they will pay \$450,000 in the first year, \$540,000 in 2017 and \$630,000 in 2018 — if they make the 53-man roster.

"Your childhood dream has been to play in the NFL and you get the chance to do that, and not many people get to do that," a relieved Schoettmer said. "Now it's all on me to work my hardest and make this team."

A weary Shipman plopped down at the staff table. It's nearly 7:30 p.m., more than 10 hours after Saturday's first calls came in.

While Rashad and Schoettmer have contracts, Morris received only rookie mini-camp invitations. The New York Jets and Kansas City — two teams with deep backfields — each had called with invitations on Saturday. Neither situation was ideal, but Morris opted for the Jets. Then he received an invitation Sunday from the Chicago Bears and will also compete at their mini-camp the following week.

Barr didn't garner much interest on Saturday.

"Bittersweet," Moore said.

The calls slowed to a trickle, with Jacksonville, Seattle and Green Bay checking in late to see if Rashad was still available.

Shipman and his staff had done all they could Saturday night, so they packed up.

The next step is to find a chance for Barr. The staff was going through their list of contacts and making calls trying to get Barr a spot before minicamps open this week.

The search for the next opportunity never really ends.

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Kelly Ripa, Michael Strahan share in Daytime Emmy award

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The team of Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan is going out on top with Emmy gold. The "Live with Kelly and Michael" duo won the Daytime Emmy Award for best entertainment talk show host on Sunday, capping a tumultuous two weeks that began with Strahan's announced departure for "Good Morning America" and Ripa's reaction.

Neither Ripa or Strahan showed up at the non-televised ceremony in Los Angeles to claim the award, their second consecutive one in the category for their syndicated show.

Ripa reportedly had been upset that she learned only a few minutes before the public that Strahan, a former football star and her co-host since 2012, was exiting for "GMA."

She subsequently took several days off from "Live" and, when she returned, said she'd needed to gather her thoughts and that "apologies have been made," although she didn't specify by who. Strahan is set to leave May 13.

CBS' "The Talk" won the award for best entertainment talk show, while ABC's "The Chew" received the informative talk show trophy. Syndicated series "Extra" picked up the best entertainment news program award.

ABC's "General Hospital" was the big winner at the 43rd Daytime Emmy ceremony with five trophies, including best drama series and awards for lead actor Tyler Christopher, supporting actor Sean Blakemore and younger actor in a drama Bryan Craig. A best directing team award also went to the series.

Sonia Manzano received a lifetime achievement honor in recognition of her portrayal of the character Maria on "Sesame Street."

CBS' "The Price is Right" was honored as best game show, while Craig Ferguson won as game show host for "Celebrity Name Game."

"CBS Sunday Morning" earned the best morning program award.

Mary Beth Evans of NBC's "Days of Our Lives" received the trophy for lead drama series actress, while co-star True O'Brien won as outstanding younger actress. Jessica Collins of CBS' "The Young and the Restless" was honored as best supporting actress in a drama.

The guest performer trophy went to Obba Babatundé for CBS' "The Bold and the Beautiful," which also received an Emmy for its writing team.

Dr. Mehmet Oz won the award for informative talk show host for "The Dr. Oz Show."

Gabriela Natale, host of "SuperLatina with Gaby Natale," was honored as best talent for a Spanish-language program and the show won best entertainment show in Spanish. "Cafe CNN" won the Emmy for best morning show in Spanish.

AP Exclusive: Migrant children kept from enrolling in school

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Candelario Jimon Alonzo came to the U.S. dreaming of becoming something more than what seemed possible along the rutted roads of his hometown in Guatemala's highlands. This was his chance: He could earn a U.S. high school education and eventually become a teacher.

Instead, the 16-year-old spends most days alone in the tumbledown Memphis house where he lives with his uncle, leaving only occasionally to play soccer and pick up what English he can from his friends.

Local school officials have kept Jimon out of the classroom since he tried to enroll in January. Attorneys say Jimon and at least a dozen other migrant youth fleeing violence in Central America have been blocked from going to Memphis high schools because officials contend the teens lacked transcripts or were too old to graduate on time.

