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Grenz's to talk about India

Dale and Joyce Grenz will be sharing their experiences of their trip to India today at 7 p.m. and the Groton C&MA Church. The church is located west of the city park.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

In Honor of
Jen Steen

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Saturday, June 20th
9:30 – 11:30

SEAS Catholic Church - Groton
The couple is registered at
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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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8:00am: Elementary Library open

5:30pm: U10 Blue at Webster (Sisseton 1 at 5:30, Webster at 6:45)

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 Community Calendar

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5:30pm: U10 Red host Milbank (DH)

5:30pm: U8 Red PW at Milbank (Milbank Red at 5:30, Milbank Green at 6:30)

6:00pm: Jr. Tenors host Webster (DH)

6:00pm: T-Ball Gold and Black host Webster

6:30pm: U8 Blue PW at Webster - play Sisseton-1 at 6:30 and Webster at 7:30

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Friday, June 19

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Garrett-Sindi Heitmann.

Birthday: Pat Dahlquist.

Saturday, June 20

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

Birthdays: Robert Snyder, Scott Hanlon, Robert Osterman, Cary Bruckner.

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, June 21

FATHER'S DAY

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

Anniversaries: Gary & Linda Thurston, Ben & Kristi Peterson.

Birthdays: Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke, Austin Lorenz, Karen Spanier.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (India Serves)

5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Historic Trinity Church

Monday, June 22

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

Birthdays: Angela Dobbins, Wade Nyberg, Jerrie Vedvei.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:30pm: U12 Softball host Redfield and Webster

5:30pm: U8 Softball host Redfield and Webster

6:30pm: Amateurs host Webster

Tuesday, June 23

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Henry & Vera Musil.

Birthdays: Twila Ruden, Kaycie Hawkins, Shaylee Peterson, Alyssa Sippel, Sarah Sippel, Megan Baule, Madeline Flihs, Branden Abeln.

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Maddie Colestock reading at 10 am)

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: Legion host Northville (DH)

6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage

7:00pm: U10 Softball host Ipswich

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Wednesday, June 24

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Mark & June Thompson

Birthdays: Jeremy Weber, Eunice Alberts, Ellie Sippel

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Men's League at Olive Grove

6:00pm: Teeners host Webster (DH)

6:00pm: U12 Midgets host Webster (DH)

Thursday, June 25

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, apple sauce, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Dodie Neumann, Carlie Peterson, Sydney Locke.

8:00am: Elementary Library open

5:30pm: U10 Blue at Milbank Blue (DH)

5:30pm: U10 Red vs. Sisseton 1 at Webster

5:30pm: U8 Groton Blue PW host Britton

6:00pm: Jr. Teeners at Milbank (DH)

6:00pm: U10 Softball at Ellendale (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Red PW host Britton

7:00pm: Amateurs host Northville

Friday, June 26

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potatoes, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Jeff & Bridget Flihs

Birthday: Thomas Sternhagen

12:00pm: Chamber Golf Tourney

5:30pm: U8 Practice at Complex

6:30pm: U10 Softball practice at Complex

7:30pm: U12 Practice at Complex

Saturday, June 27

Anniversaries: Jim & Jenny Meister, Gary & Patty Baule, Jeff & Jami Larson.

Birthdays: Elaine Wolken, Cassie Monson

1:00pm: Jr. Tenors host Northville (DH)

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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Sunday, June 28

Anniversaries: Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.

Birthdays: Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

5:00pm: Amateurs at Britton

5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Historic Trinity Church

7:00pm: U12 Midgets at Claremont

Monday, June 29

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.

Birthdays: Derick Furman

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:00pm: T-Ball Gold at Claremont

6:00pm: U12 Softball host Clark (DH)

Tuesday, June 30

Senior Menu: Scalloped potato and ham. peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Brad Furman, Mary Anne Clark, CJ Lane, Alan Zoellner, Harvey Flihs Sr., Gilbert Hinkelman, Cole Larson, Steve Thurston, Haley Wheeler, June Meyer, Spencer Knecht.

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Jamie Krueger reading at 10 am)

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

12:00pm: Noon Bridge at Olive Grove

5:30pm: Legion hosts Milbank (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Red PW at Claremont

6:15pm: Ladies Golf Night with potluck meal

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Gas Prices Take Another Hike

AAA South Dakota, June 16, 2015 – South Dakota's average pump price, now at \$2.755, rose six cents over the past week and is the highest it has been all year, AAA reports.

"Most market experts continue to believe gas prices are nearing a seasonal high due to the completion of seasonal refinery maintenance and abundant crude oil supplies," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "But in the meantime, motorists in South Dakota are paying about 87 cents more per gallon today than they did on Jan. 19, the day the average stood at its 2015 low of \$1.94."

	Today	Last Week	Change	May. 12	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.765	\$2.645	\$0.120	\$2.555	\$0.210	\$3.539
Brookings	\$2.773	\$2.781	(\$0.008)	\$2.603	\$0.170	\$3.674
Huron	\$2.777	\$2.656	\$0.121	\$2.500	\$0.277	\$3.734
Mitchell	\$2.695	\$2.596	\$0.099	\$2.558	\$0.137	\$3.521
Pierre	\$2.921	\$2.811	\$0.110	\$2.714	\$0.207	\$3.659
Rapid City	\$2.811	\$2.815	(\$0.004)	\$2.484	\$0.327	\$3.491
Sioux Falls	\$2.671	\$2.542	\$0.129	\$2.500	\$0.171	\$3.486
Vermillion	\$2.632	\$2.569	\$0.063	\$2.464	\$0.168	\$3.389
Watertown	\$2.742	\$2.706	\$0.036	\$2.617	\$0.125	\$3.622
Yankton	\$2.736	\$2.677	\$0.059	\$2.571	\$0.165	\$3.552
South Dakota	\$2.755	\$2.692	\$0.063	\$2.542	\$0.213	\$3.538

On the whole, pump prices are trending higher week-over-week. AAA reports averages have risen in 46 states and Washington, D.C. over this period, with drivers in 19 states and Washington, D.C. paying an additional nickel or more per gallon to refuel their vehicles. The largest jumps in price were in Indiana (+28 cents), Michigan (+25 cents) and Ohio (+13 cents). The only states with weekly declines are California (-8 cents), Nevada (-3 cents), Arizona (-2 cents) and New Mexico (fractions of a penny).

