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Dairy Queen Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Part-time, flexible hours. Apply at Dairy Queen in Groton.

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Wednesday, May 11

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

School Lunch: Tacos, tater tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: • Audrey Padfield • Beulah Hoops • Alyssa Stolle • Susan Foster

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents and sixth graders

Thursday, May 12

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

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

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice/chow mein noodles, broccoli, breadsticks, sour cream apple pie square.

Birthdays: Cindy Hinman

11:00am: Girls Golf at Madison

1:00pm: 7th/8th Track at Clark

Friday, May 13

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

School Lunch: Cook's Choice.

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Doris Strom • Nicole Koehler

11:00am: NEC Track at Clark

Saturday, May 14

Birthdays: • Linda Johnson • Pam Rix • Sheila Johnson • Kevin Radke • Madisyn Waage • Alesha

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Junior High Band Contest Results

The junior high band contest was held Saturday in Webster. The Groton Area results are as follows:

I+ Rating: Erin Unzen, 7th, trumpet; Kayla Jensen, 8th, flute.

I Rating: Junior High Band; Hannah Gustafson, 6th, trombone; Cassie Schultz, 6th, trumpet; Julianna Kosel, 6th, flute; Kennedy Anderson, 6th, clarinet; Landon Kokales, 6th, trumpet; Rease Jandel, 6th, clarinet; Sarah Jacobs, 6th, clarinet; Trista Keith, 6th, snare; Trinity Smith, 6th, snare; Megan Fliehs, 6th, snare; Alexis Hanten, 7th, trumpet; Lucas Simon, 7th, mallets; Hunter Kassube, 7th, trumpet; Tucker Carda, 7th, trombone; Indigo Rogers, 8th, timpani; Trista Keith, 6th, mallet; Megan Fliehs, 6th, mallets; Madeline Fliehs, 6th, alto sax; Stella Meier, 6th, alto sax; Kenzie McInerney, 7th, clarinet; Tanae Lipp, 7th, snare; Grace Wambach, 7th, alto sax; Ashley Fliehs, 8th, marimba; Eh Tha You Say, 7th, flute; Indigo Rogers, 8th, marimba; Nevaeh Pardick, 7th, flute; Katlyn Kyar, 8th, clarinet; Nicole Marzahn, 8th, trumpet; Rylee Rosenau, 8th, trombone.

I- Rating: Kansas Kroll, 6th, trombone; Travis Townsend, 6th, trumpet; Tanae Lipp, 7th, xylophone; Chandler Larson, 7th, mallets; Braden Freeman, 7th, tuba; Ashley Fliehs, 8th, timpani; Johnny Doeden, 8th, timpani; Grace Wiedrick, 7th, clarinet; Chandler Larson, 7th, snare; Lucas Simon, 7th, snare; Samantha Pappas, 7th, alto sax; Johnny Doeden, 8th, snare; KaSandra Pappas, 8th, clarinet.

II+ Rating: Tina Zoellner, 6th, alto sax; Gabriella Merkel, 7th, clarinet; Brooklyn Gilbert, 7th, alto sax; Isaac Smith, 7th, alto sax; Steven Paulson, 7th, tenor sax; Hailey Monson, 7th, flute; Noah Poor, 8th, French horn.

II Rating: Noah Tullis, 8th, trumpet; Madeline Schuelke, 8th, French horn.



Dale Fiedler is a retired music teacher from Redfield. He was one of the judges at the band contest held in Webster on Saturday. Here he is giving some pointers to Sarah Jacobs, who received a superior on her clarinet solo.



Kari Hanson was the accompanist during Julianna Kosel's flute solo. She received a superior.

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Groton gets several firsts at Britton-Hecla Track Meet

Britton-Hecla hosted a track meet Tuesday with Groton Area athletes getting several first place winners. Bennett Shabazz won the 300m hurdles, Adam Herman won the 100m dash, Sean Schuring won the 800m run, the boys 800m relay and 1600m relay teams, McClain in the discus, Jasmine Schaller in the 1600m run and Carly Wheeting in the shot put.

Boy's Division

110m Hurdles: 3, Tylan Glover, 20.24.

300m Hurdles: 1, Bennett Shabazz, 45.27; 2, Tylan Glover, 47.05.

100m Dash: 1, Adam Herman, 10.96; 2, Lucas Hinman, 11.12; Jackson Oliver, 12.1.

200m Dash: Adam Herman, 24.17; Lucas Hinman, 25.3; Jackson Oliver, 25.9.

400m Dash: 3, Franklin Wuestewald, 56.15; 4, Joy Nay, 58.12.

800m Run: 1, Sean Schuring, 2:13.93; 2, Treyton Diegel, 2:17.75; 3, Brandon Keith, 2:18.

1600m Run: 3, Mitchell Koens, 5:32.56; 4, Micah Poor, 5:40.31.

400m Relay: Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Jackson Oliver, Lucas Hinman, Adam Herman), 47.65.

800m Relay: 1, Groton, (Jackson Oliver, Joy Nay, Tylan Glover, Lucas Hinman), NA

1600m Relay: 1, Groton, (Franklin Wuestewald, Sean Schuring, Treyton Diegel, Joy Nay), 3:52.84.

Medley Relay: 2, Groton (Franklin Wuestewald, Pablo, Michal Poor, Mitchell Koens), 4:31.52.

3200m Relay: Groton (Sean Schuring, Brandon Keith, Mitchell Koens, Treyton Diegel), 9:45.88.

High Jump: 3, Bennett Shabazz, 5-9.

Long Jump: 3, Bennett Shabazz, 18-9.5; Franklin Wuestewald, 16-10; Tylan Glover, 17-2.5.

Discus: 1, McClain Lone, 129-8; 2, Steve Fey, 129-1; 3, Luke Thorson, 117-2; Carter Jondahl, 95-0.

Shot Put: Steve Fey, 45-0; McClain Lone, 43-0; Luke Thorson, 37-2; Carter Jondahl, 36-9.

Girl's Division

100m Hurdles: Josie Doeden, 16.68; Cassandra Townsend, 19.5.

300m Hurdles: Josie Doeden, 55.81; Cassandra Townsend, 57.6.

100m Dash: Emily B., 14.99; Renee Hinman, 16.33; Heather, 13.31.

200m Dash: Jodi Hinman, 31.37; Emily B., 32.55; Renee Hinman, 36.25.

400m Dash: Melanie S., 1:14.

800m Run: Hanna L., 3:05; Emily T., 3:08.

1600m Run: 1, Jasmine Schaller, 6:01.65.

400m Relay: 2, Groton, (Miranda Hanson, Heather, Payton Maine, Harleigh Stange), 55.24.

800m Relay: Groton (Miranda Hanson, Jodi Hinman, Payton Maine, Harleigh Stange), 1:59.61.

1600m Relay: Groton (Josie Doeden, Jasmine Schaller, Payton Maine, Harleigh Stange), 4:44.25.

3200m Relay: Groton (Hannah, Aubray, Emily, Melanie), 11:04.84.

High Jump: 5 or 6, Katie Koehler, 4-1.

Long Jump: 3, Katie Koehler, 14-8; Jodi Hinman, 12-9.5.

Triple Jump: 2, Katie Koehler, 30-10; 5, Miranda Hanson, 27-8.

Discus: 2, Carly Wheeting, 103-3; 3, Marlee Jones, 87-2; 4, Nicole Fey, 97-1; 5, Taylor Holm, 94-9; 6, Jennie Doeden, 94-7; 8, Madison Sippel, 86-0.

Shot Put: 1, Carly Wheeting, 34-6; 2, Madison Sippel, 29-5; Marlee Jones, 31-0.5; Jennie Doeden, 27-11; Nicole Fey, 31-1.5; Taylor Holm, 30-3.



Middle School Poppy Contest Winners

These are the winners of the middle school poppy poster contest hosted by the Groton American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 39.

Pictured left to right are Chloe Crosby, second place; Tanae Lipp, first place; and Colby Merkel, third place. (Courtesy Photo)

South Dakota Driver Exam Stations Closed May 13-14

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota state driver exam stations will be closed statewide for two days later this week.

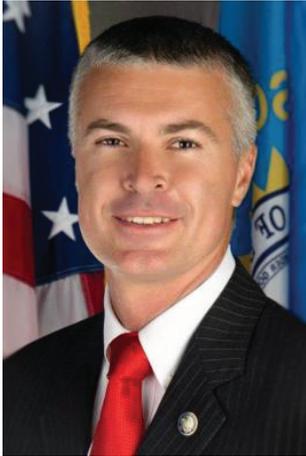
The exam stations will be closed this Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. The only station usually open on Saturdays is in Sioux Falls.

Director Jane Schrank says the closure of the state exam stations is needed for the annual employee training.

"We realize it is an inconvenience to close exam stations for any reason," Schrank says. "We want to let the public know now so they can come to the exam station beforehand or renew online."

Schrank reminds people that they have 180 days prior to the expiration date of their license to renew. For information about online renewal or what documents are needed for a license renewal and a list of exam stations, click on to: http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/.

The Driver Licensing program is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.



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First, the Legal Services Division includes: Criminal Litigation, Drug Prosecution, Appellate, Civil, Medicaid Fraud Control, Consumer Protection and Fiscal Units.

The Criminal Litigation Division may be the most widely known for its prosecution and cooperative work with the county States Attorneys on serious and violent criminal cases throughout the State.

Our Drug Prosecution Unit further handles statewide drug prosecution and prosecution of criminal matters that occur within the state penitentiary.

The Appellate Division is responsible for representing the State in all criminal appeals, and in habeas corpus proceedings. It also provides legal advice to many state offices, elected officials, agencies, boards, commissions, as well as school attorneys, states attorneys and city attorneys.

The Civil Division prosecutes and defends civil court cases filed by or against the State. These cases typically include constitutional challenges to state statutes, enforcement of natural resources and environmental laws of the State, litigation filed by prisoners in state facilities and actions to preserve state and individual rights.

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The DCI is comprised of over 50 Special Agents located in 15 field offices and 5 regions throughout the state assisting local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the investigation of major crimes. These Agents provide expertise in the investigation of homicides, rapes, dangerous drugs, child abuse, arson, digital evidence, white collar crime, explosives, outlaw motorcycle gangs, medicaid fraud, and burglaries. DCI also provides specialized service in the area of polygraph examination, crime scene documentation, hostage negotiations, accelerant detection canine, and expert courtroom testimony.

The State Forensic Lab provides state-of-the-art scientific services to crime solving in DNA/Serology, Fingerprint, Crime Scene, Firearms/Toolmark, and Trace Evidence (hair and fiber).

Law Enforcement Training provides basic and advanced training to South Dakota law enforcement officers and all 911 telecommunicators.

The Attorney General's Office employs 178 individuals dedicated to making South Dakota a safe place to live. Working closely with local and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to efficiently and effectively ensure public safety across South Dakota remains our number one priority

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Q1 BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DATA ANALYSIS SUMMARY

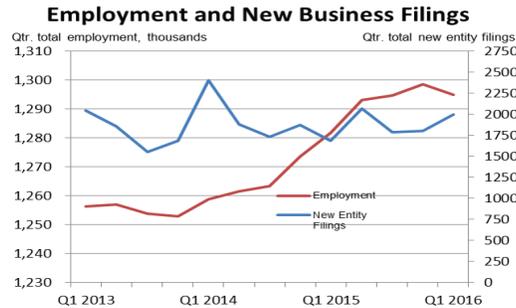
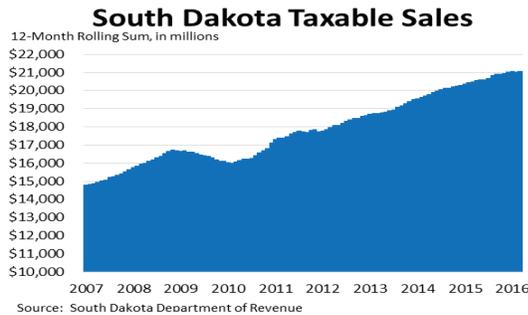
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First Quarter 2016

Secretary's Minute: Today's business climate moves rapidly, which is why we are taking customer service in the Secretary of State's Business Services Division to the next level. Starting in October 2016, our new software upgrade will bring the technology of the division into the 21st century and allow a business to be organized online within 24-48 hours rather than only by mail. The number of business filings processed by the office has increased from 54,000 in 2008 to 154,000 in 2015. The Secretary of State's office is most likely the first government agency that a new business will come in contact with, which is why it is crucial that the experience of creating a business entity in South Dakota be as straightforward, efficient, and responsive as possible.



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First Quarter 2016 Economic Highlights

- SD has the lowest unemployment rate in the U.S. at 2.5%.
- Fictitious Business Name increased in Q1.
- New business filings increased in Q1.
- Total taxable sales grew slightly in the Q1.
- Employment growth has continued in Q1.
- Initial jobless claims decreased by 60% in Q1. Continued jobless claims also decreased in Q1.
- Most national economic indicators improved in Q1.

SOUTH DAKOTA	Current Period	3 Months Prior	Percent Change over Prior Period	Annual Percent Change	5 Year CAGR*
Wealth					
Personal Income (millions of dollars)	38,095	38,845	-1.9%	-2.3%	2.6%
Total Sales, 12 mo. trailing (millions of dollars)	67,692	68,314	-0.9%	-2.0%	3.3%
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Business Outlays					
Annual Wages per Employee	9,828	9,620	2.2%	3.1%	2.8%
Retail Gasoline Price (dollars per gallon)	2.07	1.96	5.6%	-15.2%	-6.1%
Economic Overview					
Employment	432,300	431,200	0.3%	1.0%	1.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.9%	-13.8%	-21.9%	-12.9%
Initial Jobless Claims	166	415	-60.0%	-16.2%	-13.0%
Continuing Jobless Claims	2,770	2,893	-4.3%	-5.6%	-12.7%
Building Permits, Number of Units, 12 mo. trailing	4,582	4,501	1.8%	-7.3%	8.9%
Valuation (thousands of dollars), 12 mo. trailing	690,223	673,333	2.5%	-6.2%	9.7%
FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index	262	258	1.6%	4.0%	3.9%
Total Business Bankruptcy Filings	10	13	-23.1%	-23.1%	-12.9%
Chapter 7	8	3	166.7%	-27.3%	-14.0%
Chapter 11	-	5	-	-	0.0%
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Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Quarterly Personal Income (SA)(Q4/15); South Dakota Department of Revenue (NSA) (3/16); South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (SA) (Q3/16); US Energy Information Administration, Weekly Retail Gasoline and Diesel Prices, Midwest (4/4/16); Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES (SA) (3/16); US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (NSA) (3/26/16); Census Bureau, New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized (NSA) (2/16); FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index (SA) (Q4/15); Administrative Office of the US Courts (Q4/15). *Compound Annual Growth Rate.