The Associated Press has found that in at least 35 districts in 14 states, hundreds of unaccompanied minors from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras have been discouraged from enrolling in schools or

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pressured into what advocates and attorneys argue are separate but unequal alternative programs — essentially an academic dead end, and one that can violate federal law.

Instead of enrolling Jimon and the other minors in high school, their cash-strapped district routed them to an adult school in East Memphis that offered English classes a few hours a week. But before Jimon could even register, the state shut the GED and English-language programs over concerns that few students were graduating, effectively ending his chances for a formal education.

"I really wanted to study math and English when I got here," said Jimon, who grew up speaking Spanish and the indigenous language Quiche. The teen is in the process of applying for permission to stay in the country permanently.

Shelby County Schools spokeswoman Natalia Powers said her sprawling district had a policy that allowed students 16 and older to choose to enroll in a GED program, and that once the program closed, students could continue studying in a "similar" program at a local nonprofit. But attorneys and advocates said their clients weren't given the choice to attend a mainstream high school, and that the Memphis nonprofit did not teach English.

America's schools remain one of the few government institutions where migrant youth are guaranteed services, but the federal government has extended little money or oversight to monitor whether that happens, in part because schools are locally governed.

Since fall 2013, the federal government has placed nearly 104,000 unaccompanied minors with adult sponsors in communities nationwide, where they are expected to attend school while they seek legal status in immigration court. Months later, during the dramatic surge of illegal crossings at the border, the Education and Justice departments issued joint guidance reminding districts that a 1982 Supreme Court ruling established that states cannot deny children a free public education, regardless of immigration status.

For students learning English, guidance says school districts must provide appropriate language assistance services so students can participate equally in the standard instructional program within a reasonable period of time.

Districts found to have broken the law can be forced to change their enrollment policies, but making that happen is not easy. To start, few migrant children understand their rights.

Students and their advocates can sue districts or file complaints with the Education or Justice departments, but investigations are backlogged and typically result in civil sanctions, said Lisa Carmona, senior attorney with the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center.

Many local school districts have stretched to find the resources and staff to meet the educational needs of these students, who often carry emotional trauma, have gaps in their education and are older than other English-language learners.

To determine where that was not happening, the AP analyzed federal data to identify areas where the number of migrant children was relatively large when compared to public school enrollment, along with the number of students formally learning English.

In Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and South Carolina, social workers and attorneys told AP that migrant students have been barred from enrolling, kept out of class for months due or routed to reform schools and adult programs. The full extent of how the Central American minors are faring in schools is unknown because the government does not release data on counties where fewer than 50 minors have been placed, which means information was not provided for about 25,000 of the migrants.

Spokeswomen for the Education and Justice departments would not say how many of the nation's roughly 14,000 school districts have been investigated for such failures.

"We remain committed to working with federal partners and community-based organizations to address any issues that unaccompanied children may face in dealing with the education system," Education spokeswoman Dorie Nolt said.

All children must attend school until at least the eighth grade or until they turn 16 under compulsory education laws in all 50 states. Students can enroll beyond that age in many states.

Some districts have gone to extraordinary lengths to accommodate the students, who often come to join relatives, sometimes escaping criminal gangs or extreme poverty. One district in rural Kansas rerouted

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a school bus to ensure a group of unaccompanied teens made it to class. A San Francisco high school rewrote young-adult novels at a basic level to spark the newcomers' interest in reading.

In March 2015, federal officials made \$14 million in grants available for county school districts where the government placed more than 50 unaccompanied minors. But that amounts to less than \$175 for each unaccompanied child placed in those counties since October 2013, which many districts say leaves them to cover too much of the cost.

Tiny Nebraska town says no to 1,100 jobs, citing way of life

SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press

NICKERSON, Neb. (AP) — Half-ton pickup trucks crowd the curb outside the One Horse Saloon, a neon Coors Light sign in the window and rib-eye steaks on the menu, but otherwise Nickerson, Nebraska, is nearly silent on a spring evening, with only rumbling freight trains interrupting bird songs.

Regional economic development officials thought it was the perfect spot for a chicken processing plant that would liven up the 400-person town with 1,100 jobs, more than it had ever seen. When plans leaked out, though, there was no celebration, only furious opposition that culminated in residents packing the fire hall to complain the roads couldn't handle the truck traffic, the stench from the plant would be unbearable and immigrants and out-of-towners would flood the area, overwhelming schools and changing the town's character.