The national average price for regular gasoline has moved higher over six of the past seven days, reaching today's average of \$2.80 per gallon, a price that is just one-tenth of a cent below the 2015 high, set yesterday. The average nationwide is a nickel more now than it was one week ago and a dime more than one month ago. Despite the rise in pump prices, drivers continue to experience significant year-over-year savings at the pump with today's U.S. average price about 86 cents per gallon less than it was on this same date last year.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil closed down 44 cents on the NYMEX yesterday to settle at \$59.52. Helping to fuel that drop was news that Saudi Arabia, the world's leading crude exporter, is reportedly prepared to increase its production to meet strong demand, a move that will likely keep a ceiling on the price of crude. Domestic production remains elevated and is expected to remain at or near current levels, despite the reduction in U.S. oil rig counts.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

South Dakota Students Earn National Career Readiness Certificates

PIERRE, S.D. – During the 2014-2015 school year, 2,655 students from 76 high schools completed assessments to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Groton Area had 54 students, Frederick Area 25, Hub Area Tech had 117 and Redfield had 40. The NCRC is an industry-recognized, evidence-based credential used across all sectors of the economy. It verifies essential skills needed for workplace success, such as reading, problem solving, critical thinking and work-related mathematical reasoning.

The opportunity for South Dakota high school juniors and seniors to obtain an NCRC resulted from a joint workforce development effort between the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) and Department of Education.

“Choosing a career path is not easy, and creating core foundational skills needed for all jobs is something that we support,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “The NCRC measures these skills and can assist certificate holders in obtaining satisfying and sustaining employment.”

The NCRC also provides evidence of workplace skill level and can connect the students’ skill levels to occupations in which they have interest.

“The NCRC can help students make connections between their education and the world of work. It provides them with information they can use to make decisions about potential career choices and post-secondary training options,” said state Education Secretary Melody Schopp.

South Dakota schools will have the opportunity to participate in the NCRC project in the 2015-2016 school year. Participation is optional.



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Today in Weather History

June 17, 1944: On this date, six estimated F2 or greater tornadoes were tracked across Faulk, Codington, Brown, Day, Grant, and Roberts County in South Dakota as well as Big Stone in Minnesota. The first tornado touched down at approximately 3:30 pm CST in Faulk County. This estimated F2 tornado destroyed all buildings except the house on a farm 7 miles northeast of Faulkton. The next tornado occurred at 4:00 pm CST in Codington County, where barns were destroyed. Cattle and a truck were thrown into Grass Lake, near Wallace. About the same time, in Brown County, a tornado moved northeast from just northeast of Warner, and crossed the town of Bath. This storm killed two people and injured another twelve. A couple was killed in the destruction of their home. Twenty homes in Bath were damaged. A brick school had its upper story torn off. Another tornado moved through Codington County at 4:45 pm CST, killing three and injuring twenty five. This F4 strength tornado moved northeast from two miles northeast of Henry, passing over Long Lake and ending 2 miles northwest of Florence. The funnel was described as snake like over Long Lake and massive as it swept through five farms southwest of Florence. Over 100 head of cattle were killed, and about a dozen homes were destroyed. In Day county an estimated F2 moved due north from 4 miles south of Webster, ending 2 miles northeast of Roslyn. This storm passed two miles east of Webster where barns were destroyed and livestock was killed on a half dozen farms. At 5:15 pm CST a monster of a storm moved northeast from 5 miles south of Summit, passing 3 miles south of Wilmot and ending about 3 miles east of Beardsley, Minnesota. This massive tornado had an estimated width of 1500 yards and traveled 30 miles. Along the path, eight people were killed and another forty three were injured. Farm devastation southwest and south of Wilmot was as complete as it could be with some farms reportedly left without even debris on the property. About 15 farms in South Dakota reported F3-F5 damage. From this day, the Red Cross counted 13 dead and 560 people injured across the state.




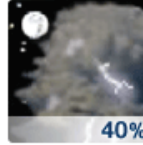

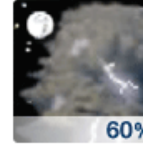

June 17, 2010: This day will go down as the day with the greatest single-day tornado total in Minnesota history. The 3 EF4 tornadoes in Minnesota were the first tornadoes EF4 or stronger in this state since the Granite Falls tornado on July 25, 2000. This was the greatest number of tornadoes rated EF4 or greater in one day in Minnesota since the Black Sunday tornado outbreak on April 30, 1967. This was the first EF4 tornado in Freeborn County since the Black Sunday outbreak. The 4 total EF4 tornadoes across the Upper Midwest on June 17, 2010 (3 in MN, and 1 in ND) were the most in any outbreak in the U.S. since the "Super Tuesday Outbreak" on February 5-6, 2008. The number of tornado fatalities (4) on this day was the highest in Minnesota since July 5, 1978.

1946: The third deadliest tornado in Canadian history struck southwestern Ontario from Windsor to Tecumseh. 17 people were killed and hundreds injured. Damage was conservatively estimated at \$1.5 million dollars.