For full report, please visit <https://sdsos.gov/general-information/publications/default.aspx>

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INDICATORS

Employment (SA)



vs. prior qtr.



vs. prior year

New Entity Filings



vs. prior qtr.



vs. prior year

Personal Income



vs. prior qtr.



vs. prior year

Unemployment



vs. prior qtr.



vs. prior year

EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS



Q2 2016 vs. Q1 2016



Q2 2016 vs. Q2 2015



Q3 2016 vs. Q2 2016

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South Dakota continues to show strength

South Dakota's New Business Filings improved versus the 4th quarter in 2015, as well as versus the prior years first quarter results. The unemployment rate continued its 2015 downward trend for the quarter. Although wages showed improvement, total sales and personal income fell slightly versus the prior quarter. Overall, South Dakota's economy has proven itself able to withstand continuing weakness in crop prices without feeling major pinches in employment and sales.

The Story of the Quarter was the big dip the stock market took welcoming in the New Year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average started the year by falling over 9.5% before rebounding to close the quarter with a small gain. As of the March meeting, the Federal Reserve's rate path has become noticeably less aggressive than in the December meeting, with the seventeen members' median prediction that fed funds rates will remain under 1% as of the end of 2016. The previous prediction was 1.25% and 1.5% at the December meeting. Although many analysts began discounting the Federal Reserve's rate path as a reliable tool, indications based on that median number would seem to indicate that the numerous increases during 2016 is very unlikely.

China continued to dominate headlines internationally. Large international investments in the Chinese markets and currency have proven a bit unstable and sometimes dependent on the whim of the intervention level that the Chinese government chooses to take. OPEC began earnest discussions on decreasing production with the hope of curtailing crude's 14-year low that it hit in January. Talks appeared at first to stabilize prices, but, were quickly followed by a breakdown of any consensus. The "discussions of the discussions," however, appear to have at least partially stabilized prices despite ever-growing crude inventory levels. Many oil companies have begun to cut back production on older wells and will continue to find ways to operate as efficiently as possible. As rig counts decline, demand for gasoline continues to rapidly climb, and OPEC discussions continue, it really appears that prices may have hit their bottom and will grow through 2016.

WTI Crude Oil Price/ Barrel



Source: CME Group

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South Dakota Secretary of State **QUARTERLY BUSINESS & ECONOMIC INDICATORS** Q1 2016

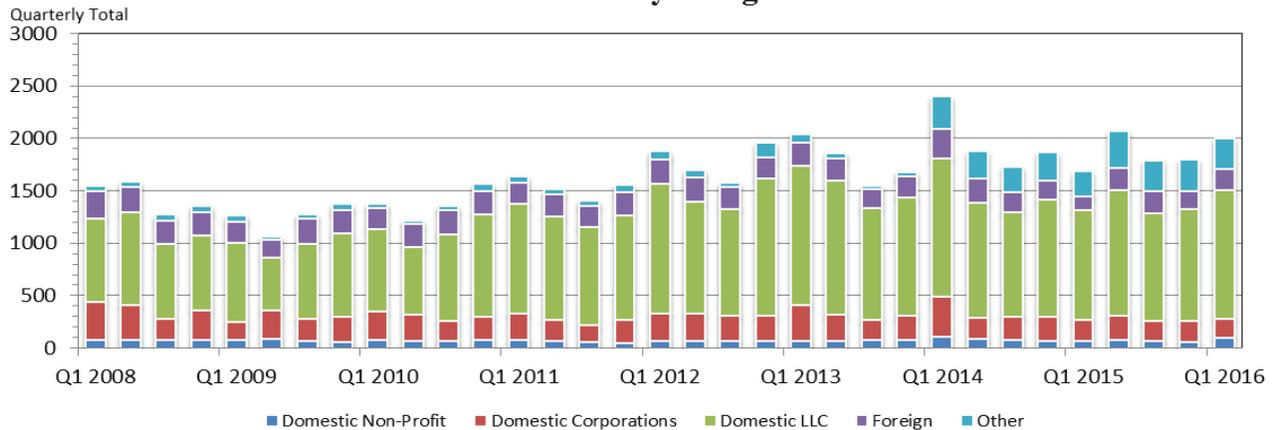
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New Entity Filings



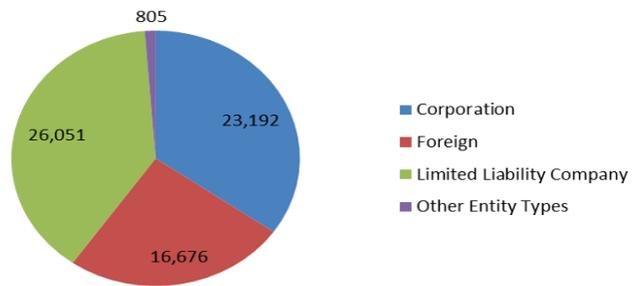
	Q1 2016	Q4 2015	Q1 2015	Percent Change over Prior Year	5 Year CAGR*
New Entity Filings					
Domestic Limited Liability Company	1,233	1,068	1,040	18.6%	6.9%
Domestic Nonprofit Corporation	93	61	65	43.1%	5.0%
Domestic Business Corporation	184	196	205	-10.2%	-3.7%
Other Entity Types	490	476	560	-12.5%	1.2%
Total New Entity Filings	2,000	1,801	1,870	7.0%	4.0%
Total New Entity Filings-12 mo. trailing	7,655	7,341	7,166	6.8%	5.7%
Other Business Filings					
Trademarks	111	135	99	12.1%	-3.8%
Trademarks-12 mo. trailing	449	437	397	13.1%	-2.7%
Fictitious Business Names (DBA)	1,114	861	981	13.6%	1.1%
Fictitious Business Names (DBA)-12 mo. trailing	3,860	3,727	3,692	4.6%	2.7%

* Compound Annual Growth Rate

Entities in Good Standing, Trademark & Fictitious Business Name (DBA) Filings

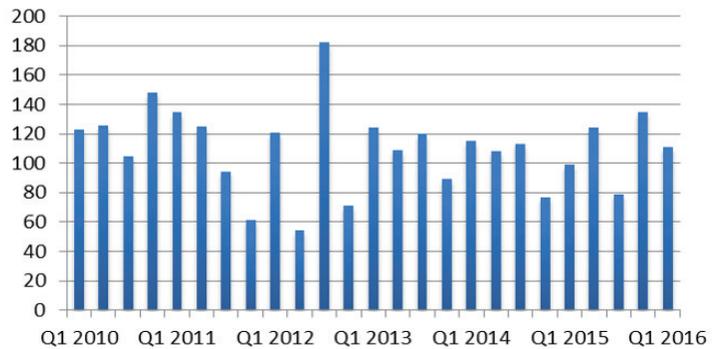
Limited Liability Companies make up 39% of entities in good standing. An entity must file paperwork each year to ensure they remain in good standing. At the end of Q1 2016, 66,724 entities were in good standing with the Secretary of State's office.

Entities in Good Standing



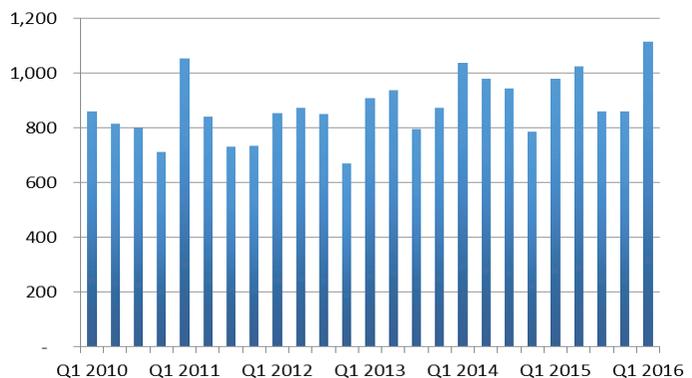
Trademark filings decreased in Q1 2016. Safeguarding the symbols and words that an entity utilizes in commerce, trademark filings numbered 111 in Q1 2016, a 17.8% decrease over the prior quarter. Trademark filings for the 12 months ending Q1 2016 totaled 449, which was 13.1% higher than the previous year's number.

Trademark Filings



Fictitious Business Name (DBA) filings hit an all time high in Q1 2016. Entities must file a fictitious name statement when operating under any name other than their true name. The South Dakota Secretary of State received 1,114 fictitious business name filings in Q1 2016, an increase of 29.4% over the prior quarter. Fictitious business name filings for the 12 months ending Q1 2016 totaled 3,860 which was 4.6% higher than the previous year's number.

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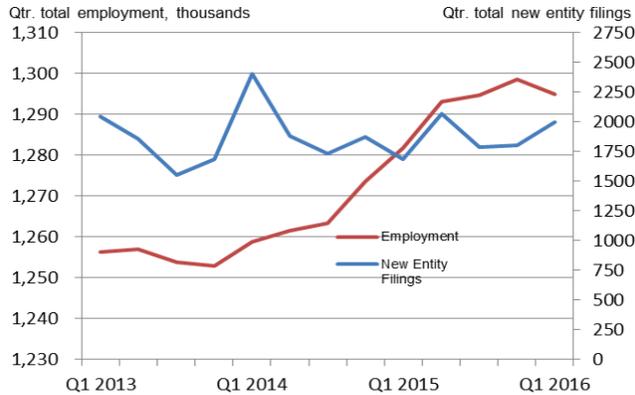


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Employment and New Business Filings



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South Dakota Economic Indicators

South Dakota claimed the best unemployment rate in the nation in the first quarter of 2016, overtaking its oil-producing neighbor to the north by sixth tenths of a percent, according to the latest modifications to the Bureau of Labor Statistics rankings. Its rate fell to 2.5% in the first quarter, down from 2.9% in the final quarter of 2015, a 21.9% improvement from the same quarter in 2015. Although crop prices have continued to lag, South Dakota's economy continues to march on slowly but surely. Annual wages appeared to have turned a corner, showing improvement of 2.2% from the prior quarter and a 3.1% improvement from the prior year. In addition, building permit valuations showed slight growth both compared to the prior quarter and prior year. These two components are an important part of the overall recovery of not only South Dakota, but also for the economy as a whole. Post the 2008 financial crisis, wages and

valuations on new construction continued to lag despite growth in stock market indexes. As these two important statistics grow, coupled with the potential for increasing crude oil (and resultant increases to gasoline prices), one can expect inflation to be also on the horizon. Certainly, if the Feds were reviewing the South Dakota economy in a silo, it would likely conclude on a more aggressive outlook on rates.

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Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Quarterly Personal Income (SA) (Q4/15); South Dakota Department of Revenue (NSA) (3/16); South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (SA) (Q3/15); US Energy Information Administration, Weekly Retail Gasoline and Diesel Prices, Midwest (4/4/16); Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES (SA) (3/16); US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (NSA) (3/26/16); Census Bureau, New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized (NSA) (2/16); FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index (SA) (Q4/15); Administrative Office of the US Courts (Q4/15). *Compound Annual Growth Rate.

South Dakota Secretary of State **QUARTERLY BUSINESS & ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1 2016**

National Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

National Economic Indicators

Nationally, the economy as a whole improved in virtually every category versus the prior year and prior quarter. Although the unemployment rate remained flat versus the prior quarter, it fell by half of one percent versus the prior year. Nationally, wages and personal income continue to improve, but 2016 is the year in which employers will start to feel the economic pinch of the Affordable Care Act. That, coupled with many state and municipalities moving to increase minimum wage levels may serve to affect the unemployment rate during the year. Some economists argue that the government's attempts to care for employees without letting the market determine wages will result in increases in unemployment. One can't avoid the other big headline of 2016, the U.S. presidential election. What has been interesting in this election year, however, is that it appears Congress has abandoned the appropriation-approval brinkmanship that resulted in the government being shut down a few years ago. No matter what side of the aisle one leans to, you can't ignore the impact that shutdowns have had on spending.

NATIONAL	Current Period	3 Months Prior	Percent Change over Prior Period	Annual Percent Change	5 Year CAGR*
Wealth					
Personal Income (billions of dollars)	15,561	15,468	0.6%	4.0%	4.2%
Retail Sales, 12 mo. trailing (billions of dollars)	5,325.8	5,297.6	0.5%	2.0%	4.3%
S&P 500	2,045.2	2,016.7	1.4%	-1.5%	8.9%
Business Outlays					
Annual Wages per Employee	52,313	52,005	0.6%	2.8%	3.1%
Consumer Price Index	237.7	238.0	-0.1%	0.8%	1.3%
Energy	177.1	199.2	-11.1%	-12.7%	-5.3%
Transportation Services	296.4	293.5	1.0%	2.7%	2.2%
Retail Gasoline Price (dollars per gallon)	1.99	2.14	-6.6%	-20.2%	-11.8%
Economic Overview					
Real Gross Domestic Output (billions of chained 2009 dollars)	16,471	16,414	0.3%	2.0%	2.0%
Employment (in thousands)	143,774	143,146	0.4%	2.0%	1.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-4.0%
Initial Jobless Claims	259,000	275,000	-5.8%	-9.8%	-8.5%
Continuing Jobless Claims	2,180,000	2,195,000	-0.7%	-8.3%	10.4%
Building Permits, Number of Units, 12 mo. trailing	1,189,659	1,165,777	2.0%	13.2%	15.1%
Valuation (millions of dollars), 12 mo. trailing	224,130	218,238	2.7%	15.4%	17.6%
FHFA Home Price Index	225.5	222.2	1.4%	5.8%	4.2%
Total Business Bankruptcy Filings	5,973	6,338	-5.8%	-4.0%	-14.4%
Chapter 7	3,840	3,973	-3.3%	-12.3%	-15.9%
Chapter 11	1,423	1,724	-17.5%	14.9%	-11.9%
Chapter 13	582	525	10.9%	14.1%	-10.1%

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Quarterly Personal Income (SA)(Q4/15); US Census Bureau (NSA) (1/16); Yahoo Finance (4/5/16); Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW (NSA) (Q3/15); Bureau of Labor Statistics, All Urban Consumers, US City Average (SA) (2/16); US Energy Information Administration, Weekly Retail Gasoline and Diesel Prices (4/4/16); Bureau of Economic Analysis (SA) (Q4/15); Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES (SA) (3/16); US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (SA) (3/12/16); Census Bureau, New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized (NSA) (2/16); FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index (SA) (Q4/15); Administrative Office of the US Courts (Q4/15). *Compound Annual Growth Rate.



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Today in Weather History

May 11, 1966: Late season snow fell in parts of north central and northeast South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. Amounts include; 4 inches in Timber Lake; 3 in Eureka, 2 NNW of Mobridge, and Roscoe; and 2 inches in Artichoke Lake MN, Pollock, and Waubay.

