

# Thurmond celebrates...

**1903** Wright Brothers make first flight; Henry Ford founds Ford Motor Co.

**1914** World War I begins.

**1920** Women win the right to vote.

**1929** Stock market crash, known as Black Tuesday, sets off Great Depression.

**1933** Receives bachelor's degree from Clemson. Works as a teacher and a coach.

**1934** Born Edgefield, S.C.

**1936** At 6 months old in 1903

**1963** President Kennedy assassinated. Martin Luther King Jr. leads the March on Washington.

**1969** First human sets foot on the moon.

**1999** Berlin Wall demolished; Tiananmen Square protest.

**2001** Terrorist attacks on the United States.

**1902** Elected South Carolina governor.

**1910** Elected to state Senate.

**1923** Elected to state Senate.

**1933** Elected to state Senate.

**1946** Elected South Carolina governor.

**1948** Runs for president as "States Rights Democrat." Carries four Southern states.

**1954** Wins U.S. Senate seat with write-in campaign.

**1957** Stages 24-hour, 18-minute filibuster against 1957 Civil Rights Act, which he denounces as "race mixing."



## A century of service

STROM THURMOND TURNS 100

SOURCE: Associated Press

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.

Thurmond's birthday is Thursday. Bush invited the South Carolina Republican to a White House celebration Friday.

"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 mention the issue.

# Powell for crackdown on crime, human rights abuse in Columbia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Secretary of State Colin 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 to Uribe's 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 produce.

Uribe also asked that the United States resume its CIA-run 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 "narcoterrorism and narco-terrorists."

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 nearly a dozen airplanes — 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.

Powell said Tuesday there

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— Colin Powell  
U.S. Secretary of State



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While fighting terrorism, Colombia must also give the highest priority to curbing human rights abuses by security forces, Powell said Tuesday.

"There will be a big expectation that, as the Colombian armed forces and the Colombian police are strengthened to deal with this problem, there can be no tolerance for abuse of human rights of the kind that has been seen in the past," he added.

Powell arrived at a military airport in Bogota Tuesday night amid heavy security. On Wednesday, snipers were posted on rooftops around the national palace and hundreds of rifle-toting soldiers patrolled Bogota streets. Two Black Hawk helicopters circled above.

The security in Bogota was reminiscent of Uribe's Aug. 1 inauguration. Although Bogota was blanketed with soldiers and police, leftist rebels managed to launch mortars in downtown Bogota moments before Uribe took the oath of office, killing 21 people and causing slight damage to the national palace. Last week, four rebel grenades exploded on a street near the U.S. embassy and the Colombian attorney general's office.

# 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 three-judge 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 issue was whether Newdow had legal standing to sue.

The main issue of whether the court will revisit its pledge decision is still on hold. The court has no deadline to act.

The June ruling by a three-judge panel of the court gained international attention. It was that using the term "under God" in the pledge was an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion.

The lawsuit briefly detoured into a parental rights case between Newdow, an atheist, and his 8-year-old daughter, Sandra Banning, who has had custody of the child, said her daughter is not harmed by reciting the pledge and is not opposed to God.

The appeals court Wednesday said Newdow doesn't lose his legal status as a father to challenge the constitutionality of his child's education because he doesn't have custody.