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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.

Noon: Track meet in Groton

Wednesday, April 29

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

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, green beans, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, cake, whole wheat bread.

7:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran confirmation and league.

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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)



A large group of instructors were on hand to give the program overview for the Special Education and Title/RtI programs at the school board meeting Monday night.

Special Ed/Title programs highlighted at board meeting

Six instructors from the K-12 Special Education program and three from K-5 Title/RtI program gave their program overviews. They talked about how successful the programs are and how the support staff are making it all successful.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported on the basketball hoops in the elementary gym. He said that all of the hoops were loose and the person who had installed them was concerned at the very beginning that they may not hold up. Dalchow said Mike Nehls and Don Donley fixed them and as a result saved the district a lot of money.

Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan reported on the recent lock-down. "It's a very, very routine procedure," she said. "I was blown away at how smoothly it went. I'm relieved that everyone knows what to do during a lock-down."

Schwan also reported that more parental support is needed for all aspects of the prom. She said it is too much for three advisors to prepare for the prom and post-prom activities and decorating.

Taylor Gustafson earned the Student's Choice award for her colored pencil drawing, "Forte," as well as the Student's Choice Award for her charcoal drawing "Why Me." It was part of the All-Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition held April 24 at the Granary.

There was discussion on the elementary math curriculum and it was recommended to stay with the current math program. Programs in Ipswich and Britton were evaluated.

Greg Kjellsen talked about 7-12 math. He said the current program is "challenging and practical in every day application."

The math books for K-12 are 12-15 years old and will need to be replaced in the near future. Darlene Johnson said the sixth graders need updated math books and to transition into the Chicago series.

The board approved the resignation of Cheryl Hanson as middle school math instructor and has accepted a position at Aberdeen Central High School. She has been in Groton for 22 years.

The resignation/retirement of Doug Bahr as custodian was accepted and will be effective at the end of this school year.

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The board accepted the resignation of Jill Hansmeier as a para at the end of the school year.

Desiree Yeigh was hired as a middle school instrumental teacher. Yeigh has previously taught at Viborg-Hurley for three years and the last two years in Miller.

Kim Weber was hired as the OST coordinator for the 2015-16 school year.

Business Mike Weber talked about the health insurance changes. Double premiums will be taken out in June. Employees will have the option to take out the whole double payment in June or have payments for four months and that decision will need to be made by May 20th or the whole payment will be taken out in June.

The board adopted a six-tier plan that employees can choose from for health insurance.

PARTS COUNTER SALES

Self motivated individual needed to fill our Parts Counter Sales position. Duties include parts sales, display stocking, shipping and receiving. Sponsored training, excellent benefits package and the possibility for advancement. Contact Steve at 605-395-6421 or email resume to s.harry@harrysinc.com.

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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

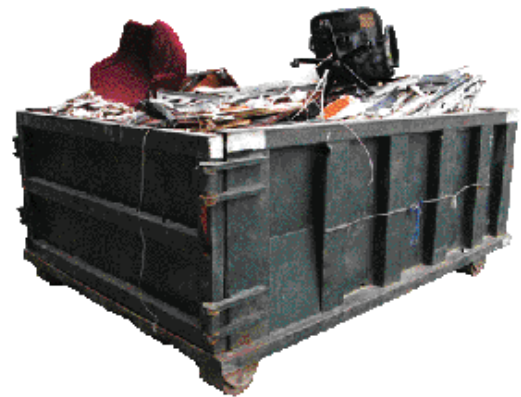


Each paid reservation (by April 30) receives a 20% off one reg price item coupon (one per family)

Oldebankfloral@nvc.net
605-397-8650

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
10 E Railroad Ave

Or Call City Hall at
397-8422 for
free hauling May 4-8

Today in Weather History

1921 - A severe hailstorm in Anson County, NC, produced hail the size of baseballs. Gardens, grain fields and trees were destroyed. Pine trees in the storm's path had to be cut for lumber because of the hail damage. (The Weather Channel)

1928 - A coastal storm produced tremendous late season snows in the Central Appalachians, including 35 inches at Bayard WV, 31 inches at Somerset PA, and 30 inches at Grantsville MD. High winds accompanying the heavy wet snow uprooted trees and unroofed a number of homes. The storm caused great damage to fruit trees and wild life. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Twenty cities in the western and central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 95 degrees at Houston TX, 95 degrees at Lake Charles LA, and 94 degrees at Port Arthur TX, were April records. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Miami, FL, hit 92 degrees, marking a record eight days of 90 degree heat in the month of April. Squalls produced snow in the Washington D.C. area. Belvoir VA reported a temperature reading of 57 degrees at the time the snow began. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Strong northerly winds and heavy snow ushered cold air into the north central U.S. Snowfall totals in Montana ranged up to 20 inches at Miles City. Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Texas to the Southern Appalachians and the southern Ohio Valley. Hail four and a half inches in diameter was reported at Keller TX and White Settlement TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

