

## City-wide outage tomorrow



Northwestern Energy has been updating its substation on the south side of Groton for the past few weeks. Tomorrow, they will put the substation back on-line; however, it will mean a city-wide outage from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Make sure you have your computers and other electronic devices turned off prior to the outage.

### School Board Story Correction

Depending on when you read the school board story, it was mentioned that Marty Weismantel is a board member of the First State Bank. He is an employee of the bank. We apologize for the error.

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### Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

### The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

### Thursday, July 16

Jr. Teener Region in Sisseton

Game 3: Winners of Games 1 and 2 at 3 p.m.

Game 4: Losers of games 1 and 2 at 5 p.m.

Game 5: Loser of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4 at 7 p.m.

Legion Regions in Groton

Game 1: Redfield vs. Mobridge at 4 p.m.

Game 2: Northville vs. Gettysburg at 7 p.m.

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

**Birthdays:** Linda Thurston • Richard Voss • June Ackman • Linda Stearns

8:00am:Elementary Library open

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

5:30pm:U8 Blue PW at Milbank (Milbank Red at 5:30, Sisseton 2 at 6:30)

5:30pm:U8 Red PW host Britton at 5:30, Webster at 7:30)

6:00pm:T-Ball Black at Ferney

6:00pm:U12 Softball at Aberdeen (DH)



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## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 29th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

### Troy Doeden

**JobWise what are you doing today?** I currently work for De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Company as a Field Representative/Adjuster in Beresford, S.D.

**How long have you been working at the current job?** 3 1/2 years

**How did you get your current job?** Recruited by referral/personal recommendation

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** Prior to working for DSFM, I worked for UBC/ProBuild from 1996 to 2011 with my last position as the General Manager of a retail lumberyard in Sioux Falls. Before that I worked various jobs after college in law enforcement in Vermillion and Aberdeen and in retail in Rochester MN while my wife attended graduate school at the Mayo Clinic.



**Left to right: Audrey, Grace, Christine, Oliver, Sophie and Troy**

**What year did you graduate from high school?** GHS 1986

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** I attended the Univ of South Dakota in Vermillion. I graduated in 2001 with a BS in Criminal Justice.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Study hard to get the best grades possible and participate in as many extra-curricular activities as possible, including music and sports. Take your grades serious and the rest is for fun.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** Raising four wonderful children. I am proud to have served my country in the US Army Reserves. Serving others thru my time spent on church and other community boards, etc.

**Married Life:** I married Christine Eikamp from Groton in 2000.

**How did the two of you meet?** Friends and thru school.

**Do you have any children?** If so what's their names and ages and if they are no longer staying at home where are they at and what are they doing today. I have four children. Sophie(20) will be a senior at Northern State Univ this fall. Sophie will be interning for Senator Rounds this fall in Washington DC. Oliver(18) will be attending Morningside College in Sioux City on a football scholarship. Grace(16) will be a junior at Beresford High School. Audrey(13) will be an 8th grader at Beresford Middle School.

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I feel that my education was part of my preparation for post-graduate life. Living on my own and working part-time and full-time while attending college also played a major influence on my preparation for life after college.

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## State Parks Offer a Variety of Events This Weekend

PIERRE, S.D. – Running, fishing and a little bit of mystery are coming to state parks this weekend. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is continuing to host family-friendly events to get people away from TVs, off the couch and spending time in the summer sun.

### Friday, July 17

Pottery I & II – Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, Sioux Fall. 7 p.m. CT. Info: 605.987.2263

Guided Night Hike – Oakwood Lakes State Park, Bruce. 9 p.m. CT. Info: 605.627.5441

### Saturday, July 18

Force of Nature Kids' Duathlon – Big Sioux Recreation Area, Brandon. 8 a.m. CT. Info: 605.594.3824

Bird Walk – Lake Poinsett Recreation Area, Arlington. 8:30 a.m. CT. Info: 605.983.5085

Little Wings on the Prairie Festival – Oahe Downstream Recreation Area, Fort Pierre. 10 a.m. CT. Info: 605.223.7722

Birding Basics – Newton Hills State Park, Sioux Falls. 10 a.m. CT. Info: 605.987.2263

Forces of Good Earth – Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, Sioux Falls. 11 a.m. CT. Info: 605.987.2263

Family Scavenger Hunt – Mina Lake Recreation Area, Aberdeen. 1 p.m. CT. Info: 605.626.3488

Fishing Frenzy – Chief White Crane Recreation Area, Yankton. 1 p.m. CT. Info: 605.668.2985

Murder Mystery – Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, Sioux Falls. 4 p.m. CT. Info: 605.987.2263

### Sunday, July 19

Sensational Senses – Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, Sioux Falls. 3 p.m. CT. Info: 605.987.2263

## Groton Police Dept Release:

The following story has been confirmed through the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and a report has been taken on it...



"My son and a friend of his were out riding bike this evening. Between his friend's house and ours, a white, unmarked cargo van approached them and the driver demanded that the boys get in the van. The boys described the driver as a white man in his late 30's to early 40's, wearing a red baseball cap. They could also see 3 other people in the vehicle but could not get a description of them. My son and his friend were able to escape the situation physically unharmed, but they are terrified. PLEASE! I beg you, if you see a vehicle fitting this description, PLEASE get a license plate number. It will greatly help in removing these creeps from our streets!"

The Groton Police Dept is asking the public to be aware of and report any suspicious white cargo vans or suspicious activities. The public is asked to get a license plate number and a description of anyone in the vehicle and call Brown County Dispatch at 397-8100 to report any helpful information.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

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## Highway Safety Official: 16 fatalities in 14 days

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Highway Safety officials are again reminding motorists to be careful in the wake of 16 fatalities that have occurred on South Dakota roads since July 1.

