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Friday, June 26

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

Anniversary: Jeff & Bridget Fliehs

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

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

Hoops Reunion

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

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Eco-Friendly Mosquito Control

By Melinda Myers

Don't let mosquitoes keep you from enjoying your garden and outdoor parties. Look for environmentally sound ways to manage these pests in your garden and landscape.

Start by eliminating standing water in the yard. Buckets, old tires and clogged gutters and downspouts that hold water make the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Drain water that collects in these as well as kids' toys, tarps and pool covers. Store these items in the garage or turn them over to keep them from becoming a mosquito breeding ground. Even small containers hold enough water for hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes to breed.

Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week. Consider installing a small pump to keep water moving to prevent

mosquito breeding. Or use an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Bits (SummitResponsible-Solutions.com) in rain barrels and water features. The Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They are both certified organic and safe for pets, fish, wildlife and children.

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. These pests are less attracted to the lighter colors and can't readily reach your skin through loose clothing. And be sure to cover as much of your skin as possible with long sleeves and pants.



Weeding the garden, adding some birdhouses, eliminating standing water and using fans and citronella candles are just a few of the eco-friendly ways to keep mosquitoes at bay this season. (Photo courtesy of James Gathany CDC)

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Add a few birdhouses to the landscape to bring in the birds. You'll enjoy their beauty and benefit from their diet of insects, including many garden pests and mosquitoes.

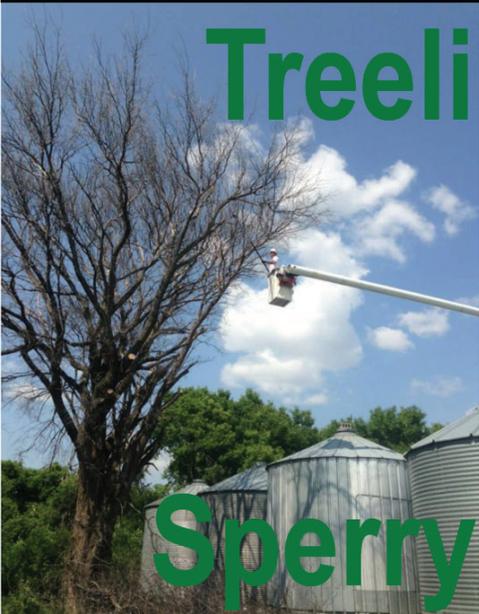
Keep the garden weeded. Mosquitoes rest in shrubs, trees and weeds during the day. Removing weeds and managing neglected garden spaces will make your landscape less inviting to these pests.

Consider using a personal repellent to protect you against disease-carrying mosquitoes. For those looking to avoid DEET, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has also approved products with the active ingredient picaridin (found in Skin so Soft products), IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellents as you need to apply the sunscreen more often than the repellent.

Add a bit more protection while sitting or eating outdoors. Use a fan to create a gentle breeze that keeps the weak flying mosquitoes away from you and your guests. Some gardeners even take a small fan into the garden, while weeding.

Then add a bit of ambience to your next party by lighting a few citronella candles for your evening events. Citronella oil and the scented candles do have some mosquito repelling properties. Scatter lots of candles throughout your entertainment space. Position the candles within a few feet of your guests. This can provide some short term relief from these pests for you and your guests.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.



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**Groton Area School District #06-6
School Board Meeting
June 29, 2015 – 7:30 PM; GHS Conference Room**

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of June 8, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of June 9, 2015 school board special meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of minutes of June 10, 2015 school board special meeting as drafted or amended.
4. Approval of minutes of June 11, 2015 school board special meeting as drafted or amended.
5. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
6. Approval of year ending District bills.
7. Approval of year ending North Central Special Education Co-Op bills.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. Second reading and approval of proposed MS/HS Student Handbook changes.
4. Discuss instrumental music position(s).
5. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve hiring Brett Schwan as Elementary Principal/OST Director for 2015-2016 school year.
2. Authorize Business Manager to make necessary Contingent Fund transfers to cover year-ending deficit accounts in General Fund.
3. Adopt Supplemental Budget for Capital Outlay and Special Education in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12.
4. Open and approve fuel oil, diesel/gas quotes.
5. Open and approve newspaper quotes and designate Official Newspaper.
6. Approve hiring Joni Groeblichhoff, Special Education Paraprofessional, \$10.50/hour.
7. Approve hiring Jacky Fortin, Special Education Paraprofessional, \$10.50/hour.
8. Approve certified staff educational lane changes for 15-16 school year with salaries to be published in July.
 - a. Jodi Sternhagen, MS+15 to MS+30
 - b. Becky Erickson, BS+15 to MS
 - c. Kristen Gonsoir, BS+30 to MS+30
 - d. Kristi Anderson, BS+30 to MS+30
 - e. Lindsey Tietz; BS to BS+15
 - f. Cara Dennert; BS+30 to BS+45
 - g. Deb Winburn; BS+30 to BS+45
 - h. Jane Kroll; BS+30 to BS+45
9. Approve open enrollment applications #16-10 (Grade 1) and #16-11 (Grade 2) from Langford School District.
10. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

ADJOURN

Today in Weather History

June 26, 1998: Heavy rains of 2 to 5 inches fell across much of northern and eastern Brown, western and northern Day and all of Marshall County during the afternoon and evening hours. The additional heavy rain only exacerbated the flooding which had been occurring over much of this area for years. Kidder, in northern Marshall County, received up to 5 inches of rain on the 26th after receiving around 2 inches on the 25th. The heavy rain on the 26th flooded the whole town, filling nearly every basement. One resident had basement walls cave in. Areas of Britton were also flooded with water in many basements. The heavy rains added to the already thousands of acres of crop and pastureland under water. One farmer in Day County, near Webster, had documented over one-half million dollars in damages to fences, buildings, land, and income from the prolonged flooding. On his farm, he had 15 buildings under water. This farmer said the highest he had measured the water from flooding was 9 feet, but for this year it had gone up to 21 feet. As a result of this and past heavy rains and also many years of above normal precipitation, about 22 percent of the total farm and pastureland acres in the three counties were flooded or too wet to farm. Some rainfall amounts included, 2.30 inches at Sand Lake NWR, 2.7 inches at Langford, 2.95 inches at Groton, 3.5 inches northwest of Bristol, and 5.10 inches 9N 9W of Britton.

