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## Monday, June 15

**Anniversary:** Jesse & Jaymie Overacker.

**Birthdays:** Seth Sims, Jonathan Flihs, 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.

6:30 p.m.: St. John's Christian Literature Circle potluck.

7:00 p.m.: City Council meeting at Groton Community Center

## Tuesday, June 16

**Anniversary:** Pat & Lora McMahon.

**Birthdays:** Gavin Voss, Harry Pharis Jr., Virginia Abeln, Steve McKiver, Amy Brown, Marlys Torguson, Dustin Hendrickson, Maryn Howard, Paul Winther.

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, beets, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

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

### OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

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Saturday, June 20th

9:30 – 11:30

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## 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.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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June 15, 2015 - 7pm

Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Capitol Improvement Priorities
- 4) Mosquito Control Report
- 5) FO & HR report
- 6) Elected Official Workshop – July 10 - Pierre
- 7) Heartland Summer Meeting – July 9 - Madison
- 8) Pool Slide Costs
- 9) Job Descriptions
- 10) Bike Run- June 27
- 11) Exe Session – Legal or Personnel
- 12) Hire Brian Gravatt
- 13) Kathy Bjerke Salary

AND any other business that may come before the Council

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## Putting Our Troops Ahead of Politics

By Senator John Thune

Last fall, Senate Republicans promised that if we were elected to the majority, we would get the Senate working again for the American people. Getting the Senate working again was not a campaign slogan – it was a commitment.

For years under Democrat leadership in the Senate, basic legislative functions went overlooked. Waiting until the last minute to pass important bills became the norm, and casting political show votes rather than striking bipartisan agreements was a sad reality.

But times are changing, and there's new leadership in the Senate. In just the first few months of the 114th Congress, the Senate has passed one bipartisan bill after another. We've already allowed more roll call votes on senators' individual priorities in the past five months than Democrats allowed in all of 2014. Last month, the Senate passed a budget – that balances – and now we're working toward funding our nation's heroes.

Before any money can be appropriated, though, Congress must first authorize the federal government to spend it. For more than 50 years, the National Defense Authorization Act, which the Senate is now considering, has passed with strong bipartisan support. This year's defense bill authorizes funding for our troops at the level requested by the president and provides key reforms that will strengthen our nation's defense and improve training, benefits, and quality of life for our service members. It's a strong, common-sense bill, and supporting it should be a no-brainer.

Unfortunately, Democrats are threatening to derail this year's bill and its long track record of bipartisanship over demands to spend more federal money on nondefense programs. Incredibly, the president has gone as far as saying that he would veto this vital piece of legislation. That's right: Democrats are prepared to block a bill that authorizes funding for our troops unless Republicans agree to hike federal spending on agencies like the IRS and EPA.

This bill is too important to get caught up in politics, and I hope my Democrat colleagues come to that realization, too. I'll continue to fight for our men and women in uniform and send a clear message to the president that prioritizing politics at the expense of our preparedness and our active-duty military is not acceptable.

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## Studying South Dakota's Education System With An Open Mind

**A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:**

South Dakotans all share three goals for our education system. First, we want a quality system of schools focused on student success. Second, we want a workforce of great teachers. Finally, we want an efficient, equitable funding system that supports those goals.

Earlier this year, I joined with legislative leaders to create the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students. This task force will seek public input, collect and analyze data, and make recommendations to the 2016 State Legislature for reform.

The first step has already begun. Over the past couple of months, task force members have been holding meetings to seek public input. They have met with teachers and administrators, parents, business people and interested members of the public. The agenda is simple: the task force is there to listen.

Over the next couple of weeks, several more meetings are being held so that members of the public can offer input. An up-to-date schedule of public input meetings is available at [blueribbon.sd.gov](http://blueribbon.sd.gov). Citizens can also email their input to the task force at that site. I encourage all South Dakotans to take advantage of these opportunities to participate in the process.

So far, these public meetings demonstrate the value that South Dakotans place on education. They want to have the people, facilities and resources to provide a quality education to our young people. Many ideas and suggestions have come forward – everything from a longer school year, to consolidation or sharing among small districts, to differential pay for high-demand teaching fields, to increased funding through a new tax.

Ideas like these can be controversial and I know they will lead to more discussion. That is why I have asked the task force to consider all viewpoints, honestly consider all available data and use good judgment as it recommends reforms. This process does not have a predetermined outcome and, at this point, no options should be taken off the table.

I hope everyone will wait to judge the process until it ends, and will consider the task force's recommendations with an open mind. That is what I will do.

## The Kind of Father My Husband Is

By Rep. Kristi Noem

Moms tend to notice things that don't get done. I'll admit it. I'm guilty. I can drive in the driveway and see that the yard needs to be mowed or the fences painted. I'll walk in the house and see the pile of shoes by the door or the laundry that needs to be folded. Moms tend to be multi-taskers; only able to relax when everything is put away, kids are clean, and animals fed. And if we are tired or overwhelmed, you will hear us say "Honey, will you?"

At our house, Bryon completes many of our chores. I am gone most weeks to DC and he is left to handle all things related to work, kids, the ranch, and the house until I come home on the weekend. I know that I am blessed to have a husband who recognizes how wonderful it is for me to come home to a clean house and tended family - and he tries to make that happen.

But what makes me love him more each day is to come home to happy children. You see, I married Bryon because I loved him and wanted to build a life with him, but at the time, I really had no idea what kind of a father he would be. I had a sneaking suspicion he would be a great dad because he has a wonderful father who is a great role model. Bryon loves the Lord and understands the responsibility that God gives to men leading their families. As the years went by and the kids were born, his actions revealed to me how he viewed fatherhood. He served.

