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## Tuesday, June 2

**Birthdays:** Lindsey Gese • Heather Koens • Tim Waage • Tom Waage • Trent Anderson • Tiffany Lerew • Rick Rossow

1:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer Circle

**Senior Menu:** Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

## Wednesday, June 3

**Anniv:** Harvey & Sue Flihs II

**Birthdays:** Eric Johnson • Ryan Johnson • Doug Ehrenberg • Amber Stumpf • Vicki Rossow

1:00 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid LWML.

5:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:00 p.m.: Olive Grove Men's League

**Senior Menu:** Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

## Thursday, June 4

**Anniversaries:** Gary & Caralee Heitmann, Jarrod & Kristie Flihs, Wade & Renee Marzahn

**Birthdays:** Jay Johnson, Cheyenne Schaller, Corbin Reich, Tony Waage, Tucker Carda

9:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

**Senior Menu:** Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.



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## City borrowing money to do Fifth Avenue Project

A curb and gutter bond for \$165,000 drew some discussion on the purpose of the bond. Last year's street project went over budget by \$200,000 instead of the anticipated \$50,000. Currently, the city's general fund is in the hole by \$855,159.25. Overall, the city has \$170,618.03 in operating funds. Only \$35,000 of it will be used to pay for this year's curb and gutter project. The remaining \$130,000 of it is to pay for last year's curb and gutter, which was already paid for through the short term loan, which was paid off this month to the tune of \$202,000 with the Fifth Avenue Project funds budgeted for this year. "I'm struggling to understand this," said Councilman Burt Glover. "We really didn't pay off the loan. We basically broke our budget," he said. "That pretty well sums it up," Lowary said. "The theory a few years ago was to do the streets and instead of bonding the city, the council decided to borrow from ourselves and payback with interest," Lowary said. "That exactly hasn't happened. You need to pass this resolution or the Fifth Avenue West project isn't going to get done this year." Councilman Mary Fliehs made the motion to pass the resolution, but said, "I don't like it." Glover seconded the motion, but added, "I'm only seconding this motion to do the Fifth Avenue project. We made a promise to do it. That's the only reason I'm seconding this motion." The resolution was passed. The Curb and Gutter Bond is for \$165,000 at a rate of \$3.95 percent, paid over 10 years.

Brooke Lindback, advisor of the Future Business Leaders of America, and a group of members came before the council to discuss their proposed 5K Colored Run for October 3. They use Colored Corn Starch and throw the colors every so often. There was some concern about harvest traffic along Sixth Street, which is part of the route.

Kim Weber and Lindsey Tietz came before the council to present \$1,173 for the playground



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equipment at the ballpark at recent fundraisers. So far, they have raised about \$4,000. Tietz is the advisor for the FCCLA group which has about \$600 that they will be donating. Tietz said that the playground equipment at the ballpark is not safe for smaller children. Lowary said the playground equipment was installed in 1992 and is Rainbow Equipment, which as been ruled not acceptable for commerical use.

During the department reports, City Supervisor Terry Herron reported that the city will need to move two fire hydrants and four curb stops as part of the 2016 SD Highway 37 project. Dwight Zerr, waste water superintendent, was presented a certificate of achievement from DENR for the 2014 Waste Water facility.

Electric Superintendent Shawn Labertz reported that 22 transformers worth \$20,000 have been ordered as part of the summer project.

The Capital Outlay report was reviewed. Some items mentioned are a small track backhoe, a drop slide at the pool, continued street repairs, a new water tower or updating the current water tower and a new sweeper.

The city will be putting in a request to the county for library funds. The county has funded the city library at a rate of \$750 a year for the past 25 years. The Aberdeen Library is getting about \$1 a person from the county, so the Groton City Council decided to request a \$1 a person for the city library. The city is also requesting funds from the county for mileage to the police department.

Ken's and MJ's Sinclair malt beverage licenses were renewed.

The council approved closing of the street between the Groton Transit and Wells Fargo Bank on June 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It was suggested that if the wind is blowing strong that the inflatables not be used for safety purposes.

The city's curfew was reviewed and will be enforced. Anyone under the age of 17 must be off the streets, alleys and public grounds between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, and from 12:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights (or Saturday and Sunday mornings, depending on how you look at it.)

A little over \$4,000 was raised from the "First One Down the Slide" contest. Bob Wegner is scheduled to be the first one down the new slide at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday. He is the American Legion commander. Groton Post #39 donated \$2,500 toward the slide and another \$500 towards pool passes.



**Lindsey Tietz on the left and Kim Weber on the right presented Mayor Scott Hanlon with \$1,103 from recent fundraisers for playground equipment. The presentation was made at the city council meeting Monday night.**



**Dwight Zerr, waste water superintendent, was presented with a certificate from the Department of Energy and Natural Resources by Mayor Scott Hanlon. It was a certificate of achievement for having good samples for 2014.**

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## American Legion Auxiliary

The June meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #39 met Monday, 6-01-2015 with Jan Seibel presiding and seventeen members present. The chaplain recited the June prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Auxiliary Preamble in unison. Correspondence was read from District IV president, Jackie Omland, Aberdeen, regarding the Auxiliary Convention to be held at Crossroads in Huron, SD on June 25- 28 th, encouraging all to attend. Lois Pasch, our Gold Star Mother, sent a thank you card for the gift she received.

Report was given on the work done at the cemetery preparing for Memorial Day. Flags were staked on veterans graves by 3 Legion members and 8 Auxiliary members for a total of 12 working hours. Flags were picked up after Memorial Day by Tami, Deb and Jake.

There were 140 people attending the Memorial Day Dinner and 120 enjoyed dinner cooked by Ron and Kathy Falk.

The Junior High students helped for the holiday by setting up tables and chairs to accomodate 125 people and put all the posters done by the students up on the legion walls for all to enjoy.

Poppies were distributed on Friday May 22, 2015 by Gertie, Marion, Bonnie, and Rose.

Also Bonnie reported on the work done for the reception for the Ron and Meredith Gubin wedding held Saturday, May 30. Jan has recommended 3 Groton High School students to be honored for the Children/ Youth / Good Deed Award to be presented at the state convention. The students are Taylor Gustafson, Kasey Waage, and Isaiah Cutler for their lifesaving work at the Groton pool.

The following chairmanship were all delegated: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Cemetery, Flags, and Flowers, Community Service, Dictionaries and Flags, Girls State, Legionette and Membership, Poppies, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs.

Election was held and Michelle Erickson, President; Sherry McKiver, 2nd Vice-President; Lori Giedt, Treasurer; Rose Locke, Chaplain; Gertie Erickson, Historian; and Deb Olson; were all unanimously elected.

Pat Larson presented her report and it will be the last one until school starts again in September. Lunch was served by Sherry and Deb prior to the meeting. Chaplain gave the closing prayer. Next meeting will be September 8,2015.

# Thanks!

## For Your Support

Groton Pool Slide.....	\$2500.00
Groton Baseball Foundation .....	\$2500.00
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Andover Baseball Program .....	\$500.00
Ferney Baseball Program .....	\$500.00
Pool Passes.....	\$500.00

On behalf of Groton Legion Post #39, we would like to thank the merchants and residents of Groton and the surrounding area for the support of our 2015 Spring Fundraiser. Our purpose was to raise funds to put back into the community to support youth activities in the area. Those donations are listed above.

Once again **THANK YOU** for your support.

Robert Wegner  
Commander  
Groton Legion Post #39



## CRP acres will help meet backlog of landowners wanting CRP

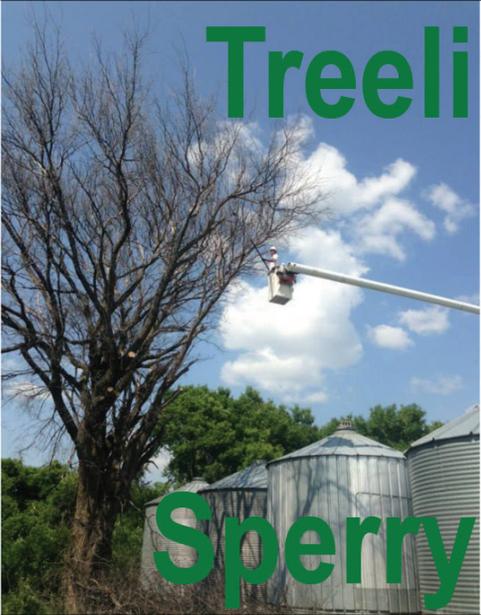
BISMARCK, N.D. – June 1, 2015 - Prairie states farmers and ranchers will soon have a new opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). During a speech at Ducks Unlimited's national convention Friday, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that an additional 800,000 acres of CRP will be accepted for general enrollment, starting in December. Also available are additional continuous CRP acres, including State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) and conservation practices targeted at key waterfowl breeding habitat in the Prairie Pothole Region (PPR).