In a majority of the nine fatal crashes so far this month, alcohol and speed were believed to be factors as was the non-use of seat belts. Office of Highway Safety Director Lee Axdahl says those are issues that need constant attention.

"Unfortunately, those factors always seem to be part of most fatalities," he says. "We know vehicle crashes can happen in an instant for a variety of reasons. But doing things such as not drinking and driving, slowing down and wearing your seat belt increases the chances of you and your passengers staying alive."

The first two weeks of July this year have been deadlier than the same period in 2014. There were seven crashes and seven fatalities the first 13 days in July of last year.

"One crash-related death is one too many," Axdahl says. "Too many family members and friends are grieving right now over unnecessary and fresh tragedies. That doesn't include the emotional burdens felt first by responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and others who witness the horrible scenes at those crashes."

Axdahl says the Department of Public Safety will continue to promote highway safety messages through public events and advertising campaigns.

The Office of Highway Safety is part of the Department of Public Safety.

## Geist Bridal Shower

**Open House Come & Go Bridal Shower for Shanna Geist bride-to-be of Jamie Scherbenske will be held on Saturday July 18th 9:30-11:30 at the Roscoe Fire Hall Registered at Target, Sears & Lori's**



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## July 16-17-18

Thursday - 9-7, Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-3

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## Today in Weather History

July 16, 1993: Thunderstorms, dumping two to seven inches of rain caused flooding problems in northeastern South Dakota. Several dams and many roads were washed out. Most of the damage was in Marshall County. Six families were evacuated about six miles southeast of Britton as two private earthen dams broke. Winds, as high as 70 mph were also reported in a couple of locations in Marshall County. The heavy rains resulted in flooded farmland, roads, and basements in northeast South Dakota through July 21st. In Groton and Claremont at least 90 percent of the homes had water in the basements. Some storm total rain fall amounts include: 3.20 inches in Leola; 3.14 in Ipswich; 3.13 in Britton; and 2.77 in Eureka.

July 16, 2001: Very heavy rains of 3 to 7 inches fell across north central Corson County causing flash flooding. Oak Creek along with several other streams washed out several roads and damaged some fences from Watauga to McIntosh to McLaughlin and north. Travel was stopped for a while on the Highway north of McLaughlin.

1920 - A severe hailstorm over parts of Antelope and Boone counties in Nebraska stripped trees of bark and foliage, ruined roofs, and broke nearly every window facing north. (The Weather Channel)

1946 - The temperature at Medford, OR, soared to an all-time high of 115 degrees to begin a two week heat wave. During that Oregon heat wave the mercury hit 100 degrees at Sexton Summit for the only time in forty years of records. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1975 - An early afternoon thunderstorm raked the east side of Tucson, AZ, with gale force winds, heavy rain, and numerous lightning strikes. A thirteen year old boy was swept through a forty foot long culvert by raging waters before being rescued. (The Weather Channel)

1979: The most damaging tornado in Wyoming history touched down 3 miles west-northwest of the Cheyenne airport. This strong tornado moved east or east-southeast across the northern part of Cheyenne, causing \$22 million in damage and 1 fatality. 140 houses and 17 trailers were destroyed. 325 other houses were damaged. Four C-130 aircraft and National Guard equipment sustained \$12 million damage. Municipal hangars and buildings suffered \$10 million damage.






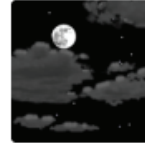

1987 - Showers and thundestorms in the southwestern U.S. ended a record string of thirty-nine consecutive days of 100 degree heat at Tucson, AZ. A thunderstorm at Bullhead City, AZ, produced wind gusts to 70 mph reducing the visibility to near zero in blowing dust. Southerly winds gusting to 40 mph pushed temperature readings above 100 degrees in the Northern Plains. Rapid City, SD, reported a record high of 106 degrees, following a record low of 39 degrees just three days earlier. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty-seven cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 96 degrees at Bluefield, WV, and 104 degrees at Charleston WV were all-time records, and afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Binghamton, NY, 99 degrees at Elkins, WV, and 103 degrees at Pittsburgh PA, tied all- time records. Highs of 104 degrees at Baltimore, MD, and 105 degrees at Parkersburg WV were records for July, and Beckley, WV, equalled their record for July with a high of 94 degrees. Martinsburg, WV, was the hot spot in the nation with a reading of 107 degrees. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms raked the northeastern U.S. with large hail and damaging winds. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms developing along a stationary front drenched the Middle Atlantic Coast States with heavy rain, causing flooding in some areas. More than five inches of rain was reported near Madison and Ferncliff, VA. Hot weather prevailed in Texas. San Angelo reported a record high of 106 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
40%	10%	40%	40%			
Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 86 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 82 °F



## Hot & Humid, T'Storms Possible

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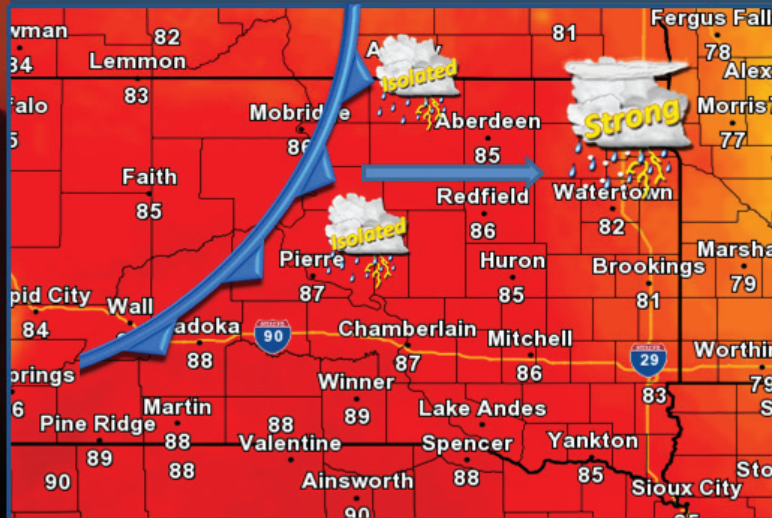


