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## Cats anyone?

Anyone want a cat or two? We have two to give away. Contact Paul 397-7460.

### Saturday, May 9

**Birthday:** April Abeln

11:00 a.m.: NEC Track meet in Milbank

### Sunday, May 10

#### Mother's Day

**Birthday:** Lee Hjermstad

**Anniv:** John & Anita Lowary

9:00 a.m.: St. John's Luthern worship.

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran closing day of Sunday School.

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship.

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Sunday School singing.

2:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda for worship.

### Monday, May 11

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

**School Menu:** Shredded beef, sweet tots, romaine salad, fruit.

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk.

**Senior Menu:** Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

## 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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## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 19th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

### Michelle Walter

**JobWise what are you doing today?** Medtronic; Technical Writing Program Manager in Cardiovascular Technical Communication department

**How long have you been working at the current job?** In this role since July 2012; at Medtronic since June 2005

**How did you get your current job?** After I graduated I got an internship in Medtronic Neurological's Tech Comm department. When that ended I started as a contract technical writer in my current department. Nine months later I was hired full time. I was promoted to senior writer, then later became a program manager.

**What year did you graduate from high school?** GHS 2001

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Major: Scientific and Technical Communication

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Learn proper grammar and good written and spoken communication skills. All employers look for those things.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life:** Active volunteer with Twin Cities groups; team leader for the American Heart Association's Twin Cities Heart Walk for at least five years, raising enough to be a VIP walker. At work I'm on the steering committee of the Medtronic Women's Network Minnesota hub.

**Significant Other:** Now engaged to Matt Schwer from Chicago (he currently lives in St. Paul). We met in 2012 on the Internet. No wedding details planned yet.

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I think so. I wish I had learned another language at an earlier age (I only took two semesters of German in college to satisfy Minnesota's undergrad requirements) but that didn't make me fluent. I studied abroad in London in 2004 which exposed me to a lot of different people and ways of life. I worked a couple of internships before starting a permanent job. So I recommend high school and college students get more exposure to other cultures and parts of the world, and experience in the workplace, before graduating.



## Check Your Sump Pump!



The recent dry weather has made sump pumps the last thing on your mind. However, with the threat of 1 to 2 inches of rain, or more, looming on the horizon, today would be a good day to make sure your sump pump is working AND that it's plumbed outside and not in the sanitary sewer system. It might also be a good idea to make sure your sump pump hoses are directed to the curb and not laying around your house.

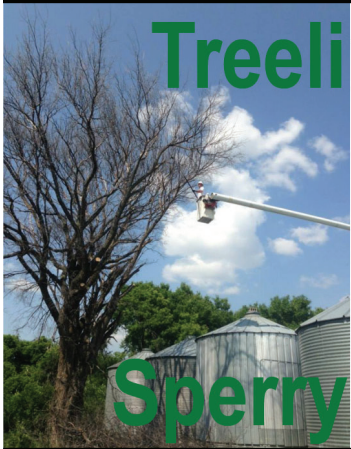
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**The Little Free Library area is ready for the library box. Last year the tree was planted and the bench was put in place this spring.**

## Little Free Library in Groton

Groton United Methodist Church has started a Little Free Library(LFL)! These are growing in popularity across the country, and Groton is now on board! You can go to [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org) for more info, and you can also see Groton on the map with others from around the world who are already on the map! LFL started when a man built the first "birdhouse-like book exchange" at Hudson, Wisconsin in 2009 at his home. It was a tribute to his mom who had been a teacher and loved reading. Today there are over 10,000 LFL at 50 countries throughout the world!

**\*\*\*What is Little Free Library?** A gathering place where you can "take a book, return a book." A trusting place where you can pick up a book or two and later bring back another book to share. A friendly place where you can meet other people who share the love of real printed books...not just by using technology. A "going green" place where books are recycled to help God's creation...our earth.

**\*\*\*Why Little Free Library?** When children make reading an everyday activity, they not only use their imaginations....they gain a lifelong love of learning. Our hope is to increase literacy, to make a variety of books accessible to all children, youth, and adults any time of day (all year round), to create a fun family activity in our community, and to provide community outreach.

**\*\*\*How can I help?** We will be collecting new or nicely used books to keep our library up, so any donations of books would be great! Please contact Kim Weber (380-7148) if you could donate books or make a monetary donation to get books when we need them.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** **\*\*\*Wed., May 13, at 7:00 pm** will be a ribbon-cutting Grand Opening of our new library! The church address is 906 N 1st Street and is located right across the street from the elementary school.

**\*\*\*Every Thursday for two months this summer:**

**STORYTIME** at the Little Free Library, weather permitting, at 10:00 am.

Dates will be June 4, 11,18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

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Someone with a black pickup was seen pounding in the posts for this sign early this morning. The sign is posted on the road going west on Fifth Avenue from Broadway. It should be noted that it is not a city authorized sign.

## Classifieds

### BRIDAL SHOWER

Open House Bridal Shower for Jessica Hoscheid, future wife of Zachary Harry and daughter of Pete and Janet Hoscheid, will be held Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Help us celebrate Jessica's upcoming wedding. The couple is registered at Target, Menards & Inspire

### 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.

## Today in Weather History

May 9, 1999: Heavy rains of two to five inches fell in Lyman County during the late evening hours which caused flash flooding on Medicine Creek. The KOA Campgrounds near Kennebec were flooded including the main facility. Several roads were also flooded and damaged along Medicine Creek. Storm total rainfall in Kennebec was 3.40 inches. Also, a weak F0 tornado touched down briefly three miles south of Reliance with no damage reported. Winds gusting to 70 mph knocked over a 4000 bushel holding bin. This damage was reported 6 miles north of Revillo.

