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Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Vacation Bible School

11:30 a.m.: James Valley Telecommunications Annual Meeting lunch and registration with meeting at 12:30 p.m. at GHS Gym/Arena.

Friday, May 29

Birthdays: Clare Brotherton • DeLoris Knoll • Howard Gengerke • Jerry Ray Johnson • Jeff Ringgenberg • Michelle Osterman

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

State Track Meet at Spearfish

Saturday, May 30

Birthdays: Hazel McKittrick • Kami Lipp • Kellie Townsend • Teresa Krueger

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Groton City Council Agenda

June 1, 2015 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) 7pm FBLA – Brooke Lindback, Advisor – Oct 3 Fund Raiser
- 5) 7:15pm Kim Weber – BB Playground Donation
- 6) Recreation Reports
- 7) Department Reports
- 8) DENR Award
- 9) Capitol Asset Improvement List 2015
- 10) STIP informal Meeting – NECOG-416 Production St- June 24- 7pm or Formal DOT meeting July 13- 7pm - Ramada
- 11) Malt Beverage Licenses Renewal
- 12) Request to close E 2nd Ave ½ block from Main St west to alley and use park tables for Groton Transit and Chamber Fund Raiser June 11
- 13) 2015 Special Assessment Bond Resolution & Interest Rate
- 14) Exe Session – Legal

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Bevitized: Landline Dance



by Beverly Patterson

I'm a bit old fashioned, I suppose, so when I moved to the big city I wanted a land line telephone. Don and I both have cell phones but the new cable/internet provider we chose to use offered us a plan that included a land line with unlimited long distance. We don't use it all that often but we've sure gotten a lot of interesting messages and to date, none of them have been for us!

For a while, every time I checked the messages, they were for Evelyn. Apparently her lawyer's office was trying to get a hold of her and for some reason they kept calling our number. I don't check the messages everyday and I probably should but the day I finally did, there were at least four messages and each revealed a rather desperate attempt to reach Evelyn. I decided I should probably call the people leaving the messages and let them know they had the wrong number for their client and that is why she wasn't calling them back. I learned several interesting things when calling a "call back" number when you aren't Evelyn. For starters, they have a rather unfriendly tone. It sort of sounds like the tone you would expect to hear if you had just told them you were calling from the auditing department at the IRS. It's rather evasive but they keep listening to you even though they don't want to believe you because believing you would determine they had

made a mistake. Eventually they thank you and with the same puzzled sounding voice used for all of their responses, they hang up the phone and sit at their desk for a minute trying to decide what to do next.

I am happy to report the calls for Evelyn finally stopped but today Don said, "Bev, do you realize there are 8 messages on the phone? You should go through them and get at least some of them deleted." I asked him why he didn't just delete them and he said, "None of them are for me." I followed that comment with a rather confident, "Well, I'm betting none of them are for me either."

What happened next would reveal we were both correct. Five of the eight messages stored on our phone were from Mary in California and she was planning a trip to ND and was wondering if her dear old friend Arlene would mind if she stayed for a few days. Like I said before, I don't listen to these messages every day so by the time phone messages number 4 and 5 had arrived, Mary was ready to end the friendship to good old Arlene and tell Arlene to take a flying leap to H-E-double toothpick!

Don heard the messages too and we both decided we better give Mary a call. The fate of her friendship with Arlene was at stake!

I dialed the number and after 3 short rings Mary was on the other end. I said, "Hello Mary. My name is Beverly and I just wanted to let you know that the number you've been calling in an attempt to reach Arlene was in fact, the wrong number." She had that same unfriendly tone and her first question was, "Who is this?" I explained again that she had the wrong number for good old Arlene and then after a brief pause she burst into laughter and said, "Now that's good old ND for ya! I miss ND! I'm coming for a visit soon and I realized I had the wrong number for Arlene and I was able to get in contact with her." She sounded like a wonderful woman and she has our number so if she gets bored while she's here maybe she'll decide to give us a call!

These situations made me think about the Christmas card I sent to the wrong Neil and Julie this past season. They're Don's cousins and I didn't have their address but I knew what city they lived in, or so I thought, so I just Googled it and about a month after sending the card we got it back along with a wonderful letter and picture of the family that received it. They scratched and scratched and scratched their heads but neither of them could place us! I plan to write back to them and let them know that they really don't know us so that they can finally have a bit of closure from their mystery Christmas card. I wonder if they know Evelyn or Arlene. I might mention those names in the letter just for fun!

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2015 Groton Area Farm Family of the year - Ron & Kathy Dobberpuhl



Groton Area Chamber of Commerce, along with business sponsors - Professional Management Services, Simon Insurance, and Full Circle Ag would like to congratulate the 2015 Groton Area Farm Family of the year - Ron and Kathy Dobberpuhl. Ron and Kathy have been farming for over 40 years. They took over the family farm in 1993, starting with only 40 head of cattle and 600 acres of farm ground. They are currently farming 1180 acres with 300 acres of hay alfalfa along with 200 cow calf pairs of commercial and registered Black Angus cattle. Ron & Kathy Dobberpuhl's goals are to focus on quality of product along with helping out the younger generation grow in the cattle industry. They attribute some of their success to having great resources of knowledge available to them. "We have the best agronomist available for crop decisions" Ron & Kathy state. "We have learned and retained a great deal of knowledge from Dallas Sombke for cattle management and crop and seed management from Dale Washnok, as well as from our parents."

Congratulations to Ron & Kathy Dobberpuhl for their community recognition and success in the farming industry!



