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Sunrise.....5:26 a.m.  
Sunset.....8:10 p.m.  
Moonset.....5:17 p.m.

Wilmington (longitude W72.9, latitude N42.9)

Japanese schools do not have proms.

News is compiled from the National Weather Service, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the New York Times, <http://www.funfactz.com/weird-facts/>, and the Associated Press by Mr. Moriarty

## [Attack on Afghan government compound kills](#)

[7 KABUL](#), Afghanistan (AP) -- A group of suicide bombers armed with explosive-laden vests, automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades stormed a government compound Thursday in western Afghanistan, killing at least seven people, officials said....

## [Prosecutors lay out Srebrenica case against Mladic](#)

[THE HAGUE](#), Netherlands (AP) -- Prosecutors on Thursday were outlining their evidence of the alleged involvement of former Bosnian Serb military chief Gen. Ratko Mladic in Europe's worst mass murder since World War II, the 1995 Srebrenica massacre....

## [North Korean boat hijacks 3 Chinese fishing boats](#)

[BEIJING](#) (AP) -- A North Korean boat hijacked three boats with 29 Chinese fishermen on board and demanded 1.2 million yuan (\$190,000) for their release, Chinese media reported Thursday....

## [Pakistani air force planes crash, 4 pilots killed](#)

[PESHAWAR](#), Pakistan (AP) -- Two Pakistani air force planes crashed in a residential area in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, killing all

four pilots on board and injuring five people on the ground, police said....

## [Activist: China to have passports ready in 2 weeks](#)

[BEIJING](#) (AP) -- The activist who was at the center of a diplomatic tussle between Beijing and Washington said Thursday that Chinese officials have told him the passports that he and his family just applied for should be ready within two weeks. A rights group, meanwhile, described more retaliation by authorities against his family....

## [Malaysia sentences 3 Mexicans to death over drugs](#)

[KUALA LUMPUR](#), Malaysia (AP) -- A Malaysian court on Thursday sentenced to death three Mexican brothers and two other people for drug traf-

ficking, rejecting the defense argument that evidence was tampered with....

## [UK's Cameron urges action to resolve euro crisis](#)

[LONDON](#) (AP) -- British Prime Minister David Cameron is urging Europe to sort out its currency crisis, calling on the 17-country euro-zone to "to make-up or it is looking at a potential break-up....



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 64. Northwest wind between 8 and 15 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming southwest between 4 and 7 mph. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 42. Calm wind. **Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 77. Calm wind. **Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48. **Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. **Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50. **Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. **Monday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Tuesday:** A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Tuesday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 71.

It wasn't that no one asked me to the prom, it was that no one would tell me where it was.  
-- Rita Rudner

[Greece gets caretaker PM until new vote in June](#) ATHENS, Greece (AP) -- A senior judge has been sworn in to head Greece's caretaker government for a month as the debt-crippled country lurches through a political crisis that threatens its membership in the 17-nation eurozone....

[Syrian opposition faces fractures, infighting](#) BEIRUT (AP) -- A key activist group is threatening to withdraw from Syria's main umbrella grouping, saying the council has drifted away from the spirit of the Syrian revolution....

[Charles Taylor: Sorry for those hurt by war crimes](#) LEIDSCHENDAM, Netherlands (AP) -- Convicted war criminal and former Liberian President Charles Taylor said during his sentencing hearing Wednesday that he sympathizes with victims of the civil war in Sierra Leone he helped foment, and asked judges to render their sentence against him in a spirit of "reconciliation, not retribution."...

[Defense gets turn in Mich. serial stabbings trial](#) FLINT, Mich. (AP) -- Elias Abuelazam dutifully tended the cash register at a party store for \$10 an hour. But after punching out, according to police, he was a different, dangerous guy, repeatedly faking car trouble in the wee hours and then stabbing strangers who responded to an appeal for help....

[Obama requesting help to pay for Afghan army](#) WASHINGTON (AP) -- Mapping the way out of an unpopular war, the United States and NATO are trying to build an Afghan army that can defend the country after 130,000 interna-

tional troops pull out. The alliance's plans for arm's-length support for Afghanistan will be a central focus of the summit President Barack Obama is hosting Sunday and Monday in Chicago....

[Mentally ill inmates sue to get out of solitary](#) DENVER (AP) -- Troy Anderson is a mentally ill inmate in isolation at the Colorado State Penitentiary, deemed for more than a decade too dangerous to be among other offenders....

[Census: Minorities now surpass whites in US births](#) WASHINGTON (AP) -- For the first time, racial and ethnic minorities make up more than half the children born in the U.S., capping decades of heady immigration growth that is now slowing....



[Crews assess damage on Navy ships that collided](#) SAN DIEGO (AP) -- Crews assessed damage on a U.S. Navy assault ship and a refueling tanker that collided in the Pacific Ocean off California, after the steering apparently went out on one of the vessels, the military said....

[Ore. county cutting law enforcement to bare bones](#)

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) -- A failed levy vote in an Oregon county is taking a toll: government workers facing dismissal, a pending prisoner release, and crimes such as misdemeanor domestic assault and shoplifting likely to go unprosecuted....