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### Afternoon High Temperatures



### Weather Headlines



**Today:** Storms possible along a front, best chances across NE SD and west central MN. Some storms may be strong.



**Friday:** Another system brings thunderstorms chances to the region. Some storms may be severe.



**Workweek:** Hot and humid conditions persists through remainder of the work week

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Thunderstorms may develop along a front which will move from west to east across the region this afternoon. The best chances reside over northeast SD and west central MN. A few severe storms are possible with hail and gusty winds the main threat. Another system will move into the region Friday, bringing additional thunderstorms chances, and some storms may be severe. Meanwhile, hot and muggy conditions are expected through the remainder of the work week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 86.8 at 3:40 PM

**Low:** 65.6 at 5:54 AM

**High Gust:** 29 at 6:25 PM

Precip: 0.13

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 112° in 1936

**Record Low:** 42° in 1976

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in July:** 1.68

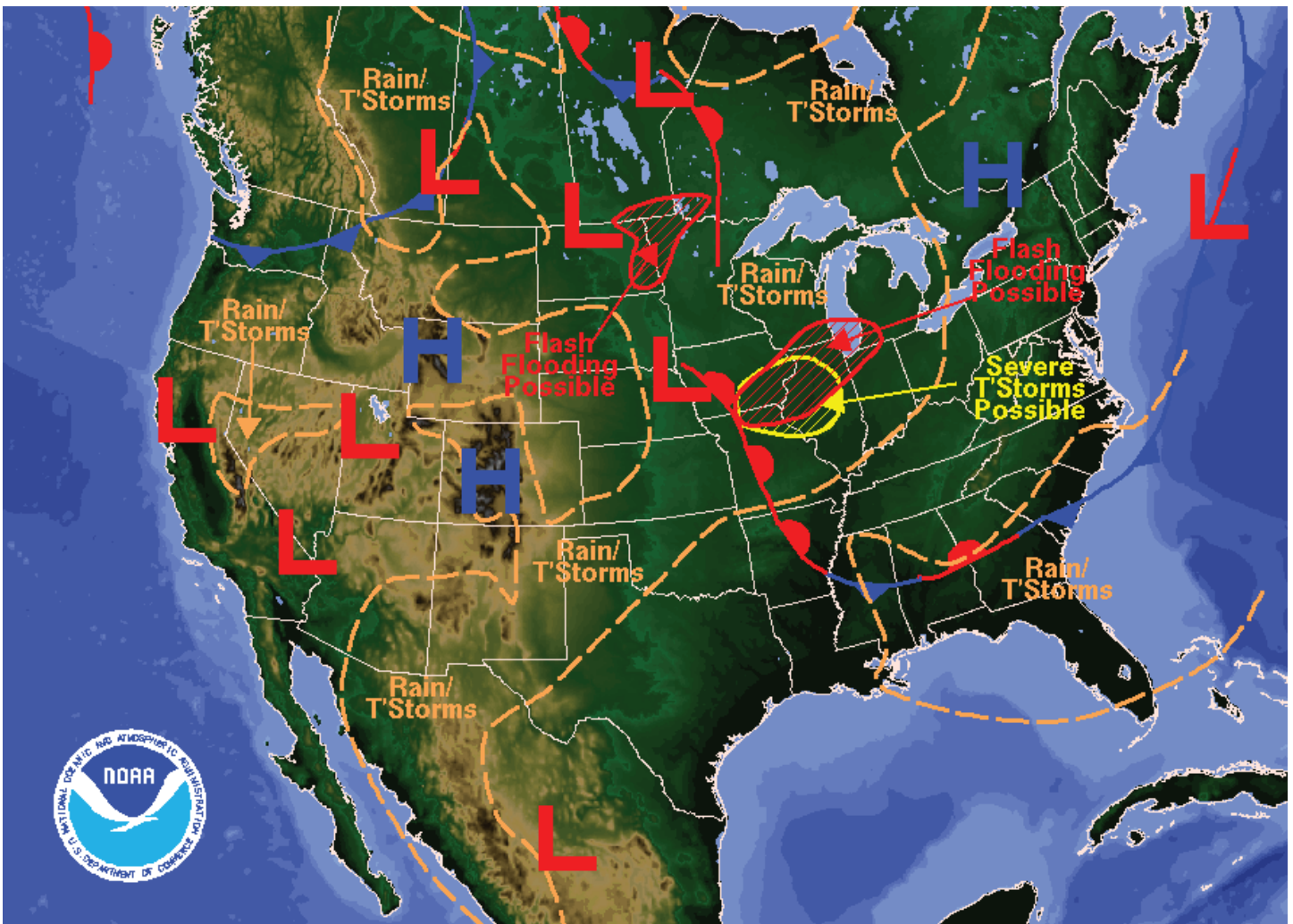
**Precip to date in July:** 1.90

**Average Precip to date:** 12.52

**Precip Year to Date:** 9.32

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:18 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 16, 2015, issued 4:20 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Pereira based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## ME, MY MOP AND THE DOCTOR

Early one morning Jim Belasco, a noted writer, went to the Methodist Hospital in Houston, to interview the world famous heart surgeon, Dr. Michael DeBakey. As he made his way toward the operating room, he met a custodian with a smile as large as life and singing happily with all his heart, mopping the floor.