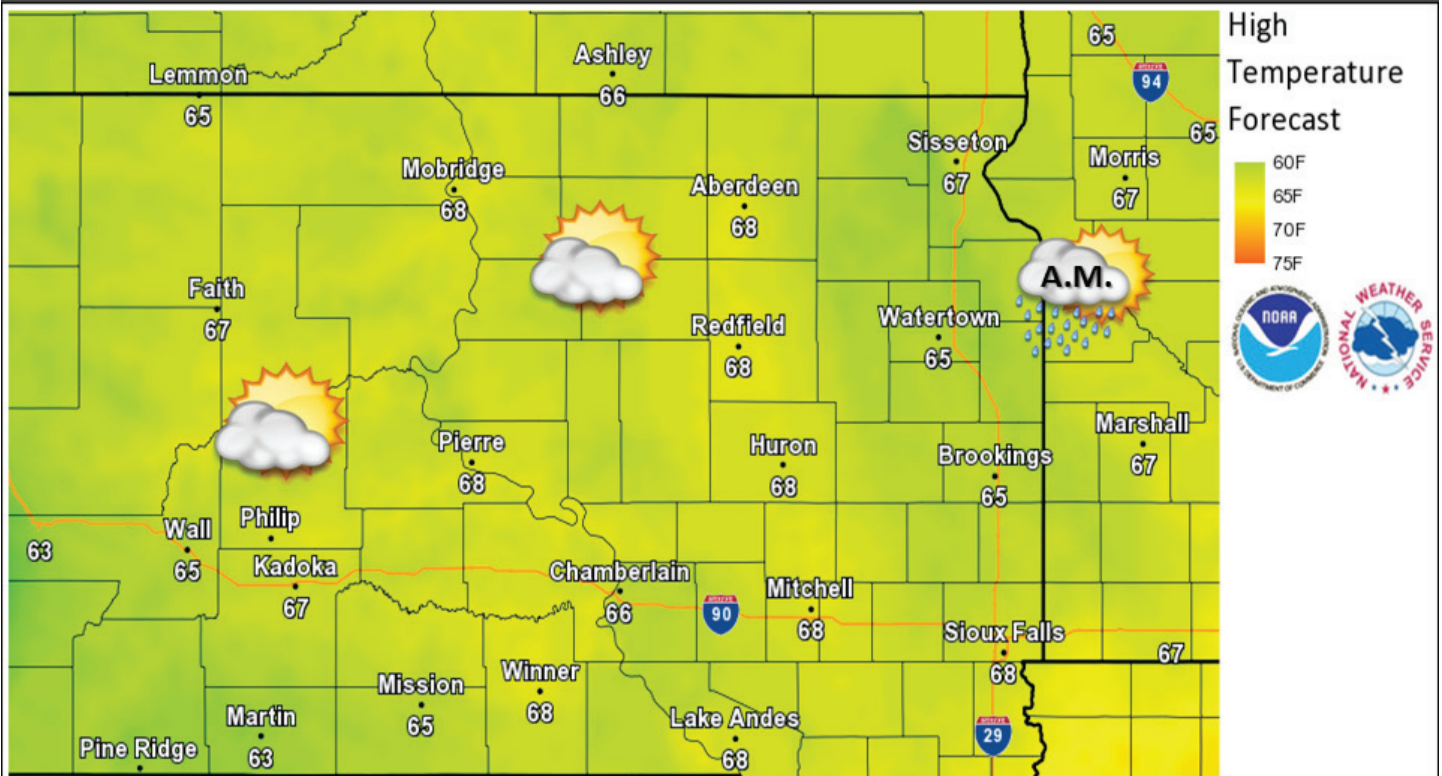
1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S. during the day. Severe thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes, including one which injured four persons at Inman SC. There were also more than one hundred reports of large hail and damaging winds, with better than half of those reports in Georgia. Strong thunderstorm winds injured four people at Sadler's Creek SC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) Twenty-nine cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 80s and lower 90s. Highs of 88 degrees at Binghamton NY, 94 degrees at Buffalo NY, 89 degrees at Erie PA, 90 degrees at Newark NJ, 93 degrees at Rochester NY and 92 degrees at Syracuse NY, were records for the month of April. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Sunny
High: 68 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 75 °F

Pleasant Temperatures Today



Valid ending Tuesday April 28th, 2015 at 7 PM CDT

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Scattered light rain showers will affect northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota early this morning. Otherwise, mostly cloudy skies this morning will give way to increasing sunshine through the morning and early afternoon. High temperatures will top out in the upper 60s, with light winds over central South Dakota, transitioning to a northerly breeze over eastern portions of the forecast area.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 73.3 at 5:48 PM

