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Open House Bridal Shower For

Brianna Woods
Bride-to-be of Zach Geary
Saturday, April 30th
9:30-11:30

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
Church – Groton**

**The couple is registered at:
Target, Herbergers & Menards**

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Rail-
road Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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

School Lunch: Various nuggets, French fries,
lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas,
acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alexis Ferrell, Justin Peterson, Kevin
Pharis

10:00am: Girls golf at Redfield

Cancelled: 7th/8th grade track meet in Groton

7:00pm: FCCLA Style Show

Friday, April 29

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

School Lunch: Pizza, vegetable, carrots and
dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered
potatoes, creamy coleslaw, sherbet, whole wheat
bread.

1:00pm: Track at Sisseton

6:30pm: FFA Banquet

Saturday, April 30

Birthdays: Heather Feser, Logan Lane

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



GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 2, 2016 – 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Sine Die
- 5) Convene 129th Council – Oath of Office
- 6) Election of Officers
- 7) Appoint Finance Officer and Attorney
- 8) Appoint Advisory Committees
- 9) Motion to approve bills each meeting & authorize the Finance Officer to pay payroll and all regular monthly bills in a timely manner to avoid penalties and take advantage of discounts.
- 10) Department Reports – Public Works – Terry Dwight & Shawn
- 11) Street Project Plans
- 12) Authorize Shawn to School
- 13) Cancel Water Easement for Dollar General
- 14) 2nd Reading Ordinance #704- Feral Cats
- 15) Budget Training Workshop – Aberdeen – July 13
- 16) Appoint Planning & Zoning Member
- 17) Exec Session- Legal

AND Any other business that may come before the Council

Camille Sippel of Groton named High Scholar at UNL

LINCOLN, NE - Camille Sippel of Groton was among more than 1,800 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students honored during individual college celebrations and the All-University Honors Convocation April 24 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Sippel, a sophomore in the College of Business Administration, was recognized as a High Scholar.

High Scholars are students other than Chancellor's Scholars and Superior Scholars who are in the top 10 percent of their class.

The Livestream logo features a red stylized 'L' icon to the left of the word 'livestream' in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font.

FCCLA Style Show, 7 p.m., April 28

FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m., April 29

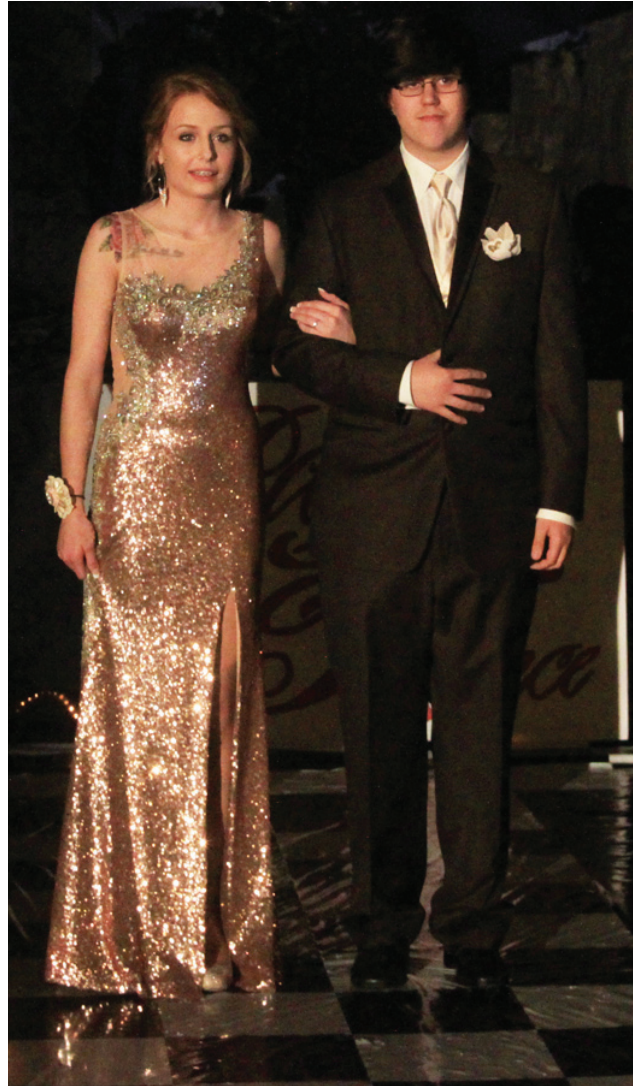
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Emilie Crosby
escorted by **Matthew Richards**



Halley Cranford
escorted by **Dillon Freeman**

The Groton Area prom was held Saturday evening in the high school gym. The Groton Independent will be featuring couples from the prom during the next few weeks. There were 52 couples at the prom. HD DVDs of the prom are available from the Independent for \$26.50 or can be mailed out for \$30. Call 605-397-7285 or mail check to Independent, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445-2252.

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escorted by Christopher Zarycki

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Nicole Fey
escorted by **Matthew Crawford**



Cassidy Fiala
escorted by **Doug Dobbins**

S.D. Farmers Union President Doug Sombke Extends Olive Branch to Former Election Challenger Garret Bischoff

HURON, S.D. - South Dakota Farmers Union President, Doug Sombke met with Garret Bischoff yesterday in Huron to discuss a path forward to a stronger Farmers Union.

"I wanted to have a meeting with Garret to discuss the future of Farmers Union. We had a very cordial and productive conversation and Garret told me he is not in the fight that has been reported in the media and he is not seeking a new election at this time. At the end of the meeting, Garret even asked for a hug," said Sombke.

During the 2015 South Dakota Farmers Union State Convention, Sombke, a fourth-generation farmer from Conde, was re-elected to serve as President, a position he has held since 2005. Despite the April 1 communication sent from the South Dakota Farmers Union Board to members, stating that the election process had been reviewed by the Board and outside legal counsel and the election results stand, a small fraction of membership has continued to seek attention on the issue.

"My investigation revealed no facts to support the allegations about election irregularities or employee complaints," reports Angela Brandt, outside legal counsel for South Dakota Farmers Union. "As an attorney, I deal in facts, not allegations, so I reached out to various members of the group challenging the leadership to find out what facts they claim support their position. None of them agreed to answer any of my questions. It does not take a law degree to draw conclusions about that."

There are no viable legal claims under the Farmers Union bylaws or even South Dakota law that would allow for the few dissatisfied members to call for a new election. "Now that the Board has considered and rejected the groups' disjointed and indecipherable requests, there is no mechanism under that law to get what they are asking for," said Brandt.

The South Dakota Farmers Union Board is happy to move on from the distraction.

"Now that Garret has conceded the election, there can be no reason for this small group to continue to work against the membership elected leadership," said District VII SDFU Board Member Chad Johnson. "If this handful of people, who have not been active in the organization for many years, would choose to continue these efforts, it would clearly show that this has all been just an attempt to somehow feel relevant again."

Farmers Union leadership is about uniting the organization, even if some decline to work toward the common good. "It is really too bad that some of these newly reengaged members have declined my invitations to participate in a productive way," Sombke reflected. "There will always be some members who disagree with the decisions or policies of the leaders, but if we continue to work together, even when we disagree, we will have a stronger Farmers Union."

Farmers Union is not going to let the recent sideshow sway them from their mission. "Now that the disagreement over the election is behind us, we can now put our focus and efforts on assisting the farmers and ranchers who founded this organization more than a century ago. With the current grain and cattle prices, it is extremely important that Farmers Union continues to help and assist these farmers and ranchers in tough times like these. Together we can accomplish what we cannot do alone," said Sombke.



S.D. Farmers Union President Doug Sombke with Former Election Challenger Garret Bischoff on April 26, 2016.

Mother's Day Specials

Order a \$75 or more
fresh floral bouquet or
plant (pick up or delivery)
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\$19 value) **while supplies last

Mother's Day is May 8th - Open Monday-Friday
9-5, Saturday 10-4 & Sunday, May 8th - 10-2 (no
deliveries on Sunday)



Groton United Methodist Women

May Luncheon

Wednesday, May 4th

Serving from 11 am - 1 pm
No Reservation Required



Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free

Come and join us for lunch OR Make your own lunch to go
at the Groton United Methodist Church

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Today in Weather History

April 28, 1994: Snow accumulated 5 to 12 inches over most of the eastern half of South Dakota, with the 12-inch report from Winner. Ten to eleven inches of snow was reported at numerous places including Sioux Falls and Platte in the southeast, and Summit in the northeast. Numerous accidents were caused by snow and ice, including one which killed a man and injured two women on Highway 12 near Bath, South Dakota. There was some undetermined crop damage, and livestock loss was feared as the late season cold and snow lowered resistance to disease.

1893: A ½ mile wide estimated F4 tornado killed 23 people and injured 150 as it tore a path of devastation through Cisco, Texas. Every building in the town was either totally destroyed or severely damaged.

