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Birthday: Terry Schwabe

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

School Lunch: BBQ, sweet tots, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00 a.m.: Groton Area hosts girls golf meet

4:00 p.m.: JH Track at Aberdeen Roncalli Invite

7:30 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

Birthdays: Alexis Ferrell, Justin Peterson, Kevin Pharis

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

School Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans, veggie cups, fruit.

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Classifieds

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for their visits, phone calls and cards after my surgery. All of these helped with my recovery.

Donald Walter

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped me since I broke my leg. I appreciate the visits, cards, phone calls, gifts, and prayers. I can never say thank you enough for everything! Your help means so much to me! What a great community we live in!

Gordie Nelson

Help Wanted

Andover Bar & Grill is looking for a cook. Contact Stacy at 605/298-5252 or Randy at 605/216-2595.

Harry Implement, Ferney, is looking for a Truck driver for pickup and delivery of equipment. Contact Steve at 605-395-6421 or e-mail s.harry@harrysinc.com

FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/380-0571 or Arlys Kluess at 605-216-8399.

Bridal Showers

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Jessica Hoscheid, bride-to-be of Zach Harry, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The couple is registered at Target, Inspire and Menards.

Bridal Shower for Ashley Larson, bride-to-be of Austin Fordham, Saturday, April 25th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, S.D. Registered at Target and Herbergers. (2t)



Left to right: Alexis Simon, Jenifer Fjelstad, AnneMarie Smith, Cassandra Townsend

Several students place at NSU MathCounts

Twenty students in grades eight through twelve from the Groton Area School District participated in the 62nd Annual Northern State University Mathematics Contest held Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in the Barnett Center at NSU in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were among 438 contestants representing 25 schools from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, who participated in the event and tested in four divisions: Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, and Senior Math. Out of the 101 students taking the Elementary Algebra test, AnneMarie Smith earned the third place trophy, and Cassandra Townsend and Alexis Simon received certificates of honorable mention. Of the 133 students taking the Geometry test, Jenifer Fjelstad received a certificate of honorable mention.

As a school, Groton tied for third place with Milbank in the Class AA/A division. To determine school rank, the highest score in each of the four divisions was taken to compute each school's result.

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Senator Mike Rounds Weekly Column Trade Opportunities Benefit South Dakota Famers, Producers, Manufacturers

Free and fair trade plays an important role in American commerce. From higher wages for U.S. workers to supporting small businesses and agriculture, trade has a proven record of keeping our economy healthy and vibrant. In South Dakota alone, trade supports 124,000 jobs. In 2013, we exported \$3.7 billion worth of products. Trade levels the playing field in the global marketplace so we have the best opportunity to promote American-made goods throughout the world. We should continually be looking for ways to increase trade opportunities.

The U.S. is currently negotiating a trade agreement known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with 12 other nations along the Pacific Rim. Finding an agreement with these nations, which includes important trading partners such as Australia, Canada and Japan, could boost our GDP by \$77 billion annually and create 500,000 new jobs. Another agreement with European nations, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), would create as many as 750,000 new jobs. That is in addition to the 40 million jobs trade already supports in the United States.

One tool that recently passed out of the Senate Finance Committee would help us negotiate international trade agreements. Trade Promotion Authority, commonly referred to as TPA, is a tool that has been used since the days of FDR help the U.S. negotiate stronger, more enforceable international standards on trade agreements.

The TPA bill making its way through the Senate creates a stronger, more enforceable framework for Congress to exercise oversight over the Administration, giving us a stronger voice in the negotiations process. It also establishes new trade-negotiating objectives that reflect today's economic challenges, including measures to combat currency manipulation and eliminate barriers to innovation and digital trade.

TPA strengthens our hand by giving the Senate an opportunity to guide the negotiations before a final deal is reached, rather than afterward. If the President has negotiated a good deal for our country, he then has the opportunity to take it to the Senate for an up-or-down

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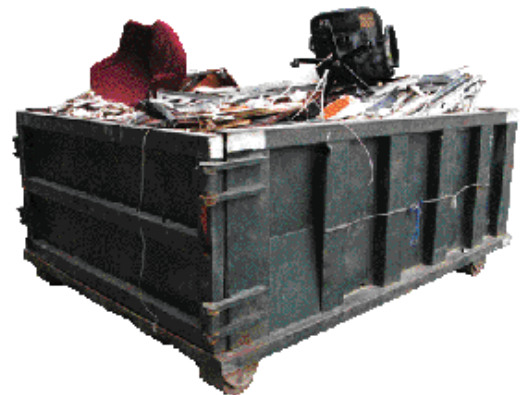
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Time for a Spring Cleaning

Groton City Spring Cleanup
May 2-9 2015



Bring Anything You
Wish to dispose of to
Dumpsters located at
the City Shop
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Or Call City Hall at
397-8422 for
free hauling May 4-8

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vote. Members are not permitted to amend trade agreements, which gives other countries more confidence and certainty in the deal and the process.

Companion legislation recently passed the House Ways and Means Committee, and President Obama continues to signal his support. I expect the full Senate to consider TPA legislation in the coming weeks. This is a real step forward on policy that has had long-standing bipartisan support in Congress and from the administration, but had been held up under previous Senate leadership.

Free and fair trade agreements across the world open up new markets to South Dakota products. Our farmers and ranchers would particularly benefit from agreements such as TPP and TTIP. But in order to negotiate the best deal for our country, we must allow the administration to pursue trade agreements through parameters set by the Congress, and within the Trade Promotion Authority, to enable our current and future presidents to negotiate the best deal possible. That is exactly what the Senate TPA bill would do. This method has a proven record of boosting economic activity and bringing higher-paying American jobs. I look forward to debating TPA legislation when it comes to the full Senate in the coming weeks.