2009: A tornado leveled a house, knocked down power poles and overturned about a dozen railroad cars in Aurora, Nebraska. The tornado is rated EF2, with winds between 111 and 135 mph.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Decreasing Clouds	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms Likely	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 73 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 82 °F



Dry & Mild Conditions Today

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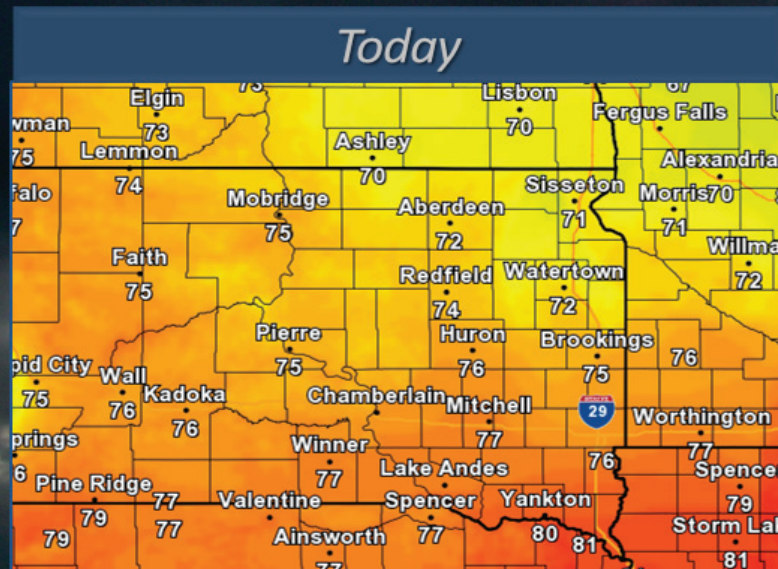
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Weather Headlines



Late Tonight: General thunderstorms possible for areas along and west of the Missouri River



Thu Night/Fri Morning: Another round of overnight showers & storms possible across the region



Friday: A low pressure system will bring additional thunderstorm chances, some storms may be strong

Published on: 06/17/2015 at 5:18AM

High pressure will provide for a dry and mild day. Some showers and storms may make it into west river areas tonight, but the east should remain dry. Mostly dry conditions are again expected for Thursday. However, another round of storms is possible late Thursday night into Friday morning, and yet again with a low pressure system moving into the region later in the day Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 63.1 at 11:02 AM

Low: 55.3 at 9:10 PM

High Gust: 22 at 7:52 PM

Precip: 0.18

Today's Info

Record High: 105° in 1933

Record Low: 40° in 1915

Average High: 78°F

Average Low: 54°F

Average Precip in June: 2.07

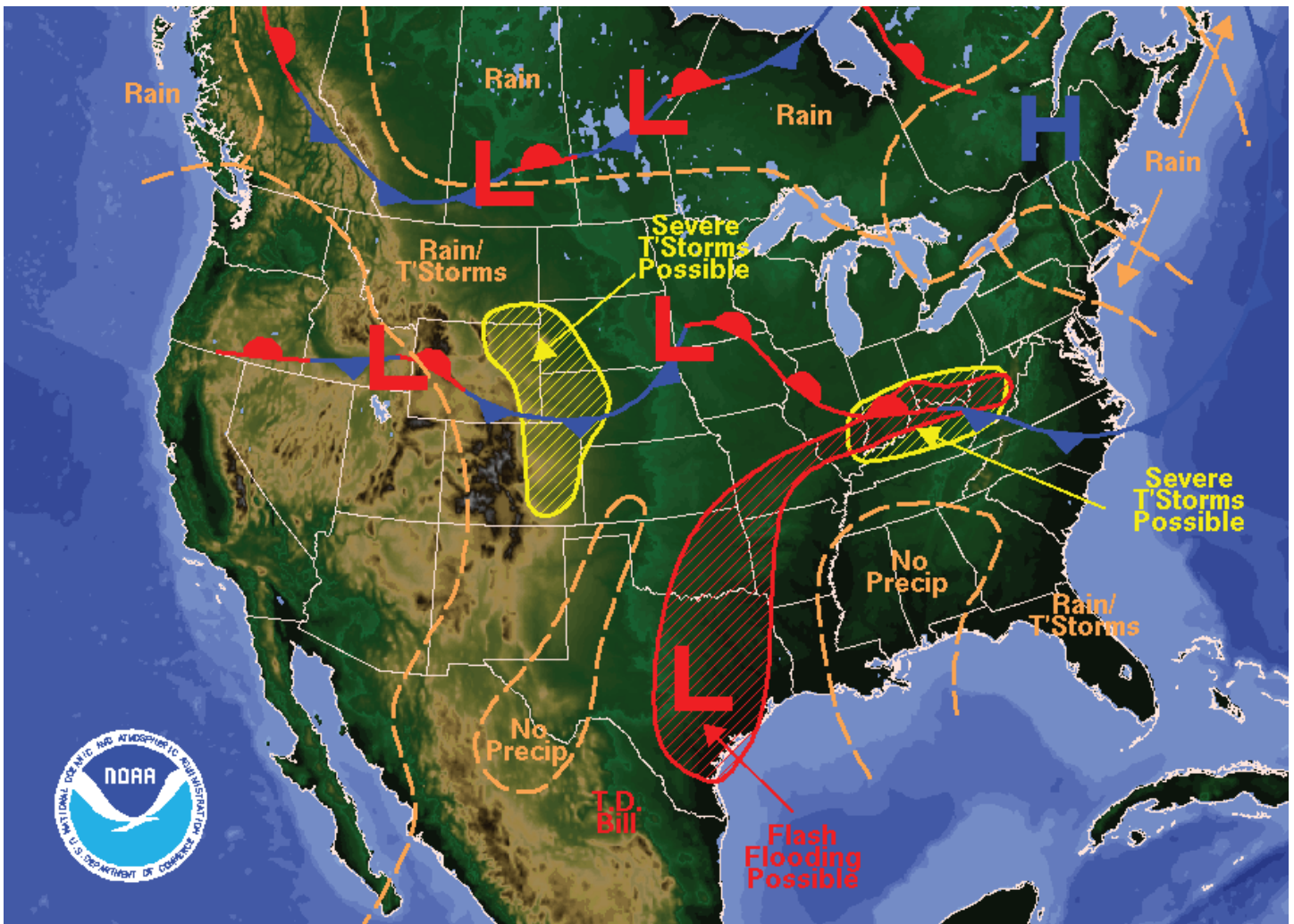
Precip to date in June: 0.45

Average Precip to date: 9.21

Precip Year to Date: 6.17

Sunset Tonight: 9:24 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jun 17, 2015, issued 4:23 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



LOVING SOME AIN'T EASY

A little girl was saying her evening prayers. There was a slight pause, and then she continued, "God, it must be difficult for You to love everybody. There are only four people in my family and it's hard for me to love all of them."

