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## Thursday, May 5

**School Breakfast:** Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pizza crunchers, cheese sticks at HS, vegetable, lettuce, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Tony & Brenda Madsen

**Birthdays:** Marlee Jones • Gary Thurston • Ed Stauch • Katelyn Loutsch • Chad Locken • Meghan Dohman • Drew Dohman • Angela Glover • Jade Albrecht

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

7:00pm: HS/MS Spring Concert

## Friday, May 6

Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pizza, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, beets, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Dale & Joyce Grenz

**Birthdays:** Clint Jacobson • Kerwyn Dinger • Luke Sternhagen • Richard Ruden • Ann Erdmann • Kendale Berndt

5:00pm: Track at Sisseton

## Saturday, May 7

MS Instrumental Music Contest in Webster

**Birthdays:** Carter Schinkel • Reese Schuneman

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

## Sunday, May 8

MOTHER'S DAY

**Birthdays:** Austin Jones • Dale Kramer • John

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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## Dairy Queen Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Part-time, flexible hours. Apply at Dairy Queen in Groton.

## Lori's Pharmacy to close for funeral

Lori's Pharmacy will be closed from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 for the funeral of Brian Sundstrom. Brian was the husband of our employee, Nancy Sundstrom. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you.

## State Agencies Develop Zika Protective Measures

PIERRE, S.D. – At the direction of Gov. Dennis Daugaard, two state agencies are working together to protect against the potential threat of the Zika Virus.

"The newest mosquito-borne threat has not been detected in South Dakota. However, Zika mosquito vectors have been identified in neighboring states to our south and east," said Gov. Daugaard. "The departments of Health and Environment and Natural Resources are taking steps now to help prevent the spread of this virus in our state." (Governor Audio Clip 2)

Because tires and other water-containing refuse are prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is in the process of arranging waste tire collection events at regional landfills in the southeast part of the state. For more information on these events, contact Andrew Bruels at 605.773.4216.

The Department of Health is offering grants to fund local mosquito control programs. Grant applications are available online. The deadline for submitting applications is June 1. Grant awards will be issued after July 1. (Governor Audio Clip 1)

The Zika Virus is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which is not known to exist in South Dakota. A related species, the *Aedes albopictus* mosquito, can range as far north as Sioux City. Beginning in June the Department of Health, SDSU and local mosquito control programs in the southeastern part of the state will be trapping and testing mosquitoes to determine whether *albopictus* is found in South Dakota.

The Governor is reminding South Dakotans they must also do their part in protecting themselves against mosquitos.

"Use mosquito repellent. Wear long sleeves and pants outside. Limit your time outdoors from dusk to midnight when mosquitoes are most active. Get rid of any standing water in your yard. Support local mosquito control efforts," the Governor said. "Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant should avoid travel to Zika areas and be mindful that the virus can be sexually transmitted."

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## USD Graduation set for Saturday

The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, will be having its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., at the DakotaDome. Local students who are graduating are:

Samantha Lee Bonn, Groton, Master of Social Work, Social Work  
Holly Jean Carlson, Groton, Master of Arts, Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Ryan William Koehler, Groton, Master of Arts, Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Allison Kay McNamara, Groton, Master of Arts, Communication  
Brandon Taylor Stanley, Groton, Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
Erin Lynn Sternhagen, Groton, Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Marah Jo Van Diest, Groton, Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology



**Our next model is Shannon Wiedrick with her blue and black blanket. It took a lot of work and a lot of time to make it but she says it's totally worth it. On one side is a fluffy blue ultra soft heavenly plush fabric and on the other side is a soft black minky fabric with dots. She is planning to take FACS for the rest of her high school years. Amazing blanket Shannon!** (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)



**Up next is Brady Graf and his plaid and camel colored polar fleece blanket. This is his first semester in FACS. He enjoyed learning to sew and this blanket was a breeze. While attending Groton Area High School, Brady has been active in Football, Wrestling, Track, FFA, the school play and was part of Homecoming Royalty. His future plans are to attend Lake Area Tech and get a degree in Energy Operations to become a Power Plant Operator. Fantastic blanket Brady!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

## Rummage Sale Saturday, May 7, 2016

Yardman riding mower, auto drive, 25HP; Murry riding mower, auto drive, 16.5 HP, 8 drawer tool box on wheels; 5 gal. gas can; hand tools, garde tools - some new, bicycles - different sizes, dishes - some new in the box, house vacuum, end table lamps, 30 cup coffee maker, feather pillow, small cooler with radio - electric and battery, 2 - 7.25" electric Skill saws (some new 7.25" blades), 2 wood working benches - 1 nnew in the box, small electric air compressor, new garden hose on reel, new 400 watt generator, electric power washer, electric tile cutter TDH550, Powermate air paint sprayer; new nuts, bolts, etc.; lots more stuff too numerous to mention. Come early at 511 1st Ave. East, Groton, Eddy Opp residence. Some items will be half price from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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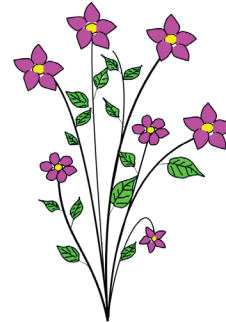
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May 8th



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## Despite all the best care

Doctor Mary Helen Harris MD was a college friend. We worked together on student union committees and I grew to appreciate her musical talent, her 4.0 grade average, and her way of supporting others around her. She was accepted into the Med School class one year after me, and we had been friends ever since. I took care of her Mom and Dad living in nearby Volga, but after they were gone, I still touched base with Mary Helen every once in a while.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Dr. Harris discovered she had spread-to-lymph-node breast cancer maybe 15 years ago, and after a significant struggle through the years, despite all the best care, she passed away this last week, leaving saddened family and friends.

The most common cancer in women starts in the breast, and affects about twelve percent of all women in their lifetime. It's more common in developed countries because of available screening and longevity.

The Egyptians thought breast cancer occurred as divine punishment for some bad deed and the Greeks thought it was a build-up of too much black bile. By the 1700s, people thought breast cancer came from too little or too much sex, too little or too much breast feeding, breast infections, restrictive clothing and even from the act of fearing cancer. Now, although we know risk factors, we recognize that we don't know why anyone gets breast or any cancer.

By the late 1800s, people were living longer; and, since risk increases with age, breast cancer was on the rise. Surgeons began to radically excise cancerous breasts along with adjacent muscle and lymph tissue, which raised the survival rate from 10 percent up to 50 percent. Although more breast cancer patients survived with radical surgery, often they suffered with lymph-swollen painful arms.

Presently breast-sparing surgery is done, where just the lump and only a few lymph nodes are removed, resulting in much less arm edema. And with the advent of safe breast implants, chest deformity is not such a problem. Along with these innovations in surgery have come advancements in screening, and better treatments in radiation, hormone, and chemo-therapy, with incredible improvements in survival. Now, many more women with breast cancer are alive at five years. And when caught early enough, the life span of those with breast cancer are the same as those without.

Still, cancer can kill despite all the best care anywhere; and I believe my doctor friend Mary Helen had all that best care. I regret I didn't have the chance to touch base with her one more time.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, visit his website, [www.PrairieDoc.org](http://www.PrairieDoc.org). On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, and streams live at [www.PrairieDoc.org](http://www.PrairieDoc.org).

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Up next is Angela Locke, she used a hopscotch pattern for her quilt design. She decided on using a combination of black, crimson red, and white to give it a classic look. Angela had some difficulties in the beginning stemming from continuously sewing the wrong pieces together, but she gradually got the hang of it. She now considers sewing one of her favorite things to do! She plans on giving this quilt as a gift to her friend, Shauna. But her and her quilt will not be separated for long as she and Shauna both plan on attending Black Hills State University in the fall. **Awesome job Angela!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Our next model is Hailey Hanson with her Radio Way Patterned quilt. This quilt was quite a challenge as she only had a picture to go off of and had to come up with her own dimensions with the aid of Mrs. Tietz. There were a few hiccups along the way, but it turned out great and came together in the end. Hailey grew up surrounded by sewing and thoroughly enjoyed doing this project. She chose bold colors to compliment her project; she plans to display in her dorm room. Hailey's future plans are to attend SDSU next fall and major in Agronomy or Ag Business. **Looks splendid Hailey!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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**Katie Koehler is involved in Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Carnival of Silver Skates and FFCLA. For Facts 3 the students had a choice to whatever they wanted to sew. Katie says she wanted to sew a blanket because she knows she'll use her blanket all throughout her life, when she goes to college and gets her own apartment, so it was a pretty obvious choice for Katie. Her blanket is made from a grey Geometric Fleece Fabric on top and bottom is a light pink minky fabric. She was an absolute perfectionist when it came to pinning her fabric, but it paid off for her as her project came together very easily for this natural seamstress. She says her favorite part of this project is when her blanket was done and she was able to take it home and cuddle up with it. Fabulous Job Katie!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Up next is McKenzie Menzia with her fabulously super soft blanket! The pink fabric is made of a Super Soft Heavenly Plush Fleece and the grey fabric is the ever popular Minky. She really enjoyed making her blanket, the class time went by fast making it as she is a natural gifted seamstress. She really enjoyed being able to sew all the way around the blanket, it was a relief taking out all of the pins. Now it is her favorite blanket! Great Job McKenzie!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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## Election Signs Not Allowed in Right of Way

PIERRE, S.D –The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public that political campaign and ballot-issue signs cannot be placed on state highway rights of way.