A child's Special Gift for Mom Event

Reserve your child's opportunity to plant a 4" blooming or green plant in a fun, colorful container just in time for Mother's day! Reserve a spot for your child(ren) to create a special gift for their mom or grandmother!

May 2nd

10-11am

or

2-3pm

\$20 per child/
per plant



Each paid reservation (by April 30) receives a 20% off one reg price item coupon (one per family)

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Today in Weather History

1899 - A tornado struck Kirksville, MO, killing 34 persons and destroying 300 buildings. (David Ludlum)

1931 - The temperature at Pahala, located on the main island of Hawaii, soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1942 - A destructive tornado swept across Rogers County and Mayes County in Oklahoma. The tornado struck the town of Pryor killing 52 persons and causing two million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Forty-two cities in the western and south central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 87 degrees at Olympia WA was an April record, and highs of 92 degrees at Boise ID, 95 degrees at Monroe LA, and 96 degrees at Sacramento CA tied April records. (The National Weather Summary) More than 300 daily temperature records fell by the wayside during a two week long heat wave across thirty-four states in the southern and western U.S. Thirteen cities established records for the month of April. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1988 - Mount Washington NH reported seven feet of snow in ten days, pushing their snowfall total for the month past the previous record of 89.3 inches set in 1975. (The National Weather Summary)








1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Lower and Middle Mississippi Valley to Virginia and the Carolinas. Hail up to four and a half inches in diameter caused five million dollars damage around Omaha NE. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, and there were 160 other reports of large hail and damaging winds. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley. Severe thunderstorms spawned thirteen tornadoes in Texas and twelve in Louisiana. A tornado southwest of Coolidge TX injured eight persons and caused more than five million dollars damage. There were also eighty-five reports of large hail and damaging winds, with baseball size hail reported at Mexia TX and Shreveport LA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) Forty-three cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Records highs included 94 degrees at Charleston WV, 95 degrees at Baltimore MD and 96 degrees at Richmond VA. (The National Weather Summary)

2011 - An estimated 305 tornados between the 27th and 28th sets a record for the largest outbreak ever recorded, including two EF-5s, four EF-4s and 21 EF-3s. Arkansas through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, southern Tennessee, Virginia to Pennsylvania and New York were all affected. An estimated 300 died including 210 in Alabama alone. This brought the April total p2008 - Anchorage, AK, receives a record 17.2 inches at the airport and 22 inches in northeast Anchorage from the 25th to 26th. The 15.5 inches on the 25th makes it the third most received on any one day in Anchorage.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny	Chance Showers 40%	Slight Chc Showers 10%	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 72 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 77 °F



Scattered Showers Along Front

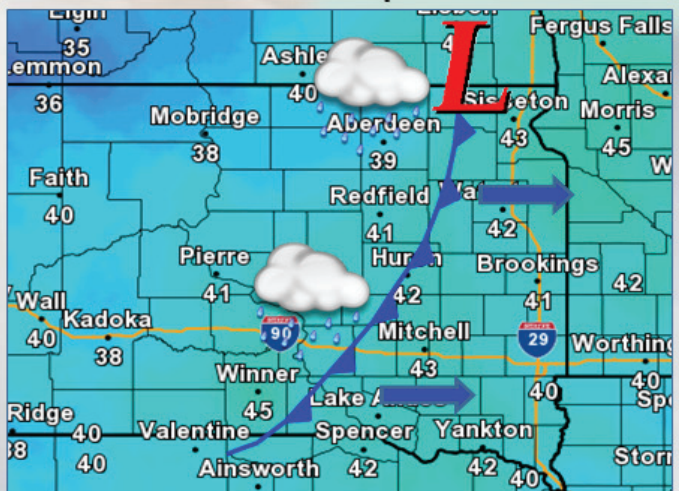
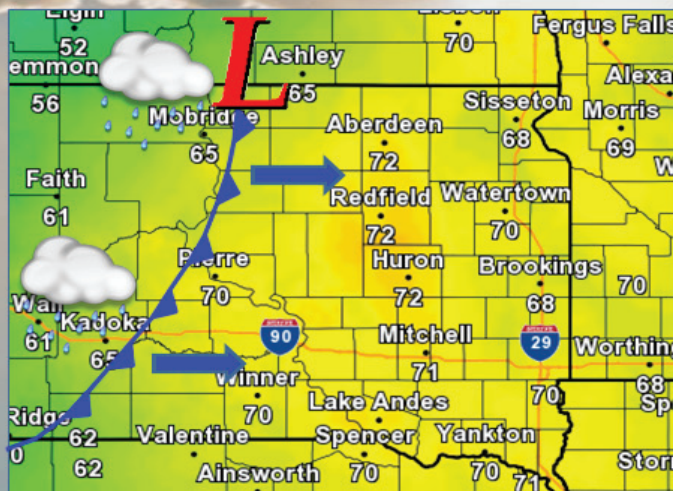


Afternoon

Clear skies and warmer temps ahead of front

Evening

Scattered showers along front
Little accumulation expected



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Published on: 04/27/2015 at 5:22AM

A weak front will track across the region later this afternoon and evening. Scattered showers are possible along the front, but rainfall will be very light. Mild and dry conditions are then expected for most of the work week. While moisture is needed across the region, the upside to the warm, dry conditions is that winds appear to be relatively light over the next several days as well.

