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## 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 in Pierpont

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship.

3:00 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

## Monday, May 25

### Memorial Day

## 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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**Class of 1969 Scholarships - Natalia Dohman and Maryn Howard**



**Sammuli-Rix Scholarships - Kaitlin O'Neill and Taylor Gustafson**



**Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarships (Ashley Gibbs, Kiana Kokales, Breanna Marzahn) and Phyllis J. Jark Education Scholarship (Matthew Knecht)**



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**Ruden Family Ag Related Career Scholarships  
Alec Voss and Wyatt Larson**



**Lucas Sternhagen (Irvin and Janice Flihs Family Scholarship) and Haley Unzen (Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship)**



**Natalia Dohman (Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship) and Sydney Thorson (Shawn Weismantel Kramer Scholarship)**



**Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarships presented by Kelly Townsend (center)  
Wyatt Larson and Spencer Knecht**



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## Principal's Sixth Grade Honor Roll

Nineteen sixth graders in the Class of 2021 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 6th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the sixth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for one year.

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

Back – Erin Unzen, Tanae Lipp, Lucas Simon, Kale Pharis, Trey Gengerke, Chandler Larson, Kaden Carda

Middle – Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexis Hanten, Grace Wambach, Alexa Herr, Alyssa Fordham, Isaac Smith, Jack Achen

Front – Sage Mortenson, Tessa Erdmann, Tiara DeHoet, Jasmine Gengerke, Samantha Pappas

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## DI Globals Update

Thursday in Knoxville proved to be another eventful day. The "Out of the Boxers" team completed their team challenge, Making Waves. Some changes were made to their performance due to a case of laryngitis, but in true DI spirit, they pulled off another great performance. Later that afternoon a trip to the Knoxville Zoo involved more team bonding for the "Boxers". The "5 Confused People" team participated in their Instant Challenge with an entertaining TADA performance to follow. Their afternoon was spent awaiting buses, pin trading, and finishing their costumes for the Duct Tape Costume Ball. Both teams



attended and enjoyed the Duct Tape Costume Ball and their costumes were appreciated by many. "The Boxers" team went as the King & Queen, Knights and Princesses and "5 Confused People" went as the 5 Confused People Marching Band. The entertainment for the evening was a concert by The Exchange acapella group. "5 Confused People" detoured to the Passport Party before returning to the hotel. While en route to the party, they spotted Dr. Chuck Cadle, CEO of Destination Imagination who graciously agreed to take a picture with the team. Both teams had a great day with many memories made.

(Photos by Joni Groeblichhoff)





## Today in Weather History

1876 - Denver CO was drenched with 6.53 inches of rain in 24 hours, an all-time record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1911 - The temperature at Lewiston ME soared to 101 degrees. It was the hottest temperature ever recorded in New England during the month of May. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A powerful tornado virtually wiped the small southwest Texas community of Saragosa off the map. The twister destroyed eighty- five percent of the structures in the town killing thirty persons and injuring 121 others in the town of population 183. The tornado hurled trucks and autos through adobe and wood- frame homes, with some vehicles blown 500 feet. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather over the Central Gulf Coast States. Tennis ball size hail was reported at Ripley MS. Showers and thunderstorms in southern Missouri produced 3.20 inches of rain at Springfield to easily surpass their rainfall record for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in southern Texas and parts of the southwestern U.S. Seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including El Paso TX with a reading of 100 degrees. Presidio TX was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 111 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front in the north central U.S. produced severe weather from northwestern Kansas to central Minnesota and southeastern North Dakota. There were twenty-nine reports of damaging winds, or dime to golf ball size hail. Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 69 mph at Alexandria, MN. Showers and thunderstorms over eastern North Carolina soaked Wilmington with 2.91 inches of rain, which established a record for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) 1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across the southeastern U.S. for the second day in a row. Severe thunderstorms spawned five tornadoes, including one which injured a person at Richmond KY. There were eighty-seven reports of large hail or damaging winds, with hail three inches in diameter reported at Austin TX. Thunderstorms produced up to five inches of rain in Macon County GA, and heavy rains left nearly eight feet of water over roads near Stepstone KY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Memorial Day
						
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms Likely	Thunderstorms Likely	Thunderstorms Likely	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 76 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 70 °F



