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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.

Thursday, June 4

Anniversaries: Gary & Caralee Heitmann, Jarod & Kristie Flihs, Wade & Renee Marzahn

Birthdays: Jay Johnson, Cheyenne Schaller, Corbin Reich, Tony Waage, Tucker Carda
9:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle
2:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Friday, June 5

Birthdays: Stephanie Jondahl, Mark Leonhardt, Ward Gilchrist.

Saturday, June 6

Birthdays: Brandon Stolle, BJ Hanson



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.



Wegner is first one down the slide

Bob Wegner with his Superman outfit was the first person to go down the new pool slide on Tuesday. It was part of a fundraiser that was developed by Joe Foertsch. Wegner was the winner of the contest after the Groton Legion donated \$2,500 to the slide and \$500 in pool passes. He is the commander of Post #39.

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“One small step for man, one big splash for the Groton Pool!”

- Bob Wegner before going down the slide



Madelyn Schuelke was the first young person down the slide.

Bevitized: Getting Sidetracked in Life



by Beverly Patterson

If you ever want to be incredibly entertained and happy beyond belief some would say it's up to you and that you and only you are responsible for your own happiness. I can't say I disagree 100% but surrounding yourself with awesome people also helps.

This past weekend Don and I were able to get away and connect with both of our families and we had the most amazing time. We returned home after 3 days, completely wiped out and ready for bed very early! I usually unwind a bit and sit at my computer for at least an hour but that just wasn't going to happen last night. Instead I was reminiscing about our fabulous weekend and before long, I was sound asleep.

As I was pondering what to write today I got to thinking about how funny life is and how easy it is to sometimes get sidetracked and talk myself into believing how much more perfect things could be if I had a better paying job and if I weighed less and if we owned a home and then I go through the messages that have piled up in my subconscious mind and I realize, once again, how incredibly blessed I am and I've learned that some of the littlest gestures create some of the warmest sensations our hearts will ever know.

On Sunday we were celebrating Don's birthday at my brother's shop. There were several people there including two adorable little sisters. One is 4 and

the other is around 7. They are both amazing but each has her own very distinct personality. The 7 year old is very pleasant, easy going and has a very tender heart. Her little sister is a ball of fire. She is full of spunk and spontaneity and not even she knows what might pop out of her mouth next.

My sister got into a conversation with the older sister about her garden and before long I was being asked if I wanted to join them in a walk to see this garden. I said I would and as we were walking I said I had to go to the bathroom. Without so much as a blink of an eye I felt the tiny little hand and five little fingers of the little sister wrap themselves around my larger hand and fingers and she said, "I'm going to take you potty first." I'm thankful I was taller than her for two reasons. She didn't see me looking down enjoying the glance I took of her determined little face that had snapped into "motherly mode" and she didn't see me biting my lip so I wouldn't laugh. I just let her lead me to the restroom and I took care of my business.

As we departed from our rest stop she decided she sort of liked holding my hand so even though her motherly mission was complete, the hand holding continued. It took on a much different style that contained a lot of swinging back and forth and silly stuff but it still revealed her kind and loving heart that is sometimes cleverly disguised by her spunk and spontaneity!

I absolutely love spending time with family and friends and I always look forward to our next gathering which will most likely be sometime in late July when I turn 50. I have been told not to plan anything and not to worry about what is going to happen so I'm not thinking about it but if it's anything like this last get together when someone offered to "take me potty" I'm going to feel way younger than my actual age! You've got to cherish those "little gestures."

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Cheapest Summertime Gas Prices Since 2009 May Be Heading Our Way

After a steady increase in recent months, AAA reports it is possible pump prices may be near a seasonal peak. Gas prices surged this spring due to a rally in crude oil prices from multi-year lows, refinery maintenance, the changeover to summer-blend gasoline production and domestic refinery issues that have impacted regional output.

"While pump prices have been rising, the South Dakota average price for regular gasoline remains quite a bit below the price on June 2 of last year," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "We're on track to pay the lowest prices at the pump during the summer driving season since 2009."