"With the primary election coming up in June, election signs are showing up along the state's roadways," says Jason Humphrey, construction engineer for the DOT. "We're asking everyone to pay attention to where they put the signs and make sure they are outside of the rights of way and in locations that will not create safety hazards or distract motorists."

The use of right of way is reserved for official highway signage. All signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control, as authorized by law (SDCL 31-28-14), are prohibited and will be removed. That includes both candidate and ballot-issue signs.

Municipal ordinances regulating placement and removal of campaign signs within towns and cities do not have precedence over state jurisdiction and supervision of state highway rights of way within municipalities.

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## Today in Weather History

1917 - The same storm which a day earlier produced eight inches of snow in the Texas panhandle, produced a foot of snow at Denver CO, their heaviest snow of record for the month of May. (David Ludlum)

1930 - The temperature at College Park, VA, soared from 43 degrees to 93 degrees to begin an exceptional heat wave. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the western U.S. A dozen cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at San Francisco, 98 degrees at San Jose, 100 degrees at Sacramento, and 101 degrees at Redding, were the warmest of record for so early in the season. The high of 94 degrees at Medford OR was also the warmest of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary)

1987 - Parts of the western U.S. were in the midst of a blistering May heat wave. The reading of 100 degrees in Downtown Sacramento CA was their earliest of record. Sacramento CA established daily record highs on nine of eleven days between the 4th and the 14th. (The Weather Channel)

1988 - A stubborn low pressure system continued to drench the eastern U.S. with rain. Thunderstorms again produced large hail in North Carolina. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms swept across Georgia and the Carolinas during the late afternoon and evening hours spawning seventeen tornadoes. A tornado at Toccoa GA injured 15 persons, and a tornado at Chesnee SC killed two persons and injured 35 others. Five tornadoes in North Carolina accounted for five deaths, 88 injuries, and sixty million dollars damage. Thunderstorms also produced baseball size hail at Lake Murray SC, and wind gusts to 78 mph at Brooklyn MD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A strong Pacific cold front moving rapidly inland caused weather conditions at the east end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington State to quickly change from sunny and calm to westerly winds of 60 mph and ten-foot waves. Three recreational fishing boats capsized in heavy seas off Port Angeles resulting in five deaths. In California, temperatures soared above 90 degrees across much of the state. The high of 101 degrees in downtown Los Angeles was eight degrees hotter than their previous record for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Sunny	Clear	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms and Breezy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 82 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 72 °F

Forecast for Today:

Highs in the 80s

South to Southwest winds  
5 - 15 mph



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Updated: 5/5/2016 3:48 AM Central



Published on: 05/05/2016 at 3:51AM

High pressure exiting to our southeast, and low pressure across south central Canada will result in warming air today on south to southwesterly winds. Temperatures will rise into the 80s. Another warm day is figured Friday, as a cold front sinks across our area. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will be possible late Friday afternoon through Friday night.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 73.1 at 6:39 PM

**Low:** 33.9 at 6:38 AM

**High Gust:** 18 at 4:45 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 92° in 2000

**Record Low:** 24 in 1944

**Average High:** 66°F

**Average Low:** 40°F

**Average Precip in May:** 0.51

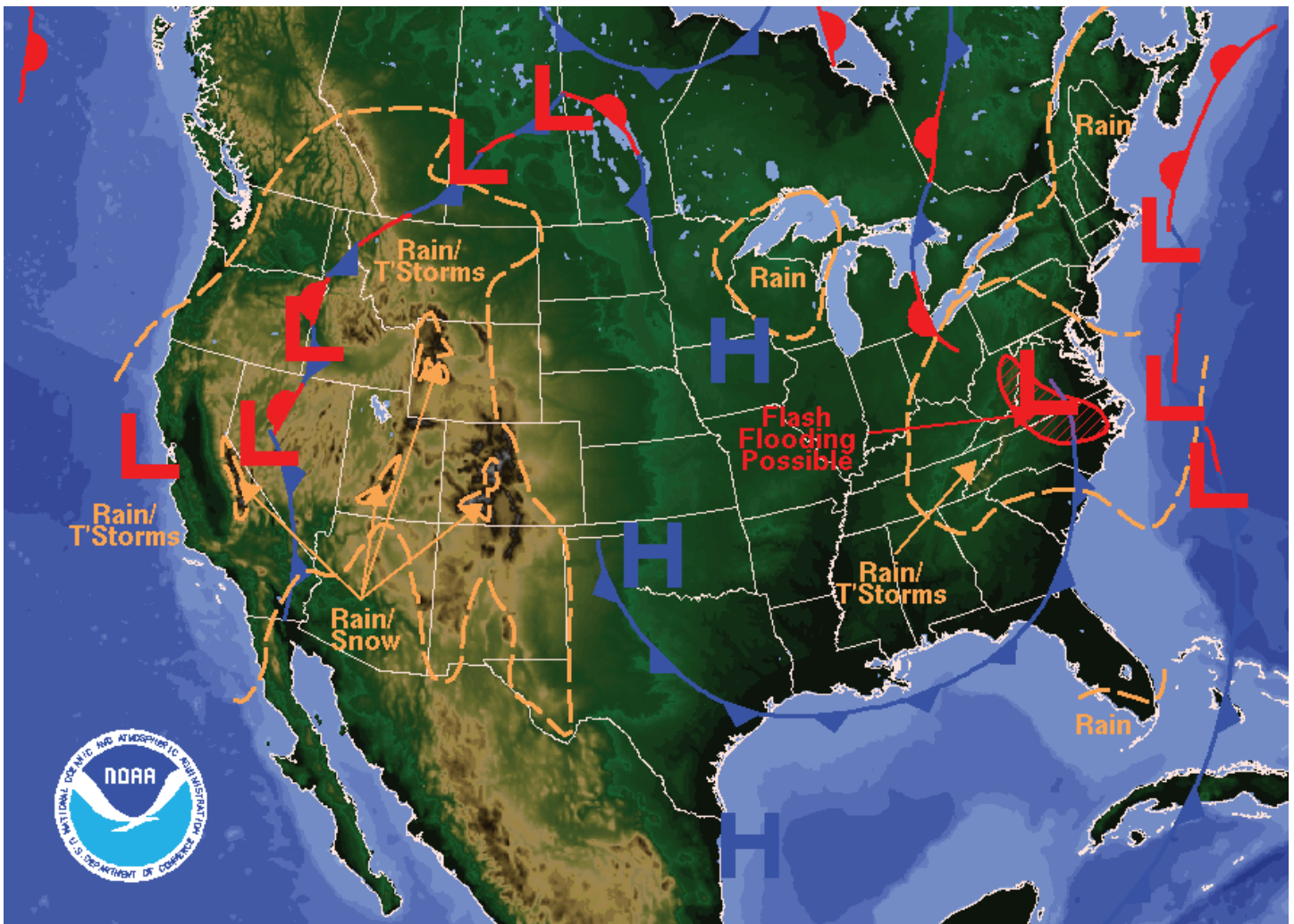
**Precip to date in May:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 4.54

**Precip Year to Date:** 3.39

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:46 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:13 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, May 05, 2016, issued 3:52 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Pereira based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WORRYBIRDS

The comic strip Peanuts contains many useful lessons for each of us. In one of their discussions, Linus said to Charlie Brown, "I guess it's wrong to worry about tomorrow. Maybe we should think only about today."

"No!" Charlie Brown said emphatically. "That's giving up. I'm still hoping that yesterday will get better."

Letting go is often very difficult. Sometimes we enjoy holding on to a hurt so we can feel sorry for ourselves. Or, we may want to carry yesterday's anger with us to avoid having God's peace in our hearts, believing we are unworthy of His grace. Often when our prayers go unanswered, we enjoy doubting God's power and presence in our lives, thinking that He has forgotten about us.

The word "worry" comes from a German word that means "to choke." We "choke" out the good things that God has in store for us because we refuse to take Him at His Word. Paul said, "Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything."

Paul advises us to turn our worries into prayers. God is merciful and mighty, powerful and present and can remove our worries and solve our problems. "Tell God what you want and thank Him for all He has done," advised Paul.

Prayer: Lord, may we realize that although things may seem to be more than we can handle, nothing is beyond Your ability to control. Give us the faith we need. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

### **US gov't says North Carolina LGBT law violates civil rights** **The Associated Press**

Legislation has been proposed in states across the country to protect those who — due to religious beliefs — decline to employ or serve certain people. Critics say the laws are aimed at the LGBT community and are discriminatory. Recent laws denounced as discriminatory in North Carolina and Mississippi have prompted a growing backlash from opponents. The US Justice Department said Wednesday that North Carolina's law limiting protections for LGBT people violates federal civil rights laws. North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory says the Obama administration's warning means the issue is no longer confined to North Carolina and could affect other states. Here's a look at legislation around the country:

#### **ALABAMA:**

Alabama lawmakers unsuccessfully pushed a measure to prevent the state from refusing to license child-care service providers who decline services that conflict with their religious beliefs. Religious organizations contract with the state to provide some childcare services, and opponents of the proposal have argued that the bill could be used to exclude gay and lesbian couples from adopting children or being foster parents. The bills were indefinitely postponed.