1921 - A severe hailstorm in Anson County, NC, produced hail the size of baseballs. Gardens, grain fields and trees were destroyed. Pine trees in the storm's path had to be cut for lumber because of the hail damage. (The Weather Channel)

1928 - A coastal storm produced tremendous late season snows in the Central Appalachians, including 35 inches at Bayard WV, 31 inches at Somerset PA, and 30 inches at Grantsville MD. High winds accompanying the heavy wet snow uprooted trees and unroofed a number of homes. The storm caused great damage to fruit trees and wild life. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Twenty cities in the western and central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 95 degrees at Houston TX, 95 degrees at Lake Charles LA, and 94 degrees at Port Arthur TX, were April records. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Miami, FL, hit 92 degrees, marking a record eight days of 90 degree heat in the month of April. Squalls produced snow in the Washington D.C. area. Belvoir VA reported a temperature reading of 57 degrees at the time the snow began. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Strong northerly winds and heavy snow ushered cold air into the north central U.S. Snowfall totals in Montana ranged up to 20 inches at Miles City. Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Texas to the Southern Appalachians and the southern Ohio Valley. Hail four and a half inches in diameter was reported at Keller TX and White Settlement TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S. during the day. Severe thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes, including one which injured four persons at Inman SC. There were also more than one hundred reports of large hail and damaging winds, with better than half of those reports in Georgia. Strong thunderstorm winds injured four people at Sadler's Creek SC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) Twenty-nine cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 80s and lower 90s. Highs of 88 degrees at Binghamton NY, 94 degrees at Buffalo NY, 89 degrees at Erie PA, 90 degrees at Newark NJ, 93 degrees at Rochester NY and 92 degrees at Syracuse NY, were records for the month of April. (The National Weather Summary)

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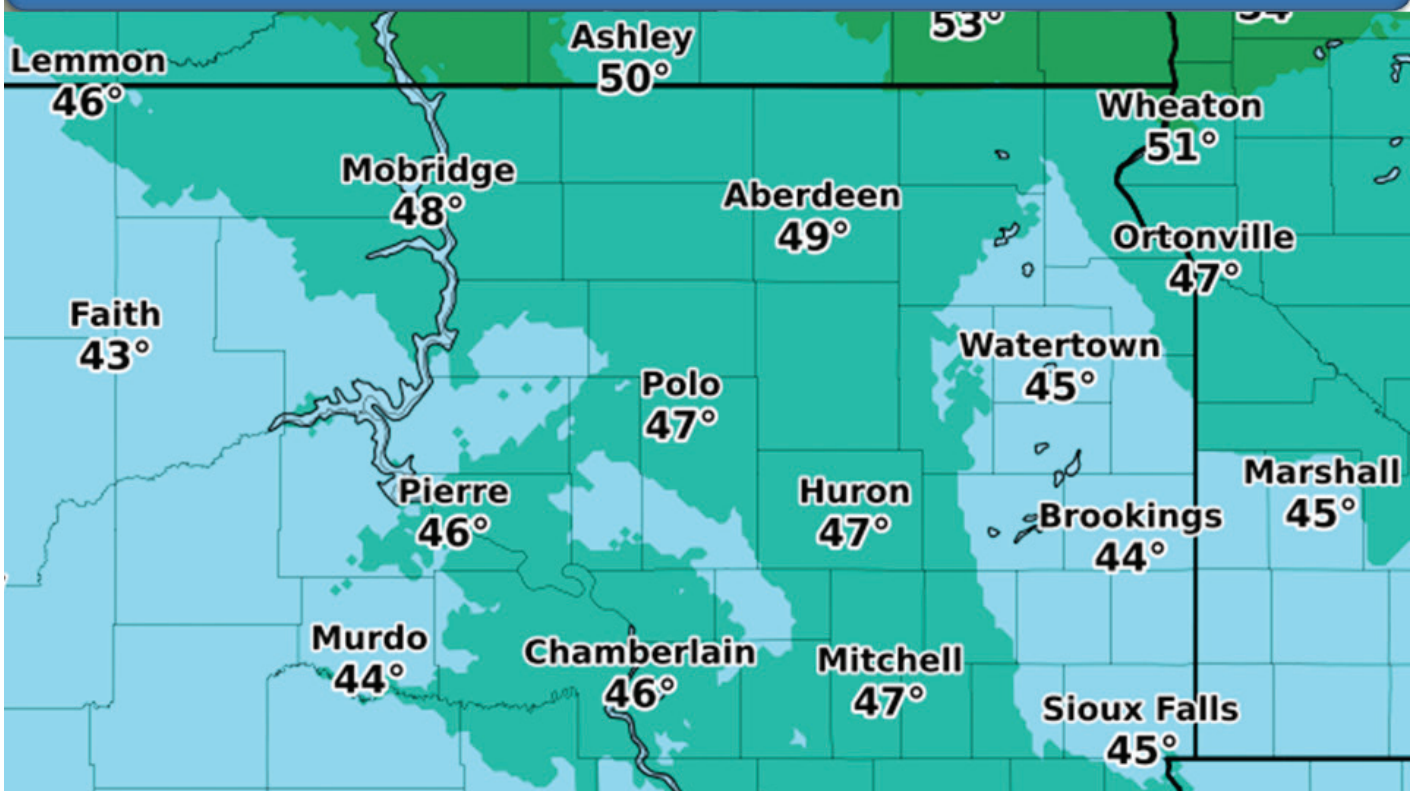
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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Chance Rain/Snow then Slight Chance Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Partly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 49 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 56 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 60 °F

Rain Diminishing Today, Remaining Cool



National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

Published on: 04/28/2016 at 5:48AM

Low pressure over Iowa this morning will gradually move east today, with rain showers diminishing in areal coverage and intensity. Temperatures will remain cool though, with highs in the 40s under cloudy skies.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 45.5 at 1:32 PM

Low: 35.0 at 11:06 PM

High Gust: 29 at 1:50 PM

Precip: 0.44

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 1934

Record Low: 19 in 2008

Average High: 63°F

Average Low: 37°F

Average Precip in April.: 1.68

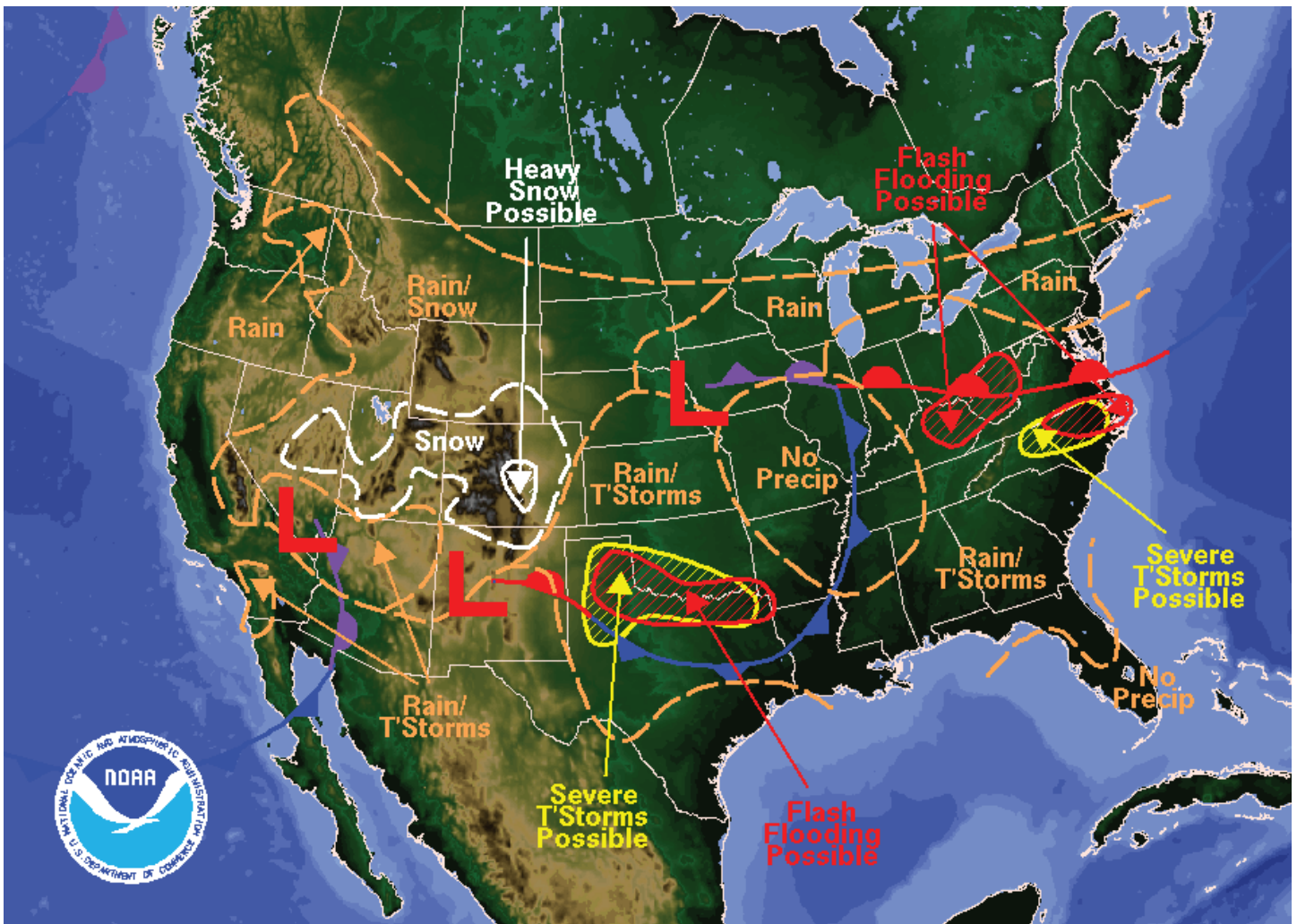
Precip to date in April.: 2.40

Average Precip to date: 3.86

Precip Year to Date: 3.35

Sunset Tonight: 8:37 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:24 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Apr 28, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION

Samuel Morse was a man of many talents. He was a professional artist, inventor of the electric telegraph and originator of the Morse code.