Curious to see such enthusiasm at such an early hour, the writer asked, "Why are you so happy?"

Came the quick reply, "Me and the Doc are going to save some lives today."

We all form partnerships for many different reasons. There are occasions when partnerships are formed for leisure activities or social events and other times for work or special projects. But imagine a partnership that included a mop and a scalpel, a doctor and a janitor. Unbelievable! But that is what Paul had in mind when he said, "We work together as partners who belong to (and bring glory to) God!"

**Prayer:** Father, may all of our "partnerships" be formed with the simple purpose of pleasing You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

## News from the Associated Press

### **No injuries in fire in Sioux Falls apartment building**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — No one was hurt in a fire that prompted the evacuation of a Sioux Falls apartment building.

Firefighters responded to the three-story building Wednesday afternoon. They evacuated the building and had the fire knocked down in about 10 minutes.

Crews are still investigating the cause of the blaze.

The Red Cross opened a shelter to temporarily house displaced residents.

### **Convention celebrating Laura Ingalls Wilder starts Thursday**

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder are flocking to Brookings for the annual convention that celebrates the life and work of the "Little House" author.

The third annual LauraPalooza starts Thursday at South Dakota State University and runs through Friday.

The gathering brings together fans and academics to discuss the literary, cultural and historical impact of Laura Ingalls Wilder and her books.

The Brookings Register reports that more than 150 people are expected to attend.

There will be a silent auction of Laura Ingalls Wilder-themed items as well as a reception for authors and artists.

Pamela Smith Hill, who edited Wilder's autobiography, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

The book was released by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press and has sold more than 100,000 copies.

### **Authorities: Driver killed in rollover crash near Mitchell**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 62-year-old man has died in a crash near Mitchell after the truck he was driving rolled over and came to rest partly underwater.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the driver in the one-vehicle accident was identified as Kevin Gardeman of Corsica. The Highway Patrol says he was driving a Ford F800 truck loaded with lumber Wednesday when its wheels went off the pavement.

According to the Highway Patrol, Gardeman overcorrected the truck, and it went across the roadway and into a ditch. The cab of the truck was partly underwater, and Gardeman was trapped.

The Highway Patrol says people at the scene tried to save Gardeman, but he was pronounced dead. The agency says he was wearing a seatbelt, and alcohol wasn't a factor.

### **4-hour power outage planned in Huron for upgrade work**

HURON, S.D. (AP) — An area of Huron will be without power for about four hours Friday.

NorthWestern Energy has planned upgrades to its underground electric system. The outage, which will affect an area in the southwest area of the city, is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and run until about noon.

The utility says the outage will allow crews to perform the work safely and will improve the reliability of service in the area.

NorthWestern Energy serves about 678,200 customers in South Dakota, Montana and Nebraska.

## **Task force on autism therapy for children to meet in Pierre**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A task force spawned by a bill from the 2015 legislative session that mandates certain insurance plans cover a costly but effective treatment for children with autism is meeting in Pierre.

The Department of Human Services said Wednesday that the Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup is meeting July 21 for the first time.

The new law requires certain insurance plans to pay for applied behavior analysis therapy. But the law requires coverage of the therapy only by providers who have a master's or doctoral degree.

Some parents have said that severely restricts the number of providers they can use and had pushed for a broader version of the proposal lawmakers eventually passed.

The workgroup will determine how the state should expand coverage moving forward and will make recommendations to lawmakers.

## **Groups opposing oil pipeline across Iowa submit more than 2,600 written statements against it**

**By BARBARA RODRIGUEZ**

**Associated Press**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Groups opposing plans to build an oil pipeline across Iowa submitted written statements against the project Thursday and criticized Gov. Terry Branstad for what they say is his selective neutrality.

About 40 people from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and the Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition gathered outside the offices of the Iowa Utilities Board in Des Moines to submit more than 2,600 written statements.

"This huge hazardous liquid pipeline is threatening our land, our water and our very livelihoods, if not lives," said Brenda Brink, a CCI member.

The pipeline would transport up to 570,000 barrels of crude oil daily from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution center in Illinois, and is projected to be operational by late 2016 if approved by state regulators.

The Iowa Utilities Board, a three-member board appointed by the governor, has authority to approve critical parts of the project over land use. The board requested the statements as part of its process for deciding whether to allow Dakota Access, LLC, a unit of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, to use the land if it secures enough approval from landowners. The company must also secure permits from other agencies.

Among the opposing groups' concerns are the environmental effects of a potential oil spill and the legal process for seeking easements to use private land for the pipeline.

"There's not enough money in the world that they can give us to cross our land, they'll never do it," said Dick Lamb, a landowner in central Iowa who would be affected.

Dakota Access spokeswoman Vicki Granado said the company looks forward to continuing to work with Iowa landowners. She said the company to date has voluntary easement agreements for 60 percent of property along the proposed pipeline route, though critics have been skeptical of the number.

Legislation that would have offered more protections to landowners who oppose the pipeline failed to garner enough support this session.

A decision is expected by the end of the year, though the groups argue the board needs to take more

time to listen to the public.

The groups also argued Thursday that Branstad should publically oppose the pipeline. They noted the governor made comments in June to a panel of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials where he supported more renewable fuels in the county's gasoline supply. CCI spokesman Nathan Malachowski said the comments showed Branstad should speak up about the pipeline.

Branstad spokesman Jimmy Centers said the governor supports Iowa residents voicing their opinion on the pipeline and it's ultimately up to the board.

