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## Thursday, May 21

**Senior Menu:** Hot roast beef combination, carrots, mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

**Birthdays:** Alex Brandt • Cody Hanson • Joey Harry • Alex Bretsch • Matthew Richards

12:00 P.M.: Region Track meet in Aberdeen

## Friday, May 22

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Logan Larsen • Jamie Osborne • Gavin Krueger • Duane Kavanaugh • Christopher Scott Larsen

## Saturday, May 23

**Birthdays:** Evan Sperry • Jessica Claussen • Robert Gibbs

## Sunday, May 24

**Birthdays:** Noah Tullis • Blake Merkel • Katie Anderson

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

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship

## Cats anyone?

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

## 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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**Youth Business Adventure 2015 (grade 11) - Emily Raap, Marlee Jones, Maggie Simon, Allison Weber, Kari Hanson**



**Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar June 2015 (grade 10) - Keri Pappas and Erin Smith**



**Don Bartz - Nicole Lewandowski and Maddison Colestock**



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**Groton Alumni Scholarships - Kennedy Clark and Courtney Kurtz**



**Groton Community Foundation Scholarship -  
Brittany Kjelden  
Anthony O' Brokaw Memorial Scholarship -  
Alec Voss  
Barry Schuring Memorial - Landon Larson**



**Edna Bugner Memorial - Alyssa Sippel and Kyler Ell**



**Darlene Raap Memorial - Rachel Blackmun and Sydney Thorson**



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## Principal's High School Honor Roll

Twenty seniors in the Class of 2015 have been selected for the Principal's Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the seniors had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for four years.

"This is a very special award," said Anna Schwan, Principal at Groton High School. "These students have worked very hard academically and should be commended." The seniors graduated on May 17, 2015.

The seniors named to the Principal's Honor Roll are pictured above.

Back – Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Kennedy Clark, Maddison Colestock, Matthew Knecht, Jacob Milbrandt, Gabriel Dohman, Alyssa Sippel, Kaitlyn O'Neill, Rachel Blackmun, Haley Unzen, Maryn Howard, Courtney Kurtz, Taylor Gustafson

Front – Jackson Doeden, Kyler Ell, Sydney Thorson, Natalia Dohman, Kasey Waage, Luke Smith, Lucas Sternhagen



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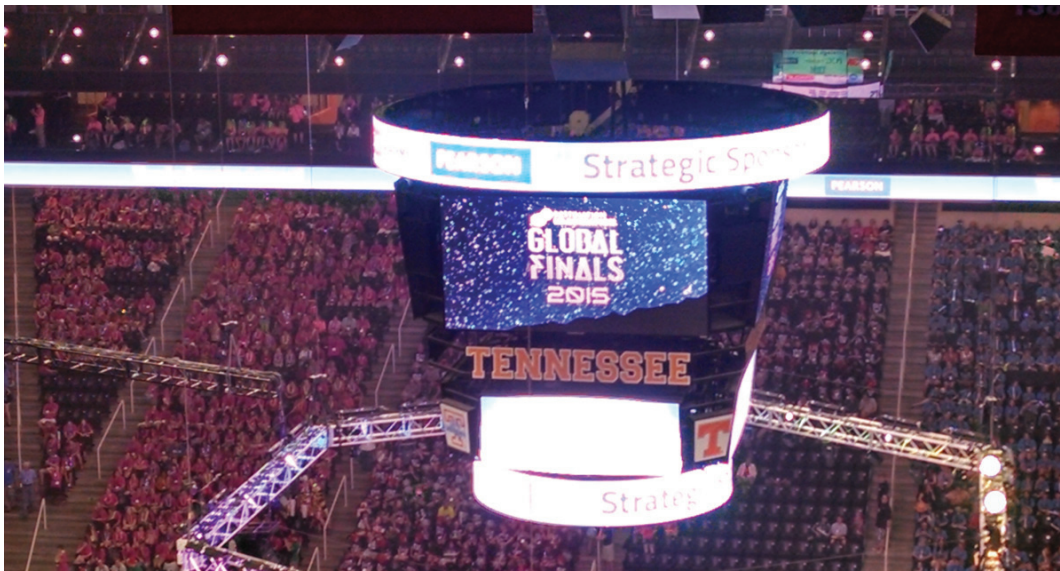
## Two Groton teams at DI Globals

Two Groton Area Destination Imagination teams left early Monday, May 18 for Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. After an overnight stay in Belleville, Illinois we arrived in Knoxville on Tuesday. The Out of the Boxers team met with their Buddy Team from Turkey, exchanged gifts and had some time to visit. Team members include Nathan Fjelstad, Trey Wright, Lily Cutler, Jenifer Fjelstad, Keri Pappas, and Erin Smith. Their team managers are Clint and Tara Fjelstad. They spent the afternoon getting props to the props area and preparing for their team challenge on Thursday at 10:06am. The team 5 Confused People spent the morning preparing their costumes for the Thursday evening Duct Tape Costume Ball. Pin trading seemed to be a popular activity in the afternoon. Team members include newly graduated GHS students Luke Smith, Breanna Marzahn, and Katie Groeblichhoff. Their team managers are Julie Milbrandt and Joni Groeblichhoff. The team will participate in Instant Challenge Thursday at 11:00am. Other local people traveling with the teams include Shannon Wright and Jim and Lisa Cutler. Both teams attended the Welcome Ceremony with several celebrity guests including former astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Mr. Aldrin challenged the participants to form the first colony on Mars. His presence was entertaining. Thursday will be a busy day with team challenges and the Duct Tape Costume Ball as more adventures await the teams! (Joni Groeblichhoff)



Pictured are Luke Smith, Katie Groeblichhoff and Breanna Marzahn. (Photo by Joni Groeblichhoff)

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(Photo by Julie Milbrandt)



## Today in Weather History

May 21, 1977: Five tornadoes were seen by observers south of Clear Lake. One was five miles south of town moving northeast. Another was four miles south and one mile west of Clear Lake. Both destroyed trees and some small buildings. Three other tornadoes were sighted about two miles south of town. These touched down only momentarily with no damage occurring.