#### **ALASKA**

In Alaska, during the current Legislature, bills barring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity have gone nowhere, and bills to allow clergy to refuse to solemnize a marriage without being subject to criminal or civil liability failed to gain traction before the scheduled end of the 90-day session. Lawmakers remain in extended session but have narrowed their focus to budget and revenue bills.

#### **ARKANSAS**

Arkansas lawmakers last year approved a revised version of a religious objections measure after the initial version faced widespread criticism that it was anti-LGBT. The Legislature also enacted a law aimed at preventing cities and counties from passing anti-discrimination measures that include sexual orientation or gender identity.

#### **COLORADO**

Colorado lawmakers introduced a bill in February that would have blocked the state from taking any action that may burden a person's religious freedom unless it was the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental interest. A House committee indefinitely postponed discussion on the bill.

#### **FLORIDA**

Republican Gov. Rick Scott signed a law stating that clergy, churches, religious schools and other religious organizations cannot be required to marry people or allow their facilities to be used for marriage celebrations that violate "a sincerely held religious belief." The law takes effect July 1.

#### **GEORGIA**

Republican Gov. Nathan Deal vetoed a bill that would have prohibited the government from imposing penalties on religious schools and organizations that chose not to employ or serve people based on their sincerely held religious beliefs. The proposal would have also protected clergy who declined to perform weddings for gay and lesbian couples.

#### **HAWAII**

A bill to prevent insurers and health care providers from discriminating against transgender patients has passed both chambers of the Legislature, and has been sent to Gov. David Ige. The measure prohibits denying, canceling or limiting coverage for services including care related to gender transition, under certain conditions. Several lawmakers also introduced bills to protect the freedom to express religious beliefs by prohibiting the state from taking discriminatory action based on the person's moral convictions, but the bills were never granted a hearing.

#### **ILLINOIS**

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Chicago Public Schools will allow transgender students and employees to use bathrooms and locker rooms corresponding to their gender identities. Related, there is a lawsuit by families against a suburban Chicago school district over allowing transgender students to use a girls' locker room. Illinois lawmakers are advancing a bill to let transgender people change the gender marker on their birth certificate without having to undergo a sex-change operation first. The bill is awaiting action by the full House, where it's expected to pass before proceeding to the Senate.

## INDIANA

Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill last year barring government entities from substantially burdening the religious exercise of individuals, organizations and businesses, unless by the least restrictive means to further a compelling government interest. After businesses raised concerns, Pence signed an amended version stating that the law cannot be used to deny services, public accommodations, employment or housing based on race, religion, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.

## IOWA

A proposed bill to prohibit the government from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion similar to legislation being considered in many other states was introduced in the Iowa House of Representatives in January. The proposal has been referred to the judiciary committee.

## KANSAS

A new law prevents colleges and universities from denying religious student associations the same funding or benefits available to other groups because of requirements that its members follow the association's religious beliefs, standards or conduct. The law will take effect in July. Bills were also introduced to order public schools and colleges to designate restrooms, locker rooms and other facilities for use by males or females according to students' gender at birth.

## KENTUCKY

The Republican-led Senate passed a measure that would have expanded the state Religious Freedom Restoration Act by barring penalties against those who decline to provide "customized, artistic, expressive, creative, ministerial or spiritual goods or services" to people that would infringe on their "right of conscience" or religious freedoms. The bill was never brought up in the Democratic-led House.

## LOUISIANA

Gov. John Bel Edwards signed an executive order providing state employees and contractors with protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and more, with exemptions for churches and religious organizations. Edwards also rescinded an order former Gov. Bobby Jindal signed that prohibited state agencies from denying licenses and contracts to businesses that take actions because of religious beliefs against same-sex marriage. Meanwhile, the Louisiana House voted to allow clergy and churches to refuse to perform or host same-sex marriage ceremonies, a proposal that awaits debate in the state Senate. Edwards doesn't oppose the bill, but says it's unnecessary because the First Amendment provides those protections.

## MASSACHUSETTS

The Legislature is weighing a bill to expand a 2011 state law banning discrimination against transgender people in the workplace and in housing by also banning discrimination in restaurants, malls and other public accommodations, including restrooms.

## MICHIGAN

Michigan Sen. Tom Casperson says he's firmly committed to introducing legislation to prohibit transgender students from using a bathroom other than the one matching the sex listed on their birth certificate. Casperson said his proposed bill, which has not yet been introduced, would allow transgender students to use staff restrooms in the school, or single occupancy unisex bathrooms, but only with the consent of the student's parent. Michigan Board of Education president has told policy makers and educators that LGBT students should be acknowledged and embraced.

## MINNESOTA

A bill was introduced in late March to require employers and public facilities to designate separate restrooms and changing rooms for men and women. A portion of the bill reads, "No claim of nontraditional

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identity or 'sexual orientation' may override another person's right of privacy based on biological sex." Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system communications director Doug Anderson said no teams will participate in tournaments in North Carolina this spring. The NCAA Division II national baseball tournament and National Junior College Athletic Association Division III World Series are set to take place in North Carolina.

## MISSISSIPPI

A new law prohibits the government from taking "any discriminatory action" against religious organizations that decline to host marriages, employ people or facilitate adoption or foster care based on a religious belief that marriage should be between one man and one woman, sex outside marriage is wrong or that sexual identity is determined by a person's anatomy at birth. Several states and cities have banned travel to Mississippi and rock singer Bryan Adams canceled a concert in the state to protest.

## MISSOURI

A Missouri religious objections proposal has failed to get the approval of a key legislative committee in a setback for conservatives who hoped to add protections for those who cite their faith in denying services such as flowers or cakes for same-sex weddings. Members of a House committee voted 6-6, with a tie vote not enough to advance the measure.

## NEBRASKA

A bill to ban workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity was defeated in the Nebraska Legislature this year. Lawmakers have shelved the bill for the rest of the year.

## NEW MEXICO

Three New Mexico lawmakers in December 2015 introduced a measure "to prevent discriminatory action by a person or a government agency in response to a person's free exercise of religion." The proposal died during the 2016 regular session.

## NORTH CAROLINA

A new law prevents local and state government from mandating protections for LGBT people in the private sector or at stores and restaurants. The law was enacted in late March partly to overturn a Charlotte ordinance that would have allowed transgender people to use bathrooms corresponding to their gender identity. The law suffered a blow Tuesday when a federal appeals court that oversees North Carolina issued an opinion that threatens part of the law requiring students to use bathrooms in line with their gender at birth in public schools and universities.

## NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota lawmakers have defeated measures in each of the past three sessions to prohibit discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation.

## OHIO

A bill pending in the Ohio House would let churches and pastors refuse to perform same-sex marriages. Under the so-called Pastor Protection Act, no clergy could be required to solemnize a marriage or have their church property be used to host a ceremony that's against their religious beliefs. The proposal has had several hearings.

## OKLAHOMA

A new law states clergy and other religious officials cannot be required to perform marriages or provide marriage counseling, courses or workshops that violate their conscience or religious beliefs. On March 14, gay rights advocates in the state celebrated the failure of 27 bills in the Legislature that they said unfairly discriminated against LGBT people.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Gov. Tom Wolf in early April signed an executive order barring state contractors and grant recipients from discriminating based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Legislation that would ban such bias in employment, housing and public services has stalled; a committee chairman says he wants to make sure it wouldn't violate anybody's religious liberties or freedom of conscience.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

A bill to require transgender people to use public bathrooms corresponding to their biological sex has died. A Senate panel took testimony, mostly from opponents, over two days last month but took no vote.

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and the bill has not been heard in a committee. An attempt to add a proposal to the state budget this week to withhold money for local governments that allow LGBT people to use the bathrooms of their choosing was ruled out of order. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and state business leaders opposed the ideas as unnecessary.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota lawmaker who sponsored a bill that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms matching with their birth gender is no longer running for re-election. Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch said Monday his decision to exit the state House campaign is for personal and business reasons. The chiropractor from Florence says his choice had nothing to do with widespread attention the bathroom bill drew. GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed the bill. The House also passed legislation barring government from taking "discriminatory action" against people, organizations or businesses based on religious beliefs that marriage should be between one man and one woman, sex outside marriage is wrong or that sexual identity is determined by a person's biological sex at birth. The bill did not pass before the legislative session ended.

## TENNESSEE

Tennessee lawmakers passed legislation exempting mental health counselors from providing services to clients based on the therapists' religious beliefs and personal principles, as long as they refer the clients to someone else. The American Counseling Association has said Tennessee is the only state to allow counselors to refuse to treat patients for those reasons. The sponsor of a bill to require students at public grade schools and universities to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender at birth pulled the legislation to see how legal challenges play out in other states that passed similar legislation.

## TEXAS

The Texas Supreme Court has dismissed the state's effort to overturn an Austin lesbian couple's marriage that came months before same-sex weddings were legalized nationwide. Three justices objected Friday. Nonetheless, the Republican-controlled court has upheld a lower court's order allowing Suzanne Bryant and Sarah Goodfriend to marry last February, about four months prior to the U.S. Supreme Court sanctioning gay marriage in all 50 states. Before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states must allow gay marriage, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signed a law last June stating that clergy and religious organizations cannot be required to marry people or allow their facilities to be used for wedding celebrations that violate a "sincerely held religious belief." Texas did not hold a legislative session in 2016, but the previous year, a Republican-backed bill repealing local ordinances banning discrimination against gay and transgender people failed without reaching a floor vote in either chamber. The proposal attempted to roll back such ordinances that already existed in all the state's largest cities. Instead, the all-Republican state Supreme Court heard a legal challenge to an anti-discrimination ordinance approved by Houston's City Council, and ruled that it had to be put to a referendum. Houston voters soundly defeated the ordinance in a November 2015 election featuring very low turnout.