June 26, 2008: During the evening hours, a compact upper level low pressure system tracking through the Northern Plains interacted with a very moist and unstable air mass over western and central South Dakota resulting in a widespread severe weather outbreak. Three confirmed tornadoes occurred briefly in western Dewey County. Little or no damage was reported and all three tornadoes were rated EF0. In addition to the tornadoes, multiple reports of large hail were received over Corson and Dewey Counties, including some to the size of baseballs near the communities of McLaughlin and Isabel. The large hail broke out many home and vehicle windows and damaged many roofs in Dewey, Corson, and Sully Counties. Significant wind damage occurred over sections of Sully County. There were multiple reports of wind gusts in excess of 70 mph, with the most concentrated swath of damaging winds extending from near Sutton Bay, eastward to the city of Onida, then southeast to the community of Harrold. The storm survey began near Sutton Bay on Lake Oahe, where a wind gust of 92 mph was recorded. The most significant property damage was found further east near the community of Agar where multiple grain bins were either damaged or destroyed. Nine miles west of Agar, a barn was destroyed and a large pine tree was snapped in half. Winds in this area were estimated to range from 80 to 100 mph. Near the intersection of Highways 1804 and 175th Street, several Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) electrical transmission towers were completely collapsed. This is consistent with wind speeds ranging from 130-140 mph. In the city of Onida, a bank roof was damaged and the city was without power until the next day. Four miles north of Onida, a feed wagon was tossed nearly 40 feet. In Harrold, several railroad cars were tipped over. Also of great significance during the event was the peak wind speed of 124 mph recorded at the Onida airport. This wind speed is the strongest wind gust ever measured in the Aberdeen County Warning Area and the 4th strongest wind speed ever reported in South Dakota.

1807: Lightning strikes a gunpowder factory in the small European country of Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. The Luxembourg disaster may have been the most deadly lightning strike in history.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Hot	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 83 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 88 °F



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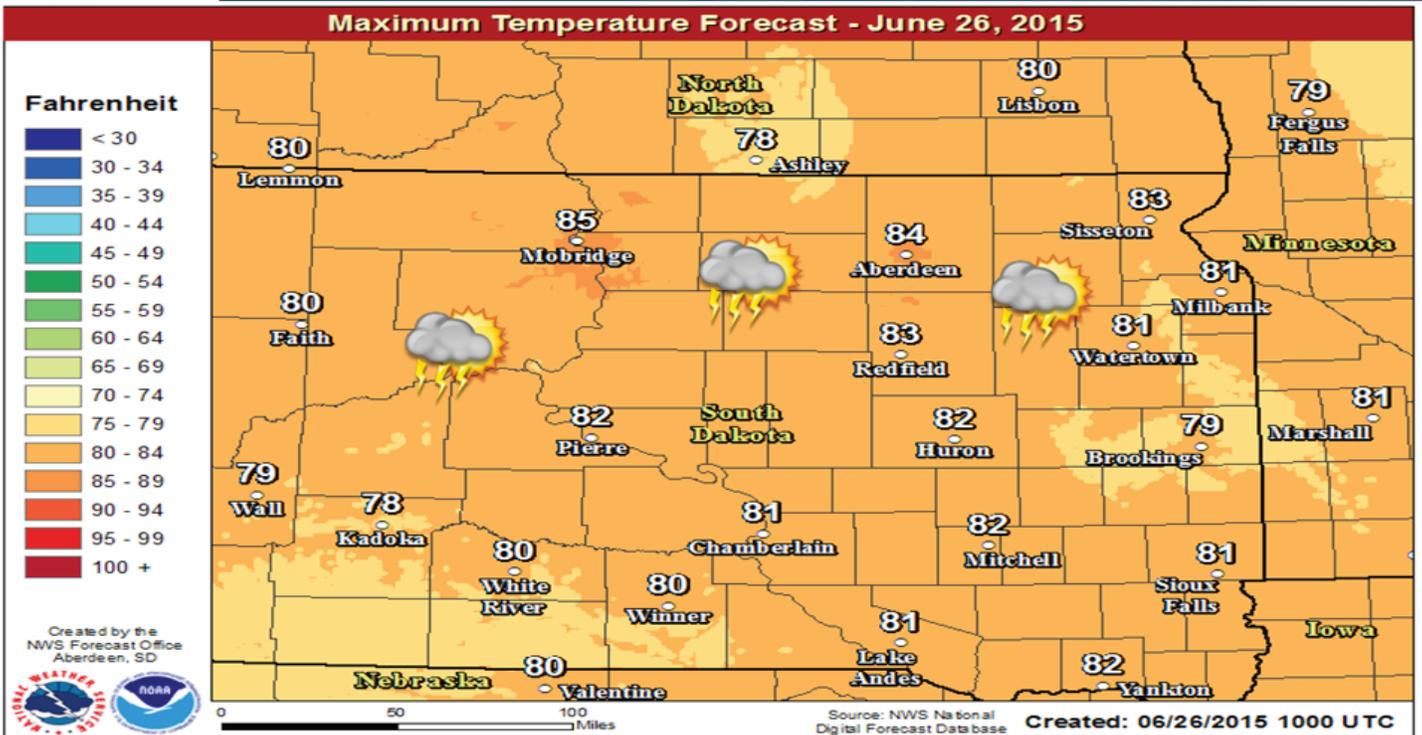
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Highs will rise into the 80s across the area today under partly cloudy skies and light north winds. A few weak thundershowers are possible this afternoon across portions of the area, but no severe storms are expected. Hotter temperatures are in store for Saturday with some areas topping out in the lower 90s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 82.9 at 4:17 PM

