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## Saturday, June 13

**Birthdays:** Roger Rix, Cheryl Krueger, Hunter Schaller, Andrew Wanner.

10:00 a.m. to Noon: Ogdahl bridal shower at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## Sunday, June 14

**Birthdays:** Danielle Schinkel, Roger Overacker, Todd Osterman, Brandon Keith, Nichole Tullis, Sandy McPartland, Betty Taylor.

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

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship

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

1:00pm: Jr. Teeners at Redfield (DH)

## Monday, June 15

**Anniversary:** Jesse & Jaymie Overacker.

**Birthdays:** Seth Sims, Jonathan Fliehs, Janice Herman.

**Senior Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

9:45 a.m. to Noon: MCT auditions for Cinderella at Stratford Community Hall.

## Hoops Reunion

The John and Mary Hoops family reunion will be held on June 28th at the Groton Community Center. The pot-luck dinner is at 12:30, with chicken and drinks being provided.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 23rd in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

### Greg Heitmann

**Job-wise what are you doing today?** I work for the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). I am stationed in the New Mexico Division Office located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am the Environmental Specialist/Research Program Manager. We have 15 employees in the Division Office where our primary role is to administer the federal dollars that are collected via gas and fuel taxes. In New Mexico we do this through our partners at the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and their 2500 employees. Our office manages about \$300 million a year that provides funding for the transportation infrastructure in the state. Each state (and Puerto Rico) has its own FHWA Division Office, and throughout the United States, FHWA administers about \$40 billion dollars each year.

**How long have you been working at the current job?** I've been with FHWA for the last 15 years, 11 of those years here in New Mexico. My day-to-day duties

are primarily reviewing and approving environmental documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Every federally funded action, in our case highway projects, is required to have an analysis of impacts to the environment. In New Mexico we have about 200 projects per year. That is the bulk of my work, but I also make sure projects are eligible for federal funding. Some of the smaller programs FHWA funds through the NMDOT, besides large projects on the National Highway System, are the Recreational Trails Program and the Scenic Byways Program. Also, as my job title implies, I work as the Division Program Manager for the Research Program, where NMDOT receives money to study and document problems and solutions associated with transportation. I am also tasked with performing reviews after projects are completed to assure processes and procedures were followed.

**How did you get your current job?** I arrived at my position in a roundabout fashion, but keep in mind I always had a desire to live in the Rocky Mountains, so that greatly influenced my decision-making when it came to pursuing jobs and a career. When I graduated from college in 1992 with an Electrical Engineering degree from South Dakota State University, the economy was pretty tough, and I couldn't find a job besides working at Wal-mart. I had worked for the South Dakota Department of Transportation in the summers while attending college and this influenced me in my next decision, enlisting in the Army National Guard as a construction surveyor. When I got done with my basic and advanced training, I was able to get a job with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe as their Irrigation Project/Safety of Dams Engineer. After a year in that position I applied for and was selected as a Highway



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Engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Roads in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I worked as a construction engineer on transportation projects on reservations throughout South Dakota for the next five years. During that time I transferred to the South Dakota Air National Guard in Sioux Falls. I was commissioned as an officer in Air National Guard in 1997. I also realized that I had peaked in my current position with the Branch of Roads. I began looking for other jobs and was steered to FHWA by my supervisor at that time. I applied for a position with the FHWA North Dakota Division, interviewed and was rejected. However, the official interviewing candidates encouraged me to continue to keep looking at FHWA. I did and was soon hired by the FHWA Iowa Division Office in Ames, Iowa. I spent two years in the Iowa Division learning a lot about administering FHWA funds. I discovered I liked the environmental side of developing projects. I eventually decided to pursue a full-time environmental job with the FHWA Texas Division in Austin, Texas. Here I worked on assisting our partners with the Texas Department of Transportation in developing projects along the Texas Coast from Houston to Corpus Christi. After two years in Texas, I had an opportunity to perform similar duties in New Mexico. With the Rocky Mountains practically outside my door in Santa Fe, I jumped at the chance to transfer to the FHWA Division Office in New Mexico.

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** I listed most of my jobs describing how I got my current job, but I wanted to elaborate on my work at Wal-mart, and maybe clarify my tone that might be construed as disparaging regarding my employment at Wal-mart. Wal-mart was very important to my career and I thank them for the opportunity. They gave me a job when times were difficult. Plus, I had never worked in a private retail setting, the experience was invaluable in learning day-to-day business and working with people. I think everyone should have that experience in that it gives you an understanding that no formal education can provide. In my humble opinion the same can be said about the military. I also wanted to mention that I got into the cattle business with my older brother, Grady, twenty years ago, and although I barely helped (I invested some money and chased cows once in a great while) and now I own 50% of just a couple cows, but this experience has also been priceless.

**What year did you graduate from high school?** I graduated from Groton High School in 1987.

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** I graduated from South Dakota State University (Go Jackrabbits!) in 1992 with an Electrical Engineering degree with minors in Math and Art.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** The advice I would like to give to high school students today is to participate. Join the club, sport, school play, debate, music, etc.; do whatever you can do in school. It's easy to just sit back and be a spectator, but joining and doing gets you out of your comfort zone and prepares you for the future. I regret not doing more stuff in school. I played sports, track basketball, and football, but I wish I had done more other things. Another thing, I'd suggest is appreciate the discipline you are getting with school. Doing the homework, getting to class at some arbitrary time for when the bell rings, and listening to those in authority, all these things help prepare you for real life. If you want even more discipline, go into the military. They'll really tell you what to do and when to do it.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** Let me just say that without my mom and dad, Gary and Caralee Heitmann, and my brothers, Grady and Garrett, and their families, I wouldn't be able to talk about my own accomplishments. So, I want to say thank you to my family.