He once went to England to study art. After his arrival and settling into a regular routine, he realized that it would take months before he would receive a letter from his mother.

Distressed, he wrote her, "Three thousand miles aren't passed over in an instant." After thinking for a moment, he asked, "Why must this be?"

It was that question that challenged him to begin experimenting with long distance communication. After a period of thinking and drawing many sketches of what an electric telegraph might look like, he began to experiment with long distance communication. After some time, and with God's help, he invented the telegraph and sent his first message: "What hath God wrought?"

It was his love for his mother that led him to action. And it was God's love that led Him to send His Son to redeem us. It was that act of redemption that enables us to communicate directly with Him and make our requests known to Him.

One day Jesus was talking with His disciples about the importance of prayer and the necessity of being persistent in our prayers to God. He told them the story of a widow who demanded that God answer her prayer. He told them of the need for constant prayer and the importance of never giving up on God.

He did not tell them to offer endless repetitions of empty words or lengthy prayers to God. Rather, they were to continually make their requests until God heard their pleas and answered them.

Prayer: Lord, give us the determination to come boldly to the throne of grace, and with confidence and persistence, make our requests known until You grant them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 18:1 And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

News from the Associated Press

2 people slain in Faith worked at local bar and grill

FAITH, S.D. (AP) — Two people shot and killed in the small town of Faith both worked at a local bar and grill.

Court documents identify the people killed as Eliza Edgins and Nathan Gann. Authorities say they were killed Tuesday morning at a residence in the northwestern South Dakota community.

Thirty-two-year-old resident Berton Toavs was indicted Wednesday on charges of first-degree murder. He was due in court Thursday. Toavs has been working at ranches and a livestock auction in the area.

Authorities have released few details about the alleged incident or the relationship between the suspect and the people killed.

About 430 people live in Faith.

Sioux Falls Skyforce win NBA Development League championship

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Skyforce is the champion of the NBA Development League.

The Skyforce on Wednesday beat the Los Angeles D-Fenders 91-63 in the third and final game of the championship series to take the team's first D-League crown.

Sioux Falls joined the league for the 2006-07 season. Before that, the Skyforce won two championships in the Continental Basketball Association.

Sioux Falls' Jarnell Stokes was named most valuable player of the finals. He also won the D-League's regular season MVP award.

The Skyforce is an affiliate of the NBA's Miami Heat.

Man wanted in South Dakota homicide arrested in Wyoming

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Law officers in Wyoming have apprehended a man wanted on a warrant issued in a South Dakota homicide.

Sioux Falls police say 21-year-old Jared Stone was arrested early Thursday after a chase in western Nebraska and southeastern Wyoming.

Stone was wanted in the killing of 28-year-old Baptiste White Eyes, who was shot in the head outside of a Sioux Falls casino last Friday evening and died at a hospital.

Police haven't commented on the relationship between Stone and White Eyes other than that they knew one another. Authorities have said they do not believe the shooting was a random act.

Police in Iowa on Tuesday arrested a woman who authorities believe was an accessory.

Retired Gen. Petraeus to speak at law enforcement gathering

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Retired Gen. David Petraeus has been tapped as the keynote speaker for an annual gathering of law enforcement officials in South Dakota.

Petraeus will speak at the 35th annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner and Children's Charity Fundraiser scheduled for Nov. 9 in Sioux Falls.

The annual event raises money for impoverished children and brings together local, tribal, state and federal law enforcement officials as well as military personnel from across the region.

Organizers say this year's event will include a question-and-answer session to allow audience members to speak directly with Petraeus.

The former CIA director resigned in November 2012 and pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to his biographer, with whom he was having an affair.

Daugaard declares May month to improve wildfire awareness

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says May is Wildfire Awareness Month in the state.

The state Department of Agriculture says the goal is to inform the public about the dangers of wildfires and how citizens can protect themselves.

The agency says now is the time to act, not when smoke is in the air.

This year's theme is "Do Your Part Before Wildfires Start." It's meant to encourage homeowners to take steps reduce the impacts of wildland fire.

The department says performing basic home maintenance now can markedly increase the chances that dwellings have to survive wildfires without intervention from fire officials.

Black Hills fire management officer receives national award

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has given Todd Pechota the 2015 National Forest Fire Management Officer of the Year award.

Pechota is forest fire management officer on the Black Hills National Forest. He was presented the award at a recent ceremony at the U.S. Forest Service Regional Office in Colorado. The award recognizes the most outstanding fire manager in the U.S. Forest Service each year.

Black Hills National Forest Supervisor Craig Bobzien says the award is a testament to the work Pechota has accomplished and underscores the relationships he has developed locally and across the nation.

Pechota also serves as the incident commander for the Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team and is past chairman of the Great Plains Regional Dispatch Board of Directors.

3 in financial investigation plead not guilty to charges

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three people have pleaded not guilty to felony charges from a financial investigation into the GEAR UP college-readiness program.

Dan Guericke, Stephanie Hubers and Stacy Phelps entered their pleas in court on Wednesday.

They were indicted this month from the investigation launched after Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and their four children before setting fire to their house and killing himself.

Authorities say Scott and Nicole Westerhuis embezzled from Mid-Central Educational Cooperative before their deaths by transferring funds without authorization to a nonprofit where they had financial oversight positions.

Phelps and Guericke allegedly helped the Westerhuises attempt to avoid a potential audit of the nonprofit. Hubers faces charges related to theft or receiving stolen property.

Trials could start in the fall or early next year.

South Dakota's Erbele hired as North Dakota's state engineer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A longtime South Dakota environmental engineer has been hired as North Dakota's state engineer.

North Dakota's Water Commission on Wednesday hired Garland Erbele as its top administrator.

Erbele will succeed state engineer Todd Sando, who announced last month that he will retire by the end of June.

Erbele will be North Dakota's 18th state engineer.

As the state engineer, Erbele will serve as secretary to the State Water Commission, which is overseen by a nine-member board, including the governor, who serves as its chairman.

Erbele worked for 35 years at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. He also was the agency's lead technical negotiator on water rights issues.

Erbele is from Lehr, North Dakota. He has a master's degree in environmental engineering from North Dakota State University.

22-year-old passenger dies in crash near Wagner

WAGNER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 22-year-old man died in a one-car crash three miles northwest of Wagner.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the man who was killed was a passenger in a car driven by a 25-year-old man who suffered minor injuries. They were headed west on South Dakota Highway 50 just before 8 p.m. Tuesday when the car went into the ditch and rolled several times, striking several trees.

The Highway Patrol says neither was wearing a seat belt and both were ejected from the vehicle. Authorities have not released any names.

The accident remains under investigation.

Southeast Technical Institute President Holcomb resigning

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Southeast Technical Institute President Jeff Holcomb is resigning after leading the Sioux Falls school for a dozen years.

Holcomb is 56 years old. He cites his age as his reason for stepping down and says he isn't being forced out.

School Board President Kent Alberty said earlier this month that the school was dealing with a \$2 million budget shortfall and that layoffs were possible.

Alberty and Holcomb say the budget has been balanced and that no layoffs or program closures are planned.

Alberty says a national search will be conducted for Holcomb's successor, and internal candidates also will be considered.

Augustana receives \$1M donation for buildings, endowment

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Augustana University has received a \$1 million donation toward a student activities center, a science building and an endowment to support athletics.

The Sioux Falls school says the gift is from Fred and Linda Milanovich. Fred Milanovich is a cousin of the late Augustana basketball standout Sam Milanovich.

A wellness center inside the activities center will be named the Sam M. Milanovich Student Fitness Center.

Sam Milanovich graduated from Augustana in 1973, launching a coaching career at high schools and colleges in both Dakotas and Ohio. He died of cancer in 1992.

Fred Milanovich worked for decades at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, specializing in biotechnology research. He founded the Chemical and Biological National Security Program following the 9/11 attacks. He retired in 2008 and helped found a biotechnology company.

Dakota Wesleyan athletic director Curt Hart retiring

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Dakota Wesleyan athletic director Curt Hart is retiring after seven years of leading the Mitchell school's athletics department.

The 67-year-old Hart will step down at the end of May.

School President Amy Novak said in a statement that Hart "has fundamentally transformed the landscape of DWU athletics."

One of Hart's biggest accomplishments was helping coordinate a \$10.7 million health and wellness center. He also is credited with rebuilding the TeamMakers booster club.

Man accused in trooper assault will have separate trial

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Washington state man accused of trying to kill a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper last fall will have his case handled separately from his three co-defendants.

Donald Willingham, 34, of Renton, Washington, is accused in the Oct. 24, 2015, beating of Trooper Zachary Bader during a traffic stop on Interstate 90 east of Rapid City.

The traffic stop led to the recovery of more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun,

authorities said. Bader spent two weeks at a Rapid City hospital being treated for injuries that included skull and facial fractures.

Willingham's defense earlier this year asked for a separate trial, maintaining that three co-defendants have made incriminating statements about Willingham. Defense lawyers also want the ability to cross-examine the co-defendants at trial, which wouldn't be possible in a joint trial.