## UTAH

Utah in 2015 passed an anti-discrimination law that makes it illegal to base employment and housing decisions on sexual orientation or gender identity. Gay-rights advocates had tried for years to pass similar legislation but only succeeded last year when the measure won support of the Utah-based Mormon church and included religions protections.

## VIRGINIA

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed a Republican-backed bill stating that clergy and religious organizations cannot be penalized for declining to participate in same-sex marriages.

## WASHINGTON

Legislation concerning sex-specific restrooms was introduced by Republicans in both chambers of Washington's Legislature but never gained any traction. A bill that would have repealed a recent Washington Human Rights Commission rule allowing transgender people to use locker rooms and bathrooms consistent with their gender identity was voted down by the Republican-led Senate. Another bill on the issue died in committee in the House.



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## WISCONSIN

The only bill introduced in the Republican-led Legislature dealing with gays, lesbians and transgender people was a measure to force transgender students in public schools to use bathrooms and locker rooms assigned to their gender at birth. GOP leaders never brought the bill up for a vote before the two-year session ended.

## WEST VIRGINIA

The Republican-led House passed a bill modeled after the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, stating that government "shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion" unless by the least restrictive means for a compelling government interest. The bill was amended and then defeated in the Senate.

## Custer State Park to host event for new visitor center

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks says Custer State Park is hosting a dedication and ribbon-cutting event for the park's new visitor center.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held on Friday. The visitor center will then be open to the public.

Speakers at the event are set to include Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Custer State Park Superintendent Matt Snyder.

The Custer State Park Visitor Center is in the park at the junction of Wildlife Loop Road and Highway 16.

## Conviction, sentence upheld in sex trafficking case

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction and sentence of a Belle Fourche man in a federal commercial sex trafficking case.

Thirty-three-year-old Jerry Lane Gollieher was convicted in October 2014 of federal commercial sex trafficking. Authorities say Gollieher attempted to have sex with a 13-year-old girl for \$150 during the 2013 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He was sentenced in February 2015 to 15 years in prison.

Gollieher in his appeal argued that he trial counsel was ineffective, that the court erred in refusing to admit evidence supporting Gollieher's defense, that the court abused its discretion by not allowing the jury to review trial testimony during deliberations and that the government's misconduct deprived Gollieher of a fair trial.

The appeals court disagreed.

## Colette Abbott, wife of USD president, dies

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Colette Abbott, the wife of University of South Dakota President James Abbott, died suddenly Wednesday at the couple's residence in Vermillion. She was 59.

The university confirmed the death on Wednesday.

Officials said Colette Abbott had recently been diagnosed with cancer and was awaiting surgery.

Tena Haraldson, USD's director of marketing communications and university relations, says faculty, staff and students are grieving this loss because she was such an important member of the USD community.

The former Colette Pugh grew up in Pierre, attended USD and married James Abbott in 1987. They have three adult daughters and two grandchildren.

James Abbott became the school's 17th president in 1997 and presided over a period of substantial growth, including the school's transition to Division I sports.

Arrangements are pending.

## Transient arrested for stealing live lobster from store

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police arrested a 51-year-old transient for allegedly stealing a live lobster from a grocery store.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the man took the lobster Tuesday afternoon and fled. He didn't

make it far — getting arrested in the store's parking lot.  
The lobster valued at \$35.18 was returned to the store.

## Hartford government again in turmoil, with new resignations

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — What was supposed to be a new era for city government in Hartford has instead begun with more disorder.

Mayor Bill Campbell and Councilman Bill Haugen Jr. abruptly resigned on Tuesday night, right before new council members were to be sworn in to office following April's city election, the Argus Leader reported (<http://argusne.ws/21wcYUE>).

It brings to five the number of resignations since November, when an unsuccessful effort to recall Campbell kicked off the months of turmoil. At one point, the city didn't have enough sitting council members to legally conduct business.

The discord also included the resignation of a councilman following questions about the veracity of his claim that he had received an offensive email from the citizen group behind the effort to oust the mayor. The recall effort was tied to a council decision last summer to remove the city's economic development director — a decision that was overturned in a public vote in August.

Campbell said he decided to step down after contemplating how best to keep Hartford moving forward. "I think worst of it all, something that hurt me personally, was seeing Hartford on the news every night," he said. "That took a toll. It took a toll on the elected officials, it took a toll on the city staff, and it really took a toll on the community."

Campbell also decried what he called the "passive aggressive" tactics and "drama drummed up on social media" by the citizen group Growing Hartford, though he also said "I forgive anyone associated" with the group.

Growing Hartford member Tony Randall said all of the controversy has led to a more engaged and active community.

"Whatever happens, it's a good thing," he said. "The community has united after all this, it's come together. That's the bottom line of it."

The council still has enough members to conduct business. It will appoint a new mayor, according to City Attorney Larry Nelson.

## Harrold man accused in police chase, grain bin standoff

HARROLD, S.D. (AP) — A Harrold man is in custody after allegedly leading authorities on a chase and then climbing a grain bin.

The 25-year-old suspect stayed atop the grain bin for 3 ½ hours before finally surrendering Tuesday afternoon.

The chase began when the man fled a traffic stop. It eventually involved officers with the city of Pierre, Hughes County, the state Highway Patrol, the state Game, Fish and Parks Department and the federal U.S. Marshals Service.

The man ultimately was arrested on outstanding warrants. Charges related to the pursuit were pending.

## AP FACT CHECK: Bringing coal jobs back to Appalachia

DAVID KOENIG, AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Donald Trump says he would bring back lost coal-mining jobs, and he is positioning for the November election in big coal states by portraying Hillary Clinton as a job killer.

Trump, however, has yet to explain exactly how he will revitalize Appalachia's coal industry. To pull it off, he will have to overcome market forces and a push for cleaner fuels that have pummeled coal.

Coal's slump is largely the result of cheap natural gas, which now rivals coal as a fuel for generating electricity. Older coal-fired plants are being idled to meet clean-air standards.

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Another hurdle for reviving coal mining in Appalachia: less coal. Reserves of coal still in the ground are smaller than in western states like Wyoming, the leading coal producer.

There is no question that there are fewer mining jobs today. According to the Labor Department, there were 56,700 jobs in coal mining in March, down from 68,000 just a year earlier. In March 2009, shortly after President Barack Obama entered office, there were 84,600 coal-mining jobs.

**TRUMP:** "We're going to get those miners back to work ... the miners of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, which was so great to me last week, Ohio and all over are going to start to work again, believe me. They are going to be proud again to be miners."

**THE FACTS:** It is unclear what Trump would do to increase mining jobs. He has long criticized the Obama administration's Environmental Protection Agency, saying that its proposals to tighten emission standards on coal-burning power plants are killing American jobs. A Trump adviser said that a Trump administration would review many EPA regulations including those affecting the coal industry.

While the requirements have raised the cost of operating coal-fired plants, experts say a bigger factor in coal's decline has been cheaper natural gas. Drilling techniques such as fracking have sparked a boom in gas production, driving down prices and prompting utilities to switch from coal.

As recently as 2008, about half the electricity in the U.S. came from burning coal and one-fifth from burning natural gas. Today, each accounts for about one-third — nuclear, hydroelectric and renewables like solar and wind make up most of the rest. Weak economic growth has hurt demand for Appalachian coal used in making steel.

U.S. coal production fell 10 percent last year. The Energy Department predicts it will drop 16 percent this year, the biggest one-year decline since 1958.

John Deskins, director of an economic-research bureau at West Virginia University, said government's ability to boost coal production is limited.

"It is very unlikely we will see a return to levels of coal production like we observed in 2008," the most recent peak in the state, Deskins said. Easing EPA restrictions — the industry is challenging EPA in court — would help over the long run, but not enough to offset the loss of market share to natural gas, he said.

There is another limitation on coal's future in Appalachia: After decades of heavy production, there is less of it to be mined.

Wyoming, with rich reserves of low-sulfur coal near the surface, is the largest coal-producing-state and has the most coal still in the ground at producing mines. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Wyoming has three times as much recoverable reserves at producing mines as West Virginia and about twice as much as West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio combined.

**TRUMP:** "I want clean coal, and we're going to have clean coal and we're going to have plenty of it. We're going to have great, clean coal. We're going to have an amazing mining business."

**THE FACTS:** Clean coal covers a range of technologies, some already in use, to reduce pollution. Many types of emissions from coal-fired plants have been reduced, but the capturing and storing of carbon dioxide, the emission that scientists say is most responsible for climate change, has been harder to accomplish on a significant scale.

A model carbon-capture plant being built in Mississippi has encountered repeated delays and huge cost overruns that will make it one of the most expensive power plants ever built. The coal industry complains that carbon capture has not received the government incentives showered on renewable energy.

**TRUMP:** "We're not going to be Hillary Clinton. I watched her three or four weeks ago when she was talking about the miners as if they were just numbers, and she was talking about she wants the mines closed and she will never let them work again."

**THE FACTS:** Trump is hitting Clinton for comments she made in March on CNN and which continue to dog the presumptive Democratic nominee on the campaign trail. But the remark was part of a longer answer.