"Ducks Unlimited has been concerned about the widespread loss of CRP acres with nearly 2 million acres in North Dakota alone having come out of the program since 2007. CRP is especially vital in the PPR where it provides habitat for nesting waterfowl and other wildlife," said Steve Adair, director of DU's Great Plains Region. "During the last two general sign ups, two out of five landowners who wanted to get into the program were not able to due to limited funding, so we are excited about the prospect of farmers and ranchers now having more options to participate."

Under the CRP program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers agricultural producers rental fees and cost-share assistance to plant perennial grasses on highly erodible land to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. CRP also supports rural communities by bolstering their recreational economies and diversifying incomes for family farms. Participation in CRP is voluntary. Typical CRP contracts run between 10 and 15 years.

John Moe recently put some of his land near Fredonia, N.D. into CRP. "I believe you can do both, farm and take care of Mother Nature," Moe said. "We have lots of nesting habitat here for birds."

The general sign-up period for CRP will be Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016. With continuous CRP, producers can enroll at any time, if there are acres available.



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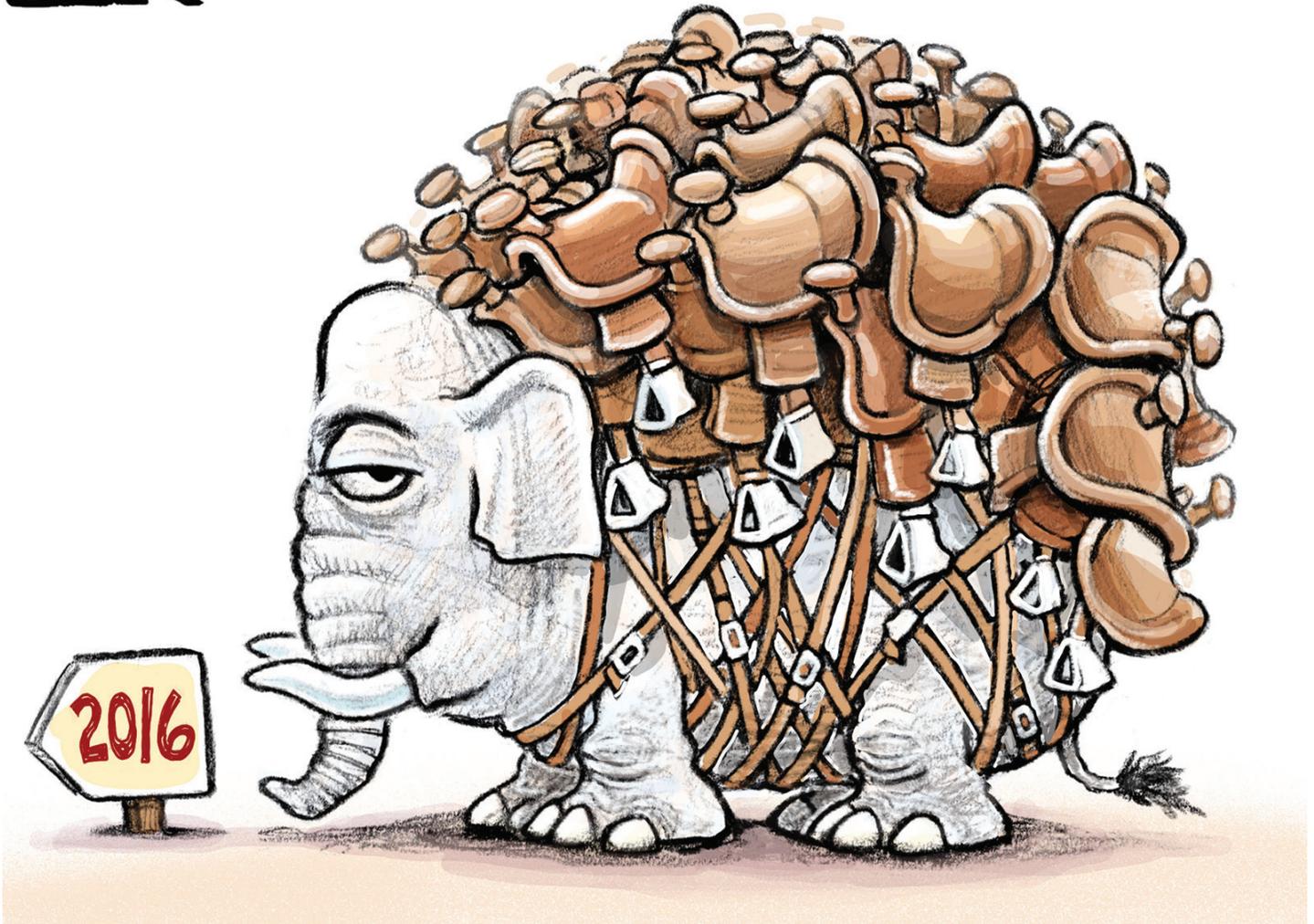
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## Sperry Stump Removal

## Editorial Cartoon for the day

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## State PUC Commissioner Fiegen diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner Kristie Fiegen has been diagnosed with curable breast cancer.

Fiegen said her annual mammogram displayed small calcium calcifications, similar to what has shown up on previous mammograms. A small mass was detected on a follow-up ultrasound. A biopsy confirmed it was cancer. The mass is a Grade 1. Fiegen's medical team has indicated that the early detection leads to a very good prognosis.

"I am grateful to my medical providers for this early diagnosis," Fiegen said. "My family is strong in our faith and appreciates the prayers and support of our many friends as we begin this fight."

A team of medical providers in Sioux Falls, S.D., is working with Fiegen to develop a comprehensive treatment plan. Fiegen said she expects to fully recover and continue her dedication to South Dakota and its consumers. She plans to be active in the business of the commission throughout her treatment.

## Runoff Elections Set for Positions on SDHSAA Board of Directors

A runoff election will be held to determine the individual who will fill the East River At-Large Representative on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. The runoff election will be held between Mr. Moe Ruesink of Sioux Valley and Mr. Mike Schmidt of Wilmont.

A runoff election will be also be held to determine the individual who will fill the Small School Group Board of Education Representative on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. The runoff election will be held between Mr. David Planteen of Langford Area and Mr. Bryan Skinner of West Central.

Mr. Bud Postma of Madison has successfully completed his run for the Division II Representative on the SDHSAA Board of Directors, and will begin his term on July 1. Mr. Postma is fulfilling three years of a five year term due to the retirement of board member Dan Whalen from Pierre Public Schools.

The ballot pertaining to the constitutional amendment adding a new Division I Administration position to the SDHSAA Board of Directors, passed 128-27, 82.50%. The amendment will take effect July 1.

## Mickelson Trail Gains National Recognition

PIERRE, S.D. – As National Trails Day approaches and we celebrate the health and fun that trails bring, the George S. Mickelson Trail continues to attract bicyclists, hikers and nature enthusiasts from across the state and the nation. This past year, South Dakota's most famous trail has received national and global recognition.

Fox News compiled a list of the World's Top 10 Bike Rides, with Mickelson Trail making an appearance at number 7. The article cited the Black Hills' unique scenery and the trail's tunnels and railroad bridges as attractions that earned recognition.

Bicycle Magazine also recognized the trail's charms, as the Mickelson Trail appears on the list of "10 Best Car-free Bike Paths in the USA." The magazine cites the sacred feeling of the land combined with the gorgeous landscapes and features. The historical towns, monuments and landmarks also contribute to the honor.

"The goal is to make each trail user's experience the best it can be," said Mickelson Trail manager, Dana Garry-Reiprich. "Our staff works hard to keep the trail in top condition year-round, and all of their hard work has not gone unnoticed."

