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Wegner Won

Bob Wegner was the winner of the Groton Pool Slide contest. He is scheduled to be the first one going down the new 110' slide at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow

Construction begins

Construction on West Fifth Aveue is scheduled to begin today. They will be starting on the west end near Garfield Street and going east from there.



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Monday, June 1

Anniv: Matt & Tammy Locke

Birthdays: Anita Lowary • Chad Barton • Mayme Baker

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center.

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, June 2

Birthdays: Lindsey Gese • Heather Koens • Tim Waage • Tom Waage • Trent Anderson • Tiffany Lerew • Rick Rossow

1:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer Circle

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, June 3

Anniv: Harvey & Sue Flihs II

Birthdays: Eric Johnson • Ryan Johnson • Doug Ehrenberg • Amber Stumpf • Vicki Rossow

1:00 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid LWML.

5:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:00 p.m.: Olive Grove Men's League

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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A proud neighbor made and put up this sign on the Larson family garage indicating they are proud of Landon Larson, a triple champion at the state track meet.

USPS Rate Changes Started Yesterday

Details of the USPS rate changes are listed below.

Rates for First-Class Mail letters purchased at the Post Office have NOT INCREASED and remain at \$0.49

Rates for Metered Mail First-Class letters (postage purchased online or through a postage meter) have increased by \$0.005 to \$0.485

Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express rates have NOT INCREASED in 2015

Priority Mail International now includes "zone pricing" for Canada, split up into 7 pricing zones

Parcel Select prices have DECREASED in Zones 1 to 4 for packages weighing between 5 lbs. to 24 lbs.

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Telemedicine Helps Bring Patients to Doctors

By Senator John Thune

An increasing number of South Dakotans are seeking the use of telemedicine, which makes it easier for physicians to see patients that may not be able to travel as easily or frequently to where their physician practices. It can be particularly useful when patients are seeking medical care from a specialty provider located outside of the state. Despite its advantages, without a way to more efficiently license physicians across state lines, telemedicine advancement is hindered.

In March 2013, I led a bipartisan letter to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), an organization of state boards of medicine responsible for regulating medicine in each state, encouraging them to begin development of a comprehensive system that would allow states to retain control of medical licensure and ensure the safety of patients who choose to use telemedicine.

During its past legislative session, the South Dakota state legislature was one of the first states that opted to join a compact that would speed up the process of licensing physicians who wish to practice in multiple states. Just recently, a sufficient number of states opted into the compact, making it an effective way to more easily license physicians in multiple states.

Expediting the process by which physicians can be licensed and practicing telemedicine in multiple states in a safe and accountable manner is important, and I am pleased that several of my Senate colleagues have joined me in encouraging FSMB to address this barrier to effective telemedicine. I am particularly pleased that this compact is now in force and can be used to continue to advance the adoption of telemedicine.

I am committed to continuing telemedicine's advancement in a way that both preserves states' ability to regulate medicine within their borders and protect their patients. Allowing states to share information, while allowing each state to retain jurisdiction over physicians who choose to practice in the state, is in the best interest of both physicians and patients.

This compact keeps patients safe by preserving state-based licensure and is a win for doctors and patients.

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On behalf of Groton Legion Post #39, we would like to thank the merchants and residents of Groton and the surrounding area for the support of our 2015 Spring Fundraiser. Our purpose was to raise funds to put back into the community to support youth activities in the area. Those donations are listed above.

Once again **THANK YOU** for your support.

Robert Wegner
Commander
Groton Legion Post #39



Protecting Our Backyards

By Rep. Kristi Noem

America's protection of property rights has always set us apart from others around the globe, but it's an American value that is under attack today. On May 27, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a rule that could represent one of the largest federal land grabs in United States history. In the swoop of a regulatory pen, the EPA expanded the federal government's control to include small and seasonal bodies of water. That means ditches, prairie potholes, and even streams that run through your yard after a heavy rain could be subject to federal regulations under the Clean Water Act.

Without a doubt, we should all be able to turn on the faucet or go fishing and know the water is safe. For years, the Clean Water Act has helped accomplish that, but this latest move by the EPA goes too far.

Under the new EPA rule, farmers and ranchers – especially those in the Prairie Pothole region – may have to get additional permits from the federal government in order to control bugs or weeds in their fields. Homeowners may be required to get permission from the federal government in order to put a fence up in their backyard. Landowners may need approval from the federal government if they want to build a house or even plant a tree.

The costs of permit applications and compliance may be significant to begin with, but any failure to comply with the complex web of federal rules and regulations could result in a fine as high as \$37,500 per violation per day. What family can afford that?

Since this rule was initially proposed, thousands of people have reached out to the federal government to say they don't want the EPA as a guest in their backyard. To push back, the EPA, which is supposed to be an objective arbiter, launched a campaign on social media and elsewhere to gin up support for the government expansion. Their campaign failed and the public continued to criticize the rule. But the EPA ignored these facts, insisting this erosion of private property rights move forward anyways.

