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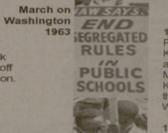
1914 World War I



1929 Stock

market crash, known as Black

> 1941 America enters World



President Kennedy assassinated. Martin Luther King Jr. leads the March on Washington.

First human sets foot on the moon.



TURNS 100

1989 Berlin Wall demolished; Tiananmen Square protest.

2001 Terrorist attacks on

the United States.

At 6 months

SOURCE: Associated Press

Elected to bachelor's degree from Clemson Works as a teacher and a coach.

Women

In ROTC training camp in

state

Elected South Carolina governor 1948 Runs for president as "States' Rights Democrat." Carries four Southern

U.S. Senate seat with campaign 1957 Stages minute 1957 Civil Rights Act which he

strategy" by switching from Democrat to Republican to support Barry

Leaves Become the longest chamber for the last time: a "living legend" by Carolina for the South Carolina Foundation

With Richard Nixon at his swearing in, Jan. 5, 1955

Thurmond's birthday is Thursday. Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush on Wednesday praised retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond for his "patriotism, courage and lifetime dedication" - and for turning 100.

'Celebrating his 100th birthday as a sitting U.S. senator is unique in our history as was his 1954 election to the Senate as a write-in candidate," Bush said in a statement issued by the White House.

invited the South Carolina Republican to a White House celebration Friday.

denounces

as "race

mixing.

"His patriotism, courage and lifetime dedication to South Carolina and his nation will always be remembered," Bush said. "I am proud to join the people of South Carolina in praising him, his values and his good works.

Born in the first term of Theodore

Roosevelt, Thurmond is a highly decorated World War II veteran who ran for president in 1948 as a Dixiecrat. He also holds the record for the longest filibuster in Senate history, talking against a civil rights bill on the Senate floor for more than 24 hours.

Thurmond changed with the times moderating his public stance on race over the years. Bush's statement did not men-

on crime, human right abuse in Columbia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) has been a significant en Secretary of State Colin sion in coca eradicatione Powell met with President Alvaro Uribe Wednesday in a show of solidarity with the Colombian leader's efforts to crack down on the country's rampant lawlessness.

Sitting around a long, oval table in the Cabinet room of the elegant Narino house, the presidential palace, the two leaders discussed Colombia's long-simmering civil war and Uribe's efforts to stem the tide of drugs pouring out of this South American country, according Uribe's to. spokesman, Ricardo Galan.

Neither leader spoke to the press after the 1 1/2 hour meeting but Powell was also expected to signal a no tolerance policy for human rights abuses by Colombia's security forces.

Uribe asked that Powell support his efforts to obtain international financing for alternative development projects to help peasants switch from drug crops to legal pro-

Uribe also asked that the United States resume its CIArun program of drug interdiction flights, suspended last year after a Peruvian warplane mistakenly shot down an American missionary flight over the Amazon, killing a missionary and her infant daughter. U.S. officials have said the flights will be resumed soon and Powell indicated they would probably start again early next year, Galan said.

Powell told reporters Tuesday he is looking for ways to provide additional help to Colombia as it confronts "narcotraffickers and narcoterror-

He noted that the administration plans an increase in assistance to \$500 million from \$300 million. The funds will be earmarked for training and equipment and also for nonmilitary sectors, including social and economic investment.

After his meeting with Uribe and another with Defense Minister Martha Lucia Ramirez, Powell visited a military hangar where he reviewed police aircraft — half a dozen Black Hawk helicopters and used in the U.S.-backed drug eradication program.

"I'm very impressed by what I have seen. We of course have a commitment to do everything we can for Colombia," Powell told reporters as he walked out of the hangar.

Colombia is the source of about 90 percent of the cocaine consumed in the United States.

Gaza in Colombia this year but added that the country has reached the point where en cation is outstripping or

He said he wants to sum Jihad Uribe in his efforts to find shot "those terrorist elements tants. in Colombian society who trying to destroy the dream the Colombian people to h a democracy that gives then Sabah society that is safe.' was ii roadsi

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Uribe has been in office a little more than 100 days. hopes that a tougher against two leftist insurgence will open the way to seri peace negotiations. A nig announced a unilateral fire in recent days. All the groups finance their operat with drug trafficking revenu and all are on the Sta Department list of foreign to rorist organizations.

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the pra While fighting terrori Colombia must also give it highest priority to curbin ers, ai human rights abuses by secun ty forces, Powell said Tuesday

"There will be a big exp tation that, as the Colom armed forces and Colombian police are streng ened to deal with this problethere can be no tolerance abuse of human rights of t kind that has been seen in th

past," he added. Powell arrived at a military airport in Bogota Tuesda night amid heavy security. Wednesday, snipers were por ed on rooftops around national palace and hundred of rifle-toting soldie patrolled Bogota streets. I Black Hawk helicopters ci

cled above. The security in Bogota wa ent of Uribe's Aug. inauguration. Although B was blanketed with sold and police, leftist rebels miss aged to launch mortars downtown Bogota mome before Uribe took the oath office, killing 21 people i causing slight damage to national palace. Last wet four rebel grenades explo on a street near the U embassy and the Colombi attorney general's office.

Powell said Tuesday there Parents have right to sue on child's behalf

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal appeals court that declared reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public classrooms to be unconstitutional ruled Wednesday that the father who sued on behalf of his daughter had a right to bring the case.

The decision by a threejudge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals puts down a challenge by the girl's mother and others who said Michael Newdow could not challenge the pledge on behalf of his daughter because he did

not have custody of her. The decision means the San Francisco-based appeals court is free to decide whether to uphold its June ruling barring the pledge from being recited with the words "under God" in public schools in the nine Western states the court covers.

Congress and President Bush condemned the June decision, and the court put the ruling on hold a day after it was issued to decide whether to rehear the case. One was whether Newdow

legal standing to sue. The main issue of wh the court will revisit its p decision is still on hold. court has no deadline to a

The June ruling by a judge panel of the court international attention. that using the term God" in the pledge unconstitutional govel endorsement of religion.

The lawsuit briefly de into a parental rights between Newdow, an ab and his 8-year-old mother, Sandra Banning Grove. Banning, who ha custody of the child, sal daughter is not harme reciting the pledge and is opposed to God.

The appeals of Wednesday said New doesn't lose his legal status a father to challenge the co tutionality of his child's et tion because he doesn't custody.