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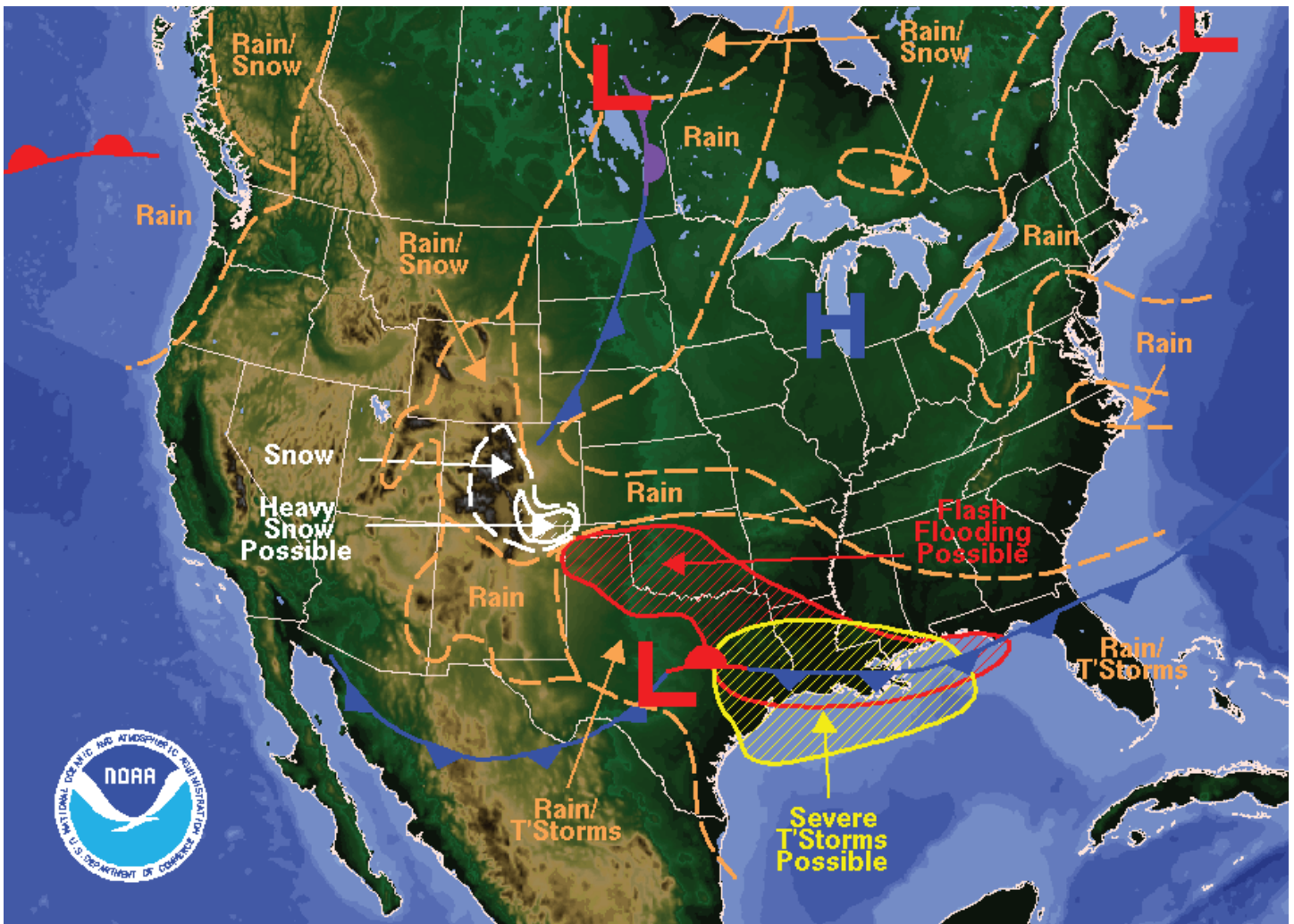
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 66
Low: 42
High Gust: 18
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 91° in 1897
Record Low: 17° in 2005
Average High: 63°F
Average Low: 37°F
Average Precip in April.: 1.50
Precip to date in April.: 0.47
Average Precip to date: 3.68
Precip Year to Date: 0.94
Sunset Tonight: 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:27 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 27, 2015, issued 3:34 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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NOTHING TO CHANCE!

During World War II all Americans were cautious and vigilant about the things they said and did. They did not want to give the enemy any opportunity to gain an advantage that could harm our country.

One of the slogans was "Your resolution will bring us victory!" Being resolute - or determined, and not wavering in one's opinion, purpose or position - was one of the most quoted. It was a rallying cry that people took to heart because they could not entertain the possibility of defeat.

No wonder Solomon wrote, "She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness." He knew the alternative of being slothful and compromising, inconsistent and careless, was disaster. "Watching" is a full-time responsibility and an important priority for those God calls to be a "faithful household administrator." No matter what other tasks or duties are part of her "job description," this "wife of noble character" never allows her attention to become diluted or her mind to be diverted to less important items than her household. She is thoroughly absorbed in the things that matter most.

"Idleness" does not imply that this "wife" would be one who watches "soaps" or spends her time foolishly "tweeting" or on Facebook. Not at all. It refers to a "wife" who believes strongly in the fact that whatever she has is a result of her faithfulness to her calling as a wife. She has joyously and graciously fulfilled her obligations as wife, mother, household administrator and witness of the Love of God to all whom He brings into her life.

She is deserving of all of the blessings and benefits of God that she has received because of her untiring faithfulness to God and her fidelity to her husband, children and community.

