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## Sunday, April 17

**Birthdays:** Bernice Fliehs, Dan Felkey, Morghan Waage, Aaron Delzer  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship  
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Communion  
11:00am: HBM Kumla Dinner at Groton Community Center  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Confirmands serve)

## Monday, April 18

**School Breakfast:** French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, lettuce, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Dylan Vogel, Emily Sippel, Merrie Atherton, Tammie Hanson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

3:45pm: 7th/8th grade track at Milbank

## Tuesday, April 19

**School Breakfast:** French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Soft tacos, refried beans, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, mixed vegetables, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Virginia Nehls

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


**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**

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**Come and go bridal shower for Sarah Geary, bride-to-be of Sam Thorson, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and at Target.**

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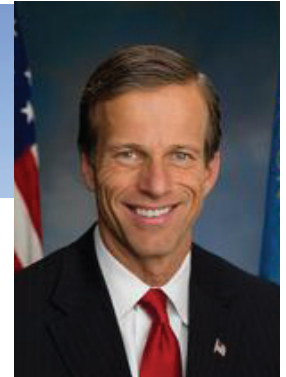
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## There's Not Much to Celebrate During Tax Season

Oh, the IRS. Everyone's least favorite federal government agency, bulging at the seams with D.C. bureaucrats. Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of good people working in federal government agencies throughout Washington, but the IRS is laden with tax collectors whose sole mission is to collect your hard-earned money to line the federal coffers, which doesn't make anyone other than the tax collectors very happy.

For most Americans, though, it's not necessarily paying their share that frustrates them, it's that their share seems to grow each year and with diminishing returns. They feel like their money is being squandered and not spent as efficiently or effectively as possible. So, with tax season upon us, I thought it was a good opportunity to take a step back and try to put into perspective the burden the IRS places on American taxpayers each year and examine what we can or should do about it.

Six billion. That's how many hours taxpayers spend each year trying to comply with Internal Revenue Code requirements, according to the National Taxpayer Advocate. Six billion, with a "b." After some helpful math, the National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) determined that comes out to nearly 700,000 years or the equivalent of more than 150 million 40-hour workweeks. This is collective time spent each and every year for tax compliance.

Imagine the productivity that's lost for American small business owners who constantly try to navigate the complexities of the tax code to ensure his or her business stays compliant. Or how about all of the headaches caused and time and money spent by families filling out tax returns every spring? According to the NTUF, compliance with the federal income tax cost the U.S. economy more than \$200 billion in productivity just last year alone.

One of the first things we can do is probably the most obvious. The federal government could tighten its belt and spend less money, just like every family across the country must do from time to time. And it's not only spending less that's so important, but it's spending more effectively that could make the most difference. Why in the world should the government be spending \$1 million for monkeys running in hamster balls on a treadmill or \$780,000 so the government can study college students and pizza addiction?

Another thing we could do is hold the tax collectors more accountable, which I've made a strong effort to do. In my opinion, it's impossible to have too much accountability, especially when it comes to the IRS. So, last year, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and I introduced important legislation, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Enhancement Act, that would create greater accountability for IRS bureaucrats and more protections for American taxpayers.

A number of provisions of our bill have already been enacted into law, such as requiring termination of any IRS employee taking official action for political purposes, prohibiting IRS employees from using personal email to conduct official business, and requiring the IRS to provide additional information to taxpayers whose rights have been violated by IRS employees. The other provisions of our bill, which I expect the Senate Finance Committee will soon consider, takes important steps toward restoring the IRS to an agency the American people expect and deserve. On top of that, in the coming years, Congress must work toward comprehensive tax reform, which would alleviate a large portion of the heavy tax burden.

While there's not much to celebrate during tax season, there's always a silver lining: you have 12 months until tax season arrives again. Until then, my promise to you is that I will continue to treat every dollar in Washington with the respect a hard-earned dollar deserves and guard it as if it was one of my own (and if you asked my wife Kimberley, you'd know how safe it is!).



## The Families Who Serve

This February in the Harrisburg High School gym, a young girl stepped up to the microphone, took a deep breath, and shared with each of us her heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem. As each of us looked to the Stars and Stripes with hand over heart, the air in the room became noticeably heavier. We were hearing our anthem not because it was almost time for tip-off, but because 39 soldiers from the South Dakota National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade were about to deploy to Kuwait.

I have the utmost respect and gratitude for those who volunteer to serve in our military. It is because of them that we can live the lives that we do. But I'm also careful to remember that service is not something only those in uniform do. Their families serve alongside them.