Other notable accolades for the Mickelson Trail include:

BikingBis.com – "10 Longest Rails-to-Trails for Bicycling in the US"

TrailRunner Magazine – "Top 10 Vacation Spots the Whole Family Will Love"

2012 NRT Photo Contest Winner – Bicycling category

Active.com – "7 Multi-Day Bike Tours"

Cadillac Jack's – "The Best Rails-to-Trails in the West"

VisitRapidCity.com – "Top 10 Hiking Trails in Rapid City"

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## Mobile App Features GFP Trails

PIERRE, S.D. – Visitors can get the most out of National Trails Day this year with an app that helps users navigate state park trail systems. According to state park officials, a new interactive map on the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) mobile app makes navigating trails easier for visitors.

The map includes statewide non-motorized trails managed by GFP. Features available on the app include trail distance, surface type, types of use (hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, etc.) and any special highlights of a trail. The trails can be viewed on a topographic map or aerial photography.

“By turning on the phone’s GPS feature, users can see where they are on the trail,” said state park assistant director Al Nedved. “We can also keep users up-to-date on any trail status changes in real time.”

The GFP mobile app, SDGFP Outdoors, is free and available to download for Android and Apple devices. The mobile application lets users view the hunting and fishing regulations, apply for licenses to hunt and fish in South Dakota, reserve a campsite in one of the state parks and view maps of public hunting and fishing opportunities.

## Baseball program coming to Cultural Heritage Center June 13

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, in conjunction with its new exhibit “Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota,” is hosting a program about a baseball player who barnstormed through the Midwest from 1910-1940 with many teams, passing through South Dakota on several occasions.

“400 Wins But Almost Forgotten: John Donaldson’s Baseball Legacy” will be held Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m. CDT. Donaldson was known as the greatest black left-handed pitcher from the pre-Negro Leagues time period (1887-1920). He played the national game when the “color line” had been drawn in major league and minor league baseball. Donaldson played where he was allowed to play, in semi-professional baseball and on the best African American ball clubs of his era.

There is no fee to attend the program but there will be an admission fee to visit the baseball exhibit and museum galleries.

Presenter Peter Gorton has spent years in historical societies and archives tracking down the record of Donaldson, and he was honored in 2011 by the Society of American Baseball Research-Negro Leagues Committee with the Tweed Webb Lifetime Achievement Award for his efforts. Gorton is a content producer for the international law firm of Faegre, Baker and Daniels based in Minneapolis, Minn. He established “The Donaldson Network” of researchers who assist in his quest to reconstruct in total the life and career of Donaldson, in many ways stolen from him by the existence of the “color line.”

Barnstorming from town to town, payday to payday in the first three decades of the 20th century had its difficulties and indignities verging on danger. If Donaldson had lived in another era, his name would likely be honored across the country, much like Satchel Paige. Donaldson’s accomplishments were almost lost to history, but his career statistics are being meticulously reconstructed in hopes of restoring a legacy stolen from baseball history.

“We are especially excited to bring Peter Gorton to Pierre,” said Jay Smith, museum director, “His story brings light to an era of our state and national history that is almost always overlooked. Gorton’s exposure to Donaldson springs from his love of baseball and growing up in a small town in Minnesota near where Donaldson played many games. Listening to the stories of former players, coaches and others, Gorton set out to discover the proof for the legacy of Donaldson, and he will share that story with us in vivid detail on June 13.”

The baseball exhibit now on display at the Cultural Heritage Center contains graphics from the Donaldson Network.

## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Bev Sombke with Deb Olson assisting. The meeting was held May 18. Following supper, the meeting was called to order with roll call, and the pledges. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer reported the checks she had written and a final balance. \$5 bills will be sent to each Smokey Bear poster contest winner. Several garden tours will take place in Aberdeen-the Rose Garden tour June 28, from 2-4 pm; and the Quester's Garden tour 25, 12-7:30 for \$12. The group will plant in the Park on June 4 at 5 p.m., weather permitting. The June 15 meeting will be held with Deb Olson with Ruby Miracle Donovan assisting. Linda Anderson will give the program. Following the meeting, Eunice McCollister gave the program on "How to Recycle the Rain."

## THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

### High Deductibles May Mean Lower Premiums but a Costly Trade-Off

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

A few weeks ago I got an e mail from Judy, a reader who wanted to tell me about trouble she's had paying her medical bills, particularly those for prescription drugs. Severe daily headaches had just qualified her for Social Security disability benefits. After she satisfies a two-year waiting period, which the law requires, she will qualify for Medicare as all people on Social Security disability will do whether or not they are age 65. Judy couldn't wait so she looked for other insurance options.

Her monthly income of about \$1,300 is too high for Medicaid benefits. "I'm \$20 over the income guidelines," she told me. So she turned to an Affordable Care Act policy with a low premium but a \$6,500 deductible.

That deductible pinches financially. Until she reaches the \$6,500 annual limit, she pays out of pocket for her medicines and other healthcare needs while juggling the rent, utility payments, car expenses, insurance premiums, fuel and food bills and praying her car doesn't break down. "Where is all this going to end?" she asked.

Judy is one of the growing numbers of Americans who are underinsured, meaning according to one definition, those who spend 10 percent or more of their income on healthcare costs excluding premiums. That means they are spending money for coverage that might not help them. The financial squeeze is not going to end any time soon not only for those like Judy who bought an Obamacare policy through a state exchange but also for people who have chosen policies outside the exchanges and for workers who get employer-sponsored coverage.

How high deductibles can go is, of course, up to your employer or insurer. This year, policies offered through the exchanges created by Obamacare can require families to pay as much as \$13,200 out of pocket. That includes deductibles but also copays and coinsurance, a percentage of the bill.

HealthPocket, a website that tracks insurance costs, says this year the average deductible for bronze policies generally the cheapest sold in the exchanges is \$5,181 for individuals and \$10,545 for families. Average deductibles for silver plans were about \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for families. Any way you look at it, those are pretty hefty amounts for low and moderate-income families.

High deductibles come at a high cost. A new report from The Commonwealth Fund, the funder of Rural Health News Service, shows that people suffer both financial and health consequences. The report said that almost half of those who were underinsured had trouble paying medical bills or had medical debt that ate up all their savings. One-third with medical bills took on credit card debt to pay them.

When the survey asked underinsured respondents if they skipped getting care---like going to the doctor, shrugging off a recommended test or treatment, or not filling a prescription because of costs-

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--about 45 percent said yes. When researchers specifically asked those with deductibles of \$3,000 or more if they got care, again about 45 percent said they didn't.

These findings run counter to a major goal of the Affordable Care Act, which was to bring more Americans under the insurance umbrella. The crisis of uninsurance is being replaced by a new crisis of underinsurance, says Jonathan Oberlander, a health policy expert at the University of North Carolina.

The theory behind those high deductibles is to make people think twice before going to the doctor and thus to save money for the whole health care system. In other words, if patients now assume more of the cost burden, fewer of them will actually use medical services. The Commonwealth Fund study shows that's true: Patients are skipping care.

But we don't know yet whether that's causing a significant, sustainable drop in the national healthcare tab. Medical inflation has slowed somewhat, but no one is certain the trend is permanent.

I asked Sara Collins, a vice president of The Commonwealth Fund, about the effectiveness of controlling costs through high deductibles. She said it doesn't address the biggest reasons for them. Those "are driven by very sick people and that suggests something more fundamental," she explained.

Are employers and insurers going to sell policies with ever-increasing deductibles when we know people respond in ways that don't help them stay healthy or get better care when they are sick? Or are we going to get serious about pushing back against the power of the big insurers, drug companies, and hospitals, which like things just the way they are?

"What does it take to get affordable medications," Judy asked me. That's the question policymakers must answer.

We'd like to hear about your experiences with high deductible insurance. Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com)

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## More Recreation Sites Closed on Forest

Rapid City, SD –Black Hills National Forest officials closed more recreation sites yesterday due to wet conditions and rising water levels. The sites were closed for public safety and to allow for drier conditions to prevent additional resource damage.

The North Boat Ramp, picnic area and swim beach at Pactola reservoir are now closed due to the high water level.

Sheridan docks are under water and may not be accessible for users until the water level recedes.