I think it's important to set goals for yourself. I mentioned previously that I had a goal of living in the Rocky Mountains, and I made it. I consider it an accomplishment, it may not be my biggest achievement, but it was an accomplishment.

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My biggest accomplishment is probably publishing my books. I have five books now that I've written, and getting the first one done was a pretty good chore. You can keep up to date with my writing through my website [www.thegmann.com](http://www.thegmann.com). I will have a new book out this spring, probably in May. They are all work, but it is something I enjoy and am glad to have all my books as part of my legacy. I am hopeful that I will eventually catch the eye of a large publisher, and Hollywood will come knocking to adapt my stories for TV or movies. A TV show or movie of one of my stories is my aspirational goal, but for now, my books are probably my major accomplishment.

**Are you married?** I am not married, but have been with my significant other, Angela Sandoval, for the last eight years now.

**How did the two of you meet?** We met through our work. She works for the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

**Do you have any children? If so what are their names and ages and if they are no longer staying at home where are they and what are they doing today.** Angela and I do not have any children together, but Angela has children from her previous marriage, a boy and a girl. Estevan is in this third year of college at the University of New Mexico studying Mechanical Engineering. Catalina is a freshman at Santa Fe High School.

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I feel high school and college gave me a fair foundation. I truly believe that what a high school diploma and even a college degree provide is proof to people, mostly prospective employers, that you have discipline enough to complete something. I tend to believe that for higher education, for the most part, a person only gets out what they put in. That's why I'll reiterate my advice: put yourself out there. Join the clubs, sports, anything that might interest you. Don't stand on the sidelines, get in the game. You'll only get out what you put in.

Maybe I have a little more advice for high school students. I also want to say that it's a big world out there, and one shouldn't limit herself or himself. Sometimes it's hard to picture anything beyond an immediate situation, whether it's stuck in your high school classroom or even working at a job you don't really like. There are plenty of opportunities out there for people that want to work hard. Get that high school diploma. Get that degree. Then you have the proof that you can accomplish things, and employers will seek you out. You'd be surprised how far that will take you. Or be really brave, start your own business.

I'm sitting at my desk typing this up in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Thirty years ago I could have never imagined the position I am in today. Back then I felt I was stuck...sitting in a high school classroom waiting for the bell to ring in small-town South Dakota, but it was all part of being prepared for my own journey. I love South Dakota. I especially miss the waterfowl hunting. I still come back every year to hunt deer with Grady on his ranch over by Faulkton, but a week of the cold weather is usually enough.

Finally, I wanted to share some surprisingly good advice I heard Ashton Kutcher on some award show, maybe the MTV Teen Choice Award Show. I saw the clip of his award acceptance speech on an internet video, and thought it was pretty good, and I wrote it down on a sticky note and stuck it to my bulletin board so I can see it often. I think almost everyone can relate to this advice. To paraphrase Ashton Kutcher's three points:

1. Opportunity looks a lot like work, and one should never be "above" a job and working hard to get to that next step.
2. The sexiest thing in the entire world is being really smart, being thoughtful, and being generous. All the rest is just a distraction.
3. Build your own life, don't just live a life.

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## Groton Lions Club donates to Groton Transit

The Groton Lions Club members presented a check for \$200 to the Groton Transit as part of the Transit annual fundraiser. Pictured left to right are Dave Pigors, Evan Crosby, Kelly Jones, Jessica Lindskov, Arlis Doeden, Marti Seurer, Nancy Larsen, Maddie Colestock, Justin Olson, Topper Tastad, Scott Hanlon, Lee Schinkel and John Wheeting.

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**Scott Hanlon was watching his daughter, Ataiah Hanlon, draw her name on the concrete at the Transit Fundraiser.**



**David McGannon and Larry Harry were grilling the hamburgers, hotdogs and brats at the Transit Fundraiser.**



**J o e l Guthermiller was busy making fry bread at the Transit fundraiser event.**



**Weston Dinger and Cody Hanten were some of the servers. David McGannon gives Hanten some hot dogs.**



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## Today in Weather History

June 13, 1943: An estimated F2 tornado moved ENE, destroying a home on the southeastern edge of Highmore in Hyde County. A mother and her five children seeking shelter in the home were injured. Barns and outbuildings were damaged on a dozen farms. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 8 miles and caused about \$10,000 in damage.

June 13, 1991: A small F1 tornado remained on the ground for 4 miles as it moved westerly from 10 miles west of Roscoe to 6 mile west of Roscoe, in Edmunds County. The path of the tornado continued for another 5 miles but was not consistently on the ground. It dissipated one mile west of Roscoe. Although the tornado had a long path, its width was 10 yards and traveled through open fields and cause little to no damage.

U.S.A and Global Events for June 13th:

1972: Severe weather conditions over the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico begin to converge and form a tropical depression that would become Hurricane Agnes over the next two weeks. This hurricane affected most of the eastern United States with the northeast being the hardest hit with heavy rainfall.

1976: A deadly tornado moved across parts of the southwestern Chicago, Illinois suburbs killing two people and injuring 23 others. The tornado, with winds over 200 mph moved from Lemont to Downers Grove causing \$13 million dollars in damage when 89 homes were destroyed and another 90 were damaged. The tornado passed over the Argonne National Laboratory, peeling part of a roof off the building housing a nuclear reactor. The tornadoes movement was rather erratic moving southeast the north and finally turning northwest.