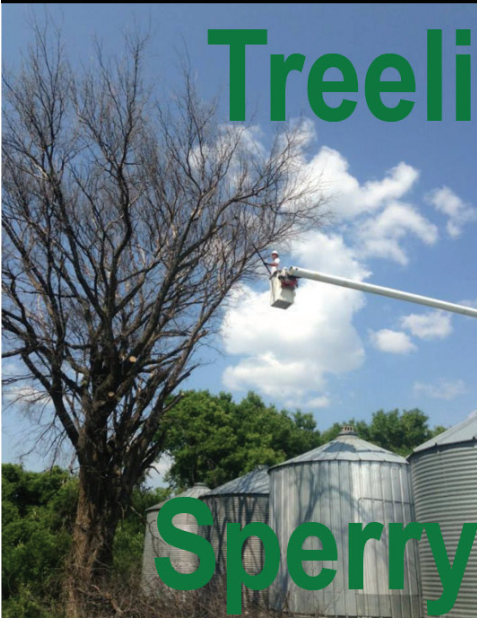
	Today	Last Week	Change	May. 5	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.611	\$2.650	(\$0.039)	\$2.516	\$0.095	\$3.530
Brookings	\$2.764	\$2.744	\$0.020	\$2.534	\$0.230	\$3.588
Huron	\$2.599	\$2.523	\$0.076	\$2.442	\$0.157	\$3.694
Mitchell	\$2.564	\$2.550	\$0.014	\$2.395	\$0.169	\$3.502
Pierre	\$2.843	\$2.813	\$0.030	\$2.664	\$0.179	\$3.609
Rapid City	\$2.792	\$2.735	\$0.057	\$2.365	\$0.427	\$3.519
Sioux Falls	\$2.554	\$2.507	\$0.047	\$2.429	\$0.125	\$3.412
Vermillion	\$2.616	\$2.566	\$0.050	\$2.582	\$0.034	\$3.399
Watertown	\$2.721	\$2.707	\$0.014	\$2.494	\$0.227	\$3.588
Yankton	\$2.664	\$2.596	\$0.068	\$2.480	\$0.184	\$3.515
South Dakota	\$2.674	\$2.635	\$0.039	\$2.466	\$0.208	\$3.521

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Midwestern drivers continue to face higher prices as a result of supply issues in the region. Another major refinery located in Toledo, Ohio is expected to be offline for two to three weeks while the fluid catalytic cracking unit is replaced, and prices in surrounding states will likely be impacted. This latest outage is in addition to ExxonMobil's Joliet, Ill. refinery and Citgo's refinery in Lemont, Ill., which are both running at reduced rates.

Relatively low prices at the pump, combined with a recovering economy, have contributed to drivers traveling more during the first quarter of the year than any other year on record. Estimates released by the Federal Highway Administration show that Americans drove 261.7 billion "vehicle-miles-traveled" in March of this year, the most ever in March. Throughout the first quarter of the year, the nation's motorists drove 720.1 billion vehicle-miles-traveled, the highest number for any year's first quarter.

"There is the possibility some prices may temporarily climb higher later this summer if severe weather impacts refinery production," said Buskohl. "The Atlantic hurricane season is officially underway but it's expected to be less severe than usual."

Today's national average of \$2.75 per gallon is about a penny higher than one week ago and 14 cents more per gallon than one month ago.

At \$3.68 per gallon, California has the most expensive gas in the nation, followed by Alaska (\$3.32), Hawaii (\$3.31), Nevada (\$3.30), and Washington (\$3.06).

Both Brent and West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices rallied to close out this past week, following reports of violence in Saudi Arabia and weekly U.S. rig counts falling by double-digits. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, domestic gasoline demand is trending higher than in previous years but the impact of this increase on retail gasoline prices is uncertain. Additionally, it is generally expected that OPEC will sustain its current output levels when it meets on June 5 in Vienna, keeping the global market oversupplied in the near term and placing a ceiling on how high crude prices could move.

Thanks!

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Groton Soccer Assn.	\$2500.00
BAGS Program	\$1000.00
Andover Baseball Program	\$500.00
Ferney Baseball Program	\$500.00
Pool Passes.....	\$500.00

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





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Wettest May on Record since 1895

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Moisture during the month of May rapidly transitioned the state out of drought conditions.

"Preliminary data indicate that at least eight climate stations reported their wettest May on record, with more reports yet to come in," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

The north central and southwest regions were among the wettest areas of the state. The north central region weather stations recorded their second wettest May since 1895 with a regional average of 6.22 inches; the other wettest was recorded in 1906 when the region-wide average was 6.73 inches.