In the Northern Hills, the motorized portion of the Centennial Trail has been closed due to the recent resource damage.

"There are still several activities that are available for the public in the Forest," said Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs Officer, Black Hills National Forest. "Campgrounds, with the exception of Cook Lake, remain open and the marinas at Sheridan and Pactola are also open."

With the muddy conditions, officials again ask the public to please help protect soil and water resources, and prevent damage to road surfaces.

The public is encouraged to report rutting of roads, meadows, or other areas across the forest to your local Ranger District office.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, call (605) 673-9200 or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>.

## Stripe Rust and Viral Diseases Developing in Wheat

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Stripe rust, wheat streak mosaic, barley yellow dwarf and leaf spot diseases were seen developing in several wheat fields scouted in Hughes, Stanley, Pennington, Tripp, Gregory, and Douglas Counties.

"Although stripe rust is just beginning to develop (Fig. 1 ) it could quickly develop to reach yield reducing levels," said Emmanuel Byamukama, SDSU Extension Plant Pathologist.

Byamukama added that reports from southern Nebraska indicate a severe stripe rust outbreak, indicating that there is a high inoculum of this rust in our area.

Stripe rust is favored by wet and cooler weather conditions - at least less than 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Most of the cultivars grown in South Dakota are susceptible to stripe rust, therefore Byamukama advised planning a fungicide application should the disease pressure keep increasing. "The ideal time of applying fungicide, considering how far wheat has come along, would be at blooming time," he said. "This timing would control Fusarium head blight and foliar diseases such as stripe rust and leaf spots."

Wheat streak mosaic virus (WSMV) was severe in a few fields in Tripp and Lyman Counties (Fig.2). In other fields, WSMV was less severe and infected plants were scattered in the field, Byamukama said. "More severe symptoms are likely to be seen in fields that currently have mild symptoms as warmer temperatures set in."

WSMV is spread by wheat curl mites (WCM). WCM are blown by wind from nearby, previously infected, volunteer wheat or, can come from partially killed volunteer wheat when wheat is planted into wheat stubble before volunteer wheat is completely killed. Fall infections are the most severe and can cause total yield loss.

Barley yellow dwarf (BYD) was rarely found in the scouted fields however one field in Pennington County and one field in Tripp County had moderate levels of BYD. The typical symptom of BYD is the purple-reddish discoloration of the flag leaf (Fig. 3), explained Connie Strunk, SDSU Extension Plant Pathology Field Specialist.

"Sometimes the virus may kill the leaf starting from the leaf tip. Early infected plants will be stunted," she said. "Barley yellow dwarf is spread by aphids mainly the bird cherry oat aphids." As with WSMV, Strunk said fall BYDV infections cause the most significant yield losses.

"Unlike fungal diseases where a fungicide can be used to prevent further infection and sometimes cure the infection, once plants are infected by a virus, there is little that can be done to control the disease," she said.

Management of plant viral diseases is through prevention of infection. For WSMV, effective management can be achieved through elimination of volunteer wheat and grassy weeds at least 14 days before planting.

Strunk said that delaying planting of winter wheat in areas where WSMV outbreaks are common can lessen chances of early infection. "BYDV is very sporadic and will develop in wheat under mild fall weather condition and where winter wheat is planted early in fall," she said.

She added that insecticide seed treatments may be helpful in limiting fall BYDV infections.

### Other wheat diseases

Other common diseases noted were tan spot, Stagonospora blotch and powdery mildew.

"These were mainly in the lower canopy and were at low severity except in wheat on wheat and no till fields (Fig. 4) where leaf spot diseases severity was at moderate levels," Strunk said.



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## Looking for Work? Plan a Money-Smart Job Search

A successful job search goes well beyond snagging the title and the paycheck. From the day you start looking until the day you're hired, there are strategic and financial issues to consider that may be more valuable to you in the long run.

To start, job seekers should always begin with a plan to promote themselves both in person and online, and some aspects of that process may be tax deductible. Keep in mind that if you are already employed, you may want to consider certain timing and legal issues that will define how and when you search. And finally, taking the job requires a close look at benefits.

It makes sense to discuss any potential job search with a qualified financial advisor who can evaluate your current financial circumstances as well as offer tips on how to strengthen your preparations for retirement and other goals.

Start with market research and improving your public profile. A recent Jobvite study notes that Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles are the ranking social media options reaching employers and for industry hiring and pay projections, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>) is a wide-ranging and constantly updated online resource for that data.

Check your credit reports. Remember that many employers screen applicants' creditworthiness as part of their candidate review. Go to AnnualCreditReport.com (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) for free access to reports from the three major credit agencies – Experian, TransUnion and Equifax – to check for potential errors or credit negatives you need to repair.

Evaluating search expenses and potential tax savings come next. Here are a few of the current rules listed by the IRS (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Job-Hunting-Expenses>). Make note that your current job status will affect how the rules apply to you:

Expenses may qualify as deductions only for a job search in your current line of work. You won't be able to deduct expenses for a job search in a new occupation.

You can't deduct job search expenses if you're looking for a job for the first time or if there's been what the IRS calls a "long break" between your last job and beginning your search for a new one.

If you travel to look for a job in a qualified job search, you may be able to deduct the costs of all or part of the trip.

A job search is always a good time to revisit current budgeting and savings goals. For example, you might want to do more specialized budgeting (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/calculators/budgetgoals>) as you aim for a particular salary offer.

You'll also want to consider the timing of your search to exhaust benefits you've earned at your current employer. You will see many employees schedule a job search after annual bonuses are paid or

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after they're able to spend out in tax-advantaged Health or Flexible Spending accounts (HSAs or FSAs) for qualified health care, dependent care or other approved benefits. Also, before you start applying, it might be worthwhile to review confidentiality or non-compete agreements you signed at the time your current employer hired you in case those agreements might restrict any element of your search.

Sometimes job offers distract workers from taking a thorough look at the value of potential benefits (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/employerbenefits>). You may not get all the details until your actual starting date, but see whether your future employer's human resources department can share details of the health, retirement or tax-advantaged benefits programs they offer. Above all, find out how soon you'll be eligible to sign up for your new employer's 401(k) retirement plan.

Finally, touch base again with your financial advisor before you accept to make sure you've got all the information you need. You will need to do parallel retirement planning if you are to retire successfully, and qualified advisors can also assist with transferring previous-employer retirement assets and suggestions on ways to use other work-related benefits efficiently.

Bottom line: When searching for a new job, go beyond the paycheck issues to research tax and benefit issues that can make a good job a great one.

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## Today in Weather History

June 2, 1891: An estimated F3 tornado moved northeast, passing one mile south of Hazel, where three people were killed in a barn. The farm home was entirely swept away. A horse was seen being carried in the air for 400 yards. The tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 5 miles.

After touching down, this estimated F2 tornado moved northeast along the eastern edge of Watertown, where a barn was destroyed and debris was scattered for a half mile. Two homes were leveled 5 miles northeast of Watertown. Near Waverly, one person was injured in the destruction of a flour mill. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 15 miles.

June 2, 1964: Some bitter cold temperatures were observed during the early morning hours on the 2nd. Some low temperatures include; 27 degrees 12 miles SSW of Harrold; 28 degrees in Andover and 23 N of Highmore; 29 degrees 4 NW of Gann Valley, Redfield, and 2 NW of Stephan; 30 degrees in Castlewood and 1 W of Highmore; 31 degrees in Britton, 1 NW of Faulkton, and in Kennebec; and 32 degrees in McLaughlin.

June 2, 2008: Several supercell thunderstorms rolled southeast from northwest South Dakota into central South Dakota bringing large hail, damaging winds, and flash flooding during the late afternoon and evening hours. The large hail, up to baseball size, and high winds killed a large number of birds, pheasants, grouse, and rabbits. Thousands of acres of grassland and cropland along with countless shelter belts received minor to major damage in Stanley and Hughes County. The large hail also knocked out many windows and damaged the siding of tens of buildings and homes in both Stanley and Hughes counties. Many roads and cropland were also affected by flash flooding throughout Hughes and Stanley counties. Very heavy rain of over 3 inches caused flash flooding in many parts of Pierre into the early morning hours. Many roads were reportedly flooded with 1 to 2 feet of water. Several homes in southeast Pierre received sewer backup. Also several homes on Grey Goose road received flood damage. A Federal Disaster Declaration was issued for Hughes and Stanley counties mainly for the flooding. Tennis ball hail broke most of the west side windows out of the house near Mission Ridge in Stanley County. Hail up to the size of baseballs fell in Pierre breaking some windows out of homes and vehicles. Very heavy rains of 2 to 4 inches fell across much of Stanley County causing extensive flash flooding. Seventeen roads also sustained some form of damage from the flooding.