## **Child injured in two-vehicle crash near Flandreau dies**

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — A 7-year-old girl who was injured on Monday in a two-vehicle crash in Moody County has died.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Mariana Kremppges, of Dell Rapids, died at a Sioux Falls hospital Tuesday.

The Highway Patrol says 38-year-old Joshua Kremppges, of Flandreau, was driving a car that failed to yield at a rural intersection southeast of Flandreau and collided with a pickup truck about 7 a.m. Monday.

Joshua Kremppges and 11-year-old passenger Madyson Barbee, of Dell Rapids, died at the scene. Mariana Kremppges, another 7-year-old and an 11-year-old from Dell Rapids who also were in the car were taken to a Sioux Falls hospital after suffering what authorities said were life-threatening injuries.

The lone person in the pickup suffered minor injuries.

## **Tribe's partner in marijuana venture faces fiscal challenges**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — When the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe announced an agreement with an outside business for advice on how to grow and sell marijuana on its land, it touted the consultant's experience advising other groups on the topic and that it's a publicly traded company.

But documents filed by Colorado-based Monarch America Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission show its auditor has raised "substantial doubt" over its ability to continue as a going concern, with management estimating it needs more than \$2.5 million in revenue by the end of March to stay afloat.

Flandreau Santee Sioux President Anthony Reider told The Associated Press that tribal officials knew of Monarch's financial challenges but chose it because the company was willing to sign a short-term deal and sought a smaller share of profits than other consulting firms.

"Obviously, it raised a red flag," Reider said of the SEC filings. "But ... there are so many people in the industry that would be able to step in and help in the event that they were to close."

Monarch CEO Eric Hagen said in an interview that efforts to raise the revenue are going "very well," but wouldn't elaborate. He downplayed Monarch's financial challenges, saying the company is "in a good position currently."

The tribe already operates a casino and other businesses on its land and sees marijuana as a way to bring in more money to develop housing and other projects. It's estimating a monthly profit of up to \$2 million from a 15,000-square-foot recreational area that would include bowling, arcade games, gambling machines, bar and food service and an outdoor music venue.

The legalization vote in June came six months after the Justice Department outlined a new policy allowing Indian tribes, which are considered sovereign nations, to grow and sell marijuana on tribal lands

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under the same conditions laid out for states that have legalized the drug.

Federal officials aren't tracking tribes that will be selling pot, but groups monitoring nationwide developments believe the Flandreau tribe is the first to take advantage of the new policy in a state that has not decriminalized the use of marijuana.

Monarch is advising the tribe on the facility's engineering as well as the best practices for growing marijuana. It isn't managing either the indoor growing site or the recreational lounge where people may use the drug.

The company was founded in Nevada in 2010 as Lingas Ventures Inc., a mineral exploration company. Current management took over in 2014, acquired a hydroponic light and indoor gardening supplies company called The Big Tomato and renamed the company Cannabis Kinetics Corp. It became Monarch America in December.

Monarch touts services that can "elevate the business of cultivation from the erratically stocked, sparsely staffed and managed, independent-store model to that of an efficient and consistently managed organization," according to an SEC filing.

Hagen said Monarch manages growing sites in Washington state and Colorado, one of which tribal officials visited before signing the agreement in June. The company expects to begin receiving monthly payments of \$50,000 starting in August under a management services agreement with Green Sky Inc., an indoor growing site in Denver.

But in a recent quarterly filing, the company said it doesn't have enough cash to cover expenses over the next 12 months. It warned that failure to raise enough capital "will have a severe negative impact on its ability to remain a viable company."

A going concern doubt, meaning auditors believe a firm doesn't have the resources to stay in business, complicates a company's chances of finding investors, said Ashwinpaul Sondhi, president of the A.C. Sondhi & Associates investment and consulting firm in Florida.

"The basic question for any new investor would be 'How are they going to get their money out?' There are so many other investments that are available," Sondhi said. "So in order to invest in something that is so risky that it has a going concern problem, you need to not only make sure that you get your money back, but of course the normal problem of how are you going to get a return on your investment."

Monarch needs \$1 million by March 30 to pay the former owners of The Big Tomato and faces a Jan. 30 deadline to repay more than \$1.15 million to a creditor. As of March, the company had \$226,060 in cash and liabilities of more than \$3.6 million. Its stock was trading Wednesday at 7 cents per share.

Its five-year agreement with the Flandreau Santee Sioux calls for Monarch to get a fixed percentage of net revenues for its consulting services. The agreement has two five-year renewal options. Neither Monarch nor Reider would give financial details.

Construction began this week and marijuana cultivation is expected to start in October, with the tribe hoping to have product ready for sale in December.

## Summer hail prompts use of snowplows in South Dakota city

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A brief but intense hailstorm that dropped as much as 4 inches of slippery pellets in a South Dakota city prompted officials to call out snowplows in the middle of summer.

Pennington County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Jackson tells the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1MtzW6U>) that the Tuesday night incident on U.S. Highway 16 south of Rapid City was "definitely weird" for mid-July.

The National Weather Service says pea-size hail pelted the highway for about 15 minutes. Jackson says the area was shrouded in heavy fog as the hail melted and a few cars went off the road, but that

there were no serious injuries.

## **Fugitive and bank robbery suspect caught in Minnesota**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have caught a man who walked away from a minimum-security prison in South Dakota and is suspected of robbing three banks in Minnesota.

KSTP-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1fJ6Aaz> ) that 46-year-old Clint Eldeen was arrested early Wednesday in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

Eldeen was last seen leaving the minimum-security unit of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls on Friday night. He's been named as a suspect in the robbery of a Bremer Bank early Saturday in Roseville, Minnesota, a St. Paul suburb.

