

### Top Climate Scientists Predict Grim Future

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a world already weary of weather catastrophes, the latest warning from top climate scientists paints a grim future: More floods, more heat waves, more droughts and greater costs to deal with them.

A draft summary of an international scientific report obtained by The Associated Press says the extremes caused by global warming could eventually grow so severe that some locations become "increasingly marginal as places to live."

The report from the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change marks a change in climate science, from focusing on subtle shifts in average temperatures to concentrating on the harder-to-analyze freak events that grab headlines, hurt economies and kill people.

"The extremes are a really noticeable aspect of climate change," said Jerry Meehl, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. "I think people realize that the extremes are where we are going to see a lot of the impacts of climate change."

The final version of the report from a panel of leading climate scientists will be issued in a few weeks, after a meeting in Uganda. The draft says there is at least a 2-in-3 probability that climate extremes have already worsened because of man-made greenhouse gases.

### Syria Plants Land Mines Along Lebanese Border

SERHANIYEH, Lebanon (AP) — Syria has planted land mines along parts of its border with Lebanon, further sealing itself off from the world and showing just how deeply shaken Bashar Assad's regime has become since an uprising began nearly eight months ago.

Although Assad's hold on power is firm, the 46-year-old eye doctor is taking increasingly desperate measures to safeguard his grip on the country of 22 million people at the heart of the Arab world. A Syrian official confirmed to The Associated Press that troops were laying the mines, saying they were aimed at stopping weapons smuggling into the country during the uprising.

"Syria has undertaken many measures to control the borders, including planting mines," a Syrian official familiar with government strategy told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. Witnesses on the Lebanese side also told the AP they have seen Syrian soldiers planting the mines in recent days.

But the verdant mountains and hills along the frontier are used by refugees fleeing Syria's deadly military assault on protesters and by Syrians who have jobs and families on the Lebanese side. The decision to plant mines — terrifying weapons that often maim their victims if they don't kill them — suggests the regime is trying to contain a crisis that is spinning out of its control.

The mines also are the latest sign that Syria is working to prevent Lebanon from becoming a safe haven for the Syrian opposition as the uprising continues and the death toll mounts. The U.N. says about 3,000 people have been killed by security forces since March.

### Cain Says He Never Changed Story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain denied on Tuesday that he's changing his story as he struggles to contain the fallout from sexual harassment allegations that could threaten his recently surging campaign.

The White House contender's contradictory explanations over two days have raised questions about details of the allegations from back in the 1990s and about his current ability to manage a crisis in the national spotlight. The controversy, relating to his time as head of the National Restaurant Association, has surfaced just as he's risen in national polls in the GOP nomination fight two months before the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

His evolving answers to questions in a host of media interviews this week led at least one rival campaign to suggest he's not being upfront about the accusations.

"If you are the front-runner and you plan to be the nominee ... be forthcoming so that you are vetted, and we don't get into a situation where you're our nominee and we find out things after the fact," John Brabender, a strategist for Rick Santorum's campaign, said at a forum hosted by National Journal. "We're still waiting for clarification from the Cain campaign."

But others took a pass. "I've been focused on policy. I don't follow some of the things that you guys seem fascinated by," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said during an appearance in Iowa.

### Kids Showing A Bit Of Improvement In Math

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some progress. Still needs improvement. The nation's report card on math and reading shows fourth- and eighth-graders scoring their best ever in math and eighth graders making some progress in reading. But the results released Tuesday are a stark reminder of just how far the nation's school kids are from achieving the No Child Left Behind law's goal that every child in America be proficient in math and reading by 2014.

Just a little more than one-third of the students were proficient or higher in reading. In math, 40 percent of the fourth-graders and 35 percent of the eighth-graders had reached that level.

The figures were from the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

"The modest increases in NAEP scores are reason for concern as much as optimism," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan. "It's clear that achievement is not accelerating fast enough for our nation's children to compete in the knowledge economy of the 21st century."

### VISITING HOURS

## Parish Nursing: A Merging Of Faith And Care

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Parish nursing is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition and is consistent with the basic assumptions of many faiths: that we care for self and others as an expression of God's love.

Parish Nurse, Nurse in the Church, Health Minister, Crescent Nurse, Congregational Nurse — These terms are used by nurses that function under the American Nurses Association's Scope & Standards for Faith Community Nursing. The difference between these nurses is the denomination or faith tradition through which they function. The commonality across all faith traditions is the belief that spirituality is an essential element of health. All believe that in any health situation, spirituality must be purposely nurtured using the belief structure and rituals of the individual's faith, culture and country.