The May 27 announcement was the EPA's final ruling, but that does not mean it's the end of the road. In early May, I joined the U.S. House of Representatives in passing H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015. If enacted, this bipartisan legislation would stop the EPA from moving forward and send them and their partners in the Army Corps of Engineers back to the drawing board. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate, so I'm hopeful they will act quickly to pass the bill.

Once again, the administration is overstepping its legal bounds with this regulation. The Clean Water Act was never intended to be so personally invasive – a reality the Supreme Court has reaffirmed on two separate occasions. It's time the federal government begin respecting the property rights of hard-working Americans and ditch this rule.

Regulation without Representation

U.S. Senator Mike Rounds

The burden placed on Americans to pay for federal regulations in 2014 far exceeded the cost we paid in income taxes. According to the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Americans paid \$1.88 trillion in regulatory compliance and \$1.4 trillion in individual federal income taxes. These numbers should concern every one of us. Not only are regulatory costs taking money out of the pockets of South Dakota families, they are stunting economic growth and crushing the can-do American spirit that founded our nation, settled the West, won two world wars and put a man on the moon.

Even more alarming, the rules and regulations are being made by unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats at the highest level of government, often behind closed doors. The individuals creating many rules that impact us are not elected and have no direct contact with those who are impacted.

Our founders established three coequal branches of government with checks and balances for each. Recognizing the need for order in our society, they granted congress – whose members are elected by the people – the power to create laws. They never could have imagined today's rulemaking process, in which unelected people in Washington have the final say in the bulk of rules under which we must live our daily lives. The regulators have essentially become a fourth branch of government and de-facto legislative body. The current system squeezes out the voice of the people in the democratic process. It's regulation without representation, and it's wrong.

It's time to restore the people's role in the rulemaking process. I recently introduced a resolution in the Senate to create a Joint Select Committee on Regulatory Reform whose purpose is to review regulations currently on the books and propose a new rules review plan, one that includes elected representatives. The Regulation Sensibility Through Oversight Restoration (RESTORE) Resolution takes steps to permanently address overregulation and restore congress' role in making certain the laws are being carried out as intended.

RESTORE directs the Joint Select Committee to conduct a systematic review of rules currently on the books. It would hold meaningful hearings on the effects of current rules and look for ways to reduce, eliminate or sunset unnecessary and outdated ones. To address regulations moving forward, RESTORE would direct the committee to review and recommend one of several options giving congress a role in reviewing rules before they are enacted. This is already happening in the state legislatures of 41 states, including South Dakota.

Not every rule is bad. Good rules weed out bad actors and keep us safe. But the role of the executive branch is to implement and enforce the laws as congress intended. Unfortunately, the lack of oversight has led to bureaucrats exceeding their authority and overstepping the role of the executive branch. The result is that the rules they implement are hindering our freedoms and stifling the American spirit.

The goal of RESTORE is to restructure the rulemaking process, returning it to the American people so they once again have a say in the rules and regulations that affect them the most. Last year, unelected bureaucrats implemented 16 rules for every one bill that was signed into law. It is time to end regulation without representation and restore our faith in the people to make the best decisions for their families and businesses.

"Be The Cure" In South Dakota

A column by Lt. Gov. Matt Michels

I currently serve as South Dakota's Lt. Governor, but I have had the opportunity to wear a lot of different "hats" throughout the years. Few have been as formative as my nurse "hat." Nursing exposed me to people from many different walks of life and taught me about compassion, as well as countless other life lessons. But, it also taught me about the far-reaching impact of medical ailments and the importance of doing what we can, as a society, to confront those ailments.

Public health should be everyone's concern. Over the years, the development of new medicines has been vital in helping people live longer and healthier lives. Clinical trials are the primary route by which patients can voluntarily participate in the drug development process, receive access to unapproved investigational medicines and contribute to the collection of data necessary for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

Successful clinical trials require diverse and robust volunteer participation. It is important that people of all races understand the benefits of clinical trials. Different racial groups can be affected by different diseases and may respond differently to certain kinds of medications. Unfortunately, minority groups are typically underrepresented in clinical trials, resulting in limited evidence for how effective such treatments may be for those individuals.

As Lt. Governor, I have the opportunity to participate in a bipartisan group called the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). This year the NLGA is starting a new program called "Be the Cure." The goal of the program is to increase education and awareness among legislators, policymakers, patients and providers about the clinical trial process, specifically the need for participation of diverse patient populations.

South Dakota is home to people of many different backgrounds, and we need to work to continue advancing medicines that could help all of our state's residents. It is important that we all spread the word about the need for diversity enrollment in clinical trials and the value and benefits of increased participation by underrepresented communities.