1917: The temperature at Tribune, Kansas dipped to 30 degrees to establish a state record for the month of June.

1921: Heavy rains caused flash flooding over the southeastern portion of Colorado. The flooding cost the lives of 100 people and millions of dollars in property damage. [Click HERE](#) for more information.

1998: Frostburg, Maryland on June 2, 1998 at 9:45 PM - This was part of a killer outbreak of tornadoes that moved southeast from Pennsylvania. The tornado entered Garrett County, Maryland striking the town of Finzel. It then moved up and over Big Savage Mountain in Allegany County and ripped through the northern portion of Frostburg. It reached its peak strength as it crossed the ridge. Winds were estimated between 210 and 250 mph (F4 on the Fujita Tornado Damage Scale). This was the first tornado to "officially" be rated a "F4" in the State of Maryland. The National Weather Service adopted the Fujita Damage Scale in 1973. The total damage path of the Frostburg tornado was over 25 miles long (8 miles in Allegany County) and up to a half mile wide. Along most of its path it was producing winds over 125 mph (F2 or stronger). The damage path was continuous as it moved up and down over 2000-foot mountain ridges. The fact that no one was killed in Maryland was attributed to 5 to 10 minutes warning that was well communicated to people in Frostburg over television, radio, scanners, telephones and sirens. People took quick action to move to their basements. A mother and child rode out the storm as it destroyed their house hiding under a table in the basement. They were shaken but unharmed. A jacket from Frostburg homes was found 25 miles away. A diploma was found near Winchester, Virginia, 60 miles away and a bill was found near Sterling Virginia (about 100 miles away).

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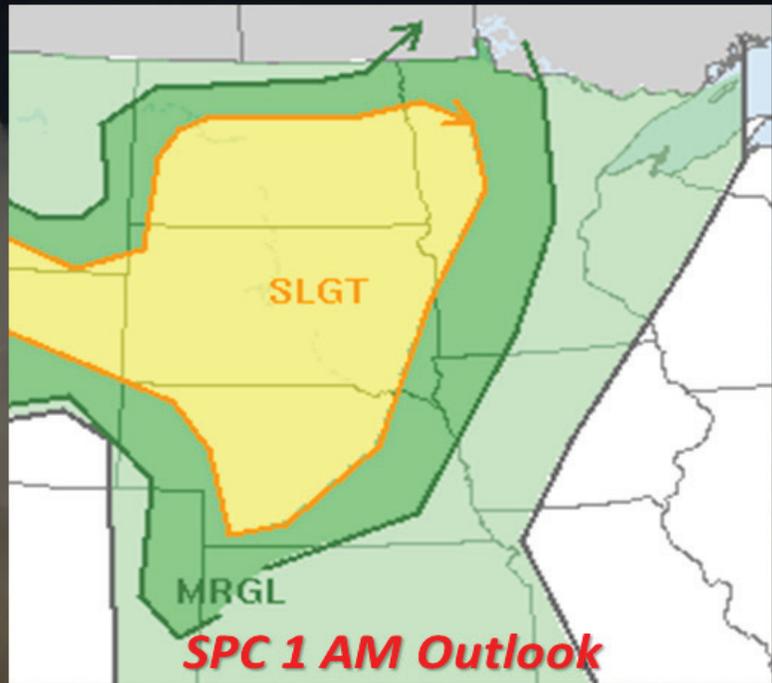
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High: 81 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 73 °F



## Severe Storms Possible This Afternoon/Evening



- Storms Develop Along a Front This Afternoon
- Threat Includes Hail/High Winds/Heavy Rain
- Isolated Tornado or Two Possible



### National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


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Published on: 06/02/2015 at 5:29AM

Showers and weak storms will move across the forecast area this morning, then we will clear out. By late afternoon, thunderstorms are expected to develop along a weak front. Strong to severe storms are possible through the evening hours.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 80.5 at 5:39 PM

**Low:** 56.3 at 6:04 AM

**High Gust:** 35 at 4:47 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 95° in 1934

**Record Low:** 30° in 1946

**Average High:** 73°F

**Average Low:** 50°F

**Average Precip in June:** 0.22

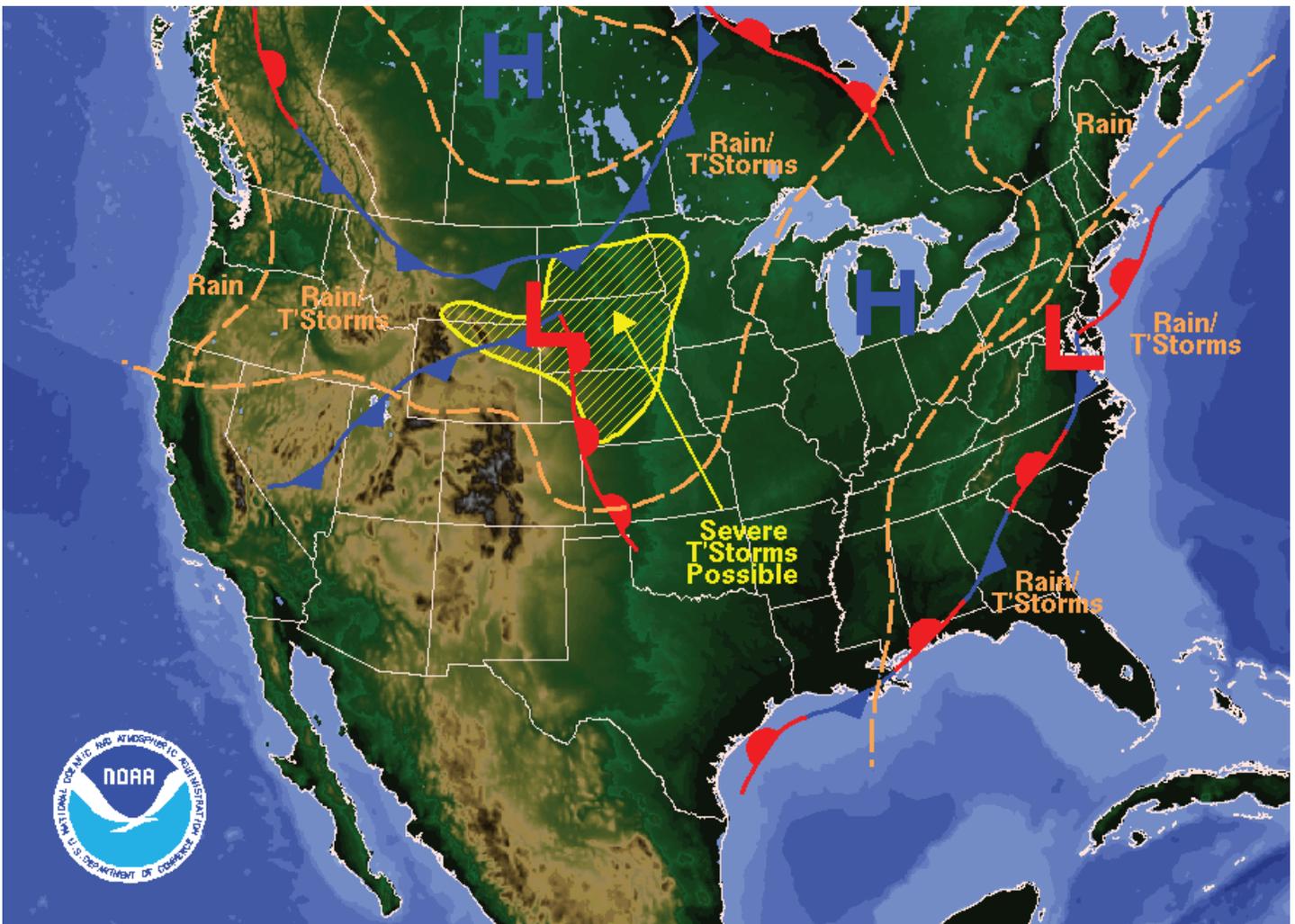
**Precip to date in June:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 7.36

**Precip Year to Date:** 5.72

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:15 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jun 02, 2015, issued 4:27 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## ASKING, SEEKING AND KNOCKING

A little girl was climbing into bed and her mother asked, "Ann, did you remember to say your prayers?" "Well," she replied, "I got on my knees and started to say them as I do every night. And then all of a sudden I thought, 'I'll bet that God gets tired of hearing me pray about the same old things every night.' So, I decided that I would just lay here in bed and tell Him the story of 'The Three Bears.'"