May 11, 1998: Torrential rains of 2 to 4 inches with some amounts nearing 5 inches fell across a large part of Brown, Marshall, Day, Spink, and Clark counties on the evening of the 11th. This round of heavy rain only exacerbated the already extensive flooding occurring from many years of above normal precipitation. Day County was most affected by this round of heavy rain where area lakes were already at new record levels. Blue Dog, Waubay, Rush, and Bitter Lake in Day County were just a few of the lakes hard hit. In fact, extensive sandbagging was done around Blue Dog Lake to save many homes. Some residents of Blue Dog Lake said they had never seen the lake so high in over 35 years of living there. Many more roads become flooded after this heavy rain event and will remain so for quite some time. Spots on U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 25 become flooded near Holmquist and Webster. Also, more of U.S. Highway 212, 4 miles east of Clark was flooded. There remained only one road opened to the town of Grenville in northeastern Day County. In all five counties, the rising water took away many more acres of farm and pastureland, as well as drowning many crops that had already been planted. One farmer in Spink County said sixty percent of his farm was under water. Some farmhouses and out-buildings became surrounded by water leaving some families stranded. After this heavy rain, around sixty percent of the crop and pastureland in Day County and one-third of it in Spink County had been inundated by a swollen water table and several years of above normal precipitation. Overall, the continued flooding has had a tremendous impact on the economy in the five county areas. Some rainfall amounts on this day include; 4.7 inches just north of Crocker in Clark County; 4.52 at Webster; 4.01 at Doland; 3.81 at Waubay NWR; 3.60 at Turton; 2.63 at Conde; 2.60 at Groton; 2.41 at Clark; and 2.18 inches at Aberdeen.

Additional heavy rain of 2 to 4 inches fell mainly during the evening of the 11th across southern and central Hand County. Many creeks in the area became rushing torrents through the night and the day of the 12th. Also, low-lying areas and a lot of crop and pastureland were flooded. Some businesses and homes in the Miller, Saint Lawrence, Ree Heights, and Vayland areas were flooded. Some sandbagging was done to try and save some properties in Miller. U.S. Highway 14 at the east end of Miller was flooded over for several hours along with many other streets, county and township roads in southern and central Hand County. Many of the roads were damaged as the result of the flooding. Some people in Miller said they had never seen it flood this bad in 35 years. Some rainfall amounts include; 3.99 inches at Miller; 3.10 inches 3 miles south of Ree Heights; and 2.65 at Ree Heights.

1865: A tornado touched down in Philadelphia around 6 PM ET, killing one person and injuring 15 others. There was great destruction to property, with 23 houses blown down, damage to the Reading Railroad depot, with the water tank, carried 150 yards. Fairmont Park was damaged to the amount of \$20,000.

1934: A tremendous dust storm affected the Plains as the Dust Bowl era was in full swing. According to The New York Times, dust "lodged itself in the eyes and throats of weeping and coughing New Yorkers," and even ships some 300 miles offshore sawdust collect on their decks.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear then Frost	Areas Frost then Partly Sunny
High: 64 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 53 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 58 °F

Increasing Winds Today

FROSTY TEMPERATURES EXPECTED THIS WEEKEND

Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
60°	65°	55° 40%	61°	61°	65°	63°	53° 20%	60°	60°
W 29	NW 25	N 25	NW 10	N 9	W 23	NW 24	N 27	NW 13	N 11
	42°	40°	33°	37°		42°	38°	32°	34°
5 Day Outlook - Pierre					5 Day Outlook - Aberdeen				

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Rain may linger in far eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota through the early part of the day - while much of the area will see increased winds. Cooler air will continue to stream into the region - with temperatures bottoming out this weekend. The potential even exists for sub-freezing temperatures Saturday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 62.8 at 2:26 PM

Low: 52.1 at 11:25 AM

High Gust: 30 at 5:11 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1987

Record Low: 20 in 1981

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 42°F

Average Precip in May: 1.03

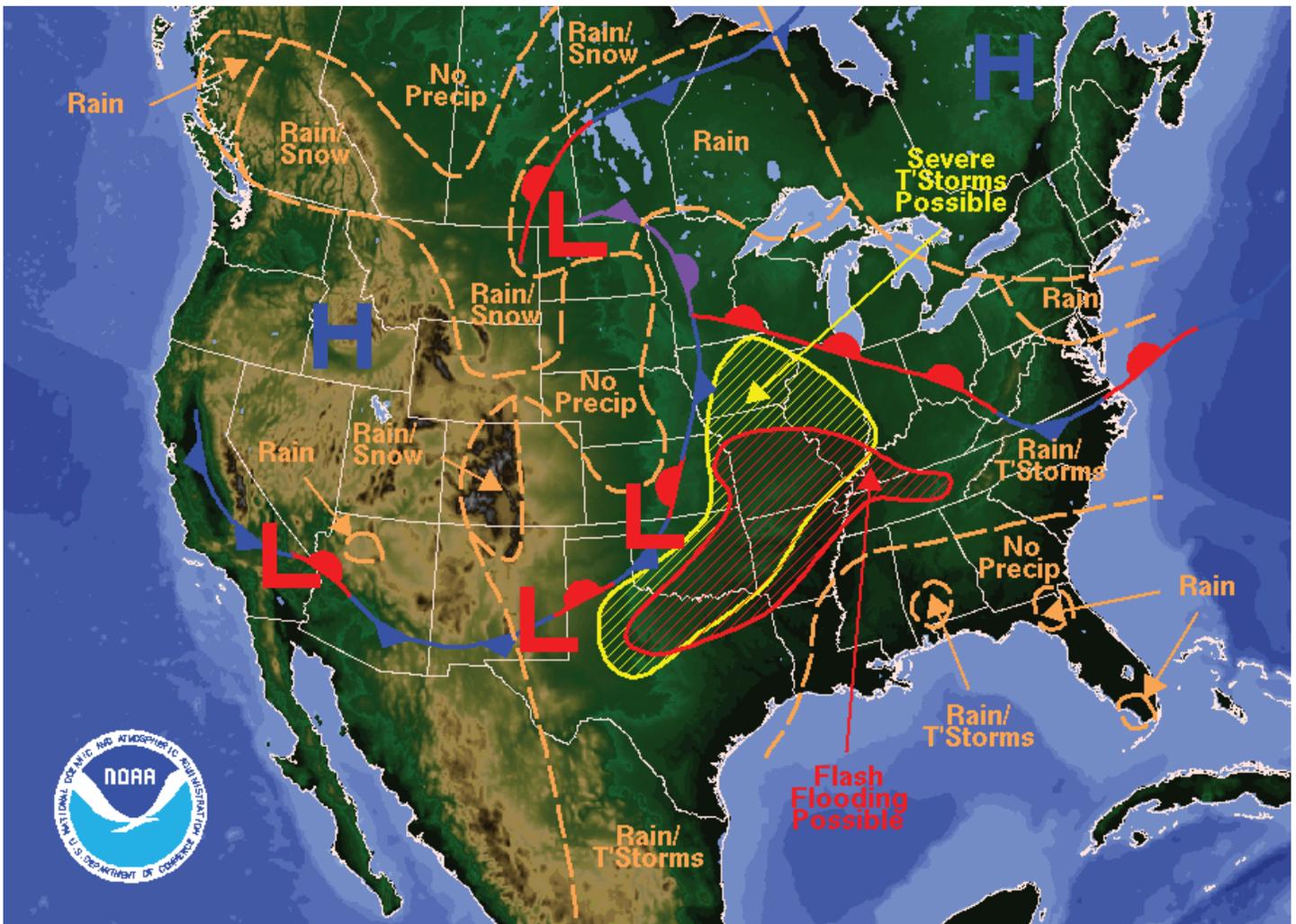
Precip to date in May: 0.11

Average Precip to date: 5.06

Precip Year to Date: 3.50

Sunset Tonight: 8:52 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, May 11, 2016, issued 4:33 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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DON'T GET STUCK

A king called his wise men together and commanded them to identify the world's greatest truth. Once they agreed on what this truth was, they were to inscribe it in his ring. He wanted one truth that would provide him guidance and give him hope and help for every situation he faced and each case he had to decide.

Many months later the wise men came back with the words they chose for the inscription: "This too shall pass."

It is significant that the phrase "It came to pass" occurs 457 times in the Bible. Those words are echoed by the Psalmist when he wrote, "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

We sometimes become involved in situations that are beyond our strength and exceed our courage. We awaken one day to realize that what we thought would never end or bring us unending happiness, has evaporated into the air. We become discouraged by the endless wars, devastating earthquakes, destructive hurricanes, uncontrollable prices and see no end in sight. No night is so dark nor day so cloudy that cancels the hope that "This too shall pass."

Prayer: Lord, help us to understand the power of Your love, the goodness of Your grace, the extent of Your mercy and Your readiness to help. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Bernie Sanders rallies on Wednesday in Missoula, Billings

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders plans a pair of Montana rallies Wednesday as he seeks to stir support ahead of the state's June 7 Democratic presidential primary.

A 12:30 event hosted by the Vermont senator is scheduled at Caras Park Pavilion in Missoula followed by a 7 p.m. rally at Metra Park in Billings.

Both events are open to the public. They mark the first Montana appearances by a major candidate since the primary season got under way.

Twenty-eight delegates are at stake in the state, as Sanders tries to close in on Hillary Clinton in the race's final weeks.

Clinton lost the party's 2008 Montana primary to then-Sen. Barack Obama by 15 percentage points.

Sanders travels Thursday to neighboring South Dakota, which also has a June 7 primary.

Luck not always required when trying to survive tornadoes

KELLY P. KISSEL, Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Strong storms including at least one tornado were moving through the Ohio River Valley on Tuesday, a day after about two dozen tornadoes were reported across the Plains, including deadly twisters that destroyed homes and overturned vehicles in Oklahoma.

Tornadoes are relatively common this time of year in parts of the central U.S., though the storms can strike in other locations and seasons if conditions are right. Here is some information about the nation's tornado history and tips on staying safe:

DEADLY DAYS

Advances in science and communications have lengthened warning times over the years, but even then the wrong storm at the wrong place can kill dozens or even hundreds.

The nation's worst tornado outbreak was only five years ago, on April 27-28, 2011, when 175 tornadoes killed 316 in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. That series of storms surpassed those of April 3-4, 1974, when 127 tornadoes killed 310, mostly in the Ohio Valley.

The Tri-State tornado of March 18, 1925, killed 695 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, and since then the highest death toll from a single storm is 158 at Joplin, Missouri, on May 22, 2011.

WHO'S MOST AT RISK?

The nation's midsection and the Southeast see the most storms, but some forecasters don't like the term Tornado Alley because they prefer to make the point that storms can form anywhere. Tornadoes have been reported in every state, including Alaska.

Storm Prediction Center data compiled in 2010 showed that, in the previous 30 years, Texas had the most storms, followed by Kansas, Florida and Oklahoma. (Alaska had three.) Texas had the greatest number of killer tornadoes, too, followed by Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri.

Among cities, more have occurred in Oklahoma City than anywhere else — more than 100 since 1893.

BIG AND STRONG

A twister 2.6 miles wide struck near El Reno, Oklahoma, on May 31, 2013, with winds measured at 290 mph about 500 feet above the ground. It was a bit larger than a tornado that hit Hallam, Nebraska, on May 22, 2004.

A May 3, 1999, storm that later killed 36 people at Moore, Oklahoma, had winds of about 302 mph at Bridge Creek, Oklahoma.

The wind speeds in these storms were measured using Doppler radar rather than traditional anemometers, which can be swept away when directly hit by a storm.

HOW TO STAY SAFE?

It's all about having a plan, and start planning early if possible.

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To begin, buy a weather radio, which carries alerts from your local National Weather Service office (and many models can be programmed to sound an alert tone only if your area is threatened.) You should also clear a path to your basement or a closet or interior room on the lowest floor of your home. The golden rule: Put as many walls between you and the outside.

On the day of the storm, tune in to local broadcasters or your local NWS office and follow them and FEMA on social media if you will check it often enough. Avoid media that won't automatically cut in with warnings for your area.

A watch means conditions are good for storms to develop. The National Weather Service says it means just that: Watch.

If you are home when a warning is issued, go to your safe place. You have been warned. Remember — as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Don't go outside to confirm the storm is in your area. Spotters and forecasters have already done that.

If you are in car when a warning is issued, flee if it is safe to do so, but be aware thousands of others may have the same idea. If you are unable to get away, get out of your vehicle and into the lowest place possible (but watch for areas prone to flash flooding). Do not go under a bridge, where winds can actually be higher because of a change in air pressure where it passes beneath.

Highway Patrol looking for next group of state troopers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Highway Patrol is looking for its next batch of state troopers.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety said Tuesday that applications will be accepted into July. Officials plan to hire between 15 and 20 new recruits.

New recruits who aren't certified as a law enforcement officer in South Dakota or a different state would have to attend a training academy in Pierre, in addition to other training.

From initial application to graduation, it takes about a year to become a state trooper.

Col. Craig Price is the superintendent of the Highway Patrol. Price says the patrol's selection process and training program are extensive and meant to find the best men and women possible.

Sioux Falls student wins Congressional Art Competition in SD

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The artwork of a Sioux Falls high school student will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol after winning a national contest.

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem says the painting by student William Drzycimski was selected as South Dakota's winner of the 2016 Congressional Art Competition.

Drzycimski's painting depicting a portion of the Palisades State Park will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for an entire year.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982. Each congressional district has one winner.

Drzycimski won second place in South Dakota last year and his acrylic painting was displayed in Noem's office in the nation's capital.

The South Dakota Arts Council collaborated with Noem in the state's competition.

Patrol releases names of 1 dead, 4 injured in I-29 crash

ELK POINT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have released the names of a woman killed and four others injured in a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 29 in Union County.

The Highway Patrol says a sport utility vehicle went out of control in heavy rain, crossed the median into the oncoming lanes and collided head-on with a van. The crash happened shortly before 1:30 p.m. Monday near Elk Point.

The SUV passenger, 32-year-old Casondra Caudill, of Tarkio, Missouri, later died from her injuries. A passenger in the van, 45-year-old Korbyn Bertsch, of Sisseton, suffered what the patrol says are life-threatening injuries. Another van passenger, 35-year-old Brent Starr, of Sisseton, suffered serious injuries.

The van driver, 69-year-old Duane Wanna, of Sisseton, and the SUV driver, 24-year-old Shelby Steele, of Sioux Falls suffered minor injuries.