He gave Cassidy her first bath. In fact, my mom came to stay with us for a few days after Cassidy was born and soon she came to me and said, "I might as well go home. Bryon won't let me do anything."

When Kennedy was a baby, she had reflux so bad, everyone was reluctant to hold her because of the spit up bath she was sure to give them. But her dad held her constantly and thought it was "cute."

Booker was such a sick little boy with so many breathing problems that he needed multiple inhalers, medications, and constant trips to the hospital. Bryon prayed over him every night, asking God to heal our little boy.

When you look at our family home videos, you will find they were all taken by Bryon. I'm not sure it ever occurred to me to document those busy years. Yet there are hours and hours of video of the kids playing, talking, and sometimes just watching TV! It is almost as if he knew how special those moments were and wanted to save them for me to enjoy when I decided to slow down enough to appreciate them.

His gifts to our children are not often material. They are not fancy or over the top. But he gives our children so much more. Bryon teaches them the importance of hard work, independence, the value of the dollar and responsibility, while also making sure they know they are special, unique and loved.

When I stop to really think about what his busy weeks must be like when he is running his business, coaching athletic teams, organizing the kids' schedules, keeping the house running and remembering to buy milk, I remember how blessed I am. And when I get home and hear the stories of the week and listen to my children's laughter in the retelling, I thank God for the father He gave to Cassidy, Kennedy and Booker.

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## Strong winds made trek through South Dakota

An early morning squall line developed across Central South Dakota and tracked east-northeast during the mid and late morning. Along the way, it produced several severe wind gusts from Jackson to Faulk Counties. A localized wake low also developed around Potter County leading to very strong non-thunderstorm winds immediately behind the rain from the squall. A gust in Tolstoy reached 78 mph at 9:30 AM as a result. Heavy rain was also a factor - several locations from Sully to Campbell to Brown Counties reported over an inch of rain, with the maximum report being 4.6 inches 9 miles east-northeast of Leola. For all of the reports of severe winds and heavy rain, visit <https://nwschat.weather.gov/lst/#ABR,UNR/201506141050/201506141500/0101>



Shelf cloud from @mkenzio at the Little Bend RV Park, north of Pierre, yesterday morning



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## Today in Weather History

June 15, 1935: This estimated F3 tornado moved east from 17 miles southwest of Onida. There was near F4 damage to one farm about 9 miles SSW of Onida. The house was destroyed, 60 cattle were killed, and five people were injured. At another farm, the home shifted over the storm cellar, trapping a family. Property damage was estimated at \$25,000.

June 15, 1977: There were thunderstorms with heavy rain and some hail which began on the 15th and continued into the 16th. At Watertown, almost 6.9 inches of rain fell during this two day period. In Deuel County, Gary received 6 inches, Altamont 5.5 and Brandt, 4.5 inches in Goodwin, and 3.70 inches in Clear Lake. Other amounts include; 4.85 inches at 3NE of Raymond; 4.57 inches in Clark; 4.21 at 1NE of Bryant; and 3.97 inches in Castlewood.

June 15, 1978: Numerous severe thunderstorms developed over all of central South Dakota. Tornadoes, funnel clouds, hail up to baseball size, and wind gusts to near 80 mph caused wide spread destruction. Estimated loss was between 20-25 million dollars. The Governor declared some counties disaster areas. Six trailers were destroyed and a home was unroofed northwest of Aberdeen. Fifteen people were injured from these storms.

June 15, 1978: Heavy rain began during the evening hours and continued into the morning hours on the 16th. Heavy rains were estimated between 5 to 6 inches, causing flash flooding south of Watertown. Some rainfall amounts include; 2.43 inches in Watertown; 2.07 in Castlewood; and 2.05 inches in Clear Lake. Hail caused severe crop damage in Hughes County.

1987: Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in the northwestern U.S. A tornado damaged five homes and destroyed a barn near Salmon, Idaho. It lifted a metal shed 100 feet into the air and deposited it 100 yards away. Hail an inch and a half in diameter caused ten million dollars damage to automobiles at Nampa, Idaho.

1991: The second largest volcanic eruption of the 20th Century began as Mt. Pinatubo injected 15 to 30 million tons of sulphur dioxide 100,000 feet into the atmosphere. 343 people were killed in the Philippines as a result of the eruptions and 200,000 were left homeless. Material from the eruption would spread around the globe, leading to climate changes worldwide as the sun's energy was blocked out and global temperatures cooled by as much as one degree Fahrenheit. 1992 was globally one of the coolest since the 1970s.



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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Shows Likely 60%	Thunderstorms 80%	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 76 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 76 °F