I encourage you visit the National Lt. Governors Association "Be the Cure" web site at www.nlga.us to learn more about the importance of clinical trials and increased participation by all.

Today in Weather History

1812 - Apple trees at New Haven CT did not blossom until the first of June, the latest such occurrence during the period beginning in 1794. Snow whitened the ground in Cleveland OH and Rochester NY. (David Ludlum)

1903 - A strong tornado just 50 to 75 yards in width killed many persons around the Gainesville GA Cotton Mill. The tornado strengthened and widened near the end of its four mile path, killing 40 persons at New Holland GA. A total of 104 persons were killed in the tornado. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - A man from Falmouth ME was struck by lightning restoring his eyesight. The man had been blind and partially deaf since a truck accident in 1971. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms in the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Lower Ohio Valley produced wind gusts to 81 mph at Albert Lea Airport in southern Minnesota, and baseball size hail around Otterbein IN, Sarona WI, and Danville IL. Two inches of hail totally destroyed 5000 acres of corn and soybean north of Danville. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms drenched north central Texas with torrential rains, with more than 14 inches reported in Commanche County. Afternoon thunderstorm in New Jersey and Pennsylvania produced wind gusts to 70 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing during the afternoon over the Southern Plains Region produced severe weather through the evening and the night, spawning nine tornadoes. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Alpine TX, and baseball size hail at Balmorhea, TX, Fluvanna, TX, and in Borden County, TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)



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Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Breezy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Severe Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 80 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 74 °F



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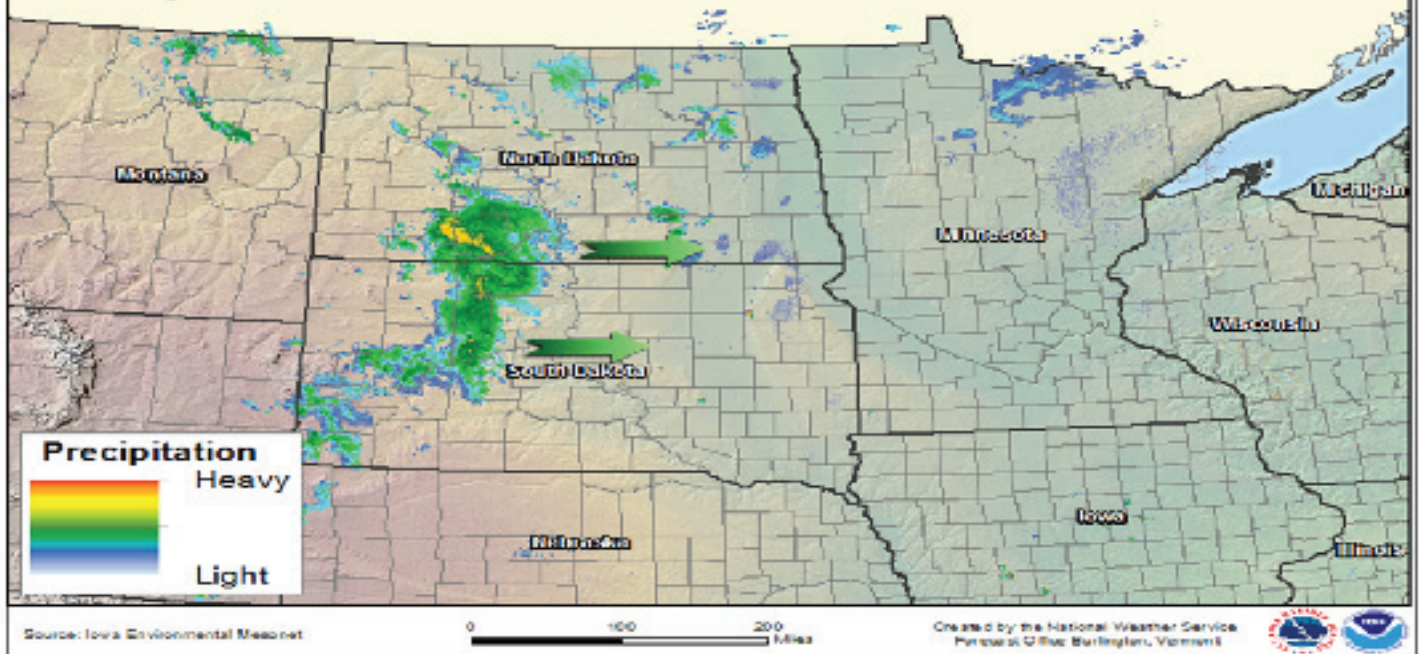


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NWS Radar Image 6:01 AM EDT 5/31/2015