## Dry & Warm Today, Rain This Weekend!

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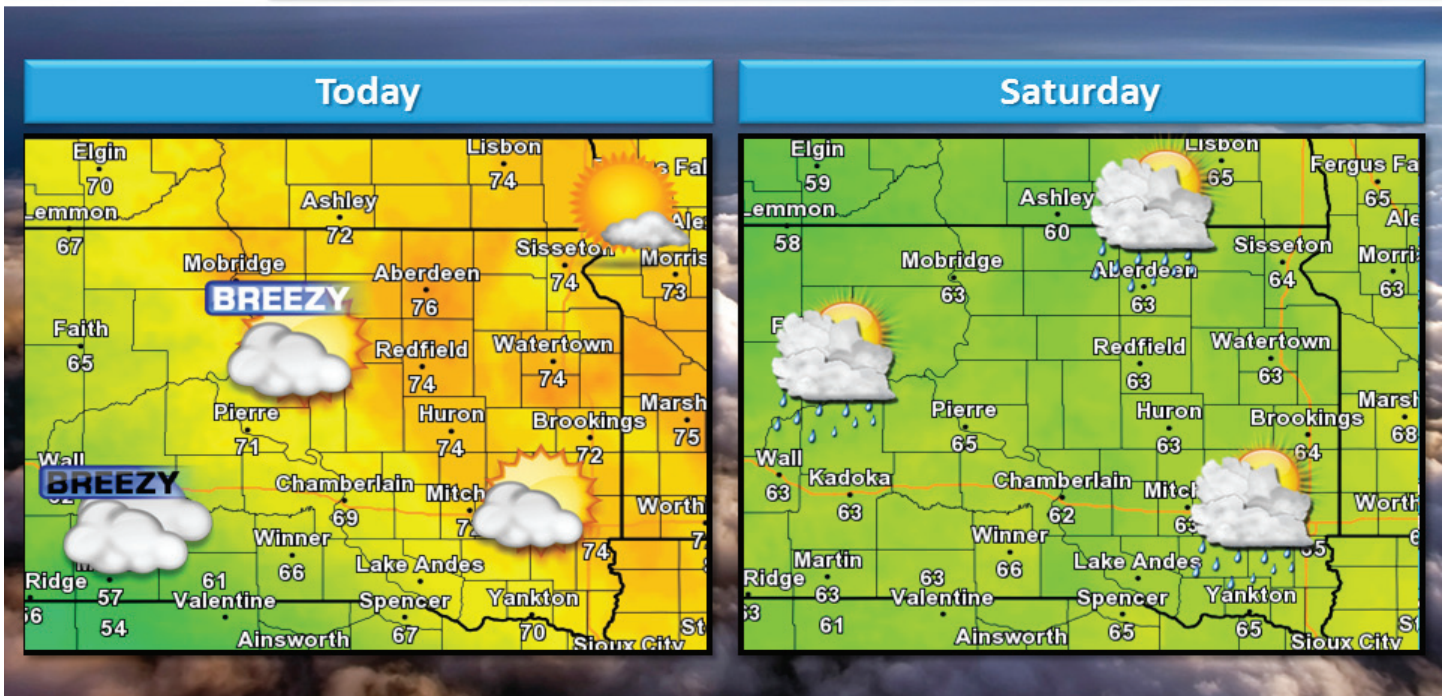
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Another mild day is expected across the region. Southeasterly winds will become breezy however, especially across parts of western and central SD. Rain chances then return to southern SD late tonight. On and off showers and thunderstorms can be expected across the whole region through the holiday weekend.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 74.3 at 5:52 PM