Prosecutors didn't object, and a judge on Tuesday granted the request. The judge will rule later on a separate defense motion to suppress statements Willingham made to police following his arrest.

Willingham has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder, aggravated assault, and drug and weapons charges. He remains jailed on \$5 million bond.

His co-defendants have each posted \$50,000 bonds and been released. Jonathan Melendez, 22, of Kent, Washington, and siblings Desiree Sukert, 26, and Chase Sukert, 23, both of Renton, have pleaded not guilty to being accessories and to drug and weapons charges.

Big changes for chemical dependency services in Yankton

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Chemical dependency programs in Yankton are changing, with a reduction in youth services and an expansion of adult services.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services is shutting down its youth chemical dependency program in the city, citing a decline in referrals. The adolescent inpatient program at the Human Services Center will close June 8. The program's 15 employees are being laid off.

State Social Services Secretary Lynne Valenti said community-based programs have enough capacity to handle demand.

"As with all the services provided throughout the department, we strive to serve individuals in the least restrictive setting," Valenti said in a statement.

The youth program has 20 beds, and the average daily population has dropped from 14 in fiscal 2014 to four for the current fiscal year. The program currently isn't serving any youth.

The Department of Social Services also has announced an expansion of adult treatment services. Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health in Yankton will partner with Avera Sacred Heart Hospital to provide inpatient chemical dependency and detox services.

The inpatient unit will be in the Benedictine Center on the hospital campus in Yankton. The program will serve people from across the state.

"We expect a start date in the early fall," Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Director Tom Stanage told the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan newspaper.

Family: 2 Palestinian siblings slain by Israel without cause

QATANA, West Bank (AP) — The parents of two Palestinian siblings gunned down at a West Bank checkpoint say Israeli troops killed them without cause.

The deaths of 24-year-old Maram and her 16-year-old brother, Ibrahim Taha, raise new questions about Israel's use of lethal force against Palestinians with knives.

Sarit Michaeli of the Israeli rights group B'Tselem said Thursday that it often finds the "degree of threat posed by the individual was much lower than was claimed by security forces."

Israeli police says troops shot the Taha siblings on Wednesday after they ignored calls to stop and Maram threw a knife at a policeman.

Since September, 28 Israelis and two Americans have been killed by Palestinians, while some 200 Palestinians have been killed by Israelis, mostly in what Israel says were attacks or attempted attacks.

Indiana University student named Indy 500's official poet

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Indiana University student who is a poet and a performer has been named the Indianapolis 500's first official poet since the early 20th century.

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Adam Henze of Bloomington beat out more than 200 others who submitted Indy 500-themed poems for the contest co-sponsored by Indiana Humanities.

The competition revives an Indy 500 tradition from the 1920s, when an official poem was included in the race day program.

Henze is an educator and a doctoral candidate at IU. He receives a \$1,000 cash prize and two tickets to the 100th running of the race on May 29.

His poem is titled "For Those Who Love Fast, Loud Things." It will appear in the official race program. Henze also will read his winning poem at the Speedway during qualification weekend.

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 Thursday:

1. TED CRUZ GAMBLES ON CARLY FIORINA

The candidate makes a rare early running mate pick as the Republican race takes yet another unusual turn.

2. WHEN A CONTESTED CONVENTION LAST HAPPENED

The 1976 battle between Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan is a window into the ugliness of a Republican floor fight and what may lie ahead in Cleveland in July.

3. ALEPPO AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Syria activists say airstrikes in the rebel-held city have killed 20 with the cease-fire all but dead and peace talks flatlining.

4. ANOTHER FAILURE TO LAUNCH IN NORTH KOREA

South Korea says a suspected midrange North Korean missile crashes.

5. WHERE WEATHER WARNINGS ARE BEING REVIEWED

Forecasters had warned for days about violent storms that could rake the central U.S., where tornadoes turned out to be small.

6. A MONK IS NOW A MUMMY

A revered Chinese monk is mummified and covered in gold leaf.

7. HOW CORRUPT DETROIT'S SCHOOLS ARE

A dozen of the struggling city's principals and an administrator, some fending off personal bankruptcies, tax liens and other financial trouble, found a way to bleed their struggling public schools of \$900,000.

8. WARRIORS ADVANCE WITHOUT CURRY

With the NBA MVP on the sidelines, the Golden State Warriors take a step toward defending their league title.

9. WHO'S NOT SELLING "LEMONADE"

Beyonce offers no insight into the rumors of marital infidelity fueled by her latest album on the opening night of her Formation World Tour in Miami.

10. WHICH NFL TEAMS HOPE THEIR BIG BETS PAY OFF

The L.A. Rams and Philadelphia Eagles traded up to secure the top two spots in the annual amateur draft, and have said they will take quarterbacks.

Smartphone health: Apple releases software for medical apps

BRANDON BAILEY, AP Technology Writer

CUPERTINO, California (AP) — Apple is edging its way a little further into health care with the release of new iPhone apps that patients can use to manage their own medical conditions — from diabetes to pregnancy and even depression.

While there are hundreds of health-related apps on the market, Apple wants to put its stamp on a new ecosystem of treatment programs. Rather than build the apps itself, the tech giant developed a set of software tools and templates, called "CareKit," that health-care groups and health-tech startups can use to create their own programs.

Apple says it wanted to help developers build easy-to-use apps for patients to record symptoms, get useful information, track their progress and even send reports to a doctor. Experts say the CareKit program could help bring standards to a relatively new and unruly industry, while giving Apple a toehold in the growing health-tech market.

CareKit apps hitting the Apple online store this week include One Drop for diabetics; Start for people taking anti-depression drugs; and two apps from health startup Glow, aimed at women who are pregnant or caring for newborns. Apple says larger organizations, including the University of Rochester and hospitals at the Texas Medical Center, are working on CareKit apps for people with Parkinson's disease and patients who've undergone heart or lung operations.

"These mobile tools can help people reach their health goals," said Thomas Goetz of Iodine, a startup that used CareKit in the latest version of its Start app. Along with providing information about side-effects to depression medications, the app asks patients to record their symptoms and answer standardized questions to track how they're doing. Start uses a CareKit feature that lets patients send reports to their doctors; eventually, Goetz said, doctors will be able to respond by adjusting their instructions for medication, diet or exercise.

Data stored on iPhones is encrypted, and Iodine's app provides cautions to make sure patients understand they're sending sensitive information to their doctors. Goetz said his company is also developing back-end software for medical offices that will comply with federal confidentiality rules.

But Goetz acknowledged that doctors and insurers "are still trying to make sense of the world of health care apps. They're trying to understand which ones are valid tools and which aren't necessarily useful."

Apple's software could help validate new apps, he said, by letting developers build on a standardized template from a well-known company whose products are used by large numbers of people.

Apple says it isn't making money directly from CareKit, which grew from tools the company previously developed for researchers to create apps that collect iPhone users' data for health studies. But Apple could benefit if the apps gain wide adoption, making the iPhone an even more useful tool for millions of people with medical conditions.

"Even if you can't point to a revenue stream today, being the hub of an ecosystem related to health care could have great value in the future," said analyst Jeff Cribbs, who studies health technology for the Gartner research firm.

Apple CEO Tim Cook has signaled he believes the iPhone and Apple smartwatch can play a bigger role in health care. But the industry is heavily regulated and Apple has not ventured into making specialized devices that would be subject to federal oversight. Instead, the company leaves it to the developers who use Apple's software to determine if an individual app meets any health regulations.

NFL DRAFT: Key to first round lies in 3rd pick with Chargers

CHICAGO (AP) — For once, the key to the first round of the NFL draft doesn't belong to the team picking first.

Or second.

With the Rams and Eagles having traded up to secure the top two spots, where they have said they will take quarterbacks, it's San Diego that likely will determine the flow on Thursday night. What will the Chargers do with the third selection?

Perhaps defensive back Jalen Ramsey of Florida State, considered one of the best athletes and most NFL-ready players available. Maybe Laremy Tunsil, the Ole Miss offensive tackle who can pile-drive blockers into submission.

Pass rushers Joey Bosa of Ohio State and DeForest Buckner of Oregon could be in the mix, too. Maybe linebacker Myles Jack of UCLA.

Chargers general manager Tom Telesco has not been shy about making draft-day deals, either.

"Like Tom talked about last week at his press conference," coach Mike McCoy said in a web chat with fans, "we were looking at every scenario with trade possibilities. When those two teams traded ahead of

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us, that settled things down a bit. The phones weren't ringing quite as often.

"We're excited to get on the clock at pick No. 3."

Dallas follows right behind San Diego, and the Cowboys could be thinking defense or even running back if Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott suits their tastes. Their offensive line is strong enough from recent drafts that selecting Tunsil is a long shot.

Then again, some scouts have rated Tunsil the top prospect in the entire crop, and left tackles are a premium commodity. So a bunch of other clubs in need of help on the O-line could be lining up to get the fourth overall pick.

Two other intriguing selections in the top 10 belong to San Francisco and Cleveland. Both could be in the market for a quarterback such as Paxton Lynch; Colin Kaepernick has said he would like out of San Francisco, and the Browns, despite adding Robert Griffin III, always are looking for a QB.

The 49ers have the seventh spot, and the Browns, after trading down from No. 2, will go eighth.