Loving others does not always come easy. In fact, some people are almost impossible to love. As someone once said, "I love that person just enough to get into heaven."

But loving others is not an option, it is an obligation. Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." This was not a new commandment. It can be traced all the way back to Leviticus. But the disciples of Jesus saw a totally new way to love others. He taught them in His life and death to love others in a sacrificial way, the way of the cross.

To love sacrificially demands that we go beyond the ordinary ways of helping people. It means that we are willing to be inconvenienced to help anyone who has a need we can meet. It means that we are willing to share the best of what we have not only the surplus "junk" we no longer need. It means we may have to sacrifice something we value. But so was the way of the cross. And this kind of love will draw others to Jesus because the world rarely sees it.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to show others how much I love You by the way I love others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

News from the Associated Press

Man seriously injured in apparent hit-and-run in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man is hospitalized with what police say are life-threatening injuries after apparently being run over by a vehicle following a fight.

Officers who responded to a report of a fight shortly after midnight Monday found the 34-year-old man lying in the middle of a street, after apparently being run over.

An officer stopped a vehicle nearby that matched the description of the one involved in the incident. Police are continuing to investigate.

Sully County voters back land rezoning for ethanol plant

ONIDA, S.D. (AP) — Sully County voters have backed a zoning change approved by county commissioners that paves the way for an ethanol plant.

About 79 percent of the 672 people who voted in Tuesday's election approved the commission's decision to rezone a parcel of land just south of Onida.

Oahe Grain of Onida is proposing to sell the property to Ring-Neck Energy and Feed, which plans a plant to make ethanol fuel. It will need a permit before construction can begin.

Some Onida residents had opposed the plant's location, saying it would be too close to town. Supporters said it will help the economy and give farmers another market for corn and milo.

Rapid City convenience store robbed of cash at gunpoint

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are searching for a man who robbed a convenience store early Tuesday.

Authorities say a man using a T-shirt as a mask walked into the Loaf 'N Jug store just after midnight Monday, pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded cash. Police believe the weapon was a pellet gun or BB gun.

The robber fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, and a police dog was unable to track him.

PUC allows firm's first gas and electric rate hikes in years

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has approved a utility company's first natural gas rate increase in 11 years and its first electric rate hike in two decades.

The regulatory commission agreed to the increases, which were negotiated down from what MidAmerican Energy originally requested, at a meeting Tuesday in Pierre.

The natural gas rate increase will hike the rates of the firm's 88,000 natural gas customers in the state by an average of about 5.7 percent. MidAmerican's roughly 5.7 percent average increase for its electric customers isn't scheduled to fully go into effect for some time.

The firm has agreed not to ask the commission for an electric or natural gas base rate increase until at least February 2018.

SD Indian tribe to begin selling recreational pot by Jan. 1

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — An Indian tribe in eastern South Dakota plans to start selling marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes by Jan. 1, becoming the first tribe in the state to legalize the sale of cannabis across its whole territory.

Leaders of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe said Tuesday that marijuana will be cultivated and sold at a single, indoor site on the reservation, after the tribe's council last week approved it to be grown and sold on tribal land. That follows a federal decision last year that gave tribes the power to grow and sell pot under some conditions.

"It looks like it's getting a lot of momentum," tribal president Anthony Reider said. "The more we dug into it we realized that for us to be able to get ahead of it and get into it early would be a good thing."

While some tribes view marijuana as an economic opportunity, others fear it could lead to negative public safety and health consequences. A district within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in western South Dakota legalized the use and cultivation of marijuana this year, but has made no further plans. The tribal council on Pine Ridge — which is in dire need of economic opportunities but also has high rates of violence and alcohol addiction — rejected a proposal to legalize pot on the full reservation last year.

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, which already operates a casino on its land, is looking at this business operation as a source of revenue that would allow the community to develop housing, build an addiction treatment center and improve the local clinic, among other projects. Tribal leaders estimate a monthly profit of up to \$2 million a month.

But for all the hype that the decision may create among pot enthusiasts or individuals who have a prescription for the drug, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has warned that non-Native Americans would still be breaking the law if they consume pot on the reservation.

Jackley said there are some reservations growing and selling pot in states where either recreational or medical marijuana is legal. But he said he is not aware of any other state attorney general dealing directly with the legalization of pot in a state where marijuana is against the law other than Oklahoma and Nebraska, which have jointly filed a lawsuit on the matter.

Reider said the tribe is working with a company that has growing facilities in Colorado and California that will develop the cultivation site on the reservation and advise the tribe on the operation. Reider declined to name the company.

This all comes after the U.S. Justice Department outlined a new policy in December allowing Indian tribes, which are considered sovereign nations, to grow and sell marijuana on tribal lands as long as they follow the same federal conditions laid out for states that have legalized the drug. The Justice Department had no comment on Tuesday on the decision by the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe.

But for non-Native Americans, "it's against law everywhere in South Dakota on tribal land or otherwise" to smoke marijuana, Jackley said, and "any changes in tribal laws wouldn't affect any non-Indians or any non-tribal lands."

For example, if someone smokes marijuana on the reservation and is later pulled over on an interstate highway for driving erratically and marijuana is found in that person's system, the fact that pot is allowed in tribal land won't be a justification for its consumption.

The legalization of pot on the reservation came by a 5-1 vote. The no vote came from trustee Roxee Johnson, who said she is concerned about how the decision could affect children on the reservation and is generally wary about the federal decision allowing tribes to grow and sell marijuana.

"You know the money talk can draw you in," Johnson said. "But why can't we start with hemp? I want to go another route."