Parish nursing is a growing specialty prac-

tice of nursing that is recognized by the American Nursing Association as Faith Community Nursing. It is also a ministry that is embraced by many different Christian denominations as well as other faith traditions.

The mission of parish nursing is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness in, with and through the community of faith in which parish nurses serve. The belief that health is a journey toward well being and is the interrelationship of body, mind and spirit is core to parish nursing. Health is not merely the absence of disease. It is related to everything a person does, thinks and feels; therefore, parish nurses focus on the whole person as they promote wellness, disease prevention, health education and healthy spirituality.

Parish nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice holistic health for self,

individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. They function in paid and unpaid positions as members of the pastoral team in a variety of religious faiths, cultures and countries. Their practice is governed by the Nurse Practice Act of their state, Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice, Faith Community Nursing Scope and Standards, and the Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements for nurses.

Do you want an active parish nurse program in your church? Visit with your pastor, health committee or a nurse in your faith community. You can also contact the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Parish Nurse Coordinator for more information. The Parish Nurse Coordinator is available to assist with the development of parish nurse programs.

Information was obtained through the International Parish Resource Center.

**Teresa Ewalt and Keith Hofer** were married September 3, 2011 at Gayville Lutheran Church with Reverend Zandra Anderson, sister of the bride officiating. Parents of the couple are Verlyn and Shirley Baker of Pickstown, SD, and Dave and Gladys Hofer of Huron, SD.

The bride is employed by Kmart Corporation as Sofflines Assistant Store Manager. The groom is employed by Gehl Company as a Product Performance Analyst. The couple resides in Yankton, SD.

Bride's attendants were Miranda Nygaard and Chelsea Ewalt, daughters of the bride, and Tom Nygaard, son-in-law of the bride. Groom's attendants were Kari Johnson, daughter of the groom, Kasey Hofer, son of the groom, and Jamin Johnson, son-in-law of the groom. The bride's Personal Attendant was Debra Schiltz, friend of the bride. Flower Pinner was Carol Fok, sister of the groom. Guest Book Attendant was Jerolynn Larson, sister of the groom. A reception was held at Easton Archery Center in Yankton, SD hosted by David and Sheila Peterson of Yankton.

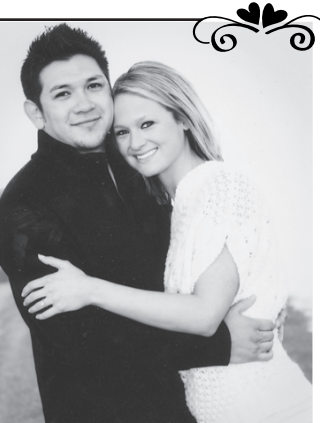


**Ewalt-Hofer**

Megan Balfany and Derek Jaques announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Tom and Lynn Balfany of Yankton, SD and Jim Jaques and Gwen Haigler of Laramie, WY.

Megan is a 2005 graduate of Yankton High School and a 2010 graduate from Arizona State University in Elementary Education. Derek is a 2003 graduate from Laramie High School. He works as a Operator Engineer for Price Gregory.

The wedding will be in the Bahamas on February 6, 2012 with a reception in Yankton February 18.



**Balfany-Jaques**

Lisa Nelson and Chris Goss were married October 8, 2011 at Riverfront Event Center in Yankton, SD with Reverend Marilyn Stone officiating. Parents of the couple are Delbert Hohn of Mitchell, SD and the late Joyce Tronvold, and Glynn and Marilyn Goss of of Luta, MS.

Maid of Honor was Kaitlyn Petersen of Tabor, SD. Bridesmaids were Brandy Degen of Brandon, SD and Lori Tran of Canton, SD. Best Man was Breyton Nelson of Yankton, SD. Groomsman were Mike Bingen of Brandon, SD and Bryce Tran of Canton, SD. The bride's Personal Attendant was Brandy Gunderson of Yankton, SD. Flower Pinner was Linda Fehlberg of Yankton, SD. Usher was Matthew Petersen of Tabor, SD.

Guest Book Attendant was Adrianna Szathmary of Tabor, SD. Wedding music was provided by Papa Ray's Karaoke Show of Irene, SD. A reception was held at the Riverfront Event Center.



**Nelson-Goss**

# Greek Turmoil Sends U.S., World Markets Lower

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NEW YORK — A wave of selling swept across Wall Street and stock markets around the world Tuesday after Greece's prime minister said he would call a national vote on an unpopular European plan to rescue that nation's economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished down nearly 300 points. It swung in 100 point bursts throughout the day as investors reacted to sometimes conflicting headlines about the next steps in Greece's long-running debt crisis. Treasuries and other assets considered safe surged. The stocks of major banks, including Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase, were hit hard.