Two tornadoes were seen in southern Codrington County. One was seen at Grover and the other was five miles south of Watertown. No damage was reported.

A tornado was on the ground in the vicinity of Revillo. A few barns and some out building were damaged.

May 21, 1992: A severe thunderstorm moved over northwestern Edmunds County causing high winds and penny size hail. In Bowdle there was considerable wind damage. Tree limbs in excess of five inches in diameter were broken off and fell on a car. Other tree branches went through the roof of a home. Two pickup trucks were rolled on their side. Three miles ENE of Bowdle a garage was moved 20 feet off its foundation and was stopped by a large tractor.

1949: A violent tornado crossed the Mississippi River from the St. Louis area into Wood River, then to Roxanna. This tornado damaged or destroyed 300 homes in these two towns, killing 5 people. Four people were killed in a destroyed restaurant in Palestine, Illinois; one body was recovered from a tree. A tornado causing estimated F4 damage killed 5 people and injured 55 in St. Louis and St. Charles counties in Missouri and Madison County in Illinois. This tornado was part of an outbreak that produced 4 different tornadoes and was responsible for 5 deaths and 57 injuries.

2001: Golfers participating in a golf tournament on the Majestic Golf Course in Hartland, Michigan received an urgent message on the Global Positioning Units on their carts. The message, replayed from the clubhouse, was that a tornado was bearing down on the course. Most of the golfers made it to safety in the clubhouse, although some had to take shelter out on the course. Only one golfer suffered a minor injury. The F2 tornado damaged 70 cars in the parking lot along with numerous golf carts and a pontoon boat.

1860 - A swarm of tornadoes occurred in the Ohio Valley. Tornadoes struck the cities of Louisville, KY, Cincinnati, OH, Chillicothe, OH, and Marietta, OH, causing a million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1895 - The temperature at Norwalk, OH, dipped to 19 degrees to set a state record for the month of May. (The Weather Channel)

1896 - The mercury soared to 124 degrees at Salton, CA, to establish a U.S. record for May. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1980 - The temperature at Williston ND reached 102 degrees to set a record for May, and the next day the mercury hit 106 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms, developing along a sharp cold front crossing the central U.S., produced 60 mph winds and golf ball size hail at Sedalia, MO, and drenched Hagerstown, IN, with six inches of rain in one hour. Temperatures soared into the 90s ahead of the cold front. Paducah, KY, hit 94 degrees for the second day in a row. Light snow blanketed Montana, with three inches reported at Butte. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Severe thunderstorms swept across southern Louisiana during the morning hours spawning six tornadoes, and producing wind gusts to 88 mph at Jennings. Thunderstorms also produced five inches of rain in two hours at Lake Charles, causing local flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms moving southeastward across the Central Plains Region into Oklahoma and Arkansas produced severe weather through the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned just four tornadoes, but there were 243 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Baseball size hail was reported at Augusta, KS, and thunderstorm winds gusted to 98 mph at Johnson, KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 72 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 67 °F



## Dry & Mild Conditions Today

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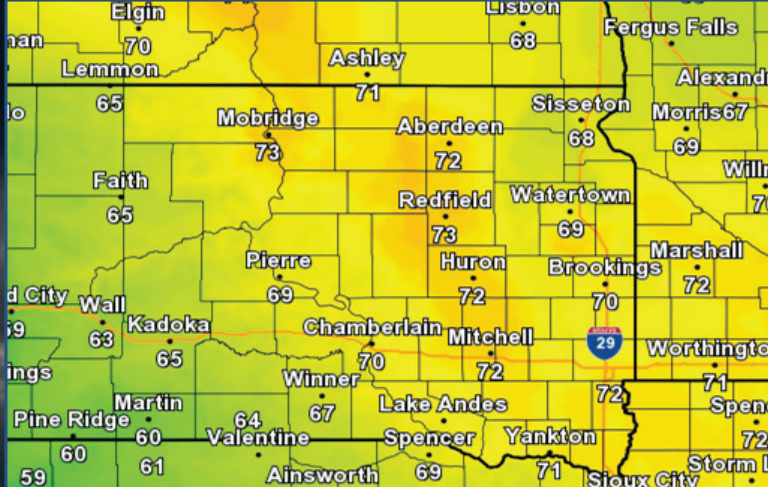


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### Today



### Weather Headlines

-  **Breezy**  
Friday: Southeastery winds become breezy
-  **Memorial Day Weekend:**  
A low pressure system will bring showers and thunderstorms to the region
-  **Mild**  
Temps: Highs in the upper 60s and low 70s today and Friday, 60s through the holiday weekend

Published on: 05/21/2015 at 5:15AM

Dry conditions and seasonal temperatures can be expected through the end of the workweek. Winds will become gusty Friday afternoon however. A low pressure system will then bring showers and thunderstorms back to the region for the holiday weekend.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 66.1 at 6:07 PM