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This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Mostly Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 85 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 71 °F



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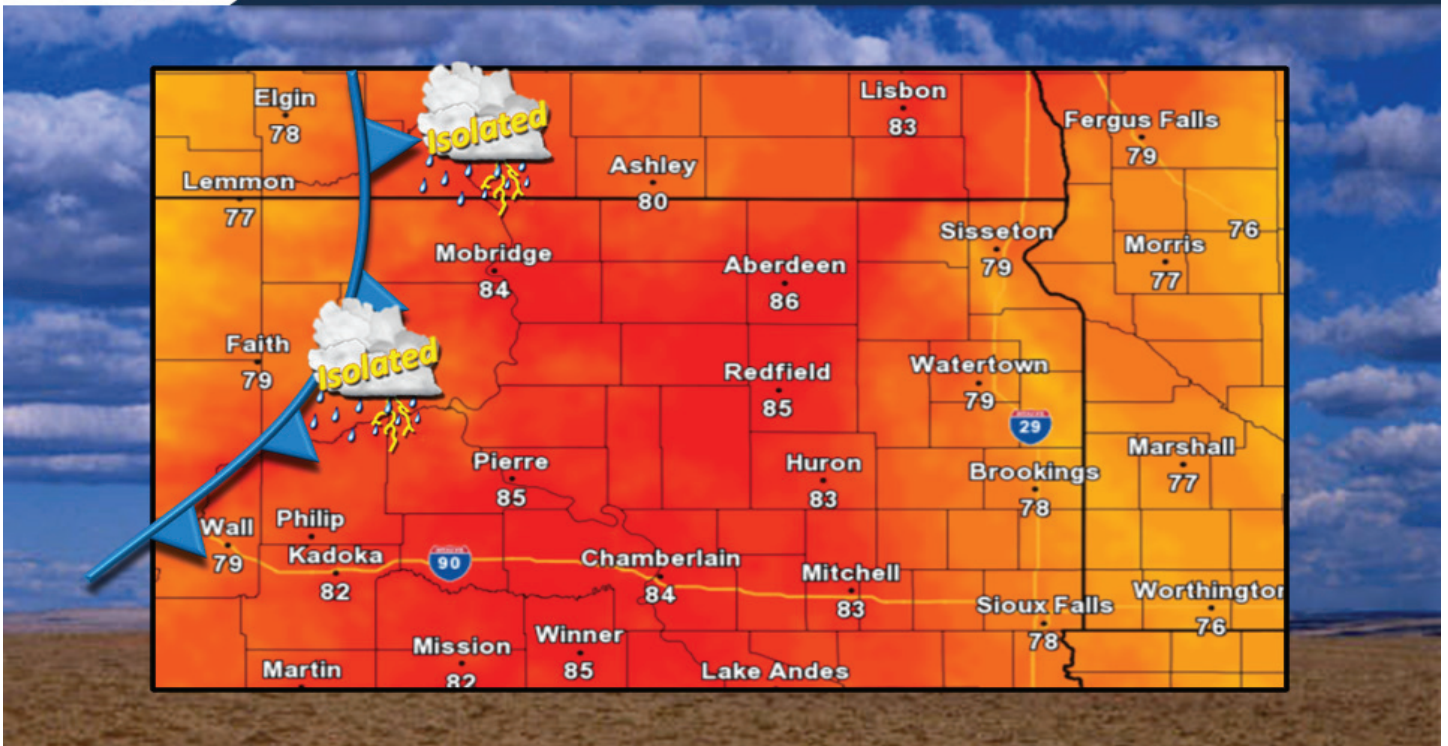
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A frontal boundary will move slowly across the area this weekend. Daytime heating and energy aloft will combine to create isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms. Best chances today will be confined to north central South Dakota and North Dakota. Chances are best for much of South Dakota on Sunday. The risk of severe weather looks low at this time.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 80.9 at 4:57 PM