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Clinton said she had a policy to help coal country benefit from creating renewable energy "because we're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business, right?" That was quickly followed by "We've got to move away from coal and all the other fossil fuels, but I don't want to move away from the people who did the best they could to produce the energy that we relied on."

This week an out-of-work coal miner in West Virginia confronted Clinton about the remarks, even handing her a photo of his family. Clinton said she had made "a misstatement."

"What I was saying," she told the voter, "is that the way things are going now we will continue to lose jobs."

## 10 Things to Know for Today

### The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

#### 1. ISLAMIC STATE GROUP WAGING SCORCHED EARTH CAMPAIGN

Two months after the liberation of Ramadi, the AP learns that the city remains too devastated and full of explosive booby traps for former residents to return.

#### 2. NORTH KOREA'S ELITE GATHER IN PYONGYANG FOR BIGGEST POLITICAL CONFERENCE IN DECADES

Foreign experts say Kim Jong Un will likely use the meeting to push his expansion of a nuclear arsenal that already worries his neighbors and Washington.

#### 3. WHY TRUMP'S PROMISE TO RESTORE COAL-MINING JOBS MIGHT BE HARD TO KEEP

To do so, he would, if elected, have to undo regulations and reverse the power market's embrace of cheap natural gas.

#### 4. US MOVING TO RETURN RIGHT OF CONSUMERS TO SUE BANKS

The nation's financial regulator proposes a ban on clauses found in almost every credit card agreement, mortgage, bank account and other financial product.

#### 5. WHAT'S TO BLAME FOR RAGING WILDFIRES IN CANADIAN CITY OF FORT MCMURRAY

Unseasonably hot temperatures combined with dry conditions have transformed the forest in much of Alberta into a tinder box.

#### 6. MUSLIM JOURNALIST INFILTRATES FRENCH ISLAMIC STATE CELL WITH HIDDEN CAMERA

The documentary takes an extraordinary inside look at the group, which was dismantled in the final stages of planning an attack.

#### 7. AS OBAMA'S TERM WINDS DOWN, 'OBAMACARE' LOSING ADHERENTS

Many Democrats are finding less to like about the president's health care law, unsure about its place among their party's achievements.

#### 8. PRINCE REPS REACHED OUT TO ADDICTION EXPERT

A northern California doctor who is an addiction and pain specialist was asked to help the superstar entertainer just before his sudden death.

#### 9. WHICH LIVESTREAM SHOW IS BIG HIT IN SOUTH KOREA

The stars of the latest online TV sensation in the country are stray cats, eating food left out for them as viewers sit enraptured by their feline charms.

#### 10. CLEVELAND SETS NBA RECORD FOR 3-POINTERS

The Cavaliers pour in 25 3s — the most in any game, regular or postseason — in a runaway win over the Atlanta Hawks in Game 2 of their playoff series.

## Doctor called to help Prince is a longtime pain specialist

**ERIC RISBERG, Associated Press**

**JANIE HAR, Associated Press**

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The Northern California doctor who was asked to help Prince before his death is an addiction and pain specialist who has championed the use of a semi-synthetic opiate to treat pain.

Dr. Howard Kornfeld, who operates an outpatient medical center in bucolic Marin County, received pub-

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licity in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2013 for his work with buprenorphine.

Advocates of the drug say the opiate can help addicted patients by offering pain relief with less possibility of overdose and addiction, unlike oxycodone or morphine.

Representatives of Prince reached out to Kornfeld the day before the pop star died, but the doctor sent his son because he couldn't immediately fly to Minnesota, said William Mauzy, a Minneapolis lawyer for Kornfeld.

The son, Andrew Kornfeld, was one of three people who found the singer unresponsive and called 911. He is listed as a consultant with his father's clinic and is a pre-med student, Mauzy said.

A law enforcement official briefed on the investigation has told The Associated Press that investigators are looking into whether Prince died from an overdose. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk about the investigation.

At least two experts on treating addiction have questioned whether Kornfeld responded appropriately when he was called to help Prince. Dr. Stuart Gitlow, who has no direct knowledge of Prince's case, said that if Kornfeld believed it to be a medical emergency, "his obligation is to call an ambulance and get the patient to emergency personnel who can assess the situation — not to fly to the patient."

Howard Kornfeld spoke to The San Francisco Chronicle on Wednesday but declined to discuss anything related to the singer.

Instead, he said he wanted to speak out to encourage more research into finding ways to treat and manage pain and addiction.

He said in a telephone interview that he said he had to reschedule patients at his clinic after news of his involvement in the case broke.

Howard Kornfeld told the Marin Independent Journal in 2013 that he first became aware of buprenorphine in the 1990s while treating heroin and prescription-drug addicts.

"We know this drug has no toxicity to the kidneys and much less toxicity to the liver than any other opiates. It works better for chronic nerve pain, and it doesn't cause overdoses," he said in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle in 2013.

"In most addicts or pain patients, it decreases cravings but doesn't cause this kind of euphoric state people get drawn into," he said.

Kornfeld told The Chronicle he also advocates an approach that includes exercise, nutrition, psychotherapy and other alternatives to drugs. "Our overall goal is get people off of buprenorphine, and off of all drugs," he said.

He helped start a pain clinic in Oakland's Highland Hospital in 2011. A hospital spokeswoman declined to comment.

Kornfeld and his son did not respond to multiple requests for comment from the AP on Wednesday. Messages left with Recovery Without Walls were not returned, and no one answered when a photographer knocked on the door. The clinic's nondescript two-story building is in downtown Mill Valley, a wealthy suburb of San Francisco.

The clinic's website promises personalized, confidential care for people addicted to sleeping pills, opiates and alcohol as well as people suffering from chronic pain. It includes a blog post that speculated whether buprenorphine could have saved actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, who died of an overdose.

Dr. Alex Zaphiris, a family physician and addiction medicine specialist, said most doctors cut off patients once they become hooked on prescription medication, forcing them to search for street drugs to feed their addiction.

"In a field where a lot of doctors run away from taking care of these patients, he's stood strong," she said of Kornfeld, whom she knows only by reputation as a fellow Mill Valley practitioner.

Kornfeld graduated from Northwestern University's medical school in 1975, according to licensing information with the California Department of Consumer Affairs. He is listed as certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Kornfeld is a voluntary assistant clinical professor in pain medicine at the University of California, San

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Francisco, which means he is unpaid, a university spokeswoman said.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 5, the 126th day of 2016. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, New York, observed a day honoring the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. (Although a proclamation signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 recognizes this observance as the first Memorial Day, the claim is disputed by other communities who say they were the first to create a holiday commemorating America's war dead.)

On this date:

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1862, Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1891, New York's Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night, featuring Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky as a guest conductor.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1936, the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, fell to Italian invaders.

In 1941, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie returned to Addis Ababa after the Italians were driven out with the help of Allied forces.

In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

In 1955, West Germany became a fully sovereign state. The baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

In 1994, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton.

Ten years ago: A military transport helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan, killing all ten U.S. soldiers on board. CIA Director Porter Goss resigned in a second-term shake-up of President George W. Bush's team. British Prime Minister Tony Blair shuffled his Cabinet, replacing Foreign Secretary Jack Straw.

Five years ago: Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors at ground zero in New York and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say." Pakistan's army broke its silence over the U.S. commando raid that killed bin Laden, acknowledging its "shortcomings" in finding him but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there were another similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty. Director, playwright and screenwriter Arthur Laurents ("West Side Story") died in New York at age 93. Actress Dana Wynter ("Invasion of the Body Snatchers") died in Ojai, California, at age 79.

One year ago: Secretary of State John Kerry made an unannounced trip to Somalia in a show of solidarity with a government trying to defeat al-Qaida-allied militants and end decades of war in the African country; Kerry was the first top U.S. diplomat ever to visit Somalia. President Barack Obama tapped Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., a highly respected combat commander, to be his next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee declared his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Pat Carroll is 89. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 82. Saxophonist

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Ace Cannon is 82. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 78. Actor Michael Murphy is 78. Actor Lance Henriksen is 76. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 73. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 72. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 71. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 68. Actress Melinda Culea is 61. Actress Lisa Eilbacher is 59. Actor Richard E. Grant is 59. Former broadcast journalist John Miller is 58. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 57. NBC newsman Brian Williams is 57. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 50. TV personality Kyan (KY'-ihn) Douglas is 46. Actress Tina Yothers is 43. Rhythm and blues singer Raheem DeVaughn is 41. Actor Santiago Cabrera is 38. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 37. Singer Craig David is 35. Actress Danielle Fishel is 35. Actor Henry Cavill is 33. Actor Clark Duke is 31. Soul singer Adele is 28. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 27.

Thought for Today: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people." — Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father" of America's nuclear navy (1900-1986).

## Obama tells Flint residents, 'I've got your back'

**KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press**

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Sipping filtered city water to show it's again drinkable, President Barack Obama promised Wednesday to ride herd on leaders at all levels of government until every drop of water flowing into homes in Flint, Michigan, is safe to use.

He also promised that the aging pipes that contaminated the water with lead will be replaced, but cautioned that the project will take time. Obama said he wanted to use the crisis to make long-term improvements to the city, where more than 40 percent of residents live in poverty.

"It's not going to happen overnight, but we have to get started," Obama told hundreds of people gathered in a high school gymnasium. Obama spoke after he was briefed on the federal response to the water contamination and had met privately with nine residents.