1966: Record snows fell in the northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, including 3.1 inches at Pittsburgh and 5.4 inches at Youngstown Ohio. Snow also extended across parts of New York State with eight inches reported in the southern Adirondacks.

1990: Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the central U.S. during the evening hours, mainly from southeastern Missouri to southwestern Indiana. Severe thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes, including two strong F-2 tornadoes in southern Illinois. Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 85 mph at Orient Illinois and to 100 mph at West Salem. Thunderstorms drenched northeastern Illinois with up to 4.50 inches of rain.

1966 - Record snows fell in the northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, including 3.1 inches at Pittsburgh PA and 5.4 inches at Youngstown OH. Snow also extended across parts of New York State, with eight inches reported in the southern Adirondacks. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - A late season snowstorm hit parts of Pennsylvania, New York State, and southern and central New England. Heavier snowfall totals included 27 inches at Slide Mountain NY and 20 inches at Norwalk CT. At Boston it was the first May snow in 107 years of records. The heavy wet snow caused extensive damage to trees and power lines. The homes of half a million persons were without power following the storm. (9th-10th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Lightning struck some trees about 150 yards away from a home in Alabama, and followed the driveway to the home. The charge went through the house and burned all the electrical outlets, ruined appliances, and blasted a hole in the concrete floor of the basement. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Unseasonably warm weather spread from the Pacific Northwest to the Upper Mississippi Valley. Fifteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. It was the fourth day of record warmth for Eugene OR and Salem OR. (The National Weather Summary)





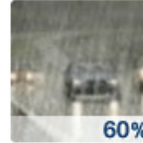


1988 - A massive cyclone in the central U.S. produced severe thunderstorms from eastern Texas to the Upper Ohio Valley. A strong (F-3) tornado ripped through Middleboro KY causing more than 22 million dollars damage. Thunderstorms in east central Texas produced hail three and a half inches in diameter at Groesbeck, and near Fairfield. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front in the south central U.S. produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 62 mph at Mira LA, and during the morning hours drenched Stuttgart AR with five inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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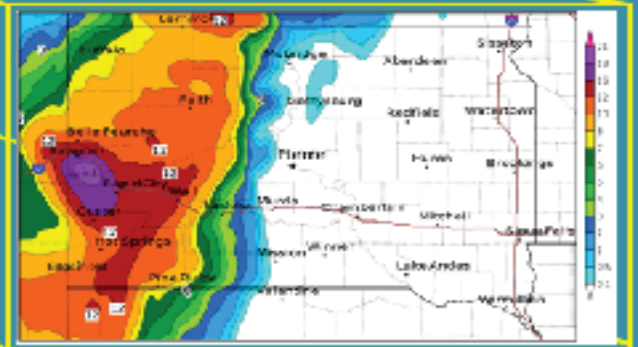
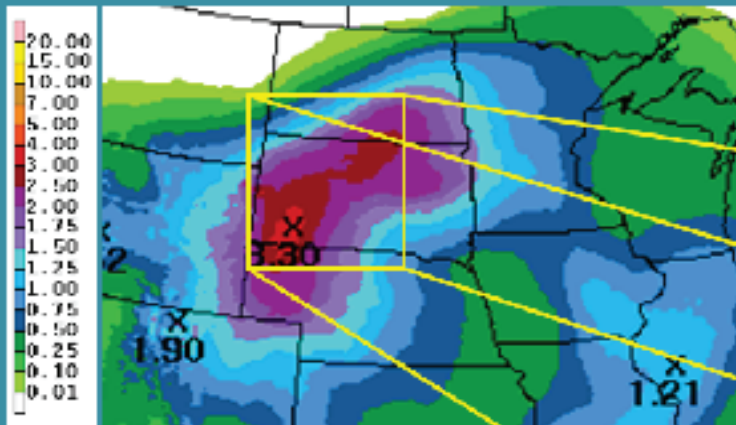
Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Breezy	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain Likely	Slight Chc Rain/Snow	Mostly Sunny
High: 52 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 45 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 50 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 59 °F



## SNOW OR RAIN THIS WEEKEND



### Forecast Moisture



Snowfall Tonight - Sunday

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 5/9/2015 5:22 AM Central

Published on: 05/09/2015 at 5:26 AM

A strong low pressure system will bring widespread precipitation to the state this weekend. Rain will move into the western half of the state today, then will overspread the eastern half this evening. Western and North central South Dakota will see accumulating snow this evening and overnight as cooler air gets pulled into the western half of the state. One to two inches of rain is expected elsewhere, with locally higher amounts possible. Gusty northerly winds of 20 to 35 mph will also occur while the precipitation is falling.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 49.5 at 3:12 PM