**Low:** 51.0 at 6:04 AM

**High Gust:** 23 at 1:09 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 102° in 1936

**Record Low:** 36° in 2042

**Average High:** 77°F

**Average Low:** 53°F

**Average Precip in June:** 1.56

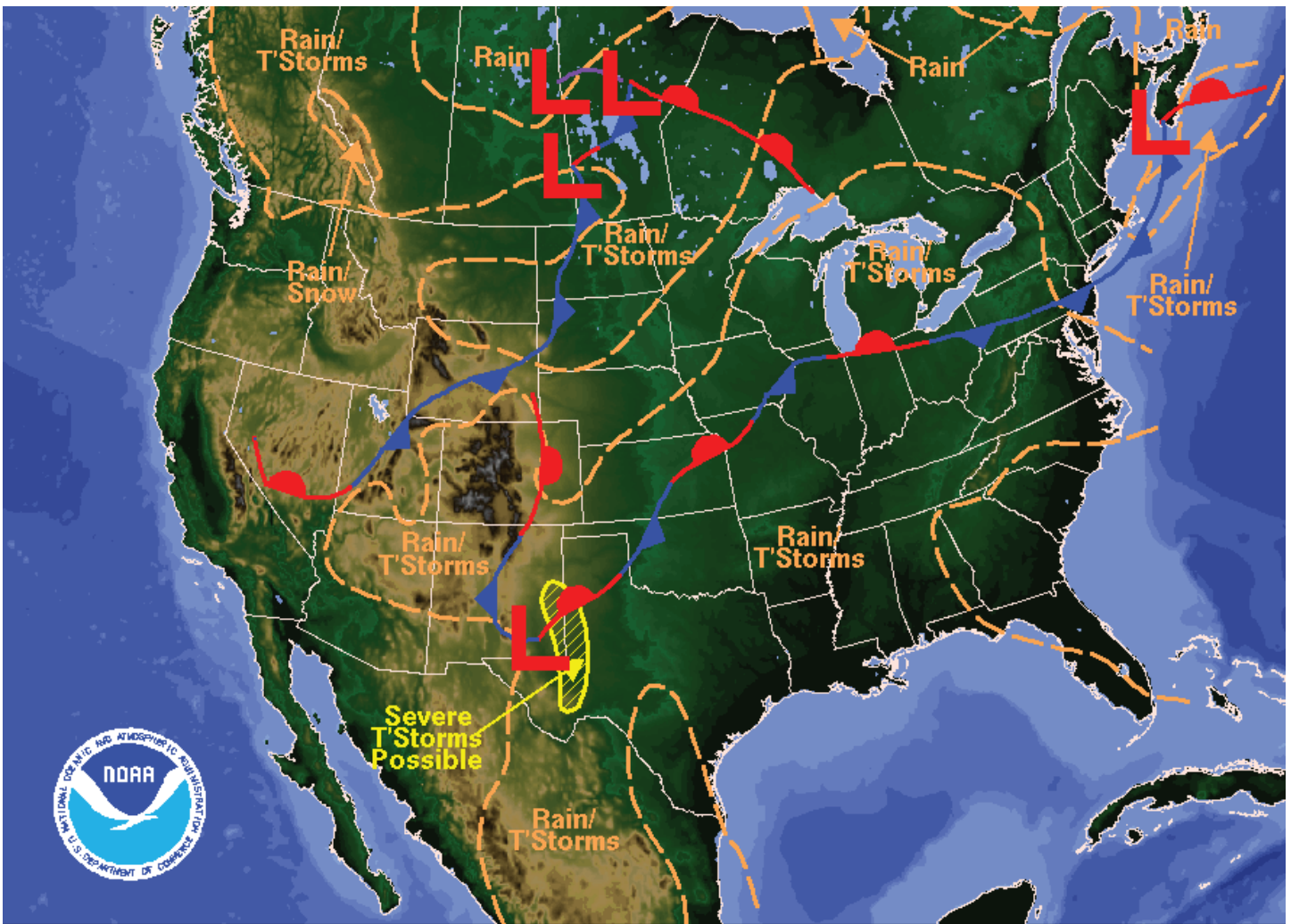
**Precip to date in June:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 8.70

**Precip Year to Date:** 5.72

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:22 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jun 13, 2015, issued 4:11 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## HUMILITY MATTERS

It was his first day as a general. For years his one goal was to pin a star on his shoulder. Sitting behind his desk for the first time, his personal flag behind him, he felt as though he had finally arrived. He was anxious to impress his staff with his accomplishment.

There was a knock on his door, and he shouted, "Enter." He reached for his phone, and wanting to impress the men who were quietly walking into his office, said, "Thank you, Mr. President, for calling. It was good to speak with you. Yes, sir. Good bye." He then hung up the phone.

Turning to the men before him, he asked, "And now, men, what can I do for you?"

"Yes, sir, thank you, sir. I'm your aide and these men have come to connect your phone."

There is nothing wrong with wanting to succeed. But there is something wrong with wanting to succeed for selfish, self-seeking, self-centered reasons. Pride brings with it the idea that we deserve whatever we can get. It creates a greedy appetite within us and leads us to believe that we should have whatever we can get or should have whatever we want in life. It makes us want far more than we need and leaves us unsatisfied with what we have. Sometimes God has to humiliate us to teach us humility.

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to trust You for our needs, be satisfied with what we have and be thankful for Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

## News from the Associated Press

### **Rapid City education official says budget cuts likely**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City school board president says now that voters have rejected proposed property tax hike they should expect cuts to programs and staff.

Rapid City Area Board of Education President Jim Hansen tells KELO-TV (<http://bit.ly/1JMclQm>) budget cuts are now the only option after voters shot down a measure on June 2 to opt out of the state-mandated property tax freeze. The measure would have generated about \$6 million in increased property taxes.

Hansen and other supporters of the tax increases say they now expect those who opposed the opt out to present meaningful alternatives.

State Rep. Lynne DiSanto of Rapid City says opponents want to look at all options, not just a tax hike. She says she expects education to be a priority in the 2016 legislative session.

### **5 candidates and a rat: the 1972 Democratic debate**

**HOLLY RAMER, Associated Press Writer**

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Is there room for a rat?

Faced with an unusually large class of Republican candidates, media organizations have begun setting the criteria for 12 GOP presidential debates between August and March. There's no chance Ned Coll — who once famously brandished a rubber rat during a debate in New Hampshire — will make the cut. But his experience shows how much has changed since the days when having a mere five candidates in a debate was viewed as unwieldy.

For the first two scheduled GOP debates this year, Fox News and CNN each plan two-part events: one for the top contenders and one for the long shots. Such arrangements would have kept the colorful Coll and two others relegated to the second tier four decades ago.

In 1972, Democratic front-runner Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine faced mounting pressure from Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota to debate in New Hampshire, which in 2016 will celebrate 100 years of primaries. Muskie finally agreed, and two days before the March 7 primary, they joined Sen. Vance Harke of Indiana, Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty and Coll at the University of New Hampshire, where they sat on red chairs borrowed from the bar of a nearby hotel.

Coll was the 32-year-old founder of an anti-poverty group in Connecticut called the Revitalization Corps and he brought the rat along to symbolize urban decay. He went on to become a champion for public beach access, and today — 25 years after he says Jesus Christ spoke to him in a vision — his causes include promoting prayer in public schools.

"I'm considering entering again, as a prophet," he said in a recent interview. "Basically, we have to get back to our roots: In God we trust, and we the people."

The 1972 debate was broadcast on public television nationwide. Media accounts depicted it as rather a dull night.