"Everyone was against it," said Jackie Ladd, who has lived there for more than 30 years. "How many jobs would it mean for people here? Not many."

The village board unanimously voted against the proposed \$300 million plant, and two weeks later, the company said they'd take their plant — and money — elsewhere.

Deep-rooted, rural agricultural communities around the U.S. are seeking economic investments to keep from shedding residents, but those very places face trade-offs that increasing numbers of those who oppose meat processing plants say threaten to burden their way of life and bring in outsiders.

"Maybe it's just an issue of the times in which we live in which so many people want certain things but they don't want the inconveniences that go with them," said Chris Young, executive director of the American Association of Meat Processors.

Nickerson fought against Georgia-based Lincoln Premium Poultry, which wanted to process 1.6 million chickens a week for warehouse chain Costco. It was a similar story in Turlock, California, which turned down a hog-processing plant last fall, and Port Arthur, Texas, where residents last week stopped a meat processing plant. There also were complaints this month about a huge hog processing plant planned in Mason City, Iowa, but the project has moved ahead.

The Nickerson plant would have helped area farmers, who mostly grow corn and soybeans, start up poultry operations and buy locally grown grain for feed, said Willow Holliback, who lives 40 miles away and heads an agriculture group that backed the proposal.

"When farmers are doing well, the towns are doing well," she said.

The question of who would work the tough jobs was at the forefront of the debate, though many were adamant they aren't anti-immigrant. Opposition leader Randy Ruppert even announced: "This is not about race. This is not about religion."

But both were raised at the raucous April 4 meeting where the local board rejected the plant. One speaker said he'd toured a chicken processing plant elsewhere and felt nervous because most of the workers were minorities.

More overtly, John Wiegert, from nearby Fremont where two meat processors employ many immigrants, questioned whether Nickerson's plant would attract legal immigrants from Somalia — more than 1,000 of whom have moved to other Nebraska cities for similar jobs, along with people from Mexico, Central America and Southeast Asia.

"Being a Christian, I don't want Somalis in here," Wiegert, who has led efforts to deny rental housing to immigrants in the country illegally, told the crowd. "They're of Muslim descent. I'm worried about the type of people this is going to attract."

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Others pointed out that, given Nebraska's unemployment rate is among the nation's lowest near 3 percent, few local residents would accept the entry-level jobs. While the projected wage of \$13 to \$17 an hour was above the region's current median wage for production workers, opponents argued meat processors generally have high turnover.

"We aren't against jobs," farmer John Schauer said. "We want clean, stable jobs."

The land is flat and rich around Nickerson, which is a half-mile off a narrow state highway about 30 miles from Omaha. The town's tidy but often faded single-story homes sit on large, grassy lots. There's a small cluster of commercial buildings, most of them long shuttered, and a grain elevator.

Its school was demolished more than a decade ago, leaving only the old playground, but residents take pride in the regional school district. Superintendent Jeremy Klein told the village board he worried new students would overwhelm local schools and that tax breaks would limit any extra money to hire more teachers.

"It's impossible to know what the size of that impact will be," Klein said days later.

People seem to be more willing than in earlier eras to fight developments they think could harm the environment or change an area's character, University of Nebraska-Lincoln economics professor Eric Thompson said, even if the development offers an economic boost.

Mason City official Brent Trout said he heard all the arguments against the \$240 million plant planned some 200 miles northeast of Nickerson: What's the environmental impact of an operation that will process up to 22,000 hogs daily? How will 2,000 new jobs affect the isolated city of 27,500?

It's already hard to attract employers to Mason City, which has lost about 10 percent of its population over the last 30 years, he said. But, like Nickerson, Mason City's best selling point is its focus on agriculture: "This is what Iowa is. This is what Iowa does," Trout said. "We raise pigs and we process pigs."

Although Nickerson residents have succeeded in pushing away the industrial-scale operation, opponents said they're getting better organized to help the town that's targeted next.