Low: 60.9 at 4:56 AM

High Gust: 14 at 6:22 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 109° in 1933

Record Low: 40° in 1907

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.22

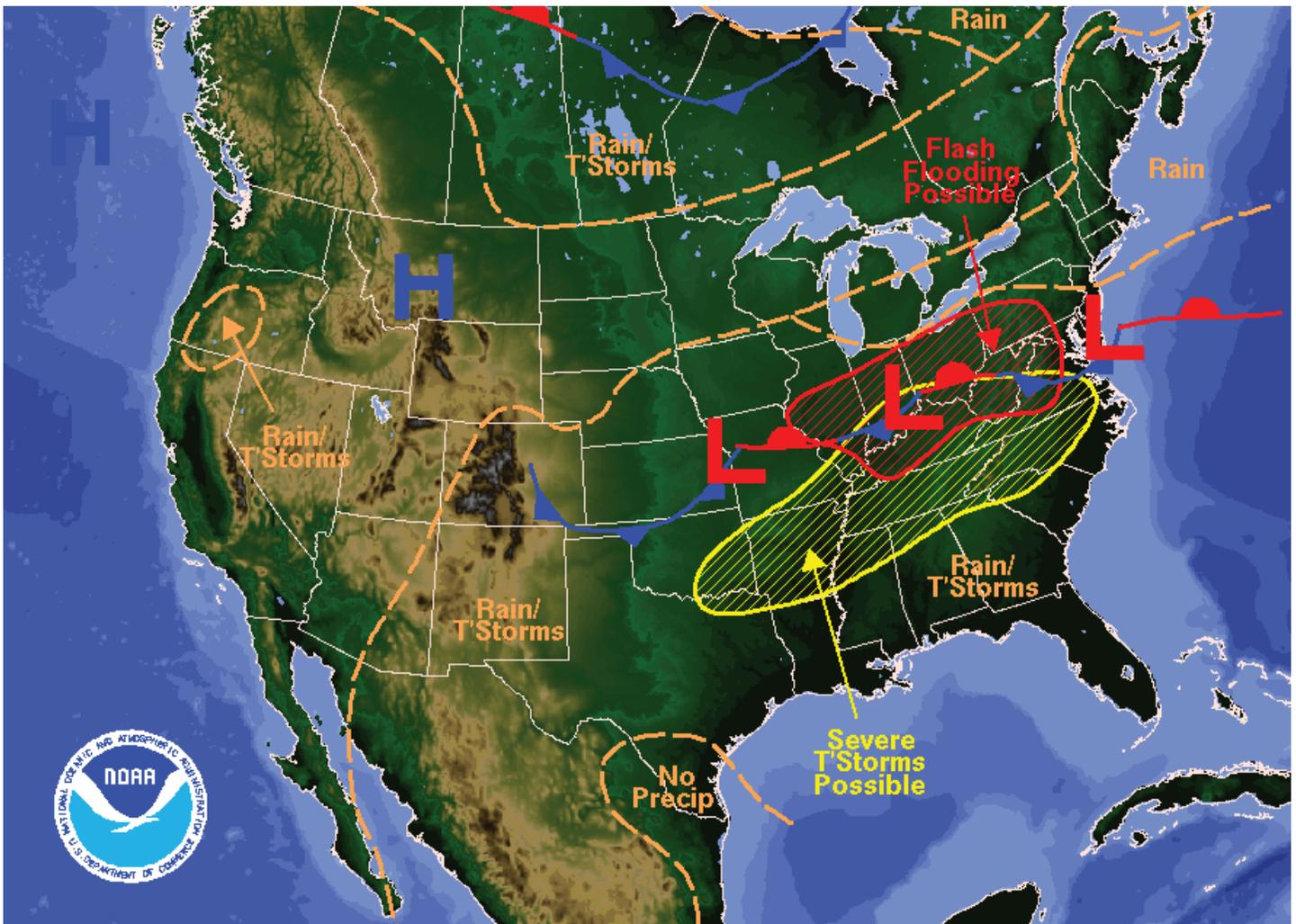
Precip to date in June: 1.58

Average Precip to date: 10.36

Precip Year to Date: 7.30

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jun 26, 2015, issued 4:45 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHAT A SURPRISE!

Two men had not seen each other for quite some time and were renewing their friendship.

"How's your wife, Fred?" asked Al.

"Haven't you heard? She's in heaven," said Fred.

"Oh, I'm sorry," replied Al. Catching himself, he apologized and said, "I mean, I'm glad."

But it still did not come out right, so he said, "What I really mean is that I'm surprised."

Seeing the confusion on Fred's face, Al tried once again. "What I'm trying to say is that I'm sure you are relieved."

Sometimes, no matter how hard we try, our words just do not come out right. We get them twisted or turned in the wrong direction. What we want to say is not what we actually say. Our words become quite discouraging or devastating to the person we are talking to.

The wise writer of Proverbs said, "We gather our thoughts, but the Lord gives us the right answer." When others come to us for help or counsel, we must always be thoughtful and ask the Lord to guide us as we talk. When we speak without thinking or give advice without carefully considering all of the possibilities or alternatives, we may do more harm than good. We must watch our words.