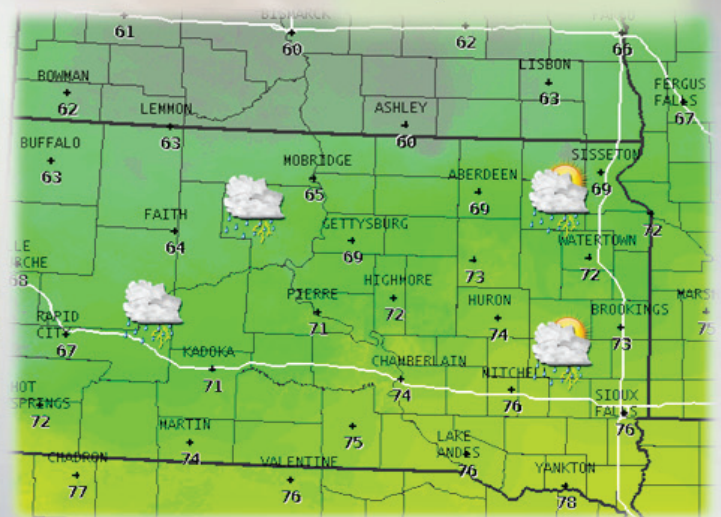
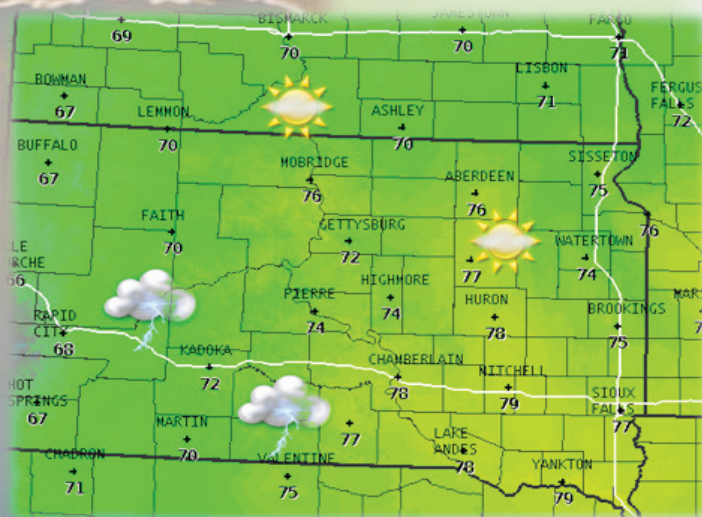
## Mild to Begin the Work Week

**Today**

*Mild and Mostly Sunny, showers possible Southwest late.*

**Tuesday**

*Mostly Cloudy and cooler with showers and some storms likely.*



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 6/15/2015 4:23 AM Central

Published on: 06/15/2015 at 4:26AM

Today will be mild and dry for most of the area. However, another system will enter the picture for Tuesday. This weather maker will spread showers and storms across the state during the day on Tuesday. Some severe weather will be possible at that time, especially over southern parts of the state.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 73.9 at 3:58 PM

**Low:** 56.9 at 10:53 AM

**High Gust:** 31 at 9:58 AM

Precip: 0.27

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 105° in 1933

**Record Low:** 36° in 1968

**Average High:** 77°F

**Average Low:** 54°F

**Average Precip in June:** 1.81

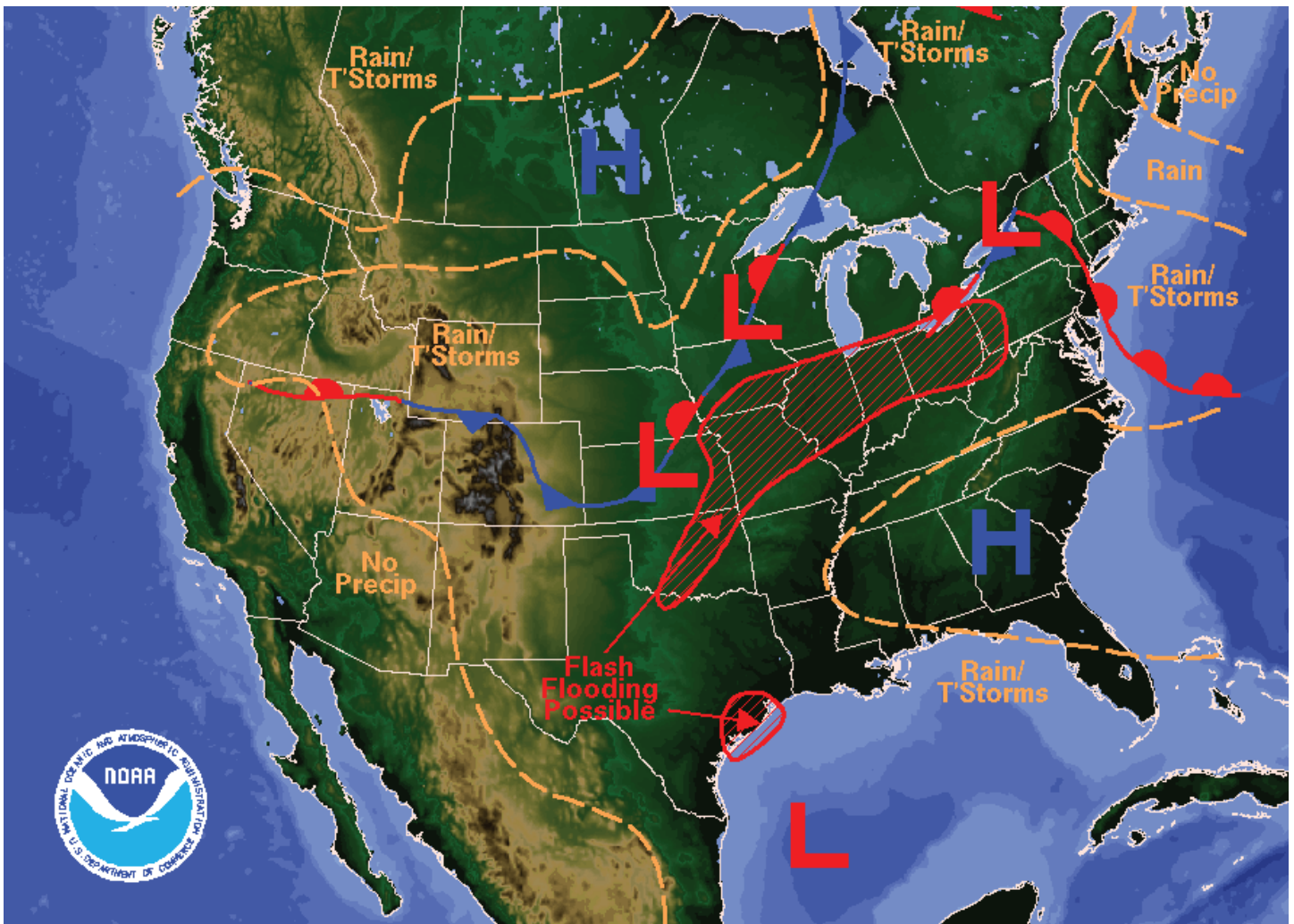
**Precip to date in June:** 0.27

**Average Precip to date:** 8.95

**Precip Year to Date:** 5.99

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:23 p.m.