**Low:** 40.6 at 6:11 AM

**High Gust:** 16 at 5:20 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 92° in 1928

**Record Low:** 22° in 1963

**Average High:** 70°F

**Average Low:** 46°F

**Average Precip in May:** 2.25

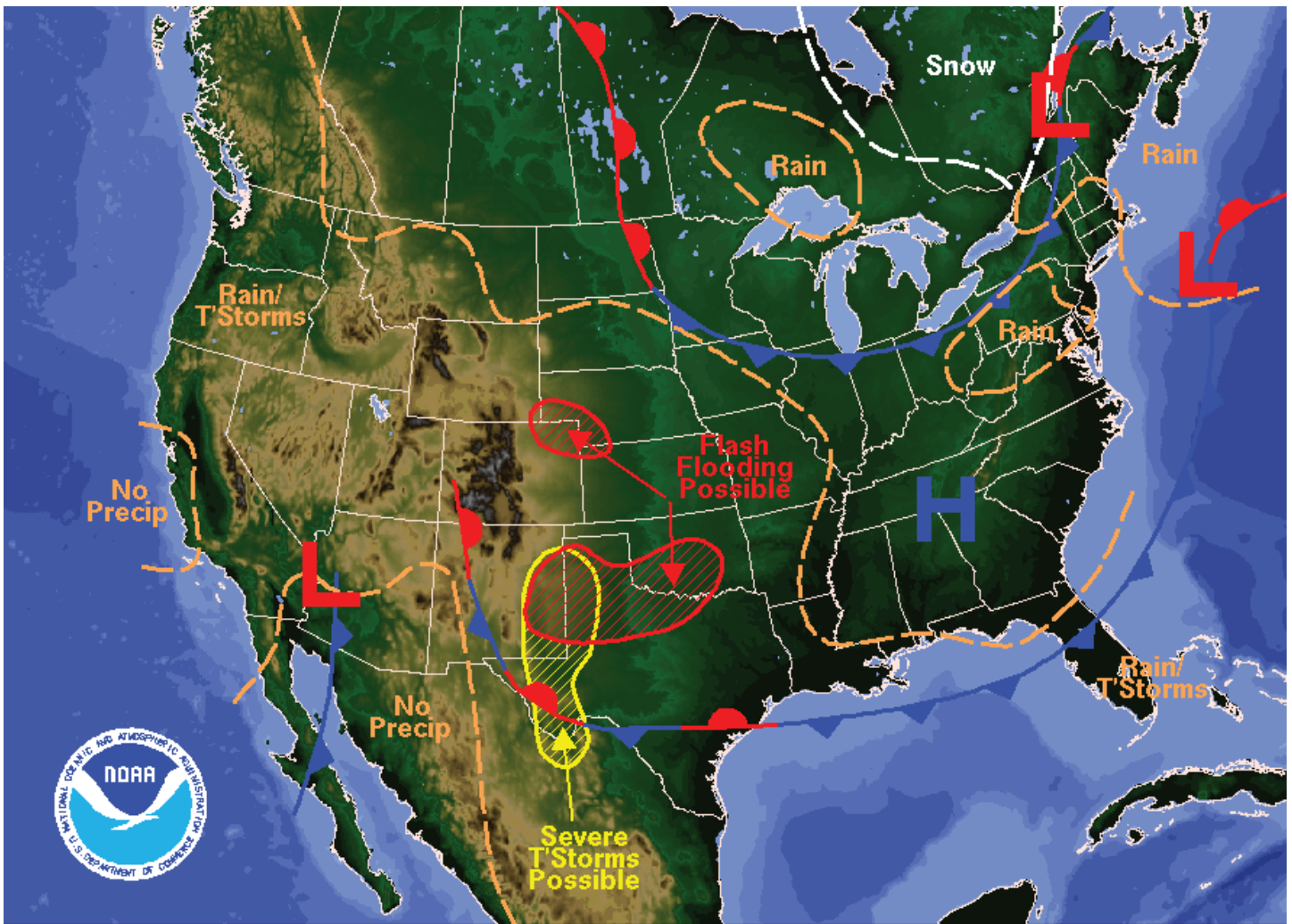
**Precip to date in May:** 3.32

**Average Precip to date:** 6.28

**Precip Year to Date:** 4.96

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:05 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:55 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, May 22, 2015, issued 4:04 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## THE GREAT COMMISSION

A salesman was known for keeping his hat on while he worked at his desk in his office. One day a new employee asked, "Why do you keep your hat on when you work in the building? Are you hairless?" "No," came the reply. "I wear it to remind myself that I ought to be out selling and 'here less.'"

Would it be a good idea if we, as Christians, would wear hats when we watch TV, read newspapers, visit with friends, work in the yard or go shopping? Could wearing a hat remind us that there is a world waiting to hear the message of the Gospel? Might it remind us not to get too comfortable? Would it keep us from "forgetting" the Great Commission?

We place great value on the "last will and testament" of individuals. It gives exact directions for what is to be done with whatever they leave at the end of their life. Jesus did this in the Great Commission.

He said, "Go and make disciples." They were not to be satisfied because they had a relationship with Him. Nor were they to be complacent with the teachings He left in their hands and hearts.

The command "to go" did not end with the disciples. His voice still echoes across the centuries to those of us today who are His disciples. We are to "go and make disciples" wherever we are, whenever we can.

**Prayer:** We often fail, Lord, in doing what You have commanded us to do. Forgive us for failing to honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Matthew 28:18-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



## News from the Associated Press

### **Former Colorado College coach takes reins of USHL's Stampede**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Stampede has named former longtime Colorado College head coach Scott Owens as coach and general manager of the United States Hockey League franchise.

The 59-year-old Owens succeeds Cary Eades, who left after three seasons to become head coach and general manager of the USHL's Fargo Force.

Owens is a Wisconsin native who was a goaltender for Colorado College in the late 1970s and later spent 15 years as head coach at the school, beginning in 1999. He resigned in April 2014.

Owens led Colorado College to seven appearances in the NCAA tournament, including a trip to the Frozen Four in 2005. He coached two Hobey Baker Award winners. He is the winningest coach in Colorado College history, with a 324-228-54 record.

### **SD Historical Society wins 2 independent book awards**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two books published by the South Dakota State Historical Society have won independent publishing awards.

State officials say two books published last year have won Independent Publisher Book Awards, or IPPY Awards.

"Transformation and Continuity in Lakota Culture: The Collages of Arthur Amiotte, 1988-2014" won the national Gold Award in the Fine Art category.

"Love Letters from Mount Rushmore: The Story of a Marriage, a Monument, and a Moment in History" received the Mid-West Gold Award for Best Regional Non-Fiction.

The historical society says the IPPY Awards are recognized by the publishing industry as the world's largest book-awards contest. Judges have between 10 and 20 years of experience in critiquing books, and fewer than one in 10 entries win an IPPY medal.

### **South Dakota to join float lineup of the 2016 Rose Parade**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota will have a floral float cruising through Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day during the annual Rose Parade.

The float that South Dakota will have during the 2016 edition of the parade will feature the state's world-famous Mount Rushmore.

The parade plans to shine a light on the centennial celebration of the country's national park as part of a partnership with the U.S. National Park Service.

State Tourism Secretary Jim Hagen says coincidentally, 2016 is also the 75th anniversary of the completion of Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

South Dakota officials have chosen a Pasadena-based company to build the state's float.

The parade draws more than 700,000 spectators and 81 million television viewers worldwide.

### **53 people in 9 states sickened after eating raw tuna**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A salmonella outbreak likely linked to raw tuna has sickened 53 people in nine states, health officials said Thursday.

Most of the cases — 31 — are in California, officials at the California Department of Public Health said. Other affected states include Arizona, Illinois, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Dakota, Virginia,

Washington and Wisconsin.

Ten people have been hospitalized but no deaths have been reported, according to state and federal officials. The source of the outbreak is unknown, but most who fell ill reported eating sushi containing raw tuna.

"At this time, a common brand or supplier of raw tuna has not been identified," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website.

Salmonella is a bacteria and the most common source of food poisoning in the U.S. Symptoms include diarrhea, cramping and fever.

Health officials said the elderly, young children, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems should not eat raw fish or raw shellfish.