"I've lived in exotic places, but I've never wanted to live anywhere but here," said Chuck Folsom, an 88-year-old former Marine and farmer. "We've got to protect the land. We're not making any more of it."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 2, the 123rd day of 2016. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1946, violence erupted during a foiled escape attempt at the Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay; the "Battle of Alcatraz" claimed the lives of three inmates and two correctional officers before it was put down two days later.

On this date:

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, was arrested and charged with adultery; she was beheaded 17 days later.

In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight days later.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1908, the original version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with music by Albert Von Tilzer and lyrics by Jack Norworth, was published by Von Tilzer's York Music Co.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1941, General Mills began shipping its new cereal, "Cheerioats," to six test markets. (The cereal was later renamed "Cheerios.")

In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies reported the surrender of German troops in Italy.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

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In 1965, Intelsat 1, also known as the Early Bird satellite, was first used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

In 1970, jockey Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby; she finished in 15th place aboard Fathom. (The winning horse was Dust Commander.)

In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

Ten years ago: Rene Braeunlich and Thomas Nitzschke, two German engineers held captive for 99 days in Iraq, were released unharmed. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi (behr-loos-KOH'-nee) resigned to make way for a center-left government led by Romano Prodi (roh-MAH'-noh PROH'-dee). Business author, columnist and TV commentator Louis Rukeyser died in Greenwich, Connecticut, at age 73.

Five years ago: Osama bin Laden was killed by elite American forces at his Pakistan compound, then quickly buried at sea after a decade on the run. During a ceremony in the White House East Room, President Barack Obama bestowed the Medal of Honor posthumously on two Army privates — Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano (KAH'-oh-oh-hahn-oh-HAHN'-oh) of Pukalani, Hawaii, and Henry Svehla (SVAY'-lah) of Belleville, New Jersey — who had given their lives in the Korean War. Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper won a coveted majority government in Canadian elections while the opposition Liberals and Quebec separatists suffered a shattering defeat.

One year ago: Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, gave birth in London to a daughter, later named Charlotte, who became fourth in the line of succession to the throne and the fifth great-grandchild of Queen Elizabeth II. American Pharoah rallied in the stretch to beat Firing Line by a length and delivered trainer Bob Baffert's first Kentucky Derby since 2002.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 80. Former International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge is 74. Actress-activist Bianca Jagger is 71. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 71. Actor David Suchet (SOO'-shay) is 70. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 68. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 66. Actress Christine Baranski is 64. Singer Angela Bofill is 62. Fashion designer Donatella Versace is 61. Actor Brian Tochi is 57. Movie director Stephen Daldry is 56. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 54. Country singer Ty Herndon is 54. Actress Mitzi Kapture is 54. Broadcast journalist Mika Brzezinski is 49. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 47. Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson (AKA The Rock) is 44. Soccer player David Beckham is 41. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 39. Actress Ellie Kemper is 36. Actor Robert Buckley is 35. Actor Gaius (GY'-ehs) Charles is 33. Pop singer Lily Rose Cooper is 31. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 31. Rock musician Jim Almgren (Carolina Liar) is 30. Actor Thomas McDonell is 30. Actress Kay Panabaker is 26.

Thought for Today: "What experience and history teach is this: that people and governments have never learned anything from history." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (HAY'-guhl), German philosopher (1770-1831).

Q&A: Puerto Rico's debt crisis explained

KEN SWEET, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Puerto Rico's debt crisis reached a new level late Sunday, when the island's governor said Puerto Rico would not pay most of its \$470 million in debt payments that are due by Monday.

Island officials spent the weekend trying to negotiate a settlement that would have avoided the default. The development comes as Congress has so far been unable to pass a debt restructuring bill for Puerto Rico.

"Let me be very clear, this was a painful decision," Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said in a speech, saying the government could not make the payment without sacrificing basic necessities for the island's 3.5 million residents.

This default is by far the largest by Puerto Rico, who has been struggling under the weight of \$72 billion in debt that its officials say it cannot pay. Here's a breakdown of what has already happened to Puerto Rico and why it matters to individual investors.

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HOW DID PUERTO RICO GET INTO THIS MESS?