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USDA forecast: SD winter wheat crop down 28 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says South Dakota's 2016 winter wheat crop is forecast to be down 28 percent from last year.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates the crop at 54.6 million bushels based on May 1 conditions.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.05 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. That's 98 percent of the planted acreage.

The average yield is forecast at 52 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last year.

May 1 hay stocks are estimated at 2.2 million tons, down 4 percent compared to one year ago.

Bernie Sanders schedules Thursday rallies in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders has scheduled three Thursday campaign stops in South Dakota.

Sanders is competing with Hillary Clinton for the Democratic endorsement. Whoever gets it likely will run against presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Sanders has scheduled a 10:45 a.m. MDT rally at the New Gym of Pine Ridge School in Pine Ridge. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. That's followed by a 2 p.m. MDT rally at Memorial Park in Rapid City. Doors open at noon.

The third event is in Sioux Falls at the Denny Sanford Premier Center at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Admission to each of the events is free and on a first come, first served basis.

Program offers college scholarships to immigrant students

RANDALL CHASE, Associated Press

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Delaware State University is joining with a national scholarship program to increase college opportunities for immigrant students living in the United States without permanent legal status.

Gov. Jack Markell joined school officials and former Washington Post chairman and CEO Donald Graham on Tuesday to announce the historically black school's partnership with TheDream.US, a privately funded scholarship program co-founded by Graham.

TheDream.US is also partnering with Eastern Connecticut University to offer Opportunity Scholarships for students who face barriers to higher education in 16 states.

"In four states, they are banned from some or all state colleges," Graham said. "Even if they pay, the doors are shut. In others, they are barred in practice because the states deny them in-state tuition."

The new scholarship program is aimed at helping students in states where TheDream.US says they are being "locked-out" of college opportunities. Those states are Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

University President Harry Williams said the scholarship program aligns with the school's mission.

"We have never said 'no' to anyone who wanted to come and get an education," he said.

Under the program, TheDream.US will offer 500 scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year, or \$80,000 total, for eligible "locked-out" students who have graduated from high school and are covered under a 2012 federal policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. That policy allows certain individuals who entered the U.S. before 2007 and before their 16th birthday to receive a renewable, two-year work permit and a Social Security number, which allows them to get a job.

The Dream.US also will make scholarships totaling up to \$25,000 over four years available to students of similar immigration status living in Delaware and Connecticut.

Graham indicated that the program could expand to one or two other states in the near future.

Officials noted that no state money is involved, and that both schools have the capacity to accept students under the program without denying enrollment to others.

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Sadhana Singh, a rising junior at Trinity Washington University, a private women's college in Washington, D.C., said the Dream.US program is helping her achieve her goal of getting a college education and becoming "part of America."

"I knew that my parents brought me to America for a reason," said Singh, who was born in Guyana and moved with her parents to Georgia when she was 13.

Singh said she graduated from high school in 2005, near the top of her class, but was barred from attending any of the bigger colleges in Georgia and could not afford out-of-state tuition at a community college. She worked for several years, helping her parents with finances, until she heard about the program in 2014.

"I've gotten a chance at life, and I've gotten the chance to actually be part of America," said Singh, who is studying communications and international affairs and hopes to become an investigative journalist.

California man funds North Dakota victims' rights measure

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A California businessman aiming to expand the rights of crime victims in several state constitutions has donated more than \$1 million toward the effort in North Dakota, supporters of the measure said Tuesday.

Opponents, including groups representing both North Dakota defense attorneys and prosecutors, say the proposal is a bad idea and would diminish defendants' rights, clog the court system and do nothing to strengthen crime victim laws in the state.

"We really support victims' rights groups but we just feel they are going the wrong direction on this," said Aaron Birst, executive director of the North Dakota State's Attorneys Association, which opposes the measure along with North Dakota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The North Dakota Sheriff's and Deputies Association has endorsed the measure.

Backers of the so-called Marsy's Law turned in more than 44,000 signatures to the North Dakota Secretary of State's Office on Tuesday. The group needs only about 27,000 valid signatures to bring their proposal to a public vote on Nov. 8.

Supporters say crime victims should be given information about their rights and services available; should be notified of proceedings and major developments in their case; should be told of any changes in an offender's custodial status; and be allowed to give input on plea agreements, among other things.

Kathleen Wrigley, wife of Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley and chairwoman of the sponsoring committee, said North Dakota is one of only 18 states that do not have constitutional rights for victims. She said the proposed constitutional amendment places the same protections afforded to criminal defendants.

"Marsy's Law for North Dakota cannot, does not and will not ever diminish the rights of the accused criminal defendants," she said.

If approved by voters, North Dakota would join California and Illinois in adopting Marsy's Law.

The law is named after California college student Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend. A week after she was killed, her mother and brother were confronted by the suspect at a store. They did not know the man had been released on bail.

Her brother, billionaire Henry Nicholas, is "leading the charge" for the national effort to expand the law into more states, including South Dakota, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina and Nevada, according to the Marsy's Law for All website. Telephone calls the national group were not immediately returned on Tuesday.

Nicholas is the sole contributor to the North Dakota effort, and has contributed \$1,052,666, state organizers said. More than \$404,500 has been spent, including almost \$218,000 paid to petition circulators, supporters said.

Mark Friese, a Fargo defense attorney, called the measure a "solution in search of a problem."

"It will hurt victims rather than help them and it will burden the system," Friese said.

McLean County prosecutor Ladd Erickson said the proposed measure would take away resources from more serious crimes.

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"We already have a very good, progressive victims' right law," Erickson said. "What this really comes down to is a California billionaire trying to change our constitution. It has nothing to do with North Dakota."

Former Fargo municipal judge Thomas Davies called the measure "a horrible idea."

"I think victims are protected right at this moment. If I didn't believe it, I would be saying that," he said.

Davies, who retired after 45 years on the bench, said that opposition to the measure "is the first time I've heard of prosecutors and defense attorneys agreeing on the same thing."

Week of warmer, drier weather benefits South Dakota farmers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Farmers in many areas of South Dakota were able to return to spring planting work last week, thanks to warmer, drier weather.

However, the Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that some south central and south-east areas remained too wet for fieldwork.

Planting of most crops in South Dakota is near or ahead of the long-term average. Spring wheat seeding is nearly wrapped up, while slightly more than one-third of the corn crop is in the ground. About 10 percent of soybeans have been planted.

The report says the winter wheat crop is starting to head. About three-fourths of the crop is rated in good to excellent condition.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 77 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 90 percent adequate to surplus.

Vikings sign former Augustana RB C.J. Ham, a Duluth native

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have signed running back C.J. Ham, who took part in their rookie minicamp last weekend on a tryout basis.

Ham is the latest regional prospect to catch the team's attention.

The product of Duluth Denfeld High School played at Division II Augustana College in South Dakota, leading the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference with 16 rushing touchdowns last year. He became the fourth running back in program history to post a 1,000-yard season.

Minnesota's best tryout success story was cornerback Marcus Sherels, who was signed after rookie minicamp in 2010 and six years later remains the primary punt returner.

To make room on the 90-man roster, the Vikings waived safety John Lowdermilk, who was on the practice squad last season.

Vandals cause \$20,000 in damage to Rapid City church

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Vandals caused an estimated \$20,000 in damage to a Rapid City church over the weekend.

Police say damage at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church included a toppled marble statue and broken plates.

The church's pastor believes the damage was done sometime Saturday. Police are asking anyone with information to call.

Bollen indicted for role in EB-5 financial misconduct case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The man who once ran South Dakota's scandal-ridden investment-for-visa program has been indicted on felony charges stemming from a financial misconduct investigation.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says Joop (yohp) Bollen is to be arraigned this month.

The charges deal with SDRC Inc., a company Bollen founded that previously handled South Dakota's participation in the EB-5 visa program.

Bollen allegedly diverted more than \$1.2 million from an account created as part of a contract with the state to protect it against costs or liability from the program. Authorities say the money was mostly

replenished.

Bollen faces five counts, each punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine. There's a presumption of probation if convicted for Bollen's class of felony.

Bollen's attorney didn't immediately return a telephone message.

2 race horses euthanized after breaking legs in Fort Pierre

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two race horses were euthanized after being injured during a weekend event in Fort Pierre.

Track Manager Dennis Booth says the two quarter horses collided during a race Saturday and both went over the rail, each breaking a leg. They were humanely put down, following protocol.

One horse was owned by a ranch near Firesteel, South Dakota, and the other by a couple from Keene, North Dakota.

Booth says the jockeys were not seriously hurt, and both rode again on Sunday.

AP Interview: Trump narrows VP list as he moves into general

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shifting swiftly to the general election, Donald Trump says he's narrowed his list of potential running mates to "five or six" people and doesn't want to accept public money to finance a fall campaign against likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

But in a break from recent major party nominees, Trump does not plan to invest heavily in a data-driven effort to target voters in the fall campaign. Despite pressure, the billionaire businessman also does not expect to release his tax returns before the November election.

"There's nothing to learn from them," Trump told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday. He's cited an ongoing audit of his finances as the main reason for withholding the information, and also has said he doesn't believe voters are interested.

Trump's comments came as he begins to ramp up for a long, expensive general election campaign. His two remaining Republican rivals suddenly dropped out of the race last week, anointing him the party's presumptive presidential nominee faster than even the confident candidate expected.

As part of his general election planning, Trump told the AP at his office in New York that he's moving aggressively to identify a running mate with deep political experience. While he would not provide a full list of names, he did not rule out New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, the former rival whom he's already tapped to head his transition planning.

Trump's campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, is running the vice presidential vetting effort "with a group," Trump said, that includes former competitor Ben Carson and himself. "Honestly, we're all running it. It's very much a group effort," said Trump.

A first-time political candidate, the celebrity businessman said there's no need for another business person on the Republican ticket and he wants a running mate who can help him pass legislation as president. By joining forces with a political veteran, Trump would also signal a willingness to work with the Republican establishment that he's thoroughly bashed during his campaign.

Trump said he doesn't plan to announce his running mate until the Republican National Convention in July, a four-day event that he's planning to remake with a showman's touch.

"The concept of some entertainment from a great singer, a great group I think would be something maybe to break things up," Trump said. "You'll be hearing plenty of political speeches."

In the interview, Trump outlined a general election campaign that banks heavily on his personal appeal and trademark rallies while spurning the kind of sophisticated data operation that was a centerpiece of Barack Obama's winning White House runs.

"I've always felt it was overrated," Trump said. "Obama got the votes much more so than his data processing machine. And I think the same is true with me."

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He also ruled out for the first time the option of taking public financing for his campaign, money that would have saved him the time-consuming task of raising vast sums but would have dramatically limited the amount he would have been able to raise.

"I don't like the idea of taking taxpayer money to run a campaign. I think it's inappropriate," he said.

Trump stunned the political world at every turn during the Republican primary season, prioritizing large rallies over intimate voter interactions in early voting states and operating with a slim campaign operation. Even as he brings in new staff for the general election campaign, he says his emphasis will continue to be on raucous rallies to put him in front of thousands of voters and generate free media coverage.

"My best investment is my rallies," Trump said. "The people go home, they tell their friends they loved it. It's been good."

The businessman said he'll spend "limited" money on data operations to identify and track potential voters and to model various turnout scenarios that could give him the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the presidency. He's moving away from the model Obama used successfully in his 2008 and 2012 wins, and which Clinton is trying to replicate, including hiring many of the staff that worked for Obama.

Still, the Republican National Committee has invested heavily in data operations, eager to avoid another defeat to a more technologically savvy Democrat. Trump could make use of that RNC data if he wished.

Trump and his aides have been meeting with RNC officials this week to discuss the mechanics of his campaign. He is also planning a trip to Washington Thursday to meet with party leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, who have had a mixed reaction to his primary success.

Though Trump has vowed to be tough in taking on Clinton, he also suggested he might avoid running negative ads against her, saying, "I just don't find them to be very effective."

"I've had over \$100 million in negative ads spent on me and every time it's boosted my numbers," he said.

As Trump was speaking, however, his campaign posted a new ad on Instagram assailing Clinton for her response to the attacks on a diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya.

Iraq officials raise Baghdad car bombing death toll to 45

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi officials say the death toll from a car bombing in a commercial area in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad has climbed to at least 45 people killed.

Two police officers say the explosives-laden car that went off Wednesday morning at a crowded outdoor market in Baghdad's eastern district of Sadr City also wounded up to 65 people, several seriously.

There are fears the death toll will rise further.

Shortly after the explosion, the Sunni extremist Islamic State group, which sees Shiite Muslims as apostates, claimed responsibility for the attack in an online statement.

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:

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The likely GOP presidential nominee's list of potential running mates has been narrowed to "five or six" and he's leaning against accepting public money to finance a fall campaign.

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As the House speaker walks a fine line on Trump — withholding his support, at least for now — some voters in his congressional district are describing his stance as "brave" and "smart."

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The Philippine president had called this week's election a referendum on his presidency, but his preferred candidate lost by millions of votes to a shoot-from-the-lip mayor and the family's nemesis, the Marcos family, may have one its scions in the vice president post.

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Aimed at protecting Europe from ballistic missile threats, a site in Romania is becoming operational on Thursday and officials are breaking ground at a separate site in Poland a day later.

5. IMPEACHMENT OF BRAZIL PRESIDENT: LONGSHOT TO LIKELY

As the Brazilian Senate prepares to vote on whether to put Dilma Rousseff on trial, many analysts consider her ouster probable.

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Activists are startled by the scope of the arrests and how little it takes to bring severe charges, including accusations of seeking to overthrow the government or fomenting terrorism.

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Queen Elizabeth II was overheard on video describing Chinese officials as "very rude to the ambassador" in a conversation with a senior police officer at a Buckingham Palace event.

8. HUMANS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES AFFECTED BY FLINT WATER CRISIS

Dogs also have been exposed to lead, and thanks to an effort coordinated by Michigan State University a number of them are getting tested.

9. PRINCE'S FINAL DAYS COMING INTO FOCUS

A Minnesota doctor saw the musician twice in the month before his death — including the day before he died — and prescribed him medication, a search warrant disclosed.

10. SPURS THUNDERSTRUCK

Russell Westbrook had 35 points and Oklahoma City rallies in the fourth quarter to beat San Antonio 95-91 and take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Shallow quake hits Tibet, causing landslides, 60 hurt

BEIJING (AP) — A shallow magnitude-5.5 earthquake struck the mountainous region of Tibet on Wednesday, injuring 60 people, collapsing houses and damaging bridges and roads, authorities said.

The quake struck at 9:15 a.m. (0115 GMT), 70 kilometers (44 miles) northwest of Gyamotang village at a depth of just 10 kilometers (6 miles), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake region is near Tibet's border with Qinghai province to the north.