April has been set aside as the Month of the Military Child. In South Dakota, there are more than 7,100 military children whose parents serve in the National Guard, the Reserves, or active duty. Regardless of whether their parent is at home, at drill, or deployed, the grit and resilience of these young people help enable their parents to serve.

South Dakota has always done a good job of keeping family at the center of everything we do and our military organizations are no different. In three of the last four years, South Dakota National Guard units have been nationally recognized with the Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award. These repeated awards speak to the integrity and value-system of the South Dakota National Guard, our service members, and their leadership.

While the military's support for families of service members is mission critical, we, as civilians, share in that responsibility. I was blown away by the attendance at the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade deployment ceremony in Harrisburg. The event was initially to be held in a much smaller room, but the community came out in overwhelming support. It was truly incredible to see around 400 South Dakotans stand up in support of our men and women in uniform, letting the soldiers know they had a community back home to support their families in the months to come.

Our support for service members and military families must go far beyond the moment of deployment. Having a parent away at drill is tough. Just knowing they could be deployed is tough. Readjusting to life after a parent returns home from a war zone is really, really tough. Throughout April, I encourage you to consider how we can be more supportive of military kids at every stage of service. Just as that young girl sang last February in the Harrisburg High School gym, we are able to live in the land of the free, because we are home to the brave service members in uniform and the families who stand behind them.





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# Dinner

**Sunday, April 17th**

**Serving 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Groton Community Center**

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## Today in Weather History

April 17, 2006: A strong spring storm moved across the Northern and Central Plains, bringing precipitation and unyielding northwest winds. Sustained winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts around 70 mph, were felt across a large portion of western South Dakota for more than 24 hours as the storm slowly crossed the region.



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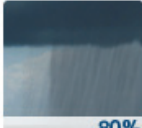

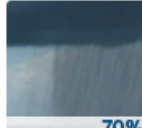
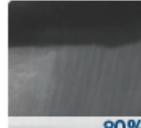
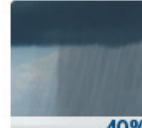
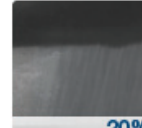
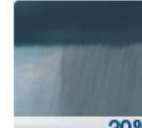


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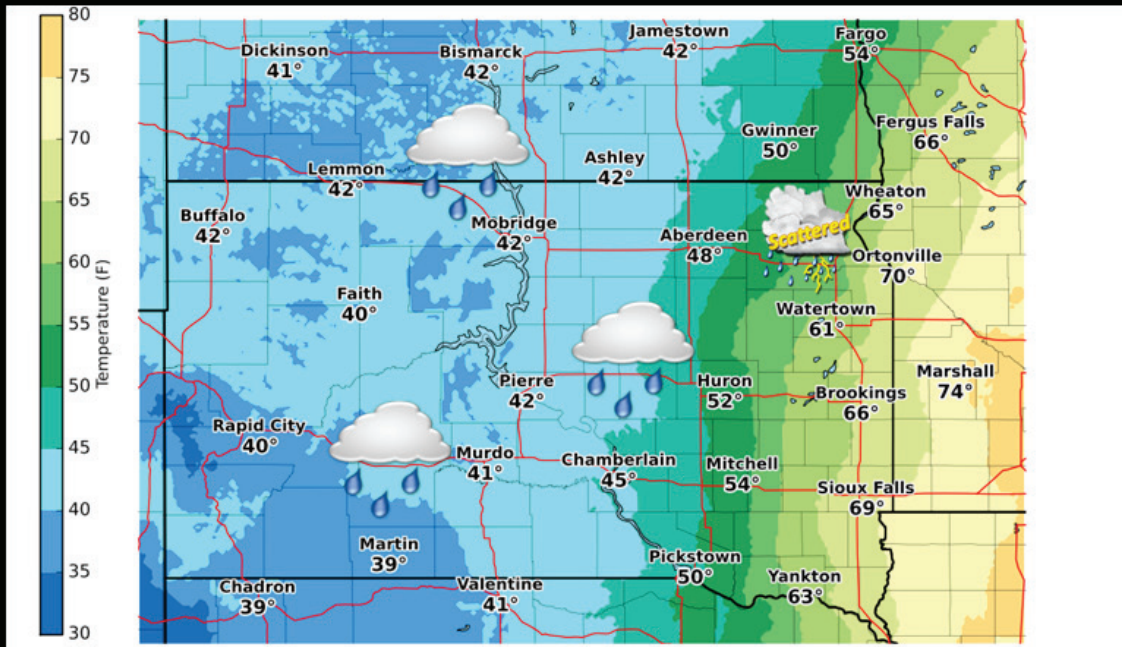
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
 80%	 60%	 70%	 80%	 40%	 20%	 30%
Showers	Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Showers	Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers	Chance Showers
High: 48 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 66 °F