**Low:** 35.7 at 4:49 AM

**High Gust:** 21 at 3:23 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 94° in 1925

**Record Low:** 28° in 1963

**Average High:** 70°F

**Average Low:** 46°F

**Average Precip in May:** 2.15

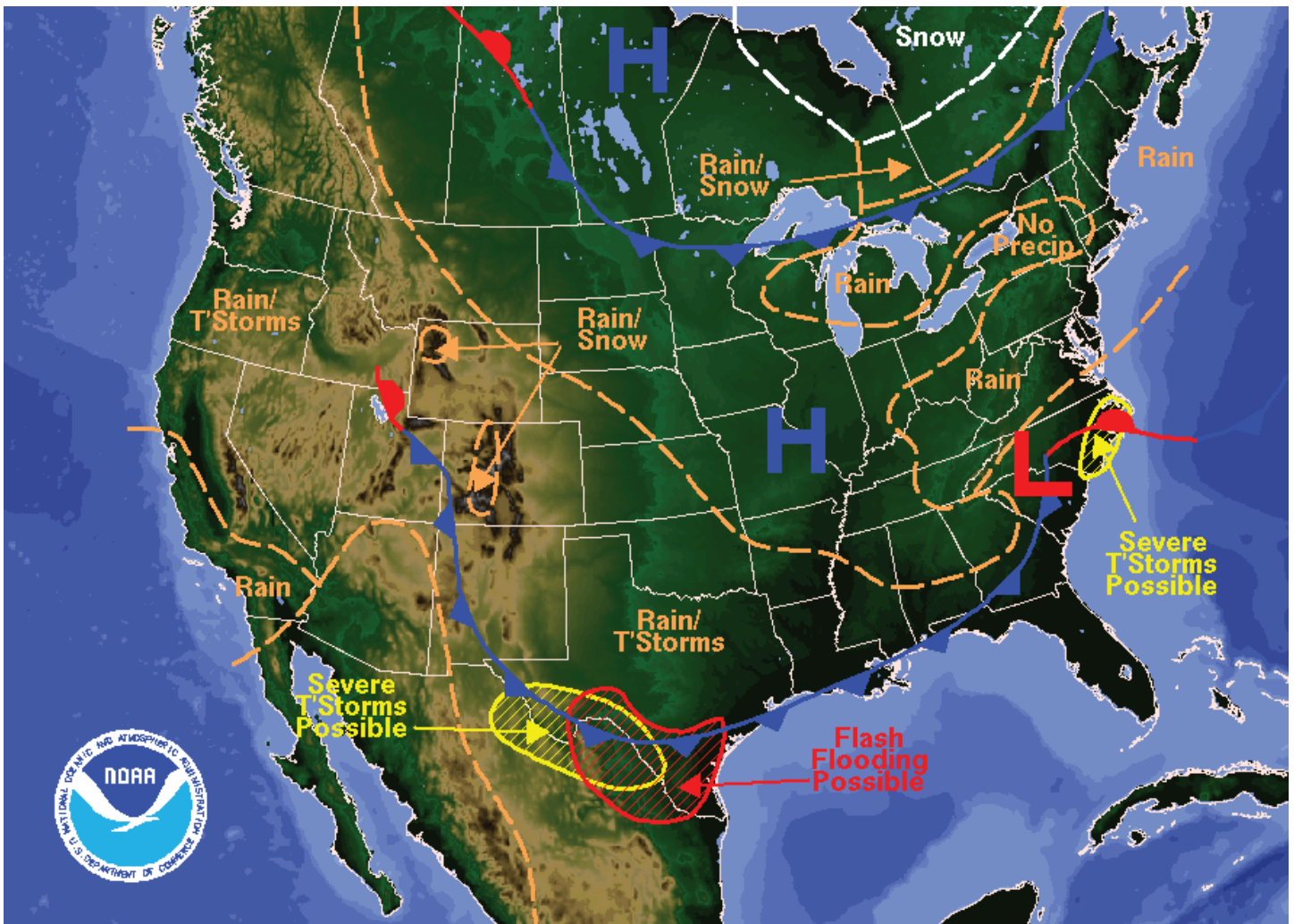
**Precip to date in May:** 3.32

**Average Precip to date:** 6.18

**Precip Year to Date:** 4.96

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:03 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:56 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, May 21, 2015, issued 4:24 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## STRENGTH FOR THE RACE

Few people have ever heard of the runner, John Baker. His name is not known the world over. But once, while running a race, he observed the runners who were ahead of him. He began to wonder, "Am I doing my best?" He was not sure, so he decided to try harder.

First he focused on the runner just in front of him and determined that he would run harder and pass him. When he did, he set another goal and passed the next runner, then the next. Finally, he was in first place, went on to win the race and set a record.

What a great lesson for all of us. If we only focus on where we are and what we are doing, we may never achieve the potential that God has given us. A self-satisfied life never becomes a God-glorifying life.

Paul says that we "can do everything with the help of Christ who strengthens us." Not anything, but everything, meaning that whatever God has for us to do, He will enable us to do. The power we receive from our relationship with Christ will strengthen us to overcome any obstacles that would keep us from doing His will, His way, in His world. He will never give us a superhuman power to accomplish goals for our own purposes. But if He asks us to do something in His name, there are no pressures or problems, trials or troubles that will be able to keep us from winning the race He has set before us.

**Prayer:** Give us Your strength, Father, to do our best to run and win the race You have set before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



## News from the Associated Press

### **NY officials ban fowl competitions at state and county fairs**

GEDDES, N.Y. (AP) — State officials are banning fowl competitions at the State Fair and all county fairs as a precaution against avian flu.