"This is a good reminder to Californians that there are sometimes risks when eating raw or undercooked meats, fish or poultry," Dr. Karen Smith, director of the California Department of Public Health, said in a statement.

## **Past Bosworth lawyer denies he gave advice that violated law**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An attorney who worked with former political candidate Annette Bosworth said Thursday that he didn't give her legal advice that led to her alleged election law violations, contradicting the defense Bosworth's lawyers have established in her high-profile trial.

The jury in the case heard from a stream of witnesses, including Bosworth's former attorney and political consultant Joel Arends. Jurors 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 being out of the country during a time when her petitions to get on the ballot say she was gathering signatures. Bosworth has said she's the target of "political persecution" and has pleaded not guilty to perjury and filing false documents.

Bosworth's legal team has cast her as a rookie candidate who took advice from Arends, who they say 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. An attorney for Bosworth said earlier in the trial that her biggest mistake was relying on Arends' advice.

Defense attorney Dana Hanna on Thursday characterized Arends as having significant election law experience, but in referring to Bosworth made it clear that "politics was not her profession."

But Arends countered that Bosworth actually had an "unusually high level of the knowledge" of the requirements for filling out nominating petitions, including the requirement that she had to witness the signatures. He also said that it's a "lie" that he advised her otherwise.

"She absolutely and definitely knew the proper way to fill out a nominating petition," he said.

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 witnesses from Hutterite colonies testified Thursday that Bosworth wasn't there when they signed the documents.

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



Bosworth received 6 percent of the vote in the June 3, 2014, five-way primary for the Republican nomination.

## **Justice Department eyes voting reforms for American Indians**

**FELICIA FONSECA, Associated Press**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice is seeking legislation that would require state and local election officials to work with American Indian tribes to locate at least one polling place on or near each tribe's land.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the changes are needed because "significant and unnecessary barriers" exist for American Indians and Alaska Natives who want to cast ballots. American Indians sometimes have to travel great distances to vote, face language barriers and, in places like Alaska, do not have the same amount of time to vote as others.

The Justice Department outlined its proposal in letters Thursday to House Speaker John Boehner and Vice President Joe Biden, after a year of consultation with tribes on voting access.

"This is an important step forward to saying Native votes are just as important," said Jacqueline Pata, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians. "In our communities, having access definitely will make the difference in making tribal membership feel like citizens of America and be able to vote."

The legislation proposed as a stand-alone bill also would require that states provide the same equipment for tribal polling locations as other sites around the state, provide equal compensation to poll workers on reservations, and expand access to voting through early voting, extended hours or same-day registration if that's provided elsewhere in the state. Tribes with particularly large reservations could request more than one polling site.

Litigation surrounding satellite polling sites for reservations in South Dakota and Montana, and translation of voting materials into Alaska Native languages helped push the issue forward, the NCAI said. In conversations with Justice Department officials and in presentations to tribes, the organization cited the long distances some tribal members have to travel to vote. The nearest polling site for tribal members on the Nevada portion of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation is more than 100 miles away in Elko. Members of the Hopi tribe in northwestern Arizona must drive 90 miles to Joseph City to vote. A polling site in Erda, Utah, serves the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, whose reservation is nearly 165 miles away.

Acting Associate Attorney General Stuart Delery said despite reforms through the Voting Rights Act and other measures, American Indian participation in elections remains low. Turnout for Alaska Natives has been 20 percentage points or more lower than non-Natives, the Justice Department said. Delery said the legislation would help address the gap.

"As citizens of a nation founded upon the principles of liberty and equality, Native Americans have faced unacceptable barriers to participating in the franchise, a situation aggravated by a history of discrimination, poverty and, significantly, great distances from polling places," he said in a statement.

## **Wellmark seeking 43 percent rate increase for 14,000 members**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's largest private health insurance provider wants to hike rates by almost 43 percent for those who signed up for individual insurance plans under the federal Affordable Care Act.

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Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield sent a request to the South Dakota Division of Insurance this month asking it to approve a 42.9 percent rate increase, saying the hike was necessary because of large claims, costly prescriptions and members dropping coverage after expensive procedures. The state says it likely will approve, adjust or deny the request by July.

About 14,000 South Dakota residents have individual insurance plans that are compliant with the ACA through the company, which makes up about 4 percent of its total members in the state.

In South Dakota and Iowa, Wellmark has so far decided not to join the federal health care exchange set up by the Affordable Care Act, but still allows members who do not receive insurance through an employer to purchase ACA-compliant health care plans through licensed agents, brokers and direct from its website.

That influx of new, previously uninsurable and sicker members who are now required under the law to be covered is likely the main factor driving up costs, according to one national health policy expert.

Laura Jackson, the executive vice president of Wellmark, in a webinar earlier this month, said the company anticipated the new population would have some pent-up demand but said Wellmark has been incurring even higher costs than anticipated from its members with individual ACA-compliant policies who are using services at a higher rate.

"This is merely an unsustainable proposition for Wellmark when we're actually taking in less dollars than we're paying out," she said.

Only Sanford Health Plan, Avera Health Plans and DakotaCare offer subsidized plans on the federal exchange used in South Dakota. Officials at Sanford and Avera said they've proposed increases in the "low teens" for 2016.