Low: 32.6 at 6:39 AM

High Gust: 26 at 7:37 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 1934

Record Low: 19° in 2008

Average High: 63°F

Average Low: 37°F

Average Precip in April.: 1.59

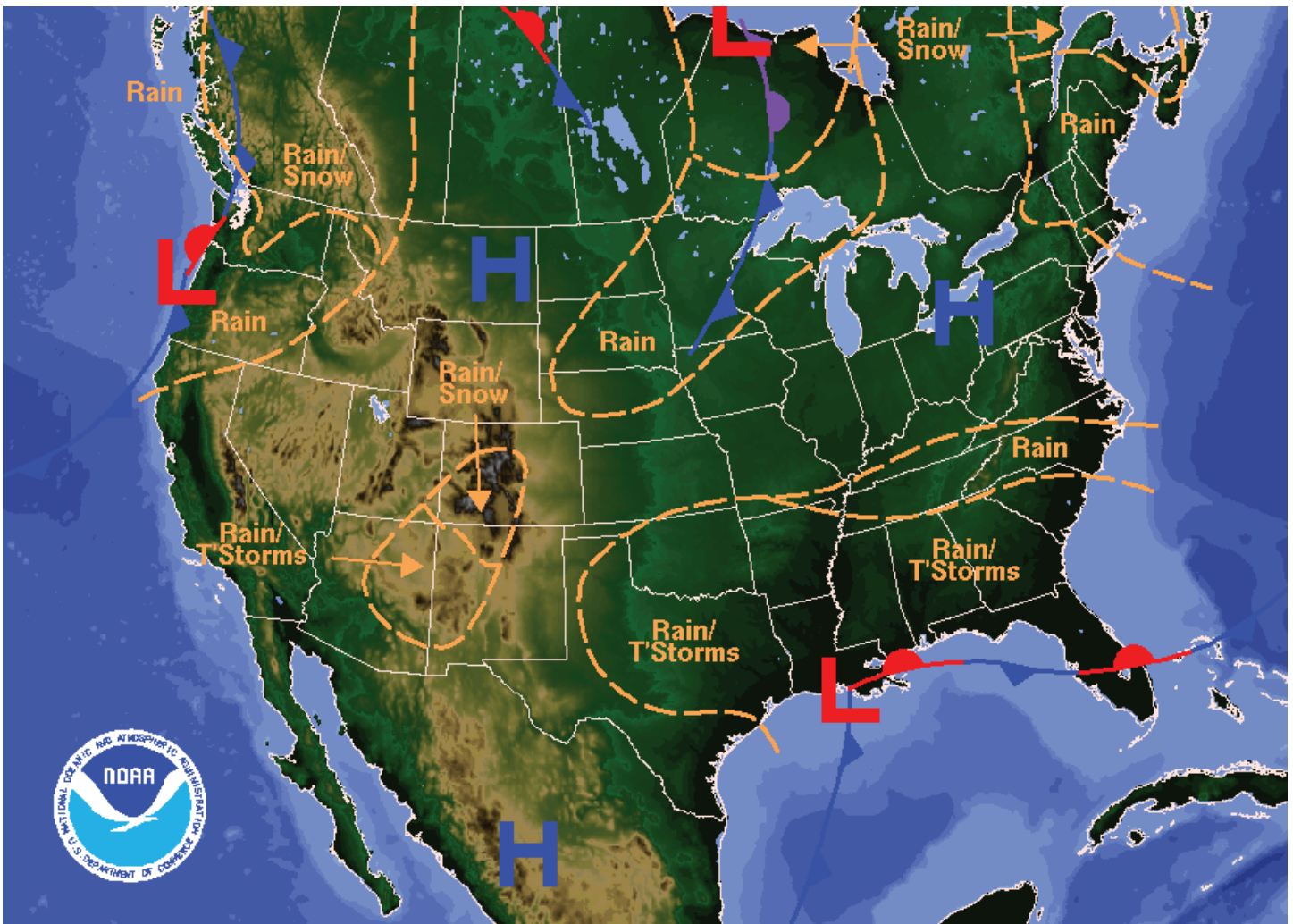
Precip to date in April.: 0.47

Average Precip to date: 3.77

Precip Year to Date: 0.94

Sunset Tonight: 8:36 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:25 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Apr 28, 2015, issued 2:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A MOTHER'S DESIRED NAME

Whenever we had any need, we would say "Ma!" If we faced a problem, were in trouble, had a banged up knee or a cut or bruise, we would still say "Ma." Often it would be "Thanks, Ma" or "Please, Ma?" even "Ma, why me?" or "Ma! I need help!" But all of us called her "Ma." It contained feelings of warmth and comfort, reassurance in times of trouble and difficulty, or happy smiles and laughing voices on special occasions. Now it brings precious memories of a saint reading her Bible, kneeling quietly in prayer for her children, or leading a large number of children from Garfield Elementary School to Broadway Baptist Church for a Child Evangelism class. She deserved to be called blessed!

Solomon raised the bar on motherhood to its highest level when he wrote, "Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praises her." This verse suggests a scene at a banquet or special gathering when children gather together and publicly announce to the world that their mother is worthy of being called "Blessed." It is not a term that is used to praise God. Its strict use is for one person to praise another person for some outstanding accomplishment. In this instance, it is children praising their mother for her influence on and in their lives by imparting God's wisdom as their foundation for successful living and the benefits they have received from applying it to their lives.

The husband is also part of the celebration and "he also praises her." What a beautiful picture of a family! Too often we hear of dysfunctional families, broken families, single-parent families, blended families and neglected families - every type of family imaginable except families that have a mother who is called "blessed" by her children and "praised" by her husband.

We desperately need homes filled with such mothers.

Prayer: God, give us Christian homes! Homes where the Bible is taught and lived and homes filled with Your love! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

News from the Associated Press

Residents of the Dakotas affected by Nepal earthquake

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota doctor is planning to travel to his home country of Nepal to help victims of the weekend earthquake that killed thousands of people.

Binod Dhungana is among a dozen people from Nepal who work at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He says his family in Nepal survived, but he has friends there who are suffering.

Others in the Dakotas also have family and friends in Nepal. Nick Schwieters of Bismarck tells The Bismarck Tribune his wife and two of her friends had just left the capital of Kathmandu when the magnitude-7.8 quake struck Saturday, and are safe.

Others are still waiting for word on loved ones. Sarah Bradley of Belle Fourche (foosh) tells KEVN-TV that she's still waiting to hear from her sister, who was hiking in Nepal.

Man attempts to rob Sioux Falls casino, flees with nothing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for a person who tried to rob a casino.

Authorities say a male entered the Rice Street Casino about 10:45 p.m. Monday and demanded money. The suspect did not display a weapon and fled the scene on foot before getting any money.

No injuries were reported.

SD PUC postpones public meeting on Keystone XL pipeline

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Public Utilities Commission has postponed a meeting for the public to provide input to the regulatory board on the portion of the Keystone XL pipeline that would run through South Dakota.

