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South Africa sings Happy Birthday to Nelson Mandela, who turns 94 today.

As the widespread drought continues to damage grain crops across the Midwest, **consumers could soon be facing steeper bills** at the grocery store.

Forth Worth, Texas -- **Father and son join Catholic priesthood ? together.** Both men are both former Episcopal priests, each with a wife and children.

Discuss -- **Should priests report crimes revealed in confession to police?**

More Catholic churches in Greater Cleveland schedule reopening Masses

The China Post: **Communist, Catholic conundrum**

Weston, Mass. -- **More than 20 Haitian nationals suing Weston priest, others in sex abuse lawsuit**, a former Fairfield University chaplain.

WARSAW -- **Catholic youth crusade against Madonna in Poland**

A Nebraska federal judge on Tuesday **dismissed a lawsuit brought by seven states against the Obama administration's new healthcare policy** that requires employers to provide birth-control coverage to employees.

Commentary -- **Michigan Catholic Conference could sabotage school finance reboot by linking it to vouchers**

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French priest charged with 30-year-spiel of child sex abuse

On the air: **Catholic radio stations start in New Jersey**

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