Of course, considering the mega-trades pulled off so far, the top 10 could look very different by the time Los Angeles opens the selection process. Not to mention how the rest of the 31-pick round (New England forfeited its pick in the deflated footballs saga) might go.

After fanfare, forecasters review talk of storm 'outbreak'

KELLY P. KISSEL, Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — After warning for days about violent storms that could rake the central U.S. with huge hail, high winds and strong tornadoes, forecasters will review whether the messages they sent were appropriate for severe weather that some considered a "bust" because the tornadoes that did develop were small.

Storms on Tuesday brought grapefruit-sized hail in Kansas and winds near 75 mph throughout the Great Plains and Missouri River Valley. But the tornadoes lacked all of the ingredients to produce monster storms.

"We had signals that it could be on the higher end," said Bill Bunting, the operations chief at the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. "But each system is different, and (this one) didn't live up to our expectations."

The center for the first time had said six days out that a severe weather "outbreak" was possible — raising questions on whether it was appropriate to sound a general alarm that far in advance.

"The one thing missing was what the hazards were," said Kim Klockow, a visiting scientist at the National Weather Service who studies meteorology and human behavior. "It was always entirely possible there would be tornadoes and it was possible there won't be."

The Storm Prediction Center doesn't quantify the chance of specific hazards in its forecasts until the day the storms are expected. On Tuesday, it predicted that the central U.S. had a "moderate risk" of severe weather based on a 45 percent chance of 1-inch hail, with at least a 10 percent chance of 2-inch hail. The center said there was a lesser risk of tornadoes.

Klockow, who was brought aboard to help forecasters communicate their messages more effectively, said the solution lies not only with the Storm Prediction Center but with all charged with spreading the news about bad weather. She noted that some broadcasters talked up tornadoes as though they were certain.

"No single one of us communicates alone. We need to be on the same sheet of music," she said.

The dire predictions led several Oklahoma school districts to shutter their doors. Businesses cleared inventory from exposed areas, fearing the worst.

"So many people were sheltering for the tornado, I would be surprised if there wasn't some talk of a bust," Klockow said.

Marshall Shepherd, a former president of the American Meteorological Society, a professor and director of the Atmospheric Sciences Program at the University of Georgia and the host of a Sunday talk show on the Weather Channel, noted in an email to The Associated Press that forecasters and the public often focus on tornadoes when discussing severe weather.

"I think the communication of (a) severe weather threat is still tornado dominant," Shepherd said. "The overall event was generally ok, the 'bust' is in the hyper-discussion and anticipation of an outbreak."

In a piece that he wrote for Forbes on Wednesday, Shepherd said some discussion of a "bust" is likely fair after the hype of Tuesday's storms. "However," he went on to say, "I frequently encourage society to move beyond the notion of being upset when preparing for the worst and it does not happen. Just say thank you."

Klockow said she would like to know how people handled information they received before and during the storms' development — using actual data and not just anecdotes from people tweeting about what was perceived as a flawed forecast.

"There is not a good process in the National Weather Service for undertaking something like social science research funding. It's a physical science agency," Klockow said. "The pressure will need to come externally to bring that to the attention of the agency."

Bunting, whose team made the forecast, said the pre-storm outlooks succeeded in drawing attention to the weather, even if storms weren't entirely as bad as expected.

"We always have to work to improve how we present information," he said.

Some principals charged with kickbacks faced financial woes

COREY WILLIAMS, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A dozen Detroit principals and an administrator are accused of finding a way to bleed their struggling public schools of \$900,000 — ordering chairs, writing paper and other supplies that in most cases were never delivered, even as investigators doggedly battled fraud in a district that lacks textbooks and even toilet paper.

Federal authorities say the bribery and kickback scheme started as early as 2002 and ended earlier this year. It is the latest in a string of embarrassing public corruption cases where elected officials and workers succumbed to the temptation of an easy dime left in a too-often unguarded public till.

"They stole from the children," said an angry Ida Byrd-Hill, who had two children attending a Detroit high school in 2009 during the height of the alleged kickbacks.

"We keep forgetting that these schools belong to the citizens of Detroit," she said. "They don't belong to Detroit Public Schools. They don't belong to the principals. Everybody has forgotten who they work for. They work for the parents."

Mostly middle aged, the 13 schools officials charged last month with conspiracy to commit bribery had salaries far above what the average Detroiter takes home. But a public records search by The Associated Press showed some faced bankruptcies, tax liens and other personal financial troubles just prior to or during the time they are accused of receiving kickbacks from longtime district supply vendor Norman Shy, 74.

Wayne State University Law School professor Peter Henning described it as a scenario that is all too familiar in a city where public employees think they are owed more than they get for difficult, thankless jobs.

"I doubt any of them really thought they were doing anything wrong — they (believed they) were just getting something they deserved," Henning said. "They worked hard, were underpaid and had to deal with all the stuff that goes on in DPS."

Henning said it "comes down to (the) basic morality" of city officials — or a lack thereof.

"If somebody wants to steal, they can steal. If somebody wants to take an improper benefit or payment, they can do it. Is anyone going to notice \$100 here, a \$1,000 there?" he said.

Federal investigators have been busy in Detroit for at least seven years. Much of their work involved uncovering rampant pay-to-play schemes at the highest levels of City Hall.

Disgraced ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is serving a 28-year prison sentence for corruption. Former City Council President Monica Conyers also spent time behind bars after pleading guilty in 2009 to conspiracy to commit bribery.

But the school bribery charges are particularly galling given the district's poor finances. The state Legislature is being asked to enact a \$720 million restructuring plan that would pay off the district's enormous

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debt. Dozens of schools were forced to cancel classes this year as teachers called in sick to protest low pay, lacking supplies and over-crowded classrooms. Enrollment has dropped to about 46,000 students from 95,000 in 2009.

The state recently provided \$48.7 million in emergency funding to keep the schools open through June.

Principals in Detroit were responsible for ordering supplies and selecting vendors. Authorities said that because of the scheme, the district paid thousands of dollars for auditorium chairs, supplemental teaching material, raised line paper and other classroom supplies that either never arrived or came in smaller quantities than ordered.

"At the core of this apparent scheme is something that's very real — horribly resourced public schools," Detroit teachers' union president Ivy Bailey said last month, when charges were announced.

The probe evolved from a state audit of finances in a spin-off district of 15 low-performing Detroit schools. That led to the arrest of Kenyetta Wilbourn-Snapp, a principal at two high schools who was charged late last year with taking bribes to hire a company to perform tutoring services.

From there, federal investigators eventually found enough evidence to charge more administrators. Their average salary, without benefits, is about \$98,600, compared with the median Detroit household income of about \$26,000. Nonetheless, several of the accused educators found themselves in financial straits and appear to have accepted money, gift cards and checks from Shy to pull themselves out.

The U.S. Attorney's office says Spain Elementary-Middle School principal Ronald Alexander received about \$23,000 in kickbacks from May 2009 through June 2014. Alexander filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 2011.

Shy's company gave Thirkell Elementary-Middle School principal Clara Smith a total of \$194,000, including \$18,000 in personal credit card and bill payments and checks to relatives and friends in 2011. She received Sam's Club gift cards, cash and checks made payable to family members and friends. On or about March 10, 2010, one kickback was in the form of a \$5,000 personal credit card payment. On Dec. 12, 2012 she received \$4,000 in Walmart gift cards, prosecutors say.

Smith even kept track of how much was coming to her in a ledger, according to court documents.

A tax lien was filed last year on her Southfield home.

The U.S. Attorney's office says a big chunk of the \$900,000 in kickbacks went to Clara Flowers. Flowers, 61, had been an assistant superintendent in Specialized Student Services and a former principal. Now, she's accused of receiving nearly \$325,000 in the scheme.

Shy's Allstate Sales received about \$2.7 million from the district, according to court documents.

The Associated Press left messages seeking comment from attorneys representing the principals, who face up to five years in prison and a fine. Only Flowers' attorney, Frank Eaman, responded.

Flowers plans to pay the district back, he said.

"She profoundly regrets that she became involved with a vendor who was paying kickbacks to administrators," Eaman said. "She has completely cooperated with the authorities and will continue to do so. She will accept responsibility for her actions and accept the consequences of her actions."

The U.S. Attorney's Office says 11 guilty pleas so far are scheduled starting Thursday and into May, including plea deals with nine principals. Shy is scheduled to plead guilty May 11.

Many of the kickbacks allegedly occurred after then-emergency manager Robert Bobb began attacking corruption and fraud in 2009, while trying to fix a \$300 million budget deficit.

But somehow, the administrators evaded detection.

"I think it's shocking anytime you hear that 13 very high-level school officials are engaged in bribery," U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade said. "If I were a parent or a teacher, I would not be satisfied that this could occur under anyone's watch."

Hastert judge delivered verbal equivalent of public flogging

MICHAEL TARM, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — When he sentenced Dennis Hastert to more than a year in prison, the judge in the former House speaker's hush-money case delivered the verbal equivalent of a public flogging.

Before imposing the 15-month sentence, a far stiffer sentence than federal guidelines suggested, U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin spent nearly an hour Wednesday rebuking the 74-year-old Republican for sexually abusing high school athletes decades ago, when he was a wrestling coach.