Serious injuries were sustained by six of the casualties, according to a statement on the website of the Dingqing county government. It gave no estimates for numbers of collapsed houses or damaged roads and bridges.

The China News Service reported that the earthquake had set off landslides.

China's official Xinhua News Agency quoted the regional seismological bureau as saying that the epicenter was in Kata Town, about 2,200 kilometers (1,400 miles) from the capital Beijing and the site of two major Buddhist temples.

The town's chief administrator, identified by the single name of Samba, told Xinhua he had seen two injured people on his way to help with rescue efforts in a village 10 kilometers (6 miles) away. Roads leading to Guodong village crumbled, Xinhua said, hampering rescuers.

Calls to the town, county and city authorities rang unanswered, although the Tibetan regional fire service had said in an online statement that rescuers were on their way to Kata.

The region of western China in the foothills of the Himalayas is an active earthquake zone, and a 2010 quake in nearby Yushu killed almost 3,000 people.

Nearly 90,000 people were killed in China's worst quake in recent years, a 7.9 magnitude temblor that struck Sichuan province in May 2008.

Police search for motive in Massachusetts stabbing rampage

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — Authorities are trying to determine why a man went on a stabbing rampage in Massachusetts, killing two people and assaulting and stabbing more in a house and a shopping mall before being shot dead by a fast-acting off-duty sheriff's deputy.

The suspect in the attacks was identified as Arthur DaRosa, of Taunton.

"Tragedy has certainly hit the city of Taunton hard here this evening," Taunton Mayor Tom Hoyer said during a news conference late Tuesday about the bloodshed.

Authorities said it all began when DaRosa, 28, crashed a car outside of a house in the city, about 40 miles south of Boston. He walked inside the home and stabbed two women. An 80-year-old was taken to a hospital, where she later died. The other woman was being treated for life-threatening injuries.

DaRosa then drove to the Silver City Galleria mall, where he crashed into the front of a Macy's department store, authorities said.

"He then exited the vehicle, assaulted multiple people inside Macy's before making his way on foot to Bertucci's Italian restaurant," said Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III.

Once inside the restaurant, he stabbed two people, including a 56-year-old man who later died, Quinn said. An off-duty sheriff's deputy intervened and shot DaRosa once. The suspect was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"I'd like to thank the off-duty sheriff, Hoyer said. "If it wasn't for his heroic actions there could have been more loss of life here this evening."

Witnesses described the scene at the mall as chaotic.

Alex Mace and Jenn Breault told WBZ-TV that they had just arrived when they spotted a young girl hiding in the bushes outside of Bertucci's.

"She wasn't really crying you could just tell she was scared for her life, she was kind of hiding behind a bush with her head down, Mace told the television station.

The young girl told the couple what she had just seen.

"She saw a guy walk in and he grabbed a chair to hurt one of the waitresses and she saw him stab the waitress," Breault said.

Authorities did not immediately identify the victims or what connections they may have had, if any, to the suspect.

A motive for the attacks remains under investigation, but state police said they have not found any evidence of a connection to terrorism.

Warrant: Minnesota doctor saw Prince, prescribed drugs

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STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

CHANHASSEN, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota doctor saw Prince twice in the month before his death — including the day before he died — and prescribed him medication, according to contents of a search warrant that were revealed as authorities returned to the musician's suburban Minneapolis estate as part of their investigation into what killed him.

Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg treated Prince on April 7 and April 20, and he prescribed medications for the musician, according to the warrant, which was obtained Tuesday by at least two news outlets before authorities moved to ensure it was sealed.

Investigators interviewed Schulenberg and searched a suburban Minneapolis hospital where he worked. The warrant did not specify what medications were prescribed or whether Prince took them.

Schulenberg's attorney, Amy Conners, declined to comment late Tuesday, citing patient confidentiality.

A law enforcement official has told The Associated Press that investigators are looking into whether Prince died from an overdose and whether a doctor was prescribing him drugs in the weeks before his death. The law enforcement official has been briefed on the investigation and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Schulenberg is the second doctor whose name has surfaced in the investigation. Last week, a lawyer for California addiction specialist Dr. Howard Kornfeld told reporters that Prince's representatives had contacted Kornfeld seeking help a day before the superstar was found dead on April 21.

On Tuesday, a sheriff's car and about a dozen unmarked vehicles entered the gates of Paisley Park.

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Asked what investigators were doing, Carver County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jason Kamerud told the AP that they were "being thorough."

Kamerud declined to answer questions about the warrant that names Schulenberg, saying it was supposed to be sealed. Kamerud also said that after the contents were made public, he contacted a court administrator to ensure the warrant was sealed.

The warrant was carried out last Thursday at North Memorial Medical Center in the Minneapolis suburb of Robbinsdale.

Lesa Bader, a spokeswoman for North Memorial Medical Center, said Schulenberg was a primary care physician at its Minnetonka clinic but that he no longer works for the health care system. She declined to say why. No one answered the door at the doctor's home on Tuesday and phone messages left for him weren't returned.

Schulenberg's April 7 treatment of Prince came the day he canceled shows in Atlanta citing illness. Prince played makeup shows April 14. During his return home on April 15, his plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois. The law enforcement official who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity said Prince was found unconscious on the plane and that first responders gave him a shot of Narcan, which is used in suspected opioid overdoses.

Schulenberg told a detective that he was dropping off some results of tests that had been performed on Prince when he came upon the death scene, according to the warrant. Schulenberg also told the detective that he had prescribed Prince "medications" with the prescription to be filled at a Walgreen's.

The warrant sought "any and all medical records, documents, reports, charts, photographs, prescriptions, doctor notes and medical images for Prince Rogers Nelson."

The warrant also notes an interview with Kirk Anthony Johnson, a Paisley Park staff member and sometime drummer for Prince, who told another detective that Prince had visited the Highway 212 Medical Center not far from Paisley Park for "an illness" in 2014 or 2015. Johnson told the detective that Prince had been given fluids during the visit.

Carver County previously released a log of 911 calls to Paisley Park that showed a 53-year-old man, apparently dehydrated, taken to Highway 212 Medical Center in 2013. That man's age was given as 53; Prince would have been 55 at the time. A hospital spokeswoman said earlier she couldn't provide any information on patients due to privacy laws.

The people who found Prince dead included Kornfeld's son, Andrew Kornfeld, who had taken a redeye flight the night of April 20 but did not meet with Prince before his death.

The Kornfelds' attorney, William Mauzy, said last week that Dr. Kornfeld sent his son because he could not immediately fly to Minnesota. Mauzy said Dr. Kornfeld arranged for Prince to be evaluated by a Minnesota physician on April 21. The attorney refused to identify the Minnesota doctor, and it's not clear whether the physician was Schulenberg.

According to the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice website, Schulenberg has not been subjected to any disciplinary or corrective action in Minnesota or other states. He's a 1995 graduate of the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine. His license status is listed as active. It expires Oct. 31 of this year.

The site lists no self-reported criminal convictions. State law requires the board to post felonies and gross misdemeanors that happened after July 1, 2013, in any state.

Japanese happy Obama to visit Hiroshima, apology or not

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TOKYO (AP) — Japanese are welcoming President Barack Obama's decision to visit the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima, and those interviewed Wednesday said they aren't seeking an apology.

Even those who want one realize that such a demand would have ruled out a U.S. presidential visit.

"Of course everyone wants to hear an apology. Our families were killed," said Hiroshi Shimizu, general secretary of the Hiroshima Confederation of A-Bomb Sufferers Organizations.

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"However, by setting conditions we limit world leaders from visiting, so we decided to eliminate that," he said in Tokyo. "We would first like for them to come and stand on the grounds of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and take a good look at what is in front of them and give it good thought."

The American and Japanese governments announced Tuesday that Obama would become the first sitting American president to visit Hiroshima, a city almost entirely destroyed by a U.S. atomic bomb on Aug. 6, 1945. Some 140,000 people were killed, and others have endured after-effects to this day.

The U.S. dropped a second devastating atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki three days later. Japan announced it would surrender on Aug. 15, 1945, ending World War II.

Obama will visit Hiroshima with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on May 27, after attending the annual Group of Seven summit in Japan.

"I don't live in Hiroshima or Nagasaki, but I am overcome with emotion when I think that someone who wants to offer understanding is finally about to arrive," said Mieko Mori, a 74-year-old woman who stopped at a memorial in Tokyo to pray for the victims.

A poll released this week by national broadcaster NHK found that 70 percent of Japanese want Obama to visit Hiroshima, and only 2 percent were opposed.

The visit is contentious in the U.S., where many believe the atomic bombs hastened the end of the war, saving countless other lives. The White House went out its way to stress Obama will not apologize.

Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes said Obama would "not revisit the decision to use the atomic bomb," and instead spotlight the toll of war and offer a forward-looking vision of a non-nuclear world.

"I hear America is still divided over atomic bombings, but it's been almost 71 years since the war ended, and I think it's about time Obama should be able to visit Hiroshima," said Kohachiro Hayashi, who was reading a newspaper at a Tokyo park.

"He wouldn't have been able to come in the middle of his term, but now it's almost the end, so it's like now or never," the retired teacher said.

Hayashi, 59, said asking for an apology would only cause an endless and fruitless debate over who should take blame for various wartime acts.

"We should just accept his visit as a gesture of sincerity," he said. "It's OK as long as he makes clear his commitment never to use atomic weapons. ... I hope he will learn what happened and feel a little bit of it himself while being there."

Another retired teacher said it would be rude to demand an apology.

"Japan was also trying to develop nuclear weapons," Takatsugu Sakamoto, 80, said by telephone from Nishinomiya in Osaka prefecture. "Americans were just faster. If Japan hadn't been trying, then it might make sense. And so to those who are demanding an apology, my response is: What in the world are you saying? Mr. Obama doesn't need to apologize."

Terumi Tanaka, the general secretary of the Japanese Confederation of A- and H-Bombs Sufferers Organizations, said his members want Obama to state clearly his intention to eliminate nuclear weapons.

"To me, that would be a true form of an apology," he said. "For 70 years we have said this and felt this all along, that no one should have to suffer the same thing. Answering to that wish is a true sign of an apology to us."

Ryan's hometown says he's doing the 'best he can' on Trump

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — As House Speaker Paul Ryan walks a fine line on Donald Trump — withholding his support, at least for now — some voters back home in his congressional district applaud his effort for the greater good of the GOP.

And they concede it's unlikely to make a bit of difference in changing the Republican presidential candidate. "He's too much of a loose cannon," 53-year-old Mike McCann said of Trump.

In Janesville, Wisconsin, Republicans and Democrats alike mostly found no fault with Ryan's stunning comments last week that he's "just not ready" to back Trump. The two men will meet on Thursday on

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Capitol Hill. They don't see Ryan facing any consequences in his re-election bid against a longshot primary challenger, but neither do they see Ryan persuading Trump to tone down his provocative rhetoric or otherwise fall in line with the party.

"I think he's a very smart, reasonable, honorable man, who is trying to get his party organized and whole again," Lynn Westphal, a 55-year-old nurse and self-described independent, said of Ryan.

In an interview at a Main Street cafe just across from Ryan's Janesville office, Westphal said she thought Ryan was handling the situation "the best he can." Patty Schumacher, a 59-year-old banker and independent, agreed.

"It's going to take a bigger push than just him," she said.

Her sister, 61-year-old Maryanne Kessel, chimed in: "But he's a good one to lead it."

Ryan was first elected to the House in 1998 and represents the southeast corner of the state along the Illinois border. He was tapped to be Mitt Romney's running mate in 2012 and was elected speaker in October.

His hometown of Janesville is a Democratic, blue-collar, union city in Rock County, still reeling from the closure of its General Motors plant in 2009. The downtown has lost its vibrancy, and the main employers are now Mercy Health System, the school district and the county. The town of around 65,000 is peppered with people who are Ryan's old high school buddies, are friends with his wife or worked on his campaign.

"What I like about Paul is he calls a spade a spade," said Dave Dobson, who leans Democratic but said he would back Ryan for president if he entered the race. "He doesn't play political games."

Dobson, a siding and window contractor, poured two overflowing spoons of sugar into his coffee as he joined his friends at the counter of Citrus Cafe. MSNBC played above the bar, running coverage of Ryan telling a reporter earlier that morning that he would step down as chairman of the Republican National Convention if Trump wants.

Miguel Maravillo, a 40-year-old worker at a Mexican grocery store in Janesville who criticized Trump's generalizations about immigrants, said it was brave of Ryan to voice his hesitation. Maravillo said in Spanish that many people criticize Trump in private, but they don't say it "to the four winds."

Trump didn't do all that well in the district, finishing well behind Ted Cruz in the state's April presidential primary. And even the Trump supporters here had few harsh words for Ryan.

"I think we need Ryan on board, but I understand," said Kevin Anderson, a 49-year-old welder who lives in Beloit, just south of Janesville.

In a series of interviews here, no one gave much of a chance to Ryan's primary challenger, businessman Paul Nehlen, even though Sarah Palin vowed to work against Ryan.

In fact, many said they still held out hope that Ryan would change his mind and join the presidential race. That included Anderson, the Trump backer.

"I almost wanted it to go to a contested convention," Anderson said.

But McCann, a pharmacist who usually votes Republican, is holding out for a Ryan candidacy in 2020.

"I don't think this is his time yet," McCann said.

Sanders' West Virginia win makes up little ground on Clinton

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — White House dreams fading, Bernie Sanders added another state to his tally against Hillary Clinton with a win in West Virginia on Tuesday — a victory that will do little to slow the former secretary of state's steady march toward the Democratic presidential nomination.

Meanwhile, Republican Donald Trump also won there and in Nebraska, a week after he cleared the field of his remaining rivals. They were not victories likely to heal the party's wounds, as some GOP leaders continue to hold off offering their endorsement of the party's presumptive nominee.

The result in the West Virginia Democratic primary underscored the awkward position Clinton and the party's establishment face as they attempt to turn their focus to the general election. Sanders has won

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19 states to Clinton's 23, but she is 94 percent of the way to winning the nomination — just 144 delegates short of the 2,383 required.

That means she could lose all the states left to vote by a landslide and still emerge as the nominee, so long as all her supporters among the party insiders known as superdelegates continue to back her.

Clinton needs to win just 14 percent of the delegates and uncommitted superdelegates at stake in the remaining contests, and she remains on track to capture the nomination in early June.

Still, Sanders is vowing to fight on. He campaigned in Oregon and California on Tuesday and his victory in West Virginia highlighted anew Clinton's struggles to win over white men and independents — weaknesses Trump wants to exploit in the fall campaign.

"Let me be as clear as I can be, we are in the campaign to win the Democratic nomination," Sanders said at a campaign event in Salem, Oregon. "We are going to fight for every last vote."