"The inclusion of minor candidates not only curtailed the time available to Mr. Muskie and Mr. McGovern but also made any sustained debate between them difficult," wrote R.W. Apple Jr. for The New York Times. A United Press International story began, "Cluttered by the participation of three candidates given no chance to win ..."

Carl P. Leubsdorf, who covered the debate for The Associated Press, remembers Coll as a high point

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of the debate.

"They were discussing the problems the country was facing, and he suddenly held up this rubber rat and said, 'This is the real problem,'" Leubsdorf, former Washington bureau chief for the wire service and now columnist for The Dallas Morning News. "As debate moments go, it was pretty good."

The New York Times reported that the campaigns had hammered out the details of the debate the previous week after six and half hours of negotiations.

"You were really at the mercy of what the candidates could work out, and what the sponsors did," Leubsdorf said.

For the 2016 campaign, work began much earlier. Steve Duprey, a Republican National Committeeman from New Hampshire, was named chairman of the RNC's debate committee in August 2014.

Hoping to avoid a repeat of 2012, when there were more than 20 debates, he led the effort to approach nearly two dozen potential 2016 candidates and figure out a better system. Their consensus: fewer debates spread out among more states and on a more predictable timetable. So far, the networks and other media organizations largely have agreed, he said, though the "final frontier" — deciding who participates — is up to the hosts.

Fox News at first said it would limit its August debate to the top 10 candidates based on polling averages but announced Wednesday that candidates who do not qualify for the prime-time debate will be invited to participate in a 90-minute forum to be aired during the afternoon of Aug. 6. CNN, which plans to hold a debate in September, will divide its event into two parts: one featuring the 10 highest polling candidates, and the other including candidates who are at 1 percent or higher in polls but not in the top 10.

"I wish we could find a way to debate with 16 people on stage and have it be meaningful," Duprey said. "But I don't think that's going to happen."

The Democratic National Committee, which so far has a much smaller field of presidential hopefuls, has sanctioned six primary debates, giving long-shot candidates a chance to challenge front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton. The DNC said in May that the four early-voting states will host a debate: Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina. The location of the other two debates was not announced.

As for Coll, he remembers buying the rat at a novelty store and sticking it in his pocket.

"The whole point is, I wanted to bring up poverty," he said. "I knew if I did that, it would make the point."

Aides to the major candidates were not impressed. A McGovern adviser told The New York Times that the debate "should have taught us what a lot of foolishness it is."

One of Muskie's staffers concluded: "I would think this would be the end of the debates."

## Oglala tribal member says he should be allowed to grow hemp

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Alex White Plume thought his decade-long wait to produce industrial hemp on a South Dakota Indian reservation was ending when the federal government softened its stance on marijuana enforcement and lawmakers expanded the development of hemp under certain circumstances.

But federal prosecutors in South Dakota refuse to lift an injunction against White Plume that prevents the enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Nation from growing the crop.

"One thing that really hurts my feelings is to get treated as minorities," White Plume told The Associated Press. "We have always been here. We have superior standing."

Hemp can be used to make clothing, lotion and many other products, but growing it has been ille-

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gal under federal law because it is a type of cannabis plant and looks like marijuana. Hemp, though, doesn't make people high.

The so-called "Cole memo" issued by the Department of Justice in August 2013 essentially says the federal government is going to concentrate on pot cases involving drug cartels, sales to minors, the use of firearms, and areas where the drugs are being sent from states where marijuana is legal to states where it is not. A subsequent DOJ guidance memo in October 2014 expressly made the Cole memo's priorities applicable on Indian reservations.

White Plume figured he had more momentum when the federal farm bill signed last year had a provision allowing hemp to be grown through state agriculture departments and college research stations, which is happening in several states.

White Plume's attorney, former U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon, wrote in April to Randolph Seiler, acting U.S. attorney in South Dakota, asking Seiler to reconsider the injunction. Seiler rejected the request.

Purdon said he's disappointed with the DOJ's position and says he plans to take legal action against the government.

"We don't understand the idea that they would prioritize and then spend resources dealing with an injunction that is a relic from another era of marijuana enforcement," said Purdon, an attorney for Minneapolis-based Robins Kaplan.

Seiler declined to comment to the AP, but said in a letter to Purdon that White Plume does not meet the definition under the federal farm bill that would allow him to cultivate hemp. Purdon counters that the injunction does not allow White Plume to approach college or state researchers in the first place to talk about growing hemp.

"As a result of this decision, they are treating this hemp farmer in Pine Ridge completely different than hemp farmers in Kentucky and Oregon," Purdon said.

Seiler said another factor is that South Dakota law does not allow the production of hemp and there is not an exception in the farm bill where industrial hemp is authorized under tribal law and not state law. White Plume said that violates treaties dating back 160 years.

"They should recognize our tribal sovereignty," he said.

The White Plume family, including Alex and his brother, Percy, planted hemp for three years from 2000 through 2002, but they never harvested a crop. Federal agents conducted raids and cut down the plants each year. The injunction was ordered in December 2004.

John Yellow Bird Steele, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said in a letter to Seiler that lifting the injunction would be an important step in supporting economic development on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He said the White Plumes and other tribal members could produce products such as soaps, oils, animal feed, ropes, fabrics, rugs, furniture covers, tablecloths, building materials, insulation and fuel.

"Several of these uses have been demonstrated by Alexander and Percy White Plume, who have built a nice home out of 'hemp-crete' made of imported hemp fiber that they obtained lawfully in order to prove their point," Yellow Bird Steele said.

## North Dakota Supreme Court reprimands South Dakota attorney

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The North Dakota Supreme Court has reprimanded an attorney over a dispute in a South Dakota tribal court.