Prayer: Father, we join our hearts and pray that You will bless those noble wives who serve You with distinction! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: Proverbs 31:27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

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News from the Associated Press

Lottery tickets sold in Kadoka, Pierre worth thousands

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Hot Lotto ticket sold in Kadoka is worth \$9,000 and a Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Pierre is worth \$6,000 in Saturday's drawings.

State lottery officials say the odds of winning the Hot Lotto prize are 1 in about 139,000, and the odds of winning the Wild Card 2 prize are about 1 in 127,000.

Winners have about six months to claim their money.

The Wild Card 2 jackpot is at \$635,000 and the Hot Lotto jackpot at \$7.34 million for the Wednesday drawings.

School of Mines conference to cover science at Sanford lab

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The first conference is in the works that will focus on the scientific research happening at the state's underground laboratory in Lead (leed).

The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology will host the gathering May 18-20 at the school's Rapid City campus.

Physicists, chemists and other scientists from national and international laboratories and research universities plan to attend what's called the Conference on Science at the Sanford Underground Research Facility.

School of Mines scientists are involved in five high-level research projects being conducted or planned a mile underground at the lab that could lead to a better understanding of the origins and makeup of the universe.

The lab is located in the former Homestake gold mine.

Conference details are available at www.sdsmt.edu/SURFconference2015.

Regents to gather at DSU to appoint new university president

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents is meeting to appoint the new president of Dakota State University in Madison.

The board announced Friday that it will meet at the university to appoint the new president on Monday.

The university is looking for a president after its leader David Borofsky quit unexpectedly in August.

The finalists are: Don Capener, dean and endowed chair of the Davis College of Business at Jacksonville University; José-Marie Griffiths, vice president for academic affairs and professor at Bryant University; Douglas Hensler, provost at the Naval Postgraduate School; and Thomas Mitzel, dean of faculty and vice president of academic affairs at Trinity College.

Marysz Rames is serving as the interim president at DSU while the regents appoint a new leader.

National Grasslands Visitors Center to close for renovations

CHADRON, Neb. (AP) — The National Grasslands Visitors Center in South Dakota is scheduled to close for renovations.

The U.S. Forest Service says the facility in Wall, South Dakota, will close starting May 4, and could remain closed until early July. Employees will be moved to the Wall District Ranger Office, and public services will be limited to visitor information and map sales.

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Renovations are planned for both the visitors' center and the Wall District Ranger Office. The renovations include an energy efficient ventilation system and windows. The building's interior will get new drywall, finishes and lighting.

The National Grasslands Visitors Center will be reroofed with new cedar shingle roofing and the existing redwood siding will be refinished to return the wood to its original natural color.

2015 Master Gardener training to be online and hands-on

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Master Gardener training classes start May 4 and this year will include mostly online training for South Dakotans who want to learn how to promote and teach gardening.

SDSU Extension Horticulture Specialist David Graper says the training concludes with four days of required, hands-on learning that teach planting, pruning, plant propagation, and plant and pest identification. Those sessions will be held in Watertown, Mitchell and Hot Springs/Custer beginning in June.

As a Master Gardener, people who go through the training have opportunities to write articles, give talks, work at fair booths, help in community and school gardens, teach and answer garden questions.

USD official using past experiences to oversee department

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A woman with a diverse teaching background is using her experiences at the U.S. Military Academy and a professional ballet company in overseeing the University of South Dakota's foreign language program.

Laura Vidler said her desire to serve the country after the 9/11 terrorist attacks led her to apply for a position at one of the nation's premier leadership institutions located in West Point, New York, The Volante (<http://bit.ly/1HpzVBX>) reported.

"For me, it was a great opportunity because I felt like I didn't have the skills to enlist in the military," Vidler said. "I felt at the time it was some way I could contribute and serve my country in a really difficult and challenging time."

The 12 years Vidler spent teaching Spanish to cadets helped her acquire leadership skills instilled by the academy, she said. She's now trying to implement those skills in her new role as department chair of the modern language and linguistics department at the University of South Dakota.

Vidler was initially inspired to pursue a teaching career after working as a dance instructor at a ballet company in San Diego. She said she was a ballet dancer, but it can be a short-lived career and she found teaching "extremely satisfying."

Vidler still teaches Spanish in her new role. In a class she teaches, students must use conversation skills in real-world situations, such as serving as interpreters at a tax assistance program.

One of Vidler's long-term goals for the department she chairs is to convey the impact of learning a new language.

"The student population is less diverse from where I was (in New York), and so more than ever, we need to be able to highlight the importance of the study of languages and cultures to graduate globally-aware citizens," she said.

Hemp backers say bill gives momentum, especially for tribes

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Some observers say a North Dakota bill passed this legislative session that sets guidelines for industrial hemp production should make it easier to grow and may help create an industry for Indian tribes, although it could take a while to sort out federal policies.

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Hemp can be used to make clothing, lotion and many other products, but growing it has been illegal under federal law because it is type of cannabis plant and looks like marijuana. Unlike marijuana, people can't get high on hemp.

The measure sponsored by Republican Rep. David Monson is meant to put the state in line with the new federal farm bill that allows hemp to be grown through state agriculture departments and college research stations.

While some potential hemp farmers like Monson are taking a wait-and-see approach with the federal government before planting the crop, former U.S. attorney from North Dakota Timothy Purdon says recent Department of Justice policy changes in response to states that have legalized marijuana could open the door for industrial hemp, especially on tribal lands.

The so-called "Cole memo" issued in August 2013 essentially says the feds are going to concentrate on pot cases involving drug cartels, sales to minors, the use of firearms, and areas where the drugs are being sent from states where marijuana is legal to states where it is not. A subsequent DOJ guidance memo in October 2014 expressly made the Cole memo's priorities applicable on Indian reservations.