The Groton Area Chamber of Commerce recently presented its "First Dollar of Profit" to the Groton Ag Partners. Pictured left to right are Darcie Moody, Chamber representative Mandy Boe, June Thompson and Carl Schwab. Not pictured is Dennis Larson.

ABC Club

ABC Birthday club is not having a meeting in June because no hostess. On July 7th will met at Rosewood Court at 1 O'clock with Darlene as hostess. The May 5th meeting met at the Andover Bar with LaVonne Helmer as hostess. Prizes were awarded to Grace Albrecht, Mary Jo Ball and Deloris Knoll. Deloris Knoll received the honor prize. Guest was Merry Jo Ball.

Brown County Fair eliminates reserved stage front seating

The Brown County Fair will be celebrating 80 years August 10-16, 2015. "Where Memories are Made" is the theme of the week-long fair which brings thousands of people to Aberdeen, South Dakota. The Brown County Fair has become known across the country for delivering exceptional big name entertainment. Beginning this year, reserved stage front seating will be replaced with General Admission standing room only availability.

"Headlining acts are looking for a more interactive experience," said Brown County Fair Manager Karla Pfeifer. "Performers of the caliber coming to the Brown County Fair want more open space and their fans closer access to the stage. We are excited about offering this new level of energy to the Fair," shares Pfeifer. We celebrate the history and heritage of the fair in embracing the spirit and evolution of the fair over the past 80 years. The primary mission of the fair has always been to create a family-friendly and affordable environment highlighting the importance of agriculture and livestock, 4-H competitions, commercial and cultural exhibits and vendors while delivering an exceptional fair experience. Fairgoers are able to see, touch, hear, smell and taste the richness of heritage and variety of what the region has to offer.

The fair board and staff continue to celebrate the past while looking forward to the future evolution and growth of the fair through the cooperative spirit, financial support and commitment of time, energy and resources of our volunteers, partners, sponsors, exhibitors and vendors. Our goal is to deliver a positive experience to the county and fairgoers. "Due to our growth and success, we are excited to be a part of the ongoing evolution of the fair. Today, over 2,500 fairs are held across the nation and we're proud the Brown County Fair is one of few remaining free fairs held in the country," said Pfeifer. The Brown County Fair does not charge a gate admission or parking fees.

The Brown County Fair continues to evolve and grow due to the energetic volunteerism and passion of the Fair Board, Friends of the Fair and all who volunteer their time before, during and after the fair. Without their help, particularly that of the Brown County Fair Board, none of this would be possible. These volunteers eagerly and freely offer invaluable experience, resources in planning, preparing for and working during the entire fair which includes set-up, fair week and clean-up after the fair.

We are pleased to announce some of the enhancements and changes for the 2015 Brown County Fair. The Brown County Fair Board has added 677 Grandstand Reserved seats under the canopy which increases our Reserved seating to 1,299 people. The remainder of the 3,500 seats are General Admission including the seating available in the east and west sections located adjacent to the Grandstand. There are ramps leading to the Reserved Grandstand section to accommodate accessibility issues. The remainder of the seating will be General Admission tickets including stage front. A significant permanent change will start this year which includes the elimination of stage front reserved seating. This area will now be General Admission standing room only.

Pfeifer explains "We are seeing a shift in requests now that the Brown County Fair has evolved and brings big name entertainment to the fair. Headlining acts are requesting there be standing room only in front of the stage for the delivery of a more interactive experience. Artists of the caliber we are working with now and for future years call for more open space, closer to the stage." Pfeifer understands this will be a change for concert-goers and there may be some disappointment. "Change can be difficult and there will be an adjustment period; however in examining our future vision and goals, we believe attendees will understand the reasoning and embrace the change. We've lost big name talent in the

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past due to our stage front seating issue," explains Pfeifer. Quarantining an area stage front impedes our mission to pursue bigger talent.

This presents an opportunity to ensure the delivery of more dynamic concert experiences for our attendees. "We are following suit with several state and regional fairs including the Sioux Empire Fair, SD State Fair, Red River Valley Fair, ND State Fair, and Clay County (IA) fairs which have all eliminated stage front seating. This change will also assist with safety and security assessments and responsiveness."

As for ticket sales, tickets are slated to go on sale on Monday, June 15, 2015. In-person Reserved seating tickets will be sold at the Brown County Fairgrounds ticket booth in front of the Grandstand between the hours of 8 am and 12 pm. Online ticket sales will start at 12 pm. A maximum of ten tickets will be sold per person. Caps and t-shirts featuring the year 2015 will also be available for online sales and will also be sold during the fair. No tickets will be sold at the Brown County Auditor's Office. We are currently working with our ticket outlets regarding General Admission ticket sales. More ticket information will be released before tickets go on sale.

Reserved packages, General Admission packages and individual tickets will be sold. The price for Reserved tickets is \$75 and General Admission is \$55. Individual tickets to an individual concert are \$35. Separate Newsboys tickets are \$15. Tickets will be pre-printed with bar codes and on lanyards. No refunds for lost or stolen tickets. Tickets for the PRCA Dacotah Stampede Rodeo and Demolition are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children between the ages of four to twelve years old. Children three and under may attend the Rodeo free of charge. Package tickets include attendance to one night of the Rodeo. The Demolition Derby is included in packages. No tickets will be mailed in advance of the Fair.

We've heard from many excited fairgoers who are thrilled with the concert line-up this year. Eagerly anticipated is the addition of a Christian concert to the entertainment format. The Newsboys will perform on Wednesday, 8/12/2015. A separate ticket may be purchased for this concert as this event is not included as part of our packages. This will be an alcohol free event and there will be no alcohol sales in the Grandstand area. This concert is designated as "Amy's Night" in memory of previous Fair manager Amy Scott, former Brown County Fair Manager who passed away in February. Amy was passionate about adding a Christian concert and worked diligently to add the Newsboys to the line-up. Christian concerts in our area are an popular emerging growth market and an exciting addition to our "family friendly" mission.