Bernice Delorme is based in Rapid City, South Dakota, and is also a member of the North Dakota bar. She was recently reprimanded by the Oglala Sioux Nation court for making a false statement about a

former tribal judge.

The North Dakota Supreme Court earlier this week decided that Delorme should face similar discipline in the state and ordered the reprimand.

## **Daugaard appoints Kim Vanneman to Transportation Commission**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed former state legislator Kim Vanneman to the South Dakota Transportation Commission to fill Bob Benson's old seat.

Department of Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist announced the appointment on Friday. Benson's term ran out in April 2015, and Vanneman's appointment is immediately effective.

Vanneman, of Ideal, served in the state House of Representatives from 2008 through 2012. She served on legislative summer study committees dealing with transportation issues during her time in the Legislature.

Vanneman and her husband own a farming operation.

## **International spider conference coming to Dakota Wesleyan**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Spider lovers from around the world will descend on Mitchell next week for an annual conference on all things arachnid.

Dakota Wesleyan University is hosting the 39th annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society.

The meeting changes venues each year and four years ago Brian Patrick, an assistant professor of biology at Dakota Wesleyan, offered up the college as the host site for this year's gathering.

Patrick says he plans to take the conference attendees to the wetlands and prairies of South Dakota to collect samples. He says there will also be 32 speakers at the conference that will cover topics ranging from ecology to web and silk mechanics.

The meeting begins Friday. There are 77 people coming from the U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan and the Czech Republic.

## **Rancher indicted for falsely claiming cattle died in storm**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The indictment of a South Dakota man for falsely claiming he lost more than a hundred cattle during the autumn blizzard of 2013 could be the first such case from the storm, which devastated ranchers in the western part of the state.

Karl Knutson, of Vale, pleaded not guilty last month to felony counts of making a false claim and making a false statement to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A trial is scheduled for July.

The indictment alleges Knutson submitted a claim in May 2014 to the USDA's Farm Service Agency for the loss of 129 head of cattle in the October blizzard even though he actually lost at most 13. It also claims Knutson in August 2014 told the agency in "a handwritten invoice" that he paid \$135,350 for 103 head of cattle that he didn't actually buy.

Knutson, 27, referred a request for comment Friday about the indictment to his public defender, who didn't immediately respond to telephone messages. South Dakota U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler and a spokesman for the USDA Office of Inspector General, which investigated the case, declined to comment.

South Dakota Stockgrowers Association Executive Director Silvia Christen, who was unfamiliar with Knutson's indictment, said she hadn't heard of any other cases like it coming from the 2013 storm,

which is estimated to have killed more than 50,000 livestock and left ranchers in the western part of the state reeling financially.

"I think we can be proud of South Dakota that we haven't seen more of these types of cases," Christen said.

The 2014 federal farm bill authorized federal aid for the disaster-stricken ranchers, and Christen's group, the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Sheepgrowers Association set up a fund that ultimately raised more than \$5 million for the cause.

Joe Carley, of Philip, who estimated he lost more than 130 cows and calves to the blizzard, said the outpouring of support from the state and across the nation was "humbling."

He said the allegations against Knutson are disappointing if they're true. Carley received federal aid after the blizzard, and he said cases such as this could make the process more difficult for ranchers in the future.

"We pride ourselves on being honest, and a handshake means everything, you know, and that's how we do business around here," Carley said. "So when somebody goes and screws around with the system like that, it makes it harder for everybody else for next time."

## **Daugaard announces remaining members of education taskforce**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has announced the remaining members of a taskforce that will address problems in South Dakota's education system.

The governor has appointed 13 teachers, administrators and school board members to serve on the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students along with the 13 public officials and state staff members he named in March.

Daugaard and Republican legislative leaders in February announced the creation of the taskforce following calls from Democratic legislators and education officials to boost teacher pay.

Beginning in July, the task force will meet to consider public input, analyze data and discuss how to reform aspects of the state's education system.

## **AP News in Brief**

### **Police chief: Multiple suspects suspected of opening fire on officers outside Dallas police HQ**

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say multiple suspects using automatic weapons opened fire on officers outside Dallas Police headquarters, before one man fled the scene in what witnesses described as an armored van.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown says the shootout began about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, when the suspects pulled up to the building located south of downtown and began firing. He says at least one of the suspects fled the scene in a van that rammed a police cruiser before leading police on a chase that ended at parking lot in Hutchins.

Brown says negotiations with that suspect are ongoing. No injuries were reported.

Brown says as many as four suspects may have been involved, including some possibly located at elevated positions. Police also found four bags, including one holding a pipe bomb.

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## **New York prison worker accused of helping 2 killers escape; pleads not guilty at arraignment**

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — A worker at an upstate New York maximum-security prison charged with helping two convicted killers escape last weekend brought the men hacksaw blades, chisels, a punch and a screwdriver bit, according to criminal complaints.

Prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell, 51, was arraigned late Friday night on the felony charge of promoting prison contraband and misdemeanor count of criminal facilitation. Her lawyer, Keith Bruno, entered a not guilty plea on her behalf.

Mitchell is accused of befriending inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora and giving them contraband. The inmates used power tools to cut through their cell walls and a steam pipe and escaped through a manhole a week ago.

Wearing a green short-sleeved top and jeans, Mitchell entered the courtroom with her hands cuffed in front of her. She looked scared and did not speak. She was ordered held in jail on \$100,000 cash bail or \$200,000 bond on felony count and is due back in court Monday morning.

District Attorney Andrew Wylie said earlier the contraband didn't include power tools used by the men as they cut holes in their cell walls and a steam pipe to escape through a manhole last weekend.