The commission announced Monday the public meeting scheduled for next week would be delayed because members voted earlier in the day to postpone a key hearing on whether to allow construction of the pipeline through South Dakota.

That hearing was supposed to begin next week, a day after the public listening session.

For the project to move forward, regulators must agree that conditions for construction of the pipeline haven't changed since its initial 2010 authorization.

The commission will weigh a new hearing date at its meeting on Thursday.

Deadwood to offer stagecoach rides again this year

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Stagecoach rides return to Deadwood's Main Street this year.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports (<http://bit.ly/1z6Iwqi>) the city commission approved the request by Deadwood Stage Tours, which will operate from just before Memorial Day through Sept. 15.

The rides will start in front of the Deadwood Wild Bill Trading Post, travel up Main Street, turn around in the Wells Fargo parking lot and then down to the Four Aces parking lot or the Lower Main parking lot and back to the starting point.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Elderly victim testifies in 1st Jamaican lottery scam case

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An elderly widow from North Dakota who authorities say was among dozens of victims of a Jamaican lottery scam told jurors in federal court she lost about \$300,000 and borrowed against her insurance policy with the hopes of collecting \$19 million to help her family.

Edna Schmeets, 86, testified Monday in the trial of Sanjay Williams, one of 32 defendants charged in a global case that authorities say involves at least 72 victims, most of them elderly. Several people have pleaded guilty and 14 defendants are awaiting extradition from Jamaica. Williams, who has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering, is the first person to go to trial.

Williams, who is from Jamaica but was arrested when he flew into Charlotte, North Carolina, came into court wearing orange prison clothes and carrying two garbage bags that appeared to contain documents and books. After trial recessed for the day, he asked U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland if he could have a laptop at his desk Tuesday to review DVDs. Hovland agreed.

Schmeets, of Harvey, calmly recounted a series of phone calls from scammers who wanted “another check and another check and another check” from her in order to cover taxes and fees for the purported prize. She said she eventually became suspicious of the lottery, but by that time had emptied her savings account.

“I was feeling pretty bad because they said, ‘Absolutely don’t tell anybody about this,’ until I got the \$19 million,” she said.

One of the banks in Harvey contacted Schmeets’ children about big checks she was writing to Shannon O’Connor in Florida, and eventually the case reached the FBI after the family filed a complaint. FBI Agent Frank Gasper testified Monday he travelled to Florida to interview and arrest O’Connor, and that opened the door to the wide-ranging case.

Prosecutor Nick Chase said in his opening statement that Williams sold lists of potential victims to scammers, known as “lead lists” or “sucker lists.” Some of them were on Williams’ website gamblers-leads.com, Chase said.

Schmeets, whose husband died in 2010, said she was first contacted in the fall of 2011 by someone who identified himself as Newton Bennett. Authorities say she was the first victim in the scam.

“Edna Schmeets was very excited. She thought it was a great opportunity to help her children and grandchildren,” Chase said. “But there was no prize.”

Defense attorney Charlie Stock told jurors that a lot of people accused in the scam used fake names and IDs and said they are not credible witnesses in the case.

“How do you believe any of them?” he asked.

Other victims identified in the case include a 92-year-old man from Charleston, South Carolina, who authorities say mailed an \$80,000 cashier’s check to O’Connor in May 2012, and an elderly South Dakota man who sent a \$14,000 cashier’s check after he was promised \$3.5 million and a 2012 Mercedes.

O’Connor has pleaded guilty.

One of the defendants charged in the case is a prominent Jamaican disc jockey. Deon-ville O’Hara, also known as ZJ Wah Wa, has pleaded guilty.

Jamaican lottery schemes have been happening for many years and prior to 2013 there was little fear of investigation and enforcement, Chase said. There have been new anti-scaming laws and increased enforcement in the last few years, he said.

“Before that the scammers considered themselves to be untouchable,” he said.

Legislative board sets study topics ahead of 2016 session

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers will study county government and the South Dakota High School Activities Association ahead of the 2016 legislative session, the Legislature's Executive Board voted Monday.

The administrative board met in Pierre and approved two studies, and lawmakers are expected to choose an additional inquiry next month. Legislators had the opportunity to vote on topics for the board to consider for study. The subjects they brought forward ranged from workforce development to the expansion of Medicaid.

The board ended up selecting the two most popular topics: a probe of the functions, spending and financing of county government and a review of different aspects of the High School Activities Association such as its oversight, history and authority.

Such studies frequently develop into concrete legislation. The road and bridge funding hike lawmakers passed in March that raises more than \$80 million in its first year came out of a summer study group on highway needs.

Rep. Don Haggard, a Sioux Falls Republican, said the Legislature addressed county transportation issues this session with the road and bridge funding hike. But he said the issue deserves more discussion.

Rep. Jim Bolin, a Republican from Canton, pushed for studying the activities association. Bolin unsuccessfully backed a bill during the 2015 legislative session that would have voided an association policy on transgender student participation in sports.

He said his support for the study partially stemmed from those efforts, but said the examination is important because the association is one of a few organizations in South Dakota that wield a significant amount of power, but don't enjoy a lot of public awareness or understanding.

Association Executive Director Wayne Carney said he thinks it's positive when organizations communicate and educate each other.

House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley, a Brookings Democrat, said he doesn't think the association study should be a priority.

Other groups also are studying issues ahead of the session. The Jolene's Law Task Force put forward mandatory reporter legislation this year and is continuing to work on addressing child sexual abuse. Republican leaders set up a task force to study the education system and re-evaluate how it's funded, and another panel will study the scope of financial, physical and emotional abuse of elders in the state.