The 2015 line-up includes:

Monday and Tuesday nights (8/10 and 8/11/2015) - PRCA Rodeo

Wednesday night (8/12/2015) - Newsboys with special guest Ryan Stevenson

Thursday night (8/13/2015) - Martina McBride with special guests Dan + Shay

Friday night (8/14/2015) - Brett Eldredge with special guest Kelsea Ballerini

Saturday night (8/15/2015) - Gary Allan with special guest Randy Houser

For more information about the Brown County Fair, visit our website at: www.thebrowncountyfair.com or contact Karla Pfeifer at 605-626-7116.

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 21st in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Kory Anderson



JobWise what are you doing today? President & CEO - Anderson Industries LLC, Dakota Foundry Inc., and Horsch LLC

How long have you been working at the current job? 10 years

How did you get your current job? Started Anderson Industries in my garage in Andover, SD and since acquired the other companies

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Groton - 2002

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? NDSU for Mechanical Engineering

What advice would you give the high school students today? Always work towards what you are both passionate about and want to be great at. Turn your dreams into goals, write them down and work towards them every day. Never Quit... Never Give up... Success comes the person willing to work the hardest for it.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.

- Entrepreneur of the Year - Fargo ND, 2014
- 40 Under 40 - Prairie Business Magazine, 2012
- Agribusiness of the Year – Aberdeen Chamber ABBY Awards, 2010
- Dakota Rising Entrepreneurial Fellow - 2009

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Any school education is the basis for the more important "Life Learning" process that is required to lead a happy and successful life. We are never done learning and we are never done serving others, that is our God given duty.

Today in Weather History

1877 - A "terrific" two day long sandstorm (sand) blasted Yuma, AZ. (28th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1942 - The latest snowstorm of record for the state of Iowa left ten inches at LeMars, eight inches at Cherokee, and 7.5 inches at Waukon. Afternoon highs were in the lower 30s in parts of northwestern Iowa. (The Weather Channel)

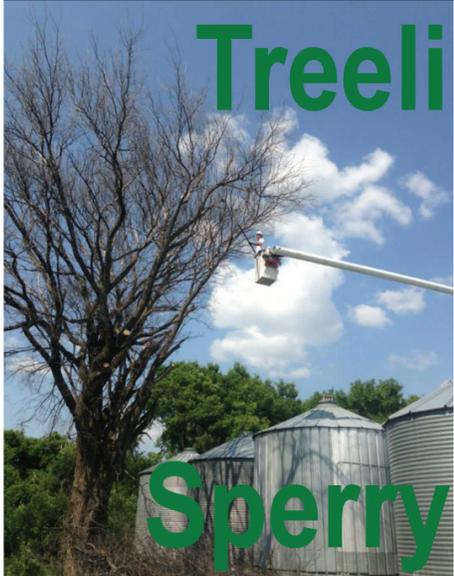
1947 - A storm produced heavy snow across Wisconsin, with ten inches reported at Gay Mills. The snow damaged fruit and other trees, and downed power lines. The storm was followed by the coldest weather of the month for much of the High Plains Region and Missouri Valley. Williston ND reported a low of 21 degrees the morning of the 28th, and the next morning Cheyenne WY reported a morning low of 16 above zero. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced torrential rains in Oklahoma and northern Texas. Lake Altus, OK, was deluged with nine inches of rain. Up to eight inches drenched northern Texas, and baseball size hail was reported north of Seminole and at Knickerbocker. Ten to 13 inch rains soaked central Oklahoma the last five days of May resulting in an estimated 65 million dollars damage, and forcing several thousand persons to evacuate their homes, many by boat or helicopter. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A sharp cold front began to usher cold, wet and windy weather into the western U.S. Thunderstorms in the Great Plains Region produced wind gusts to 80 mph near Brookings, SD. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in Florida. Five cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The record high of 98 degrees at Lakeland, FL, was their fifth in a row. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Florida late in the day, with golf ball size hail reported at Kissimmee. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Two to five inches of rain over southeastern Ohio on the 28th and 29th capped an exceptionally wet month of May, and triggered widespread flooding. Flooding which resulted claimed three lives, and caused millions of dollars damage. Numerous roads in southeast Ohio were flooded and impassable, and many other roads were blocked by landslides. (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
20%	60%	50%	50%	20%		
Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms Likely	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Showers	Breezy	Sunny
High: 82 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 63 °F