Prayer: Help us Father, to be careful in all that we say. May our words encourage and enlighten. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.

News from the Associated Press

Boy dies, 3 others hurt in DUI crash near Mitchell

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy died and three other youths were injured in a vehicle crash that authorities say involved a drunken driver.

The boy was a front-seat passenger in a sport utility vehicle that rolled in the ditch off a gravel road west of Mitchell mid-day Thursday. Highway Patrol Trooper Aaron Hanson identified the boy to The Daily Republic as Lenard Boyer, of Mitchell.

The patrol says two 14-year-old boys and a 12-year-old boy in the backseat suffered minor injuries, along with the 22-year-old woman driving the car.

Hanson identified the driver as Karla Martinez, of Mitchell. She's facing several charges including drunken driving and vehicular homicide. It wasn't immediately clear if she had an attorney, and a home telephone listing for her couldn't be found.

Eagle Butte man gets 7 months in custody, supervised release

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man who has been convicted of assaulting his romantic partner and knocking out another man who intervened in one of their arguments has been sentenced to seven months in custody.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler announced Thursday that Julius Titus III's time in custody will also be followed by 18 months of supervised release.

Titus, 35, was convicted of assault that resulted in the substantial injury of an intimate partner and assault by striking, beating and wounding.

Authorities say Titus, of Eagle Butte, hit a man in the face after he intervened in a June 2014 argument between Titus and his partner.

Officials say Titus also pushed his partner, which caused her to injure her ankle.

Project to complete Meade Co. rural water system kicks off

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Ground has been broken for a project that will complete an entire rural water system in Meade County.

The new project involves installing 110 miles of pipeline, storage reservoirs and pumping stations. The nonprofit Bear Butte Valley Water, Inc. last year drilled a deep well as the first step in developing the water system.

Neal Rowett is Bear Butte Valley's board president and an area life-long resident. Rowett says this project will provide drinking water of "excellent quality with enough volume and pressure to fulfill the needs of our members."

The nonprofit has received more than \$4 million in grants for the construction of the system.

Gay couples, officials prepare for Supreme Court ruling

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — In 2010, Bob Wendland and his partner had a wedding. There was a church, and a ceremony — but not a marriage certificate.

Nearly five years later, the two men from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, are still not legally married, even though they since could have crossed the border and got a marriage license in Minnesota.

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"We thought about it and we decided that ... if we were just a little more patient, in a few years down the line it would hopefully just be across the board through the entire nation and we could just do it in South Dakota," Wendland said.

That patience could pay off soon when the U.S. Supreme Court rules whether same-sex couples nationwide have the same constitutional rights to marry as straight couples.

People in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community are anxiously awaiting the opinion expected Monday at the latest. At the same time, officials in North Dakota and South Dakota are preparing for what a historic ruling could mean for their states and for two lawsuits filed last year challenging their bans on same-sex marriage.

In North Dakota, some county officials said they're prepared to issue marriage licenses as soon as possible, even though state forms still include terms like "bride" and "groom."

"If they rule it takes effect immediately, we'll start issuing them immediately," said Burleigh County Recorder Debbie Kroshus. "As far as will I open my doors at midnight to do it — no. Anyone can get a license between 8:00 and 4:30."

Josh Newville, a Minneapolis attorney who filed lawsuits for plaintiffs in both states, said if the court rules favorably he and his team will be looking for clerks who refuse to issue marriage licenses.

"If there's a single event of noncompliance, there will be a lawsuit filed and we will seek damages that will inevitably be rewarded," Newville said.

But an opinion that declares all same-sex couples have the right to marry isn't a sure thing. Justices could rule states only have to recognize marriages performed legally elsewhere or could rule that states aren't required to recognize same-sex marriages at all.

Lawsuits are pending in both states challenging their bans. South Dakota's is on hold at the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Officials from both North Dakota and South Dakota have mostly been quiet on the issue. The South Dakota Department of Health, which handles vital records like marriage certificates, said it won't speculate but will look to the governor and attorney general for advice when a decision comes down.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said state officials "will adhere to the rule of law" if there's a clear Supreme Court decision. But he said a less conclusive ruling might require further interpretation, perhaps by the 8th Circuit.

Dale Carpenter, a constitutional law scholar at the University of Minnesota who supports gay marriage, disagreed, saying he expects a clear ruling by the high court that the 8th Circuit would follow.

As for Wendland and his partner, they plan to marry this August — their fifth anniversary — if the Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex marriage. And they'll do it in South Dakota.

"We'll get some close friends and family together, and renew our vows and make it legal by government standards, and not just by God," he said.

Feds defend Utah prairie dogs rules in closely watched case

LINDSAY WHITEHURST, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Government attorneys are defending federal protections for Utah prairie dogs after 10 states stepped into the case in favor of a ruling that animal activists say could undermine the Endangered Species Act.

U.S. Department of Justice lawyers want a federal appeals court to overturn the unusual decision striking down prairie dog protections near the southern Utah town of Cedar City, about 250 miles south

of Salt Lake City.

"The Supreme Court has consistently upheld Congress's authority to prevent interstate competition from causing various harms, including destruction of the natural environment," lawyers wrote in recently filed court documents.

They're asking the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to hear oral arguments in the case. It was originally filed by a group of Cedar City residents who said federal protections were allowing the small, burrowing animals to take over the town's golf course, airport and cemetery and even interrupt funerals with their barking.

Attorney Michael Harris with Friends of Animals countered Thursday that those claims are overblown, and property rights can co-exist with animal protections.