Bob Laszewski, the president of Health Policy And Strategy Associates in Virginia, said Wellmark's proposed rate increase is likely a reflection of the "Guaranteed Issue" provision of the ACA, which says a company cannot refuse to insure someone because of a preexisting medical condition. He said healthy people are likely not enrolling in unsubsidized ACA-compliant plans, which are more expensive.

"So these are disproportionately sick people who couldn't get health insurance before, now they can ... and South Dakota is just getting hit hard with big medical claims," he said.

With the proposed rate increases, some South Dakota residents may want to explore other options, including plans on the federal marketplace, said Kim Jones, the statewide coordinator for the South Dakota Community Action Partnership Navigators, which helps people understand the health insurance exchange

"That's why when open (enrollment) comes around again, if you're a person who has a private plan, it would be worth your while to investigate plans on the health insurance marketplace," Jones said.

Jeff Sandene, the chief integration officer for Sanford, said they regularly look at the issues cited by Wellmark but said they haven't contributed to a spike in rates and members will find next year's increase "reasonable and predictable."

"It's been more of a reasonable increase, more likely because we just haven't seen spikes in those areas that they referenced," he said.

Wellmark has more individuals with off-exchange ACA-compliant plans than Sanford and Avera.

At Avera, Chief Administrative Officer Deb Muller said in a statement that the company expects average rate increase for individuals to be in the low teens. Muller said the company hasn't seen individuals buying plans to get costly care and then dropping them.



## **Damaged buildings, homes being taken down in Delmont**

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Damaged buildings and homes in the town of Delmont are being taken down as cleanup continues in the town hit earlier this month by a tornado.

Officials say citizens and volunteers are clearing away debris caused by the May 10 tornado. Debris is still being to be hauled to a rubble site in Douglas County.

The tornado damaged or destroyed 84 structures in and around Delmont and also injured nine people. State Public Safety officials say volunteers are still needed for the cleanup.

Earlier this week, state and federal officials were assessing tornado damage to homes and businesses. Officials say the preliminary assessment is the first step to determining whether aid will be made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration.

## **Bird flu crisis slows in Minnesota, focus now on recovery**

**STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota notched six straight days without a new case of bird flu on Thursday, and though state officials aren't ready to say the outbreak is over, they're beginning to stand down.

The first case of H5N2 in the Midwest was confirmed in early March at a Minnesota turkey farm, and the virus then spread to 88 farms in the country's top turkey producing state, affecting nearly 8 million birds, mostly turkeys. But new cases have fallen off sharply and the focus is turning toward getting poultry farms back into production.

"I wouldn't go out on a limb to say that we're done for the season, but I would say it's been six days now since we've had a presumptive case and we are very optimistic that this trend will continue," Minnesota Board of Animal Health spokeswoman Bethany Hahn said.

To be sure, the disease remains a threat. Iowa, the chief egg producer in the U.S., has reported 11 new probable outbreaks this week alone, raising its total cases to 63 and toll to over 25.5 million birds, mostly chickens. But no other Midwest states had reported new cases as of Thursday. Across the Midwest, the U.S. Department of Agriculture puts the loss at nearly 39 million birds.

Things have settled down enough that Minnesota's Board of Animal Health stopped issuing daily updates unless it has new cases or other news. The state's emergency operations center, which helped mobilize agencies to respond to new cases, is just partially activated now. While an incident manager remains on duty, the center is "certainly not as busy as it was," said Bruce Gordon, spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety.

And federal personnel assigned to the state's crisis have fallen. Many came from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which had 139 responders in Minnesota last month; that was down to 40 by Wednesday, spokeswoman Joelle Hayden said.

Hahn said the first Minnesota farm that was affected, in Pope County, could resume production in a few weeks, with others following a few weeks later. The barns must get a thorough cleaning and disinfection and if all tests are negative, the barns go into 21 days of downtime as a precaution. Officials will then work with producers to determine when it's safe to restock, Hayden said.

The slowdown hasn't lightened the workload for Dr. Robert Porter and others at the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. They've conducted thousands of influenza tests and remain in emergency mode.

Porter said they tested about 250 samples from birds daily in mid-April, and still do about 220. Test numbers have dropped "only slightly" because producers within the control zones around infected farms still need their birds to test negative to get permission to send their birds and eggs to market,

he said.

"These negatives are as important as the reported positive cases," he explained.

## **6 people indicted for conspiracy to defraud IRS sentenced**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A group of people who pleaded guilty in South Dakota to identify theft and attempting to defraud the Internal Revenue Service have all have been sentenced.

U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says the last of the six defendants were sentenced this week. All six pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States. Five of them pleaded guilty to identify theft.

Seiler says the indictments stemmed from the defendants conspiring to defraud the IRS by using stolen personal information to file fraudulent income tax returns, which claimed false income tax refunds.

The six defendants include: Jennifer Robinson, of Fargo, North Dakota; Shawnte Washington, of Tampa, Florida; Stewart Franks, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Timothy Brister, Jr. of Tampa; Ann Weber, of Horace, North Dakota; and Donta Moore, of Kansas City, Missouri.

## **Powerball ticket sold in Rapid City worth \$30,000**

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Rapid City is worth \$30,000 in the Wednesday drawing.

State lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the \$10,000 third prize, and an option purchased for an additional dollar tripled the prize. The odds of hitting the third prize in Powerball are 1 in about 649,000.

Separately, a Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Deadwood is worth \$6,001 in the Wednesday drawing.