Intense selling roiled markets in Europe. Italy's main stock index dropped 6.8 percent. France's fell 5.4 percent and Germany's fell 5 percent.

The value of the dollar rose, and bond prices jumped so dramatically that analysts said they were stunned. Analysts said the bond action reflected fears that the turmoil in Greece would tear at the fabric of Europe's financial system and create a crisis that could engulf the entire European Union, which together forms the world's largest economy.

"This brings all of the concerns about Europe back to the front burner," said Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James.

"If this ends up turning into a financial catastrophe in Europe, then no one will escape it."

The prime minister of Greece said unexpectedly Monday that he would put the European rescue plan to a popular vote, the first referendum to be held in Greece since 1974.

The plan requires banks that hold Greek national bonds to accept 50 percent losses to help keep the Greek economy afloat. It also beefs up a European bailout fund and requires banks to strengthen their financial cushions.

There were also late reports that Greek lawmakers dissented from the plan, raising the possibility that Greece's government would not last until a confidence vote on Friday.

International creditors have demanded that Greece enact painful tax increases and drastic cuts in public welfare programs, and Greeks have shown their hostility to those measures in violent protests and strikes.

If the European rescue falls through and Greece defaults on its debt, the ripple effect would be global. Europe could fall into recession, hurting a major market for American exports, and banks could severely restrict lending.

It was only last Thursday that European leaders announced a deal that they believed would be a turning point in the two-year debt crisis. Banks agreed to take bigger losses on Greek debt and to boost their levels of cash,

while the European Union increased the size of its bailout fund. Global stock markets surged after the plan was unveiled. Now, those gains seem to be fleeting.

"The stock market is expressing disgust with Greek politics and a lack of confidence that Italy and Spain will generate the growth needed to pay down their debt," said Peter Boockvar, equity strategist at Miller Tabak & Co.

The Dow fell 297.05 points, or 2.5 percent, to close at 11,657.96. It was the biggest drop since Sept. 22. The Dow has lost 573 points, or 4.7 percent, in the last two days.

The S&P 500 lost 35.02, or 2.8 percent, to 1,218.28. Some analysts took comfort that the S&P closed above 1,215. A drop below that level would erase nearly all of the market's gains in October. The Nasdaq composite dropped 77.45, or 2.9 percent, to 2,606.96.

Pfizer Inc. was the only company in the Dow stock to rise. It gained 0.4 percent as its income and revenue beat Wall Street's estimates. General Motors Co. sank 9.8 percent after its October sales came in lower than Wall Street analysts were expecting.

Financial companies in the S&P 500 dropped 4.7 percent, the biggest loss among the 10 company groups that make up the index.

Bank of America Corp lost 6.3 percent. JP Morgan Chase & Co. dropped 5.9 percent, and Citigroup shed 7.7 percent.

## Bank of America Backs Down On Debit Card Fee

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Bank of America Corp. is scrapping its plan to charge a \$5 monthly fee for debit card purchases after outraged customers threatened an exodus.

The about-face comes as customers across the country petitioned the bank and mobilized to close their accounts in favor of credit unions and community banks. The outcry prompted other major banks, including JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co., to cancel trial tests of their own debit card fees.

Bank of America, the nation's second largest bank, said it reversed course after listening to customers. Anne Pace, a spokeswoman

for Bank of America, declined to say whether there was a spike in account closures following the September announcement that it would start charging the fee early next year.

Higher fees have become a fact of life for bank customers in recent years. But this one touched a nerve because it hit so close to home; many Americans have come to rely on debit cards to manage essential expenses such as groceries and gas.

At the same time, there's still lingering resentment over the role that banks played in the 2008 financial meltdown and the ongoing home foreclosure crisis. That anger has come to surface in recent weeks with the Occupy Wall Street movement.

The banks have countered by

saying that efforts in the past two years to regulate the industry have forced them to raise or introduce new fees to stay profitable. That made the march to higher fees seem almost inevitable — and makes the rare victory by consumers in this case even more remarkable.

"When I heard about the fee, it was the last straw for me," said Molly Katchpole, a 22-year-old nanny whose online petition urging Bank of America to drop the debit fee captured more than 300,000 signatures. "I'm living paycheck to paycheck and one more fee was just too much."

Katchpole said she already closed her account and moved her money to a community bank in Washington, D.C. For her, the dam-

age has been done. She said Bank of America's decision won't win her back.