Police in Richfield, Minnesota, say a man who robbed two banks in that city Tuesday afternoon matched Eldeen's description. Officers chased the suspect but lost him.

Eldeen was serving 20 years in prison for no-account checks. He was sentenced in 2000.

## **Dakotas surgeon accused of sexually abusing girl in Oregon**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A general surgeon from South Dakota who works in North Dakota is accused of sexually abusing a teenage girl in Oregon for two years starting in 2009.

Robert J. Gustafson, 46, on Monday pleaded not guilty in Oregon's Clatsop County to 12 counts related to the alleged abuse, The Daily Astorian reported (<http://bit.ly/1f0urBG> ). It was not immediately clear where Gustafson was working at the time.

The indictment says the abuse started when the girl was not yet 14 years old.

Defense attorney Paul Hood said Gustafson plans to post the required 10 percent of his \$250,000 bail and return to the West River Regional Medical Center in the North Dakota town of Hettinger.

"I contacted the health center today; they are holding his job for him," Hood said. "He is the only surgeon at the facility."

The Associated Press requested comment from the hospital on Gustafson's status.

Gustafson is required to have no contact with children, unless it's necessary in his work, as a condition of his release.

Gustafson grew up in Brookings, South Dakota, and obtained his medical degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He previously practiced in Spearfish. His biography on the hospital's website says he served in the U.S. Army for nine years including five years on active duty in Iraq, during which he received several medals including the Bronze Star.

## **Decision to rename Sioux Falls road over protests stands**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls City Council decision to rename a 4-mile stretch of state Highway 11 "Veterans Parkway" will stand, despite the objections of some history buffs.

Councilman Greg Jamison on Tuesday asked his colleagues to reconsider last week's decision. Jamison had voted in favor of the change from Powder House Road but said he later concluded the highway has no relevance to military history.

"I feel like I made a mistake," he said.

History aficionados oppose the renaming because they think it will erode memories of a New Year's Eve 1936 explosion, when a gang from Sioux City, Iowa, lit a Sioux Falls dynamite storage building on fire to get rid of adversaries. The explosion killed a man, shattered windows miles away and led to the

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arrest of three people.

"I'm still a little bewildered because the story basically is nothing but criminal activity by very unsuccessful criminals," Councilman Kenny Anderson Jr said. "You never know what we want to hold on to."

The council on a 6-2 vote refused to reconsider the renaming decision.

"For people that are new to Sioux Falls, they would see that it's Veteran's Parkway, and that would demonstrate the high regard we have for veterans here in Sioux Falls," Councilman Kermit Staggers said.

A frontage road will maintain the Powder House Road name, and a historical marker will be placed in the area, Councilman Rex Roling 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. GREECE SEEKS FINANCIAL RELIEF AFTER AUSTERITY VOTE

Eurozone finance ministers will hold a conference call to consider rescue financing for Athens, while the European Central Bank will mull a request to increase emergency cash assistance to teetering Greek banks.

### 2. WHY GOP OPPOSES IRAN DEAL

Republicans question the accord's impact on the security of Israel, and wonder aloud why anyone would trust Obama.

### 3. IN EARLY STATES, TRUMP PUTS PREMIUM ON STAFF, BIG EVENTS

Observers are skeptical that the billionaire has the wherewithal to sustain the kind of campaign voters will expect when his luster begins to wear off.

### 4. LITTLE CERTAINTY 1 YEAR AFTER AIRLINER SHOT DOWN IN UKRAINE

Official probes trudge forward with painful slowness, and contradictory theories emerge from Moscow.

### 5. WHO IS HOSPITALIZED AFTER FALLING

Former President George H.W. Bush is being treated for a broken bone in his neck. His condition is stable but he is wearing a brace.

### 6. LAWMAKERS BACK COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DECADE-OLD GULF LEAK

Letters obtained by The AP show at least four members of Louisiana's congressional delegation have intervened on Taylor Energy Company's behalf, urging federal regulators to take up a settlement proposal.

### 7. PALESTINIANS QUIT MEDICAL STUDY IN VENEZUELA

They don't think the Cuban-inspired medical program is academically serious.

### 8. WHAT BUSINESS TRAVELERS FAVOR

Uber overtakes taxis as the most expensed form of ground transportation, according to expense management system provider Certify.

### 9. 'EMPIRE,' 'MAD MEN,' LETTERMAN VIE FOR EMMY AWARDS

Diversity should be in greater evidence than in years past when the 67th annual Primetime Emmy nominations are announced Thursday.

### 10. CAITLYN JENNER ACCEPTS ASHE COURAGE AWARD AT ESPYS

She receives a standing ovation from some of the sporting world's biggest stars after her 10-minute speech.

## AP News in Brief

### **Greece seeks relief from lenders after austerity vote triggers rioting, political revolt**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's troubled left-wing government was seeking urgent relief from European lenders Thursday, after it pushed a harsh austerity package through parliament, triggering a revolt in the governing party and violent demonstrations in central Athens.

Finance ministers from countries using the euro currency were planning a conference call to consider rescue financing for Greece, while the European Central Bank will mull a request from Athens to increase emergency assistance to troubled Greek banks that have been closed since June 29.

The bill was the first step in meeting requirements for negotiations to start on a desperately needed third international bailout for Greece that will prevent it from crashing out of Europe's common currency, following a deal reached by Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and other Eurozone leaders after a marathon summit in Brussels last weekend.

In a post-midnight vote, the country's parliament voted 229-64 to implement more austerity measures that include pension reforms and sweeping sales tax hikes. Approval came thanks to pro-European opposition parties who voted in favor, and in spite of deepening dissent within Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party.