Storms Developing This Afternoon, Cooler Friday

Strong to Severe Storms Possible Late Afternoon Into Early Evening

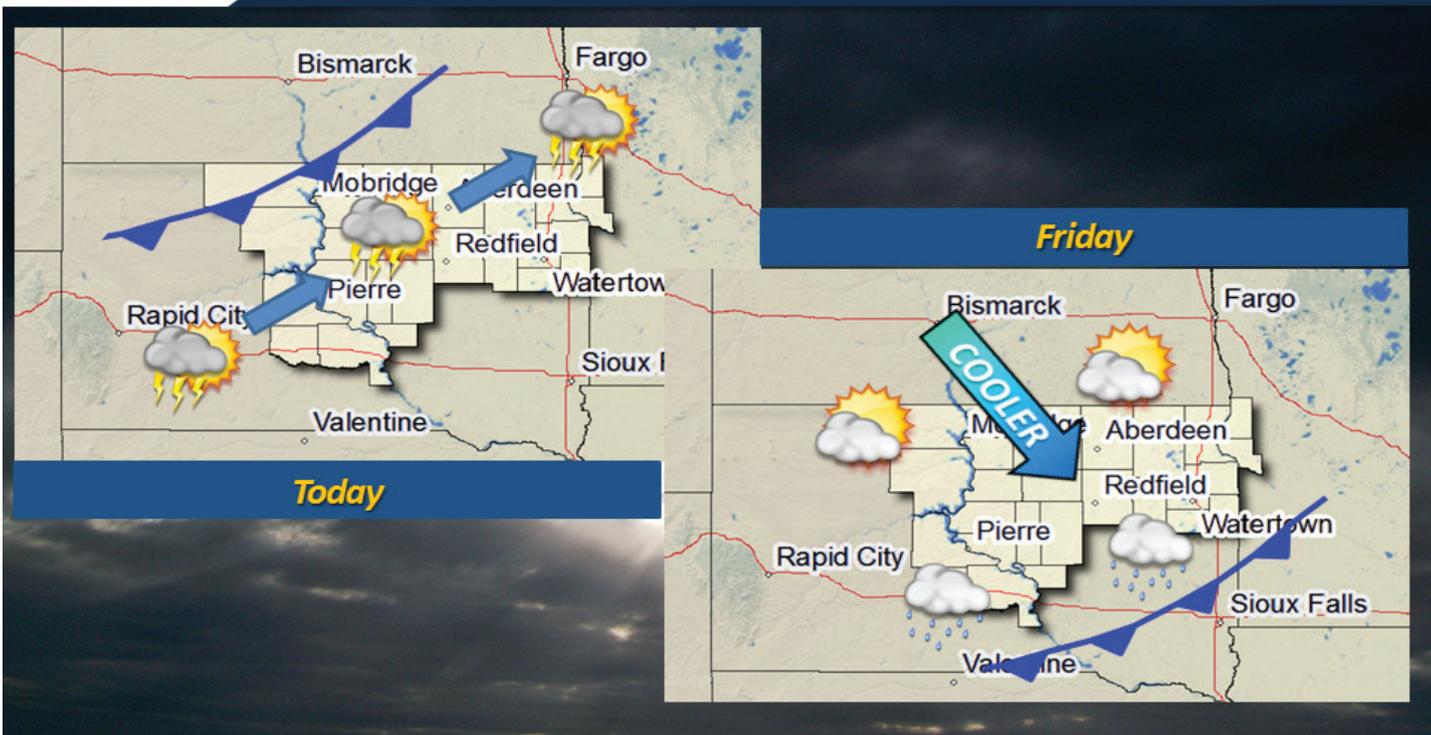
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Another upper level disturbance will move over the region today and combine with an advancing cold front at the surface to generate showers and thunderstorms by mid to late afternoon. A few of these storms have the potential to become strong to severe, with hail and gusty winds being the main threats. Heavy rain is also possible. This activity will persist into the evening hours as the cold front begins moving southeast. Behind this front, much cooler temperatures are forecast on Friday, with highs only in the low to mid 60s. Breezy north to northeast winds will also be felt on Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 83.2 at 4:07 PM

Low: 48.2 at 5:41 AM

High Gust: 16 at 5:55 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 102° in 1934