Jonathan Wood, a lawyer for the Pacific Legal Foundation, disagrees. He represented the Cedar City residents and argued that the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause doesn't allow the federal government to protect animals only found within a single state on private property.

That reasoning hadn't gotten much traction in court before the ruling from U.S. District Judge Dee Benson last year. He struck down federal protections for Utah prairie dogs in a decision animal-rights groups called a radical departure from 40 years of animal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The ruling could have wide-ranging effects because most protected animals in the U.S. are only found in one state. If it's upheld on appeal, the case could bring the Endangered Species Act before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten states have entered the case to support Benson's decision: Utah, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming and now Michigan, which weighed in earlier this month.

They say states should run protection programs for rare animals instead.

After Benson's decision was handed down in November, Utah wildlife authorities adopted a new plan that allows the roughly 6,000 prairie dogs to be moved off private land or killed. While the new state regulations are similar to the federal rules, state officials say they allow more of the animals to be removed from private property.

Utah prairie dog numbers dwindled to about 2,000 in the 1970s as they were targeted by ranchers and farmers who believed the animals competed with livestock and crops, according to court papers. The species' numbers have rebounded significantly since coming under federal protection, though the majority live on private land.

SD consumers relieved health insurance subsidies upheld

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota consumers who get subsidized health coverage under the Affordable Care Act said Thursday they're relieved the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld tax credits that help cover the premiums by thousands of dollars on average per year. The state's congressional leaders reiterated their opposition to the law and promised to keep trying to repeal it.

The high court maintained a key provision of the health insurance overhaul that affects thousands of South Dakota residents and others in more than 30 states who shop for coverage using exchanges run by the federal government. It means roughly 16,800 South Dakota consumers who bought coverage through the exchange during the 2015 enrollment period will keep getting an average of \$229 in premium assistance a month.

Ruth Slaughter, who credits the subsidized coverage she obtained under the Affordable Care Act in 2014 with saving her life, said she learned about the ruling while still in bed in her camper at the Grand

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Canyon. She and her husband watched President Barack Obama speak on their television's single channel in grainy black-and-white.

"I was just in tears, actually in tears," said Slaughter, 64, grateful for her coverage after several years without insurance and because she believes the Affordable Care Act benefits the country.

Having insurance — which she said she would never be able to afford without a subsidy — prompted her to schedule a doctor's appointment, where she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Slaughter, who lives mostly in Spearfish, said her plan has allowed her to get treatment.

"Otherwise, it would have been a choice of death or medical bankruptcy," Slaughter said.

Opponents of the health overhaul had argued to the court that the subsidies could be given only in states that had established their own marketplaces, not in places that used the marketplaces run by the federal government.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, a Republican, said the state doesn't have to change its approach to the federal health law since the court upheld the subsidies. Kelsey Pritchard declined to comment on whether Daugaard is glad that South Dakota consumers who get subsidized coverage can keep doing so.

South Dakota's all-Republican congressional delegation — U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds — said in statements Thursday that the Affordable Care Act is a flawed disaster for consumers. They said they'll keep trying to replace it with a "patient-centered" alternative.

Jeff Sandene, interim president of Sanford Health Plan — which offers coverage in South Dakota through the federal marketplace — said he's not surprised the high court kept the health care law intact and said the news is good for consumers and patients.

"It's kind of made my day, to really tell you the truth," he said.

As of early June, Sanford had about 2,200 members covered through the exchange, with more than 1,800 getting subsidies.

Avera Health Plans Chief Administrative Officer Deb Muller said many consumers who had secured coverage with tax credits would have walked away without the subsidies because they couldn't have afforded the plans on their own. Of the roughly 10,000 people who have bought Avera health plans through the exchange, about 8,500 receive subsidies, according to Avera.

Kelsey Collier-Wise of Vermillion said she and her husband pay about \$261 a month for their plan after a subsidy of \$336 per month through the exchange. Her 5-year-old daughter is now covered through Medicaid. Before she signed up for coverage through the exchange, Collier-Wise paid roughly \$750 a month to cover the whole family.

Collier-Wise, 33, who works as the executive director of the United Way of Vermillion, said she felt "relieved, very relieved" because the ruling will save her money and trouble.

"We couldn't have kept the plan that we have now at the price that it was," she said. "I'm very happy."

The Latest on health overhaul: US senators call for repeal

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The latest South Dakota reaction to the Supreme Court's decision on challenge to federal health care overhaul (all times local):

10:45 a.m.

South Dakota's U.S. senators say they will keep pushing to repeal the Affordable Care Act after the Supreme Court upheld a key part for the second time in recent years.

Mike Rounds and John Thune, both Republicans, said Thursday that the federal health overhaul is a flawed disaster for consumers. Thune says the Republican-held Senate is committed to replacing the law with "patient-centered reforms."

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Rounds says Senate Republicans' goal is to offer affordable coverage in a competitive marketplace. He says South Dakotans deserve better than the Affordable Care Act.

The high court's decision to uphold subsidies means about 16,800 South Dakota consumers who bought coverage through the exchange in the past year will continue receiving federal premium assistance that makes the insurance affordable.

10:20 a.m.

Sanford Health Plan interim President Jeff Sandene says the Supreme Court's decision to uphold subsidies that make health insurance affordable for South Dakotans shopping through the federal marketplace is a "relief."

Sanford offers coverage in South Dakota through the federal marketplace. The carrier has about 2,200 members covered through the exchange, with more than 1,800 getting subsidies.

Sandene says he's not surprised the high court kept the health care law intact. He says the news is good for consumers and patients.

About 16,800 South Dakota consumers who bought coverage through the exchange in the past year get a subsidy.

Sandene says the firm was waiting for the decision and would have worked with lawmakers for a fix if the court had thrown out the subsidies.