The ban covers chickens, pigeons, turkeys, pheasants, guinea fowl, bantam poultry, geese, and ducks, and it extends to all chartered county fairs and youth fairs in the state.

There are 45 county fairs and six chartered youth shows for the fair season that runs through October.

Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball says avian flu has not been detected yet in New York, but it has been found on more than 170 farms in 20 states in the West, Midwest, and South and two Canadian provinces.

More than 35 million birds have died or been euthanized as a result of what officials call the largest avian influenza outbreak in U.S. history.

### **SDSU professor to get governor's agriculture award in July**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University Professor Bob Thaler might be the luckiest man in Deadwood on July 10.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture announced Wednesday that Thaler will be awarded the 2015 Governor's Ag Ambassador award that day at the Governor's Agricultural Summit in Deadwood.

Thaler is from Brookings, and he also serves as a swine specialist for the South Dakota State University Extension.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says Thaler has influenced young farmers over his education career and has helped beef up the livestock industry.

Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch says Thaler is a strong agricultural advocate.

### **Defense team: Annette Bosworth made an "honest mistake"**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Defense attorneys for former South Dakota political candidate Annette Bosworth told jurors Wednesday that an "honest mistake" led to charges of election law violations against their client.

A jury of 12 people and two alternates in Pierre heard opening statements Wednesday from Bosworth's defense attorneys and the prosecution. The jury will decide the fate of the 43-year-old Sioux Falls physician who unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in 2014.

Bosworth is accused of election law violations that include allegedly being out of the country during a time when her petitions to get on the ballot say she was gathering signatures. Bosworth, who is expected to testify during the trial, has said she's the target of "political persecution" and has pleaded not guilty to perjury and filing false documents.

Defense attorney Dana Hanna told the jury that as a rookie candidate, Bosworth took advice from her attorney and political consultant Joel Arends, who told her she properly could call herself the petitions' "circulator" because they were circulated under her direction.

But under South Dakota law, the person circulating the petitions must witness the signings from registered voters. Hanna said Bosworth's biggest mistake was relaying on Arends' advice.

"You're gonna learn that Annette Bosworth ... was a more competent doctor than she was a political candidate," Hanna said. "She was negligent, she was careless, but she was not guilty of any crimes. ...

She made an honest mistake.”

An arrest affidavit shows Bosworth attested to personally gathering signatures when she was on a publicized medical mission trip in the Philippines. According to the affidavit, she also attested to gathering signatures on some Hutterite colonies, but residents interviewed said she was not there when they signed.

Prosecutors told the jury Bosworth is charged with perjury for making a false statement about a material fact. They said that by signing a verification form, Bosworth admitted to having been present when voters signed the petitions even though she wasn't.

“You will hear that when those petitions were signed — or many of them at least — Dr. Bosworth was out of the country,” Assistant South Dakota Attorney General Brent Kempema said.

Arends is also expected to testify.

Bosworth received 6 percent of the vote in the June 3, 2014, five-way primary for the Republican nomination. Attorney General Marty Jackley filed charges against Bosworth the next day.

Testimony began after opening statements. The trial is expected to last through Friday.

## **Union County homeowners won't see flood insurance surcharge**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — More than 400 homeowners whose property lies along the Missouri River in southeast South Dakota are no longer facing a potential surcharge on their flood insurance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday said Union County officials met a Monday deadline to submit documents addressing accusations that they did not maintain adequate record keeping and failed to manage development in the flood plain.

FEMA had threatened to put Union County on probationary status with the National Flood Insurance Program starting in mid-May unless it addressed what it called “program deficiencies” and “flood plain management violations.” The probationary status would have resulted in a \$50 surcharge for flood insurance policyholders.

“They have a year to take some corrective action, and I give them a lot of credit, they really had to roll up their sleeves and come up with some good remedies for some of the problems there,” said Jerry DeFelice, external affairs specialist for FEMA.

The county has promised engineering studies and modifications to address the issues brought up by the federal agency. The construction of basements in the mapped flood plain area is among FEMA's chief concerns. Basements are banned in the flood plain.

DeFelice said FEMA and South Dakota authorities will follow up with county officials during the next 12 months to ensure that the county takes action on its remediation plan.

The National Flood Insurance Program, a part of FEMA, underwrites flood insurance policies sold by commercial insurance companies. Union County joined the program in 1977 and the area's current flood plain map was drawn in 2001. Traditional insurance policies for homeowners and renters do not cover flood damage. People who live outside a mapped flood plain can get insurance at low rates, while premiums within flood plains depend on how buildings are constructed.

Zoning director Dennis Henze said Wednesday that the county, as part of the remediation process, will spend between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to hire engineers and surveyors to be able to draft a letter to ask FEMA for a map revision in an area of Dakota Dunes where homes were built about three decades ago.

“At the time, we are talking in the late 80s, this area wasn't in the flood plain,” Henze said. “And the homes were built and everything was fine. Now, they're saying ‘Oh, no, no. That's in the flood plain.’”



Union County has 424 flood insurance policies. Only homeowners in the unincorporated area of the county, including Dakota Dunes, would have been affected by the surcharge. But incorporated areas, such as North Sioux City, would not have been forced to pay the penalty.

Low-lying areas in Union County, including Dakota Dunes, faced rising water in June 2011 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers increased flows through dams on the Missouri River to get rid of water from rains of up to 8 inches that fell in Wyoming, eastern Montana and western North Dakota and South Dakota.