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



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 15, 2015, issued 4:17 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## KEEPING SCORE

In the great game of baseball, victory is not determined by hits – only by runs. It is not decided by double plays or even a no-hit performance by a pitcher – only by runs.

A player may hit the ball, slide safely into third base but get no further and not score. He will be remembered as being "left stranded." He will not be recognized for "three-quarters of a run."

This is true of everything in life. Few people are ever recognized for how well they start. Normally they are remembered for how well they finish. We may run hard, overcome obstacles, work our way through difficult situations, but unless we accomplish our goals and "score," we are normally forgotten unless we finish well.

There is a sad verse in Paul's letter to Timothy. He speaks of Demas, and writes that he "has deserted me because he loves the things of life..." A former co-worker of Paul's, he exchanged his calling from God to worldly pleasures and values. Perhaps Demas never counted the cost of serving Christ. Maybe he became weary in well doing and lost his enthusiasm. We do not know the reason, but we see the results. And here is the lesson for each of us: Rather than condemn or criticize him, let's look for the "Demas" that may be in each of us.

**Prayer:** Lord, never let us lose our love for You or the life You have called us to live. May we be ever faithful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica

## News from the Associated Press

### **National Guard helping install solar panels near Porcupine**

PORCUPINE, S.D. (AP) — Airmen from the South Dakota Air National Guard are working with members of the Denmark Army to build and install solar panels on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The solar panel structure is being built at the Thunder Valley Community Development Center near Porcupine. Engineers from the National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing from Sioux Falls are working with the Denmark Army as part of the Golden Coyote Training Exercise.

The project is part of an effort to create a sustainable community for area residents. The solar panel structure will be connected between two buildings, which will provide power and also serve as a canopy for an outdoor classroom.

Community Engagement Coordinator Andrew Iron Shell says the support of the engineers is helping bring the vision to life.

### **Crowdfunding for kids' summer programs takes off**

**KAREN MATTHEWS, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — This summer, thousands of young people will go to camp, attend prestigious academic programs and even study filmmaking in Paris thanks to online crowdfunding sites like Kickstarter and Indiegogo.

Donors can help middle schoolers learn computer programming in Pennsylvania, support a leadership academy for Virginia teens or send children of incarcerated California parents to sleepaway camp.

There are no statistics for the number of children and teens whose summer activities are being financed through crowdfunding, but Kelsea Little, a spokeswoman for GoFundMe, said fundraising for summer camps is skyrocketing on the site.

Little said more than \$4.3 million has been raised for campaigns that specifically mention "summer camp" since GoFundMe started in 2010 — and donations in the category more than tripled between 2013 and 2014. No 2015 numbers exist yet, she said.

There are crowdfunding campaigns for individual youngsters, for groups and for entire programs.

Reel Works, a Brooklyn nonprofit that teaches filmmaking to teens, is using Kickstarter to send five students to Paris, where they will work on a film with five French teens chosen by a Paris-based nonprofit.

The American teens met this month to make a short video about how they imagined life in Paris — it featured a baguette and a fake cigarette — which they sent to their French counterparts in exchange for the French kids' video about their imagined Brooklyn.

"A lot of the time the thing that gets between kids and their dreams is the amount of money they have," said Justin Casquejo, 17, one of the filmmaking students. "And crowdfunding is a great way to get around that issue. It's something I'm really grateful for because I don't come from a background of a lot of money and I would never in a million years be able to afford a plane ticket to Paris."

A nonprofit called Wishbone, based in New York, the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles, is using online fundraising to send 400 low-income high school students to summer programs including those at Brown University, Philips Exeter Academy and UCLA.

Wishbone Executive Director Beth Schmidt said the average donation is about \$25 and many people donate because the students remind them of themselves. "They say, 'I had an incredible summer op-

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portunity that changed my life," she said.

Wishbone funded summer enrichment programs for 150 teens in 2014. Alondra Perez, now 18, went to ballet school in Brooklyn.

"I was so grateful but I was also really inspired," Perez said. "I want to be in a position where I can help other people."

Camp Thunderbird in South Dakota raised \$5,375 on Indiegogo for this year's summer camp for children from the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations.

Kate Bartholomew, president of the Camp Thunderbird board, said Indiegogo works better as a fundraising tool than a simple "donate" button on the camp website because of the participatory aspect.

"They have that tracking mechanism, 'We're this close to the goal and this many people have funded,'" she said. "You feel like you're part of something."

Crowdfunding donors can be friends, mentors, friends of friends or strangers. Sites such as Kickstarter and Indiegogo require that the funds go toward the stated purpose.

Amy Sarisky contributed toward a \$7,000 GoFundMe campaign for New York City high school sophomore Lissette Barretto to attend a summer program at Stanford University after being contacted by a graduate school friend who is one of Barretto's teachers.

"If I can make an impact on a young person's life, even if it is a relatively small one, I wanted to help out," said Sarisky, who works in public affairs at New York University.

John Robichaux, an assistant dean who directs pre-collegiate studies at Stanford, said crowdfunding for summer programs is something the university is aware of but does not participate in.

"What we hear anecdotally is that crowdfunding platforms have provided more students an opportunity to reach more people," he said. "We've had some success stories."

## Farmers find healthy soil works for crops, bottom line

**DAN GUNDERSON, Minnesota Public Radio News**

This is an AP Member Exchange shared by Minnesota Public Radio News

WAHPETON, N.D. (AP) — Doug Toussaint's field was in critical condition — and he was the one killing it.