Thirty-eight party lawmakers defied Tsipras — nearly one-in-four — by voting against or abstaining. They included Tsipras' powerful energy minister, the speaker of parliament, and Yanis Varoufakis, the former finance minister who headed Greece's bailout strategy until his replacement 10 days ago.

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### **The Latest: Moody's warns Greek skepticism, divisions could endanger bailout's implementation**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest on Greece's financial crisis (all times local):

12:35 p.m.

Credit ratings agency Moody's says Greece's approval of austerity measures "averts an immediate disorderly default and potential exit from the euro" but warns that "risks remain elevated" given substantial skepticism within the country on the bailout conditions.

The Greek parliament's approval of the economic measures paves the way for eurozone finance ministers to open talks on a third rescue package for the country worth some 85 billion euros (\$93 billion) over three years.

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### **Analysis: Congressional Republicans on track to oppose Iran deal, with or without reading it**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans fall into two camps when it comes to President Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. Some are against it, while others want to read it before announcing their opposition.

Either way, they are laying down markers for next year's campaigns for the White House and control of Congress. They question the deal's impact on the security of Israel, and wonder aloud why anyone would trust President Barack Obama, whom they accuse of naively trusting the word of the leadership of the anti-Israeli, Islamic State of Iran.

Obama offered a rebuttal at a White House news conference on Wednesday, inviting reporters to



make sure they challenged him with each of the criticisms coming from Republicans so he could rebut them all. More broadly, he recommended that critics “read the agreement before they comment on it.”

It seemed a simple request on a diplomatic accord that politicians in both parties agree is a momentous event — particularly for tea party politicians who rode to power in 2010 vowing to read each and every bill they vote on.

But not all Republicans seem ready to grant his wish.

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## **In New Hampshire, Trump has trappings of true campaign but locals question his commitment**

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — In a state where early organization is key to a successful presidential campaign, Donald Trump’s New Hampshire operation has the trappings of a legitimate political organization.

He’s got seven full-time staffers in New Hampshire, a sprawling office space in Manchester with walls displaying Trump photos and quotations, and a schedule that’s put him in front of hundreds of voters in the first primary state. As well: nine people working for him in Iowa, six in South Carolina, 15 people based in New York City, a number of policy consultants, a treasurer and a lawyer who specializes in ballot access issues. He’ll be back in New Hampshire for a rally Thursday.

Campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who exhibits more than a little of the bravado of his boss, says the campaign stacks up against any other. “We have met or exceeded every metric, every expectation of what a campaign should look like,” he said. “These other campaigns — ones that don’t have to prove themselves like we do — cannot compete with a Trump campaign.”

By comparison, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul has six staffers in New Hampshire, while former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie each have four. Christie has two staff members and a senior adviser in Iowa, and no staff in South Carolina, his campaign said.

But aside from hiring people and hosting carefully crafted events, Trump has yet to begin other vital campaign efforts such as debate preparation. Republican observers here question whether Trump has the wherewithal — or plans — to sustain the kind of campaign New Hampshire voters will expect when his luster begins to wear off.

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## **Former President George HW Bush, 91, breaks bone in neck in fall, hospitalized wearing brace**

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush, at 91 the oldest living former president, was being treated at a hospital early Thursday for a broken bone in his neck suffered in a fall and was wearing a brace.

Bush, the 41st U.S. president, fell on Wednesday at his summer home in Kennebunkport but was doing OK, a Bush spokesman said.

“41 fell at home in Maine today and broke a bone in his neck,” spokesman Jim McGrath tweeted on Wednesday night. “His condition is stable -- he is fine -- but he’ll be in a neck brace.”

Bush was being treated at Portland’s Maine Medical Center, where a children’s hospital is named for his wife. The medical center confirmed his condition was stable but said it was premature to speculate about when he’ll be released. It said he would be there at least overnight.

Bush, who has a form of Parkinson’s disease and uses a motorized scooter or a wheelchair for mobility, has suffered other recent health setbacks.

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## Louisiana politicians back company's bid for settlement over decade-old oil leak in the Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Hill lawmakers from Louisiana have intervened on behalf of a New Orleans company that has failed to stop a decade-old oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico but lobbied for a refund of money reserved for spill containment work, according to letters obtained by The Associated Press through public records requests.

Since December, at least four members of Louisiana's congressional delegation have urged the Obama administration to take up a settlement proposal by Taylor Energy Company, the letters show. The company is down to one full-time employee and is no longer active in the offshore drilling industry, but its CEO is a prominent philanthropist and generous political donor.

The leak dates to Hurricane Ivan in 2004, when storm-whipped waves in the Gulf triggered an underwater mudslide that toppled a Taylor Energy-owned oil platform and buried a cluster of its wells under mounds of sediment. Oil is still leaking at the site more than a decade later, with slicks often stretching for miles off Louisiana's coast.

An Associated Press investigation in April revealed evidence that the leak is worse than the company, or government, have publicly reported during their secretive response. Presented with AP's findings, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate that is about 20 times greater than one recently touted by the company. The government also recently estimated that the leak could last a century or more if left unchecked.

In an effort to resolve its leak-related obligations, Taylor Energy asked federal regulators to refund an undisclosed amount of money that it deposited in a trust account to pay for response work, according to court records. The company, which embarked on a Washington lobbying campaign last year, claims nothing more can be done to eliminate the chronic slicks.

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## AP Exclusive: Young Palestinians quitting medical study in Venezuela, say program not rigorous

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The Palestinian students were greeted like celebrities upon arrival in Caracas. President Nicolas Maduro wore a kaffiyeh headdress and played up their symbolic importance during an address broadcast across the socialist South American country.