"It seems likely that those memos would apply to hemp farming," said Purdon, who recently joined the Minneapolis-based Robins Kaplan law firm. "Under the factors in the Cole memo, it would seem like the department should not be prioritizing the investigation and prosecution of industrial hemp."

Purdon said there are "already legal industrial hemp plants in the ground" in Kentucky and Oregon.

Federal prosecutors in North Dakota did not respond to interview requests.

Robert Shepherd is a former chairman of Sisseton-Oayte tribe that has most of its land in northeastern South Dakota and a sliver in southeastern North Dakota. He has been a longtime promoter of hemp for the tribe because it's a cash crop that can be grown on the rough reservation land without much attention or chemicals.

"It can really be an economic engine for the tribes," Shepherd said.

Dave Archambault II, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota and South Dakota, said in December his tribe might consider cultivating hemp, though the federal government would have to allow interstate transport for it to be a profitable venture.

Monson, who along with North Dakota farmer Wayne Hauge have been battling the federal government on this issue for years, said he's going to let the North Dakota agriculture commissioner and college researchers take the lead before he runs out to plant hemp.

"When you get to the ability to prosecute someone who owns farmland and machinery, that is your livelihood, do I trust them not to prosecute me for raising industrial hemp?" Monson asked. "Not enough to go out and plant it."

Former Secy of State Madeleine Albright to speak at SDSU

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will visit South Dakota later this year.

Albright will speak at South Dakota State University as part of the second annual Daschle Dialogues, whose intent is to bring nationally relevant figures to the school's campus in Brookings. Albright will be joined on stage by SDSU alumnus and former U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle.

Albright became the country's first female secretary of state in 1996. She chairs the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, serves as the president of the Truman Scholarship Foundation and is a member of the U.S. Defense Department's Defense Policy Board. In 2012, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of her contributions to international peace and democracy.

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Her free presentation is scheduled for Oct. 13.

Native youth kick off Generation Indigenous challenge

SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Janay Jumping Eagle is on a mission to curb teen suicide in her hometown on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Dahkota Brown of the Wilton Band of Miwok Indians in California wants to keep American Indian and Alaska Native students on track toward graduation.

The teenagers are at the heart of Generation Indigenous, or Gen-I, a White House initiative that kicked off this week with a brainstorming session that happened to coincide with tens of thousands of indigenous people gathering in New Mexico for the Gathering of Nations, North America's largest powwow.

The Generation Indigenous program stems from a visit last year by President Barack Obama to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. Meetings followed, the president called for his cabinet members to conduct listening tours, tribal youth were chosen as ambassadors and a national network was formed.

The goal is to remove barriers that stand in the way of tribal youth reaching their potential, said Lillian Sparks Robinson, a member of the Rosebud Sioux and an organizer of Thursday's Gen-I meeting.

"This is a community-based, community-driven initiative. It is not something that's coming from the top down. It's organic," she said.

The teens are coming up with their own ideas to combat problems in their respective communities.

For example, a string of seven suicides by teenagers in recent months has shaken Pine Ridge, and close to 1,000 suicide attempts were recorded on the reservation over a nearly 10-year period. Jumping Eagle, a high school sophomore, said her older cousin was one of them.

"That was really devastating. I just wanted to at least try to stop it from happening and I'm still trying," she said, noting that a recent basketball tournament she organized as part of her Gen-I challenge to bring awareness and share resources with schoolmates was a success.

Brown, 16, said he sees Gen-I as a tool to "shine a light on the positive things that are happening in Indian country rather than all the other bad statistics that go along with being a Native teen."

From New Mexico's pueblos to tribal communities in the Midwest and beyond, federal statistics show nearly one-third of Native youth live in poverty, they have the highest suicide rates of any ethnicity in the U.S., and they have the lowest high school graduation rate of students across all schools. And for American Indians and Alaska Natives overall, alcoholism mortality is more than 500 percent higher than the general population.

Federal agencies are working with the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute to pull off Generation Indigenous, and the White House is planning a tribal youth gathering in July in Washington, D.C.

In one of her last tasks before passing on the Miss Indian World crown, Taylor Thomas spoke to Gen-I participants Thursday. She shared with them her tribe's creation story, which centers on the idea that every animal, plant and person has a purpose. She encouraged the teens to be leaders.

"No matter the difficulties we have in our communities, we have so many bright lights shining from all over Indian country. And when I say that I'm talking about all of you," she told the crowd of about 300.

Guitarist Jack White holds surprise show in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Former White Stripes front man Jack White played his first show in the Dakotas when his mysterious acoustic tour made a stop in Rapid City.

Friday's show at the Performing Arts Center of Rapid City was one of five the rock and blues guitarist says he's hosting in states where he hasn't yet played before he takes a long break from performing live. He has now played pop-up shows in four states over the last week.

White announced Friday morning that he would be playing the show that evening in Rapid City. Tickets were sold only at the Ernie November music store and hundreds of fans lined up along Main Street for a chance to grab a seat for only \$3.

Many fans of the man who's also led The Dead Weather and the Raconteurs skipped work to get one of the 700 tickets available.

"It rewards the slackers," Dan Ames, a graphic designer, jokingly told the Rapid City Journal.

The performances so far have been the eccentric guitarist's first acoustic-only shows. He's been joined by fiddler Fats Kaplin, singer-fiddler Lillie Mae Rische and bass guitarist Dominic Davis.

The quartet uses ribbon microphones, a technology dating to the 1920s that remains valued for its amplification characteristics.