## **SD regulators OK wolf cubs, fox kits at wildlife center**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota woman will be able to keep wolf cubs and fox kits at a wildlife education center she's opening in Deadwood, but visitors won't be able to play with the animals, a South Dakota regulatory board decided on Wednesday.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board granted a permit allowing Terri Petter to house the animals at the roughly 17-acre Deadwood location. But they barred the "pet and play" portion of Fur-Ever Wild's Deadwood site, which would have allowed groups to mingle with the baby animals.

Opponents of the Deadwood facility were largely unable to air their concerns about Petter's fur operation and the alleged conditions and treatment of animals at her location on 100 acres in Lakeville, Minnesota, because the board said they were outside the scope of the proceedings. The project faces opposition from people in part concerned that Petter's real purpose is to raise animals for fur.

The board ultimately considered whether Petter can safely possess the animals, and she highlighted the fences and enclosures, among other security features, at the facility to keep animals and people safe. Adam Wiechmann, a veterinarian for the state who inspected the facility, said he believes it's ready to handle wolf cubs and fox kits younger than 6 months old.

Petter said after the hearing that the decision is "great news" and said that the location would still be a viable business even though public contact with the animals isn't allowed. She initially planned to have six wolf pups and seven fox kits at the Deadwood site.

"We can still educate," she said. "We can still teach people about the fox and the wolf, and it's what we wanted to do all along."

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven advised the board against allowing the "pet and play" aspect of the location.

"The consensus of science, especially among public health veterinarians, is (it's) generally recommended that dangerous animals such as wolves and animals which may serve as a reservoir for rabies such as foxes not be in public contact," Oedekoven said.

Opponents also said they were concerned about safety at the Deadwood site. Sharon Martinisko, a Deadwood resident, said her biggest concerns were the possibility of injury and the spread of disease.

"By eliminating the contact, that took the biggest piece out of it," she said. "The facility is going to be closely monitored. If not by city government, it will be monitored by the citizens."

## **10 shots fired at a car in Sioux Falls; no injuries reported**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say a woman's car was shot 10 times while parked outside an apartment complex Wednesday.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the owner of the Grand Prix that was damaged reported hearing the gunshots around 3:20 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Clemens says officers found the vehicle with multiple bullet holes in the front panel and hood.

Clemens says the 21-year-old woman who owns the car doesn't know why someone would shoot up her car. Clemens adds investigators don't know if the woman's car was targeted or it was a random shooting.

Police have not found witnesses so far.

## **SD board halts poultry shows while officials fight bird flu**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Poultry shows have been canceled across South Dakota until further notice while officials attempt to halt the spread of bird flu.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board voted Wednesday to halt poultry exhibitions in the state, which will likely affect the South Dakota State Fair in September.

As of Wednesday, more than 1.6 million turkeys and chickens in South Dakota had been affected by outbreaks of the H5N2 avian influenza virus.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven (oh-duh-KOH'-vuhn) says it's not completely clear how the highly pathogenic virus is spreading among farms.

Other states including Minnesota and North Dakota also have halted poultry exhibitions as they combat the spread of the virus.

## **Idaho man injured in fishing mishap in South Dakota lake**

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — An Idaho man who was fishing in an eastern South Dakota lake had to be rescued after a float tube accident.

The Brookings County Sheriff's Office says 54-year-old Mark Locke, of Hagerman, Idaho, was fishing with two friends in Lake Sinai on Tuesday afternoon when current pulled his float tube away from shore and tipped it forward.

Assistant Sheriff Scott Sebring says Locke ended up about 100 yards from shore and couldn't get himself upright. He was face-down in the water and unconscious when one of his friends swam out to him.

People at the scene and emergency crews used a canoe and a rope to pull Locke to shore. He was taken to a Brookings hospital with unspecified injuries.

## **USDA confirms bird flu virus at Flandreau farm is H5N2**

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — Federal agriculture officials have confirmed that a strain of bird flu that affected an egg-laying operation of 1.3 million chickens in Flandreau was the same one that's wiped out millions of birds across the Midwest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, has confirmed the presence of the H5N2 strain at Dakota Layers.

The operation accounts for almost half of the egg-laying chickens in South Dakota. It announced last week it had been affected after noticing an unusual number of dead birds in one of its barns.

The USDA has confirmed more than 38 million birds in 15 states with the H5N2 virus that scientists believe came to the Midwest this spring with migrating waterfowl.



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## 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. HOW VAST EXTREMIST RECRUITING NETWORK NETS LEGIONNAIRES

As many as 17,000 people from more than 90 countries have streamed to Syria and Iraq to wage holy war for the Islamic State group.

### 2. ANCIENT CITY FALLS TO IS

Syrian activists say Islamic State militants, after seizing the ancient town of Palmyra in central Syria, are now also in full control of its famed archaeological site with its 2,000-year old Roman colonnades.

### 3. WHAT MALAYSIA IS DOING ABOUT BOAT PEOPLE

The prime minister orders the navy and the coast guard to rescue migrants stranded on drifting boats, the first country in Southeast Asia to act.

### 4. VIDEO CAPTURES CHAOTIC SCENE IN WACO

When gunfire erupted outside a Texas restaurant, most of the bikers watching the confrontation ran away from the shooting, a security video shown to AP reveals.

### 5. MASSIVE OIL SPILL CLEANUP WILL TAKE TIME

Just a fraction of the 105,000 gallons of crude has been raked, skimmed and vacuumed from a spill that stretches across 9 miles of California coast.

### 6. WHAT SCHOOLS HAVE DONE IN THE WAKE OF NEWTOWN

U.S. public schools beef up security measures with safety drills and parent notification systems since the massacre at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School.