**Low:** 39.7 at 6:02 AM

**High Gust:** 18 at 2:54 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 95° in 1911

**Record Low:** 21° in 1966

**Average High:** 67°F

**Average Low:** 42°F

**Average Precip in May:** 0.61

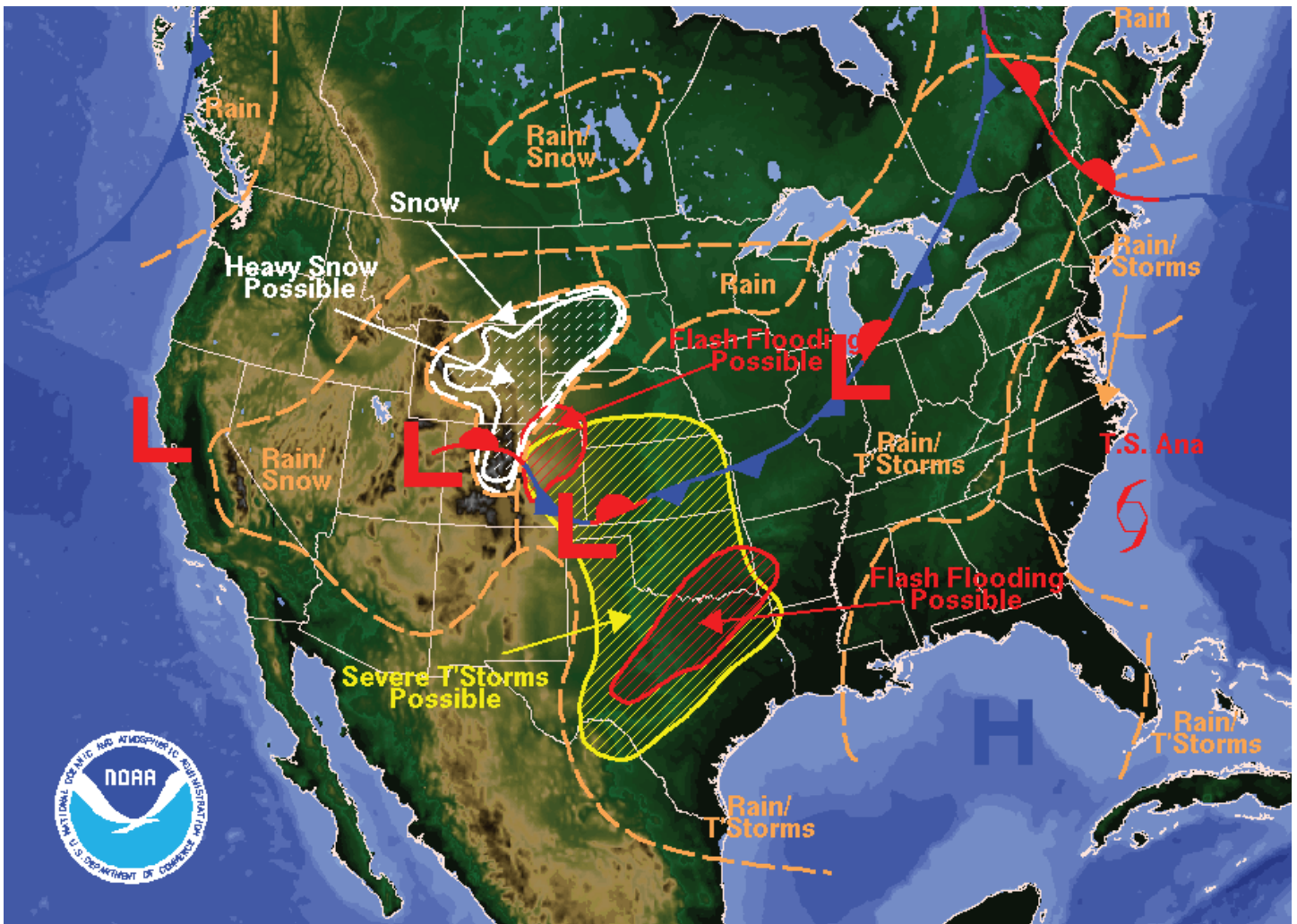
**Precip to date in May:** 0.92

**Average Precip to date:** 4.95

**Precip Year to Date:** 1.65

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:50 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, May 09, 2015, issued 8:45 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hurley based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts





## DRIVEN BY DESIRE

Young Antonio was driven by a desire to play the violin and sing. Unfortunately, his fingers were not nimble enough to move swiftly over the strings and his voice sounded screechy. He went from one teacher to another and they all said he would never be a great musician. They would laugh and he would cry.

One day, by chance, he met Amati, a violin maker. He was very attracted to the sincerity and passion that Antonio had for music. "Son," said Amati, "it is the song in your heart that makes the difference. There are many ways to make music. And you can make music if you want."

Those words inspired Antonio and he became an apprentice to Amati to learn how to make violins. In time Antonio Stradivarius became the world's greatest maker of violins. He was helped by a friend, something all of us can do for others.

The Apostle Paul had some great advice for all of us: "Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them." The true purpose of parental discipline is to help children grow by example and encouragement. All children deserve a father who is Christ-honoring, hard-working, accountable to God and others, love-expressing, kind, patient, and family-oriented. Growing up in a home where the Father comes first will provide what children need to succeed.

**Prayer:** We pray, Lord, for fathers who look to You for guidance and grace as they raise their children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Ephesians 6:1-4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Eagle Butte training geared toward women in agriculture**

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — A training program this summer in central South Dakota aims to help women in agriculture better understand farm and ranch management and also network with each other.

The six-week SDSU Extension program called Annie's Project will teach women how to develop financial records, learn key communication skills, ask questions about retirement and estate planning, and expand their marketing knowledge.

Classes meet once a week beginning June 15 in Eagle Butte at the Tribal Wellness Center. Other class dates will be June 22, 29, and July 6, 20 and 23. Each session will run 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is due by June 10 and class space is limited. The cost is \$150 per person and meals will be served at each session.

### **An Obama milestone: South Dakota visit makes it 50 states**

**JIM KUHNHENN, Associated Press**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — President Richard Nixon did it in less than three years. President George H.W. Bush completed it in one term. President Barack Obama has now matched their feat by visiting South Dakota, his 50th state, on Friday.

It took him nearly 6½ years.