The next drawings are Saturday. The Wild Card 2 jackpot is \$230,000 and the Powerball jackpot is \$138 million.

## **Economy remains weak in rural parts of 10 states**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new survey suggests the economy will remain weak in rural parts of 10 Western and Plains states because the strong U.S. dollar is hurting exports and the bird flu is hitting poultry farms hard.

The overall Rural Mainstreet index improved to 49 in May from April's 46, but the index remained in negative territory below 50.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says agriculture and energy exports are suffering.

The survey indexes range from 0 to 100. Any score below 50 suggests decline in that factor in the months ahead.

Sales of farmland and farm equipment are slowing, and the bankers surveyed are less confident about the next few months.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

## **New Fargo Force head coach has ties to Red River Valley**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Former University of North Dakota standout hockey player and assistant coach Cary Eades is returning to the Red River Valley as head coach of the Fargo Force.

Eades also will serve as general manager of the United States Hockey League team.

Eades the past three seasons has been coach and general manager of the USHL's Sioux Falls Stampede, which won the Clark Cup Championship last season.



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Eades in the 1980s played on two national championship UND teams and was an assistant coach for a third national title team. In addition to coaching in the USHL, he spent 11 seasons as the head high school coach in Warren, Minnesota. He led the school to three state titles and was named Minnesota high school coach of the year in 1996.

## Fort Thompson man gets 3 ½ years in prison for arson

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Fort Thompson man who admitted setting fire to an apartment duplex has been sentenced to 3 ½ years in federal prison.

Twenty-one-year-old Lewis Brown was accused of setting fire to an apartment adjacent to one that housed members of a family with whom he had been arguing.

The incident happened in Fort Thompson last October. Brown was indicted in December on an arson charge and pleaded guilty in March.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Brown will be on supervised release for four years following his prison term and must pay nearly \$46,000 in restitution for damage.

## 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. SUSPECT WANTED IN D.C. MURDERS CAPTURED

An ex-con accused in the slayings of a wealthy Washington family and their housekeeper is arrested, a week after authorities say the family was killed and their mansion was set on fire.

#### 2. WHAT ARCHIVES SHOW HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON DID

As first lady, she endorsed planned tax breaks for private foundations and wealthy donors at the same time her husband's foundation was soliciting donations for his presidential library.

#### 3. FOR THE IRISH, IT'S YES OR NO

After months of debate, Ireland votes on whether to permit gay marriage despite Catholic Church opposition.

#### 4. WHAT LAWMAKERS ARE HOPING TO ACHIEVE

Senate supporters of Obama's trade agenda hope to fend off hostile amendments and send a major trade bill to the House.

#### 5. WHERE FOCUS IS SHIFTING IN MIGRANT CRISIS

Attention turns to the ocean off Southeast Asia's west coast as naval vessels search for stranded boat people— and Myanmar's navy rescues more than 200 — as the U.S. military prepares air patrols.

#### 6. FINDING OIL SPILL'S CAUSE COULD TAKE AWHILE

The operator of a broken oil pipeline that fouled a California shoreline says it could take months before investigators are able to determine what caused the incident.

#### 7. DROUGHT-RIDDEN CALIFORNIA FACES DECISION ON NEW WATER CUTS

Farmers expect to get an answer on their offer to give up a quarter of their water this year in exchange for being spared deeper mandatory cutbacks.

#### 8. 'NUT RAGE' CASE TAKES A TWIST

A South Korean court suspends the prison term of the former Korean Air executive whose onboard tantrum delayed a flight last year.

#### 9. REALITY STAR RESIGNS FROM CHRISTIAN LOBBYING GROUP

The Family Research Council accepts the resignation of Josh Duggar in the wake of his apology for

unspecified bad behavior as a young teen.

## 10. WARRIORS HOLD OFF ROCKETS

Stephen Curry scores 33 points to turn back another spectacular performance by James Harden, and Golden State holds off Houston 99-98 to take a 2-0 lead in the West finals.

## AP News in Brief

### **Authorities arrest man wanted in the killings of a wealthy DC family, their housekeeper**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities have arrested an ex-convict who was accused in the killings of a wealthy Washington family and their housekeeper.

Members of a fugitive task force arrested Daron Dylon Wint, 34, on Thursday around 11 p.m., about a week after authorities said the family was killed and their mansion set on fire. Wint has been charged with first-degree murder while armed, D.C. police and the U.S. Marshals Service said.

Police have not detailed why Wint would want to kill 46-year-old Savvas Savopoulos; his 47-year-old wife, Amy; their son, Philip; and housekeeper Verelicia Figueroa. Three of the four victims had been stabbed or bludgeoned before the fire.

Police said Thursday that Wint, a certified welder, worked for Savopoulos' company, American Iron Works, in the past. Savopoulos was the CEO of American Iron Works, a construction-materials supplier based in Hyattsville, Maryland, that has been involved in major projects in downtown Washington.

Police said Thursday that they haven't ruled out the possibility that other people were involved in the slayings, but no other suspects have been identified.

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### **Pro-trade senators aim to endorse 'fast track' negotiating clout for Obama, and send to House**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of President Barack Obama's trade agenda hope to fend off hostile Senate amendments Friday and send a major trade bill to the House, where another fierce debate awaits.

Senators also plan to address the government's soon-to-expire authority to collect bulk data on Americans' phone records. Many senators will press leaders and colleagues to wrap things up in time to start the weeklong Memorial Day recess on Saturday.