Bird flu leads to cheaper chicken in US

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A bird flu outbreak in the Midwest that's boosted prices for eggs and roasting turkeys has actually resulted in cheaper chicken in the U.S., as many countries restrict imports of poultry products, the Department of Agriculture said in a report released Tuesday.

Even though bird flu has not found its way onto farms that raise chickens for meat, lower exports mean plenty of chicken available in the U.S., the agency said in its monthly report on the poultry market.

"What this situation has done is increase the amount of broiler products on the domestic market, boosting cold storage holdings and resulting in placing downward price pressure on a number of broiler products," the USDA said.

At the end of April, 181 million pounds of leg quarters were in cold storage, 80 percent more than last year. Leg quarters are the largest chicken meat export product.

May wholesale prices in the Northeast market for bulk leg quarters averaged 34 cents per pound, 32 percent lower than a year earlier. Prices for drumsticks were down 33 percent and boneless/skinless thigh meat was down 19 percent, the USDA said.

The bird flu cost Minnesota, the leading turkey producer, 9 million birds. Egg farms in Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, lost 25 million hens.

The frequency of new cases has slowed dramatically, with no new commercial barn cases in Minnesota in 11 days. Iowa went six days without a new case until Tuesday, when Iowa agriculture officials said a chicken farm with 1 million egg-layers tested positive.

The USDA lowered its forecast for table egg production this year to 6.9 billion dozen, a 5.3 percent drop from 2014. Fewer eggs created a supply shortage and higher prices. By late May, the price for a dozen Midwest large eggs had soared 120 percent from their mid-April pre-bird flu prices to \$2.62, said Urner Barry, an industry analyst group. Prices began falling last week and were at \$2.22 a dozen on Tuesday. Breaker eggs — those used in processed food and by bakers for cakes and cookies — soared 273 percent at the peak and have fallen only slightly in the last week.

Turkey production for this year is estimated at 5.6 billion pounds, a 3 percent reduction from 2014, the USDA said. The relatively small decrease is because production for the first three months of the year was 7 percent higher than a year ago, before the bird flu surfaced in the Midwest.

Prices for some turkey parts, including drumsticks, were lower than a year ago in April, but boneless/skinless breast meat was 8 percent higher. Whole frozen hens often used for roasting were 3 percent higher in May than the same month a year ago at \$1.09 per pound. They are expected to climb to as much as \$1.15 a pound in the third quarter.

Box Elder woman accused of killing boyfriend cleared

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Box Elder woman accused of murdering her boyfriend last year has been cleared of all charges after a video showed she was terrorized by the man prior to shooting him.

Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo announced Tuesday that 24-year-old Kelly Croyle was cleared of her second-degree murder charge after a forensic expert reviewed the killing that was caught on video.

Croyle was accused of shooting Dick Mashek in a mobile home in September. She has maintained it was in self-defense.

Vargo says the video of the killing, which Mashek filmed, convinced mental health analyst Dr. Park Dietz that Croyle acted in her defense. Dietz concluded Mashek had assaulted Croyle frequently and repeatedly said she would not leave the mobile home alive.

Deadwood commission looks to ban dangerous animals in town

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Deadwood officials are moving to ban dangerous animals, a month after state regulators ruled that a Minnesota woman could house wolf pups at a wildlife education center in the town.

The city commission voted 4-1 this week to advance the proposed ordinance that would prohibit people in Deadwood from keeping or selling a variety of animals, including “dangerous wild animals” such as wolves and venomous snakes. It would also prohibit breeding animals that the commission considers dangerous.

Commissioner David Ruth said officials recently revisited the city’s rules governing dangerous animals and decided that they needed to be updated to protect the public.

“We just want to protect our community and make sure this doesn’t become a common place that somebody wants to own something that could put our community at risk or cause an epidemic of some sort,” he said.

In May, the South Dakota Animal Industry Board voted to grant a permit allowing Terri Petter to house wolf pups and fox kits in Deadwood. She said the education center is open and that the animals are there and it’s “going good.”

Petter, and anyone else who already owns dangerous animals, would be grandfathered in under the proposal, but she said Tuesday she feels targeted and that most of the ordinance is already covered by state regulators.

“They’re trying to regulate me out of business, which they’re not going to do,” she said. “It’s personal. It’s not about the animals. It’s not about the animal welfare. Anybody can come through and see how well my animals are taken care of.”

Ruth said the new measure isn’t in response to Petter but that her proposal did cause officials to re-examine what ordinances were in place.

The proposal includes several exceptions, including accredited zoos and veterinary hospitals.

Florida man charged with 1989 slaying pleads not guilty

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Florida man accused of killing his girlfriend more than 25 years ago pleaded not guilty Tuesday to first-degree murder.

Kim Aune appeared in court in Minnehaha County for the first time. The 57-year-old man was indicted in April in South Dakota and arrested in Florida.

Aune is accused of shooting his girlfriend at the time, 21-year-old Kimberly Eidsness, on Nov. 13, 1989, at their home east of Sioux Falls.

State’s Attorney Aaron McGowan has said Aune, who was 31 at the time, was living with Eidsness when she died. He reported the shooting to police, who initially did not consider it to be a murder case.

Authorities have declined to release what new details made them re-open the case.

Aune’s appearance before Judge Joni Cutler was brief, the Argus Leader reported. Neither McGowan nor Public Defender Traci Smith made arguments.

Aune will remain in the Minnehaha County Jail on a \$1 million bond. If convicted, he faces a mandatory life sentence or the death penalty. His trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 8.

Sioux Falls man gets bit by dog, breaks into house with ax

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Sioux Falls man grabbed an ax and broke into his neighbor's home after their dog bit him in the ear.

Forty-four-year-old Dean Hillestad is facing charges of aggravated assault, property damage and burglary.

Lt. Loren McManus says Hillestad saw his neighbor walking his dog Friday on South Western Avenue. She says he tried to pet the dog but that it bit him in the ear.

Authorities say Hillestad got upset, grabbed an ax and then broke his neighbor's window, trying to get inside. He allegedly said he was going to kill the dog.