75-year-old woman dies following crash in southeast SD

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 75-year-old woman has died from the injuries she sustained in a two-vehicle crash in Vermillion.

The woman has been identified as Rosie Roegiers, of Burbank. The Highway Patrol on Monday said Roegiers died Friday at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Authorities say the incident happened Thursday evening at the intersection of South Dakota Highway 50 bypass and Dakota Street. Roegiers was the front passenger of a 2005 Honda CRV that collided with a 2004 Buick Century.

The Honda's driver and another passenger sustained minor injuries.

The Highway Patrol says charges are pending against the 81-year-old driver of the Buick, who was treated for serious, non-life threatening injuries.

Authorities say alcohol was not a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

State extends emergency declaration for bird flu response

KYLE POTTER, Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Mark Dayton and state officials approved a monthlong extension to a peacetime state of emergency Monday to battle bird flu, acknowledging they still don't know the full scope of an outbreak that has wiped out about a fifth of the turkey population in the nation's largest turkey-producing state.

The deadly virus is spreading in Minnesota by the day. Its toll more than doubled in the last week — 55 turkey farms had been hit as of Monday, costing farmers more than 3 million birds. Infected flocks have been slated for slaughter faster than the state can euthanize them to contain the virus.

"We're dealing with a continuing, escalating situation," Dayton said.

The costs have increased drastically, too. While state agencies leading the response efforts originally asked for about \$900,000, state budget officials said Monday they need \$7.3 million over the next year.

The extension approved Monday by the Democratic governor and his cabinet officials allows the state to continue overseeing a growing response plan. The federal government has sent in more than 100 staff to Minnesota, and Dayton has mobilized the National Guard to deliver water used in the euthanizing process.

But the state is still awaiting money from the Legislature. State House and Senate negotiators were due to meet Tuesday afternoon to iron out a compromise on some emergency funding. Lawmakers are also still trying to work out a contingency plan for state agencies to access emergency funds if the outbreak worsens over the spring, Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk said.

Dayton urged the Legislature to get it done quickly, and not by adding it into a larger budget bill that could stretch out the process and force the governor to agree to policy measures he dislikes.

"It's too important to get bound up in a lot of other agendas," he said.

With that funding comes the needed approval for the state to dole out federal funding to reimburse farmers whose flocks were euthanized. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, made the case to the federal government Monday that farmers should be paid for every bird lost — including those that died from the virus.

Dayton said it may be years before the deadly outbreak is completely under wraps, but state officials insisted they're taking the right steps.

"We are in control," Department of Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson said.

Giraffe from South Dakota zoo to be sent to Japan

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A young giraffe from a South Dakota zoo is about to begin an overseas trip to a new home.

The almost 2-year-old giraffe from the Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum of Natural History in Sioux Falls is being sent to Zoorasia in Yokohama, Japan.

Elizabeth Whealey is the zoo's president and chief executive officer. Whealey says the male giraffe would have never become a father in a North American zoo, but it will provide a new genetic strain to Asian facilities.

The 11-foot-6 giraffe named JPed was born at the South Dakota zoo in 2013. It will begin its journey to Japan Tuesday when a towering truck takes it on a ride to Boerne, Texas, where it will be quarantined. A plane will later take the giraffe to Yokohama.

An explanation of wild birds' role in avian flu outbreak

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Wild birds are believed to be behind the first major widespread outbreak of bird flu in the United States. The H5N2 virus has cost Midwestern turkey and chicken producers more than 13 million birds since early March, including several new cases announced in Iowa and Minnesota on Monday. Here are some questions and answers about how wild birds remain healthy even when carrying and spreading the virus.

HOW DID THE VIRUS ARRIVE STATESIDE?

Disease experts believe a portion of it came from European and Asian strains of bird flu that readily cause illness and death in birds and mixed with a North American strain that was less likely to cause severe illness as birds from different regions crossed migratory paths.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Geological Survey have reported three versions of bird flu in 57 cases confirmed since December, starting first with domestic backyard flocks, wild captive birds and wild aquatic birds in California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Additional cases surfaced in January and February on the West Coast, and by March, cases emerged in the Midwest.

WHICH WILD BIRDS CARRY THE VIRUS?

Bird flu has been found in more than 100 species of wild birds, but most are low pathogenic viruses — present, but don't sicken or kill it. The virus can be left behind in wild birds' feces, on feathers and on the bodies of dead birds. Birds confirmed to have carried the virus currently spreading infection in the United States include ducks, Canada geese and predatory birds.

HOW DOES THE VIRUS GET INTO COMMERCIAL BARNS?

USDA Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. John Clifford has said it's not entirely clear how the virus gets into commercial barns, which are mostly enclosed, but there are likely several ways. In some cases, the virus may enter on clothing or shoes of workers, although commercial operations have strict biosecurity guidelines for changing clothes and disinfecting items. Clifford also speculates wind could be carrying the virus in on dirt particles or feathers through barn ventilation openings. Officials are exploring all possibilities in an effort to identify and eliminate identified pathways, Clifford said.

IS IT THE FIRST SUCH OUTBREAK IN THE U.S.?

It's the first widespread one that's affected millions of commercially raised chickens and turkeys, but there have been sporadic cases of low pathogenic versions before. In 2004, an outbreak of H5N2 was found in a flock of 7,000 chickens in Texas, marking the first outbreak of a high pathogenic strain in 20 years, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

WHAT DO THE NUMBERS AND LETTERS MEAN WHEN IDENTIFYING VIRUS STRAINS?