Record Low: 30° in 1965

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 48°F

Average Precip in May: 2.81

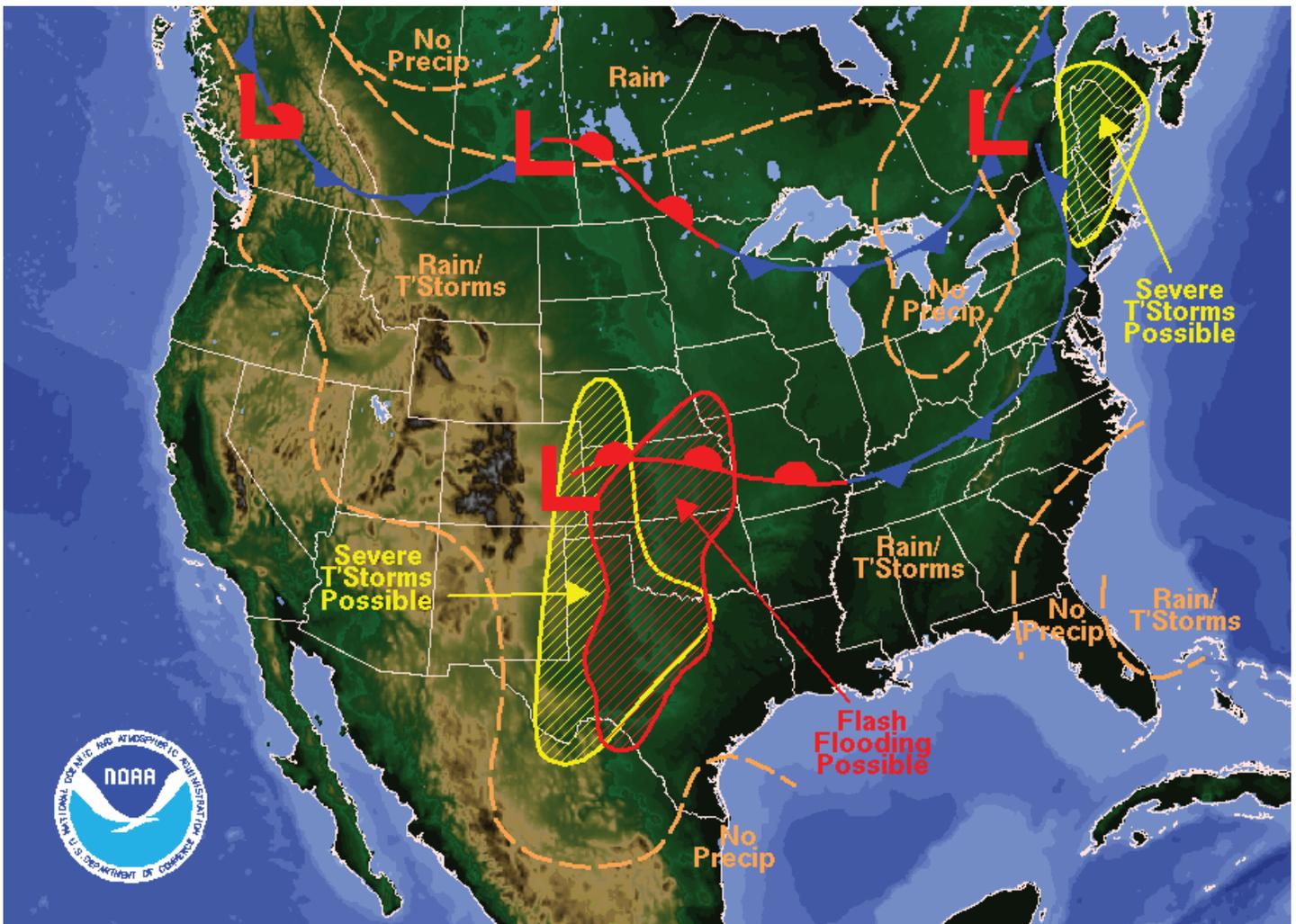
Precip to date in May: 4.04

Average Precip to date: 6.84

Precip Year to Date: 5.68

Sunset Tonight: 9:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:50 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, May 28, 2015, issued 4:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ONE WAY

The famous entertainer, W. C. Fields, was an agnostic. One day, a friend came to visit him and found him reading the Bible.

"Bill," he exclaimed, "it's so good to see that you are reading the Bible. When did you change and become a Christian?"

"I haven't changed," he replied quickly. "I'm looking for some loopholes."

No matter how hard he might search, he will never discover a loophole in God's Word.

There are many who do the same thing. They do not study God's Word to learn of His salvation and grace. They read it looking for errors and omissions.

Others have difficulty in accepting God's Word as the one final authority for truth. They do not want to believe that there is no other name besides the name of Jesus that they can call upon for salvation. This fact did not come from the church or any religious movement. It is a promise of God found in His Word.

God designated Jesus to be the only Redeemer and Savior. There never has been nor ever will be any other name for people to call upon for salvation. While there are some problems that may have more than one solution, when it comes to being forgiven of our sin, there is only One. Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for Your Son Jesus, in whose name and through His work we find salvation. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jury convicts ex-US Senate hopeful of violating election law

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota jury on Wednesday convicted former U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth of election law violations.

The 43-year-old Sioux Falls physician had been charged with six counts each of perjury and filing false documents stemming from the mishandling of her candidate petitions. Jurors convicted her on all of those counts after deliberating for more than 3 hours.

An attorney for Bosworth declined to comment.

"Not tonight," Bosworth said softly as she got into a vehicle when a reporter asked if she'd like to say anything.

Bosworth said during the trial that she never intended to mislead anyone when she attested to signatures on campaign documents that she didn't actually witness. She was out of the country on a medical mission trip at the time. Bosworth also has admitted that she didn't personally gather some signatures, despite attesting on documents that she had witnessed people signing petitions.

Under state law, the person circulating petitions must witness the signings from registered voters.

Although Bosworth argued that the prosecution was politically motivated, her defense largely relied on her argument that she received bad advice from her attorney and political consultant during the 2014 campaign, Joel Arends. Bosworth's trial lawyer portrayed her as a neophyte candidate who knew much more about medicine than about the political process.

Arends denied the allegation, testifying that Bosworth "absolutely and definitely" knew the proper way to fill out a nominating petition. He called it "a lie" that he had advised her she didn't need to witness signatures.

"This verdict is very significant in that the jury sends the message that our electoral process is very sacred and the integrity of the process has to be protected," Deputy Attorney General Robert Mayer told reporters after the verdict.

Testifying in her own defense earlier in the trial, Bosworth said her actions were "careless."

"I was doing everything possible to get it right," Bosworth testified last week. "I felt like I did a very good job trying. Clearly, I'm sitting here because we screwed up."

Bosworth's attorneys said she thought she could properly call herself the petitions' "circulator" because they were circulated under her direction.

Her medical license could be jeopardized. She faces a maximum punishment of 24 years in prison and \$48,000 in fines.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said prosecutors will review mitigating and aggravating circumstances before making a sentencing recommendation.

"Under South Dakota law, non-violent felonies such as these carry a presumption of no or limited actual jail time," Jackley told The Associated Press. "The presumption may be overcome by the defendant's conduct."

Jackley said one mitigating factor would be if Bosworth accepted responsibility.

Bosworth was a political newcomer in the race for the state's vacant U.S. Senate seat, and she said her lack of political experience resonated with South Dakota voters who were frustrated with career politicians. She sharply criticized the federal health care overhaul and pledged not to raise taxes.

But she drew only about 6 percent of the vote in a five-way Republican primary. Her trial attorney,

Dana Hanna, said publicity about the petitions hurt Bosworth. Former Gov. Mike Rounds won the primary and went on to win the seat.