The clay soil in the Red River valley an hour south of Fargo, North Dakota, was compacted. He tried a form of extra-deep plowing known as ripping, but it only made the problem worse.

For two straight years, the field was too soggy for planting because the soil couldn't absorb rainfall.

He turned to North Dakota State University soil expert Abbey Wick, who quickly saw the problem: short-duration crops planted year after year with "nowhere for the water to go."

The cure? Give the land a break. Don't plow it. Turning the soil over breaks it down and reduces organic matter — the decaying plants that feed the bacteria, fungi and other microbes — that helps prevent compaction and let's water move through the soil.

This year Toussaint's field looks very different. He planted a cover crop last fall. Grasslike spears of rye are thick and green between rows of soybeans.

Research shows healthy soil can reduce erosion, slow runoff into rivers and cut the need for fertilizer, Minnesota Public Radio News (<http://bit.ly/1EZZVgy>) reported. Despite those benefits, observers say it remains hard to convince farmers to leave behind traditional tillage. No-till practices are used on less than .05 percent of Minnesota farm fields, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2012 census; reduced tillage happens only about 30 percent of fields.

"It's a way of life, it's a culture, it's something that you do," Wick said of tilling the soil. "To stop doing

that and to sit back at the shop while everybody else is out tilling is really tough for a guy to do.”

Toussaint is among those Red River farmers who’ve bought in to no-till and found good things come from changing practices. By expanding his crop rotation and using cover crops, he’s cut fertilizer costs on some fields. That’s especially important now when crop prices are low.

There are several projects in Minnesota aimed at changing farm tillage practices. A Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources project will encourage the use of cover crops in southeastern Minnesota starting this summer.

The University of Minnesota is studying alternative cover crops and the USDA has a variety of soil health research and education initiatives.

Some farm groups support the change. The Minnesota Corn Growers Association has two soil health research projects. Research director Paul Meints says farmer interest was reflected in turnout at a demonstration day he attended last summer in western Minnesota that drew farmers the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Planting cover crops can be a challenge in Minnesota and the Dakotas where a short growing season doesn’t leave much time to plant a second crop after the fall harvest.

But farmers will adopt minimum or no till practices if they see it as a wise business decision, Meints added.

“I think if we can show a production practice like a cover crop that works and it does all of the things we want it to do but does not create a yield loss or profit loss to the grower, adoption can come very, very quickly.”

Wick says Red River farmers pay attention when she shows them the low percentage of organic matter on their land, but it took years to reduce the organic matter, and it takes years to build it up again.

Toussaint, 58, farms about 3,500 acres, raising corn, soybeans, rye, wheat, barley and reed canary grass. He’s currently using limited tillage or cover crops on about 500 acres.

He says he’s already seen benefits from just two years of cover crop and no tillage. But for him, healthy soil is also about the future.

“To me it’s like money in the bank,” he said. “In the account is X amount. It’s going to be fine for my lifetime; I’ll never get to the zero balance. But the next generation, or third generation, they may get to that lower balance. Hopefully our soils will be so far ahead that we never hit that zero balance.”

## **Dakotas tribal leaders pitching pot as economic opportunity**

**JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Marijuana companies in California and Colorado have tabbed prominent American Indian leaders from the Dakotas to help prod tribes across the nation into the pot business.

Tex Hall, the former chairman of the oil-rich Three Affiliated Tribes, and Robert Shepherd, former chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate tribe in northeastern South Dakota and southeastern North Dakota, are trying to recruit and assist tribes in producing high-grade marijuana products.

“Those who want to get in early are the ones who will really succeed,” said Shepherd, the tribal relations officer for Denver-based Monarch America Inc.

With 566 federally recognized Indian tribes in the United States, the potential revenue for marijuana businesses is big, even though many native leaders remain skeptical, Shepherd said. Elders especially are wary.

“It’s hard to deny the medical properties in cannabis,” Shepherd said. “But the federal government has done a good job of portraying it as a horrible drug. There is going to be a huge educational period

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for tribes.”

The prospect of pot on tribal land is made possible by a U.S. Justice Department decision in December that allows Indian tribes, which are considered sovereign nations, to grow and sell marijuana on their lands as long as they follow the same federal conditions laid out for states that have legalized the drug.

Hall, the former chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes in the heart of North Dakota’s booming oil patch, and Tim Wright, president of Redding, California-based Wright Family Organics LLC, announced this month that they have formed a partnership to “provide cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing, processing, testing and regulatory support” for tribes interested in marijuana businesses on reservations.

Hall “has the power of influence, he is a wonderful leader and a wonderful spokesperson,” Wright said.

Hall did not return repeated telephone calls seeking comment.

“Throughout my career, I have fought for advancement and sovereignty of Indian tribes,” Hall said in a statement. “And a lot of that time was focused on economic development because that is what our people need and deserve.”

Hall is a three-time chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes on the Fort Berthold Reservation, which accounts for about a third of the 1.1 million barrels of oil produced daily in North Dakota. He was defeated in the tribal primary last year, after increased criticism from tribal members over his personal business dealings, alleged conflicts of interests, how his administration spent money earned from oil and a lack of transparency in government.

Money from the marijuana enterprises — which backers believe could dwarf tribal gambling revenue in time— can be funneled back to the tribes to address shrinking federal grant dollars, much of which is needed for substance abuse programs in Indian Country, Shepherd said.

Wright and Shepherd said their companies have yet to ink any deals with tribes.

A few other Native Americans also are attempting to get tribes into the marijuana business, but Shepherd said he and Hall are likely the only ones who have held national-level posts with Indian organizations. Shepherd is a former secretary of the National Congress of American Indians and Hall has served two terms as president of the group that bills itself as the “oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization.”