"I am thrilled to be here," Obama said, opening his commencement address for Lake Area Technical Institute and promoting his proposal for free community college. "I have now been to all 50 states as president and I was saving the best for last.

"To the other 49, I hope you take no offense," he added. He's now the fourth president to set foot in every U.S. state.

Lake Area Tech is among the nation's top community colleges, recognized for rigorously preparing students and for a two-year graduation rate that's higher than the national average. Obama said community college education should be available to everyone, just like K-12 education, because the schools play such an important role in preparing students for the high-skilled, technical jobs of the future.

"As a country we can't afford to let any striving American be priced out of the education they need to get ahead," he said.

In just two years, community colleges like Lake Area Tech can change lives, change careers and benefit their communities, Obama said. The graduates inspired him, he said.

"That's why I came here today, to this little tiny school in a little tiny town," he said.

Obama had traveled to 46 states by the start of the year, leaving four reliably Republican states on the to-visit list.

Trips to Idaho and South Carolina — two of those remaining — were quickly arranged, followed by Utah.

Obama had been to South Dakota before Friday's stop, but that came in 2008 when he was campaigning for president. Last year, he spoke in North Dakota at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation that straddles South Dakota.

Bill Clinton was the other president to visit every state while in office.

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## **Obama lands in Watertown for speech to Lake Area Tech grads**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — President Barack Obama has landed in Watertown for a commencement address before Lake Area Technical Institute graduates.

He plans to promote his plan for free community or technical college education during his speech.

About 600 of the 720 graduates in the spring 2015 class plan to walk across stage and get their diplomas.

American flags are attached to light poles along the streets that lead to the arena where Obama will speak.

The South Dakota stop makes him only the fourth president to visit all 50 states while in office.

## **Winter storm watch for Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota**

**MEAD GRUVER, Associated Press**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A potent spring snowstorm threatened to snarl traffic on interstate highways from Colorado to South Dakota, including a stretch of Interstate 80 across southern Wyoming that was the scene of two big weather-related pileups last month.

After a week of soggy weather in the central Rockies, forecasters predicted rain would transition to heavy snow by Mother's Day. Up to 2 feet was forecast in the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado, and over a foot was possible in the Black Hills.

Six to 12 inches was forecast for high-elevation cities including Cheyenne.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation was monitoring the storm and preparing its plows but not making any plans to close interstates just yet, spokesman Dave Kingham said Friday.

"More often than not, it's a question of visibility than any amount of snow. Or a combination of poor visibility and ice and poor conditions," Kingham said of what it takes to close a highway.

The storm could affect travel along I-80 and I-25 in Wyoming, I-70 in Colorado and I-90 in northeast Wyoming and western South Dakota.

Slick conditions and poor visibility factored into two recent pileups on I-80.

On April 20, a fiery chain-reaction wreck 18 miles west of Laramie on I-80 involved more than 60 vehicles and killed two people. The wrecks happened in dense fog and light slush and shut down I-80 for 100 miles in both directions.

The pileup happened four days after one involving about 60 cars and trucks on I-80 about 15 miles west of Cheyenne. Three people were hospitalized from those wrecks in blowing snow.

Forecasters this time predicted a classic upslope storm in which moisture funneled westward from the Great Plains would fall first as rain, then snow, on east-facing slopes.

Some rain will turn to snow at high elevations overnight Friday but most areas will see rain changing to snow Saturday afternoon and evening, said Richard Emanuel, a Weather Service forecaster in Cheyenne.

"Conditions will probably be pretty nasty out there tomorrow night into early Sunday," Emanuel said Friday.

The storm could bring more than an inch of liquid precipitation to some areas, he said.

## **SD man sentenced for failing to register as sex offender**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to prison for failing to register as a sex offender.

Federal authorities say that 28-year-old Wylie Wind, of Fort Thompson, failed to update his sex of-

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fender registration between Dec. 15 and Feb. 6. Wind was required to register and update his address due to a prior federal conviction.

U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange sentenced Wind to 18 months in prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release.

## **Kids, adults gather in Watertown for presidential visit**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — President Barack Obama checks the 50th state off his list of places to visit with a planned commencement speech Friday in Watertown before about 700 tech school grads and their families.

American flags have been attached to light poles along the streets that lead from the airport to the arena, while other preparation included cleaning, painting and polishing the city of 22,000. More scenes from around the area, as the arena filled up Friday with family and friends of the graduates:

### EXCITED SPECTATORS

Teresa Tufto, 53, of Dawson, Minnesota, said she couldn't sleep Thursday night because of the excitement of seeing her son graduate with a diesel technician degree and also seeing the president on the same day. "It's an honor that he chose Watertown and not an Ivy League school," she said. Her son, Aaron Tufto, 21, was scheduled to start a job in the oil fields of North Dakota, but postponed it to attend the commencement ceremony.

The presidential speech is adding to the joy of getting a diploma, said Tia Koester, 23, of Murdo. "I'm ecstatic that he's here. I'm from a small town, and I never thought I would be able to meet the president," said Koester, who is graduating with a licensed practical nursing degree and plans to work toward a registered nurse degree. "I'm going to scrapbook it and all that jazz," Koester said of the commencement program.

Jordyn Geerdes, 11, skipped school in Watertown on Friday to attend the speech. "I've never really met anyone that's this big for our country," she said. "He's made our country safer and he's kind of like inspired me a little bit. I really want to see him."