[Manhunt for groom charged in Ill. bride's slaying](#) CHICAGO (AP) -- Police and FBI officials were poring over more than 100 tips as they hunted for a man accused of stabbing his new wife to death and leaving her body in her bath-

tub, still clad in the silver sequined cocktail dress she wore to celebrate their wedding....

[Closing arguments to begin in John Edwards case](#) GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- With only two hours allotted to each side to make closing arguments Thursday, prosecutors and defense lawyers neared the end of a month-long trial into whether former presidential candidate John Edwards violated campaign finance laws....

[No sure thing for GOP: a tight battle for Senate](#) WASHINGTON (AP) -- Divisive Republican primaries, an out-of-nowhere GOP retirement in Maine and an unexpectedly competitive race in North Dakota add up to an unpredictable battle for control of the Senate this fall, confounding early forecasts that an era of Democratic rule was inevitably coming to an end....

[Romney keeps media at bay as he sticks to script](#) ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) -- Mitt Romney is trying harder than ever these days to stay on script - and keep his traveling national press corps at arm's length....

[Don't bet on Mitt Romney winning in Massachusetts](#) BELMONT, Mass. (AP) -- Don't bet on Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney winning his home state or even trying....

[Pot groups hope Ore. race sends feds a message](#) PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) -- Medical marijuana advocates have a message for Democratic leaders and federal prosecutors with an eye on political office: Don't mess with pot....

[Biden attacks Romney tenure as venture capitalist](#) YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) -- Vice President Joe Biden, campaigning in Demo-

cratic territory with high unemployment, went after Republican Mitt Romney's business background Wednesday and cast him as a corporate raider more interested in profits than people....

[Romney inches closer to clinching GOP nomination](#) WASHINGTON (AP) -- Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won most of the delegates in the Oregon primary, leaving him 153 delegates shy of the number of delegates needed to win the Republican nomination for president....

[Wisconsin governor releases better 2011 jobs data](#) MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- Republican Gov. Scott Walker released better 2011 jobs figures on Wednesday in an attempt to rebuff a central argument of those trying to recall him from office that Wisconsin's economy has suffered under his leadership....

['Ring of Fire' eclipse visible from China to Texas](#) LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Sunrises and sunsets often dazzle, but they'll have a special ring to them in a few days for people in the western United States and eastern Asia: The moon will slide across the sun,

blocking everything but a blazing halo of light....

[Soyuz capsule with 3 crew docks with space station](#) ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP) -- A Russian-made Soyuz craft carrying three astronauts has docked with the International Space Station, putting the crew in place for the imminent arrival of the first ever privately owned cargo ship to the orbiting lab....

[CA museum gets big gift to build shuttle exhibit](#) LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The California Science Museum said it has raised nearly half of the \$200 million needed to build a permanent exhibit for the space shuttle Endeavour....





[Paralyzed woman uses her mind to control robot arm](#) NEW YORK (AP) -- Using only her thoughts, a Massachusetts woman paralyzed for 15 years directed a robotic arm to pick up a bottle of coffee and bring it to her lips, researchers report in the latest advance in harnessing brain waves to help disabled people....

[AP IMPACT: Evacs and drills pared near nuke plants](#) Without fanfare, the nation's nuclear power regulators have overhauled community emergency planning for the first time in more than three decades, requiring fewer exercises for major accidents and recommending that fewer people be evacuated right away....

[Calif. woman apparently burned by rocks in pocket](#) SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) -- A woman suffered third-degree burns after what appeared to be the spontaneous combustion of rocks that had been scooped up from a Southern California beach, a fire official said....

[NJ gov., mayor channel Seinfeld in video parody](#) TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -- New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and the mayor of New Jersey's largest city are channeling the Seinfeld-Newman rivalry in a video parody that spoofs the mayor's heroics and Christie's vice presidential potential....

[Workers go trash-picking for Mass. woman's rings](#) ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) -- An Attleboro, Mass., woman is praising the city's trash collection company after its workers helped her dig through mountains of stinking garbage to

find five valuable rings she inadvertently threw away, including her engagement and wedding bands....

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1792  
The New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree on what is now Wall Street.

1829  
John Jay, American statesman and the first chief justice of the Supreme Court, died at age 83.

1875  
The first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was Aristides.

1940  
The Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

1946  
President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

1954  
the Supreme Court issued its landmark Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka ruling, which declared that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal

1971  
The musical "Godspell" opened off-Broadway.

1973  
The Senate began hearings into the Watergate scandal.

1980  
Rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating a black man.

1987  
An Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy

frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf, killing 37 American sailors. Iraq and the United States called the attack a mistake.

1992  
Orchestra leader Lawrence Welk died at age 89.

1996  
President Bill Clinton signed "Megan's Law," a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in.

1998  
New York Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

1999  
Labor Party leader Ehud Barak unseated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israeli elections.

2000  
Two former Ku Klux Klansmen were arrested on murder charges in the 1963 church bombing in Birmingham, Ala., that killed four black girls.

2004  
Massachusetts became the first state to allow legal same-sex marriages.

2011  
Actor and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a statement confirming a Los Angeles Times report that he had fathered a child with a woman on his household staff more than a decade earlier.