## Cool, Cloudy, and Rainy Today



National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

Published on: 04/17/2016 at 5:13AM

Today will feature cloudy skies with cool temperatures for most locations. Showers will continue to impact areas along and west of the James River valley today through tonight. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms are possible in the far eastern portion of South Dakota and western Minnesota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 64

**Low:** 41.4

**High Gust:** 18

Precip: 0.22

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 87° in 1915

**Record Low:** 10 in 1953

**Average High:** 58°F

**Average Low:** 32°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.86

**Precip to date in April.:** 0.34

**Average Precip to date:** 3.04

**Precip Year to Date:** 1.29

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:23 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:42 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Apr 17, 2016, issued 4:47 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## INDISPENSABLE?

Walter Damrosch became a world famous conductor before he was thirty years old. But with his fame came pride. And with his pride, arrogance.

As he rose to a place of prominence in the world of music, he became convinced that no one could take his place. One day while getting ready for a rehearsal, he could not find his baton. Walking to the podium in front of the orchestra, he asked, "Does anyone here have an extra baton?"

Immediately, three men in the orchestra reached into their instrument cases and produced a baton for his use. It was a sobering moment in his life and from that moment on, he never regarded himself as indispensable. He realized he needed help from others.

The Psalmist cried, "He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters."

David wrote this psalm when he was helpless and weak, tired and tried. He was well aware of the fact that only God could rescue him from the enemies that were about to overcome him. He was defenseless and vulnerable. But not without hope or God's help.

There are those times in life when we feel that we are in deep waters that are swirling swiftly around us. We stretch out our arms and cry for help but no one seems to be available to take us by the hand and rescue us.

When this happens, we must believe that God can either deliver us in an instant or, perhaps, teach us to depend on Him to support or strengthen us during the difficult times in our life. Either way we must learn to trust Him completely believing His way is best.

Prayer: Father, help us to understand that You only want what is best for us and that You will always protect us, hold us close to Your side, and never leave us alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 18:16 He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

## **Badlands National Park waiving admission this coming week**

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — Outdoor enthusiasts can gain free admission to Badlands National Park this coming week as part of a celebration commemorating the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.

The park is waiving entrance fees through April 24.

Park Superintendent Mike Pflaum says the park invites everyone to attend its many programs and events being offered throughout the year. He asks people to take a moment to reflect on what the American people have accomplished in establishing and maintaining the national park system over the past century.

The promotion is part of a program called Find Your Park, a public awareness and education movement to inspire people from all backgrounds to connect with, celebrate and support America's national parks and community-based programs.

## **1 dead, 3 critically injured in head-on crash near Wall Lake**

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — One man is dead and three other people are critically injured following a crash near Wall Lake in Hartford.

South Dakota Highway Patrol Sgt. Steve Swenson says a 19-year-old man was driving the wrong way around 8:30 p.m. Friday on Highway 42 north of Wall Lake when he collided head-on with a car driven by a 39-year-old man.

Swenson says the older man was pronounced dead at the scene. The man's 12- and 9-year-old daughters along with the wrong-way driver were taken to Sioux Falls hospitals in critical condition.

Swenson says it was not immediately clear why the driver was heading the wrong way. At least two people had to be extricated from the vehicles.

The names of the four people involved in the crash have not been released.

## **US House hopeful Paula Hawks raises about \$87K in 1Q**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — State Rep. Paula Hawks, who is trying to unseat Republic U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, raised about \$87,000 for her campaign during the first three months of 2016.

The Federal Election Commission report for Hawks shows she spent almost \$40,600 during the quarter ending March 31, leaving her with about \$116,000 cash on hand. Her report showed no campaign debt.

During the same period, Noem raised about \$280,000, spent almost \$128,800 and ended with more than \$1.64 million in the bank. Noem's report also showed no campaign debt.

Hawks is a second-term state representative from Hartford. She launched her campaign in August.

Noem, first elected after she beat incumbent Democrat Stephanie Herseth Sandlin in 2010, won against her Democratic challenger in 2014 by more than 30 percentage points.