"Today, Palestine enters the heart of Venezuela," Maduro declared in November when he greeted the first 119 recipients of a medical school scholarship, adding that the historic exchange with a key ideological ally had made him cry.

The program to train young Palestinians as doctors was to be the latest addition to an array of international solidarity programs the late President Hugo Chavez established, the best-known of which provides communist Cuba with cheap oil in exchange for the services of tens of thousands of health professionals.

But eight months later, about a third of the Palestinians have dropped out, complaining the program lacks academic rigor, according to interviews The Associated Press conducted with students, teachers and government officials. At least 29 have already gone home, while other dropouts are living in Caracas rent-free as they wait to receive plane tickets to go home.

The Palestinians who left the Yasser Arafat Scholarship Program, which included seven years of room and board at a state-run school staffed by Cuban doctors, said they weren't getting the training they needed to become recognized physicians. Dismissing those concerns, school officials say the young people were homesick and susceptible to manipulation by government critics.

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## Swiss authorities say 1 of 7 detained FIFA officials has been extradited to the United States

GENEVA (AP) — One of the seven FIFA officials arrested in Zurich as part of a corruption probe has been extradited to the United States, the Swiss Justice Ministry said Thursday.

The Federal Office of Justice said the man, whom it did not identify, was extradited on Wednesday. "He was handed over to a three-man U.S. police escort in Zurich who accompanied him on the flight to New York," the ministry said in a statement.

The official agreed last week to be extradited, unlike six others who are fighting extradition.

The extradited man is accused of "accepting bribes totaling millions of dollars in connection with the sale of marketing rights to various sports marketing firms and keeping the money for himself," the Swiss justice office said last week.

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## Japan's lower house of parliament OKs expanded military role in a vote boycotted by opposition

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's lower house of parliament on Thursday approved legislation that would allow an expanded role for the nation's military in a vote boycotted by the opposition.

The vote came one day after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling bloc forced the bills through a committee despite intensifying protests.

Opposition lawmakers walked out after their party leaders made final speeches against the bills. Only members of the Japan Restoration Party voted for their counterproposal and against the ruling party legislation.

Abe wants to strengthen the military's role to counter China's growing presence in the region and contribute more to international peacekeeping efforts.

The legislation was crafted after his Cabinet last year adopted a new interpretation of Japan's pacifist constitution, which was drafted by the U.S. and has been in place since a year after the end of World War II.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 16, the 197th day of 2015. There are 168 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb in the desert of Alamogordo, New Mexico. The same day, the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis left Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California on a secret mission to deliver atomic bomb components to Tinian Island in the Marianas.

### On this date:

In 1790, a site along the Potomac River was designated the permanent seat of the United States government; the area became Washington D.C.

In 1862, Flag Officer David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1912, New York gambler Herman Rosenthal, set to testify before a grand jury about police corruption, was gunned down by members of the Lennox Avenue Gang.

In 1935, the first parking meters were installed in Oklahoma City.

In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published by Little, Brown and

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In 1964, as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater declared that "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1970, Three Rivers Stadium, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirates, officially opened as the Pirates lost to the Cincinnati Reds 3-2. (The stadium was demolished in 2001.)

In 1979, Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq.

In 1980, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.

In 1981, singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway.

In 1995, William Barloon and David Daliberti, two Americans imprisoned in Iraq for crossing the border from Kuwait four months earlier, were released.

In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when their single-engine plane, piloted by Kennedy, plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

**Ten years ago:** A suicide bomber blew up a fuel tanker near a Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) mosque in Mu-sayyib, Iraq, killing nearly 100 people. More than a week after the London terror bombings, British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned that an "evil ideology" of Islamic extremism was bent on spreading terror through the West. "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," the long-awaited sixth book in J.K. Rowling's fantasy series, officially went on sale.

**Five years ago:** Retired intelligence analyst Kendall Myers, the 73-year-old great grandson of Alexander Graham Bell, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for quietly spying for Cuba for nearly a third of a century from inside the State Department; his wife, Gwendolyn, was sentenced to 5 1/2 years. American sprinters who'd been stripped of their 2000 Olympics relay medals because teammate Marion Jones was doping won an appeal to have them restored.

**One year ago:** The U.S. and the European Union imposed new economic sanctions on Russia; in his announcement, President Barack Obama said, "What we are expecting is that the Russian leadership will see once again that its actions in Ukraine have consequences." Texas blues legend Johnny Winter, 70, died in Zurich.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh is 83. Soul singer Denise LaSalle is 81. Soul singer William Bell is 76. International Tennis Hall of Famer Margaret Court is 73. College Football Hall of Famer and football coach Jimmy Johnson is 72. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 67. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 67. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is 63. Playwright Tony Kushner is 59. Dancer Michael Flatley is 57. Actress Phoebe Cates is 52. Actor Paul Hipp (TV: "The Middle") is 52. Actor Daryl "Chill" Mitchell is 50. Actor-comedian Will Ferrell is 48. Actor Jonathan Adams is 48. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Barry Sanders is 47. Actress Rain Pryor is 46. Actor Corey Feldman is 44. Rock musician Ed Kowalczyk (Live) is 44. Rock singer Ryan McCombs (Drowning Pool) is 41. Actress Jayma Mays is 36. Actress AnnaLynne McCord is 28. Actor-singer James Maslow is 25. Actor Mark Indelicato is 21. Pop singer-musician Luke Hemmings (5 Seconds to Summer) is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "Any life, however long and complicated it may be, actually consists of a single moment: the moment when a man knows forever more who he is." - Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine author (1899-1986).