It's still too early to say whether the bank's gross miscalculation of consumer sentiment will have a lasting impact. But Bank of America is also dealing with a host of other troubles, including the potential for large mortgage-related settlements to drain its capital and plans to cut 30,000 jobs to reduce expenses. Last quarter, the company lost its standing as the nation's largest bank by deposits to Chase.

The news of the debit card fee meanwhile drew criticism from even President Barack Obama and sparked a movement called "Bank Transfer Day" that urged customers to close their accounts by this Saturday.

## Pipeline

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into their territory."

Lawmakers convened for 16 minutes Tuesday before adjourning for the day. The special session is expected to last about three weeks.

Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood said it's "possible, but not likely" that lawmakers will adjourn without legislation. Lawmakers can end the session if one member moves to adjourn and a majority vote is in favor.

"I think lawmakers want to get through the public hearing process, and then make a decision... as to what should happen," he said.

Passing a bill requires a simple majority. But legislation that would affect the Keystone XL pipeline — scheduled for federal approval or denial by year's end — would have to take effect immediately. Such a proposal would need support from 33 of the Legislature's 49 members, plus Heineman's approval.

TransCanada, the pipeline's Canadian-based developer, said the project will reduce U.S. depend-

ence on Middle East oil. But a coalition of environmentalists, land owners, and state lawmakers fear the pipeline could leak and contaminate the Ogallala aquifer.

The project has undergone a three-year federal review and is waiting for the U.S. State Department, which is involved because the pipeline would cross an international boundary, to approve or deny a permit that would allow construction to proceed.

The courts have upheld Congress' authority to regulate oil pipeline safety, and they may ultimately have to decide how much, if any, influence individual states can exert over pipeline routes. Lawyers for TransCanada and for those who oppose the Keystone XL project have submitted conflicting arguments in legal briefs on the subject.

If Nebraska were to pass legislation that would give it control over pipeline routes, it would almost certainly be challenged by TransCanada or other states that would benefit from tax revenue the project would generate.

The \$7 billion, 1,700-mile pipeline would carry oil derived from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas.

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useful in the long term."

One idea proposed by LRC is peeling back the chip seal and putting hot mix under it to stabilize the trail.

All parties agreed, however, that any substantive solutions will have to wait until next year.

"I think we should wait and see what it looks like in the spring, and then decide what to do," Johnson said Tuesday. "From this standpoint in November, I don't know that we'll know what it will look like in the spring. Let's wait and take a look at it in March or April."

When asked by Powell if the county would consider a change order to cover the additional costs incurred by the sub-contractors, no commitment was made. She was told to submit the proposed change order to Johnson for his consideration.

Powell also asked if the county would release the bond for the project. The county was hesitant and agreed to have Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch examine whether it could be released while still allowing the county to hold the firm responsible for completing the project.

"That's all we've really got left," Commissioner Mark Johnson said. "If you walk away from (the project), that is all we're holding. It's not enough to get someone else in to finish the project."

Despite the difficulties with the trail, all parties remained positive and appeared optimistic that they could work together to complete it.

Before leaving the subject, the commission discussed the problem of having vehicles drive on the trail or park along it. Commissioners said they will speak with the sheriff about stepping up enforcement along the trail to make sure the public keeps motorized vehicles off the path.

Finally, a motion was passed unanimously to prohibit parking on both sides of Deer Boulevard from south of Highway 52 to the Missouri River.

In other business Tuesday, the commission:

- discussed a five-year road improvement plan. Among the priorities discussed were working to improve West 11th Street and Kaiser Road, as well as making sure there is at least one road into each of the county's communities that is not subject to weight limits. The commission instructed Superintendent Sorensen to write up a proposed plan based on the discussion that can be considered at a future meeting;
- made a motion to get proposals for constructing a cage or chain-link fence for a storage room on the second floor of the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center. The room, which is not accessible to the public, is needed for secure storage of court files but also has to be used by staff at the facility to reach a maintenance area. The cage or chain-link fence will keep unauthorized personnel from accessing the files;
- set its next regular meeting for Nov. 22 because Auditor Paula Jones has to attend a state election training session during the third week of the month;
- set a special meeting for 4 p.m. Nov. 14 to discuss funding for aerial photography of the county. Commissioners are in agreement that there is a need to update the photography, which is used by the departments of equalization and zoning, but did not budget for it in 2012. The project can be paid for in installments over the course of three years. Methods of funding, including the possibility of the City of Yankton funding its entire share of the project next year instead of during three years, are being considered; and
- appointed Commissioner Donna Freng to serve as a county representative on a committee working to bring a federally qualified health center to Yankton.