Persistence in prayer and pursuing God's plan and purpose is most important. It's equally important to understand how He answers our prayers and when He will answer our prayers. We must never allow ourselves to believe that God will not accept our prayers or that He will even mock our prayers. Prayers and praying are a serious and significant part in the life of the Christian. We must always remember, though, that He will answer our prayers in a way that is in our best interests.

We need to remember that He responds to our requests with His wisdom and never ending and always compassionate love. When the answer does not come when we expect it, we must hold fast to the fact that "His grace is sufficient." The answer will come when we need it most and fulfills His schedule for our well-being. When we give up and quit praying, God knows we are not sincere.

**Prayer:** Lord, give us a faith that does not falter, a trust that will not tire and a persistence that will prevail. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Officials: Woman escapes from house fire after dog woke her**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Fire officials in southeastern South Dakota say a dog saved a woman from a house fire by waking her up.

The Vermillion Rural Fire Department says the woman told officials that her dog woke her up twice Saturday morning in her bedroom on the second floor of the Vermillion home. She said she then decided to take her dog outside, but opened the bedroom door and saw the fire.

The department says she couldn't get out the door, so she jumped out a window with her dog, following directions from a 911 dispatcher.

Fire Chief Richard Draper tells the Sioux City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1Fr7m1L>) that the woman was not hurt. The fire department says the blaze took about an hour to extinguish and was caused by an electrical short in the wall.

### **Daugaard: Over \$2.8M in funding to help 6 community projects**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has awarded more than \$2.8 million in grant funding to aid six projects in communities throughout the state.

The governor says the Community Development Block Grants will help complete the projects totaling more than \$15.3 million. The funding will go to Brown County, Dewey County, Florence, Hosmer, Montrose and Wessington Springs.

All communities except Wessington Springs are receiving \$515,000.

The funding for Brown County will assist Safe Harbor with the construction of the new domestic abuse facility in Aberdeen.

The grants to Dewey County and Florence will toward improving water distribution systems. Hosmer will use the money to improve its wastewater system and Montrose will use its grant to help eliminate flooding.

Wessington Springs is receiving more than \$237,000 to assist with water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.

### **FBI ends visa-for-investment probe, no prosecutions sought**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The FBI announced Monday it has closed its investigation into South Dakota's investment-for-visa program and the state's U.S. Attorney would not pursue any prosecution.

The program to recruit investment dollars from wealthy immigrants in exchange for easier entry into the U.S. came under scrutiny after the death of a former state official and allegations of financial misconduct. The program and surrounding scandal were frequent talking points during South Dakota's U.S. Senate race last year, with now-U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds criticized by his opponents for his management of the program as governor.

Some questions and answers about what Monday's news means:

REMIND ME WHAT EB-5 IS AGAIN?

It's a state-run federal program that allows states to recruit wealthy immigrant investors for projects in exchange for green cards. Investors approved for the federal program can become legal permanent residents after two years and can later be eligible to become citizens.

South Dakota was one of the states that led the way in EB-5 financing under Joop Bollen and former

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Governor's Office of Economic Development secretary Richard Benda. But the program came under fire after Benda committed suicide in 2013 as state officials prepared felony theft charges against him.

Bollen headed the EB-5 program for the state when he was in charge of the South Dakota International Business Institute at Northern State University. The program was privatized in 2009 and turned over to SDRC Inc., a company Bollen had founded and for which he served as president.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development terminated its contract with SDRC last year and now administers the program.

## WHAT HAPPENED MONDAY?

An investigation into South Dakota's EB-5 program and SDRC, which had been underway since at least 2013, has been closed. Kyle Loven, the FBI spokesman in Minneapolis, said the agency concluded its investigation recently and forwarded its findings to the office of acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler. Seiler's office declined to comment, but Loven confirmed Seiler decided not to pursue prosecution based on the FBI's findings.

## WHAT WAS THE FBI LOOKING INTO?

It's still not entirely clear. Loven declined to discuss the details of the investigation or who the agency was looking into, but said the FBI had been investigating the program based on "allegations, which came to our attention."

Bollen, who has rarely spoken publicly about his involvement in the program, declined to comment to The Associated Press on Monday about the investigation. He told legislators in November that he had been interviewed twice by the FBI in 2013 and both interviews focused on Benda.

He said then that he was told Benda was the target of the investigation and that because of an active investigation into the EB-5 program and SDRC Inc., there were limits on what he could say.

## DOES THIS MEAN THE COMMOTION OVER EB-5 IS OVER? WHAT'S LEFT?

The political fallout is likely over now, but state officials are still investigating how to claw back roughly \$1 million in public funds.

A legislative audit committee released a report in December that found Benda was the only person responsible for more than \$500,000 in "misdirected" funds.

Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, said Monday the state "continues to consider its options regarding any claims the state might have."

The South Dakota Board of Regents is also evaluating how to recover about \$510,000 in fees related to a lawsuit against the state, according to Jack Warner, the board's CEO.

## **No jail time for former sewer works official in Pierre**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A former sewer works superintendent in Pierre who has pleaded guilty to falsifying pollution control reports will not be able to work in his former field for the next two years.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says 54-year-old Greg Mohr pleaded guilty to two counts of water pollution control violations.

As punishment, Mohr is required to voluntarily relinquish his certifications to work in a water pollution control or waste water management facility for two years. He must also pay fines and put in 80 hours of community service.

Mohr worked for the city for a quarter century and was superintendent for more than a dozen years. He was accused of lying for more than a year on how well the city's wastewater was treated before being dumped into the Missouri River.

## Sioux Falls man charged with assault for role in fiery crash

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man has been charged with aggravated assault for allegedly throwing objects at a car that crashed and burst into flames last month.

Authorities say 18-year-old Bailey Moulton started throwing things at a Honda Accord on May 12 that was driving 100 mph before it crashed into a Sioux Falls light pole and rolled. Moulton was the passenger in a Dodge Stratus that was chasing the Accord.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says they believe the road rage incident started after the Honda didn't immediately begin driving at a stop light, angering the people in the Dodge.

The 22-year-old man and 21-year-old woman in the Honda were flown to a Minneapolis hospital. They're both still hospitalized.

The 16-year-old driver of the Dodge has not been charged.

## SD's Raven Industries gets \$6M contract for aerostats

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls balloon maker has been awarded a \$6 million Department of Defense contract for blimps known as aerostats.

Raven Industries' aerostats are tethered to the ground and can carry cameras more than 1,500 feet into the air.

Operators on the ground maneuver the cameras, which have 360-degree views and infrared capability.

## May economic report suggests slow growth ahead in Midwest

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Slower economic growth is likely through the end of the third quarter this year for nine Midwestern and Plains states, according to a report issued Monday.

The survey report says the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index dropped to 50.4 last month from 52.7 April. Survey organizers have said any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, said "firms linked to energy and agriculture are experiencing pullbacks in economic activity."

"Job growth in Oklahoma and North Dakota, two energy-producing states, has moved into negative territory," Goss said. And states dependent on agriculture also are experiencing slower economic growth, which Goss said could slacken even further in the next few months.

The survey results from supply managers were compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Looking ahead six months, economic optimism, as reflected by the May business confidence index, declined to 58.3 from April's 61.5.

"Weak regional and national growth has pushed supply managers to lower their expectations about future economic conditions," Goss said.

On the trade front, the survey report said the new export orders index slid to 50.0 from 53.5 in April. The import index for May rose to a still weak 48.8 from April's 46.8.