Puerto Rico has been in an economic recession for roughly 10 years, caused by several factors. Manufacturing jobs started leaving the territory after certain tax credits, officially known as Section 936, expired. The global economic downturn that started in 2007 only compounded the negative impacts on Puerto Rico.

As a result, the territory's unemployment rate is 12.2 percent, more than double the 5 percent unemployment rate for the U.S. Its poverty rates are the highest in the nation. Residents have been leaving the territory in search of new economic opportunities.

To cover budget shortfalls, Puerto Rico's government started borrowing heavily from a mix of mutual funds and hedge funds, and its debt levels ballooned to \$72 billion. Its debt levels have become so large that the government is unable to pay its debts and provide basic government services. Roughly a third of Puerto Rican tax revenue now goes to cover its debt.

WHY WOULD INVESTORS LEND SO MUCH MONEY TO THEM?

One reason is U.S. tax laws. Due to Puerto Rico's legal standing as a territory of the U.S., its bonds are considered exempt from income tax to residents of all 50 states. That made its bonds attractive to investors outside of Puerto Rico.

WHY CAN'T PUERTO RICO GO INTO BANKRUPTCY LIKE DETROIT?

Since Puerto Rico is not a state, it is unable to access what's known as Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. There are current bi-partisan discussions to change this in Congress, but the bill is currently stalled in committee.

SO PUERTO RICO HAS DEFAULTED BEFORE. WHY DO THESE DEFAULTS MATTER MORE?

As Puerto Rico took out more debt, it organized its bonds into increasingly complex vehicles that have a myriad of funding sources and legal structures. However, the debt tends to fall under two broad categories: bonds considered by investors to be constitutionally protected and those that are not.

The debt that Puerto Rico defaulted on earlier this year, roughly \$37 million in bonds issued under the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority, were considered low priority bonds by the government and not backed by the constitution. The bonds that Puerto Rico plans to default on May 1 are considered middle priority bonds, issued by a struggling entity known as the Government Development Bank.

The big issue is the bonds coming due this summer. Some of these bonds, due July 1, are considered what's known as general obligation bonds issued directly by Puerto Rico's government and are constitutionally protected. A default of general obligation bonds would be considered a more serious default by investors, and would likely result in Puerto Rico going into legal limbo.

AND WHY WOULD THAT BE BAD?

Once a default on the general obligation bonds were to occur and without the ability to go into bankruptcy, the only avenue investors will have to resolve their differences would be the courts, a process that could take years. Also a group of investors, mainly hedge funds, have bought up distressed Puerto Rican debt and are fighting to get higher pay outs that likely would not happen if Puerto Rico had access to the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts.

Remaining in legal and financial limbo would likely push the island's economy into even steeper economic turmoil. The courts could also rule that Puerto Rico is legally obligated to pay all its bonds, despite being unable to make ends meet, forcing the government to cut basic services.

WHAT IS CONGRESS DOING TO HELP?

The bill currently in discussion would create a board to help manage the island's debt and to oversee some restructuring. House Speaker Paul Ryan has said he is staunchly opposed to a bailout, but also said the U.S. could ultimately be responsible if Congress doesn't act soon to prevent further problems.

IS MY BOND PORTFOLIO AT RISK?

Most bond funds have already sold their Puerto Rican debt, and it's now mostly owned by hedge funds. But there are two mutual fund companies who still own parts of the commonwealth's debts: Oppenheimer Funds and Franklin Templeton. Oppenheimer has exposure to Puerto Rican debt through its Rochester line of funds and Franklin Templeton has most of its exposure in one fund in particular, its Franklin Double Tax-Free Income Fund. Investors who own those mutual funds should talk with a wealth adviser.

Elephants perform for final time at Ringling Bros.

MICHELLE R. SMITH, Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus bid farewell to its performing elephants on Sunday, as the show closed its own chapter on a practice that has entertained audiences in America for two centuries but has come under fire by animal rights activists.

"This is a very emotional time for us," Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson told the crowd as the performance came to an end in Providence, Rhode Island, on Sunday.

He called the six Asian elephants beloved members of the circus family and thanked the animals for more than 100 years of service.

"We love our girls. Thank you so much for so many years of joy," he said as the elephants left the ring for a final time. "That's history tonight there, ladies and gentlemen, true American icons."