Hastert, the nation's longest-serving GOP speaker who for eight years was second in the line of succession to the presidency, sat almost frozen in a wheelchair, his head slightly bowed as he peered over his eyeglasses.

The judge drew special attention to the lies Hastert told federal investigators last year in a desperate bid to keep his dark secret hidden. And he portrayed Hastert's fall from grace as traumatic, not only for his victims and their families, but for the country.

"Nothing is more stunning than to have the words 'serial child molester' and 'speaker of the House' in the same sentence."

As he adjourned the two-hour hearing, Durkin added: "I hope I never see a case like this again."

Had it not been for the statute of limitations on sex crimes running out long ago, the judge said, Hastert could well have been convicted of sexually abusing children. In that circumstance, he would probably have gone to prison for decades.

The judge did not say where Hastert would serve time when he reports later this year, but he cited one possibility — a prison in the Rochester, Minnesota, area, that already has many child molesters. In such a place, the judge said, Hastert would be less likely to be singled out by other inmates.

Defense attorney Thomas Green sought probation, saying Hastert had already paid an enormous toll in public shame. Defense attorneys had previously noted how Hastert's portrait had been taken down from a Capitol Hill hallway shortly after his May 2015 indictment.

"Losing your good name is a punishment," Durkin said. And Hastert's name has been "obliterated." But taking down a portrait from a place of honor is not comparable to the devastation endured by someone who is sexually abused as a child.

The defense also cited Hastert's health, saying a blood infection nearly killed him in November and that a stroke has limited his mobility.

Durkin accepted that Hastert's health had deteriorated since he pleaded guilty last fall. But the federal prison system, he said, holds inmates who are older and sicker. The other advantage of the Rochester-area prison, he explained, was that inmates could be treated at the acclaimed Mayo Clinic.

The judge, visibly angry at times, said Hastert's duplicity will make it harder than ever for parents to trust other adults with their children.

"If Denny Hastert could do it, anyone could do it," Durkin said.

Earlier this month, prosecutors went into graphic detail about the sex-abuse allegations, even describing how Hastert would sit in a recliner in the locker room with a direct view of the showers. The victims were boys between 14 and 17.

When the judge asked if Hastert wanted to make a statement, Hastert grabbed a walker and moved slowly to a podium.

"I am deeply ashamed to be standing here," he said, reading from a statement. "I mistreated some of the athletes that I coached."

He added: "They looked up to me, and I took advantage of them."

Hastert pleaded guilty last fall to violating banking law as he sought to pay \$3.5 million to someone referred to in court papers only as Individual A to keep the sex abuse secret.

When FBI agents first approached Hastert about the massive cash withdrawals, he told them Individual A was making a bogus claim of sex abuse to extort him for money.

"He was a victim decades ago, and you tried to make him a victim again," the judge said.

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Prosecutors have described the payments as something akin to an out-of-court settlement. Individual A wanted to bring in lawyers and put the agreement in writing, but it was Hastert, authorities said, who refused to involve anyone else.

Hastert, the judge said, thought he could use his elevated status to make federal investigators believe his lie.

"If he had told the truth, I'm not sure we would be here today," Durkin said. "Instead, you lied and here we are."

While the maximum sentence available for the banking violation was five years in prison, federal guidelines recommended probation to six months in prison. Judges rarely go outside the guidelines and usually do so only when the behavior underlying the crime — in this case sex abuse — is especially egregious.

In addition to the prison term, the judge also ordered Hastert to undergo sex-offender treatment, spend two years on supervised release from prison and pay a \$250,000 fine to a crime victims' fund.

Authorities say Hastert abused at least four students throughout his years at Yorkville High School about 45 miles southwest of Chicago.

Before Hastert spoke, a former wrestler delivered a statement. Taking a deep breath as he started, 53-year-old Scott Cross frequently stopped and struggled to regain his composure. A court official walked up and handed him a box of tissues.

"I looked up to coach Hastert," he said. After Hastert abused him in the locker room, he said: "I was devastated. I felt very alone."

Jolene Burdge also spoke. She said Hastert abused her brother, Stephen Reinboldt, throughout his years at Yorkville High, where Hastert was a history teacher and coach from 1965 to 1981. Reinboldt died of AIDS in 1995.

"When a man is sexually assaulted, it means they weren't strong enough to fight back," she said. "He wasn't strong enough." She added, "You took his innocence and turned it against him."

By helping to reveal the sex abuse, she added, "I hope I have been your worst nightmare."

In his remarks, the former congressman never referred to sexual abuse. When Hastert did not characterize what he'd done to the boys in his statement, the judge stopped him before he sat down and asked Hastert directly: Did Hastert, in fact, abuse Cross?

"I don't remember that," Hastert responded. "I accept his statement."

The judge then asked if he had abused Reinboldt. Hastert first answered: "That was a different situation, sir." After Hastert consulted his lawyer, the judge repeated the question. Hastert paused and said, "Yes."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Block said society was better off now that Hastert had been unmasked. "The defendant," he told the court, "has been exposed for who he is."

High-speed rail board to weigh in on revised California plan

JULIET WILLIAMS, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The board that oversees California's high-speed rail project is expected to approve a revised plan calling for a \$64 billion approach that sends the train from the Central Valley to the San Jose area before it heads to Southern California.

The board will meet Thursday in Sacramento, a week after postponing a planned vote to make changes to the revised business plan.

Central Valley lawmakers and activists complained vocally after a planned stop in Merced already under construction was left out of the most recent proposal for the bullet train released this winter, prompting officials to reverse course again last week.

The changes also include adding a station in Wasco, near Bakersfield.

Rail officials have pitched the first segment between the Central Valley and San Jose for \$21 billion as the only way to ensure a useable segment gets built with the existing funding available.

It also avoids the expensive and tricky engineering work required to tunnel through the Tehachapi mountains in Southern California delaying those residents' complaints for a while.

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The first stretch would begin operating in 2025, three years later and 50 miles shorter than the original planned route that would have first connected to the San Fernando Valley.

High-speed rail CEO Jeff Morales told the board last week that the state will spend \$4 billion in Southern California to prepare for the bullet train, seeking to reassure worried officials that a recent change in plans calling for the train to head first to San Jose might mean the train never makes it to the Los Angeles area.

The authority is required by law to update its business plan every two years and proposals and funding projects for the system have frequently changed, leading to criticism that the latest proposal is no more likely to become reality than any of the others.

Gov. Jerry Brown has remained a supporter of the project, which he maintains will help cut carbon emissions.

Hawaii church deploying igloos to house homeless families

CATHY BUSSEWITZ, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A church in Hawaii is looking to address the state's ongoing homelessness crisis. They've settled on a solution that at first appears better suited for the frigid winters of Alaska than the islands' tropical climate: igloos.

There's no risk of the dome-shaped structures melting. They're made of fiberglass.

It's not the first time igloos or domes have been deployed before for the homeless. In Los Angeles, about 35 people lived in a cluster of them called "Dome Village" for about a decade.

The igloos are the latest idea in the islands as the state struggles to deal with the nation's highest per capita homelessness rate. Honolulu is using shipping containers to house some people. And others are pushing traditional thatched "hale" homes.

Beyonce slays at tour opening, offers no insight into album

KELLI KENNEDY, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Whether scorned woman or confident seductress, Beyonce moved seamlessly between the two on the opening night of her Formation World Tour in Miami, offering no insight into the rumors of marital infidelity fueled by her latest album.

Queen B came out swinging Wednesday in an oversized black western hat and bodysuit, trading her normal stilettos for military-style combat boots. She opened the show with "Formation" and had the crowd in a frenzy as she moved to her latest anthem "Sorry," noticeable scorn in her tone as she sang, "Tonight, I regret the night I put that ring on."

Both songs were from "Lemonade," which she released days earlier in an HBO special with full visuals. Much of the album appeared to tie into Beyonce's life, and lines like "Are you cheating on me?" raised questions of whether her husband, Jay Z, had been unfaithful.

Her opening anthems were fueled by red lights and hot fireballs shooting into the night sky to punctuate her rage — and the angrier she got, the more excited the crowd grew. At one point, Beyonce donned a sequined bodysuit studded with red flames as she sang about her plans to "smack that trick" as a tempestuous lightning storm raged on a screen behind her and later a red, she-devil-esque number.

Just when you thought she was in full-on fury, she switched to the overtly sexual "Rocket" and "Drunk in Love," a song seemingly about her once hot and heavy marriage. She drew from an older song, "Me, Myself and I," to remind the crowd "I'm going to be my own best friend," and brought two girls from the audience who had perfected the choreography to the much-mimicked "Single Ladies."

She moved so skillfully between vulnerable and in control, that it was impossible to tell what was real and how much was artistic posturing.

Beyonce did not mention her husband — aside from a quick thank you at the end — and said little about her new album, noting only that her favorite song was "All Night," a slow number that starts, "I've found the truth beneath your lies." There was no mention of the presumed other woman, the much-discussed "Becky with the good hair."

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Noticeably absent from the two-hour concert were the political undertones of her Super Bowl halftime show earlier this year, where Beyoncé's dancers donned berets, sported Afros and wore all black, similar to the style of the Black Panther party.

Police unions urged officers not to volunteer or work at her shows and criticized what they called her "anti-police" messages. The police presence at the Miami show seemed normal, and media reports have revealed that security sign-ups for her upcoming Tampa show have not been an issue.