Hillestad's attorney tells KELO-TV the dog was not up to date on its shots and that they are monitoring his client's wound.

ACLU files federal suit challenging SD election law change

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two small political parties in South Dakota filed a federal lawsuit Monday challenging part of a law that they say would make it harder to get their candidates on the ballot.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit on behalf of the state's Libertarian and Constitution parties, among other individuals. South Dakota activists are also gathering signatures to refer the law to voters in the 2016 election for a possible repeal.

The measure in question, part of a new bundle of election law changes passed during the 2015 legislative session, shifted the deadline back by about a month for new parties to turn in signatures allowing them to participate in a primary election. The lawsuit argues that the deadline is too early and that small political organizations such as the Libertarian and Constitution parties, which often have to re-qualify as new political parties in the state because of low supporter turnout, fundraise best after South Dakota's cold winter months.

"The big part of it is it really is hard to get the signatures at that time, especially for a newly formed party," said Ken Santema, chairman of the state's Libertarian Party.

The plaintiffs are asking the deadline be set no earlier than March 29 — the law changed the deadline to the first Tuesday in March — for a party that wants to participate in a June primary election. Laughlin McDonald, lead counsel on the case for the ACLU, said case law is clear that the early petition deadline is unconstitutional.

Republican Sen. Ernie Otten, who worked on the legislation, said the election law overhaul was meant to ensure that voters have enough time to challenge candidates' nominating petitions to get on the ballot.

The lawsuit names Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and Attorney General Marty Jackley as defendants in their official capacities.

Krebs said she was aware case, but didn't comment further on the lawsuit.

Jackley also said he was aware of the lawsuit and said his office is awaiting the results of the signature-gathering process.

Liberal activist Cory Heidelberger, who is collecting signatures, said the lawsuit only addresses one

of the many problems he has with the election law overhaul. The law would also prevent independent candidates from gathering petition signatures from registered Democrats or Republicans.

"This doesn't take pressure off us," Heidelberger said of activists attempting to get the law repealed. If organizers get enough signatures by June 29, the law would be on hold until the election.

South Dakota's PUC OKs Xcel Energy 4 percent rate hike

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Xcel Energy customers in South Dakota will see a 4 percent increase in their electric bills starting July 1, after state regulators approved the change Monday.

The allowed rate hike by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission means the average residential customer will see an increase of about \$3.20 a month, but that's only half of what the Minneapolis-based company had asked regulators to approve. The rate increase approved by the commissioners is part of a joint agreement between Xcel and regulators that lays out the utility's rate plans for the next three years.

The utility in July asked regulators to approve an 8 percent increase in hopes of generating \$15.6 million in extra revenue. Following the commission's move, the company will now only get \$7.795 million in additional annual revenue, but it will be allowed to request increases associated with infrastructure-related expenses over the next two years.

The agreement states Xcel will hold off on filing for any base rate increases that would take effect before Jan. 1, 2018. But the agreement also allows the utility to use what state law defines as an infrastructure rider — a way to recover specific costs related to investment in infrastructure.

Xcel's regional vice president, Laura McCarten, said the utility will use the provision for the rider rates in 2016 and 2017.

"The ability to have that rider was really key for us to have a three-year solution," McCarten said. "If we didn't have that ability, we would not have been able to reach this agreement."

McCarten said the company will use the riders to seek increases related to infrastructure investments at various facilities including nuclear power plants, wind farms and substations.

Commission chairman Chris Nelson said both rider rates would have to be approved by the commission on the October before the year the company plans to raise the rates.

"We would have to determine if they comply with state law, are they reasonable?" Nelson said. "If they are, state law says we have to allow them to recover that from customers. But in the flip side, if we determine they should not be recovered from ratepayers, we can deny their request."

The company implemented an interim rate increase of 8 percent in January while it waited for the commission's decision. Xcel will refund to customers the difference between the interim rate and the final approved rate, with interest, no later than Aug. 1.

Xcel Energy has approximately 85,000 customers in South Dakota.

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. 6 CALIFORNIA BALCONY COLLAPSE VICTIMS HAD LIVES AHEAD OF THEM

A group of Irish and Irish-American young men and women were enjoying their last blast summer in the U.S. before cracking down with college and careers.

2. NORTH KOREA SAYS SUFFERING FROM WORST DROUGHT IN 100 YEARS

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Its production of rice and potatoes could decline by as much as 20 percent compared to average years if the shortage of rainfall extends to early July.

3. ACTIVISTS FRET ABOUT RACHEL DOLEZAL IMPACT

Civil rights leaders in Spokane are worried that the ruse perpetrated by the former NAACP leader will hurt efforts to move the region beyond a troubled racial past.

4. WHO EYED SUPER BOWL ATTACK

Authorities outline the evidence against a Phoenix man who they say helped orchestrate a shootout on an anti-Islam event in Texas and had aspirations to target the game.

5. WHICH STEREOTYPE KAMIKAZE SURVIVORS DEBUNK

Japan is re-examining the legacy of its "divine wind" pilots who went on suicide missions, in an effort to portray them more realistically.

6. WHERE REMNANTS OF TROPICAL STORM BILL MOVE

Flood-weary Texans are bracing for heavy rain and possible flooding as the storm is creeping further inland.

7. ECONOMISTS SAY JEB BUSH HAS UNREALISTIC GROWTH GOAL

Although the candidate claims there is "not a reason in the world" why the U.S. economy can't grow at 4 percent annually, many experts disagree.

8. CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

Six months after Castro and Obama declared the end to their nations' hostilities, the embassies in their countries aren't reopened, showing how slowly change comes to Cuba.

9. US BIRTHS UP AFTER YEARS OF DECLINE

About 53,000 more babies were born in 2014 than the year before — a 1 percent increase.

10. WARRIORS WIN NBA TITLE

"This is special. To be able to hold this trophy and all the hard work we've put into it this season, this is special," says Stephen Curry.