Obama said he understood why people are scared and angry and feel let down. He said what happened in Flint was a manmade disaster that didn't have to happen. But he said it did happen and everyone must now work together to fix it.

"I've got your back," Obama said. "I will not rest and I'm going to make sure that the leaders at every level of government don't rest until every drop of water that flows to your homes is safe to drink and safe to cook with and safe to bathe in."

He called providing safe drinking water a basic responsibility of government. And while he said he didn't want to go over every "screw-up that resulted in contaminated water," he blamed an overarching attitude that less government is better.

"It's an ideology that undervalues the common good," Obama said.

After coughing several times during his remarks, Obama asked for and drank from a glass of water. He also drank city water after getting a lengthy briefing on the crisis, which forced residents to spend months drinking, cooking and bathing with bottled water.

Obama declared a state of emergency in Flint in mid-January and ordered federal aid to supplement the state and local response. By then, however, the crisis was in full bloom.

It took several months for the nation to focus on the beaten-down city's plight, raising questions about how race, more than half of Flint's residents are black, and poverty influenced decisions that led to the tainted water supply and the sluggish response.

The city, in an effort to save money while under state management, began drawing its water from the Flint River in April 2014. Despite complaints from residents about the smell and taste and health problems, city leaders insisted the water was safe. However, doctors reported last September that the blood of Flint children contained high levels of lead.

The source of the city's water has been switched back to Detroit, but the lead problem still is not fully solved. Most people are drinking filtered or bottled water.

The political and legal fallout is ongoing. An independent commission appointed by Republican Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder determined the state was primarily responsible for the water contamination in Flint, and he issued an apology. The Obama administration's response, through the Environmental Protection

Agency, has also come under criticism from Snyder and some in Congress who say the EPA didn't move with necessary urgency.

Congress is also grappling with how to help Flint, but progress has been slow.

Snyder spoke in the gymnasium during Obama's meeting and was loudly booed. Snyder said he understood why residents were angry and wanted to say he was sorry. "You didn't create this problem," Snyder said. "Government failed you."

Many in the audience yelled back at Snyder, "You failed."

Outside the school, Reneta Richard, a teacher and Flint resident, said she hoped Obama's trip would lead to something positive. She recently bought a house and said she's there for the long haul.

"I want him to leave a check — right here, right now — for pipe removal and medical bills and the life we're going to suffer," said Richard, 37, a single mom. "This isn't going to be over in 10 years."

Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech expert who sounded the alarm over Flint's lead problem last year, said Obama's presence in Flint "sends an amazing message."

"He was here. Flint counted," Edwards said.

During the trip, federal officials announced \$10 million to build and renovate community health centers in Michigan so they could serve more patients. Also, the Michigan Senate approved spending another \$128 million to address the problems in Flint. The emergency aid now goes to the state House for consideration.

## **Fired employee kills co-worker, self at Houston-area company**

**JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press**

KATY, Texas (AP) — A man dismissed last month from a Houston-area transportation company stormed into the facility and opened fire on Wednesday, fatally shooting a former co-worker and injuring two others before turning the gun on himself, saying his life had been ruined, sheriff's officials said.

The man was armed with a shotgun and a pistol when he arrived at the Knight Transportation office in Katy, about 20 miles west of Houston, according to Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman. The sheriff said the man "parked right outside the building and came straight in."

The man was heard by workers saying something to the effect of "you all ruined my life" as he walked through the building and may have been looking for someone, sheriff's spokesman Ralph Gonzales said.

The gunman fatally shot one man, who was found dead at the scene by responding officers. Two other workers were injured by shrapnel or other debris from the gunfire, and both were treated at the scene, Gonzales said.

The names of the gunman and the victims haven't been released. The sheriff said one deputy injured his knee during the incident.

Hickman had no information on how long the man had been employed by Knight Transportation, which provides truckload transportation services.

The Phoenix-based company released a statement Wednesday saying work at the facility was being suspended until the investigation was complete. It said counselors would be on site to support employees.

The company confirmed an employee was killed during the shooting, saying: "Our deepest sympathies are with the family during this difficult time."

"This was the action of a lone former employee," the company added. "Knight is doing everything possible to ensure the safety of all of its employees."

The sheriff said during a news conference shortly after the shooting that the gunman had been fired that morning, but Gonzales said investigators later determined the dismissal happened two weeks ago.

Numerous patrol vehicles surrounded the facility as deputies responded to reports of gunfire. A nearby high school went on lockdown for about an hour as a precaution, said Denisse Cantu, a spokeswoman with the Katy Independent School District. She said three other district campuses also were briefly closed during the incident.



## Complaint details kidnapping death of girl on Navajo nation

**FELICIA FONSECA, Associated Press**

**MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press**

SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — On the far side of a desert hilltop in the shadow of the Shiprock Pinnacle, a towering monolith sacred to the Navajo Nation, the stranger ignored the cries of an 11-year-old girl.

Hours had passed since the man had talked the girl and her brother into his van by promising to show them a movie.

She begged to be taken home, but he led her away from her 9-year-old brother, to an even more remote spot, where he removed her clothes and sexually assaulted her. Then he hit her twice in the head with a tire iron and left her for dead before driving off and leaving the boy as well, all alone, as night fell.

These and other details about the final moments of Ashlynnne Mike's life began to emerge Wednesday from court documents and family members, as the suspect, Tom Begaye, a 27-year-old Navajo man from a neighboring community, appeared before a federal magistrate on murder and kidnapping charges.

A criminal complaint released Wednesday outlined the crime based on statements Begaye made to investigators after he was arrested.

Begaye was quiet as he faced the victim's family and other tribal members in court. Outside, they yelled "bastard" and "go to hell" as he was led away.

The crime has sent shockwaves through the small tribal communities that line the San Juan River in New Mexico's northwest corner. The grief that overwhelmed searchers when they found the girl's body Tuesday, the morning after she disappeared, shifted Wednesday to anger, and to disbelief that one of their own could commit such a heinous crime.

Sher Brown knows both the victim and the suspect. Begaye regularly joined one of her brothers at sweat lodge ceremonies and church meetings on the Navajo Nation.

It was inside a sweat lodge, where Navajo men traditionally participate in spiritual cleansing, that an FBI agent and tribal investigators found Begaye on Tuesday night. His vehicle was parked outside, matching the boy's description of a maroon van with no hubcaps. The girl's brother later identified Begaye as the driver of the van.

"How can a man of that nature who did what he did go into a sweat lodge after?" Brown said through tears.

Begaye was silent as the magistrate told him he could face life in prison if convicted of the murder charge. A public defender will represent him, but one has yet to be appointed. He will remain in federal custody. A preliminary hearing is scheduled Friday in Albuquerque.

There was no immediate indication of a criminal history — an Associated Press review of state and federal records shows only one previous run-in, a drug possession citation less than three weeks ago.

San Juan County sheriff's deputies had stopped Begaye at a gas station in Farmington hours before he was arrested Tuesday after spotting a maroon van driven by an American Indian man, but they didn't detain him because the vehicle and Begaye didn't completely fit the descriptors, sheriff's Lt. Kyle Lincoln said. Authorities had said the kidnapper had a teardrop tattoo under his left eye and two earrings, but Begaye had neither.

The case raises questions about law enforcement responses in remote areas of the Navajo Nation. The tribe doesn't have its own Amber Alert system, so it must rely on outside agencies to spread the word about child abductions.

"If they would have put out an Amber Alert right way I believe they might have saved her life," said Rick Nez, the president of the Navajo's San Juan Chapter.

According to the criminal complaint, Ashlynnne Mike and her 9-year-old brother were playing Monday with their cousin near a road about a quarter-mile from their home after being dropped off at their bus stop after school, when Begaye offered them a ride.

Not wanting his sister to go alone, her brother jumped in too. Their cousin refused, as did the victim's older sister, moments earlier.

"My son said he just waved," said Shawn Mike, Ashlynnne's cousin and the father of the boy who stayed

behind. "He said the vehicle just sped off, and as it was driving off he just saw Ashlynne waving toward him."

Ashlynne was bloodied but still moving when Begaye told investigators he left her hours later. Her brother, also abandoned, tried to find her but gave up as darkness fell. He ran for help, toward some distant headlights, and was finally scooped up by a passing motorist who brought him to police.

Word spread quickly, and tips flooded in from across the reservation that spans parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. About 100 people from the community joined the search, but their initial hunt focused on the opposite side of a highway from where they needed to be looking.

It wasn't until 2:30 a.m. Tuesday that officials sent out an Amber Alert. Protocols were followed, but Navajo President Russell Begaye — no relation to the suspect — acknowledged Wednesday that the tribe "needs to implement an effective response system in which modern technology is utilized more effectively."

Hundreds of residents packed the San Juan Chapter House, a tiny community hall south of Shiprock, while hundreds more stood outside the building Tuesday night, sharing their grief with Ashlynne's family.

Her father sat silently as the girl's principal remembered her as a kind child who was a part of the school band, and local leaders offered condolences.

"As a dad, you would like to see your daughter grow up and see her have a family of her own one day. And unfortunately, Ashlynne won't experience any of this," Shawn Mike said.

## **New Orleans sheriff ships out inmates to cut jail violence**

**KEVIN MCGILL, Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The sheriff who runs New Orleans' troubled jail says he's transferring hundreds of inmates to other jurisdictions.