"Over the last year, the value of the U.S. dollar has risen by more than 16 percent against the currencies of our chief trading partners," Goss said. "This movement has made U.S. goods less competitively priced abroad and foreign goods more cheaply priced in the U.S. ... I expect the export orders index to move even lower in the months ahead and the slow-growth U.S. economy to continue to limit imports."

## **SD governor proclaims June as dairy month**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is recognizing June as dairy month in South Dakota. Daugaard signed a proclamation to recognize the important role of dairy farming and the dairy industry in South Dakota's economy, communities and health.

The state is home to 255 dairy farms that produce about 246 million gallons of milk each year. The state also has 10 plants that process one or more dairy products.

Daugaard says the dairy industry provides about \$1.3 billion of economic impact to the state.

The governor says South Dakota dairy farms also are important customers for crops raised in the state. He says that helps boost rural economies.

## **Naturalization ceremony set at Mount Rushmore**

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — Mount Rushmore will serve as the backdrop this week when about 185 people will become United States citizens in a naturalization ceremony at the memorial in the Black Hills.

Chief U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken will preside and be the keynote speaker at the naturalization ceremony on Thursday.

The naturalization ceremony is sponsored by the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society.

## **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. A FEW SURVIVORS PULLED TO SAFETY FROM CAPSIZED CHINESE BOAT**

The cruise ship goes down in a storm on China's Yangtze River with 458 people aboard. At least five people are confirmed dead as rescuers desperately work.

#### **2. WHO RE-EXAMINES STRATEGY AGAINST ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS**

Iraq's prime minister and international allies are gathering in Paris to reconsider their campaign against Islamic State militants, after the group's recent gains, but Russia, Iran and Syria will not attend.

#### **3. SENATE MULLS CHANGES TO PHONE COLLECTION**

Lawmakers will decide the fate of a House bill that would end the NSA's collection of American calling records while preserving other surveillance authorities.

#### **4. WHICH AGENCY IS BEHIND MYSTERIOUS SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT OVER U.S. CITIES**

An AP investigation finds that the FBI is operating a small air force with scores of low-flying planes across the country carrying video and, at times, cellphone spying technology.

#### **5. MAJOR REPUBLICAN DONORS WILLING TO GIVE TO SEVERAL '16 PROSPECTS**

Some are still uncertain who should get their support in 2016, but the largesse born of their indecision has a notable exception: Rand Paul.

#### **6. FREE TEST-PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR REVAMPED SAT GOES ONLINE**

The move is aimed at making the college admissions race less stressful and more fair.

#### **7. JEWISH VIOLINIST FINISHES FATHER'S PIECE THAT NAZIS BROKE UP**

A Grammy Award-winning American violinist performs a Brahms concerto which his dad was unable to complete more than 80 years ago due to anti-Semitic acts of the Nazi regime.

#### **8. WHY RETIREES FACE HOME INSECURITY**

Millions of Americans at or near retirement age are straining to make housing payments due to a

home-price collapse, recession and some calamitous decisions to turn houses into cash machines.

## 9. TRANSGENDER MOVEMENT LOOKS TO BENEFIT FROM JENNER'S CHANGE

Twitter accounts, ranging from the one held by the White House to those of transgender advocates, quickly retweet Caitlyn's Vanity Fair cover photo, most often with positive comments.

## 10. VALCKE NOT BEHIND \$10M PAYMENT IN U.S. CORRUPTION PROBE

FIFA says the sum was approved in 2007 by Julio Grondona, the former chairman of the finance committee who died last year.

### AP News in Brief

## Survivors pulled to safety after yells from capsized Chinese ship, but hundreds still missing

BEIJING (AP) — Divers on Tuesday pulled two people alive from inside a capsized cruise ship and prepared to rescue at least four more, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said, giving some small hope to an apparently massive tragedy with well over 400 people still missing on the Yangtze River.

Only 18 people are known to have survived the capsizing of the ship, which held 458 people, most of them elderly passengers. At least seven swam ashore, but others were rescued more than 12 hours after the ship went down, after search teams climbed aboard the upside-down hull and heard people calling out from within.

Footage from the broadcaster showed rescuers in orange life vests climbing on the upside-down hull, with one of them lying down tapping a hammer and listening for a response, then gesturing downward.

Divers pulled out a 65-year-old woman and, later, a man who had been trapped, CCTV said. It said four additional survivors had been found and were being rescued, but did not say whether they were still inside the overturned hull.

Other survivors include the captain and chief engineer. Five people were confirmed dead in the accident in Hubei province Monday night during a cruise from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing, the broadcaster and the official Xinhua News Agency said.

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## The Latest on China Boat Sinking: Over 1,000 police, military personnel sent for search effort

BEIJING (AP) — The latest on the capsized cruise ship on China's Yangtze River:

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5 p.m. (0900 GMT)

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV says more than 1,000 armed police officers, 30 soldiers and 140 navy divers have been sent to the site where a cruise ship sank on China's Yangtze River. More than 40 small boats also were sent to take part in search and rescue operations.

An air force spokesman says China's armed forces sent six helicopters from Beijing and Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province.

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## Iraqi premier calls for more intel from allies against Islamic State

PARIS (AP) — Iraq's prime minister has called for more intelligence and more action from international allies against Islamic State extremists.

Haider al-Abadi says the flow of foreign fighters across the border into Iraq has not slowed, and the radical Sunni group now is majority foreign. A year ago, he said, it was 60 percent Iraqi.

Tuesday's meeting in Paris of Iraq and international allies, including the United States and France but not Russia, Iran or Syria, comes after IS conquered both the Iraqi city of Ramadi and the historic Syrian city of Palmyra.

More than 4,100 airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition have failed to stem gains by Islamic State radicals. France and the U.S. have pushed al-Abadi's government to open to Sunnis.

No sharp change in strategy is expected to be announced.

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## **AP Exclusive: FBI behind mysterious fleet of aircraft conducting surveillance over US cities**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is operating a small air force with scores of low-flying planes across the country carrying video and, at times, cellphone surveillance technology — all hidden behind fictitious companies that are fronts for the government, The Associated Press has learned.

The planes' surveillance equipment is generally used without a judge's approval, and the FBI said the flights are used for specific, ongoing investigations. In a recent 30-day period, the agency flew above more than 30 cities in 11 states across the country, an AP review found.

Aerial surveillance represents a changing frontier for law enforcement, providing what the government maintains is an important tool in criminal, terrorism or intelligence probes. But the program raises questions about whether there should be updated policies protecting civil liberties as new technologies pose intrusive opportunities for government spying.

U.S. law enforcement officials confirmed for the first time the wide-scale use of the aircraft, which the AP traced to at least 13 fake companies, such as FVX Research, KQM Aviation, NBR Aviation and PXW Services. Even basic aspects of the program are withheld from the public in censored versions of official reports from the Justice Department's inspector general.

"The FBI's aviation program is not secret," spokesman Christopher Allen said in a statement. "Specific aircraft and their capabilities are protected for operational security purposes." Allen added that the FBI's planes "are not equipped, designed or used for bulk collection activities or mass surveillance."

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## **With the law expired, Senate mulls changes to House bill phasing out NSA phone collection**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate now will decide the fate of a House bill backed by the president that would end the National Security Agency's collection of American calling records while preserving other surveillance authorities.

But whatever the outcome of a scheduled Tuesday vote, the last two days in Congress have made this much clear: The NSA will ultimately be out of the business of collecting and storing American calling records.

While Congress debated, the law authorizing the collection expired at midnight Sunday. The NSA stopped gathering the records from phone companies hours before the deadline. Other post-9/11 surveillance provisions considered more effective than the phone-data collection program also lapsed, leading intelligence officials to warn of critical gaps.

The bill before the Senate, known as the USA Freedom Act, would reauthorize the surveillance, but would phase out NSA phone records collection over time. It passed the House overwhelmingly and is backed by President Barack Obama. Sen. Rand Paul, who doesn't believe it goes far enough, objected Monday, for the second day in a row, to an attempt by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to call for an early vote. But Paul can't stop the vote scheduled for Tuesday morning.

If it becomes law over the next few days, the NSA will resume gathering the phone records, but only for a transition period of six months, in the House version, or a year in the Senate version.