Among those voting in the West Virginia Democratic primary, about a third said they would support Trump over either Clinton or Sanders in November. An additional 2 in 10 said they wouldn't vote for either candidate. But 4 in 10 also said they consider themselves to be independents or Republicans, and not Democrats, according to exit polls.

While Sanders is still attracting thousands to rallies, his campaign has grown more difficult as Clinton closes in on the nomination. His fundraising has fallen off and so, too, has his advertising, with only about \$525,000 in ads planned for California and \$63,000 each in West Virginia and Oregon, according to advertising tracker Kantar Media's CMAG.

That's a significant decline from the wall-to-wall advertising campaign he ran earlier in the primary, during which his \$74 million in ads outspent Clinton by \$14 million.

Edward Milam, of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, is a self-described socialist who gave money to the Sanders campaign but his vote Tuesday to Clinton.

"After about six-seven months of debating and watching, I think Hillary has a lot more to offer than Bernie internationally," the 68-year-old retiree said. "I think she handles herself well. I've known about her for 30 years, just like everybody else has. I don't think there will be any surprises."

Even as the primaries continue, Clinton has largely shifted her focus to the general election. On Monday, she courted suburban women in Virginia and on Tuesday, in Lexington, Kentucky, she released a proposal to ensure families don't spend more than 10 percent of their income on child care.

"I don't care about what he says about me," she said of Trump in Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday night. "But I do resent what he says about other people, other successful women, women who have worked hard, women who have done their part."

Clinton's campaign hopes suburban women, turned off by Trump's bombastic rhetoric, could be a key source of support for her in the fall.

But she's also trying to stop Sanders from gaining the psychological advantage of a series of wins this month. Her team went up with a \$160,000 ad buy in Kentucky on Tuesday, a modest effort aimed at cutting into Sanders' support before the state's primary in a week.

Clinton also won a primary election Tuesday in Nebraska, although the party allocated all of its delegates to the summer nominating convention at a caucus won in March by Sanders.

Philippine poll chief to Marcos: Prove vote count anomaly

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine election officials challenged Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Wednesday to prove his allegation of irregularities in the counting of votes for vice president, where he has been overtaken by his closest rival.

They also rejected Marcos' request for a stop to the unofficial tally by an accredited citizens' watchdog, which uses the same election returns that are transmitted to the Commission on Elections.

The son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr. had initially led the partial count by the watchdog known by its acronym PPCRV. But as of Wednesday afternoon, the administration's candidate Rep. Leni Robredo was leading by more than 230,000 votes, putting her 0.6 points ahead of Marcos.

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The tally is based on 95.5 percent of votes nationwide. Ballots from overseas Filipinos are now considered crucial in the race for vice-president.

Rodrigo Duterte, the bombastic mayor of southern Davao city, was elected the new president, based on the PPCRV results that gave him an unassailable lead.

The official count and proclamation of the president and vice-president is done by Congress, which will convene May 24.

If Marcos wins, that would put him a step away from the presidency 30 years after his late father was ousted by a public uprising amid allegations of plunder and widespread human rights abuses.

"These accusations are not true ... we are committed to being impartial, to be neutral," Commission on Elections chairman Andres Bautista said.

He said that any complaint will be acted upon based on evidence.

Election Commissioner Rowena Guanzon said there was no reason to stop the official count.

On Tuesday, Marcos' campaign adviser Rep. Jonathan dela Cruz said they sent an urgent request to the Elections Commission to halt the PPCRV count because it showed "an alarming and suspicious trend" contrary to independent exit polls and the campaign's estimates.

Bautista said the commission has not yet received the request as of Wednesday.

Marcos, appealed to his supporters who have been calling through social media for protest rallies to stay calm.

The Marcos family fled to Hawaii four days after the 1986 "people power" uprising, where rosary-clutching nuns and ordinary citizens knelt before tanks and protesters stuck yellow flowers into the muzzles of assault rifles of pro-government troops. His father died in exile three years later, denying any wrongdoing.

After the Marcos family returned to the Philippines in 1991, Marcos Jr. became governor, congressman and, in 2010, a senator.

President Benigno Aquino III, whose parents were democracy champions who helped topple the senior Marcos, campaigned against the junior, who has never clearly apologized for abuses of his father.

Queen Elizabeth II: Chinese officials were 'rude'

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II has been overheard on video describing Chinese officials as "very rude to the ambassador" in a conversation with a senior police officer at a Buckingham Palace event celebrating her birthday.

The comments, which became public Wednesday, were unusual because the 90-year-old monarch has been careful to steer clear of politics during her long reign.

The incident, recorded by the palace's official cameraman, captured police Commander Lucy D'Orsi telling the queen that arranging the state visit by Chinese President Xi in October had been a "testing time."

Elizabeth responded: "They were very rude to the ambassador."

It was the second embarrassment from Tuesday's event, where Prime Minister David Cameron was overheard describing Nigeria and Afghanistan as "possibly the two most corrupt countries in the world."

"We do not comment on the queen's private conversations," said a palace official, who declined to be identified. "However, the Chinese state visit was extremely successful and all parties worked closely to ensure it proceeded smoothly."

The video showed an official introducing D'Orsi to the queen, and going on to say that the officer had been "seriously undermined by the Chinese" in the handling of the visit.

D'Orsi said Chinese officials walked out of a meeting with Barbara Woodward, British ambassador to China, telling them the trip was off.

"They were very rude to the ambassador," the queen said.

The remarks were recorded as the queen greeted guests in the gardens of Buckingham Palace at the 90th birthday event.

The Metropolitan Police said it would not comment on what it regards as a private conversation.

The camera also recorded Cameron talking about an anti-corruption summit in London, which he will chair.

"We've got some leaders of some fantastically corrupt countries coming to Britain," Cameron told the monarch. "Nigeria and Afghanistan — possibly the two most corrupt countries in the world."

Afghanistan's Ashraf Ghani and Nigeria's Muhammadu Buhari are due to attend the London summit and each has contributed an essay on his efforts to tackle graft.

Counseling group cancels conference to target Tennessee law

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — By canceling its conference in Tennessee next year, the American Counseling Association wants to put other states on notice that new LGBT laws can carry consequences, the group's leader said.

The cancellation announced Tuesday, hinted at after the Tennessee General Assembly passed a new law letting therapists decline to see patients based on religious values and personal principles, is aimed at preventing similar measures elsewhere.

"Our message to other states is don't introduce bills that are essentially legalizing discrimination," said Richard Yep, the organization's CEO. "It is discriminating against those who are least able to fight back."

The conference would have brought between 3,500 to 4,000 people to Nashville, he said. The Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp. estimates that it would have generated \$2.5 million in direct visitor spending and \$444,609 in tax revenue for the city and the state of Tennessee.

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry and tourist officials in the Music City have vocally opposed the legislation and warned of a possible backlash.

Butch Spyridon, president and CEO of Nashville Convention & Visitors, said he was disappointed but not surprised.

"This cancellation is the second one and is likely just the tip of the iceberg when you consider all the other groups that won't consider us now," Spyridon said. "It is regrettable that all the hard work and investment to make Nashville a top destination has been unnecessarily undone by politics."

The ACA had already booked its expo in the Music City toward the end of March but decided to cancel after careful consideration and hearing from its members, Yep said. He said he appreciated the city's efforts to fight the law and raised the possibility that the organization would someday come to Nashville once the measure is repealed.

Supporters of the law have said it keeps the government from forcing people to counsel others to act in ways that conflict with a therapist's moral beliefs. The law, backers say, isn't just about LGBT patients. For instance, supporters of the measure say, a religious counselor should not be forced to affirm the value of someone with a terminal illness who wants to die by suicide. They have maintained that laws are still in place to prevent counselors from abandoning or discriminating against patients based on sexual preference or identity.

The measure passed amid a flurry of legislation across the country that critics say discriminates against the LGBT community.

The ACA has condemned Tennessee's new law as a "hate bill" that discriminates against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. The organization says no other state has passed such a law and it has vowed to work to get it repealed, calling it an attack on the counseling profession.

In addition to calling it discriminatory, the organization says the law could wind up harming emotionally vulnerable people seeking help, including ones who may have bonded with a therapist and was later rejected because of something they revealed to a person they trusted.

There is some disagreement about whether the ACA's previous code of ethics, before it was updated in 2014, allowed counselors to refer patients to other therapists when there was a clash over values. The organization disputes that interpretation. Religious counselors say they were able to make the referrals and it worked just fine in the past.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam signed the legislation that made it law. A spokeswoman for Haslam said the law puts counselors in line with other positions.

"The governor believes that, at the end of the day, counselors should be like any other professionals, such as doctors or lawyers, and have the availability to decide whether they can appropriately serve a client," Jennifer Donnals said in an email. "This law provides that a therapist cannot turn away someone in a life-threatening situation and has to refer the client to another appropriate therapist, providing protection for the client as well as respecting the therapist as a professional."

Wide arrests in Egypt signal no-tolerance policy on critics

HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Hours after marching in a peaceful protest against the government late last month, Yassin Mohammed and his friends were lingering in the area in a district of the Egyptian capital when police descended on them, piled them into a minibus and took them to a police station. There, he said, he was blindfolded, handcuffed and beaten by security agents.

Now the 21-year-old Mohammed, released on bail, faces trial on charges of breaking a 2013 law that virtually bans any street demonstrations. He knows how heavy the penalty can be. Two years ago, he was sentenced to a total of 17 years in prison for joining protests — and he said he nearly committed suicide in his cell out of despair until a fellow inmate stopped him.

Mohammed is among those caught up in one of the biggest waves of arrests in the past two years in Egypt, a sweep that signals a fierce zero-tolerance stance by the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi over any sign of unrest.

The detentions were sparked by demonstrations against el-Sissi's decision last month to hand over two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia, which galvanized activists who had been largely silenced by previous crackdowns.

But activists have been startled by the scope of the arrests and how little it takes to bring severe charges, including accusations of seeking to overthrow the government or fomenting terrorism, over demonstrations that gathered only a few hundred people.

In just the last three weeks, human rights lawyers say nearly 1,300 were detained. Most of them have been released, but 277 have been formally charged and face trial, according to Mohammed Abdel-Aziz, a rights lawyer who has been tracking the arrests and is representing 20 of the detainees.

In recent speeches, el-Sissi has demanded that all criticism of the handover of the islands stop. He told a visiting U.S. congressional delegation that human rights issues in Egypt should be not approached from a "Western perspective" because of the challenges it faces, including a fight with an Islamic militant insurgency. El-Sissi also increasingly repeats that Egypt faces existential threats from "evil forces" or "evil people" conspiring to push the country into chaos and bloodshed like Syria or Iraq, though he has never explained what these forces are.

"It is like an old dam and the state is worried that allowing one crack to open will unleash a flood. The regime has no solution except suppression," said rights lawyer Gamal Eid.

Besides charges of violating the protest law, detainees often face other, broad and undefined charges, including spreading propaganda that harms security and hurting or disrupting national unity, security or social peace.

In recent days, police arrested five members of a satirical street performing group that produces videos on social media mocking el-Sissi. One of them, 19-year-old Ezzedeen Khaled, was detained Saturday and, though a court ordered his release on bail, was charged with inciting protests and posting videos containing foul language and insults directed at state institutions, according to his lawyer, Mahmoud Othman. The remaining four were arrested Monday and have been slapped with an even heavier charge of inciting terror attacks and protests.

A prominent rights lawyer, Malek Adly, who had filed a legal suit against the decision to hand the islands to the Saudis, was arrested last week and is under investigation for a range of allegations, including attempting to overthrow the government.

Another lawyer, Ahmed Abdullah, who had been advising the family of an Italian student kidnapped,

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tortured and killed in Egypt earlier this year, was arrested last month and has been charged with a long list of accusations including membership in a terror group and inciting protests.

On April 25, when activists called for protests against the islands' handover, police appeared to sweep up any young men who they believed intended to join in or were just in the area of planned demonstrations. Abdel-Aziz said that among the 20 defendants he represents are young men who were detained just for being at the wrong place at the wrong time or because anti-government material was found stored on their mobile phones. Others, he told The Associated Press, were picked up from downtown Cairo cafes, a favorite hangout for secular activists.

Mohammed told the AP he and his two friends were detained well after the day's marches were dispersed. They were still in the area looking for other friends who were missing.

Mohammad had previously been sentenced to a total of 17 years in prison in two separate cases for involvement in protests. A 15-year sentence handed down in one of the cases was reduced to three years in a retrial. He was then pardoned for that case last September, but his appeal against the remaining 2-year sentence in the second case was rejected last month. So he now faces that prison term and a trial on the new arrest.

"Nothing is really achieved by arresting me and others," he said. "It is the other side that is losing the love of the people when they arrest anyone they see."

Another of those arrested said he and several friends were detained six hours before the protests were to start on April 25, when they arrived in the area.

"We parked our car and started to walk looking for a place where we can eat breakfast. Five minutes later we were cordoned off by police and detained," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity to avoid further police retaliation. The 26-year-old said he was taken to a riot police base on the city's outskirts where he was interrogated and beaten. He was released on bail and faces charges that include seeking to overthrow the government.

El-Sissi and government officials have argued that strict measures are necessary at a time when Egypt is battling Islamic militants based in Sinai and trying to repair an economy gutted by years of turmoil since the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Hundreds of policemen and soldiers have been killed by the militants — most recently eight policemen gunned down this week in an attack on the southern outskirts of Cairo.

Officials and the media also drum up vague fears of threats to the nation. Cairo airport officials often report the seizure of "spy" drones and secret cameras found hidden in the luggage of arriving foreigners, but there's never any further word on the "spies" or the nations behind them. Newspapers often speak of unidentified conspiracies and enemies. Hosts of political TV talk shows nightly engage in conspiracy theories complemented by incitement against government critics.

"Sadly, there is a significant level of social acceptance for these arrests because of the fear-mongering by el-Sissi and his loyalists in the media," Abdel-Aziz said.

El-Sissi still appears to enjoy widespread public backing, though it has shown some erosion. The Egypt-based polling agency Baseera, one of the few that conducts polls in the country, said its latest survey in April showed 79 percent approve of el-Sissi's performance, though that was down from 85 percent in November. The poll surveyed 1,541 people above the age of 18 with a margin of error of 3 percent.

Since leading the army's July 2013 ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, el-Sissi has overseen what is possibly Egypt's biggest ever crackdown on opposition. Initially, and most bloodily, the crackdown targeted Islamists, arresting thousands and killing hundreds who protested demanding Morsi's reinstatement. But security forces have also crushed the ranks of secular young activists.

Middle East analyst Michael W. Hanna of New York's Century Foundation does not see anyone or any group currently in Egypt that is capable of seriously challenging el-Sissi's rule.