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## **Mental illness, substance use, arrests: Officials say hackers gained deeply personal data**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deeply personal information submitted by U.S. intelligence and military personnel for security clearances — mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests, bankruptcies and more — is in the hands of hackers linked to China, officials say.

In describing a cyberbreach of federal records dramatically worse than first acknowledged, authorities point to Standard Form 86, which applicants are required to complete. Applicants also must list contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant's Social Security number and that of his or her cohabitant are required.

In a statement, the White House said that on June 8, investigators concluded there was "a high degree of confidence that ... systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former and prospective federal government employees, and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been exfiltrated."

"This tells the Chinese the identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance," said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence official. "That makes it very hard for any of those people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about almost everyone with a security clearance. That's a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies."

The Office of Personnel Management, which was the target of the hack, did not respond to requests for comment. OPM spokesman Samuel Schumach and Jackie Koszczuk, the director of communications, have consistently said there was no evidence that security clearance information had been compromised.

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## **Wounded trade vote marks an inauspicious start to a month full challenges for Obama**

WASHINGTON (AP) — This was hardly the promising start the White House wanted for one of the most challenging months in President Barack Obama's second term.

After two last-minute, high-profile appeals to rescue his global trade agenda, Obama was knocked off stride Friday, rebuffed by lawmakers from his own party. The defeat in the House seriously damaged his chances of capping his presidency with a groundbreaking economic pact with 11 Pacific rim countries.

For Obama, it was an ominous first in a June full of trials that could determine his standing for the remaining year-and-a-half of his presidency.

Besides the prospects for an international trade deal, Obama is also awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court that could upend his health care law, and he faces a June 30 deadline to conclude an accord that aims to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Together they symbolize the totality of the president's achievements in domestic, economic and national security policies.

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## **6 Yemenis transferred from Guantanamo Bay to Oman in first move out of prison in 5 months**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six men long held at Guantanamo Bay arrived Saturday in Oman, the first movement of detainees out of the U.S. prison for terrorism suspects in five months as Congress considers new restrictions on transfers.

The six detainees — all from Oman's war-torn Mideast neighbor Yemen — boarded a flight from the U.S. prison in Cuba on Friday, bringing Guantanamo's population down to 116. The move means President Barack Obama has now transferred more than half of the 242 detainees who were at Guantanamo when he was sworn into office after campaigning to close it.

Yet Obama remains far from achieving his closure goal, with just a year and a half left in office, final transfer approvals coming slowly from the Pentagon and lawmakers threatening to make movement out even harder. The transfers to Oman are the first to be given final approval by Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who has been on the job four months.

The six new transfers include Emad Abdullah Hassan, who has been on hunger strikes since 2007 in protest of his confinement without charge since 2002. In court filings protesting force-feeding practices, Hassan said detainees have been force-fed up to a gallon (3.75 liters) at a time of nutrients and water. The U.S. accuses him of being one of many bodyguards to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and of being part of a group planning to attack NATO and American troops after the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan.

The five other detainees sent to Oman were identified by the Pentagon as:

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## **In what's billed as her 2016 debut, Clinton calling for new era of shared economic prosperity**

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton is calling for a new era of shared prosperity, arguing that American workers can trust her to fight for them in a speech billed as her formal 2016 presidential campaign debut.

At an outdoor rally Saturday on New York City's Roosevelt Island, Clinton will portray herself as a fierce advocate for those left behind in the post-recession economy, detailing a lifetime of work on behalf of

struggling families. She says her mother's difficult childhood inspired what she considers a calling.

Her campaign says that "tenacious fighter" message will be the foundation of her presidential bid, even as she takes pains to stay silent on political divisive issues, including two billed by Republicans as key to economic growth: a proposed trade deal with Pacific Rim nations and the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Long one of the most divisive figures in American politics, Clinton seeks to use the speech to present herself on her own terms and turn her politicized history into a strength. She lost her 2008 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination to then-Sen. Barack Obama.

"Her story, her life, is she is someone who has always been advocating and fighting for someone else," said Jennifer Palmieri, the Clinton campaign's communications director.

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## **Experts expect more MERS cases, downplay chance of pandemic, as South Korea records 14th death**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Experts from the World Health Organization and South Korea on Saturday downplayed concerns about the MERS virus spreading further within the country, which recorded its 14th death and a dozen new infections, but said it was premature to declare the outbreak over.

After a weeklong review of the outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome, the panel of experts told a news conference that there was no evidence to suggest the virus is spreading in the community. The outbreak in South Korea has so far been occurring only in hospitals, among patients, family members who visited them and medical staff treating them.

The virus has spread at a pattern similar to previous outbreaks in the Middle East, and the sequencing studies of samples from South Korea show no signs that the virus has increased its ability to transmit between humans, said WHO Assistant Director Keiji Fukuda.

While the infections seem to be stagnating, the South Korean government must continue to maintain strong control measures, such as thoroughly tracing patients' contacts and preventing suspected patients from traveling, because it's still early to declare the situation over, he said.

The continued discovery of new cases has created an impression that the outbreak is getting bigger, but Fukuda noted that many of the cases being reported were of people who were infected in the past. New infections appear to be declining, which suggests that the government's control measures are having an impact, he said.

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## **In California, nearly ironclad decades-old water rights halted amid lingering drought**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Despite California's drought, Richard and Danna Jones' cattle grazing pasture has stayed green thanks to water flowing free from a gulch claimed by his grandfather in 1911.

Their nearly ironclad right to water was suspended Friday when state regulators ordered them to stop taking the water for their rural property east of Redding. They are among more than 100 senior water rights holders told for the first time in decades that major waterways in California's agriculture-rich Central Valley are too dry to meet demand, but aren't expected to be the last.