10:10 a.m.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state doesn't have to change its current approach to the federal health overhaul law because the U.S. Supreme Court has decided to uphold insurance subsidies for consumers.

Kelsey Pritchard says the Supreme Court's decision means the state doesn't need to act to try to replace the subsidies.

The high court's decision means subsidies stay in place for consumers in more than 30 states, including South Dakota, who sign up for coverage under the federal marketplace.

The administration had been weighing how to respond if the court struck down the subsidies, which aided about 16,800 South Dakota consumers who bought coverage through the exchange in the past year.

9:30 a.m.

A South Dakota woman who gets subsidized coverage through the federal health exchange says she's relieved by the U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding those subsidies.

Kelsey Collier-Wise reacted just moments after the high court on Thursday upheld a key provision of the Affordable Care Act.

The high court's decision upholds insurance premium subsidies for consumers in more than 30 states, including South Dakota, who sign up for coverage under the federal marketplace.

The subsidies mean roughly 16,800 South Dakota consumers who bought coverage through the exchange during the 2015 enrollment period will continue getting an average of \$229 in premium assistance a month.

Veblen woman injured in Interstate 29 vehicle fire dies

PEEVER, S.D. (AP) — A Veblen woman has died of injuries she suffered in a vehicle fire earlier this month.

The Highway Patrol says 53-year-old Rebecca Stoughton died Tuesday from injuries she suffered June 9 in the fire on Interstate 29, four miles south of Summit. Stoughton was a passenger in the sport utility vehicle.

The 23-year-old driver and an infant passenger in the SUV's back seat also were injured. The patrol says both are recovering at a Minneapolis burn center.

The cause of the fire isn't known.

Open teaching positions remain a problem in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — It is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to fill open teaching positions in South Dakota, according to school administrators.

A survey by the School Administrators of South Dakota group found that nearly one-third of the 837 open positions advertised for the upcoming school year remained unfilled as of the end of May. The number of openings was up 4 percent from last year's survey, while the number of applicants dropped 25 percent.

"The teacher shortage is real and it is only going to get worse," group Executive Director Rob Monson said.

A main reason that officials cite for the problem is low pay. The annual teacher pay in South Dakota averages about \$40,000, which is the lowest in the nation, according to the National Education Association. A separate survey by the School Administrators of South Dakota earlier this year found that more than 770 college students earned a teaching degree at a South Dakota institution last year, but one-third of them took jobs in another state.

"We used to have two file drawers full of applications," Watertown Superintendent Lesli Jutting said. "Now for some positions we are asking retired teachers to come back and help us."

Gov. Dennis Daugaard and lawmakers earlier this year set up a task force of teachers, administrators, school board members, public officials and state staff members to look into problems in the state's educational system and report back to the 2016 Legislature.

"If a long-term funding solution for schools to provide more dollars to teachers isn't developed, K-12 schools in South Dakota are in big trouble," Monson said.

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. FRENCH GAS FACTORY AMBUSHED

France opens a terrorism investigation after the attack in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier leaves one person decapitated and multiple people wounded.

2. THOUSANDS EXPECTED FOR OBAMA'S TRIBUTE

The first black president of the United States is coming to Charleston to eulogize the victims of a mass shooting at a historic African-American church.

3. POST-FERGUSON GRAFFITI BECOMING MORE WIDESPREAD

Confederate monuments are now garnering backlash — none more direct than repeated spray-painting of "Black Lives Matter" on several installations.

4. HOW EU IS DEALING WITH MIGRANT CRISIS

European Union leaders agree to relocate 40,000 migrants from Italy and Greece to other EU countries over the next two years in an effort to share the burden.

5. HOW MANY ARE CONFLICTED BY 'OBAMACARE'

The insured are happy their monthly premiums will continue to be affordable, but exasperated by the coverage the new health care exchanges provide.

6. WHAT GUARD IS SAYING ABOUT PRISON BREAK

Gene Palmer admits giving two inmates tools, paint, frozen hamburger and access to a catwalk electrical box but says he didn't know the killers planned to escape.

7. TRUMP COMMENTS RANKLE TV NETWORKS

After Univision pulled its coverage of the Miss USA pageant over negative comments he made about Mexican immigrants, NBC remained silent about its scheduled coverage.

8. WHO MADE DIAMOND HISTORY

Baseball history is made in Northern California wine country when 23-year-old Sean Conroy, the sport's first active professional player to come out as gay, pitches a shutout.

9. BRISTOL PALIN PREGNANT AGAIN

The daughter of the former vice presidential candidate, who launched an abstinence campaign after giving birth as an unwed teenage mother, says she is expecting her second child out-of-wedlock.

10. NBA DRAFT GOES ACCORDING TO FORM

As expected, Karl-Anthony Towns, D'Angelo Russell and Jahlil Okafor were the first three picks, with the Lakers taking Russell over Okafor at No. 2 the only mild surprise.

AP News in Brief

1 dead in attack, explosion at French gas factory; Arabic banners found near decapitated body

PARIS (AP) — One person was beheaded Friday in an attack and explosion at a gas factory in southeastern France that left multiple people wounded, two officials said. Banners with Arabic writing were found near the body, one of the officials said.

Details of the attack were sketchy but two French officials said it began mid-morning in the Isere region when the men crashed a car into the entrance of the factory and into gas canisters, touching off the explosion. One attacker was arrested, they said.

The decapitated body and the banners were found near the factory entrance, one of the officials said.

Both officials spoke condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the news media.

France went on high alert after an attack in January that left 20 people dead in the Paris region, including the Islamic extremist attackers.