Earlier, the crowd watched as the elephants performed an act that had them dancing, balancing on each others' backs, sitting on their hind legs and pretending to sleep.

"We came to say farewell to the elephants," said Sheila Oliver, of East Providence, who brought her 4-year-old daughter, Lilliana. "This is her first circus and, unfortunately, it's their last one."

Five elephants also performed earlier Sunday in a Ringling Bros. show in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Providence show opened with the national anthem. An elephant carried a performer holding an American flag then stood at attention as the song ended. A few minutes later, six elephants entered the ring, each holding the tail of the one in front of her.

After Sunday's performance, the animals will live at Ringling's 200-acre Center for Elephant Conservation in Florida, said Alana Feld, executive vice president of Feld Entertainment, which owns the circus. Its herd of 40 Asian elephants, the largest in North America, will continue a breeding program and be used in a pediatric cancer research project.

Elephants have been used in the circus in America for more than 200 years. In the early 1800s, Hackliah Bailey added the elephant "Old Bet" to his circus. P.T. Barnum added the African elephant he named "Jumbo" to "The Greatest Show on Earth" in 1882.

The Humane Society says more than a dozen circuses in the United States continue to use elephants. But none tour as widely or are as well-known as Ringling Bros.

It's also getting more difficult for circuses to tour with elephants. Dozens of cities have banned the use of bullhooks - used to train elephants - and some states are considering such legislation.

Just as in the Disney movie "Dumbo," elephants in the past have been dressed up as people and trained to do a range of tricks: play baseball, ride bicycles, play musical instruments, wear wedding dresses or dress in mourning clothes, said Ronald B. Tobias, author of the 2013 book "Behemoth: The History of the Elephant in America."

The change at Ringling signifies a shift in Americans' understanding of elephants, Tobias said. People no longer see elephants as circus performers, he said, "but sentient animals that are capable of a full range of human emotions."

Attitudes are shifting about other animals as well. Last month, Sea World announced it would end live orca shows and breeding. Ringling will continue to use animals, Feld said. Sunday's show included horses, lions, tigers, dogs, pigs and other animals.

Before Sunday's show, around half a dozen protesters stood outside, including one wearing a lion costume, to protest Ringling's use of animals.

The Humane Society has called for an end to the breeding program at Ringling's Florida center, and for the company to retire its elephants to one of two accredited sanctuaries, one in California and one in Tennessee, both of which have more than 2,000 acres of land.

Feld said they have the most successful breeding program in North America and have determined they can accommodate the elephants in the space they have. In 2014, Feld Entertainment won more than \$25 million in settlements from animal-rights groups, including the Humane Society, over unproven allegations of mistreated elephants.

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An announcer told the crowd before Sunday's performance in Providence about the cancer project. Cancer is less common in elephants than humans, and their cells contain 20 copies of a major cancer-suppressing gene, compared with just one copy in humans. A researcher at the University of Utah is working with Ringling to study the elephants' blood cells.

Tobias said as attitudes have changed, people are more interested in seeing elephants in a natural habitat such as a sanctuary, rather than in a circus or zoo.

"I think people will get a lot more satisfaction out of elephants living their real lives than to see them performing as clowns," Tobias said. "It's kind of a new age in our understanding and sympathy and empathy toward elephants."

1st cruise from a US port in decades leaves Miami for Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — Passengers set sail Sunday from Miami on an historic cruise to Cuba, the first in decades to depart from a U.S. seaport for the communist island nation.

Carnival Corp.'s 704-passenger Adonia left port at 4:24 p.m., bound for Havana. Carnival's Cuba cruises, operating under its Fathom brand, will also visit the ports of Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba on the seven-day outing. Several Cuba-born passengers, among hundreds of others, were aboard, it said.

The cruise comes after Cuba loosened its policy banning Cuban-born people from arriving to the country by sea, a rule that threatened to stop the cruises from happening.

Restarting the cruises was an important element of a bid by President Barack Obama's administration's to increase tourism to Cuba after the Dec. 17, 2014, decision to restore diplomatic relations and move toward normalization.

The most recent such cruise, from another U.S. port, was in 1978.