White has been touring since he released his second solo album, the Grammy-nominated "Lazaretto," last summer.

White and now ex-wife Meg White launched the White Stripes in the late 1990s. The duo's bluesy, garage-rock sound won wide acclaim.

In 2007, the White Stripes canceled their fall tour, citing acute anxiety suffered by Meg White. Performances scrubbed included dates in Boise, Idaho; Rapid City, South Dakota; Fargo, North Dakota; and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

White has only yet to Fargo. He also played Anchorage, Alaska earlier this week.

Flandreau-based egg company on high-alert for bird flu

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — A Flandreau-based company that houses about one-third of the egg-laying chickens in South Dakota is taking extra precautions as a deadly bird flu spreads at turkey and chicken farms throughout the Upper Midwest.

Officials at Dakota Layers say they're increasing their biosecurity measures to keep a highly contagious strain of avian influenza out of their flock of 1 million hens that lay approximately 1 million eggs a day. The H5N2 virus has cost turkey and chicken producers in the Midwest over 7 million birds since early March.

U.S. agriculture officials say the food supply is safe.

At Dakota Layers, vehicles that come onto the grounds are disinfected, visitors are kept at a minimum and employees are instructed to keep a close eye on where they've been and to avoid contact with birds outside of work, KELO-TV reported (<http://bit.ly/1JmMPBv>).

So far, six turkey farms have been affected in South Dakota and nearly 290,000 birds have died. No chicken farms in the state have been affected yet, but there have been outbreaks at chicken farms in the bordering states of Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota.

"We're trying to limit the amount of traffic coming in," said Dakota Layers Vice President Jason Ramsdell. "The traffic that does come in, we're trying to reroute them to stay away from the zones that have been infected. Just paying real close attention to that so we aren't accidentally bringing in the avian influenza into our facility."

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Ramsdell said there hasn't been a concern like this since the company began operations about 13 years ago.

"Since we've started there's not been any type of disease like this that makes you worried about your entire facility," he said.

Dakota Layers says it's putting together a contingency plan just in case the facility is infected. That plan includes using eggs from other companies to keep up with customer demand.

Sioux Falls expected to spend up to \$1M to upgrade parks

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials in Sioux Falls are expected to spend upward of \$1 million to upgrade five city parks they believe need it most.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/1ErICt7>) Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation plans to renovate five parks in the northern and central parts of the city that could use extra attention.

Much of the work will include replacing or adding playgrounds, basketball courts and picnic shelters. Lighting and drainage improvements are also on tap for a couple of parks.

Mayor Mike Huether challenged the parks department to deviate from its typical cycle of improvements and identify some parks that could use upgrades sooner rather than later.

Park Development Specialist Tory Miedema says increasing safety standards and aging equipment are the primary reasons for replacing playgrounds at four of the parks.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. WHY DEATH TOLL IS EXPECTED TO RISE IN NEPAL

The condition of vulnerable mountain villages that rescue workers are still struggling to reach two days after the earthquake could raise the casualty count of 3,700.

2. HOW LOVED ONES ARE REACHING OUT

Nepalese expats are trying to reach trapped victims through global messaging apps, Facebook and their cellphones.

3. COLORADO THEATER SHOOTING TRIAL BEGINS

The long-awaited trial of James Holmes, the man who killed 12 people at a packed Batman movie premiere, gets underway with opening statements.

4. BIG CROWDS EXPECTED FOR FREDDIE GRAY FUNERAL

Thousands of people, including an Obama aide, are attending services of a man who died after sustaining serious spinal injuries in the custody of Baltimore police.

5. WHAT'S NEXT ON IRAN FRONT

The Senate plunges into a high-stakes debate this week over empowering Congress to review and possibly reject any nuclear deal with Tehran.

6. MYSTERY DEEPENS ABOUT SHOOTING AT PENITENTIARY

AP's Ken Ritter finds that a tough Nevada prison was not forthcoming when it declared an inmate guilty of murder in a brawl with a fellow prisoner.

7. STARBUCKS SNAFU SHOWS HOW REGISTERS HAVE EVOLVED

Registers that once rang up tabs and stored cash have evolved into hubs that can collect enormous volumes of data and carry out many tasks.

8. TSARNAEV'S LIFE ON LINE

Lawyers for the Boston Marathon bomber return to federal court to make their case that he should be spared the death penalty.

9. CLINTON FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGES MISTAKES

As Hillary Rodham Clinton readies a presidential run, the global philanthropy is working to remedy missteps in how it disclosed donors.

10. WHO WON BIG AT DAYTIME EMMYS

"General Hospital" and "The Young and the Restless" were the top winners with three trophies each, while the latter shared the best drama series with "Days of Our Lives."

AP News in Brief

Rescuers struggle to reach villages near Nepal quake epicenter as death toll tops 3,700

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The death toll from Nepal's earthquake soared past 3,700 Monday, and how much higher it would rise depended largely on the condition of vulnerable mountain villages that rescue workers were still struggling to reach two days after the disaster.

Reports received so far by the government and aid groups suggest that many communities perched on mountainsides are devastated or struggling to cope. Udav Prashad Timalina, the top official for the Gorkha district, near the epicenter of Saturday's quake, said he was in desperate need of help.

"There are people who are not getting food and shelter. I've had reports of villages where 70 percent of the houses have been destroyed," he said.

He said 223 people had been confirmed dead in the district but he presumed "the number would go up because there are thousands who are injured."

Saturday's magnitude 7.8 earthquake spread horror from Kathmandu to small villages and to the slopes of Mount Everest, triggering an avalanche that buried part of the base camp packed with foreign climbers preparing to make their summit attempts.