Wright said his company is focusing on tribes in 23 states that have laws allowing medical marijuana. In those states, he also sees medical marijuana clinics to help native and non-natives deal with various maladies, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Pot remains illegal in all forms in the Dakotas.

Sam Deloria, board chairman of the American Indian Law Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said he knows of no tribes that have successfully started a marijuana business on tribal land.

Most tribal leaders are split over whether the idea is “marketing tribal sovereignty” or “marketing a vice,” said Deloria, member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, which straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border.

“Nobody has put together a package yet to get that money without a downside,” he said. “In a way I’m proud tribes are thinking about this but I hope everybody has moral concerns. If I were a tribal chairman, I wouldn’t do it. It might mean losing the next election.”

## Smartphone app now shows interactive map of SD trails

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The smartphone app of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department now includes an interactive map that makes it easier for visitors to navigate trails statewide.

The map includes statewide non-motorized trails managed by the department. The trails can be

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viewed on a topographic map or aerial photography.

State park assistant director Al Nedved says visitors can see where they are on a given trail by turning on their phone's GPS feature.

The app's features include trail distance, surface type, types of use — such as hiking, biking and cross-country skiing — and any special highlights of a trail.

The GFP mobile app, SDGFP Outdoors, is free and available to download for Android and Apple devices. Aside from the trails, it also shows hunting and fishing regulations.

## 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. DEAD OR ALIVE - DID U.S. STRIKE HIT OR MISS AL-QAIDA-LINKED LEADER

The U.S. and Libya say Mokhtar Belmokhtar, who is charged with leading the attack on a gas plant in Algeria in 2013 that left at least 35 hostages dead, has been killed, while an Islamist with ties to Libyan militants says he has not.

#### 2. WHO IS READY FOR '16 RACE AFTER 6 MONTHS OF CONSIDERATION

Jeb Bush prepares to launch a Republican presidential bid by asserting his commitment to the "most vulnerable in our society" as he faces questions about his policies.

#### 3. WHY DATA WAREHOUSE RAISES HEALTH OVERHAUL PRIVACY CONCERNS

It stores personal information forever on millions of people who seek coverage under Obama's health care law, while electronic systems are supposed to have limits on how long records are kept.

#### 4. HOW RELATIVES DESCRIBE MAN TIED TO DALLAS SHOOTING

James Boulware showed signs of violence and mental instability for years beforehand, according to accounts from authorities and relatives.

#### 5. 2 TEENS SEVERELY INJURED IN SHARK ATTACKS IN N. CAROLINA

The accidents terrify beach goers and prompt one shocked witness to compare the scene to the movie "Jaws."

#### 6. CHINA'S SENIOR OFFICIALS FIND COMFORT IN MYTHICAL MASTERS

The former Chinese security czar convicted of leaking state secrets didn't pass documents to a foreign spy or a political rival. He confided in his Qigong master.

#### 7. PRISONER MANHUNT ENTERS DAY 10

Joyce Mitchell, who is charged with helping Richard Matt and David Sweat escape from the Clinton Correctional Facility near the Canadian border, is due in court in Plattsburgh.

#### 8. SAUDI ARABIA OPENS STOCK MARKET TO FOREIGN INVESTORS

The opening of the Tadawul stock exchange, valued at \$585 billion, comes at a crucial time for the country, whose revenue takes a hit from the plunge in oil prices.

#### 9. CROWDFUNDING FOR KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAMS TAKES OFF

Thousands of young people will go to camp, attend prestigious academic programs and even study filmmaking in Paris thanks to online sites like Kickstarter and Indiegogo.

#### 10. WARRIORS EXPECT CAVS' PUNCH IN GAME 6

The Golden State Warriors are a win away from ending one long championship drought and extending another.

**AP News in Brief**



## **US targets al-Qaida-linked leader in Libya airstrikes; reports conflict on if he was killed**

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — The U.S. military says it launched weekend airstrikes targeting and likely killing an al-Qaida-linked militant leader in eastern Libya charged with leading the attack on a gas plant in Algeria in 2013 that killed at least 35 hostages, including three Americans.

An Islamist with ties to Libyan militants, however, said the airstrikes missed Mokhtar Belmokhtar, instead killing four members of a Libyan extremist group the U.S. has linked to the Sept. 11, 2012, attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

U.S. officials said they are still assessing the results of the Saturday strike, but Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said the military believes the strike was successful and hit the target. Neither U.S. officials nor the Libyan government provided proof of Belmokhtar's death, which likely requires a DNA test or an announcement by Belmokhtar's group that he was killed.

"I can confirm that the target of last night's counterterrorism strike in Libya was Mokhtar Belmokhtar," Warren said Sunday. "Belmokhtar has a long history of leading terrorist activities as a member of (al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb), is the operational leader of the al-Qaida-associated al-Murabitun organization in northwest Africa and maintains his personal allegiance to al-Qaida."

A U.S. official said two F-15 fighter jets launched multiple 500-pound bombs in the attack. The official was not authorized to discuss the details of the attack publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity. Authorities say no U.S. personnel were on the ground for the assault.

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## **After 6 months of consideration, Republican Jeb Bush ready to enter 2016 race for president**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeb Bush is ready to launch a Republican presidential bid months in the making on Monday by asserting his commitment to the "most vulnerable in our society," an approach targeting the broader American electorate even as he faces questions about his policies from conservatives in his own party.

Six months after he got the 2016 campaign started by saying he was considering a bid, the 62-year-old former Florida governor will formally enter the race with a speech and rally near his south Florida home at Miami Dade University, an institution selected because it serves a large and diverse student body that's symbolic of the nation he seeks to lead.