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## **Some major Republican donors willing to give to several '16 prospects, just not Sen. Rand Paul**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the biggest donors and fundraisers in the Republican Party, still uncertain who should get their support in 2016, are sprinkling their money around a presidential field that grows by the day.

The largesse born of their indecision has a notable exception: Rand Paul.

The Kentucky senator has aggressively tried to raise money around his effort to curtail the surveillance powers of the National Security Agency, emailing supporters and posting messages on social media imploring people to “celebrate this victory” with their cash.

In doing so, he’s exacerbated the perception among some of the GOP’s most generous donors that his positions on foreign policy make him an unacceptable choice for the White House. This is especially so to those who consider an aggressive posture abroad and support for Israel paramount.

“I do not know of a single person in Mitt Romney’s donor network who will be with Rand Paul,” said Phil Rosen, a Manhattan attorney and top fundraiser for the 2012 Republican nominee. Rosen said he met with Paul and politely told him he wouldn’t be supporting him “because of his isolationist and libertarian policies.”

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## **Caitlyn Jenner’s transformation puts a recognizable, well-liked face on transgender movement**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The handsome, muscular Bruce Jenner, whose picture appeared on the Wheaties cereal box the year after he won the Olympic gold medal, is on the cover of Vanity Fair this week, only now as Caitlyn Jenner, an attractive woman in a strapless, white corset.

Although not the first celebrity (think Chaz Bono) to transition from one gender to another in the public eye, Jenner lit up the cyber universe on Monday when she tweeted a photo of the Vanity Fair cover along with the declaration that at, age 65, she’s finally “living my true self.”

Twitter accounts, ranging from the one held by the White House to those of transgender advocates, sociologists and just regular folks, quickly retweeted the cover photo, most often with positive comments.

Even some poking lighthearted fun at the perfectly coiffed Jenner joked that the handsome former athlete looks even better as a woman in the perfectly posed picture by celebrated photographer Annie Leibovitz.

“All the women I know would LOVE to have the chance to have photos of themselves as beautiful as that one taken by Annie Leibovitz,” said Eden Lane, an anchor and producer for Denver PBS television station KBDI and a transgender woman herself.

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## **In ode to Jewish musicians in Nazi Germany, noted violinist finishes father’s interrupted work**

RAANANA, Israel (AP) — In 1933, the promising young Jewish-German violinist Ernest Drucker left the stage midway through a Brahms concerto in Cologne at the behest of Nazi officials, in one of the first anti-Semitic acts of the new regime.

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Now, more than 80 years later, his son, Grammy Award-winning American violinist Eugene Drucker, has completed his father's interrupted work. With tears in his eyes, Drucker performed an emotional rendition of the Brahms Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 77, over the weekend with the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra.

"I think he would feel a sense of completion. I think in some ways many aspects of my career served that purpose for him," the 63-year-old Drucker said of his father, who passed away in 1993. "There is all this emotional energy and intensity loaded into my associations to this piece."

Thursday's concert, and a second performance Sunday night, commemorated the Judischer Kulturbund — a federation of Jewish musicians in Nazi Germany who were segregated so as not to "sully" Aryan culture.

After the humiliation in Cologne, the elder Drucker became a central player in the Kulturbund, a unique historical phenomenon with a mixed legacy.

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## Home insecurity: More older Americans contending with housing debt and threat of foreclosure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al and Sandra Karp have found an unconventional way to raise money and help save their Miami-area home from foreclosure: They're lining up gigs for their family jazz band.

They enjoy performing. But it isn't exactly how Al, an 86-year-old Korean War vet, or Sandra, 76, had expected to spend their retirement.

Of all the financial threats facing Americans of retirement age — outliving savings, falling for scams, paying for long-term care — housing isn't supposed to be one. But after a home-price collapse, the worst recession since the 1930s and some calamitous decisions to turn homes into cash machines, millions of them are straining to make house payments.

The consequences can be severe. Retirees who use retirement money to pay housing costs can face disaster if their health deteriorates or their savings run short. They're more likely to need help from the government, charities or their children. Or they must keep working deep into retirement.

"It's a big problem coming off the housing bubble," says Cary Sternberg, who advises seniors on housing issues in The Villages, a Florida retirement community. "A growing number of seniors are struggling with what to do about their home and their mortgage and their retirement."

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2015. There are 212 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 2, 1995, a U.S. Air Force F-16C was shot down by a Bosnian Serb surface-to-air missile while on a NATO air patrol in northern Bosnia; the pilot, Capt. Scott F. O'Grady, was rescued by U.S. Marines six days later.

### On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman wrote a letter to his wife, Ellen, in which he commented, "Vox populi, vox humbug" (The voice of the people is the voice of humbug).

In 1886, President Grover Cleveland, 49, married Frances Folsom, 21, in the Blue Room of the White House. (To date, Cleveland is the only president to marry in the executive mansion.)

In 1897, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

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In 1924, Congress passed a measure that was then signed by President Calvin Coolidge guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1966, the U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1975, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1983, half of the 46 people aboard an Air Canada DC-9 were killed after fire broke out on board, forcing the jetliner to make an emergency landing at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

In 1986, for the first time, the public could watch the proceedings of the U.S. Senate on television as a six-week experiment began.

In 1990, actor Sir Rex Harrison died in New York at 82.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. (McVeigh was executed in June 2001.)

**Ten years ago:** Israel released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, completing a pledge made under a cease-fire agreement. Closing arguments took place in the Michael Jackson child molestation trial in Santa Maria, California. (Jackson was acquitted.) Georgia's "runaway bride," Jennifer Wilbanks, pleaded no contest to faking her own abduction; she was sentenced to probation and community service and fined. Thirteen-year-old Anurag Kashyap (AH'-noo-rahg KAHSH'-yahp) from Poway, California, won the national spelling bee championship in Washington by correctly spelling "appoggiatura," which means melodic tone.

**Five years ago:** Amid the Deepwater Horizon oil spill crisis, BP chief executive Tony Hayward apologized for having told reporters, "I'd like my life back," calling the remark hurtful and thoughtless in a statement posted on Facebook. Taxi driver Derrick Bird went on a murderous rampage across a tranquil part of rural England, leaving 12 dead before committing suicide. Pitcher Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers lost his bid for a perfect game against Cleveland with two outs in the ninth inning on a call that first base umpire Jim Joyce later admitted he'd blown. (The Tigers beat the Indians, 3-0.)

**One year ago:** The Justice Department announced charges against 30-year-old Evgeniy Bogachev, the alleged mastermind of a band of hackers that authorities said had implanted viruses on hundreds of thousands of computers around the world, secretly seized customer bank information and stole more than \$100 million from businesses and consumers. Spain's King Juan Carlos, who'd led the transition from dictatorship to democracy but faced damaging scandals amid a financial meltdown, announced he would abdicate in favor of his more popular son Felipe.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress-singer Sally Kellerman is 78. Actor Ron Ely is 77. Actor Stacy Keach is 74. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 74. Singer William Guest (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 74. Actor Charles Haid is 72. Movie director Lasse (LAH'-suh) Hallstrom is 69. Actor Jerry Mathers is 67. Actress Joanna Gleason is 65. Actor Dennis Haysbert is 61. Comedian Dana Carvey is 60. Actor Gary Grimes is 60. Pop musician Michael Steele is 60. Rock singer Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) is 55. Actor Liam Cunningham is 54. Actor Navid Negahban is 51. Singer Merrill Bainbridge is 47. Rapper B-Real (Cypress Hill) is 45. Actress Paula Cale is 45. Actor Anthony Montgomery is 44. Actor-comedian Wayne Brady is

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43. Actor Wentworth Miller is 43. Rock musician Tim Rice-Oxley (Keane) is 39. Actor Zachary Quinto is 38. Actor Dominic Cooper is 37. Actress Nikki Cox is 37. Actor Justin Long is 37. Actor Deon Richmond is 37. Actress Morena Baccarin is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Irish Grinstead (702) is 35. Rock musician Fabrizio Moretti (The Strokes) is 35. Olympic gold medal soccer player Abby Wambach is 35. Country singer Dan Cahoon (Marshall Dyllon) is 32. Singer-songwriter ZZ Ward is 29. Actress Brittany Curran is 25. Actor Sterling Beaumon is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Heroism is not only in the man, but in the occasion." - Calvin Coolidge, American president (1872-1933).