Reconstruction may cost over \$5 billion, police say Nepal quake death toll is 3,617

Aid group World Vision says its staff members were able to reach Gorkha district, where Saturday's magnitude 7.8 quake was centered, but gathering information from the villages remains a challenge.

The group says that some of the remote areas can be three days' walk from the main disaster center in Gorkha even when the roads are clear.

"These remote areas don't have any search or rescue operations assistance as of this time. In some of the remote areas staff heading out for assessments are finding both the road and the trails blocked by landslides, making access extremely difficult," World Vision said in an email to The Associated Press.

"In those villages that have been reached, the immediate needs are great including the need for search and rescue, food items, blankets and tarps, and medical treatment."

Suspect in Colorado theater shooting trial faces long odds with insanity defense

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — The key to the death penalty trial of a man who methodically shot at moviegoers at a Batman movie premiere will be what was going on inside his mind as he threw smoke

canisters and then marched up and down the aisles, firing at anyone who tried to flee.

James Holmes acknowledges killing 12 people and wounding 70 more inside the packed theater, but has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. His lawyers will argue that he was too addled by mental illness to tell right from wrong.

And unlike most other states, Colorado puts the burden on prosecutors in insanity cases: They must convince jurors beyond a reasonable doubt that Holmes was sane. It adds another obstacle for a state that has already spent millions to manage an outsized number of victims, hundreds of witnesses and more than 85,000 pages of evidence.

Even so, experts say Holmes faces long odds. Insanity defenses are successful in only 25 percent of felony trials nationally, even less so in homicides.

"Lay people tend to think of people with mental illness as extremely dangerous, and that also influences jurors, especially if someone has killed someone," said Christopher Slobogin, a professor of law and psychiatry at Vanderbilt Law School. "Usually there's evidence of intent and planning that seems to be counterintuitive to the lay view of mental illness."

Thousands expected at Monday funeral for 25-year-old Baltimore man who died in police custody

BALTIMORE (AP) — Thousands were expected Monday at a funeral for a man who died after sustaining serious spinal injuries while in the custody of Baltimore police.

Funeral services were planned for 11 a.m. EDT Monday for Freddie Gray, the 25-year-old black man who died April 19 after an encounter days earlier with police left him with grave spinal injuries. Pastor Jamal Bryant, who was to deliver Gray's eulogy, said he expected Baltimore's New Shiloh Baptist Church to be filled for the service. A cemetery burial was to follow.

In Washington, the White House said the head of President Barack Obama's initiative for young men of color would attend. Broderick Johnson, chairman of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force and a Baltimore native, is to be joined by two other administration officials, a White House statement said.

Mourners who didn't even know Gray filed in a steady stream for hours into a funeral home for his wake Sunday afternoon. Some supporters stood outside the Vaughn Green East funeral home with signs that read, "We remember Freddie" and "Our Hearts Are With The Gray Family."

Inside, mourners passed by Gray's silk-draped, white coffin where he lay dressed in a white shirt, black pants, white sneakers and an all-white Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap. Above the lid to the coffin was a floral arrangement and inside the lid was a pillow with a screen-printed picture of Gray flanked by doves and the quote, "Peace, Y'all" at the bottom edge.

Backers of Senate bill to give Congress a say on Iran nuclear deal swatting away amendments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate plunges into a high-stakes debate this week over empowering Congress to review and possibly reject any nuclear deal with Iran, offering Republican presidential candidates a chance to prove their hawkishness toward Iran and support for Israel.

Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida wants to add a provision requiring the Obama administration to certify that Iran's leaders have publicly accepted Israel's right to exist, a nearly impossible mandate.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas isn't satisfied with the bill's process in which Congress could disapprove of the deal. He and Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania want lawmakers to approve the final deal.

Proponents of the bill are trying to discourage any changes to the legislation that has the tacit ap-

proval of President Barack Obama. They recognize that politically-driven amendments could undermine Democratic support and sink the carefully crafted measure.

"Anybody who monkeys with this bill is going to run into a buzz saw," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a possible White House candidate, warned ahead of this week's debate.

Convicted Boston Marathon bomber's life is on the line as defense argues against execution

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's life is on the line as his lawyers return to federal court to make their case that he should be spared the death penalty.

Tsarnaev's defense team is set to begin presenting witnesses Monday in the penalty phase of his trial — the stage that will determine whether he is executed or spends the rest of his life behind bars.

Tsarnaev, 21, already has been convicted of 30 federal charges in the twin bombings that killed three spectators and injured more than 260 others near the marathon's finish line on April 15, 2013. Seventeen of those charges carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Prosecutors are pushing for his execution. Their case in this second phase of the trial lasted just three days. Tsarnaev's defense is expected to take up to two weeks.

His lawyers' primary task will be to humanize Tsarnaev and undermine prosecutors' depiction of him as a ruthless and heartless terrorist who placed a bomb just feet from a group of children and targeted the marathon for maximum bloodshed.

Deadly Nevada prison brawl stokes mystery about guards, gunshots and 'gladiator-style' fight

LAS VEGAS (AP) — This much is certain: Two handcuffed inmates at one of Nevada's toughest prisons brawled in a hallway, and one ended up dead from several shotgun blasts. The other was declared guilty of murder, even though he never touched a gun.

Prison officials acknowledged the death in November with only a short statement, and for months they never mentioned that a weapon was involved or that it had been fired by a trainee guard. Since then, the mystery of the shooting near the showers in a segregation unit at High Desert State Prison has only deepened.

Now attorneys for both inmates are accusing prison guards of instigating the fight to set up a gladiator-style contest and then trying to cover it up by blaming the surviving prisoner.