Pro-trade senators survived a Democratic-led effort Thursday to block Obama's agenda, with two votes to spare. Now they hope several hours of votes on amendments will clear the way for Senate endorsement of "fast track" negotiating authority for Obama.

The authority would allow Obama, like earlier presidents, to propose trade agreements that Congress could reject or ratify, but not change. He says it's crucial to advancing a long-negotiated trade pact with 11 other Pacific Rim nations. Other accords could follow.

Obama's allies secured crucial Democratic support on trade Thursday by agreeing to allow a Senate vote next month on reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank. The bank guarantees loans for U.S. exports, and many House conservatives want to end it.

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## Archives show Hillary Clinton OK'd tax breaks for nonprofits as husband's library wooed donors

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As first lady in the final year of the Clinton administration, Hillary Rodham Clinton endorsed a White House plan to give tax breaks to private foundations and wealthy charity donors at the same time the William J. Clinton Foundation was soliciting donations for her husband's presidential library, recently released Clinton-era documents show.

The blurred lines between the tax reductions proposed by the Clinton administration in 2000 and the Clinton Library's fundraising were an early foreshadowing of the potential ethics concerns that have flared around the Clintons' courting of corporate and foreign donors for their family charity before she launched her campaign for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination.

White House documents in the Clinton Library reviewed by The Associated Press show Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton were kept apprised about a tax reduction package that would have benefited donors, including those to his presidential library, by reducing their tax burden. An interagency task force set up by Bill Clinton's executive order proposed those breaks along with deductions to middle-class taxpayers who did not itemize their returns. Federal officials estimated the plan would cost the U.S. government \$14 billion in lost tax payments over a decade.

In a January 2000 memo to Hillary Clinton from senior aides, plans for a "philanthropy tax initiative roll-out" showed her scrawled approval, "HRC" and "OK." The document, marked with the archive stamp "HRC handwriting," indicated her endorsement of the tax package, which included provisions to reduce and simplify an excise tax on private foundations' investments and allow more deductions for charitable donations of appreciated property. The Clinton White House included the tax proposal in its final budget in February 2000, but it did not survive the Republican-led Congress.

"Without your leadership, none of these proposals would have been included in the tax package," three aides wrote to Hillary Clinton in the memo, days before she led a private conference call outlining the plan to private foundation and nonprofit leaders.

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## US readies air patrols to help search for boat people from Myanmar and Bangladesh

BANGKOK (AP) — Attention turned Friday to the seas off Southeast Asia's west coast as naval vessels from Myanmar and Malaysia searched for stranded boat people and the U.S. military prepared air patrols to step up its involvement.

Thousands of Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar and economic migrants from Bangladesh are believed to be trapped on crowded boats with little food or water — some after being pushed back by the navies of at least three countries — and the international community has warned that time to save them is running out.

In the first official rescue operation since migrants started washing onto Southeast Asian shores earlier this month, four Malaysian navy ships searched the country's territorial waters for the boats. Navy chief Abdul Aziz Jaafar said three helicopters and three other ships were on standby.

Myanmar's navy found two fishing trawlers filled with 208 men during a patrol Thursday night off the coast of Myanmar's Rakhine state, the main point of departure for Rohingya minority Muslims fleeing the Buddhist country.

Zaw Htay, director of Myanmar's presidential office, said Friday the men were identified as Bangladeshi and would be sent back to the neighboring country.

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## **Islamic State fighters capture and kill dozens in Syria's historic Palmyra**

BEIRUT (AP) — Activists and officials say Islamic State fighters are combing Palmyra, detaining and killing dozens of people two days after seizing the historic Syrian town.

Homs-based activist Bebars al-Talawy and an opposition Facebook page say that as many as 280 soldiers and pro-government forces have been killed in Palmyra since it was captured Wednesday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says IS fighters have killed 17 men and that it has unconfirmed reports of the killing of "tens" more.

Gov. Talal Barazi of the central province of Homs, which includes Palmyra, said Friday that IS fighters have abducted men and "might have committed massacres."

The IS group has massacred hundreds of Syrian and Iraqi soldiers following past conquests, often boasting about the killings online.

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## **Operator of California coastal oil pipeline says it could take months to find cause of spill**

GOLETA, Calif. (AP) — The operator of a broken oil pipeline that fouled a California shoreline says it could be weeks or even months before investigators are able to determine what caused the break and subsequent spill.

Crews have yet to excavate the broken piece of pipeline, which under the law must be done in the presence of federal regulators and a third party, officials with Plains All American Pipeline LP said at a Thursday night news conference at the Santa Barbara County beach where the spill occurred two days earlier.

"We have not even uncovered the pipe yet," said Patrick Hodgins, senior director of safety for Plains All American.

The company would not yet say whether two malfunctions that occurred shortly before the spill was discovered were part of the cause.

"We were having some pump problems on the pipeline," said Rick McMichael, another Plains All American Representative. "Whether it led to the leak or not is part of our investigation."

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## **Court frees Korean Air "nut rage" executive, reduces and suspends prison sentence**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A South Korean court Friday suspended the prison term of the former Korean Air executive whose onboard "nut rage" tantrum delayed a flight last year, immediately ending her incarceration.

Cho Hyun-ah, who is the daughter of the airline's chairman, did not violate aviation security law when she ordered the chief flight attendant off a Dec. 5 flight, forcing it to return to the gate at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, according to the Seoul High Court.