### HONOR FOR THE SCHOOL

Rather than visit four other presidents at Mount Rushmore in western South Dakota, Obama opted to give a commencement address at Lake Area Technical Institute on the far eastern side of the state. Lake Area is among the nation's top community colleges, and Obama plans to use his speech to promote his plan for free community or technical college education. "It's the best school to come and talk about it," said Terry Dierkson, 35, an automotive technologies instructor at Lake Area.

### WHITE HOUSE TWEET

An 11-year-old girl in Vermillion who was disappointed that Obama waited so long to visit South Dakota sent him a letter saying so — and the White House tweeted it. The girl named Rebecca listed attributes of the state and included a drawing of a broken heart, with the caption "This is my heart because you haven't visited South Dakota!" The White House tweeted the letter Thursday with the comment, "Rebecca's heart can officially mend when President Obama visits South Dakota tomorrow."

### PIPELINE PROTEST

A few people opposing the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would go through South Dakota as it transports oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast, protested outside the arena where Obama was to speak. "We think this is an opportunity to remind the president of the opposition here in South Dakota to Keystone XL," said Dallas Goldtooth, with the Indigenous Environmental Network. Obama vetoed a

bill authorizing the pipeline, but supporters have discussed other ways to force its approval.

BEST FOR LAST

South Dakota's distinction as the last of the 50 states for Obama to visit while in office sparked an idea for one Watertown printer. Young's Primetime Sports and Embroidery is selling T-shirts that feature a photo of the president and the phrase "Saved the Best For Last."

## **Watertown arena filling up with family and friends of grads**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — The arena where President Barack Obama will speak Friday is slowly filling up with family and friends of the soon-to-be graduates of Lake Area Technical Institute.

Three American and three South Dakota flags are posted behind the lectern along with the seal of the president of the United States.

Teresa Tufto, of Dawson, Minnesota, says she couldn't sleep last night because of the excitement of seeing her son graduate and the president on the same day.

He was schedule to start his job in the oils fields of North Dakota in the upcoming days but postponed it to take part in the commencement ceremony and see the president.

## **Oil pipeline opponents protest next to teepees in Watertown**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A few people opposing the proposed Keystone XL pipeline are protesting outside the arena where President Barack Obama will speak.

The opponents put up a teepee and are displaying signs that read, "Stop the TransCanada pipeline." The project to transport oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast would cut through South Dakota.

Dallas Goldtooth with the Indigenous Environmental Network says Obama's stop in Watertown is a chance to remind him of some people's opposition to the project.

Obama vetoed a bill authorizing it.

He's giving Friday's commencement address before about 700 Lake Area Technical Institute graduates and their families where he'll promote his plan for free community or technical college education.

The South Dakota stop makes Obama only the fourth president to visit all 50 states while in office.

## **20,000 to take part in 11th annual Fargo Marathon Saturday**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Thousands of runners will be taking to the streets of Fargo-Moorhead on Saturday for the 11th annual Fargo Marathon.

WDAY-TV reports that the marathon will feature runners from every state and at least seven countries.

The Fargo Marathon began with about 2,300 runners in its inaugural race in 2005. It will have about 20,000 participants this year.

Kenya native Peter Kemboi won the men's race last year. Kate Papenberg, of Syracuse, Utah, won the women's race.

## **US flags line Watertown streets Obama will take to arena**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Watertown is a bit more red, white and blue than usual ahead of President Barack Obama's planned visit.

American flags are attached to light poles along the streets that lead to the arena where Obama will speak.

He's giving Friday afternoon's commencement address before about 700 Lake Area Technical Institute graduates and their families where he'll promote his plan for free community or technical college

education.

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Eleven-year-old Jordyn Geerdes, of Watertown, took the day off from school in hopes of seeing the president.

Thirty-five-year-old Terry Dierkson teaches at Lake Area and says that whether people like the president or hate him, it's an honor to have him in town.

## **North Dakota farm boy who lost arms graduating high school**

MILNOR, N.D. (AP) — An 18-year-old North Dakota boy who lost both arms in a farm accident 15 years ago is graduating high school and preparing for college in Minnesota.

Parker Sebens fell into a running grain auger on the family farm near Milnor, in far southeastern North Dakota, in September 2000, when he was 3 years old. He spent 54 days in a medical center near Minneapolis, where he went through more than 50 hours of surgery before an infection forced doctors to amputate his arms.

Even without prosthetic arms, Sebens can still do things like driving and texting, using the remaining stumps of his arms.

"People can feel sorry for me, but I think that goes away after they see how much I can do," he told KSTP-TV (<http://bit.ly/1zJh7et>).

He even shoots pool with his dad, Mitch Sebens.

"He kept impressing us all the way through; he just learned one thing after another," his father said. "When I think about it, it's hard to think about what he's had to go through growing up when the other kids had it so easy, but he did it."

Parker Sebens soon will be getting two prosthetic arms, then heading off to college at Minnesota State University Moorhead. After college, he'd like to become a motivational speaker.

Mother Rene Sebens is finishing a scrapbook for her son as his graduation day nears.

"I thought for a long time he was going to die there, I really did," she said. "I guess I just wanted everyone to know he's living it and accomplishing everything that we want him to."

Family, friends and even strangers have helped him immensely as he's grown up, Parker Sebens said. He's gotten thousands of cards and letters over the years and they keep coming.

"They really just push me to get everything done," he said. "I just wish there was just a way to give back to everyone."

Parker Sebens said he has been determined throughout his life to find ways to do the things he wants to do. Aside from cooking and laundry, there is very little he can't do.

"Every day he amazes me," Mitch Sebens said.

## **Buffalo Chip Campground at Sturgis to be state's newest city**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — People in the Buffalo Chip Campground area near Sturgis have voted unanimously to make their community South Dakota's newest city.