Published on: 05/31/2015 at 5:25AM

Increasing temperatures and low level moisture over the next two days will create the instability needed for thunderstorms. The severe storm threat will gradually increase today into tomorrow. For today and tonight, the target area is mainly west of our forecast area and affects the western Dakotas into Montana. On Tuesday, the severe storm potential shifts east to include all of South Dakota, with an enhanced threat over central South Dakota. Large hail and strong winds are the main threats with any severe storms on Tuesday. Storms are expected to initiate over western/central South Dakota by late Tuesday afternoon, then spread east into the evening/overnight to include eastern/northeastern South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 63.5 at 3:34 PM

Low: 43.5 at 2:20 AM

High Gust: 24 at 2:30 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 99° in 1933

Record Low: 34° in 1946

Average High: 73°F

Average Low: 50°F

Average Precip in June: 0.11

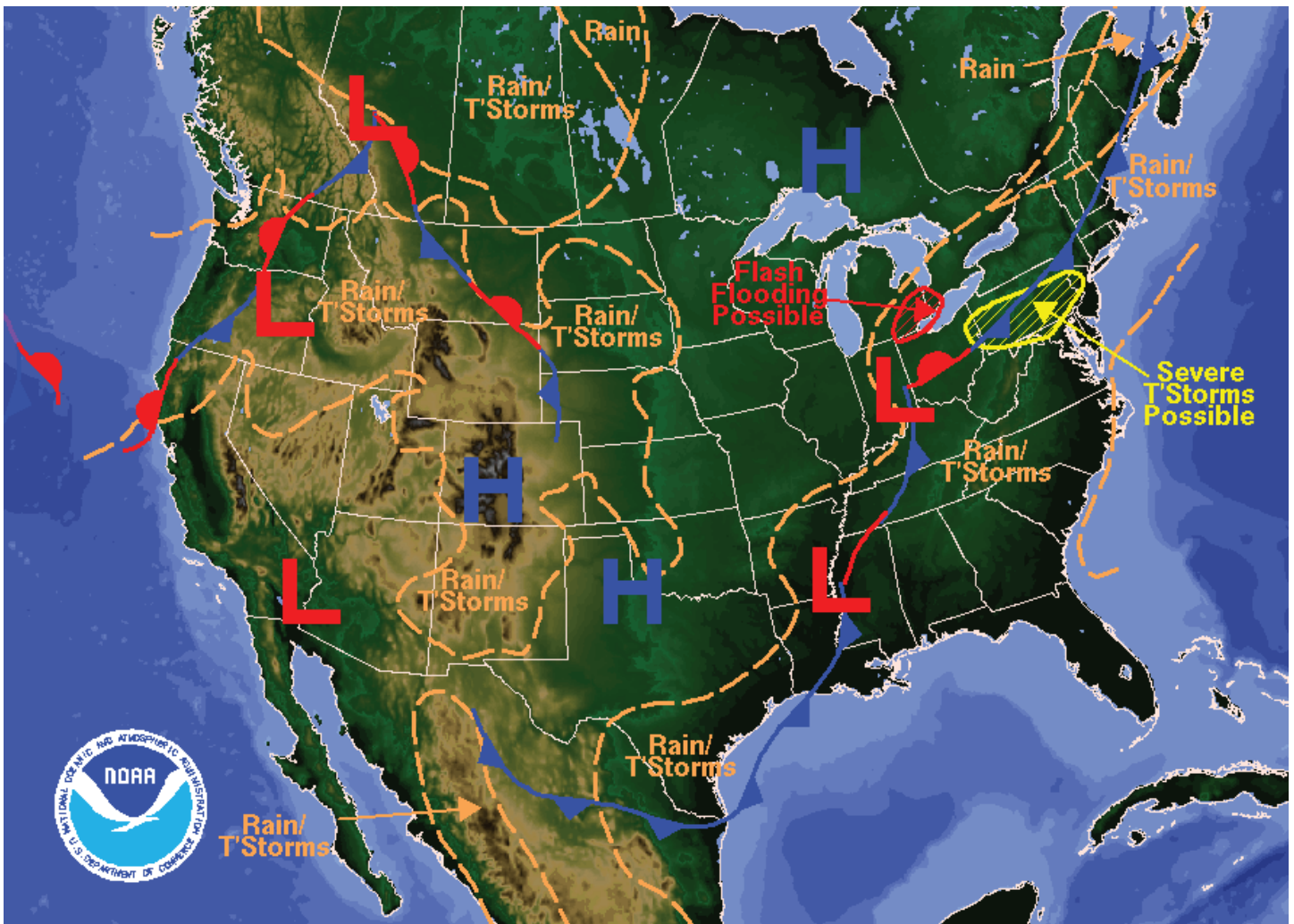
Precip to date in June: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 7.25

Precip Year to Date: 5.72

Sunset Tonight: 9:14 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, May 31, 2015, issued 4:33 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



AN INSIDE JOB

"Why is it," the girl asked the botanist, "that when I open a marigold it dies, but when God opens it, it's beautiful?"