"They are overreacting, of course, no question about it, in ways that are both strange and inappropriate," Hanna said.

3 months before Rio, US basketball losing players, not sleep

BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

Anthony Davis can't play. Chris Paul doesn't want to.

Three months before the Olympics, the U.S. men's basketball team has already been losing players. Not just any players, but some of the best in the sport.

Davis and Paul are NBA All-Stars, perhaps two of the top 10 players in the league, and could have been the starting center and point guard when the Americans took the floor for their Olympic opener. Paul seems like a particularly big loss, given how many key plays he made four years ago against Lithuania and Spain in the only close games the U.S. faced.

This has to be cause for concern, right?

"We have too many players over here to kind of get worried about that," U.S. veteran Carmelo Anthony said.

The Americans are losing bodies, but clearly not any sleep.

Not when they're armed with a roster pool of 31 players, giving them quality backups and then if necessary, backups to those backups. They hope everyone would say yes to playing but are prepared when some of them say no.

Even when a couple of them happen to be at the top of the list?

"No, I don't think of things that way," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

"We have a lot of terrific players and athletes and flexibility, and we're going to be just fine."

The original list of 31 is probably down to the mid-20s. Blake Griffin had a procedure on his left quad tendon after aggravating an injury in the playoffs on the same day that Clippers teammate Paul broke his right hand, which may have knocked him out of a third Olympics even if he hadn't already decided he wouldn't play.

Washington's John Wall had surgery on both knees and fellow point guard Mike Conley had his season cut short by injury as he heads into free agency, though they would've had a tough time making the team at perhaps its deepest position.

Colangelo knows there could be other injuries, or players who pull out because of contract situations or simply because they don't want to give up their summers. The Americans sustained heavy losses just four years ago, when Derrick Rose, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and Dwight Howard all had to withdraw in the months leading up to the Olympics.

The Americans then went to London and rang up stats that rivaled the Dream Team's while winning their second straight gold medal.

"It goes all the way back to the reason for developing this national team concept, to create the depth that we have and the culture that we have," Colangelo said. "And so I think we're blessed to have that kind of a roster where we can take a few hits and still be very strong."

Removing Davis, sidelined by shoulder and knee problems, and Paul, the remainder of the current roster is:

Guards: Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Andre Iguodala (Golden State), Russell Westbrook (Oklahoma City), Kyrie Irving (Cleveland), James Harden (Houston), Damian Lillard (Portland), Wall and Bradley Beal (Washington), Conley (Memphis), Jimmy Butler (Chicago), DeMar DeRozan (Toronto).

Forwards and centers: LeBron James and Kevin Love (Cleveland), LaMarcus Aldridge and Kawhi Leonard (San Antonio), Anthony (New York), Kevin Durant (Oklahoma City), Paul George (Indiana), Draymond Green and Harrison Barnes (Golden State), Howard (Houston), Griffin and DeAndre Jordan (Clippers), DeMarcus Cousins and Rudy Gay (Sacramento), Kenneth Faried (Denver), Andre Drummond (Detroit), Gordon Hayward (Utah).

Colangelo plans to name the roster around June 27, and there are plenty of questions until then.

— Could James pass on a U.S.-record fourth Olympics to rest if he's in the NBA Finals for a sixth straight season?

— Might Curry, who's played on two world championship-winning teams, need to skip what would be his Olympic debut after a pair of injuries already in the playoffs?

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— Would Aldridge and Leonard, who withdrew in previous years, do so again if San Antonio reaches the finals?

Anthony has said in some interviews that he's still deciding on what would also be his fourth Olympics, though his intentions seemed clear in comments to The Associated Press.

"Listen, I've been with USA Basketball since I was 16, 17 years old," he said. "Can't stop now."

If he and the top players go, the Americans might be untouchable in Rio.

If they don't, it might not matter. Durant, George, Love and Griffin all ended up unavailable two years ago for the Basketball World Cup, and a young U.S. team stormed to victory in Spain anyway.

So they won't dwell on who's missing.

"We just move on," Colangelo said.

Penguins edge Capitals 4-3 in OT to win series in 6 games

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — A three-goal lead gone — and his team's momentum right along with it — Pittsburgh Penguins coach Mike Sullivan provided a reminder heading to overtime of Game 6 of a relentlessly entertaining playoff series against the Washington Capitals.

Keep skating. Play fast. Be confident.

In the span of a dozen frantic seconds early in the extra period on Tuesday night, Carl Hagelin, Phil Kessel and Nick Bonino did all three, sending their resilient club to the Eastern Conference final in the process.

Bonino tapped in a rebound of Hagelin's shot by Braden Holtby 6:32 into overtime to give the Penguins a 4-3 win to wrap up the series in six games and set up a showdown with Tampa Bay for the right to play for the Stanley Cup.

Kessel went to the corner to retrieve the puck and passed it to Hagelin in the slot. Hagelin's shot caromed off Holtby's right pad directly to Bonino, who had little trouble pushing it into the net for his 10th career playoff goal, and easily his most important.

"I just went to the front," Bonino said. "The puck always ends up there and I was able to get a stick on it. It wasn't pretty, but they're usually not."

Not that style points mattered much during a taut dozen days in early spring. The Capitals overcame a three-goal deficit in the final 22 minutes of regulation and earned a break when Jay Beagle went to his belly on the goal line to steer a shot by Patric Hornqvist out of harm's way early in the extra period.

There was no stopping Bonino's tap-in, however, sending the Presidents' Trophy winners to their dressing room with an all-too familiar feeling.

Nine times the longtime rivals have met in the playoffs. Eight times the post-series handshake line has ended with Pittsburgh celebrating while Washington trudges toward the offseason.

"It's just kind of setting in right now that it's over," Beagle said. "We had high expectations. The Cup was our goal all year and unfortunately we didn't (make it)."

Thanks in part to an inability to keep Bonino, Hagelin and Kessel in check. While Washington kept Pittsburgh stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin under wraps — they combined for all of four points in six games — the Capitals struggled to keep up with one of the fastest lines in the league.

Kessel scored twice and helped set up the winner. Hagelin added a goal and two assists for Pittsburgh, including the shot that allowed Bonino to send Consol Energy Center into a frenzy.

"I thought we did a really good job on Crosby and Malkin the whole series, but a lot of the other people hurt us," Washington coach Barry Trotz said.

T.J. Oshie, Justin Williams and John Carlson scored during Washington's comeback, one completed after three straight delay of game penalties against the Penguins gave one of the league's best power plays enough time to tie it up.

Chris Kunitz, Ian Cole and Bonino all flipped the puck over the glass from the defensive zone in a span of 2:02, a sequence that led to Carlson's fifth playoff goal, a shot that bounced and skipped by Murray to provide another compelling twist in a series that lived up to — and perhaps beyond — its billing.

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"It was the worst feeling I think I ever had in hockey when I whacked the puck out of play," Bonino said. "Then Cole did it after (Kunitz) did it. That's something you'll never see."

Sullivan tried to remain upbeat in the dressing room before the third overtime game of the series.

"What we talked about was taking a deep breath, not changing what's happened and letting it go," he said. "These guys to their credit have done an amazing job of not allowing any sort of ebbs and flows of the game to affect them."

It's that resiliency that allowed the Penguins to recover from a shoddy start that cost Mike Johnston his job in mid-December.

Pittsburgh ended the regular season as the hottest team in the league and has now cruised through two rounds by relying on the supporting cast general manager Jim Rutherford has cultivated behind his stars.

All but two of Pittsburgh's 16 goals during the series were scored by players who were not on the roster when Rutherford replaced Ray Shero two summers ago.

That group includes Kessel, acquired from Toronto last July to take some of the scoring load off Pittsburgh's two franchise cornerstones, Hagelin and Bonino, who were easily Pittsburgh's best line in the series while combining for seven goals and 11 assists.

"It shows the depth of our team," Bonino said. "We've had it all year."

And in the playoffs, the Penguins remain Washington's tormentor. The Capitals have just four wins beyond the second round of the postseason in franchise history after another promising spring ended abruptly.

"We made some progress but obviously not enough," Trotz said. "We need to get through this round. That's part of the deal. That will always be thrown at us until we get through that."

NOTES: Washington defenseman Karl Alzner left in the first period and did not return shortly after getting slashed by Crosby. ... Holtby finished with 37 saves. ... The Penguins went 2 for 3 on the power play. The Capitals were 2 for 6. ... The Penguins scratched defensemen Justin Schultz and Derrick Pouliot following Maatta's return.

3 dead including suspect in stabbing attacks at mall, home

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — Two people were killed in stabbing attacks at a home and a shopping mall in Massachusetts before an off-duty law enforcement officer shot and killed the suspect, authorities said.

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III said late Tuesday that Arthur DaRosa, 28, of Taunton, crashed a car outside a home in the city, walked inside and stabbed an 80-year-old woman and another woman. The 80-year-old was taken to a hospital, where she later died. The other woman was being treated for life-threatening injuries.

DaRosa then drove to the Silver City Galleria mall and crashed a car through the front of a Macy's store, Quinn said. He assaulted multiple people inside the store before running to a Bertucci's restaurant and stabbing two people, including a 56-year-old man who later died. An off-duty deputy sheriff intervened at the restaurant and shot DaRosa dead, Quinn said.

A motive for the attacks remains under investigation, but state police said they have found no evidence of a connection to terrorism.

"There is no continuing threat to the public," said Dave Procopio, a state police spokesman.

Justin Pizarro, 19, told The Boston Globe that he was working at a store in the mall at the time of the stabbings. He told the newspaper that a security guard told him to close the gate of his store.

Pizarro said he was "shaken up," but that "the security guards handled it pretty well."

Taunton is about 40 miles south of Boston.

Silver City Galleria is a regional mall offering 130 specialty stores, sit-down restaurants and a movie theater.

Westbrook leads Thunder past Spurs, 95-91, for 3-2 lead

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Russell Westbrook couldn't be stopped down the stretch, not even when the San Antonio Spurs were trying to foul him.

Westbrook had 35 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Spurs 95-91 on Tuesday night and take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

"We got stops and Russ was a maniac tonight, keeping us in it," Oklahoma City forward Kevin Durant said.

Durant added 23 points as the Thunder won for the second time in San Antonio in the series. Oklahoma City can close out the series Thursday in Game 6 at home.

"I hope we respond a little angry with a chip on our shoulder," Spurs guard Danny Green said. "If you want to be a championship team you have to win on the road. Simple as that."

But the Spurs have rallied from a 3-2 deficit only once in their prolific playoff history, winning the final two games in 2008 to defeat the then New Orleans Hornets.

After losing only once at home during the regular season, San Antonio has dropped two straight there now.

After Oklahoma City won Game 2 in San Antonio, the NBA acknowledged five incorrect non-calls in the final stretch. There were a couple calls the Spurs felt did not go their way in the final minutes Tuesday, but it was Westbrook who left no question of the outcome.

He sealed the victory with a three-point play with 6.3 seconds remaining, scoring after Kawhi Leonard was not able to foul intentionally, enabling him to drive for a layup while being fouled by LaMarcus Aldridge. Leonard said he "definitely fouled him" on the initial attempt, but Westbrook continued turning the corner and attacking the rim.

"He got away, attacked the rim and got an and-one," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "Very tough outcome. I didn't watch the replay. I don't know how emphatic the foul was, but it's not the point. We should have arrived to that point in a better situation. For most of the game we were up. We had couple of opportunities to get a good lead. They made some tough shots and we couldn't capitalize."

San Antonio led 88-82 with 4 minutes remaining when Westbrook took over. He had seven points, two rebounds and an assist in the final 4 minutes.

"He dictated how we wanted to play," Durant said. "He was getting to the rim, knocking down the jump shot, knocking down the 3. So he had all levels working tonight. Once he does that, he's too dangerous because they play back on him not wanting him to get to the rim and he's knocking the jump shot down."

The Thunder took a 92-90 lead with 54 seconds remaining on a pair of free throws by Durant after Green fell into his legs when he appeared to be tripped by Steven Adams on an attempted screen.

Oklahoma City outrebounded San Antonio 54-36.

"The key was physicality," Thunder forward Enes Kanter said. "Me and Steven just went and tried to get every rebound. It worked out well for both of us."

Kanter had eight points and 13 rebounds, and Adams had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Westbrook settled in after an erratic first half in which he committed six of the Thunder's 13 first-half turnovers. He only had two turnovers after halftime.

"I was overthinking the first half, overpassing trying to find ways to get my guys involved, making some bad mistakes," Westbrook said. "In the second half I was trying to do a better job of taking care of the basketball, especially with the game on the line."

Besides scoring at least 28 points for the fourth time in the series, the electrifying point guard had four offensive rebounds and two steals in 39 minutes.

The aggressive defense that brought Oklahoma City back into the series after an embarrassing Game 1 loss continued Tuesday night. The Thunder bodied the Spurs on the wings and then collapsed fully when San Antonio attempted to attack the lane.

Leonard had 26 points and Green added 20 points, going 6 for 9 shooting on 3-pointers. Aldridge added

20 points but shot just 6 for 21.

TIP-INS

Thunder: Westbrook and Durant have both scored 25 or more points in the same contest in 33 postseason games. Elgin Baylor and Jerry West have the most combined playoff games of 25-plus at 50. Fellow Lakers greats Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant are tied for second at 33.

Spurs: Tim Duncan's dunk with 2:58 left in the first half were his first points since a layup 31 seconds into the second half in Game 3. Duncan, who finished with five points, was held scoreless in Game 4 for the first time in 249 postseason games over a 19-year career. His 250 postseason games are nine shy of the record held by former Lakers guard Derek Fisher, and his 157 wins trail only Fisher's 161.

DON'T TRIP

Green said the foul he committed on Durant late was due to Adams' tripping him, but he was not sure if it was intentional.

"I didn't see the replay clear enough," Green said. "I just know he does a good job setting screens for them. Sometimes the ref sees them, sometimes they don't, but he gives a little extra, but that's what he's supposed to do. On that particular play, he did a good job of clearing me out."

Francis Bacon, Cy Twombly artworks highlight Sotheby's sale

NEW YORK (AP) — A Francis Bacon double-panel self-portrait and a Cy Twombly "Blackboard" painting executed in blue — both in private collections for decades — are the top highlights at Sotheby's auction of contemporary art on Wednesday.

The paintings are among 44 artworks going under the gavel during the evening sale.

Bacon's 1970 diptych, "Two Studies for a Self-Portrait," has remained in the same collection for 46 years, having been acquired the same year it was created. The work has been exhibited only twice, once at the Grand Palais in Paris in 1971 and at the Marlborough Fine Art Small Portrait Studies exhibition in London in 1993. It's estimated to sell between \$22 and \$30 million.