"My core beliefs start with the premise that the most vulnerable in our society should be in the front of the line and not the back," Bush says in a video featuring women, minorities and a disabled child to be aired at the event before his Monday afternoon announcement speech. "What we need is new leadership that takes conservative principles and applies them so that people can rise up."

Bush joins the crowded Republican campaign in some ways in a commanding position. The brother of one president and son of another, Bush has likely raised a record-breaking amount of money to support his candidacy and conceived of a new approach on how to structure his campaign, both aimed at allowing him to make a deep run into the GOP primaries.

But on other measures, early public opinion polls among them, he has yet to break out. While unquestionably one of the top-tier candidates in the GOP race, he is also only one of several in a capable Republican field that does not have a true front-runner.

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## **Behind-the-scenes government system keeps data 'indefinitely' on**

## **those seeking health coverage**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government data warehouse stores personal information forever on millions of people who seek coverage under President Barack Obama's health care law, including those who open an account on HealthCare.gov but don't sign up for coverage.

At a time when major breaches have become distressingly common, the vast scope of the information — and the lack of a clear plan for destroying old records — have raised concerns about privacy and the government's judgment on technology.

"A basic privacy principle is that you don't retain data any longer than you have to," said Lee Tien, a senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "The more data you keep, the more harm an attacker or unauthorized person can do."

Electronic record-keeping systems are standard for businesses and government agencies. But they are supposed to have limits on how long data is kept.

The health care system, known as MIDAS, is described on a federal website as the "perpetual central repository" for information that the Affordable Care Act authorizes federal agencies to collect.

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## **Searchers look for more than 20 people, dangerous zoo animals still missing in Georgia flood**

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Rescue workers in the Georgian capital were still searching Monday for more than 20 people and an undetermined number of potentially dangerous animals that are missing after severe flooding ravaged the city's zoo and left at least 12 people dead.

Tbilisi zoo director Zurab Gurielidze said that none of the people who died was killed by the zoo animals set free in the flooding. Three zoo employees drowned.

Among the animals that fled the flooded zoo were lions, tigers, bears, wolves, a hippopotamus and one jaguar. Some, including the hippopotamus, were tranquilized and returned to the zoo. Others were shot by police, while others remain missing.

Zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili said three lions, three tigers and two jaguars were killed either in the flood or when on the loose, while the fate of five lions, three tigers and one jaguar was not yet known.

The flooding also killed about 60 homeless dogs when the waters inundated a shelter near the zoo, shelter staff said.

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## **2 teenagers lose limbs in separate shark attacks in North Carolina beach town**

OAK ISLAND, N.C. (AP) — Two teenagers were seriously injured in two separate shark attacks in the same North Carolina town on Sunday, terrifying beach goers and prompting one shocked witness to compare the scene to the movie "Jaws."

Oak Island Mayor Betty Wallace told WECT-6 (<http://bit.ly/1IdIpaN>) that the first victim, a girl, lost part of her arm and could lose her left leg. Just over an hour later, a 16-year-old boy also was attacked by a shark and was airlifted to a hospital, Wallace said. He lost an arm.

"I saw someone carry this girl (out of the water) and people were swarming around and trying to help," Steve Bouser, who was just beginning his week-long beach vacation, told The Associated Press. "It was quite terrible."

The girl was bleeding heavily, and people applied makeshift tourniquets while asking her questions

to try to keep her conscious.

It was "quite nightmarish," Bouser said.

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## **Police, relatives say man linked to Dallas police HQ shooting was violent, unstable for years**

DALLAS (AP) — James Boulware told family members that he had foreseen a deadly Japanese tsunami and the Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting in his dreams. Police say he choked his mother. And he seethed at police, blaming them for the lost custody of his son.

Boulware, the man authorities have linked to a weekend shooting outside Dallas police headquarters showed signs of violence and mental instability for years beforehand, according to accounts from authorities and family members.

His brother, Andrew Boulware, told The Associated Press that he and others in the family had tried to get him help, particularly after the 2013 incident in which he allegedly choked his mother, then fled to an East Texas town where authorities and family members thought he might attack schools and churches.

"He never was properly diagnosed," Andrew Boulware said Sunday. "He could be the nicest guy in the world. He tried to help friends out whenever he could. He was not a bitter person."

Authorities say it was miraculous no one else was injured in Saturday's attack, in which the shooter sprayed the front of the building with gunfire just after midnight. After opening fire, the suspect drove an armored van into a squad car, still firing, then led police on a chase to a restaurant parking lot in the suburb of Hutchins. A police sniper shot the man during a standoff, but it took several hours to confirm his death out of fear that he had loaded his van with more explosives.

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## **Seeking comfort and career protection, China's senior party officials turn to mythical masters**

BEIJING (AP) — The former Chinese security czar recently convicted of leaking state secrets did not pass classified documents to a foreign spy or a political rival.

Rather, Zhou Yongkang, a former member of the all-powerful Standing Committee of the ruling Communist Party's Politburo, shared the documents with his qigong master, who claims supernatural abilities, according to a verdict made public last week and which also convicted Zhou of massive corruption.

It's the latest example of a twisted relationship between the leadership of the party, which nominally espouses atheism, and spirituality.

Before Zhou, many senior party cadres and government officials were reported to have sought help and blessings from qigong masters, feng-shui experts, and Buddhist and Taoist monks. Golden Buddha statues are coveted gifts for those in power. Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin is an avid temple-goer.

"The reason is clear — communism is dead," said Willy Lam, an expert on China's elite politics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "It's natural for cadres to turn to superstitious beliefs to ward off evil and to help them avoid the pitfalls in the cunning corridors of (politics)."