"Because," came the answer, "God works from the inside out, while you work from the outside in."

What a beautiful description of the new birth. It's not something we do on the outside, but something God does on the inside.

A Christian becomes a completely new person. Although we cannot see the change on the inside, we know that there is a change when we see it on the outside – the new behaviors that come with the new birth. When Christ fills our heart on the inside, others will see it on the outside: we will no longer be the same.

People often speak of "being rehabilitated." But that means that one has been restored to good health, a useful life, one's former condition. But that is not true of those of us who have been born again. We have, in and through Christ, been re-created: "The old life is gone. A new life has begun," said Paul.

When we are converted to Christ, we do not turn over a new leaf, we begin living a new life under a new Leader that results in a new way of living. This means that we now live by a new set of standards – God's standards. We must ask, "Do others see Jesus in us?"

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to examine our lives carefully and completely to be sure we are living this "new life." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 5:11-19 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

News from the Associated Press

Sculpture stolen from Sioux Falls exhibition found in park

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A sculpture stolen from an annual exhibition in downtown Sioux Falls has been found in a park.

Jeff Hansen with SculptureWalk says the piece titled "Raven" was found by a citizen in Menlo Park on Sunday. It was reported stolen early Saturday from its pedestal outside a restaurant.

Sioux Falls media outlets report the sculpture is estimated to be worth around \$6,000.

Another sculpture that was across the street from "Raven" was damaged and is being restored.

Police: Aberdeen man, 61, dies after downtown assault

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Police say a 61-year-old man has died after being assaulted in downtown Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Police Department says Ronald Witchey of Aberdeen was pronounced dead at an area hospital shortly after the early Sunday morning assault. The department says a 54-year-old man has been arrested in connection to Witchey's death.

According to police, officers responded to a report of an unconscious assault victim around 1:20 a.m. Sunday. Police say Witchey was not breathing and didn't have a pulse.

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. SURVEILLANCE POWERS LAPSE WHILE SENATE DEBATES HOUSE BILL

Republican Sen. Rand Paul stands in the way of extending the program, angering his GOP colleagues and frustrating intelligence officials. Some civil liberties groups cheer him.

2. HOW LONG KERRY IS GROUNDED AFTER BIKE CRASH

It remains unclear if the secretary of state will require a lengthy rehabilitation but its prospect could hamper the nuclear talks and other diplomatic endeavors.

3. LINDSEY GRAHAM LAUNCHING BID FOR PRESIDENT

His White House ambitions are rooted half a world away in the Middle East.

4. WHICH INDUSTRY TOUTS WATER SAVINGS IN CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

As residents struggle to reduce potable water consumption by 25 percent, the California Pool and Spa Association is promoting a campaign called Let's Pool Together.

5. SOLAR IMPULSE FORCED TO LAND IN JAPAN

The plane on a mission to circle the planet without a drop of fuel will wait in Nagoya until weather conditions improve in Hawaii.

6. RAPE KITS BRING ANSWERS, EMOTIONAL ENDINGS FOR VICTIMS

The good news and the horrible news may be identical: "We may be able to identify your rapist."

7. CHINA'S CAPITAL IMPOSES TOUGH INDOOR SMOKING BAN

Fines for violators are raised to 200 yuan (\$32), up from the 10 yuan (\$1.6) charged before.

8. MATT DILLON PUTS RARE CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT ON ROHINGYA

The American actor visits a squalid camp for tens of thousands displaced by violence and a port that has served as one of the main launching pads for their exodus by sea.

9. KIDS' SURVIVAL IMPROVES EVEN WITH GENTLER CANCER TREATMENTS

More children are beating the disease than ever before, and without the complications from radiation and chemotherapy that doomed many a generation ago, new research shows.

10. WHO IS EXPECTING A SECOND BABY

Kim Kardashian says she is pregnant with her second child with Kanye West.

Microsoft Windows 10, with mobile in mind, arrives in July

NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft will roll out the latest version of its Windows operating system at the end of July.

The company said Monday that Windows 10 is designed with mobile computing in mind, allowing users to switch seamlessly between personal computers, tablets, smartphones and other gadgets. The operating system is intended to give apps a similar feel on all devices and comes with a new Web browser integrated with Cortana, the company's voice-activated answer to Apple's Siri.

Microsoft Corp. says Windows 10 will be available in 190 countries as a free upgrade on July 29 for anyone currently running Windows 8.1 or 7, the two previous versions of the software.

AP News in Brief

Surveillance powers lapse while Senate debates House bill backed by president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight days after blocking it, Senate Republicans have agreed to begin debate on a House bill that would overhaul the National Security Agency's handling of American calling records while preserving other domestic surveillance provisions.