"The place is going to look like hell," said Danna Jones. She and her husband depend on money from letting cattle graze on their land to pay off property taxes.

"It's going to dry up and become a star-thistle patch. It's not going to be good for us."

California's mandatory water curtailment has moved from cities, towns and farmers with less iron-clad water rights to those historically shielded from cuts. Thousands of people, water districts and entities

with claims dating before 1914 have long enjoyed nearly guaranteed access to water, and some are threatening lawsuits to keep it this way as California's drought drags into a fourth year.

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## **Actor John Stamos arrested, charged with driving under the influence**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actor John Stamos has been arrested and cited with driving under the influence in Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills police say they received calls around 7:45 p.m. Friday reporting a possible drunken driver. Police later stopped Stamos, who was the only person in the vehicle.

Police say 51-year-old Stamos was taken to a hospital because of a possible medical condition. There police say it was determined he had been driving under influence, and he was arrested. Police cited him with DUI and released him to the care of the hospital.

A message to his publicist for comment was not immediately returned.

Stamos starred in "Full House," which aired on ABC from 1987 to 1995. He will produce and appear in a 13-episode reboot of the sitcom for Netflix scheduled to debut next year.

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## **Confident Blackhawks, Lightning aim to take upper hand in Game 5 of Stanley Cup Final**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The tightest Stanley Cup Final in 47 years is coming down to the wire.

The Chicago Blackhawks and Tampa Bay Lightning both feel confident about their ability to win two of a possible three games remaining in the best-of-7 matchup that resumes Saturday night.

The series is tied 2-2 following four consecutive one-goal games, and there's no reason to believe one team or the other is poised to run away from the other.

"It's one of the hardest things to do in pro sports, finish off a series and beat another team to win a Stanley Cup, especially a team that's been there a couple times and knows what it takes," Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos said. "We have our work cut out for us, but this group has belief in each other."

The Blackhawks have won two of the past five NHL championships, and they have stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane to lean on in situations like this.

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

Today is Saturday, June 13, the 164th day of 2015. There are 201 days left in the year.

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

On June 13, 1865, Nobel Prize-winning poet-playwright William Butler Yeats was born in Dublin, Ireland.

On this date:

In 1525, German theologian Martin Luther married former nun Katharina von Bora.

In 1842, Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to ride on a train, traveling from Slough Railway Station to Paddington in 25 minutes.

In 1886, King Ludwig II of Bavaria drowned in Lake Starnberg.

In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15-round fight in Queens, New York. "Becky Sharp," the first movie photographed in "three-strip" Technicolor, opened in New York.

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In 1942, the first of two four-man Nazi sabotage teams arrived in the United States during World War II. (The eight were arrested after one of them went to U.S. authorities; six of the saboteurs were executed.)

In 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, after a nearly two-month journey from England.

In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967 that had been leaked to the paper by military analyst Daniel Ellsberg.

In 1981, a scare occurred during a parade in London when a teenager fired six blank shots at Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

In 1996, the 81-day-old Freemen standoff ended as 16 remaining members of the anti-government group surrendered to the FBI and left their Montana ranch.

**Ten years ago:** A jury in Santa Maria, California, acquitted Michael Jackson of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland ranch. The Supreme Court warned prosecutors to use care in striking minorities from juries, siding with black murder defendants in Texas and California who contended their juries had been unfairly stacked with whites. The U.S. Senate apologized for blocking anti-lynching legislation in the early 20th century, when mob violence against blacks was commonplace.

**Five years ago:** Gary Faulkner, a Colorado construction worker, was detained in Pakistan while on a one-man mission to hunt down Osama bin Laden (Faulkner was released 10 days later). "Memphis," the rhythm 'n' blues musical set in the American South in the 1950s, won four Tony Awards, including best musical; "Red," about painter Mark Rothko, won best play and five other honors. Jimmy Dean, a country music legend and an entrepreneur known for his sausage brand, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 81. The final "Annie" (formerly "Little Orphan Annie") comic strip ran in fewer than 20 newspapers, ending with a cliffhanger.

**One year ago:** The Internal Revenue Service told Congress it had lost a trove of emails to and from Lois Lerner, a central figure in the agency's tea party controversy, sparking outrage from congressional investigators. (The inspector general's office is in the process of trying to recover more than 6,000 of Lerner's lost emails that were later found on old backup tapes.) The Los Angeles Kings won the Stanley Cup for the second time in three years with a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 5. Hall of Fame football coach Chuck Noll, 82, died in Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Bob McGrath is 83. Artist Christo is 80. Magician Siegfried (Siegfried & Roy) is 76. Singer Bobby Freeman is 75. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 72. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is 71. Singer Dennis Locorriere is 66. Actor Richard Thomas is 64. Actor Jonathan Hogan is 64. Actor Stellan Skarsgard is 64. Comedian Tim Allen is 62. Actress Ally Sheedy is 53. TV anchor Hannah Storm is 53. Rock musician Paul deLisle (deh-LYL') (Smash Mouth) is 52. Actress Lisa Vidal is 50. Singer David Gray is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Deniece Pearson (Five Star) is 47. Rock musician Soren Rasted (Aqua) is 46. Actor Jamie Walters is 46. Singer-musician Rivers Cuomo (Weezer) is 45. Country singer Susan Haynes is 43. Actor Steve-O is 41. Country singer Jason Michael Carroll is 37. Actor Ethan Embry is 37. Actor Chris Evans is 34. Actress Sarah Schaub is 32. Singer Raz B is 30. Actress Kat Dennings is 29. Actress Mary-Kate Olsen is 29. Actress Ashley Olsen is 29. DJ/producer Gesaffelstein is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "There are no strangers here, only friends you have not yet met." - William Butler Yeats (1865-1939).