The action to reduce the jail's population by more than half comes as Sheriff Marlin Gusman seeks to avoid a possible court order that could strip him of his power to run the lockup. Court-appointed monitors have said Gusman has failed to end violence and other problems at the jail despite last year's move to a modern new facility. The Justice Department and inmate advocates have asked the court to place the jail in receivership, meaning an outside party would run the jail.

Katie Schwartzmann, a lawyer and inmate advocate, says the situation is "frustrating and sad" because Gusman has had years to address the jail's problems. Transferring inmates, she said, could have a "devastating impact" on the city's criminal justice system.

"These are people who are pretrial and have not been convicted of a crime," Schwartzmann, co-director of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center, said Wednesday in an email. "They need access to lawyers and the courts so that their cases can be processed. Because of management failures at the jail they will be housed four hours away."

In court papers filed late Tuesday, Gusman's lawyers revealed plans to move about 600 inmates. Last week, lawyers for the Justice Department and the MacArthur center asked a court to appoint a third party to operate the jail, saying Gusman has for years failed to improve conditions. Gusman is seeking to delay proceedings that could lead to such an appointment.

The court documents say reducing the jail population will give him time to increase and better train his Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office staff.

Gusman had already taken steps to reduce the jail population in recent months, including inmate transfers, amid ongoing disagreements with Mayor Mitch Landrieu's administration on whether still more jail space is needed after last year's opening of a facility designed to house more than 1,400 inmates.

Tuesday's filing says the moves, to be completed by the end of next week, will reduce the jail population from more than 1,100 to about 530.

Most of the inmates have been, or are being, transferred to a jail in East Carroll Parish in northeast Louisiana. Schwartzmann estimates that, including earlier moves, 1,000 pretrial inmates are being held hours away from New Orleans.

"This could have a potentially devastating impact on our whole criminal justice system and our com-

munity," Schwartzmann said.

Papers outlining the latest transfers were filed with a motion to push back filing deadlines in the battle over whether a receiver should be appointed to run the jail. U.S. District Judge Lance Africk scheduled a May 25 hearing on the issue and wants Gusman's legal response by May 10. On Wednesday, Africk denied the motion to roll back those dates.

## **Slain Navy SEAL took lessons from running track into combat**

**RYAN VAN VELZER, Associated Press**

**PAUL DAVENPORT, Associated Press**

PHOENIX (AP) — In cross-country running, your team is only as fast as your slowest athlete. Slain Navy SEAL Charlie Keating IV took that to heart in his youth as a track star, turning around to cheer on his teammates after he crossed the finish line.

Those that knew Keating say it was that same force of character that motivated him in northern Iraq, where the 31-year-old was killed Tuesday in a gunfight with Islamic State militants. He was part of a quick reaction force that moved to rescue U.S. military advisers from attack, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

He is the third American serviceman to die in combat in Iraq since the U.S.-led coalition launched its campaign against the Islamic State group in summer 2014, military officials said.

Keating, a grandson of an Arizona financier involved in the 1980s savings and loan scandal, went to high school in Phoenix. Though known for his family name, he achieved his own status as a track and cross-country champion.

"He was my number one runner all four years, but he was always there cheering on and pushing the other runners," said Rob Reniewicki, Keating's former track coach at Arcadia High School.

Reniewicki recalled returning to school from running practice with Keating on Sept. 11, 2001. The terror attacks had a profound effect on Keating and the other high school sophomores.

"It kind of unfolded as time went by, but they really wanted to do something, they wanted to help out," Reniewicki said.

Keating decided at a young age he wanted to be in the Navy, hanging a SEAL poster on his bedroom wall when he was 8 or 9, said his mother, Krista Joseph, of Jacksonville, Florida. But he would only join if he could take a basic underwater training course, which would be his first hurdle to eventually becoming a SEAL, she said.

He didn't enlist until after he completed two years at Indiana University, where he competed on the track and cross-country teams.

Keating began SEAL training in 2007 and graduated the next year. He deployed twice in Iraq and once in Afghanistan, before serving as the leading petty officer of a sniper training cell. Keating was awarded several honors in his time in the Navy, including a Bronze Star, a Marine Corps Achievement Medal and an Army Achievement Medal.

"He was our golden boy, and he had a million-dollar smile. And he had the best luck in the world, and he always made it through everything, so that's why this is so shocking," his mother said.

Charlie Keating and his fiancée had already sent out invitations to their wedding.

"I have his wedding invitation on my refrigerator," Reniewicki said. "I was just going to get to see him, because I haven't seen him in a while because he's been overseas, and that was just devastating."

Keating will be remembered as a hero who "came from a long line of family members who served our country," said his cousin, Liz Keating, of Cincinnati.

His grandfather Charles H. Keating Jr., who died in 2014 at age 90, served prison time for his role in the costliest savings and loan failure of the 1980s.

Reniewicki's son, John, looked up to the athlete his father coached years earlier.

John Reniewicki is now a 20-year-old cross-country and track athlete attending Arizona State University. He and Keating kept in touch through social media over the years. Keating would offer supportive comments on track photos the younger Reniewicki would post.

"He had this way about him that was inspiring," John Reniewicki said. "He was my dad's first great runner, so I wanted to be just like that also."

## **Tongue-in-cheek effort to impose Viagra wait fails in SC**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina representative's last-ditch effort to require a 24-hour waiting period for a Viagra prescription in the state has failed.

Rep. Mia McLeod has said her bill was meant as a tongue-in-cheek rebuke of South Carolina's abortion laws. It includes the waiting period and counseling about celibacy that are also required before women get an abortion.

The Columbia Democrat tried to attach her proposal Wednesday to a bill establishing the rules on how doctors can practice medicine remotely.

McLeod's amendment was tabled, but not before a few laughs.

Rep. Mike Pitts told McLeod the proposal wouldn't affect him, but the 60-year-old Republican from Laurens said he was still voting against it.

## **Suit: Louisiana voter registration law is discriminatory**

**MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press**

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A century-old Louisiana law discriminates against foreign-born, naturalized U.S. citizens by arbitrarily subjecting them to "heightened" voter registration requirements that don't apply to native-born citizens, civil rights groups claim in a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Attorneys from the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Fair Elections Legal Network are seeking a court order blocking enforcement of the state law, which has been on the books since 1874.

Their class-action suit claims the law is unconstitutional because it requires naturalized citizens to provide documents proving their citizenship when they register to vote, while other residents simply must swear that they are citizens on the voter registration application.

Many residents won't be able to vote in November's presidential and congressional elections if state and local officials continue to enforce the law, the suit alleges.

The suit says Louisiana's law appears to be the last of its kind still enforced in the U.S. Similar laws in other states used to be more common but have been struck down as discriminatory, the suit adds.

Four other states — Alabama, Arizona, Georgia and Kansas — currently have proof-of-citizenship requirements for voter registration. Jon Sherman, an attorney for the Fair Elections Legal Network, said Louisiana's law is different from the others because its requirements single out naturalized citizens.

Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler and state Commissioner of Elections Angie Rogers are named as defendants in the suit, filed in the Middle District of Louisiana.

The named plaintiffs include Norma Flores, a 51-year-old resident of Jefferson Parish who was born in Honduras and became a U.S. citizen in 2008. The suit says the law stymied Flores' efforts to register and vote in the 2012 presidential election, the 2015 gubernatorial election and 2016 presidential primary.

"Flores and her U.S.-born son filled out voter registration forms together, mailing in their forms at the same time in different envelopes," plaintiffs' attorneys wrote. "A few weeks later, Flores's son received a confirmation of voter registration while Flores received nothing."

Flores has made three attempts to register. She received nothing in response to her first two attempts; after her third attempt, she received a letter that said she had 10 days to prove her citizenship, according to plaintiffs' lawyers.

"The 10-day window may have passed before she even received the letter, but once she received it, she was preparing for a trip and was unable to go to the Registrar's office within 10 days of receiving the letter," they wrote.

Phil Trupiano, chief deputy for Jefferson Parish Registrar of Voters Dennis DiMarco, said his office has consistently enforced the requirement for foreign-born residents during his 14-year tenure.

"Nobody complains about it," he said. "If they have the proper paperwork, it's no big deal. If they don't have the proper paperwork, they have to get it."

DiMarco said his office sent at least two letters to Flores in response to her applications — one in August 2015 and another in early 2016.

"We didn't ignore her. We wouldn't ignore anyone," he said.

Proof of citizenship includes a certificate of naturalization or a U.S. passport.

The suit says nearly 182,000 foreign-born people were living in Louisiana as of fiscal year 2014, and 72,250 of them were naturalized U.S. citizens.

"Many naturalized voters are hindered in complying with this discriminatory law by language barriers, unfamiliarity with the registration process, transportation issues, tight deadlines and work and family obligations," the suit says.

## Chimp victim hospitalized with face-transplant complications

**PAT EATON-ROBB, Associated Press**

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Connecticut woman who underwent a face transplant five years ago after being attacked by a chimpanzee is back in a Boston hospital after doctors discovered her body is rejecting tissue from the transplant.

Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, director of plastic surgery transplantation at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said Wednesday that Charla Nash is experiencing a "moderate rejection episode" and the transplant is not in jeopardy.

Nash was taking part in an experiment in which doctors had tried to wean her off the anti-rejection drugs she had been taking since the 2011 operation. Anti-rejection drugs can have serious side effects, and the military had funded the experiment in hopes of using the findings to help soldiers who had transplants after returning from war.