Thursday's vote was 43-0 in favor of incorporation, though the courts might have the final say.

The city of Sturgis unsuccessfully tried several ways to block the election, including an appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court. City officials and adjacent landowners believe the campground is within the city's 3-mile jurisdiction, and they're concerned about Buffalo Chip's ability to annex areas around it. They also believe the citizen petition that prompted the vote had invalid signatures.

Buffalo Chip owner Rod Woodruff wants to turn the campground into a city that can attract businesses

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friendly to the motorcycle industry. The annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally draws hundreds of thousands of people to the area. The campground hosts hordes of those visitors.

"We're happy to be here and we're looking forward actually to utilizing this position as a municipality to be able to develop further economically in this whole region and be able to contribute more to tourism," Woodruff told KEVN-TV.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie told the Rapid City Journal that the dispute isn't over.

"The appeal of the county's decision to approve the petition will still work its way through the courts," he said.

## Plains states brace for severe weather days after tornadoes

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma and other Great Plains states were bracing Saturday for more severe weather.

The National Weather Service says there's a risk of severe thunderstorms Saturday — including possible tornadoes and large hail — in parts of western Kansas, western Colorado, and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles.

"We're going to see storms that present the risk of a full gamut of severe weather," National Weather Service meteorologist Todd Lindley said.

Threatening skies stretched beyond the Plains states, as twin weather systems stretching from the Carolinas to California produced an unseasonably early tropical storm in the Atlantic and a late-season snowstorm in the Rocky Mountains.

Up to 5 inches of snow was possible in the Nebraska Panhandle, and parts of South Dakota could receive as much as a foot, according to the weather service.

Heavy rains on Friday night caused some flooding in Oklahoma. In Shawnee, the Red Cross opened a shelter because officials said a Granada Lake dam was close to being topped after heavy rains, threatening homes in one neighborhood. Officials also closed some roads, including part of Interstate 44 in Tulsa.

Earlier this week, powerful storms rumbled through the southern Plains, producing more than 50 tornadoes and dropping 7.1 inches in Oklahoma City on Wednesday — the third-heaviest rainfall for any day on record dating back to 1890, state climatologist Gary McManus said.

David Wheeler and his family retreated underground to a small shelter several times this week. Two years ago, a top-of-the-scale twister tore a miles-long path through the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore and turned Wheeler's son's school to rubble. The family now regularly drills on what to do if the skies turn ominous.

"We've done some dry runs before the spring. I made the kids go down there by themselves, and we've done the same thing with me, the wife and the kids, all together," Wheeler, a fifth-grade teacher whose family has survived two deadly tornadoes, said Friday.

Wheeler and his family are not the only ones who sought extra protection after the 2013 tornado that killed 24 people, including seven children who died in an elementary school.

In the two years since, the city has issued more than 3,000 storm shelter permits. City officials estimate that about 40 percent of homes in Moore now have shelters, spokeswoman Deidre Ebrey said.

## AP News in Brief

### **Putin, in swipe at US, decries 'unipolar world' at Victory Day parade**

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia showed off new machines of war, including a highly sophisticated tank, on Saturday in the annual Victory Day military parade through Red Square that marks the surrender of Nazi Germany and the Red Army's key role in the defeat.

The Armata tank drew a round of strong applause as it rumbled through the square, part of a long convoy that ranged from the World War II era to the most modern. Also on view for the first time at the parade was a lumbering RS-24 Yars ICBM launcher along with several new, smaller vehicles.

Victory Day is Russia's most important secular holiday, both commemorating the Soviet Union's huge suffering in the war and highlighting Russia's portrayal of itself as a force for peace and security. This year's parade, on the 70th anniversary of the surrender, was the biggest military parade since the Soviet Union's collapse.

In his speech to the assembled troops and veterans, President Vladimir Putin said that the carnage of the war underlined the importance of international cooperation, but "in the past decades we have seen attempts to create a unipolar world." That phrase is often used by Russia to criticize the United States' purported aim to dominate world affairs.

The observances were shadowed by the near-complete absence of European leaders from the ceremony. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is to come to Moscow on Sunday, a visit that will include recognition of the Red Army's sacrifices.

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### **Ana becomes surprise tropical storm near Carolinas, weeks ahead of Atlantic hurricane season**

MIAMI (AP) — Early surprise Ana muscled up to a tropical storm as it plodded toward the Southeast coast early Saturday, threatening to bring the Carolinas drenching rains and dangerous surf after forming weeks ahead of the formal June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Ana was centered at 5 a.m. EDT Saturday about 115 miles (170 kilometers) south-southeast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Ana has sustained top winds of 60 mph (95 kph) while moving north-northwest at 3 mph (6 kph).

Forecasters say a tropical storm warning extends from south Santee River in South Carolina to Cape Lookout, North Carolina. Ana is forecast to deliver 1 to 3 inches of rain, up to 5 inches in scattered spots, and drive potentially life-threatening surf.

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### **US open to talks with North Korea to test waters on nuclear issue, but prospects remain bleak**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After three years of diplomatic deadlock, the Obama administration says it is open to holding preliminary talks with North Korea to probe its intentions and assess the prospects of ridding the country of nuclear weapons.

A senior South Korean envoy traveled to Washington and Beijing this past week as nations involved in long-stalled aid-for-disarmament negotiations consider their diplomatic options. Tensions have eased a little on the Korean Peninsula following the completion of annual U.S.-South Korean military drills.