Prison officials have been slow to release essential details, and they recently withdrew the murder allegation after disclosing the trainee's involvement.

The many lingering questions have drawn in elected officials, too, with the attorney general reviewing an investigation and the governor promising to help get to the bottom of the incident.

American war veterans return to Vietnam to confront past, find sun and solace on 'China Beach'

DANANG, Vietnam (AP) — When Richard Parker left Vietnam in 1970, he planned to leave his memories of napalm attacks firmly in the past. Instead, as time marched on, they haunted him.

"We were the bad guys," Parker, now 65, said of the American war effort in Vietnam. "I had some ghosts I had to face down."

In 2011, Parker flew from Illinois to Danang, a central Vietnamese city where he had worked for 22

months as a builder in the Navy. First he visited nearby places he still remembered, including a mountain pass where he had seen shooting.

On the same trip, a Vietnamese man who once worked for the Marines introduced Parker to some American veterans who lived in Danang full time. Parker enjoyed meeting them and seeing the country in a new light — so much so that he moved to Danang a few months later.

The presence of American war veterans in today's Vietnam — and the warm welcome they usually receive (LDK1) — is yet another sign of how much the U.S.-Vietnamese relationship has evolved since the countries normalized relations in 1995.

Lauer, DeGeneres help Daytime Emmys make racy return to TV; Betty White gets lifetime award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Lauer and Ellen DeGeneres helped the Daytime Emmys make a gender-bending return to television with a comedy bit involving pasties and black stockings — and not worn by DeGeneres.

"General Hospital" and "The Young and the Restless" were the top winners Sunday with three trophies each, while the latter shared the best drama series award with "Days of Our Lives."

The ceremony opened with a pretaped segment in which Lauer and DeGeneres agreed to end their faux feud. The punchline: DeGeneres had sneakily edited the tape to put Lauer's head atop a man's chiseled body clad only in tasseled pasties, briefs and lace-topped stockings.

It was reminiscent of a previous DeGeneres prank on her talk show in which she doctored a Lauer "Fifty Shades of Grey" cast interview to show him in a similar outfit, whip and all.

The "Today" host, or his shimmying facsimile, agreed to donate a thousand dollars to an unspecified charity each time he was thanked by winners during the ceremony.

No perfect strategy for building a big league bullpen, but depth, flexibility help

DETROIT (AP) — When the Detroit Tigers signed Joe Nathan before the 2014 season, they expected baseball's active saves leader to simply keep rolling. After a few too many bad outings, they traded for a backup plan in Joakim Soria, widely considered the top reliever on the market.

That didn't work either — Soria had an oblique injury and by the time the playoffs began, it seemed as though the Tigers had accomplished little with their bullpen.

That's not organizational dysfunction or a problem for only the Tigers. Every team faces the fickle nature of relief pitching — that combination of factors that makes it difficult to predict how late-inning pitchers will perform season to season.

Relievers generally aren't as consistent as starters or hitters, Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said.

"You're doing your best to find them. Sometimes guys get injured. Sometimes when they're real good, they pitch a lot," Dombrowski said. "If they pitch a lot, then the next year they're not quite as effective."

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Today in History

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Today is Monday, April 27, the 117th day of 2015. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 27, 1865, in America's worst maritime disaster, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000. Cornell University was established as New York Gov. Reuben E. Fenton signed a measure approving its charter.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, took place, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin, Inc. of New York.

In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, New York, two days after turning 57.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

Ten years ago: Touting technology as a way to solve the country's energy problems, President George W. Bush called for construction of more nuclear power plants and urged Congress to give tax breaks for fuel-efficient hybrid and clean-diesel cars. Russian President Vladimir Putin became the first Kremlin leader to visit Israel. The Airbus A380, the world's largest jetliner, made its maiden flight as it took off from Blagnac, France, and returned four hours later.

Five years ago: Defending his company against blistering criticism, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, Lloyd Blankfein, told a Senate hearing that clients who'd bought subprime mortgage securities from the Wall Street powerhouse in 2006 and 2007 came looking for risk "and that's what they got." Former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was extradited from the United States to France, where he was later convicted of laundering drug money and received a seven-year sentence. Thomas Hagan, the only man to admit shooting Malcolm X, was freed on parole. University of Washington president Mark Emmert was selected as president of the NCAA.

One year ago: Two 20th-century popes who'd changed the course of the Roman Catholic church become saints as Pope Francis honored John XXIII and John Paul II; Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI joined him in the first celebration of Mass by a serving and retired pontiff in the church's 2,000-year history. In a rare acknowledgement, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called the Nazi Holocaust "the most heinous crime" of modern history. A tornado tore through parts of Arkansas, killing 16 people. Lydia Ko birdied the final hole for her third LPGA Tour victory and first as a professional in the inaugural Swinging

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Skirts LPGA Classic, three days after celebrating her 17th birthday.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anouk Aimee is 83. Actress Judy Carne is 76. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 71. Singer Ann Peebles is 68. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 66. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 66. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 64. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 56. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 53. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 50. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 46. Actor David Lascher is 43. Actress Maura West is 43. Actress Sally Hawkins is 39. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 37. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 37. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 36. Actress Ari Graynor is 32. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 31. Pop singer Nick Noonan (Karmin) is 29. Actor William Moseley is 28. Actress Emily Rios is 26. Singer Allison Iraheta is 23.

Thought for Today: "The newest computer can merely compound, at speed, the oldest problem in the relations between human beings, and in the end the communicator will be confronted with the old problem, of what to say and how to say it." - Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965).