AP News in Brief

6 young California balcony collapse victims had entire lives ahead of them

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A group of Irish and Irish-American young men and women were enjoying their last blast summer in California before cracking down with college and careers, a rite of passage tens of thousands from the Emerald Isle have taken over the past five decades.

At a 21st birthday party early Tuesday morning, a fifth floor balcony broke loose from a stucco apartment house, tossing 13 people about 50 feet onto the pavement and stealing those adventures. Six people were killed and seven seriously injured.

"For many of my countrymen this is a favorite experience and to have this happen at the start of the season has left us frozen in shock," said Ireland's San Francisco-based Consul General Philip Grant.

"My heart breaks for the parents," said Prime Minister Enda Kenny from Dublin.

Word of the tragedy spread quickly back to Ireland, and phone lines lit up as panicked parents called to check on their kids throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Civil rights activists in Spokane area worry about impact of Dolezal story on their work

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Civil rights leaders in this largely white city that lies between the Cascade and Rocky mountains are worried that the ruse perpetrated by former NAACP leader Rachel Dolezal will hurt efforts to move the region beyond a troubled racial past.

Dolezal resigned her NAACP post this week after her parents revealed she was a white woman who for years posed as black.

"I think it is a setback," said Virla Spencer, 36, of Spokane, who is black. "It's sad we have to focus so much on this when there is so much more work to do."

Spokane, a city of 210,000, is 90 percent white and the major population center of the intermountain region known as the Inland Northwest. Only about 2 percent of Spokane, which is about 270 miles east of Seattle, is black. The Aryan Nations, a neo-Nazi organization, was for decades based north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Its members exported violence and crime throughout the region.

The group was bankrupted in 2000 following a lawsuit pursued by the Southern Poverty Law Center, and it largely ceased to exist. Its legacy persists, however, to the frustration of many. Some members of the movement remained in the area, including one who said he wanted to build a new compound in northern Idaho.

Prosecutors: Man charged in shootout at anti-Islam event in Texas wanted to attack Super Bowl

PHOENIX (AP) — Calling him "off-the-charts dangerous," authorities outlined the evidence against a Phoenix man who they say helped orchestrate a shootout on an anti-Islam event in Texas and had aspirations to join the Islamic State terrorist organization and attack the Super Bowl.

Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem, 43, was arrested last week on charges related to the shootout at a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest that led to the deaths of two roommates from Phoenix. An indictment filed in federal court in Phoenix says Kareem hosted the gunmen in his home beginning in January and provided the guns they used in the May 3 shooting in Garland, Texas.

At a hearing in federal court, FBI special agent Dina McCarthy described how a witness and a confidential informant learned about Kareem's interest in the Islamic State, including watching the group's videos with Texas shooters Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi. McCarthy said a 2012 investigation into Kareem determined he had a terrorism training document on his computer. She said he wanted to attack the Super Bowl when it was in Arizona this year, but provided no specifics about how serious he was.

The magistrate denied bail for Kareem, who is charged with conspiracy, making false statements and interstate transportation of firearms with intent to commit a felony.

"This is an individual who is apt to incite violence," prosecutor Kristen Brook said. "This defendant, based on all these facts, is dangerous, he is off-the-charts dangerous."

Swiss attorney general cites 53 possible money-laundering incidents in FIFA World Cup probe

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss banks have noted 53 possible money-laundering incidents in the investigation of FIFA's 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding contests, the country's attorney-general said Wednesday.

Michael Lauber said the "suspicious bank relations" were reported within the framework of Switzerland's anti-money laundering regulations.

Lauber said he "does not exclude" interviewing FIFA President Sepp Blatter and secretary-general Jerome Valcke in the future, though neither are currently under suspicion.

Addressing the media for the first time since the Swiss investigation into FIFA was announced three weeks ago, Lauber said the case is "huge and complex."

Lauber declined to discuss a timetable for the case, which targets "criminal mismanagement and money-laundering" in the bidding contests which sent the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 tournament to Qatar.

State police to expand search for escaped murderers in NY even as rain hampers progress

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — State police plan to expand the search for two escaped murderers beyond a 16-square-mile area of woods, fields and swamps where the manhunt has been most intense, even as rainy weather hampers their progress.

Clinton County Sheriff David Favro said Tuesday that rain has been washing away any scent dogs might find and interfering with thermal imaging devices being used to detect body heat.

No vehicles were reported stolen in the area, which led searchers to believe convicts David Sweat and Richard Matt were still near the prison. Search dogs caught the scent of the men and authorities found evidence indicating they may have spent time there.

The more than 800 law enforcement officers combing the rural area now have shifted their focus eastward along Route 374 leading from the village of Dannemora, home of the Clinton Correctional Facility, in far northern New York.

Matt and Sweat escaped June 6 from the maximum-security prison near the Canadian border.

Central, North Texas brace for more heavy rain as remnants of Tropical Storm Bill move inland

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Flood-weary Texans were bracing for heavy rain and possible flooding as the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill crept further inland early Wednesday.

The center of the storm was expected to move northward just west of the Interstate 35 corridor, dropping 4 to 5 inches of rain on areas of Central Texas still cleaning up and recovering from Memorial Day weekend floods that left 14 dead and two missing along the Blanco River alone in Blanco and Hays counties.

The National Hurricane Center said early Wednesday the storm was about 45 miles south of Waco and moving north at about 13 mph. Flash flood watches and warnings were in effect for the area, and Gov. Greg Abbott was expected to receive a briefing from state emergency officials Wednesday morning in Austin.

Meanwhile, in North Texas, Dallas authorities were monitoring road conditions and Arlington residents were picking up sandbags being offered for free by city officials.

According to projections by the National Weather Service, average rainfall through noon Wednesday for portions of Texas will be 3 to 6 inches, but isolated areas could see up to 12 inches. Arkansas and Oklahoma could get up to 9 inches of rain in the coming days, and Missouri could get more than 7. After last month's historic rains and floods, the forecast was expected to complicate ongoing flood-containment efforts.