Another candidate in the Senate field, independent Clayton Walker, faces nine felony charges for submitting nominating petitions that investigators allege included names of dead people, fictitious people and Hollywood celebrities.

The Bosworth and Walker cases spurred the South Dakota Legislature this year to change election law to give the secretary of state power to audit a random sample of the signatures on petitions from statewide candidates. Before, it could only be done on petitions for ballot measures.

Pennington County gets grant to plan alternatives to jail

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

A jail in Pennington County in western South Dakota is one of 20 across the nation selected to receive \$150,000 each from a national nonprofit to come up with a plan to reduce the number of people behind bars while awaiting trial or serving short sentences.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on Wednesday announced the grant, which Pennington County officials hope will help them figure out how to remediate a climbing jail population that has more than tripled in five years. Ten of the two dozen jurisdictions that were awarded a grant will later be chosen to receive funding of \$500,000 to \$2 million to implement their plans.

A 15-member committee that includes representatives from the offices of the sheriff, public defender and state's attorney will develop the plan for Pennington County.

"It's going to help us figure out how to make the system more efficient so that you don't have people sitting in jail that don't need to be there," said Sheriff Kevin Thom, whose department will be the fiscal agent for the grant.

The county's jail population has climbed steadily the past five years. The jail's average daily population climbed from 155 in 2010 to 525 by 2013. Last year, the average daily population would have reached 550 had the county not allowed certain inmates to be out on electronic monitoring.

Over the next months, the foundation will provide the county's planning committee technical assistance to study its jail population, including the reasons why inmates end up behind bars. The foundation's help also includes three to four on-site visits.

About 12 million people pass through the roughly 3,000 local jails in the U.S. every year, most for non-violent offenses. MacArthur officials and others note that jails, which unlike state prisons mostly detain inmates who are pre-trial, have increasingly become warehouses for mentally ill people and those too poor to afford bail.

The selected corrections systems will design a plan and work with experts to coordinate judges, prosecutors, court administrators, police and corrections officials to make the criminal justice system run more efficiently.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Pennington County as a whole to reduce our reliance on local jails," said Eric Witcher, director of Pennington County's public defender's office. "This is a collaborative effort to try to find ways in which we can reduce the jail population without compromising public safety but to make it just and fair and smart."

County leaders involved in the effort said the committee will be looking at several options, including a diversion program pre-trial, potentially changing the way bonds are set, conducting individual risk-assessments and increasing the use of electronic monitoring.

Pennington County was chosen from a pool of nearly 200 applicants.

South Dakota to get \$185K in settlement with FTD, Classmates

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota will receive nearly \$185,000 as part of a multistate settlement with international florist FTD and the social networking company Classmates Inc. over alleged deceptive advertising and billing.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley announced the settlement Wednesday. Both companies were subsidiaries of United Online Inc. at the time of the alleged violations.

They were accused of offering subscriptions without adequately informing consumers that the subscriptions would renew automatically.

The accusations included allegations that the companies allowed third-party promotions on their websites that also didn't adequately disclose billing practices.

Jackley says FTD and Classmates are paying a total of \$11 million to 22 participating states. Jackley is urging South Dakota consumers who believe they're eligible for Classmates subscription refunds to file a complaint with the state's Consumer Protection Division.

Herrick man dies in 2-vehicle crash at rural intersection

HERRICK, S.D. (AP) — A Herrick man is dead in a two-vehicle crash near the southeastern South Dakota town.

The Highway Patrol says 24-year-old Steven Wheeler was driving a car that was struck by a pickup truck at a rural intersection shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Wheeler died at the scene. The driver of the pickup suffered injuries that the patrol called serious but not life-threatening.

Officials warn of high, fast creek water in Rapid City area

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in the Rapid City area are warning of high creek levels and fast-moving currents as releases from Pactola Reservoir increase.

The Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers are bumping up the water release Wednesday morning to 450 cubic feet per second.

That could go up to 500 cubic feet per second Thursday, and Pennington County Emergency Management Director Dustin Willett says that hasn't happened since 1965.

Rapid City spokesman Darrell Shoemaker says parts of the city could see flooding, and residents should take caution along the city's bike path. Some flash flooding occurred in Rapid City earlier this week after heavy weekend rains.

KOTA-TV reports that in Hill City, Rushmore Forest Products has had to temporarily shut down its saw mill due to impassable roads for loggers.

Rain boosts soil moisture, hampers planting in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Rain over the past week in South Dakota boosted soil moisture but hampered the planting of crops.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop progress report that topsoil moisture supplies statewide are rated 76 percent adequate to surplus, and subsoil moisture is 64 percent in those categories.

The planting of corn and soybeans still remains ahead the average pace. About 60 percent of South Dakota's soybean crop and 91 percent of the corn crop is in the ground.

Spring wheat planting is almost wrapped up, at 98 percent complete. That's near the long-term average.

Livestock pasture and range conditions are rated mostly fair to excellent.

AP News in Brief

Swiss prosecutors say FIFA raids coordinated with US for maximum effect

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — For months, American and Swiss investigators worked in secret to prepare for the raids that would shake the soccer world.

They knew that the moment to strike would come when FIFA, the sport's governing body, held its annual congress in Zurich, gathering all of its top officials — including the main suspects in a far-reaching U.S. corruption probe.

Any leak could have given the game away, allowing international soccer officials to scramble out of Switzerland or time to destroy important evidence before authorities could seize it.

"It was a months-long planning. It was quite intense to try to find out what is the best moment," Andre Marty, spokesman for the Swiss attorney general's office, told The Associated Press late Wednesday, hours after the raids. "It was exactly today that most of the people of interest to the U.S. investigation and to the Swiss investigation are still in Switzerland."