Thousands expected for President Obama's tribute to victims of Charleston church massacre

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The first black president of the United States is coming to Charleston to eulogize the victims of a mass shooting at a historic African-American church — a tragedy that one civil rights activist said was a sign of "how far yet" the nation has to go to put racial tensions behind it.

Thousands of mourners were expected to gather Friday to hear President Barack Obama pay tribute

to the pastor and eight parishioners of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The nine were slain at the church during a Bible study session last week in what authorities are investigating as a racially motivated attack.

Friday's service for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator, promised to be another wrenching but cathartic occasion for the community to say goodbye to the victims.

Police planned to close several streets around the college arena in downtown Charleston, and said they expect anyone who wants one of the more than 5,000 seats to be there by 9 a.m. The funeral was scheduled to start two hours after.

The first two funerals, for Ethel Lance and Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, were held Thursday, with tight security and emotional responses to the eulogies and hymns.

Consumers voice relief after court's health care ruling but still worry about costs, coverage

CHICAGO (AP) — Throughout the country, relief was the dominant emotion among consumers who get help from the government to lower their health insurance costs following Thursday's Supreme Court ruling upholding the subsidies underpinning President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Many consumers expressed somewhat conflicting views: They were happy their monthly premiums would continue to be affordable but exasperated by the coverage the policies purchased on the new health care exchanges provide.

"I don't particularly care for Obama. I didn't vote for him," said Salt Lake City resident Paige Preece, whose subsidy allows her to buy insurance for \$137 a month. "But, honestly, if it weren't for this, I would be absolutely lost."

The court's 6-3 ruling upheld the federal financial assistance to millions of low- and middle-income Americans to help pay for insurance premiums regardless of where they live. An estimated 6.4 million people in the 34 states that used the federal health care exchange were at risk of losing the subsidies because their home states did not set up their own insurance exchanges.

The case turned on just a few words in the mammoth Affordable Care Act that suggested the federal subsidies could go only to consumers in states that operated their own health insurance marketplaces. Consumers in those states or in ones that fell back on the federal exchange when their own exchanges faltered were not affected by the case.

Recovery efforts resume Friday to recover bodies of 9 people killed in Alaska plane crash

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska emergency crews will attempt Friday to recover the remains of eight cruise ship passengers and a pilot who were killed when their sightseeing plane crashed in a remote and rugged area of southeastern Alaska.

Wind and rain prevented any recovery after the wreckage of the aircraft was found Thursday against a granite rock face, 800 feet above a lake.

There was no immediate indication of why the DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter turboprop went down, killing the nine people during the sightseeing excursion. No names have been released.

Clint Johnson, head of the National Transportation Safety Board's Alaska office, said it was too soon to know circumstances of the crash, including whether the plane flew into the cliff.

The NTSB was assembling a high-level team to investigate the crash, including three members from Alaska and at least two people from Washington, D.C.

Arrested prison guard says he supplied tools, food but didn't know of inmates' escape plans

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — A prison guard who admitted giving two inmates tools, paint, frozen hamburger and access to a catwalk electrical box says he didn't know the killers planned to break out, and investigators say they have no reason to believe he was knowingly involved in the plot.

Gene Palmer was released on \$25,000 bail Thursday after his arrest on charges of promoting prison contraband, tampering with evidence and official misconduct.

Palmer, who has been suspended, will plead not guilty, his lawyer said.

The 57-year-old correction officer became the second Clinton Correctional Facility employee to be charged since inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat used power tools to cut their way out of the maximum-security prison in far northern New York on June 6.

Prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell stands charged with helping them escape.

NBC mum on Miss USA airing as Univision drops pageant over Trump's Latino immigrant remarks

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's fledgling GOP presidential bid quickly led to business fallout for him, with Univision saying it will drop the Miss USA pageant from its UniMas network and cut all ties with Trump over comments on Mexican immigrants.

The company said Thursday it was canceling its Spanish-language coverage of the pageant July 12. It also has severed its business relationship with the Miss Universe Organization, which produces the Miss USA pageant, because of what it called "insulting remarks about Mexican immigrants" by Trump, a part owner of Miss Universe.

NBC remained silent about its scheduled coverage of the pageant, which has aired on the network since 2003. But it sought to distance itself from Trump's remarks.

"Donald Trump's opinions do not represent those of NBC, and we do not agree with his positions on a number of issues, including his recent comments on immigration," NBC said in a statement.

Trump is featured on another NBC program, "Celebrity Apprentice."

California baseball team makes history with first openly gay professional player

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Baseball history was made in Northern California when the sport's first active professional player to come out as gay pitched a shutout before an enthusiastic crowd that seemed more impressed with his performance than his role as a pioneer.

Sean Conroy, 23, led the Sonoma Stompers to a 7-0 victory Thursday night during his first start with the 22-man team that is part of the independent Pacific Association of Baseball Clubs. The right hander struck-out 11 players and allowed three hits over nine innings.

"He wanted to be that guy, and coming out here and doing this shows you what kind of man he is," Tim Livingston, the team's radio broadcaster, said after a ground ball ended the game and Conroy's teammates jogged over to hug him. "To see this little field here in the middle of nowhere, when we look back it will have been the perfect setting for this."

The atmosphere at Arnold Field, the Stompers' 370 seat home field, was low-key, with no obvious

signs it was a historic game or even gay pride night at the ballpark — except for the rainbow-striped socks and arm warmers some players — but not Conroy — wore.

The Stompers did not make a special announcement or call attention to the milestone so Conroy could focus on his pitching, General Manager Theo Fightmaster said.

With Lakers and Knicks scoring in NBA draft, league's biggest markets have big nights

NEW YORK (AP) — From coast to coast, the NBA draft was a big night for the biggest markets.