But that remarkable turnabout didn't happen soon enough to prevent the laws governing the programs from expiring at midnight Sunday as Republican Sen. Rand Paul, a presidential contender, stood in the way of extending the program, angering his GOP colleagues and frustrating intelligence and law enforcement officials.

Now, the question is whether the Senate will pass a bill the House can live with. If so, the surveillance programs will resume, with some significant changes in how the phone records are handled. If not, they will remain dormant.

The Senate vote on the measure known as the USA Freedom Act can come no earlier than 1 a.m., Tuesday. Senate Republican aides said they expected some amendments, but no major revisions to the bill.

"Having gone past the brink, the Senate must now embrace the necessity of acting responsibly," said Adam Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, in a statement after Sunday's Senate vote.

Swimming pool industry touts itself as water-neutral option in California's 4-year drought

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — The California swimming pool and spa industry has launched a campaign to market itself as a drought-friendly landscaping option as the state enters a fourth summer of drought that has residential pools and other conspicuous water users in the crosshairs.

As residents struggle to reduce potable water consumption by 25 percent, the California Pool and Spa Association is promoting a campaign called Let's Pool Together and is lobbying water districts to quash

proposed bans on filling pools and spas.

The industry cites an in-house study that found that a standard-sized pool, plus decking, uses one-third the amount of water as an irrigated lawn after an initial fill.

"We're not saying, 'Solve the drought, put in a pool,' but the bottom line is people who put in a pool are making a decision to do something more water efficient with their backyard. They're saving water," said John Norwood, the California Pool and Spa Association's president. "Pools are landscaping."

Some water conservation experts question the pool industry's math and say, at best, residential pools and lawns use roughly the same amount of water after an initial fill. There are 1.18 million residential pools in California, according to Metrostudy, which tracks housing information.

Solar Impulse plane to make unscheduled landing in Japan because of bad weather

TOKYO (AP) — A solar plane attempting to fly around the world without a drop of fuel plans to make an unscheduled stop Monday night in Nagoya, Japan, because of bad weather.

Swiss pilot André Borschberg took off from Nanjing, China, on Sunday on what was to be the longest leg of the journey, a five-day, 8,175-kilometer (5,079-mile) flight to Hawaii.

Instead, the Solar Impulse 2 will land in Nagoya in central Japan, organizers said.

Japanese Transport Ministry and Nagoya airport officials confirmed that they are making arrangements for an unanticipated landing at Nagoya Airport.

Elke Neumann, a spokeswoman for the Solar Impulse project, said from Nanjing that the team first noticed the bad weather pattern about 36 hours ago.

Kerry grounded after bike accident, but question is how long

GENEVA (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry plans to fly to Boston Monday after staying overnight in a Swiss hospital to receive treatment for a broken leg incurred in a bicycle crash. It was unclear how long he will be grounded once he returns to the U.S.

Kerry fractured his right femur Sunday when he struck a curb with his bicycle and fell on a regular Tour de France route about 40 kilometers (25 miles) southeast of Geneva.

Kerry was in stable condition and was receiving treatment at Geneva's main medical center, HUG. He was to receive further care at Massachusetts General Hospital once he returns home.

"It was sensible for him to remain in the hospital for observation overnight for purely precautionary measures," U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby said. "The secretary continues to be in great spirits and active. He has done a range of phone calls including with the president."

He "never lost consciousness, his injury is not life-threatening and he is expected to make a full recovery," Kirby said in an earlier statement.

Starting his 2016 campaign, South Carolina's Graham has blunt talk on approach to Middle East

CENTRAL, S.C. (AP) — Lindsey Graham will formally launch his bid for president in the small South Carolina town where he grew up. His White House ambitions are rooted half a world away in the Middle East.

When kicking off his campaign Monday, South Carolina's senior senator is sure to blast President Barack Obama's withdrawal of troops from Iraq, insist on the need to strong-arm Iran over its nuclear

program and work to subdue the violent Islamic State militants who have gained footholds in Iraq and Syria.

Yet in the early days of the 2016 campaign for president, Graham has already gone further than most of his rivals for the GOP nomination in saying how he would tackle such problems, while acknowledging the potential costs of his strategy.

Graham wants to put an additional 10,000-plus U.S. troops into Iraq, adding to the several thousand there now working as trainers and advisers only. He says it could take even more troops to stabilize the Middle East over time, adding "more American soldiers will die in Iraq and eventually in Syria to protect our homeland."

The Islamic State militants, Graham argued at a recent campaign stop, "want to purify their religion and they want to destroy ours and blow up Israel. Every day they get stronger over there, the more likely we are to get hit over here."

Old rape kits, an investigator and 4 brave women bring serial rapist to justice

CLEVELAND (AP) — When Stacey Fifer arrived at the prison one day last September, she was carrying four old photos of women, strangers to one another but bound by terrifying memories of the same man.