### 7. NSA SURVEILLANCE FUTURE IN LIMBO

The fate of the government's bulk collection of Americans' phone records is unclear following an FBI warning, House-Senate disagreements and Sen. Rand Paul's filibuster.

### 8. 'WHITE FLIGHT' REVERSES IN MOTOR CITY

Cheap housing and incentive programs are partly fueling the regrowth of Detroit's white population.

### 9. TRULY THE END OF AN ERA

AP's Frazier Moore says David Letterman's 33-year run as host of CBS' "Late Show" ends more than a career, but a cultural epoch.

### 10. WHO LED CAVS TO EAST FINALS WIN

LeBron James and J.R. Smith led Cleveland past the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks 97-89 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

## AP News in Brief

### Foreign legion fights for Islamic State; West fears it will spawn global terror web

PANKISI GORGE, Georgia (AP) — One day this April, instead of coming home from school, two teenagers left their valley high in the Caucasus, and went off to war.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, a 20-year-old stole her friend's passport to make the same hazardous journey.

From New Zealand, came a former security guard; from Canada, a hockey fan who loved to fish and hunt.

And there have been many, many more: between 16,000 and 17,000, according to one independent Western estimate, men and a small number of women from 90 countries or more who have streamed

to Syria and Iraq to wage Muslim holy war for the Islamic State.

Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, the group's leader, has appealed to Muslims throughout the world to move to lands under its control — to fight, but also to work as administrators, doctors, judges, engineers and scholars, and to marry, put down roots and start families.

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## **Syrian activists say Islamic State extremists, after seizing Palmyra, now control ancient site**

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State militants overran the famed archaeological site at Palmyra early on Thursday, just hours after seizing the central Syrian town, activists and officials said, raising concerns the extremists might destroy some of the priceless ruins as they have done in neighboring Iraq.

The Islamic State's capture of the town of Palmyra late Wednesday was a stunning triumph for the militant group, only days after it captured the strategic city of Ramadi in Iraq's largest Sunni province.

As IS took Palmyra, government forces collapsed in the face of the attacks and Syrian soldiers were seen fleeing the area, activists said. In Damascus, state TV acknowledged that pro-government forces had withdrawn from the town.

Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the extremists overrun the archaeological site, just to the southwest of the town itself, shortly after midnight Wednesday.

An activist in Homs who goes by the name of Bebars al-Talawy also said that IS now controls the ruins at Palmyra. Both activists said that the militants had not damaged the site so far.

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## **Malaysia orders sea search for migrants, and sends foreign minister to Myanmar to ease crisis**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister said Thursday he has ordered the navy and the coast guard to comb the sea to look for stranded migrants, the first country to announce it will search for the refugees in desperate need of help instead of waiting for them to wash up on Southeast Asia's shores.

As the region's migrant crisis enters its fourth week, it remains unclear how many vulnerable people are adrift at sea but aid groups and the U.N. say there could be thousands and time is running out to save them.

In the past three weeks, more than 3,000 people — Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in Myanmar and Bangladesh trying to escape poverty — have landed in overcrowded boats on the shores of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. After initially pushing many boats back, Malaysia and Indonesia announced on Wednesday that they will offer temporary shelter to all incoming migrants.

Although the announcement was seen as a major breakthrough, rights groups said the proposal addressed only part of the problem, and urged countries to start actively searching for those stranded at sea. The U.N. refugee agency believes there are 4,000 still at sea, although some activists put the number at 6,000.

Prime Minister Najib Razak addressed the concern via Twitter, saying that he had ordered the navy and coast guard "to conduct search and rescue efforts (for) Rohingya boats. We have to prevent loss of life."

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## **The Latest on Rohingya: Myanmar confirms it will attend crisis meeting next week**

4:00 p.m. (0930 GMT)

The Myanmar government says it will attend a regional meeting on the Rohingya humanitarian crisis next week.

Earlier, Myanmar hinted it might skip the May 29 meeting in Bangkok in neighboring Thailand, which will bring together more than a dozen governments from Southeast Asia and beyond. They want to discuss the root causes of the exodus of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar as well as Bangladeshi migrants, thousands of whom have been stranded at sea.

More than 3,000 boat people have landed in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand in recent weeks, and thousands more are believed to be adrift and their lives in danger.

Myanmar's presidential office director, Zaw Htay, said Thursday that his government will take part in talks about human smuggling and illegal migration.

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## **Thousands of gallons collected are just the start of California oil spill cleanup**

GOLETA, Calif. (AP) — More than 6,000 gallons of oil had been raked, skimmed and vacuumed from a spill that stretched across 9 miles of California coast in a cleanup effort that is now going 24 hours a day, officials said, but that's some of the sticky, stinking goo that escaped from a broken pipeline.

Investigators took stock of the scope of the spill on Wednesday a day after the pipeline break, finding that up to 105,000 gallons may have leaked out, and up to a fifth of that amount — 21,000 gallons — reached the sea, according to estimates.

Federal regulators were investigating the leak as workers in protective suits raked and shoveled the black sludge off the beaches, and boats towed booms into place to corral the two slicks off the Santa Barbara coast.

The chief executive of the company that runs the pipeline, Plains All American Pipeline LP, was at the site of the spill Wednesday and apologized for it.

"We deeply, deeply regret that this incident has occurred at all," Chairman and CEO Greg L. Armstrong said at a news conference. "We apologize for the damage that it's done to the wildlife and to the environment."