The upper court sentenced Cho to 10 months in prison and then suspended the sentence for two years. It said she was guilty of assault. A lower court had earlier sentenced Cho to a year in prison. She has been locked up since her December arrest.

Cho achieved worldwide notoriety after an onboard tantrum triggered when a first class flight attendant served her macadamia nuts in a bag instead of on a dish. Cho, head of the airline's cabin service

at the time, had a heated, physical confrontation with members of the crew.

Swarmed by reporters at the court, she made no comment in front of the TV cameras, bowing her head and burying her face in her hands as the media pressed in and yelled for her to say something.

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## **AP PHOTOS: Fleeing Yemen's war, thousands of Yemenis find themselves stranded in Djibouti**

OBOCK, Djibouti (AP) — Fleeing the war at home, thousands of Yemenis have made it across the Gulf of Aden to find refuge in Djibouti, a sleepy Horn of Africa nation where the United Nations has set up a staging hub for aid for the conflict-torn Arab country.

Many of the refugees are relieved to have escaped after two months of Saudi-led airstrikes targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels and fighting on the ground between rival factions that have pushed their country to the brink of collapse.

They arrived with just the few belongings they could carry, mostly on small, rickety fishing boats. Others came on bigger vessels crammed with people, reversing a perilous, centuries-old route which countless African migrants have taken in the other direction.

The UNHCR says a total of 5,000 Yemeni refugees have made it to Djibouti, including 3,000 in the capital, Djibouti city, and 1,000 in Obock, 300 kilometers (187 miles) to the north — making it currently the biggest Yemeni refugee population.

The influx has hiked up local prices, with markets, hotels, and drivers trying to make the most of the situation in an already struggling economy.

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## **Reality star Josh Duggar resigns from Family Research Council citing unspecified bad behavior**

NEW YORK (AP) — The Family Research Council has accepted the resignation of Josh Duggar in the wake of the reality TV star's apology for unspecified bad behavior as a young teen.

Tony Perkins, president of the Washington-based Christian lobbying group, said in a statement Thursday that Duggar resigned because of information becoming public that he believed would "make it difficult for him to be effective." As executive director of FRC Action, he served as a public face of the organization.

Duggar, 27, appears on the TLC reality show "19 Kids and Counting." He is the oldest of Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar's 19 children.

He posted an apology Thursday on Facebook for bad behavior as a youth.

Neither the Family Research Council nor Duggar could be reached for comment. TLC had no comment.

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2015. There are 223 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 22, 1915, the Lassen Peak volcano in Northern California exploded, devastating nearby areas but causing no deaths.

### **On this date:**

In 1860, the United States and Japan exchanged ratifications of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce



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during a ceremony in Washington.

In 1913, the American Cancer Society was founded in New York under its original name, the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared before Congress to explain his decision to veto a bill that would have allowed World War I veterans to cash in bonus certificates before their 1945 due date.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1968, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

In 1981 "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe was convicted in London of murdering 13 women and was sentenced to life in prison.

In 1990, after years of conflict, pro-Western North Yemen and pro-Soviet South Yemen merged to form a single nation, the Republic of Yemen. Boxer Rocky Graziano died in New York at age 71.

In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Ten years ago: First lady Laura Bush was heckled by protesters - Israelis as well as Palestinians - during a visit to holy sites in Jerusalem. Three Romanian journalists and their Iraqi-American guide were freed after nearly two months in captivity in Iraq. Voice actor Thurl Ravenscroft, who supplied Tony the Tiger's "They're grrrrreat!" for more than 50 years, died in Fullerton, California, at age 91.

**Five years ago:** Addressing graduating cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, President Barack Obama said the U.S. had to shape a world order as reliant on diplomacy as on the might of its military to lead, a repudiation of the go-it-alone approach forged by his predecessor, George W. Bush. An Air India Express Boeing 737-800 crashed after overshooting a runway at Mangalore International Airport, killing all but eight of the 166 people aboard. Jordan Romero, at age 13, became the youngest climber to reach the peak of Mount Everest.

**One year ago:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of American phone records (however, the USA Freedom Act was later blocked in the Senate). Thailand's military seized power in a bloodless coup.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Charles Aznavour is 91. Actor Michael Constantine is 88. Conductor Peter Nero is 81. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 77. Actor Frank Converse is 77. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 75. Actress Barbara Parkins is 73. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Tommy John is 72. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 65. Actor-producer Al Corley is 60. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 58. Singer Morrissey is 56. Actress Ann Cusack is 54. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 54. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 53. Actor Mark Christopher Lawrence is 51. Former White House Press Secretary Jay Carney is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Johnny Gill (New Edition) is 49. Rock musician Dan Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 48. Actress Brooke Smith is 48. Actor Michael Kelly (TV: "House

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of Cards") is 46. Model Naomi Campbell is 45. Actress Anna Belknap is 43. Actress Alison Eastwood is 43. Singer Donell Jones is 42. Actor Sean Gunn is 41. Actress A.J. Langer is 41. Actress Ginnifer Goodwin is 37. Actress Maggie Q is 36. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno is 33.

**Thought for Today:** "We have all, at one time or another, been performers, and many of us still are - politicians, playboys, cardinals and kings." - Laurence Olivier, British actor (born this date in 1907, died in 1989).