The Los Angeles Lakers tabbed their next potential superstar in D'Angelo Russell. The New York Knicks landed a pair of players in the first round, selecting Kristaps Porzingis and later acquiring the rights to Notre Dame guard Jerian Grant.

Both teams are coming off their worst seasons in their histories and hoping the turnarounds started Thursday.

Russell is ready to do his part.

"I'm here, and I'm ready to make an impact right away," the Ohio State point guard said.

AP PHOTOS: Years of turmoil after Egypt's 2011 revolt a hidden trauma for nation's children

CAIRO (AP) — In Egypt, the years of turmoil following its 2011 uprising have seen revolutionary graffiti fade away as the country slowly tries to move on, but hidden scars remain for children who grew up during the chaos and lost loved ones.

The grief touches children of all kinds in this country, cutting across Christian and Muslim families, the sons of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group to the daughters of police officers and soldiers. And how they process the sorrow varies widely.

"Kids have different understandings for what they experience, and they are psychologically affected by different things than adults," says psychiatrist Eman Gaber, who leads a rehabilitation program for traumatized children. "When a child loses a parent, a relative, a friend or a person he likes or knows, maybe he wants the killer or killers to feel the loss he feels.

"The pain doesn't come to the person who is dead, but to the ones that are still alive."

Gaber says there are not any statistics about how many children suffered trauma in Egypt's recent unrest, though it's "still hard not to be exposed to any violence," whether that was rioting in their neighborhood or images seen on television or the Internet.

Vandals target Confederate monuments, paint post-Ferguson slogan in graffiti in 6 states

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Vandals have targeted monuments dedicated to the leaders and soldiers of the Confederacy, painting the slogan "Black lives matter" on memorials in a half-dozen states where the landmarks stand tall in parks and outside government buildings.

The graffiti reflects the racial tension that permeates post-Ferguson America, more than a week after a white gunman shot and killed nine black congregants at a Charleston, South Carolina, church.

Michael Allen, a lecturer in American culture studies at Washington University in St. Louis, compared the vandalism to the toppling of statues in Russia at the end of the Soviet empire.

"If the monuments are strong statements of past values, defacing them is the easiest and loudest way to rebuke those statements," Allen said.

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Confederate symbols including the rebel battle flag have been the subject of resentment for years. The anger boiled over after last week's massacre at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The suspect, Dylann Roof, posed in photos with the Confederate flag.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 26, the 177th day of 2015. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).

In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1915, following a whirlwind courtship, poet T.S. Eliot married Vivienne Haigh-Wood in London. (The marriage proved disastrous, but the couple never divorced.) Air conditioning manufacturer Carrier Engineering Corp. was incorporated in New York.

In 1925, Charles Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman authorized the U.S. Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean War.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway. Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in the third round of their match at New York's Yankee Stadium to win the heavyweight title.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1974, the supermarket price scanner made its debut in Troy, Ohio, as a 10-pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum costing 67 cents and bearing a Uniform Product Code (UPC) was scanned by a Marsh Supermarket cashier.

In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during a demonstration at an air show in Mulhouse (muh-LOOZ'), France.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush went back on his "no-new-taxes" campaign pledge, conceding that tax increases would have to be included in any deficit-reduction package worked out with congressional negotiators.

Ten years ago: Dozens of international leaders met in San Francisco to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United Nations' birth. Tens of thousands of festively dressed people marched in parades around the country to celebrate the 35th anniversary of gay pride. South Korea's Birdie Kim holed a 30-yard bunker shot to birdie the 18th hole and win the U.S. Women's Open.

Five years ago: At odds over how to strengthen the global economic recovery, Group of Eight leaders meeting in Canada did find common ground on foreign policy, condemning North Korea for the alleged sinking of a South Korean warship and endorsing a five-year exit timetable for Afghanistan. Ghana sent the U.S. packing from the World Cup in South Africa, eliminating the Americans in the

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second round.

One year ago: The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Barack Obama had exceeded his executive authority in 2012 when he appointed members to the National Labor Relations Board without Senate confirmation. The nation's highest court also unanimously struck down the 35-foot protest-free zone outside abortion clinics in Massachusetts, declaring it an unconstitutional restraint on the free-speech rights of protesters. Former Senate majority leader and White House chief of staff Howard Baker, 88, died at his Tennessee home. Julius Rudel, 93, who was the general director and principal conductor for the New York City Opera for 22 years, died in New York. Mary Rodgers, 83, the daughter of famed Broadway composer Richard Rodgers who found her own fame as composer of "Once Upon a Mattress" and as author of the body-shifting book "Freaky Friday," died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 81. Actor Josef Sommer is 81. Singer Billy Davis Jr. is 77. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 72. Actor Clive Francis is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brenda Holloway is 69. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 65. Actor Robert Davi is 64. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 60. Actor Gedde Watanabe (GEH'-dee wah-tah-NAH'-bee) is 60. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 59. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 58. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 54. U.S. Bicycling Hall of Famer Greg LeMond is 54. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 52. Country musician Eddie Perez (The Mavericks) is 47. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 46. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 45. Actor Sean Hayes is 45. Actor Matt Letscher is 45. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 45. Actor Nick Offerman is 45. Actress Rebecca Budig is 42. MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 41. Contemporary Christian musician Jeff Frankenstein (Newsboys) is 41. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 41. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 36. Pop-rock singer-musician Ryan Tedder (OneRepublic) is 36. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 35. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 31. Actress-singer Jennette McCurdy is 23. Actress-singer Ariana Grande is 22.

Thought for Today: "The formula for success is simple: practice and concentration then more practice and more concentration." - Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete and golfing Hall of Famer (born this date in 1911, died in 1956).