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## **As drought-hit California digs deeper in water cuts, farmers with strongest rights offer deal**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California farmers who hold rights to water that date as far back as the Gold Rush are bracing for their first state-ordered conservation in decades, as a record drought prompts some of the deepest cuts yet in the country's most productive agricultural state.

After telling cities and towns to slash use by 25 percent and curtailing water deliveries to some farmers and others, state officials said Wednesday they would start mandatory cuts this week to the state's oldest rights holders, historically spared from water restrictions.

Regulators said those first orders Friday will impact holders of century-old water rights in the watershed of the San Joaquin River, which runs from the Sierra Nevada mountains to San Francisco Bay and is one of the main water sources for farms and communities.

Meanwhile, a second category of senior rights holders — farmers who hold longstanding claims to

water because their land lies along the waterways of the Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta — are making a surprise effort to stave off that kind of curtailment order.

They are offering to voluntarily reduce their water use by a quarter. Officials promised a decision Friday on that offer, which would yield on some of the most iron-clad water rights in California, as they try to chart a path forward for a state locked in its driest four-year period on record.

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## **Bikers shown fleeing gunfire, guiding others to safety in security video from Waco restaurant**

WACO, Texas (AP) — When gunfire erupted in the parking lot of a Texas restaurant, most of the leather-clad motorcycle riders watching the confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting. A few tried to direct people to safety, crawling on all fours heading for cover.

One biker ran away with blood on his face, hands and torso. A woman could be heard screaming, "Oh my God!" Others yelled, "Get down!"

Restaurant security video reviewed exclusively by The Associated Press showed only one of the dozens of bikers recorded was seen firing a gun from the patio of the Twin Peaks restaurant where nine people were killed.

None of the nine video angles shows the parking lot.

Many of the bikers on tape are likely to have been arrested by Waco police, who rounded up about 170 people, charged them with felony engaging in organized criminal activity and set their bonds at \$1 million.

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## **FBI concerns, GOP spats and Rand Paul's talkathon leave domestic surveillance program in doubt**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of the government's bulk collection of Americans' phone records is unclear following an FBI warning, House-Senate disagreements and more than 10 hours of criticisms by a GOP presidential candidate.

Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the most libertarian-leaning of the major Republican presidential contenders, dominated the Senate floor from 1:18 to 11:49 p.m. Wednesday to decry the National Security Agency's mass collection of phone data without warrants. In doing so, he highlighted deep divisions within Congress — and among his party's presidential hopefuls — over the program whose existence was exposed by former contractor Edward Snowden, now living in Russia.

Paul wasn't coy about the political overtones. His campaign issued a fundraising appeal while he slowly paced and steadily talked in a mostly empty Senate chamber. It also told reporters that several conservative House Republicans were available for interviews after they sat a while in support of Paul in the Senate.

It marked the second time in two years that Paul has used a marathon Senate speech to draw attention to a pet issue, and to himself, as C-SPAN cameras provided unbroken footage for Twitter and other social media. In March 2013 he spent 13 hours filibustering John Brennan's nomination to head the CIA, to underscore Paul's opposition to U.S. drone policies.

Wednesday's performance wasn't an official filibuster because the bill before the Senate dealt with trade, not surveillance. Still, by never sitting or yielding the floor, Paul kept senators from talking on other topics.

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## David Letterman ties up loose ends on last show, leaves late-night TV with thanks and a smile

NEW YORK (AP) — There are those who will argue that the world of television hasn't suffered such a loss in nearly a generation, and they're right.

When David Letterman signed off CBS' "Late Show" for good Wednesday, he closed the book on more than his own incomparable career in late night. He closed out a broadcasting epoch that also encompasses his mentor, "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, who retired with great emotion and ceremony in 1992. Dave also called it a day for Steve Allen and Jack Paar, who back in the 1950s broke ground as each took a turn as the host of "Tonight."

All that is part of Letterman's legacy — as well as a career-spanning total of "eight minutes of laughter," he cracked in his final monologue.

For anyone sad that Letterman is leaving the spotlight, he offered joking consolation, announcing that he and about-to-be-former bandleader Paul Shaffer would soon "be debuting our new act at Caesars Palace with our white tigers."

If only.

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## James scores 31, Smith adds 28 as Cleveland beats Atlanta 97-89 in Game 1 of East final

ATLANTA (AP) — J.R. Smith knocked down a tough 3-pointer, then another. Turning toward the fans, their heckling transformed to groans, he blew off his right index finger and motioned toward his side, like he was holstering his pistol.

Yep, Smith was that hot.

While LeBron James led Cleveland with 31 points, it was Smith who ignited the Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals. He made eight 3-pointers and scored 28 points in a 97-89 victory over the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

"When he gets hot," Cleveland coach David Blatt marveled, "he gets smoking hot."

Intent on bringing Cleveland its first NBA title, James sealed the victory with a soaring dunk in the final minute.

## David Letterman signs off as late-night host

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman ended his 33-year career as a late-night television host Wednesday, ushered into retirement by four presidents who declared "our long national nightmare is over" and saying there was nothing he could ever do to repay his audience.

The show ran 17 minutes over the usual hour, much of it because Letterman took the time to thank the people who worked for him. As the tuxedoed Foo Fighters performed "Everlong"— a song they first played on the "Late Show" when Letterman returned after heart surgery in 2000 — a long montage of photographs from three decades of television history zipped past on the screen.

"The only thing I have left to do for the last time on a television program (is say) thank you and good night," he said.