The numbers specify proteins on the flu virus surface. One set has a long scientific name starting with an H numbering 1-16 and the other has a long name starting with an N and number 1-9. The protein mixture determines whether the virus can attach only to bird cells, infect other animals or attach to human cells. In all, there are 144 ways the proteins can mix to create different versions of the bird flu, ranging from H1N1 to H16N9.

COULD BIRD FLU SICKEN AMERICANS?

There have been no confirmed cases of illness in humans associated with the current H5N2 bird flu virus, leading scientists to believe it cannot easily attach to human cells. There is an increased chance of human infection, the CDC says, because bird flu viruses have been known to mutate into versions that can jump to humans.

WHAT CAN I DO TO AVOID THE BIRD FLU?

The CDC recommends observing wild birds only from a distance and avoiding contact with surfaces

that appear to be contaminated with bird feces. Also, avoid contact with domestic poultry that appear ill or have died and properly handle and cook poultry products.

Drugs found in car of high school student; teen arrested

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls high school student is facing felony charges after police found marijuana and hydrocodone pills in his car.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the car of the 17-year-old was searched after a drug-sniffing dog alerted officers to the car during a random drug check at a lot where some students park their cars near the school.

Officers found 42 grams of marijuana, alcohol, a black ski mask, a “realistic looking” BB gun, bags, scales and two hydrocodone pills.

The charges against the student include possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute in a drug-free zone and possession of a weapon on school grounds.

The school district leases parking spaces from the nearby lot where the car in question was found and sells them to students.

AG warns residents about group seeking funds to rename peak

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning residents about a group that is seeking donations to rename Harney Peak in Pennington County.

Jackley says Black Elk Development of Porcupine is billing itself as the “official and authorized” group for the renaming of the peak, but the group isn’t listed as a charitable organization with the IRS and hasn’t filed key documents with the state.

Moreover, Jackley says, the group has no affiliation with the state board responsible for changing the names of geographic features.

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is currently seeking the public’s input on the proposed name change to Harney Peak. The new suggested name is Black Elk Peak.

The peak was named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in 1855 led a command of soldiers that killed 86 Sioux in Nebraska.

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. Lottery officials announced Monday that Duane Hunsley, of Pierre, claimed the Wild Card 2 prize.

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

McLaughlin man sentenced for threatening officer with knife

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A McLaughlin man convicted of assaulting a federal officer has been sentenced to nearly two years in prison.

Twenty-two-year-old Jorge Trujillo was accused of reaching for a knife in the waistband of his pants last August when a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer told him to raise his hands above his head. The of-

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ficer had responded to a report of Trujillo make threats.

Trujillo pleaded guilty in January to a charge of assaulting, resisting and impeding a federal officer. Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Trujillo was recently sentenced to 21 months in custody, to be followed by two years of supervised release.

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. RIOTS ERUPT IN BALTIMORE AFTER FUNERAL OF BLACK MAN WHO DIED IN POLICE CUSTODY

The governor declares a state of emergency and calls in the National Guard to restore order — questions about police response are raised.

2. WAITING FOR HELP IN THE EPICENTER AFTER NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Trucks carrying aid are on their way to affected districts outside the hard-hit and densely-populated Kathmandu valley, and distribution of the food is expected to start today.

3. SUPREME COURT TAKING UP GAY MARRIAGE

All eyes will be on the justices for any signals that they are prepared to rule that the Constitution gives same-sex couples the right to marry in all 50 states in the union.

4. CONFLICTED PORTRAIT OF COLORADO THEATER GUNMAN

Defense lawyers portray James Holmes as a smiling child who enjoyed surfing with his family but who also sensed something was wrong with his mind.

5. TSARNAEV'S LAWYER URGES JURY TO SPARE HIS LIFE

The Boston Marathon bomber's defense contrasts him with his older brother, who was "consumed by jihad" and determined to drag Dzhokhar down his path to terrorism.

6. WHERE IRAQ FACES CHALLENGES DISLODGING ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

Retaking Anbar, a Sunni-dominated desert province captured by Islamic militants last year, is a tall order for a much-diminished Iraqi army as the battles for Tikrit and Ramadi have shown.

7. WHOSE HARD-WON FRIENDSHIP IS PUT TO TEST

Bitter foes decades ago, the U.S. and Vietnam become "frenemies" with a shot at becoming strategic partners.

8. UKRAINE'S REBELS METE OUT ROUGH JUSTICE

In the maelstrom of conflict, summary justice becomes commonplace in rebel-controlled areas, and it targets civilians and combatants alike.

9. WHAT APPLE'S LATEST EARNINGS SHOW

The iPhone continues to fuel the tech giant's financial engine, but its supporting players including the iPad and Macs, are turning in mixed results.

10. IDEA FOR FANS OF FRESH EGGS

Chicken rentals are booming nationwide as residents in cities, suburbs and the countryside flock to the anti-factory, locally sourced food movement.

AP News in Brief

Baltimore riots raise questions about police response; National Guard troops called in

BALTIMORE (AP) — National Guard troops fanned out through the city, shield-bearing police officers blocked the streets and firefighters doused still-simmering blazes early Tuesday as a growing area of Baltimore shuddered from riots following the funeral of a black man who died in police custody.

The violence that started in West Baltimore on Monday afternoon — within a mile of where Freddie Gray was arrested and placed into a police van earlier this month — had by midnight spread to East Baltimore and neighborhoods close to downtown and near the baseball stadium.