The dual investigations have shaken FIFA, which has been dogged by corruption claims. FIFA president Sepp Blatter has sought to manage the allegations, going so far as to file a criminal complaint against "unknown persons" last November. That move followed then-FIFA ethics prosecutor Michael Garcia's protest at how FIFA handled his investigation into wrongdoing during the votes to host of the 2018 and 2022 World Cup — which went to Russia and Qatar.

Former FIFA member Chuck Blazer pleads guilty, appears to be central to US probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer appears to have provided key information that has been central to the Justice Department's soccer corruption investigation, linking other officials in the Americas to a series of schemes.

When indictments were unsealed Wednesday charging nine soccer officials and five other men with racketeering, money laundering and wire fraud related to bribes and kickbacks stretching back more than two decades, the U.S. government revealed Blazer pleaded guilty 1 1/2 years ago. Prosecutors also announced two sons of former FIFA Vice President Jack Warner pleaded guilty.

Information from the three men appears to have been central to the Justice Department's investigations. Much of the money passed through U.S. banks, giving federal officials the power to go after offenders from around the world.

"All of these defendants abused the U.S. financial system and violated U.S. law," Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch said.

The longtime No. 2 official in soccer's North and Central American and Caribbean region, Blazer is known for his large belly, bushy beard, theatrical lifestyle and adeptness at gaining a voice for the U.S. among the sport's international power brokers. He also is known as Mr. 10 Percent, for his employment contracts that included 10 percent commissions on any deals he negotiated.

Jeb Bush was director, adviser for 15 entities since 2007, earning millions and some scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — During his transition from Florida governor to likely presidential candidate, Jeb Bush served on the boards or as an adviser to at least 15 companies and nonprofits, a dizzying array of corporate connections that earned him millions of dollars and occasional headaches.

Bush returned to corporate America after leaving the governor's mansion in early 2007, and his industry portfolio expanded steadily until he began shedding ties late last year to prepare a run for president.

Executives who worked alongside Bush describe him as an engaged adviser with an eye on detail.

Yet experts question how anyone could serve so many boards at once effectively.

"Board of directors and advisory boards are in charge of high-level oversight," said law professor Elizabeth Nowicki, a former Securities and Exchange Commission lawyer. "You cannot possibly do that simultaneously for 10 or 15 entities."

New report says women seek sisterhood in Islamic State group — not just jihadi marriage

LONDON (AP) — The notion that young women are traveling to Syria solely to become "jihadi brides" is simplistic and hinders efforts to prevent other girls from being radicalized, new research suggests.

Young women are joining the so-called Islamic State group for many reasons, including anger over the perceived persecution of Muslims and the wish to belong to a sisterhood with similar beliefs, according to a report released Thursday by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the International Center for the Study of Radicalization at King's College London.

Western societies must understand these varied motivations if they hope to prevent more women from joining the militants and potentially returning to their home nations to commit acts of terrorism, argue the report's authors, Erin Saltman and Melanie Smith. Thinking of them as all being brainwashed, groomed, innocent girls hinders understanding of the threat they pose.

"They're not being taken seriously," Smith said. "It's inherently dangerous to label people with the same brush."

The researchers suggest that while the term jihadi bride may be catchy from a media point of view, the young women who are traveling to Syria see themselves as something more: pilgrims embarking on a mission to develop the region into an Islamic utopia. Many would like to fight alongside male recruits, but the group's strict interpretation of Islam relegates them to domestic roles.

Despite flood control projects, Houston remains vulnerable to floods like this week's

HOUSTON (AP) — The flooding, property damage and loss of life as torrential rains this week hit the Houston area should be no surprise.

"It happens fairly frequently," says Sam Brody, director of Texas A&M University's Center for Beaches and Shores. "Houston is the No. 1 city in America to be injured and die in a flood."

The Harris County Flood Control District, the agency working in recent years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on hundreds of millions of dollars in projects to ease the flooding impact, has been around since 1937, itself a product of catastrophic flooding two years earlier.

"Houston is so vulnerable," Brody, who's been studying the issue for 15 years, said Wednesday. "There's very little topography. They've added hundreds of miles of pavement and can't keep up with

all the positive initiatives. ... So we get these floods.”

Flood control efforts on Buffalo Bayou alone, one of several that meander throughout the nation's fourth-largest city, have cost a half-billion dollars over the past decade. They've included bridge replacements, and the addition of detention ponds for rain runoff and green spaces that serve as parks in normal times.

West Baltimore residents fearful amid worst homicide spike in 15 years

BALTIMORE (AP) — Antoinette Perrine has barricaded her front door since her brother was killed three weeks ago on a basketball court near her home in the Harlem Park neighborhood of West Baltimore. She already has iron bars outside her windows and added metal slabs on the inside to deflect the gunfire.

“I'm afraid to go outside,” said Perrine, 47. “It's so bad, people are afraid to let their kids outside. People wake up with shots through their windows. Police used to sit on every corner, on the top of the block. These days? They're nowhere.”

Perrine's brother is one of 36 people killed in Baltimore so far this month, already the highest homicide count for May since 1999. But while homicides are spiking, arrests have plunged more than 50 percent compared to last year.

The drop in arrests followed the death of Freddie Gray from injuries he suffered in police custody. Gray's death sparked protests against the police and some rioting, and led to the indictment of six officers.

Now West Baltimore residents worry they've been abandoned by the officers they once accused of harassing them. In recent weeks, some neighborhoods have become like the Wild West without a lawman around, residents said.