Pomahac said doctors have removed Nash from the experiment and put her back on her original medication. He said she will most likely leave the hospital in the next day or two.

"We expect this rejection episode to be resolved within the coming week," he said in a statement.

Nash, 62, recently discovered several unusual patches on her face, said Shelly Sindland, her publicist. Doctors on Monday did a biopsy and determined her body was rejecting the transplant, she said.

"I gave it my all and know my participation in the study will still be beneficial," Nash said in a statement to The Associated Press. "I'd do it all over again, if I could. The men and women serving our country are the true heroes."

The immunosuppression drugs that transplant patients are typically given for the rest of their lives carry such risks as cancer, viral infections and kidney damage. Because of those dangers, many transplants of non-vital body parts, such as thumbs, are not considered worth doing. But doctors say that could change if the drugs don't have to be a lifelong commitment.

The Pentagon, which also paid for Nash's transplant, has provided grants to 14 medical facilities across the U.S. through its hand and face transplantation program. The face and the extremities are the most frequently injured parts of the body in war.

"I'm just happy I had the chance to help," said Nash, adding that she feels fine. "I wish I could have done more. I believe in the power of prayer and appreciate everyone who is praying for me."

Nash lost her nose, lips, eyelids and hands when she was mauled in 2009 by her employer's 200-pound pet chimpanzee in Stamford, Connecticut. Doctors also had to remove her eyes because of a disease transmitted by the chimp.

She later received new facial features taken from a dead woman. She also underwent a double hand transplant, but it failed when her body rejected the tissue.

When she began the experiment involving the suspension of anti-rejection drugs in March, 2015, doctors said it would eventually include other patients and its findings could potentially affect hundreds of thousands of people, military and civilian alike.

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## How the Dow Jones industrial average fared on Wednesday

**The Associated Press**

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For the week:

The Dow is down 122.38 points, or 0.7 percent.

The S&P 500 index is down 14.18 points, or 0.7 percent.

The Nasdaq composite is down 49.72 points, or 1 percent.

For the year:

The Dow is up 226.23 points, or 1.3 percent.

The S&P 500 is up 7.18 points, or 0.4 percent.

The Nasdaq is down 281.77 points, or 5.6 percent.

## Weak US hiring report sends stocks lower on Wall Street

**KEN SWEET, AP Business Writer**

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Stocks started lower and remained there throughout the day, following a survey by payroll processor ADP which showed U.S. companies hired workers at the slowest pace in three years last month.

ADP said private companies hired 156,000 workers in April, down from 194,000 in March. The figure was significantly worse than expected. The weak reading bodes poorly for the broader job market survey due out Friday from the Labor Department, which is one of the most closely watched reports on the economic calendar. Economists expect the government to report that U.S. employers created 200,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate remained held steady at 5 percent.

Other economic indicators out of Europe were disappointing on Wednesday. Retail sales fell 0.5 percent during March from the previous month. Investors had expected a more modest decline of 0.1 percent.

Financial information company Markit said its purchasing managers' index for the region, a gauge of business activity, slipped to 53 in April from 53.1 the previous month. Though still above the 50 threshold indicating expansion, the reading has fallen from the start of the year.

While stocks are well off the lows they hit in February, investors remain reluctant to make heavy bets back into the stock market. The S&P 500 has bounced off the 2,100-point mark several times in the last six months, most recently as last week. That means investors feel stocks are too expensive to make big bets, and are waiting to see more positive data or earnings, traders say.

"We've run out of gas here. ... We are going to need some sort of catalyst to move this market higher, but I don't know what that catalyst might be. Earnings have been OK, but not strong enough to say it's time to buy," said Rob Bernstone, a managing director in equity trading at Credit Suisse.

Among individual companies, Intercontinental Exchange, the parent company of the New York Stock Exchange, jumped \$17.51, or 7 percent, to \$258.49 after the company announced it would not bid for the London Stock Exchange. The announcement came at the same time Intercontinental was reporting first quarter earnings, which were better than expected.

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Travel company Priceline sank \$101.60, or 7.5 percent, to \$1,253.04 after the company warned that profits would slow in the second quarter.

Benchmark U.S. crude added 13 cents to close at \$43.78 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 35 cents to close at \$44.62 a barrel in London. In other energy trading in New York, wholesale gasoline fell two cents to \$1.49 a barrel, heating oil fell half a penny to \$1.33 a gallon and natural gas rose six cents to \$2.14 per 1,000 cubic feet.

U.S. bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note edged down to 1.77 percent from 1.80 percent. The dollar rose to 106.93 yen from 106.41 yen late Tuesday. The euro fell to \$1.1498 from \$1.1505.

Gold fell \$17.40 to \$1,274.40 an ounce, silver fell 20 cents to \$17.28 an ounce and copper fell 3 cents to \$2.18 a pound.

## **Cosby tries again to delay criminal case, get charges tossed**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby is trying again to delay hearings in his criminal case while he fights to get the sex-assault charges in Pennsylvania dismissed.

The actor-comedian has asked the state Supreme Court to review last week's decision by a mid-level appeals court that upheld the case.

Cosby is charged with indecent sexual assault over a 2004 encounter with a former Temple University employee. His preliminary hearing is set for May 24.

The state Supreme Court can decide to hear the appeal but still let the preliminary hearing take place, or it could put the hearing on hold.

District Attorney Kevin Steele has said it's time for the case to move forward.

Steele reopened the case last year after new evidence emerged that he thought strengthened the accuser's 2005 police complaint.

## **Hillicans? As Trump wins, Clinton explores how to woo GOPers**

**LISA LERER, Associated Press**

**CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — With Donald Trump's remaining rivals bowing out of the race, clearing his path to the nomination, Hillary Clinton is looking for ways to woo Republicans turned off by the brash billionaire.

The Democratic front-runner's campaign believes Trump's historically high unfavorable ratings and penchant for controversy may be enough to persuade a slice of GOP voters to get behind her bid, in much the same way so-called Reagan Democrats sided with the Republican president in the 1980s.

As Trump stood alone on Wednesday after Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich ended their bids, there were some early signs that a sliver of the party might see Clinton as the only option.

"I'm with her," tweeted Mark Salter, a top campaign aide to 2008 Republican nominee John McCain.

Democrats caution their effort to win over Clinton Republicans — or Hilla-cans — is in its earliest stages, but could grow to include ads and other outreach targeted in particular at suburban women in battleground states. Already, aides say, a number of Republicans have privately told Clinton and her team they plan to break party ranks and support her.

"Let's get on the American team," Clinton said, making an explicit appeal to independents and Republicans, in an interview with CNN on Wednesday.

Hoping to hasten any move to her side, her campaign on Wednesday released a list of Republicans vowing never to vote for Trump along with a web ad featuring clips of prominent GOPers, including his former rivals, bashing the New York billionaire in every possible way.

"He needs therapy," says former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, at the end of the spot.

While such bipartisan support would expand Clinton's base of potential voters, a series of high-profile endorsements from Republican officials could dampen enthusiasm among some in her own party.

For months, primary rival Bernie Sanders has criticized Clinton's record from the left, highlighting her 2002 vote in favor of the war in Iraq and support from Wall Street. The Vermont senator won the Indiana

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primary Tuesday, demonstrating her lingering weaknesses within her own party.

Trump's campaign has also made a conscious effort to target Independents and Democrats in the primary. He's said he expects to win a portion of Sanders' support thanks to their shared positions on trade and outsourcing.

"We have tremendous numbers of Democrats that have voted for me," he said, in a Tuesday morning interview on MSNBC. "Hundreds and hundreds of people were coming in that were registered Democrats that wanted to vote for Donald Trump."

Clinton has begun casting her candidacy as an effort to unify a divided country. After a series of victories last week, which all but ensured she will capture her party's nomination, Clinton called on Democrats, independents and what she called "thoughtful Republicans" to back her bid.

But even though a vocal segment of the Republican Party has denounced Trump, so far few have been willing to go as far as saying they would back Clinton in the fall.

Ben Howe, a Republican strategist who has worked for Cruz, said he'd be actively working against Trump — a decision he recognizes means backing Clinton.

"Anything right now that would allow Donald Trump to become president is the wrong move, so the de facto result is that Hillary would win," he said.

Endorsements from prominent GOP backers could potentially pave the way for Republican voters to back Clinton, particularly woman.

"Educated, suburban white women are turned off en masse and there will be more of that," Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Clinton backer, said of Trump. "In the Columbus suburbs, she's going to do very well."

A February poll of likely Republican voters commissioned by a Democratic firm led by Stan Greenberg, a former pollster for former President Bill Clinton, found that 20 percent of Republicans are "uncertain" whether they would back Trump or Clinton in a head-to-head match-up.

There is some irony in Clinton playing the role of a unifier: She's long been one of the most divisive figures in American politics.

For some voters, that leaves them feeling like they have few good options.

Amy Bishop, 42, a stay-at-home mom from Indianola, Iowa, said she wasn't sure how she would vote. She said she would "most likely" go for Clinton over Trump, but stressed that she wasn't "100 percent."

"I don't feel like she's honest and upfront," said the self-identified independent. Of Trump, she said, "I think he's very reactive."

Tracey Kingery, a Republican from Des Moines, Iowa, said she, too, was unsure about how to vote.

"I think he seriously would go half-cocked on everything. He's a little too hot-headed for me," she said. But, said the 47-year-old, "there's been too much negative stuff about her."