When it first announced the cruises, Carnival said it would bar Cuban-born passengers due to the government's policy. But the Cuban-American community in Miami complained and filed a discrimination lawsuit in response. After that, the company said it would only sail to Cuba if the policy changed, which Cuba did on April 22.

Carnival said the Adonia will cruise every other week from Miami to Cuba. Bookings will start at \$1,800 per person and feature an array of cultural and educational activities, including Spanish lessons, Carnival's website says.

Seventy-three-year-old passenger Rick Schneider told The Sun-Sentinel (<http://bit.ly/1SH4Zi1>) that he had waited decades for the chance to make the journey. He bought a Cuban flag for the occasion, which he waved from the deck at protesters who opposed the cruises.

He said he once passed up taking a ferry trip to Cuba in 1957, adding "the time is now."

The cruise is among the many changes in U.S.-Cuban relations since a thaw between the former Cold War foes began in late 2014. The thaw also led to a historic, two-day trip to Cuba in March by Obama, who met with Cuban counterpart Raul Castro and others.

The Cuban government says the shift in policy removes prohibitions enacted when Cuban exiles were launching attacks by sea after the first Cuban revolution.

On Sunday, Arnold Donald, Carnival's president and CEO, said the company worked and prepared to make the cruises a reality despite the challenges.

"Times of change often bring out emotions and clearly the histories here are very emotional for a number of people," Donald told reporters."

The Miami Herald (<http://hrlld.us/21ohkxc>) reported that a boat carrying some activists protesting the trip to Cuba was nearby in Florida waters before the ship's departure Sunday. The report said the boat pulled away before the Adonia set sail with an expected Monday arrival in Havana.

Mary Olive Reinhart, a retired parks service ranger, told the paper that she and some friends from the Philadelphia area were drawn to the voyage by the adventure of it all.

The Fathom brand said on its website that the trip was authorized under current people-to-people travel

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guidelines of the U.S. government and would include meetings with artists, musicians, business owners and families — along with Cuban shore excursions to traditional sites.

"It's exciting to go places where we're forbidden. For me, I want to be at home in the world — the whole world," she added.

Schumer: Probe billboards using phone data to track shoppers

MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. senator is calling for a federal investigation into an outdoor advertising company's latest effort to target billboard ads to specific consumers.

New York Sen. Charles Schumer has dubbed Clear Channel Outdoor Americas' so-called RADAR program "spying billboards," warning the service may violate privacy rights by tracking people's cell phone data via the ad space.

"A person's cellphone should not become a James Bond-like personal tracking device for a corporation to gather information about consumers without their consent," Schumer, a Democrat, said in a statement ahead of a planned news conference Sunday in Times Square, where the company operates billboards.

But the company, which operates more than 675,000 billboards throughout the world, argues that characterization of its program is inaccurate, insisting it only uses anonymous data collected by other companies.

In a statement, company spokesman Jason King said the RADAR program is based on a years-old advertising technique that "uses only aggregated and anonymized information" from other companies that certify they're following consumer protection standards.

King also provided The Associated Press a copy of a letter it sent earlier this year to another lawmaker who has similarly raised concerns about the ad service and consumer protections.

The company "does not receive or collect personally identifiable information about consumers for use in Radar," CEO Scott Wells wrote in a March letter to Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat. "It's not necessary for the insights we are offering our advertising customers."

The ad program is a partnership between Clear Channel and other companies, including AT&T and technology companies that collect location data from smartphone apps, company officials have said.

In a video on its website, the company says it "measures consumers' real-world travel patterns and behaviors as they move through their day, analyzing data on direction of travel, billboard viewability, and visits to specific destinations." That information, the company says, is then mapped against Clear Channel's displays, which would allow advertisers to buy ads in places that would "reach specific behavioral audience segments."

Clear Channel uses "aggregate and anonymous mobile consumer information," the company said. The program gives marketers a "solution that provides a more accurate way to understand and target specific audience segments," Clear Channel's vice president, Andy Stevens, said in a news release announcing the initiative in February.

But an investigation into the company is necessary because most people don't realize their location data is being mined, even if they agreed to it at some point by accepting the terms of service of an app that later sells their location information, Schumer said.

The Federal Trade Commission did not immediately respond requests for comment.