Bacon created only two self-portraits using the double format, one sold last year at Sotheby's for \$22.4 million.

The record for a Bacon work is \$142.4 million.

Twombly's "Untitled (New York City)" from 1968 is the only composition from his celebrated "Blackboard" series that features blue loops on a gray background. It was acquired directly from the artist and has remained in the same collection ever since.

Sotheby's also is offering another large-scale canvas by Twombly, this one created in 2004 in the last decade of his life. "Untitled (Bacchus 1st Version V)" is executed in blood red swirls and is one of six paintings from his famous "Bacchus" series. It could bring more than \$20 million. The auction record for Twombly is \$70.5 million, achieved at Sotheby's last November.

Other top lots include Andy Warhol's "Self-Portrait (Fright Wig)." It's the pop artist's last self-portrait, made in 1986 just months before his death. The silkscreen, in which Warhol wears a dramatic silvery gray wig, has a presale estimate of \$7 to \$10 million.

Among other highlights is David Smith's painted steel sculpture, "Zig 1," and Sam Francis' oil painting, "Summer #1, 1957." Both carry presale estimate of \$8 to \$12 million.

The sale also includes an Alexander Calder standing mobile that the artist gave Alfred Barr Jr., the founding director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, in 1966. "Untitled," created in 1942, incorporates found pieces of colored glass and is estimated to bring \$3 to \$4 million.

Asian stocks uneven as oil falls, China concerns loom

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian stock markets were uneven on Wednesday as the price of oil fell and concerns about Chinese recovery weighed.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 0.6 percent to 16,676.16 while China's Shanghai Composite Index added 0.6 percent to 2,850.05. But South Korea's Kospi fell 0.4 percent to 1,975.13 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index lost 0.5 percent to 20,132.68. Stocks in Australia and the Philippines were higher but markets in Singapore and India were lower.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Things seem a little quiet in Asia-Pacific as markets take a breather from some recent volatility," Stephen Innes, a senior trader at OANDA Asia Pacific, said in a commentary. "The danger of these calmer waters is always that sudden shock of a tidal wave from the Fed, China or another central bank tinkering with its monetary policies. For now, it looks like markets are heading for a mid-week nap."

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks surged to their biggest gain in two months on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 222.44 points, or 1.3 percent, to 17,928.35. The Standard & Poor's 500 gained 25.70 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,084.39. The Nasdaq composite index rose 59.67 points, or 1.3 percent, to 4,809.88.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 20 cents to \$44.46 per barrel on electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose \$1.22, or 2.8 percent, to \$44.66 a barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil prices, fell 21 cents to \$44.45 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 108.83 yen from 109.25 yen while the euro rose to \$1.138 from \$1.137.

Impeachment of Brazil president goes from longshot to likely

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — When a measure to impeach Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was introduced to Congress late last year, the possibility that she would actually be removed from office seemed remote.

The charges against her were obscure, not the variety that spurs outrage: She is alleged to have broken fiscal rules in her handling of the federal budget to hide deficits and bolster an embattled government. The allegations also came with a good dose of irony: Her main opponents in Congress are accused of crimes much worse.

Yet, what started as a long shot bid has gained momentum and, as the Senate prepares to vote Wednesday on whether to put her on trial, many analysts consider Rousseff's ouster all but a foregone conclusion.

"Dilma will be impeached for a variety of reasons," said Marcos Troyjo, a professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. "And the possibility of her coming back is zero."

If a simple majority of the Senate's 81 members vote to take up the impeachment measure, Rousseff will be suspended from office while a trial is conducted within the next 180 days. In the interim, Vice President Michel Temer will take over. A conviction, requiring a two-thirds vote, would remove her permanently.

Brazilian newspapers' polling of senators has found that around 50, many more than necessary, plan to vote for a trial. But it's not clear that all of those would also vote to convict her. A tally by the newspaper Folha de S.Paulo suggests that so far only 41 senators are willing to remove Rousseff from office permanently — 13 short of the number needed.

The expected Senate action comes after the lower Chamber of Deputies voted 367-137 last month in favor of impeachment, an anti-Rousseff verdict so resounding that many Brazilians believe it will influence the Senate, where she has traditionally been seen to have more allies.

Rousseff has repeatedly called the impeachment drive a "coup" because she has not been charged with a crime. She argues that previous presidents used similar accounting practices.

Despite being the legal basis for the case against her, however, impeachment has turned into a referendum on Rousseff's leadership. Brazil is beset by a bevy of corruption scandals connected to her Worker's Party

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and is struggling with its worst recession since the 1930s. The president also is criticized for an inability to negotiate with other politicians in a country where personal relationships are paramount.

Rousseff, a former Marxist guerrilla group member who became an establishment insider, rode the coattails of her once wildly popular mentor and predecessor as president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, to win the presidency in 2010. Things were fine as the region's largest economy roared, and in 2014 she was re-elected with 51 percent of the vote.

But at the same time that prices for commodities that are the lifeblood of Brazil's emerging economy started tumbling, investigators began uncovering a multibillion-dollar kickback scheme at Petrobras, the state oil company. Worst of all for Rousseff, many of the people implicated are top officials in her party. The continuing probe has led to the conviction of dozens of the country's elite, from politicians to the former president of Obredecht, a major construction firm.

While Rousseff hasn't been accused of wrongdoing, many Brazilians hold her accountable because much of the alleged corruption happened during her administrations and those of Silva. The popularity of both has plunged.

Rousseff was chief of staff during Silva's second term and before that she was minister of mines and energy, positions where she was in a position to know about the widespread graft at Petrobras, her critics say.

"The people involved abused and took advantage of the opportunity to steal money in an absurd way," said Tiago Gomes da Silva, a 33-year-old standing in line at an unemployment office in Rio de Janeiro. "This had to come to an end. And the actual government is directly linked to this."

As details of the corruption have emerged the last two years, the economy has continued downward. Gross domestic product is expected to contract 3.6 percent this year after an equally bad 2015. Both inflation and unemployment are around 10 percent and announcements of closures, from local factories to multinational chains like Wal-Mart, have become commonplace.

"The problem in Brazil was the inflation," Carlos Antonio Porto Goncalves, economics professor at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, said of Rousseff's first years as president. "And the government, to fight inflation, raised interest rates to extremely high levels so demand decreased, and the recession came."

Mixed into it all has been Rousseff's inability to work with others. She is known for bluntness, and she doesn't have the charisma or back-slapping chumminess that analysts say is often necessary to build consensus and make deals.

"She is a woman with a knife in her boot," said Alexandre Barros, a political consultant in Brasilia, using a popular phrase in Portuguese to describe tough women. "But she is not a politician."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 11, the 132nd day of 2016. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1946, the first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of American charities to provide relief to the hungry of postwar Europe, arrived at Le Havre, France.

On this date:

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

In 1816, the American Bible Society was founded in New York.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

In 1945, the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill was attacked and severely damaged by two kamikaze aircraft off Okinawa; according to the U.S. Navy's website, 346 men were killed, 43 were left missing, and

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264 were wounded.

In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In 1985, 56 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

Ten years ago: Lawmakers demanded answers after a USA Today report that the National Security Agency was secretly collecting records of millions of ordinary Americans' phone calls; President George W. Bush sought to assure Americans their civil liberties were being "fiercely protected." A priest was convicted in Toledo, Ohio, of murdering a nun; the Rev. Gerald Robinson was immediately sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for the 1980 death of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. (Robinson died in a prison hospice in 2014 at age 76.) Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson died in New Paltz, New York, at age 71.

Five years ago: Former hedge fund titan Raj Rajaratnam (rahj rah-juh-RUHT'-nuhm) was convicted by a federal jury in New York in an insider-trading case of five counts of conspiracy and nine of securities fraud. (Rajaratnam was sentenced to 11 years in prison.) Two earthquakes struck southern Spain in quick succession, killing at least nine people, injuring dozens and causing major damage to buildings.

One year ago: Joyce Hardin Garrard, the Alabama woman convicted of running her 9-year-old granddaughter, Savannah Hardin, to death as punishment for lying about candy, was sentenced by a judge in Gadsden to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The NFL came down hard on its biggest star and its championship team, suspending Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady for the first four games of the season, fining the New England Patriots \$1 million and taking away two draft picks as punishment for deflating footballs used in the AFC title game.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Mort Sahl is 89. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 83. Jazz keyboardist Carla Bley is 80. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 75. Actress Shohreh Aghdashloo (SHOH'-reh ahg-DAHSH'-loo) is 64. Actress Frances Fisher is 64. Actor Boyd Gaines is 63. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 61. Actress Martha Quinn is 57. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 53. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 52. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 48. Country musician Keith West (Heartland) is 48. Actor Nicky Katt is 46. Actor Coby Bell is 41. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso (PER'-tuh KEE'-wee-lahk-soh) is 38. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 34. Rapper Ace Hood is 28. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 22.

Thought for Today: "Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it." — Irving Berlin, American songwriter (born this date in 1888, died 1989).

A wild tune: Alaska moose harmonizes with home's wind chimes

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Forget "Uptown Funk." The Alaska wild is grooving to the smooth "moose-ic" of wind chimes.

Britta Schroeder shot video of a moose playing one-part harmony with the wind chimes on the porch of her rural cabin near Denali National Park and Preserve, and it's quickly making its way across the Internet.

Schroeder heard the chimes around 10:30 p.m. May 4. She looked out the window of her home near Healy, Alaska, about 10 miles north of the park's entrance, but it didn't look windy.

The chimes continued to sound for two to three more minutes. Then she heard a thump on her porch. "My dogs' ears perked up," she said. "I knew it was going to be an animal."

Sure enough, there was a moose, rubbing its head against the wind chimes and gumming the glass disc pendulum that hangs down from the middle of the instrument.

She opened the door of her cabin wide enough to get her cellphone through to shoot video but still

keep her dog inside.

Schroeder said a cow and two moose calves had spent some time near her cabin since last summer but she had not seen the family since March. She assumes the mother has kicked the calves out, and this one returned to her yard.

As for the "moose-ical" interlude, Schroeder isn't going to venture a guess as to what attracted the moose to the wind chimes.

Apparently even moose live by the adage that it isn't a party until something is broken. The animal probably left after it snapped the wooden base of the chimes in half, Schroeder said. A little glue made it good as new.

Staples, Office Depot scrap merger after judge blocks deal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Staples and Office Depot said Tuesday they are scrapping their planned \$6.3 billion merger after a federal judge blocked the deal, saying the government had made the case that the combination would likely hurt competition in office supplies.

The Federal Trade Commission had sought to block the merger of the last two national office-supply chains. It contended the deal would allow the combined company to dictate the price of supplies, especially for corporate customers that buy in bulk.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan said in a ruling Tuesday that the FTC met its legal burden by showing it was likely the Staples-Office Depot merger would "substantially impair competition in the sale and distribution of consumable office supplies to large business-to-business customers." Regulators also succeeded in showing that blocking the deal would be in the public interest, he said.

The two companies said they will not appeal Sullivan's ruling.

Debbie Feinstein, who heads the competition bureau at the FTC, said the ruling "is great news for business customers."

"This deal would eliminate head-to-head competition between Staples and Office Depot, and likely lead to higher prices and lower-quality service for large businesses that buy office supplies," she said in a statement.

In December, the FTC rejected an offer from Staples to sell \$1.25 billion in contracts in a bid to work around the competition issues.

Staples Inc., based in Framingham, Massachusetts, is the largest "big box" office-supply chain. Office Depot Inc., headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida, is No. 2.

Founded in the late 1980s, they were among a group of chains led by Wal-Mart that opened thousands of supersized stores for shoppers wanting to buy in bulk. But changing shopping patterns, like the demand for price deals and the move toward shopping online, have hurt them.

Staples and Office Depot both said they were disappointed by the outcome but are moving on with new business strategies.

"We are positioning Staples for the future by reshaping our business, while increasing our focus on mid-market customers in North America and categories beyond office supplies," Staples Chairman and CEO Ron Sargent said in a statement.

Roland Smith, Office Depot's chairman and CEO, said "We look forward to re-energizing our business."

Following news that the deal was being scuttled, Office Depot's stock tumbled more than 26 percent in after-hours trading. Shares in Staples fell more than 10 percent.

Tuesday's ruling came despite a setback for FTC in the court case in March. Sullivan had suggested then at a closed-door hearing that the agency had tried to get a witness — Amazon.com Vice President Prentis Wilson — to make false statements in his testimony.

As an online retailer, Amazon has become a prime competitor to Staples and Office Depot for corporate customers. The FTC had called Wilson to testify in the case.

FTC attorney Tara Reinhart said at the time the agency "certainly never asked" Wilson to make false declarations.

At least 10 hurt as storms move into Ohio River Valley

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Bad weather moved into the Ohio River Valley on Tuesday after a series of powerful storms hit the Plains, including tornadoes that destroyed homes and left two people dead in Oklahoma.

National Weather Service meteorologist Rick Smith said Tuesday's risk was not as great as it was Monday, when about two dozen tornadoes were reported across six states. But communities along the Ohio River saw strong storms, and tornadoes were reported in southern Illinois and western Kentucky.

Kentucky State Police said in a statement that at least 10 people were hurt and an unknown number of homes and businesses were damaged when a tornado tracked across Graves County in the western part of the state Tuesday afternoon.

The statement said the tornado traveled into the city of Mayfield, causing "significant" damage to homes and businesses. Those hurt had injuries that were not life-threatening, according to the statement.

State Police were also responding Tuesday evening to another apparent tornado near the Trigg and Christian County line. Some structural damage to barns was reported.

The National Weather Service said at least one tornado also touched down in southern Illinois' Pope County, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

A separate system was poised to move through north Texas, including the Dallas-Fort Worth area, while another storm system should bring storms to the area from north Texas to near St. Louis on Wednesday.

In southern Oklahoma, crews were assessing damage from a tornado a day earlier blamed for two deaths that sliced through two counties at speeds of between 135 mph and 165.

"There's a home where basically there's no walls left," Smith, the meteorologist, said. "Everything that used to be the home is just a pile of rubble, so there's no roof, there's no walls — there's just kind of the foundation where the home used to be."

Oklahoma emergency officials said two 76-year-old men were found dead after Monday's storms, one near Wynnewood and another about 35 miles away near Connerville. The medical examiner's office said it was conducting autopsies to determine how the men died.

Smith said the damage measured in Garvin and Murray counties was consistent with at least an EF3 tornado, a category of tornadoes that are capable of stripping the outer walls from even well-made homes. That storm, caught on video by several storm chasers, appeared white against the dark clouds of a supercell storm.

The Storm Prediction Center said it received about two dozen reports of tornadoes on Monday from parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.