The criminal investigator had strong suspicions Dwayne Wilson was that man. A letter from the state crime lab had linked Wilson's DNA to a sexual crime spree — including three rapes for which he'd never been charged and a fourth case that had been dropped, all in 34 months beginning in 1994.

He was now in the Grafton Correctional Institution on an unrelated sexual battery, but Fifer knew he was due to be released in 23 days.

Another deadline also loomed. DNA had linked Wilson to a November 1994 rape. Time was running out to charge him under Ohio's 20-year statute of limitations.

Fifer, part of a special Cuyahoga County task force, told Wilson his name had surfaced in some cold cases. One by one, she displayed driver's license photos of the four women taken around the time each was raped.

In a country of smokers, China's capital imposes tough new ban on lighting up indoors

BEIJING (AP) — China's capital Monday began imposing the country's toughest ban on indoor smoking in hopes of stemming a looming health crisis.

Smoking in Beijing is now prohibited in all indoor public places, including offices, shopping malls and airports. Beijing's main terminal will close its three smoking rooms and special smoking areas will be set up at the city's 600 bus stops.

Fines for violators have been raised to 200 yuan (\$32), up from the 10 yuan (\$1.6) charged under the former partial ban.

The World Health Organization says 300 million Chinese smoke, including about half of all men, and 740 million Chinese are exposed to second-hand smoke. The group says lung cancer kills more than 1.3 million people in the country each year, one-third of the global total.

Bans have been imposed in other parts of the country and cigarette sales to minors are technically forbidden, although enforcement is spotty at best.

Matt Dillon puts rare celebrity spotlight on Rohingya at their apartheid-like camp in Myanmar

SITTWE, Myanmar (AP) — American actor Matt Dillon put a rare star-powered spotlight on Myanmar's long-persecuted Rohingya Muslims, visiting a hot, squalid camp for tens of thousands displaced by violence and a port that has been one of the main launching pads for their exodus by sea.

It was "heartbreaking," he said after meeting a young man with a raw, open leg wound from a road accident and no means to treat it.

Mothers carrying babies with clear signs of malnutrition stood listlessly outside row after row of identical bamboo huts, toddlers playing nearby in the chalky white dust.

"No one should have to live like this, people are really suffering," said Dillon, one of the first celebrities to get a first-hand look at what life is like for Rohingya in the western state of Rakhine. "They are being strangled slowly, they have no hope for the future and nowhere to go."

Though Rohingya have been victims of state-sponsored discrimination for decades, conditions started deteriorating three years ago after the predominantly Buddhist country of 50 million began its bumpy transition from a half-century of dictatorship to democracy.

Godzilla stomps, thrashes, breathes fire in new game that steers clear of nuke references

TOKYO (AP) — Godzillas galore, including last year's Hollywood version, stomp on buildings, thrashing about and breathing fire, in a video game going on sale globally mid-July. But don't expect any references to radiation, the mutant reptile's trademark affliction.

Simply named "Godzilla," it's the first video game devoted to the irradiated creature in a decade. It's also the first such game for the Sony Corp. PlayStation 4 home machine, ensuring dazzling digital graphics.

Shunsuke Fujita, the game's producer, is flush with excitement when he speaks about how he and his team are true Godzilla believers, having grown up on the movies. They were very careful to render what he calls its "totally cool" ferocity.

In the original 1954 movie, Toho Co. studios concocted the giant animal that arose as a mutation from nuclear testing in the Pacific. That had special resonance in Japan as the only nation to have been attacked with nuclear weapons.

Gareth Edwards, the director of the 2014 Hollywood Godzilla, also made a point to include backdrop references to atomic weapons and radiation.

A look at competing math on pools versus lawns

GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — The drought gripping California has the swimming pool and spa industry on the offensive. Pool contractors worry about damage to their business as water districts consider bans on filling new pools and refilling existing ones.

Here is a look at the numbers being cited by three different parties who are concerned about the installation — or lack of installation — of new pools in California this summer:

—THE SWIMMING POOL AND SPA INDUSTRY

The California Pool and Spa Association estimates that, after an initial fill, a standard-sized backyard swimming pool plus deck results in one-third less water use than a similarly sized, irrigated lawn. The

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calculation is for a pool with no evaporation cover.

With a cover, the pool becomes as efficient as a backyard planted with drought-tolerant, California-native plant species, according to John Norwood, the association's president and chief lobbyist. Norwood's calculations assume the pool and deck together cover 1,200 square feet.

"You're talking 7 to 200 gallons a day from a leaking toilet and how many toilets are there in California? Do the math. It's crazy," Norwood said. "A symbolic gesture is not worth putting people out of business."

—THE WATER DISTRICT

Some water districts considered bans on filling and refilling pools, but rolled them back after hearing from the swimming pool industry. Even so, water districts' estimates of water use by a pool differ from the industry's.