But it remains unclear if a diplomatic overture to North Korea will even get to first base as the Asian nation appears intent on retaining its nuclear weapons. U.S. officials don't believe the North has dem-



onstrated a serious interest in re-engaging on the issue, and a spokesman at the North Korean diplomatic mission at the United Nations declined to comment on the question of re-engagement.

President Barack Obama has broken the ice with several other long-standing adversaries, like Iran, Cuba and Myanmar. In the case of Iran, the U.S. has joined with other world powers in negotiating a framework agreement to prevent Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

North Korea has gone far beyond that point. The North conducted its first nuclear test in 2006, and despite international sanctions intended to prevent Pyongyang from obtaining sensitive technology and starve it of funds, U.S.-based experts are forecasting that it could increase its nuclear arsenal from at least 10 weapons today to between 20 and 100 weapons by 2020.

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## **Oklahoma, other Plains states brace for more severe weather days after tornadoes touched down**

MOORE, Okla. (AP) — When spring arrives in Oklahoma and conditions are right for tornadoes, David Wheeler and his family don't take any chances.

Two years ago, a top-of-the-scale twister tore a miles-long path through the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore and turned Wheeler's son's school to rubble. That's when he installed a small underground shelter in his garage. Now the family regularly drills on what to do if the skies turn ominous.

"We've done some dry runs before the spring. I made the kids go down there by themselves, and we've done the same thing with me, the wife and the kids, all together," Wheeler, a fifth-grade teacher whose family has survived two deadly tornadoes, said Friday.

The Wheeler family retreated underground nearly a dozen times Wednesday night, when powerful storms that rumbled across the southern Plains produced more than 50 tornadoes. The menacing clouds had barely vanished before forecasters began warning of another system that could produce even more violent twisters through the weekend in parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas.

"We're going to see storms that present the risk of a full gamut of severe weather," including large hail, high winds and tornadoes, said Todd Lindley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

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## **Attorneys for No. 1 NFL pick Jameis Winston file counterclaim saying he did not rape woman**

ATLANTA (AP) — Attorneys for No. 1 NFL pick Jameis Winston said in a federal court filing that the former Florida State University quarterback did not rape a woman who is suing him and that she is motivated by greed.

Attorneys John F. Myers and David Cornwell Sr. filed a counterclaim Friday against Erica Kinsman in court in Orlando for the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, now with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Kinsman, a former student at Florida State, filed suit against Winston last month, saying she was intoxicated at a Tallahassee bar in December 2012 when Winston and others took her back to an off-campus apartment and that he sexually assaulted her. Her lawsuit, filed two weeks before the April 30 NFL draft, accused Winston of rape, assault, false imprisonment and emotional distress.

Winston signed a four-year, \$23.35 million contract with Tampa Bay and was at the start of rookie minicamp on Friday. He could not immediately be reached Saturday.

Winston has repeatedly denied the allegations in the past and prosecutors declined to file charges against him in late 2013. He also was cleared by the university following a two-day student conduct hearing last year. The hearing was held to determine whether Winston violated four sections of the code of conduct — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment.

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## **Jury finds Utah teen guilty in 50-mile crime spree that left deputy dead**

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A jury found a Utah teenager guilty Saturday in a 50-mile crime spree that left a one sheriff's deputy dead and another wounded.

Prosecutors say Meagan Grunwald, 18, was violently in love with her much older boyfriend and would do anything to stay with him, including driving a speeding getaway car in the three-county chase. The teenager tearfully told a jury she was too afraid to stop driving when the man she loved turned the gun on her and threatened to kill her family.

The Provo jury of six women and two men began deliberating Friday afternoon. They returned with a verdict around 12:35 a.m., said court spokeswoman Nancy Volmer.

Grunwald faces up to life in prison when she is sentenced July 18 in the January 2014 chase that also included a carjacking. Her boyfriend, 27-year-old Jose Angel Garcia-Jauregui, was killed in a shootout with police. Grunwald is ineligible for the death penalty because she was 17 when it happened.

The two-week trial included testimony from a deputy shot in the head during the chase and a woman who pulled her child out of her car as it was stolen at gunpoint. Grunwald took the stand in her own defense, telling the jury that being in the car with Garcia-Jauregui was like looking at a devil.

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## **Officials say at least 6 guards, 30 prisoners killed in Iraq prison break; 40 inmates escape**

BAGHDAD (AP) — The spokesman for Iraq's Interior Ministry says that 40 inmates escaped from a prison in eastern Iraq after overpowering guards, an assault that killed six police officers and 30 prisoners.

Brig. Gen. Saad Maan said Saturday that a fight broke out among the inmates of the Khalis prison in Diyala province and when guards went to investigate, they were overpowered and had their weapons taken.

Maan says some of those that escaped were wanted on terrorism charges. There are hundreds of inmates in the prison.

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## **Mounting brazen attacks, New Generation cartel arises from Mexico's assault on big drug lords**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It has the drugs and distribution system of a traditional cartel — and it has the modern weapons and audacity of an army. After attacking federal forces, downing a military helicopter and shutting down streets in Mexico's second-largest city last week, the New Generation Jalisco cartel is now the main enemy in the country's fight with drug cartels.

In just a few years, New Generation has grown from being an offshoot of the powerful Sinaloa cartel to one of Mexico's strongest criminal groups in its own right, according to the U.S. Treasury Department, whose Office of Foreign Assets Control maintains a "black list" of drug trafficking organizations.

Its quick rise reflects a rapidly changing organized-crime landscape in Mexico as the government targets top leaders of established cartels. More than any other criminal group, New Generation has taken advantage of the government's top-capo strategy, strengthening and grabbing territory from other cartels as they are weakened.