She also did a quick cover of the Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams," cast her stage in purple to honor Prince during a costume change while "Purple Rain" played and dedicated her final number "Halo" to the late star as fireworks shot into the night sky.

"Prince, thank you for your beautiful music. ... He's an artist that inspired all of us," she said.

In perhaps the most meaningful moment, Beyoncé said her daughter reminded her on the way to rehearsal earlier in the day that "when I was a little girl and I dreamed, I dreamed of this day right now. ... You're witnessing my dream coming true right now."

Later, a montage of Jay Z holding the couple's newborn child in the hospital played as she sang — a reminder that the last time she toured, she headlined with her husband. Wednesday's show also included a snippet from Jay's grandmother's 90th birthday telling the crowd she turned life's lemons into lemonade.

And Beyoncé — whatever state her personal life and marriage is in — appears to be doing the same. Her commanding performance of "Freedom" served as reminder to the world that she "breaks chains all by myself. I'm gonna keep running because a runner don't quit on herself," she sang as her dancers splashed about an onstage pool. She carried that theme into "Survivor," encouraging those in the crowd who had "survived anything in your life, I want you to celebrate with me tonight."

And, just to keep everyone guessing, she gave a shout-out to her husband at the end.

"I want to dedicate this song to my beautiful husband," she said. "I love you so much."

Bill Tilden: A US tennis hero, but with a morals clause

KRISTEN DE GROOT, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the 1920s and 1930s, Bill Tilden was to tennis what Babe Ruth was to baseball. Honoring him with a historical marker should be an ace — if not for questions about his conduct with teenage boys.

Tilden's athletic accomplishments are hard to overstate. He became the first American to win Wimbledon in 1920, won seven U.S. championships, triumphed at Wimbledon twice more and maintained his prowess on the court for decades. In 1950, The Associated Press voted him the greatest player of the first half of the century.

A group is pushing for a historical marker at Philadelphia's Germantown Cricket Club, his home court. But his mixed legacy has raised roadblocks, especially in a state where the sex abuse scandal involving another sports figure, Penn State's Jerry Sandusky, still reverberates.

The panel that approves historical markers voted down Tilden's nomination in March, 4-1.

"Tilden's accomplishments in tennis are unquestioned," the panel wrote. But his criminal history led them to deny approval.

"The climate about this type of sexual misconduct is too fresh in the minds of Pennsylvanians," Karen Galle, coordinator of the state's historical marker program, told the AP.

Tilden was arrested in Beverly Hills, California, in November 1946, after a 14-year-old boy was caught driving the star's car erratically. Officers pulled them over, and when the teen exited the car, police said, his pants zipper was down.

Police charged Tilden with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and he served seven months in jail. He was arrested again in 1949 on allegations that he violated probation by being in the company of another teen boy, and that he groped a third teen. He served 10 months at a prison farm.

In his heyday, "Big Bill" Tilden's dominance on the court was featured regularly in magazines, newspapers and newsreels. Born to a wealthy Philadelphia family, he was friends with Hollywood elite like Charlie

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Chaplin and Errol Flynn, was a guest of the Duke of York at Buckingham Palace, and played at the White House at the invitation of President Warren Harding.

He's credited with urging children of all economic backgrounds to learn tennis, once a sport only for the wealthy. Modern players still value his manuals on how to play.

A character based on him even appears in Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita." Lolita takes lessons from an aging, gay tennis legend named Ned Litam (an anagram of sorts for Tilden) who surrounds himself with a "harem of ball boys."

After his convictions, Tilden's Germantown membership was revoked, and his portrait was removed. When Robert Couch became club historian in the 1980s, there was no trace of Tilden.

"Everything you see in this club, I got on eBay," he said.

Tilden died of a heart attack in 1953 at age 60. The only public reference to him in Philadelphia is at Ivy Hill Cemetery, with a marker reading just "William T. Tilden 2nd. 1893-1953."

As years passed, the club began to embrace Tilden's memory. His portrait reappeared, and the catering service now offers a "Tilden Dinner Buffet Package."

A group of Philadelphians worked on the historical marker application for more than a year, compiling letters from tennis clubs, historians, former Wimbledon winners and newspaper clippings from the era.

"He's the most forgotten of America's athletes," said Allen Hornblum, a member of the marker effort who's working on a Tilden biography.

Vic Seixas, who won Wimbledon in 1953 and at age 92 is the oldest living Grand Slam singles champion, submitted a letter.

"He was undoubtedly the greatest tennis player of his time, if not all time," said Seixas, speaking by phone from his home in Mill Valley, California.

The group plans to reapply later this year.

Tilden wouldn't have been the only subject of a Pennsylvania historical marker with a criminal background. Joseph Huston's marker highlights his work as architect of the state Capitol but doesn't mention his conviction for accepting bribes for work on the building.

But crime involving children "is a touchy subject that people want to stay away from," said Jaime Schultz, a sports historian at Penn State. "It's especially hard in the state of Pennsylvania."

Sandusky was Penn State's defensive football coach for decades under Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno. He was convicted in 2012 of sexual abuse of 10 boys. He was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison but maintains his innocence and has filed an appeal.

The scandal led to firings, fines, lawsuits, the suspension of the football program and Paterno's wins being vacated for a time. Penn State also removed a statue of Paterno in 2012. The school's president said it would be a "recurring wound" to victims of sexual abuse, even though Paterno hadn't committed any crime.

But what the public is willing to forgive changes, Schultz said.

"Memorials are so complicated," she said. "It's about so much more than the individual."

Ex-San Francisco officer arrested for obstructing rape probe

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former San Francisco police lieutenant linked to a racist texting scandal and also charged with obstructing the rape investigation of a subordinate officer was arrested Wednesday, police said.

Hours after the San Francisco district attorney's office charged Curtis Liu with a felony count of lying to investigators and two misdemeanors charges of obstruction, the San Francisco Police Department announced he had been arrested and booked at San Francisco County Jail.

The bigoted messages involving Liu, the second such texting scandal to shake the department since 2014, come as a top Los Angeles Sheriff's Department official apologized Wednesday for forwarding inappropriate and racially insensitive emails when he served as the second-highest ranking officer in the Burbank Police Department.

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The latest bigoted San Francisco texts came to light after a woman reported in August that then-Officer Jason Lai raped her. As part of the rape investigation, Lai's cellphone was seized and racist texts to Liu and others were found.

Liu is accused of discussing the report with Lai before investigators knew the officer was the suspect. He then denied discussing the accusation with Lai, prosecutors allege. He is also accused of letting police file an initial report stating that the rape suspect was "unknown" when he knew that it was Lai.

Liu's attorney Tony Brass said "to charge him with a felony seems excessive." Brass said Liu "self-corrected his mistake" and told investigators what he knew about the rape case soon after denying discussing the probe with Lai.

Brass said he's concerned Liu was charged with felony because of his involvement in the texting scandal. "Usually, these types of things are handled by internal discipline," Brass said.

Prosecutors in March declined to charge Lai with rape, saying there wasn't enough evidence. Lai was charged with misdemeanor counts of illegally accessing driving and criminal records.

Public defender Jeff Adachi on Tuesday released a redacted transcript of some of Lai's offensive text messages, which included slurs for blacks, Mexicans and gays and insulted President Obama and NBA star LeBron James. Adachi received the transcripts from the district attorney because his office is representing a defendant Lai helped investigate. The transcripts of three other officers' texts weren't released, but police chief Greg Suhr said their conversation were "no less reprehensible" than Lai's bigoted comments.

Liu retired from the department last year. Lai and one of the three remaining officers implicated in the texting scandal have resigned. Suhr is seeking the dismissal of the fourth officer.

Suhr is also trying to fire eight other officers implicated in an earlier texting scandal that came to light during a police corruption probe in 2014.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, newly released emails showed the chief of staff for Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell forwarded emails containing jokes mocking minorities, Muslims and women when he worked for Burbank police, according to a report by the Los Angeles Times.

The newspaper reported that Tom Angel sent the emails in 2012 and 2013 when he was second in command at Burbank police. The Times obtained the emails through the state's public records law.

One of the emails jokes about "blacks" and Mexicans filling jail cells. Another ridiculed concerns about racially profiling Muslims, and a third listed "towels for hats" as a reason "Muslim terrorists are so quick to commit suicide." That email also said, "You can't wash off the smell of donkey."

Angel told the Times that he didn't mean to demean anyone and said it was unfortunate his work emails were made public.

"Anybody in the workplace unfortunately forwards emails from time to time that they probably shouldn't have forwarded," Angel said. "I apologize if I offended anybody, but the intent was not for the public to have seen these jokes."

McDonnell said he is disappointed in the emails but he has no plans to discipline Angel, saying the messages predate Angel's employment at the sheriff's department.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 28, the 119th day of 2016. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 28, 1996, a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle went on a rampage on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people; Martin Bryant was captured by police after a 12-hour standoff at a guest cottage. (Bryant is serving a life prison sentence.)

On this date:

In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as rebelling crew members of the British ship, led by

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Fletcher Christian, set the captain, William Bligh, and 18 others adrift in a launch in the South Pacific. (Bligh and most of the men with him reached Timor in 47 days.)

In 1817, the United States and Britain signed the Rush-Bagot Treaty, which limited the number of naval vessels allowed in the Great Lakes.