## **Authorities identify victims of head-on crash near Tabor**

TABOR, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have released the names of the three people who died in a two-vehicle crash in Bon Homme County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the victims were 70-year-old Elaine Rasmussen, of Yankton,

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48-year-old Matthew Carson and 12-year-old Olivia Carson, both of Inman, South Carolina.

The Highway Patrol says Rasmussen was traveling the wrong way on state Highway 50 and collided head-on with the minivan driven by Matthew Carson about 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

Authorities say Olivia Carson was riding in the front seat of the minivan. A 14-year-old girl from Inman, South Carolina, who was also riding in the minivan suffered injuries that authorities say are serious but not life-threatening. Her name is not being released because she is a minor.

The crash happened about a mile west of Tabor.

## **Police: Alabama officer shot, suspect dead following chase**

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Alabama authorities say a police officer has been shot and the suspect has died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot.

Florence Police Sgt. Brad Holmes tells The Associated Press the officer was shot in the face just after midnight Sunday at Cox Creek Parkway and Cloverdale Road. Holmes says no motive was immediately available and it's unclear how the incident happened.

Holmes says the officer was in stable condition at Huntsville Hospital. Police are withholding the names of the officer and suspect, pending family notification.

Police say following a vehicle chase just after 1 a.m., the suspect crashed in a church parking lot and fired multiple gunshots at officers, who didn't return fire.

Holmes says the suspect was found in his vehicle with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

## **Cruz wins all 14 Wyoming Republican delegates**

**BEN NEARY, Associated Press**

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Painstaking organization and in-person campaigning paid off again for Ted Cruz on Saturday as he nailed down all 14 delegates up for grabs at the Republican Party convention in Wyoming. The result leaves Donald Trump facing yet another loss in a string of defeats in Western states.

Saturday's sweep for Cruz follows his victory last month in Wyoming, when he scored 9 of 12 available delegates at county conventions. Trump and Marco Rubio each won one delegate last month in Wyoming while one remained undecided.

Trump still leads the overall delegate race. The AP delegate count: Trump, 744; Cruz, 559; and Kasich, 144. Needed to win: 1,237.

Cruz was the only candidate to address the convention in Casper on Saturday, promising to end what he called President Barack Obama's "war on coal" if he's elected. Wyoming is the nation's leading coal-producing state.

Trump largely bypassed the state. In a telephone interview Saturday on "Fox and Friends," he said: "I don't want to waste millions of dollars going out to Wyoming many months before to wine and dine and to essentially pay off these people, because a lot of it's a payoff, you understand that?"

Trump's defeat in Wyoming follows his shutout earlier this month in Colorado, where he failed to pick up a single delegate of the 34 in play. He has urged his supporters to protest the results to state officials in that state.

Campaigning in New York on Saturday, Trump said, "I guess I'm complaining 'cause it's not fair to the people." In Wyoming and Colorado, he said, "the people never got a chance to vote."

Cruz, in an interview with The Associated Press after his speech in Casper, said Trump's decision not to campaign in Wyoming is telling. "The reason he decided not to show up is he recognized he couldn't

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win, he couldn't earn the support of conservatives in Wyoming," Cruz said.

Cruz has benefited from a deep, grassroots campaign effort in Wyoming, where the state GOP machine has detailed rules for the delegate selection process. Ed Buchanan, a former Wyoming House speaker, has served as chairman of the Cruz campaign.

"It's just great to have the support of the Wyoming voters," Buchanan said after the delegate selection was announced. "They share Ted Cruz's conservation principles, and that's why we're successful today."

Clara Powers of Wheatland spoke for Trump on Saturday. She told the crowd she has three grandchildren. "I do not want any of them working with next-generation science," Powers said. "I do not want my grandchildren to believe in evolution. I do not want my grandchildren thinking that global warming is more important than our national security."

On the issue of coal, Wyoming has seen hundreds of coal industry layoffs in recent months as several of the nation's largest coal companies have filed for federal bankruptcy protections.

Calling America, "the Saudi Arabia of coal," Cruz promised in his speech to roll back federal regulations he says hamper coal production. The Obama administration recently imposed a moratorium on new coal leases.

Wyoming and other states, meanwhile, have mounted legal challenges in recent years to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations tightening emission limits on coal-fired power plants.

"Hillary Clinton promises that if she's elected, she's going to finish the task and bankrupt anyone associated with coal," Cruz said. "I give you my word right now, we are going to lift the federal regulators back, we are going to end the war on coal."

Obama, in announcing the restrictions in 2014, said carbon emission cause health problems and contribute to global warming. "For the sake of all our kids, we've got to do more to reduce it," he said of emissions.