It was one of the most volatile outbreaks of violence prompted by a police-involved death since the days of protests that followed the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed black man who was shot and killed during a confrontation with a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, last summer.

At least 15 officers were hurt, including six who remained hospitalized late Monday, police said. Two dozen people were arrested.

State and local authorities pledged to restore order and calm to Baltimore, but quickly found themselves responding to questions about whether their initial responses had been adequate.

Helicopters ferry injured from remote Nepalese villages near earthquake's epicenter

GORKHA, Nepal (AP) — Helicopters crisscrossed the skies above the mountains of Gorkha district Tuesday near the epicenter of the weekend earthquake, ferrying the injured to clinics, and taking emergency supplies back to remote villages devastated by the disaster in Nepal that killed more than 4,400 people across the region.

Around noon, two helicopters brought in eight women from Ranachour village, two of them clutching babies to their breast, and a third heavily pregnant.

"There are many more injured people in my village," said Sangita Shrestha, who was pregnant and visibly downcast as she got off the helicopter. She was quickly surrounded by Nepalese soldiers and policemen and ushered into a waiting van to be taken to a hospital.

The little town of Gorkha, the district's administrative and trading center, is being used as a staging post to get rescuers and supplies to those remote communities after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake. Some villages were reachable only by air after landslides blocked mountain roads.

Some women who came off the helicopters were grimacing and crying in pain and unable to walk or speak, in agony three days after being injured in the quake.

Attorney: Colorado theater shooter studied the brain to find answers to his mental problems

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — After nearly 3 years of mystery, a clearer but conflicted portrait of James Holmes emerged from the first few hours of his trial in the Colorado theater shootings.

In opening statements Monday, defense lawyers portrayed him as a smiling child who enjoyed surfing with his family but who also sensed something was wrong with his mind, even at a young age.

Hoping to find a fix, he set off to study neuroscience at the University of Colorado, but mental illness propelled him to commit the bloody and terrifying attack on a suburban Denver movie theater in July 2012, defense lawyer Katherine Spengler said.

Prosecutors depicted a frighteningly smart killer who methodically planned and carried out a mass murder to make himself feel good and be remembered — knowing all the while that what he was doing was immoral and illegal.

No witnesses testified Monday, but in four hours of opening statements, prosecutors and defense attorneys revealed a wealth of details that had been kept secret for months because of the judge's gag order.

Boston Marathon bomber's lawyer urges jury to spare his life, says he was once 'a good kid'

BOSTON (AP) — Defense lawyers for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev began making their case to spare his life by contrasting him with his older brother, a man they said was "consumed by jihad" and determined to drag his brother down his path to terrorism.

Attorney David Bruck told jurors that Dzhokhar was "a good kid" who was led astray by his increasingly fanatical brother, Tamerlan.

During the defense's opening statement on Monday, Bruck said there is no punishment Tsarnaev can get that would be equal to the suffering of the bombing victims. "There is no evening the scales," he said. "There is no point in trying to hurt him as he hurt because it can't be done."

Three people were killed and more than 260 were wounded when the Tsarnaev brothers set off two pressure-cooker bombs packed with shrapnel near the marathon's finish line on April 15, 2013.

The jury convicted Tsarnaev, 21, earlier this month of all 30 charges against him. During the trial, prosecutors called a long list of people who lost their legs or loved ones in the bombings.

Army starts bringing in aid to Gorkha district, the epicenter of Nepal's monster quake

2.15 p.m. (0830 GMT)

At Dubai International Airport, workers loaded crates packed with relief aid into a Boeing 747 destined for Nepal, just over a four-hour flight away.

The Gulf commercial hub is home to a sprawling logistical and warehouse facility known as International Humanitarian City that is used by United Nations agencies and NGOs to deploy humanitarian aid.

The chief executive of IHC, Shaima al-Zarooni, said relief workers have faced difficulties in delivering needed aid such as temporary shelters, satellite communications gear and medical equipment because of closures and congestion at the airport in Kathmandu.

Supreme Court to take up historic arguments over right of same-sex couples to marry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is set to hear historic arguments in cases that could make same-sex marriage the law of the land.

The justices are meeting Tuesday to offer the first public indication of where they stand in the dispute over whether states can continue defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman, or whether the Constitution gives gay and lesbian couples the right to marry.

The court is hearing extended arguments, scheduled to last 2 ½ hours, which also will explore whether states that do not permit same-sex marriage must nonetheless recognize such unions from elsewhere.

Same-sex couples can marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

The cases before the court come from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, four of the 14 remaining states that allow only heterosexual marriage. Those four states had their marriage bans upheld by the federal appeals court in Cincinnati in November. That is the only federal appeals court that has ruled in favor of the states since the Supreme Court in 2013 struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law.

Iraqi army and militia allies face huge obstacles in dislodging Islamic State group from Anbar

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi forces are on a westward push to retake Anbar, a sprawling Sunni-dominated desert province captured by the Islamic State group in their offensive last year. But as the battles for Tikrit and Ramadi have shown, it will be a hard slog for a much-diminished Iraqi army — especially given Baghdad's reticence to arm Sunni tribesmen and local fears of the Shiite militias backing government forces.

Earlier this month, Iraqi forces captured the northern Sunni-majority city of Tikrit from the Islamic State group, but only with the backing from Iranian-trained and Iran-funded Shiite militias and U.S. airstrikes — methods that cannot work in Anbar province.

The Islamic State is estimated to hold at least 65 percent of the vast province at this point.