In 1918, Gavrilo Princip, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1925, the International Exposition of Modern Industrial and Decorative Arts, which gave rise to the term "Art Deco," began a six-month run in Paris.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Supreme Allied commander in Europe; he was succeeded by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day U.S. Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."

In 1974, a federal jury in New York acquitted former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans of charges in connection with a secret \$200,000 contribution to President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign from financier Robert Vesco.

In 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo (HEE'-loh) to Honolulu.

In 2001, a Russian rocket lifted off from Central Asia bearing the first space tourist, California businessman Dennis Tito, and two cosmonauts on a journey to the international space station.

Ten years ago: Storms battered eastern Texas with wind up to 100 miles-an-hour and hail the size of baseballs. Attorneys for Rush Limbaugh, who'd been accused by Florida prosecutors of "doctor shopping" for painkillers, announced a deal under which a single prescription fraud charge against the talk show host would be dismissed after 18 months provided he stay drug-free and didn't violate any laws. Ellen DeGeneres swept the Daytime Emmy awards, winning best talk show host for the second time and earning talk show honors for the third consecutive year.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama reshuffled his national security team, with CIA Director Leon Panetta succeeding Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. David Petraeus replacing Panetta at the CIA. Convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and raping a California girl, Jaycee Dugard, who was abducted in 1991 at the age of 11 and rescued 18 years later. (Phillip Garrido was sentenced to 431 years to life in prison; Nancy Garrido was sentenced to 36 years to life in prison.) Canada's Patrick Chan won the world figure skating championships in Moscow.

One year ago: Urging Americans to "do some soul-searching," President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration over recurring black deaths at the hands of police, rioters who responded with senseless violence and a society that would only "feign concern" without addressing the root causes. Nigerian troops rescued nearly 300 girls and women during an offensive against Boko Haram militants in the northeast Sambia forest; those rescued did not include any of the schoolgirls kidnapped a year earlier from Chibok. Jack Ely, the singer known for "Louie Louie," the low-budget recording that became one of the most famous songs of the 20th century, died in Redmond, Oregon, at age 71.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 86. Actor Frank Vincent is 79. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 75. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 67. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 66. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 64. Actress Mary McDonnell is 63. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 63. Actress Nancy Lee Grahn is 60. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 56. Rapper Too Short is 50. Actress Simbi Khali is 45. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 45. Actor Chris Young is 45. Rapper Big Gipp is 43. Actor Jorge Garcia is 43. Actress Elisabeth Rohm is 43. Actress Penelope Cruz is 42. Actor Nate Richert is 38. Actress Jessica Alba is 35. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 34. Actress Jenna Ushkowitz is 30. Actress Aleisha Allen is 25.

Thought for Today: "We have two lives... the one we learn with and the life we live with after that." — Bernard Malamud, American author (1914-1986).

Georgia executes man convicted in 1998 triple killing

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JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — Georgia executed a man Wednesday who was convicted in the 1998 killings of a central Georgia trucking company owner and his two children during a home burglary.

Daniel Anthony Lucas became the fifth person the state has executed this year. He was put to death by injection of the barbiturate pentobarbital at the state prison in Jackson. Warden Bruce Chatman told witnesses the time of death was 9:54 p.m.

The 37-year-old inmate was sentenced to death for the April 1998 killings of 37-year-old Steven Moss, his 11-year-old son Bryan and 15-year-old daughter Kristin, who interrupted a burglary at their home near Macon in central Georgia. Gerri Ann Moss, the victims' wife and mother, found their bodies when she arrived at home.

"I would like to say I'm sorry to Mrs. Moss and the family," Lucas said when given a chance to make a final statement.

He added that he loves his friends and family and then said a short prayer: "All beings are basically good. All beings are basically kind. All beings are basically strong. All beings are basically wise."

The warden left the room at 9:38 p.m. Records from past executions show the lethal drug generally begins to flow within a couple of minutes of the warden leaving the room, but that is not visible to news media witnesses.

Lucas closed his eyes and appeared to say a prayer, briefly lifting his head and opening his eyes to look at a woman seated in the second row of the witness area. He then closed his eyes and was still within a couple of minutes.

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles on Tuesday had declined to spare Lucas' life after holding a clemency hearing. His lawyers had asked the board to intervene, citing a childhood plagued by drugs and violence and saying he'd been reformed in prison. The board is the only entity authorized to commute a death sentence in Georgia.

His lawyers also turned to the courts to try to stop his execution. They cited the fact that he was 19 at the time of the killings and lacked maturity and judgment. They wrote that his death sentence was "constitutionally flawed" and argued that the imposition of the death penalty upon people who are under 21 at the time of their crimes is declining sharply.

After a lower court judge rejected those arguments, the state Supreme Court also declined to halt the execution. The justices expressed concern that the challenge wasn't filed until the day before the scheduled execution but said they fully considered the merits of his case.

Lucas' lawyers appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which issued a brief statement denying his request and providing no explanation for its decision.

Lucas and another man, Brandon Rhode, broke into the Moss home in looking for drugs, cash or things they could sell to get money for drugs, according to court filings.

Bryan Moss saw them through a front window and entered through a back door armed with a baseball bat, prosecutors have said. They say the two then wrestled Bryan to a chair and Lucas shot him in the shoulder. Lucas then led the boy to a bedroom and shot him multiple times, prosecutors have said.

Rhode met Kristin as she got home from school and forced her to sit on a chair and shot her twice with a pistol, according to court records. Rhode then ambushed Steven Moss when he arrived home, shooting him four times with the same pistol, the records show. Lucas later shot all three victims again to make sure they were dead, according to court filings.

Rhode, who was also convicted for the killings, was executed in September 2010.

Lucas' death brings the number of court-ordered executions in Georgia this year to five. That ties a record, set in 1987 and matched last year, for the most executions carried out by the state in a calendar year since the death penalty was reinstated nationwide in 1976.

Alaska weighing rules to allow use of pot at licensed stores

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JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Some activists have a vision for Alaska's upstart marijuana industry that could have Anchorage looking more like Amsterdam in the years ahead.

The way some see it, just like the city in Holland where pot can be legally purchased and smoked in shops, tourists arriving in Anchorage would be able to jump in a taxi and ask the driver about the best cannabis cafe in town. Once there, they might mingle with business executives forgoing a martini lunch in favor of a joint.

"We just know when the tourists show up, that will be one of the first questions," said David J. Straub, who owns a cultivation business on six acres of land about 50 miles north of Anchorage.

Under the legalization law, passed by voters in 2014, Alaska is on track to become the first state in the nation to allow on-site consumption of marijuana in some businesses that will sell pot. The first retail marijuana businesses aren't expected to be licensed until September — near the end of cruise ship season and a bit too late to cash in on tourism this year.

Rules for onsite consumption still must be finalized. On Wednesday, the Marijuana Control Board approved draft regulations calling consumption areas to be cordoned off from the rest of the retail premises by a secure door. Items purchased to be consumed at the store could not be removed from the premises. Regulators likened it to bars, where patrons are not allowed to-go cups for beers they don't finish.

Under the draft rules, which will undergo public comment, there would be transaction limits and stores would have to monitor patrons for overconsumption. Gimmicks such as contests involving use of marijuana or pot as prizes would be prohibited.

During a break at the meeting in Anchorage, some people described their vision of the future.

"I think that we would be doing a disservice to the public if we did not have cannabis cafes," said board member Brandon Emmett of Fairbanks, who represents industry concerns on the five-member panel.

Alaska voters approved legalizing recreational use of marijuana for people 21 and older with the expectation that it would be regulated like alcohol. Emmett said that means allowing pot cafes just like bars.

In "other cities around the planet — like Amsterdam, some places in Spain and Morocco where consumption is legal — they haven't seen the sort of social ills that have been associated with alcohol," said Emmett, noting he can't speak to the will of other board members. "Here in Alaska, we'll be able to implement that policy responsibly."

The board had pot tourism in mind last year when it voted to allow for certain retail shops to let patrons partake on site. But not everyone envisions Anchorage being as wide open as Amsterdam.

Bryant Thorp, who is applying to operate a retail and small grow business in the state, said in a phone interview that he sees a few shops opening at first and others coming later. The first openings could be a "zoo" as curious crowds check out the scene, he said.

Destiny Neade of Fairbanks thinks the number of marijuana businesses in her community as the industry gets off the ground could be spotty. It will take the community a while to get used to having the shops, said Neade, who has expressed interest in allowing for onsite product consumption at the retail shop she hopes to run. She is looking for guidance from the board, particularly about the potential liability of a business after patrons leave a store.

Alaska is one of four states that have legalized recreational use of pot, but none have allowed onsite use of the drug.

Colorado's 2012 marijuana amendment bans public use, but the law is interpreted differently around the state. At least two Colorado cities, Pueblo and Nederland, have statutes allowing limited on-site consumption at over-21 private clubs.

Voters in Denver may consider a ballot measure this fall to allow pot clubs or tasting rooms. Colorado lawmakers have mulled but not formally proposed a statewide change to the public-use law.

Emmett, the Alaska Marijuana Control Board member, sees onsite consumption in Alaska as a bellwether

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for the nation.

"I think federal legalization is going to happen in the next five years," he said, predicting that attitudes will open up in Alaska then across the United States.

"I think when we look back on this in 15 years, people will wonder what all the fuss was about," he said.