The Santa Margarita Water District in Orange County last year abandoned plans for a ban on new swimming pools, but did its own calculations and now provides a widget on its home page that helps prospective pool permit applicants design an efficient pool.

The district estimates that a pool and deck covering 1,000 square feet uses about 3,000 gallons less than traditional lawn the first year but breaks even within three years. With a pool cover on 70 percent of the time, the district says, a pool will use more than five times less water than a traditional landscape and still less than a drought-tolerant landscape of native California plants.

"We're comfortable with three-year break-even point, but the message is that a pool can be more efficient than even California-friendly turf if it's covered," said Jonathan Volske, spokesman for the water district.

—THE CONSERVATIONIST

Californians have no business putting in new pools or refilling drained pools in a drought, according to Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute, a nonprofit research institute in Oakland that focuses on the environment and sustainability issues.

Variables such as splash rate, whether a pool is covered and how the lawn was managed before it was ripped out make the pool-versus-lawn calculation almost meaningless — although they probably roughly use the same amount of water, he said.

But such calculations miss the point: Instead of installing a pool, homeowners should be letting their lawns die or replanting with drought-tolerant species to save water, he said.

"It's all about the choices you make," Gleick said. "We're in a drought and if you have a pool, I'm not saying remove it — but you sure better cover it."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 1, the 152nd day of 2015. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 1, 1915, the T.S. Eliot poem "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse" in Chicago.

On this date:

In 1533, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII, was crowned as Queen Consort of England.

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War

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of 1812.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at age 77.

In 1933, in a bizarre scene captured by news photographers, Lya Graf, a female circus dwarf, sat in the lap of financier J.P. Morgan Jr. during a recess of a Senate hearing on the stock market crash of 1929.

In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by Germany during World War II, killing all 17 people aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.

In 1955, the romantic comedy "The Seven Year Itch," starring Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1968, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who'd earned a college degree despite being blind and deaf almost all of her life, died in Westport, Connecticut, at age 87.

In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the foundation of a landmark treaty for the first-ever cuts in strategic nuclear missiles and a pact to slash chemical weapons stockpiles.

In 2009, Air France Flight 447, an Airbus A330 carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean with the loss of everyone on board.

Ten years ago: Paul Wolfowitz began a five-year term as head of the 184-nation World Bank. (Wolfowitz resigned the post in 2007 amid controversy over the generous compensation he'd arranged for his girlfriend, bank employee Shaha Riza.) Dutch voters rejected the European Union constitution. A landslide sent 17 multi-million-dollar houses crashing down a hill in Laguna Beach, California. Peruvian doctors separated the fused legs of Milagros Cerron, a 13-month-old baby girl known as Peru's "mermaid." The U.S. version of "Dancing with the Stars" made its debut on ABC-TV (the winners were actress Kelly Monaco and professional partner Alec Mazo).

Five years ago: Attorney General Eric Holder said federal authorities had opened criminal and civil investigations into the BP oil spill. A divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that criminal suspects had to explicitly invoke their right to remain silent, and that simply remaining silent was not sufficient to stop police questioning. Former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, announced their separation after 40 years of marriage.

One year ago: Freed American soldier Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl entered the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, a day after he was released by the Taliban in exchange for five Guantanamo terrorism detainees. (Bergdahl was later charged with desertion.) Ann B. Davis, 88, who became America's favorite and most famous housekeeper as the devoted Alice Nelson on television's "The Brady Bunch," died in San Antonio, Texas.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Erdman is 90. Singer Pat Boone is 81. Actor-writer-director Peter Masterson is 81. Actor Morgan Freeman is 78. Actor Rene Auberjonois is 75. Opera singer Frederica von Stade is 70. Actor Brian Cox is 69. Rock musician Ronnie Wood is 68. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 68. Actor Powers Boothe is 67. Actress Gemma Craven is 65. Blues-rock musician Tom Principato is 63. Country singer Ronnie Dunn is 62. Actress Lisa Hartman Black is 59. Actor Tom Irwin is 59. Singer-musician Alan Wilder is 56. Rock musician Simon Gallup (The Cure) is 55. Country musician Richard Comeaux (River Road) is 54. Actor-comedian Mark Curry is 54. Actor-singer Jason Donovan is 47. Actress Teri Polo is 46. Basketball player-turned-coach Tony Bennett is 46. Actor Rick Gomez is 43. Model-actress Heidi Klum is 42. Singer Alanis Morissette is 41. Actress Sarah Wayne Callies is 38. TV personality Damien Fahey is 35. Pop singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile is 34. Actor Johnny Pemberton is 34. Tennis player Justine Henin is 33. Actor Taylor Handley is 31. Actress Willow Shields is 15.

Thought for Today: "Our age knows nothing but reaction, and leaps from one extreme to another."
- Reinhold Niebuhr, American theologian (1892-1971).