Cruz, however, told the AP that he's "not remotely" concerned that rolling back federal restrictions on coal could contribute to an increase in global warming.

"The war on coal is driven by an ideological extremism on the part of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and today's modern Democratic Party," he said.

On other issues, Cruz drew applause for promising to protect gun rights and turn federal lands in the West to the states.

Cruz told the crowd he was "pretty sure, here in Wyoming, y'all define gun control the same way we do in Texas — and that is hitting what you're aiming at."

## **Chicago union says clock has started toward teachers' strike**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Teachers Union said on Saturday the countdown toward a possible strike had begun after it rejected the recommendation of a neutral arbitrator that it accept a contract offer from the nation's third-largest school system.

The union said the earliest a strike could begin is May 16, about a month before the last day of school on June 21. The union also could strike in September, when school resumes for about 400,000 students.

"The clock has started," CTU President Karen Lewis said in a statement rejecting the arbitrator's recommendation. "We have no choice but to prepare ourselves for a possible strike."

The union staged a one-day walkout on April 1 to protest what it says are proposals that would cut compensation for teachers and to highlight a state budget stalemate that has hurt education and social service funding.

The threat of a strike followed the release of a report earlier Saturday from an independent "fact finder" who looked at the positions of both sides and concluded that the union should take the system's



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offer, which had already been rejected by the union's expanded bargaining committee. It would have required teachers to contribute the full nine percent of each paycheck to their pensions. It also would have curbed some automatic pay rises.

Chicago Public Schools is in dire financial shape, prompting Illinois Republican Governor Bruce Rauner to say it should file for bankruptcy. While Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the school system have strongly rejected that option, the district has been forced to cut school budgets in order to preserve cash to make mandatory payments to the teachers' pension fund.

CEO Forrest Claypool said Saturday that he is worried about the system's "deteriorating finances" and called on the union to reconsider its rejection of the contract offer.

"I was disappointed to hear the CTU's president say today that this starts the clock for a strike."

The union membership of about 27,000 teachers and support personnel went on strike for about a week in September 2012.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 17, the 108th day of 2016. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Lochner v. New York*, struck down, 5-4, a New York State law limiting the number of hours that bakers could be made to work. (This ruling was effectively overturned in 1937 by the high court's *West Coast Hotel Co. v. Parrish* decision.)

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures, and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1937, Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany during World War II.

In 1964, Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. The first game was played at New York's Shea Stadium; the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Mets, 4-3.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted brutal, radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.

In 1984, an 11-day police siege began at Libya's embassy in London when an unidentified shooter inside the building fired on a crowd of protesters, killing police officer Yvonne Fletcher. (The Libyans in the embassy were eventually allowed to leave the country as Britain and Libya severed relations.)

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the

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bomb by her Jordanian fiance, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46, up 17.58.

Ten years ago: A Palestinian suicide bomber struck a Tel Aviv restaurant during Passover, killing nine people. A bus crash in Mexico claimed 57 lives. Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, was convicted of corruption (he later served more than 5 1/2 years in federal custody). Robert Cheruiyot (CHEHR'-ee-aht) and Rita Jeptoo pulled off a Kenyan sweep of the Boston Marathon.

Five years ago: U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Japan, where she expressed confidence the country would fully recover from its tsunami and nuclear disasters. Actor Michael Sarrazin, 70, died in Montreal.

One year ago: President Barack Obama left open the door to "creative negotiations" in response to Iran's demand that punishing sanctions be immediately lifted as part of a nuclear deal (the president spoke at a White House news conference with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi). Financial officials from the world's major economies, meeting in Washington, issued a communique welcoming modest improvements in the global economy while side-stepping fears rattling global financial markets that Greece would default on its bailout loans. Cardinal Francis George, the retired archbishop of Chicago, died at age 78.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 74. Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 68. Actress Olivia Hussey is 65. Actor Clarke Peters is 64. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 61. Actor Sean Bean is 57. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason is 55. Actor Joel Murray is 54. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 52. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-lah rohn-SHAHN') is 52. Actor William Mapother is 51. Actress Leslie Bega is 49. Actor Henry Ian Cusick is 49. Actress Kimberly Elise is 49. Singer Liz Phair is 49. Rapper-actor Redman is 46. Actress Jennifer Garner is 44. Country musician Craig Anderson is 43. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 42. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 38. Actor Tate Ellington (TV: "Quantico") is 37. Actress Rooney Mara is 31. Actress Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is 29. Actor Paulie Litt is 21. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 20.

Thought for Today: "A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future." — Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).