The past weeks of seesaw battles in Anbar, with progress in areas like Garma east of Fallujah, a stalemate in the biggest city of Ramadi and an Iraqi rout near Lake Tharthar, show that the army still needs help. But relying on erstwhile Shiite militia allies may not be palatable to locals.

"The Iraqi soldiers fighting in Anbar are not well-trained enough for this battle. Many of the soldiers are there for the money, but the (Shiite militias), they are believers in this fight," said an Iraqi brigadier general involved in the Anbar campaign. "There isn't yet a clear plan to liberate Anbar because of the political and tribal disputes."

Vietnam and the US: From hostility to reconciliation, and the courtship continues

BANGKOK (AP) — After tanks from communist North Vietnam burst through the gates of the Presidential Palace in Saigon 40 years ago Thursday, Washington imposed a punitive economic embargo that kept Hanoi from receiving assistance even from multilateral institutions such as the World Bank.

For decision-makers in Hanoi and Washington, an anniversary more significant to relations today comes this summer: The countries restored diplomatic relations in July 1995. Then-President Bill Clinton also lifted the embargo and brokered a bilateral trade agreement; when he finally visited the Vietnamese capital in 2000, he received a rock-star welcome.

The countries' ties, though strained on issues such as human rights, has grown since then, thanks in part to a mutual rival: China.

Bilateral friendship was formalized in 2013, when Vietnam's President Truong Tan Sang visited the White House and with President Barack Obama launched a "Comprehensive Partnership" for cooperation in political and diplomatic relations, trade and economic ties, defense, the war legacy and many other issues. The two countries pledged respect for "each other's political systems, independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity."

Both countries regard with wariness the offshore territorial claims by Beijing in the South China Sea, including in traditionally Vietnamese waters.

Ukraine's rebels mete out their own rough justice, as leaders struggle to set up courts

KRASNYI PARTYZAN, Ukraine (AP) — A bruised rebel fighter in battle fatigues is tied to a traffic pole, avoiding glances as a crude message hung about his neck flutters in the wind: "I am a marauder. I beat up and robbed my countrymen."

The man's captors were not his foes, but fellow separatist fighters in eastern Ukraine.

In the maelstrom of conflict, summary justice has become commonplace in rebel-controlled areas, and it targets civilians and combatants alike.

Rebel unit commander Alexander Nazarchenko stood a few paces away from the humiliated fighter in the town of Krasnyi Partyzan. He said he consulted with superiors before taking such a drastic measure. The man's offenses, he explained, were particularly outrageous.

"He assaulted a civilian, stole his car, took cash from his relatives," Nazarchenko said. "He said he was borrowing the money, but that isn't exactly how you borrow money."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 118th day of 2015. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 28, 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

On this date:

In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as rebelling crew members of the British ship, led by Fletcher Christian, set the captain, William Bligh, and 18 others adrift in a launch in the South Pacific. (Bligh and most of the men with him reached Timor in 47 days.)

In 1817, the United States and Britain signed the Rush-Bagot Treaty, which limited the number of naval vessels allowed in the Great Lakes.

In 1918, Gavrilo Princip, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1925, the International Exposition of Modern Industrial and Decorative Arts, which gave rise to the term "Art Deco," began a six-month run in Paris.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra recorded "Pennsylvania 6-5000" for RCA Victor.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Supreme Allied commander in Europe; he was succeeded by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered U.S. Marines to the Dominican Republic to protect American citizens and interests in the face of a civil war. Barbra Streisand's first TV special, "My Name Is Barbra," aired on CBS.

In 1974, a federal jury in New York acquitted former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans of charges in connection with a secret \$200,000 contribution to

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President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign from financier Robert Vesco.

In 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo (HEE'-loh) to Honolulu.

In 1990, the musical "A Chorus Line" closed after 6,137 performances on Broadway.

Ten years ago: A military jury at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, condemned Army Sgt. Hasan Akbar to death for the 2003 murders of two officers in Kuwait. (Akbar is appealing his sentence.) More than 100 volunteers joined police in Duluth, Georgia, in searching for Jennifer Wilbanks, a bride-to-be who had vanished two days earlier. (Wilbanks turned up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, having run away on her own.)

Five years ago: Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was worse than officials had believed, and that the federal government was offering to help industry giant BP contain the slick threatening the U.S. shoreline. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown committed a gaffe during his country's short election campaign when an open microphone caught him slamming a voter he'd been trying to win over. (Brown personally apologized to Gillian Duffy for calling her a "bigoted woman" over the issue of immigration.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama arrived in the Philippines on the last stop of a weeklong Asia tour that also included Japan, South Korea and Malaysia. The United States and its European allies hit more than two dozen Russian government officials, executives and companies with new sanctions as punishment for their country's actions in Ukraine. Two dozen tornadoes ripped through Mississippi, killing 14 people.

Today's Birthdays: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Harper Lee is 89. Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 85. Actor Frank Vincent is 78. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 74. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 66. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 65. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 63. Actress Mary McDonnell is 62. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 62. Actress Nancy Lee Grahn (TV: "General Hospital") is 59. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 55. Rapper Too Short is 49. Actress Simbi Khali is 44. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 44. Actor Chris Young is 44. Rapper Big Gipp is 42. Actor Jorge Garcia is 42. Actress Elisabeth Rohm is 42. Actress Penelope Cruz is 41. Actor Nate Richert is 37. Actress Jessica Alba is 34. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 33. Actress Jenna Ushkowitz is 29. Actress Aleisha Allen is 24.

Thought for Today: "It takes a long time to understand nothing." - Edward Dahlberg, American author and critic (1900-1977).