Letterman presided over 6,028 broadcasts on CBS and NBC, the transplanted Hoosier making Top 10 lists and ironic humor staples of television comedy and an influence to a generation of performers. True to his self-deprecating style, he said Stephen Hawking estimated that tenure delivered "about eight minutes of laughter."

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Letterman will be replaced in September by Stephen Colbert, who he endorsed by saying, "I think he'll do a wonderful job."

The taped intro of President Barack Obama and former Presidents George Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush referenced President Gerald Ford's declaration to the country when he took office following the 1974 resignation of Richard Nixon. Letterman sidled up to Obama to say, "you're just kidding, right?"

Ten stars from Steve Martin to Tina Fey delivered the final Top 10 list of "things I've always wanted to say to Dave." Julia Louis-Dreyfus, with Jerry Seinfeld standing nearby, said, "Thanks for letting me take part in another hugely disappointing series finale."

No. 1 was Bill Murray: "Dave, I'll never have the money I owe you."

Letterman joked in his monologue that he's been on the air for so long that the hot show when he started was "Keeping Up with the Gabors."

"You want to know what I'm going to do now that I'm retired?" he said. "By God, I hope to become the new face of Scientology."

From his start on NBC's "Late Night" in February 1982, Letterman's comedy was about more than telling jokes. He attached a camera to a monkey's back, tossed watermelons off a roof and wore a suit of Alka-Seltzer to plunge into a tank of water. Celebrities used to being fawned over either clicked with his prickly personality or didn't, and when Cher called him a more profane version of "jerk," it became a memorable moment.

He shifted to CBS in 1993 when NBC gave the "Tonight" show to Jay Leno instead of Letterman, a slight he never forgot or forgave.

Letterman even began his final monologue Wednesday by joking, "It's beginning to look like I'm not going to get the 'Tonight' show."

The tricks subsided as Letterman mellowed with age and fatherhood. His audience welcomed him back after a heart bypass, listened as he became the first late-night host back on the air after the 2001 terrorist attacks and saw him acknowledge to inappropriately having sex with a subordinate.

"When I screw up now, and Lord knows I'll be screwing up, I'll have to go on somebody else's show to apologize," Letterman said.

With his monologue and Top 10 list, the final show kept the same format of thousands before them, although he gave no one the pressure of being a guest on the final show. Murray played that part Tuesday night. His last few weeks have been warmly nostalgic, with Letterman entertaining old friends like Tom Hanks, George Clooney, Julia Roberts and Oprah Winfrey. Anticipating the end, viewers sent Letterman to the top of the late-night ratings the week before last for the first time since Jimmy Fallon took over at "Tonight" and they competed with original telecasts.

Letterman, before saying goodbye, thanked virtually everyone involved with the show from CBS Corp. Chairman Leslie Moonves to his researchers and crew members.

"It's so obvious every night and again tonight that they were so much better at their jobs than I am at my job," he said.

Letterman remained dry-eyed throughout the broadcast, but several audience members who filed out of the Ed Sullivan Theater had tears in their eyes.

"He was guarded but you could tell it was really hard for him," said John Bernstein, who flew in from Los Angeles to attend the final taping. "You could see his emotion. But I think he's feeling a lot more than he's showing."

Rival Jimmy Kimmel paid tribute to Letterman by not making a fresh ABC show on Wednesday, when he usually competes in the same time slot. Fallon opened his Wednesday monologue by saying: "I want to thank you for watching this on your DVR after you watched Letterman."



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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 21, the 141st day of 2015. There are 224 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

### On this date:

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1924, in a case that drew much notoriety, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" carried out by University of Chicago students Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb (Bobby's cousin).

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship's passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1945, actors Humphrey Bogart, 45, and Lauren Bacall, 20, were married at Malabar Farm in Lucas, Ohio (it was his fourth marriage, her first, and would last until Bogart's death in 1957).

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, "Maybellene," for Chess Records in Chicago.

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

In 1990, CBS aired the final episode of the sitcom "Newhart" in which it was revealed in the closing scene that the entire series about a Vermont innkeeper played by Bob Newhart had been a dream of Bob Hartley, the psychologist played by Newhart in his previous show, "The Bob Newhart Show."

Ten years ago: Afleet Alex regained his footing and his drive after being cut off by Scrappy T in a frightening collision and breezed home to win the Preakness Stakes; Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo finished third. The Belgian film "The Child" won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. Comedic actor Howard Morris died in Hollywood at age 85.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama directed the government to set the first-ever mileage and pollution limits for big trucks and to tighten rules for future cars and SUVs. Citing overwhelming evidence that North Korea had sunk a South Korean warship, the Cheonan, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned the reclusive communist state of consequences.

**One year ago:** With outrage mounting over veterans' health care, President Barack Obama declared that misconduct alleged at VA hospitals would not be tolerated. China signed a \$400 billion gas deal with Russia, binding Moscow more closely to Beijing amid international sanctions for Russian actions in Ukraine. Wendell Scott became the first African-American driver to be elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

**Today's Birthdays:** Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 74. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 72. Actor Richard Hatch is 70. Musician Bill Champlin is 68. Singer Leo Sayer is 67. Actress Carol Potter is 67. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 64. Actor Mr. T is 63. Music producer Stan Lynch is 60. Actor Judge Reinhold is 58. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 56. Actor Brent Briscoe is 54. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 49. Actress Fairuza Balk is 41. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett

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(Airborne Toxic Event) is 41. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 41. Actor David Ajala (TV: "Black Box") is 29. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 28. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 25. Actress Sarah Ramos is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself." - James Stephens, Irish poet and novelist (1882-1950).