Indians crowd into rivers, under trees and in A/C rooms as heat wave death toll passes 1,400

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Eating onions, lying in the shade and splashing into rivers, Indians were doing whatever they could Thursday to stay cool during a brutal heat wave that has killed more than 1,400 in the past month.

Meteorological officials said the heat would likely last several more days — scorching crops, killing wildlife and endangering anyone laboring outdoors.

Officials warned people to stay out of the sun, cover their heads and drink plenty of water, but poverty forces many Indians to work despite the risks.

“Either we have to work, putting our lives under threat, or we go without food,” farmer Narasimha said in the badly hit Nalgonda district of southern Andhra Pradesh state. “But we stop work when it becomes unbearable.”

In the city of Nizamabad, 150 kilometers (93 miles) north of the state capital of Hyderabad, construction workers were also still on the job.

Church-run schools in Israel say state budget cuts an affront to the Christian minority

RAMLE, Israel (AP) — It was an unlikely display of protesters: nuns cloaked in white, a black-clad priest clutching a golden scepter and dozens of Arab schoolchildren picketing outside the hulking headquarters of Israel's Education Ministry. Their message, raised high on large banners: "Take your hands off our schools."

Private Christian schools are among Israel's highest ranked educational institutions, established by churches in the Holy Land hundreds of years ago — long before Israel was established. But school administrators are accusing Israel of slashing their funding as a pressure tactic to get them join the Israeli public school system — a move they say would interfere with the schools' Christian values and high academic achievements.

They are also complaining of discrimination, since as Israel moves to cut money to Christian schools it continues to fully fund large private school networks that cater to ultra-Orthodox Jews.

"Even if we are a minority, we have an ancient message," said Father Abdel Masih Fahim of the Franciscan Catholic order and principal of the Terra Santa School in the central town of Ramle. "We want to be treated equally, not only in education but also in every other aspect of life."

It is the latest sign of trouble for Christians in the Holy Land. In the birthplace of Christianity, Christians are a tiny minority, making up less than 2 percent of the population of Israel and the Palestinian territories. There are about 150,000 Christian citizens of Israel and about 50,000 Christians spread out in east Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Warriors beat Rockets 104-90 in Game 5, advance to NBA Finals for 1st time since 1975

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — After a generation of wishing and waiting, the Golden State Warriors have finally arrived on basketball's biggest stage again.

Stephen Curry had 26 points and eight rebounds, Harrison Barnes added 24 points and the Warriors advanced to the NBA Finals for the first time in 40 years with a 104-90 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

"Why not us?" Curry said to a roaring, golden-yellow shirt wearing crowd after the Warriors received the Western Conference trophy from Alvin Attles, the coach of their last championship team in 1975.

"The Bay Area's been waiting for 40 years," Curry said later. "I think it's time."

The Warriors shook off a slow start and sweated out a shaky finish in Game 5 to close out the Rockets and set up a matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers beginning June 4.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 28, the 148th day of 2015. There are 217 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1945, the novel "Brideshead Revisited" by Evelyn Waugh was published in London by Chapman & Hall.

On this date:

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

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In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show!", produced by Warner Bros., opened in New York.

In 1934, the Dionne quintuplets - Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne - were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain.

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 1961, Amnesty International had its beginnings with the publication of an article in the British newspaper The Observer, "The Forgotten Prisoners."

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky.

In 1985, David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon, was abducted by pro-Iranian kidnappers (he was freed 17 months later).

In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" fame was shot to death at his home in Encino, California, by his wife, Brynn, who then killed herself.

Ten years ago: Two bombs exploded about 15 minutes apart in a crowded market in the Christian-dominated Indonesian town of Tentena, killing at least 22 people and wounding 40.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama visited Grand Isle, Louisiana, where he personally confronted the spreading damage wrought by the crude gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from the BP blow-out - and the bitter anger rising onshore. Suspected Islamist militants attacked two mosques packed with hundreds of worshippers from a minority sect in eastern Pakistan; at least 93 people were killed and dozens wounded. Gary Coleman, the former child star of the 1970s TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes," died at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo two days after suffering a brain hemorrhage; he was 42.

One year ago: Seeking to redefine America's foreign policy for a postwar era, President Barack Obama told West Point graduates the United States remained the only nation with the capacity to lead on the world stage but argued it would be a mistake to channel that power into unrestrained military adventures. Maya Angelou, 86, a Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Today's Birthdays: Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 86. Actress Carroll Baker is 84. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 84. Actor John Karlen is 82. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jerry West is 77. Actress Beth Howland is 74. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 71. Singer Gladys Knight is 71. Actress-director Sondra Locke is 71. Singer Billy Vera is 71. Singer John Fogerty is 70. Country musician Jerry Douglas (Alison Krauss and Union Station) is 59. Actor Louis Mustillo is 57. U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., is 55. Actor Brandon Cruz (TV: "The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 53. Country singer Phil Vassar is 51. Actress Christa Miller is 51. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 50. Rapper Chubb Rock is 47. Singer Kylie Minogue (KY'-lee mihn-OHG') is 47. Actor Justin Kirk is 46. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is 44. Olympic gold medal figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva is 44. Tele-

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vision personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 38. Actor Jake Johnson (TV: "New Girl") is 37. Actor Jesse Bradford is 36. Actress Monica Keena is 36. Actress Alexa Davalos is 33. Actress Megalyn Echikunwoke (eh-cheek-uh-WAHK'-ay) is 33. Pop singer Colbie Caillat (kal-LAY') is 30. Actress Carey Mulligan is 30. Actor Joseph Cross is 29.

Thought for Today: "Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage." - Maya Angelou (1928-2014).