Kamikaze survivors debunk stereotype with stories of self-sacrifice, love for family and peace

KASAMA, Japan (AP) — The pilots filed into the room and were presented with a form that asked if they wanted to be kamikaze. It was multiple-choice, and there were three answers: "I passionately wish to join," "I wish to join," and "I don't wish to join."

This was 1945. Many were university students who had been previously exempt from service, but now Japan was running out of troops.

Hisashi Tezuka recalls that a few of his colleagues quickly wrote their replies and strutted away. But he and most of the others stayed for what felt like hours, unable to decide.

He did not know then if anyone had dared to refuse. He learned later that the few who did were simply told to pick the right answer.

Tezuka so wanted to be honest to his feelings he crossed out the second choice and wrote his own answer: "I will join."

Psychiatrist did not have theater shooter detained, but did call his mother

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — The psychiatrist who treated James Holmes before he attacked a Colorado movie theater said she did not have enough evidence to have him detained, but was so concerned after he confessed his homicidal thoughts that she violated his health care privacy to call his mother.

Dr. Lynne Fenton testified Tuesday that Holmes told he was having homicidal thoughts as often as three or four times a day, but never let on that he was building a weapons arsenal and planning a mass killing. If he revealed his intent, "I likely would have put him on a mental health hold and contacted the police," Fenton said.

But her concerns remained, even after he abruptly walked out of her office in June 11, 2012, about a month before he sprayed bullets into the audience at a Batman movie, killing 12 people and wounding 70 more.

Fenton called Holmes' mother, but was told that her patient had been shy and socially awkward for many years, diminishing the apparent risk that he would be a danger to himself or others.

"I thought it was much less likely this was a sudden, new psychotic break," Fenton said. Freed from patient-client privilege by Holmes' insanity plea, Fenton testimony in Holmes' death penalty trial marked her first public statements about him. Among other things, she described his behavior as anxious, hostile, bizarre and so worrisome that she took it upon herself to alert campus police but didn't find the evidence needed to hold someone against his will.

San Francisco Bay Area fans dance, shout in streets to celebrate first NBA title in 40 years

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Warriors' fans honked their horns and danced in streets throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to celebrate their team's first NBA title in 40 years.

The party began as soon as the Golden State Warriors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers to claim the title in six games Tuesday night.

A rowdy crowd gathered in an Oakland intersection and some were running through the streets of San Francisco's Mission District waving the team's blue and gold flags. There were no immediate reports of any violence, vandalism or arrests.

"Is this real? Is this real?" said 40-year-old Peter Boyd, a fourth-generation Oakland resident who was

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practically a newborn when the team won its last title. On Tuesday night he celebrated in the streets outside an Oakland sports bar.

"I sat through decades of awful garbage," Boyd told the Los Angeles Times. "This is for Oakland."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 17, the 168th day of 2015. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 17, 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.

On this date:

In 1789, during the French Revolution, the Third Estate declared itself a national assembly, and undertook to frame a constitution. (This gathering gave rise to the political terms "left wing" and "right wing," with deputies representing commoners sitting to the left of the assembly president, and nobles sitting to the right.)

In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship *Iser* (ee-SEHR').

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

In 1944, the Republic of Iceland was established.

In 1953, U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stayed the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, originally set for the next day, the couple's 14th wedding anniversary. (They were put to death June 19.)

In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington D.C.'s Watergate complex.

In 1985, Discovery Channel made its cable TV debut.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement.

In 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later acquitted in a criminal trial, but held liable in a civil trial.)

Ten years ago: The nation's Roman Catholic bishops agreed to a five-year extension on their unprecedented policy of permanently barring sexually abusive clergy from church work. Marcus Wesson, the domineering patriarch of a large clan he'd bred through incest, was convicted in Fresno, California, of murdering nine of his children. (Wesson was later sentenced to death.) Former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski and a second executive, Mark H. Swartz, were convicted of looting their company of more than \$600 million. (Kozlowski was paroled in January 2014; Swartz was released in October 2013.) Iran's presidential election was thrown into a run-off after no candidate won over 50 percent of the vote. (Tehran's conservative mayor, Mahmoud Ahmedinejad (mahk-MOOD' ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zhadh), emerged the winner.)

Five years ago: BP chief executive Tony Hayward told a congressional hearing he was "deeply sorry"

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for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but infuriated lawmakers as he disclaimed knowledge of any of the myriad problems leading up to the disaster. Israel agreed to ease its three-year-old land blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. The Los Angeles Lakers rallied in Game 7, defeating the Boston Celtics 83-79 to repeat as NBA champions.

One year ago: The Obama administration announced that U.S. special forces had seized Ahmed Abu Khattala, described as a "key leader" in the deadly Benghazi, Libya, attack, and that he was on his way to face trial in the U.S. for the fiery assault that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans. (Abu Khattala has since pleaded not guilty in federal court.) Johann "Hans" Breyer, an 89-year-old retired toolmaker, was arrested in Philadelphia on a German arrest warrant charging him with aiding and abetting the killing of 216,000 Jewish men, women and children while a guard at the Auschwitz death camp. (Breyer died just over a month later before he could be extradited.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Lupus is 83. Actor William Lucking is 74. Singer Barry Manilow is 72. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is 72. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 64. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 61. Actor Jon Gries (gryz) is 58. Rock singer Jello Biafra is 57. Movie producer-director-writer Bobby Farrelly is 57. Actor Thomas Haden Church is 54. Actor Greg Kinnear is 52. Actress Kami Cotler is 50. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 50. Actor Jason Patric is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kevin Thornton is 46. Actor-comedian Will Forte is 45. Latin pop singer Paulina Rubio is 44. Tennis player Venus Williams is 35. Actor-rapper Herculeez (AKA Jamal Mixon) is 32. Rapper Kendrick Lamar is 28. Actor Damani Roberts is 19.

Thought for Today: "When all men think alike, no one thinks very much." - Walter Lippmann, American journalist (1889-1974).