"You're talking about a powerful, large organization with grand logistics, well-made structures, a

strong group of assassins, and dedicated and qualified people with high-caliber weaponry," Guillermo Valdes, a security expert and former director of the Mexican intelligence agency, told The Associated Press. "It's a new cartel, a second generation born in a restructuring process."

The strategy of hitting top leadership began in 2006 under President Felipe Calderon and has continued under his successor, Enrique Pena Nieto. As a result, large organizations have been fragmented, leaving smaller, leaderless groups to fight among themselves over control of local organized crime activities and drug-smuggling routes to the north.

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## **Polish president challenged in re-election bid by rock star, ex-actress, vodka producer**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The incumbent is an aristocrat who embodies Polish tradition. His challengers include a punk rock star, a blonde bombshell actress and a renegade vodka producer who once wielded a gun at a press conference.

Poland's presidential elections Sunday have a colorful cast of candidates whose antics are providing most of the drama, because there's little suspense about the result: President Bronislaw Komorowski expected to easily win re-election.

Komorowski, a popular leader aligned with the ruling center-right Civic Platform party, won office in 2010 after his predecessor, Lech Kaczynski, died in a plane crash.

His time in office has been marked by general harmony with his allies in government. He has long enjoyed high approval ratings, though some voters seem to be growing bored by him and Civic Platform, which has been in power since 2007. That has given a boost to the anti-establishment candidates, most of all for the punk rocker Pawel Kukiz — pronounced like "cookies" — who used to perform in a band called "Breasts."

If no candidate wins at least 50 percent on Sunday, a runoff will be held on May 24. The presidency carries many ceremonial duties, with most power in the hands of the government. However, the president is also officially the commander-in-chief and has the power to propose and veto legislation.

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## **Britain's Prince Harry talks rugby, presses noses with Maori on 1st trip to New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Britain's Prince Harry arrived in New Zealand Saturday for a weeklong visit and was soon talking about the country's prowess in rugby, pressing noses with indignant Maori leaders, and laughing off marriage proposals.

Harry was greeted by Prime Minister John Key and other dignitaries when his plane landed in Wellington on a sunny and calm fall day. Wearing a blue suit, Harry stopped often to say hello to cheering fans as he began his first tour of the South Pacific commonwealth nation of 4.5 million.

From the airport he traveled to Government House for an official welcome. He pressed noses with Maori leaders in a traditional greeting called a "hongi" and met with military representatives. He also talked with schoolchildren, feigning surprise when some told him they didn't play rugby.

"I thought you would be forced to play rugby," he said. "That's why you have such a good rugby team isn't it?"

Harry was scheduled to watch a rugby game Saturday night between Wellington's Hurricanes and South Africa's Durban-based Sharks. The prince also talked about soccer, telling the children that most royal family members were Arsenal fans.

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## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, May 9, the 129th day of 2015. There are 236 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlights in History:

On May 9, 1945, with World War II in Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

#### On this date:

In 1754, a political cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette depicted a snake cut into eight pieces, each section representing a part of the American colonies; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."

In 1814, the Jane Austen novel "Mansfield Park" was first published in London.

In 1864, Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick was killed by a Confederate sniper during the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett supposedly became the first men to fly over the North Pole. (However, U.S. scholars announced in 1996 that their examination of Byrd's recently discovered flight diary suggested he had turned back 150 miles short of his goal.)

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

In 1965, Russian-born American pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed publicly for the first time in 12 years with a recital at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon. (The committee ended up adopting three articles of impeachment against the president, who resigned before the full House took up any of them.)

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany with a lavish military parade in Moscow. President Bush then traveled to the republic of Georgia, the first American chief executive to visit. Actress Renee Zellweger married country music star Kenny Chesney on the Caribbean island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands (however, the marriage was annulled just months later). The news and opinion website The Huffington Post was launched.

**Five years ago:** Lena Horne, 92, the enchanting jazz singer known for her signature song, "Stormy Weather," and for her triumph over bigotry that allowed her to entertain white audiences but not socialize with them, died in New York. Dallas Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, leading the Oakland Athletics in a 4-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

**One year ago:** Russian President Vladimir Putin made his first trip to Crimea since its annexation,

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calling it "historic justice" during a Victory Day display of military pomp and patriotism. A judge struck down Arkansas' ban on same-sex marriage, saying the state had "no rational reason" for preventing gay couples from marrying.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 81. Rock musician Nokie Edwards (The Ventures) is 80. Actor Albert Finney is 79. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 79. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 78. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 78. Singer Tommy Roe is 73. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 71. Actress Candice Bergen is 69. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 69. Actor Anthony Higgins is 68. Singer Billy Joel is 66. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 66. Rock singer-musician Tom Petersson (Cheap Trick) is 65. Actress Alley Mills is 64. Actress Amy Hill is 62. Actress Wendy Crewson is 59. Actor John Corbett is 54. Singer Dave Gahan (GAHN) (Depeche Mode) is 53. Actress Sonja Sohn is 51. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 45. Country musician Mike Myerson (Heartland) is 44. Actor Chris Diamantopoulos (dy-uh-MAN'-toh-POO'-lehs) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamia (tuh-MEE'-ah) is 40. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is 38. Rock singer Pierre Bouvier (Simple Plan) is 36. Actress Rosario Dawson is 36. Rock singer Andrew W.K. is 36. Actress Rachel Boston is 33. TV personality Audrina Patridge is 30. Actress Grace Gummer (TV: "American Horror Story") is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "Television has changed the American child from an irresistible force into an immovable object." - Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator (1919-1990).