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## **Spokane NAACP leader cancels meeting amid racial-identity furor; some question the move**

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The leader of the NAACP in Spokane is facing calls to step aside after her

parents said the 37-year-old activist falsely portrayed herself as black for years.

Rachel Dolezal canceled a chapter meeting Monday where she was expected to speak about the furor sparked over her racial identity. But other members of the organization said they still planned to gather Monday evening.

Dolezal sent out an email Sunday canceling the monthly membership meeting "due to the need to continue discussion with regional and national NAACP leaders."

Shortly after her announcement, the head of the chapter's executive committee, Lawrence Burnley, questioned whether Dolezal had the right to arbitrarily cancel the meeting, KREM-TV in Spokane (<http://is.gd/sdOyLy>) reported, quoting an email thread mailed to NAACP members.

"I don't see any language in the bylaws that empowers you, or any one member, to arbitrarily cancel/postpone tomorrow's meeting," Burnley wrote in his email Sunday.

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## Warriors take 3-2 lead in NBA Finals, prepare for chance to clinch in Cleveland in Game 6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry received treatment for dehydration following Game 5 of the NBA Finals, a little worn out after carrying Golden State to the brink of its first championship in 40 years.

The Warriors will need him at his best Tuesday, knowing what's coming from LeBron James in Cleveland.

"They're going to come out and give it their best punch," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said.

The Warriors will have two chances to win the series after taking a 3-2 lead with their 104-91 victory Sunday. They would host Game 7, if necessary, on Friday.

"We don't want to come back here," Thompson said. "As much as we'd love to win it in front of our fans, we really want to finish it in Cleveland."

## Pope eyes worldwide audience for environment encyclical

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is looking for a global audience for his upcoming encyclical on the environment, saying Sunday it's meant for everyone, not just Catholics.

Francis engaged in some self-promotion during his weekly blessing, alerting the thousands of people in St. Peter's Square that his first solo encyclical is coming out on Thursday and inviting them to pay attention to environmental degradation around them.

"This encyclical is aimed at everyone: Let us pray that everyone can receive its message and grow in responsibility toward the common home that God has given us," he said.

The eagerly awaited document will be launched at a Vatican news conference Thursday that underscores Francis' insistence that it's not just for Catholics: The three speakers are a Vatican cardinal, a Greek Orthodox theologian and an atheist scientist.

In the encyclical, Francis is expected to lay out the moral imperative to fight global warming, since the poor are the most affected by it.

Francis has said he wanted to get the encyclical out in plenty of time before negotiators meet in Paris at the end of the year to hammer out a deal to reduce greenhouse gases to a level that keeps global warming below 2 degrees C (3.6 F), compared with pre-industrial times.

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## Today in History

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Today is Monday, June 15, the 166th day of 2015. There are 199 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

### On this date:

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground which became Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan (sy-PAN') during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses carried out their first raids on Japan.

In 1955, the United States and Britain signed a cooperation agreement concerning atomic information for "mutual defence purposes."

In 1962, Students for a Democratic Society issued the Port Huron Statement at the conclusion of a five-day convention in Michigan.

In 1978, King Hussein (hoo-SAYN') of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1984, composer-librettist Meredith Willson ("The Music Man") died in Santa Monica, California, at age 82.

In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations. The Walt Disney animated feature "The Lion King" was released by Buena Vista Pictures.

**Ten years ago:** The autopsy released on Terri Schiavo (SHY'-voh) backed the contention of her husband, Michael, that she had been in a persistent vegetative state, finding she was severely and irreversibly brain-damaged and blind as well. Iraqi and U.S. forces freed Australian hostage Douglas Wood. Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was sentenced to 35 years in prison, a week after he unexpectedly pleaded guilty to murdering teammate Patrick Dennehy.

**Five years ago:** In his first Oval Office address, President Barack Obama promised that "we will make BP pay for the damage their company has caused," describing the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico as a "siege" on the shores of America. Mexican President Felipe Calderon appealed to his fellow citizens to support the fight against organized crime just hours after troops killed 15 suspected gang members.

**One year ago:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the Hamas militant group of kidnapping three Israeli teenagers who had disappeared on June 12 (the teens' bodies were found June 30). Death claimed "American Top 40" host Casey Kasem, 82; "Flowers for Algernon" author Daniel Keyes, 86; and French actor Jacques Bergerac, 87. Golfer Martin Kaymer of Germany won the U.S. Open. The San Antonio Spurs won their fifth NBA championship, beating the Miami Heat 104-87 to win the series in five games.

**Today's Birthdays:** Rhythm-and-blues singer Ruby Nash Garnett (Ruby and the Romantics) is 81.

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Rock singer-actor Johnny Hallyday is 72. Funk musician Leo Nocentelli (The Meters) is 69. Actor Simon Callow is 66. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 66. Rock singer Steve Walsh is 64. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 61. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 61. Actress Julie Hagerty is 60. Actress Polly Draper is 60. Rock musician Brad Gillis (Night Ranger) is 58. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Wade Boggs is 57. Actress Eileen Davidson is 56. Bluegrass musician Terry Smith is 55. Actress Helen Hunt is 52. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 52. Actress Courteney Cox is 51. Country musician Tony Ardo is 51. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 49. Contemporary Christian musician Rob Mitchell is 49. Rock musician Jimmy McD is 47. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 46. Actress Leah Remini is 45. Actor Jake Busey is 44. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Johnson is 43. Rock musician T-Bone Willy (Save Ferris) is 43. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 42. Actor Greg Vaughan is 42. Actress Elizabeth Reaser is 40. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 39. Rock musician Billy Martin (Good Charlotte) is 34. Rock musician Wayne Sermon (Imagine Dragons) is 31. Actor Denzel Whitaker is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be." - John Franklin Carter, American commentator and author (1897-1967).