Records were also set at individual weather stations; Mobridge recorded not only its wettest May, but May 2015 is documented in the record books as the wettest month in the location's recorded history with 9.32 inches of precipitation. This exceeds the previous record of 8.85 inches in June 1915.

Edwards added that the southwest region of the state had many climate stations that measured two to three times their average May precipitation. "As a region, the southwest also had its second wettest May on record, with an average of 7.29 inches," Edwards said. She said the wettest May for this region occurred in 1982, with a region-wide average of 7.34 inches.

Transition out of drought

Following the driest January through April period on record for South Dakota, the May 5, 2015 U.S. Drought Monitor had 78 percent of the state in moderate to severe drought (in D1 and D2 designations.) By May 26, 2015 only 9 percent of the state was in drought, focused on the southeastern region.

The May statewide average precipitation was 5.88 inches, according to preliminary data. Monthly precipitation ranged from less than three inches to over 10 inches.

Snow was a contributor to May's moisture levels, with many western South Dakota areas, including Bison, Martin and Interior, which reported more than 10 inches of snowfall on May 10 and 11, setting several new snowfall records for the month of May.

Climate outlook

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released the June 2015 Climate Outlook which Edwards calls "a mixed bag."

"The month appears to start off warmer than average, but temperatures could turn towards average or below average by the end of the month," she said. "Overall, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center has indicated equal chances of below, above and near median temperatures for the month."

As far as precipitation for the month ahead, Edwards said there is an increased likelihood of above median precipitation across most of the state, with higher probability along the Nebraska border. "If this monthly outlook holds true, it could mean the end to our worries of drought for a while," she said.

Edwards said El Nino continues to be a factor in this season's outlook, as a moderate to strong event is currently underway. "In general, El Nino means less likelihood of long term extreme heat events and less likelihood of extended dry conditions in the summer season."

So far, Edwards said El Nino has been bountiful in bringing rain to our drought-plagued region of just four weeks ago.

Bees, Pollination and Agricultural Production

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The USDA recently reported preliminary results of the Bee Informed National Management Survey. The survey reported 42 percent total reported annual honey bee hive loss for 2014-2015. This is greater than the losses reported in 2013-2014.

This is the first time summer hive losses were greater than winter hive losses - at 27 and 23 percent, respectively - however, the winter losses were less than those in 2013-2014 and they are below the 9-year winter loss average of 28.7 percent, explained Amanda Bachmann, SDSU Extension Pesticide Education & Urban Entomology Field Specialist.

"Honey bee declines and the resulting hive losses have been attributed to a number of factors including; a high loss of queen bees, extreme weather, hive parasites, pathogens, pesticides and poor bee nutrition," Bachmann said.

Based on more than 3 million colonies, the 2012 Census of Agriculture placed U.S. honey production value at almost \$264 million. "The USDA estimates honey bee pollination adds more than \$15 billion to the value of U.S. crops, which for 2012 would make each colony worth approximately \$5,000 in pollination services," Bachmann said.

South Dakota ranks second in the nation in honey production

According to a 2012 census, South Dakota honey producers collected nearly 16 million pounds of honey, which is valued at almost \$30 million, from more than 200,000 colonies. "Beekeepers in South Dakota provide critical pollination services to high-value crops in other states like almonds and blueberries," Bachmann said.

The same 2012 census ranked South Dakota second only to North Dakota. North Dakota colonies were estimated to be worth more than \$1 billion in pollination services.

What this means to South Dakota farmers?

Registered honey bee hives in South Dakota are considered sensitive sites. Crop producers and pesticide applicators can check the South Dakota Department of Agriculture Sensitive Site Registry to ensure the safety of any surrounding hives. Applicators must also read and follow pesticide label directions, including those intended to reduce bee exposure to the product.

What you can do?

The White House recently released their plan to promote pollinator health.

"Creating and maintaining habitat for honey bees and other pollinators is one thing that everyone can do to help," Bachmann said. "Gardening with native plants, and adding strips of pollinator-friendly habitat to farms are just two of the possibilities."

SD Department of Veterans Affairs

Secretary Zimmerman, South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Shaping the Future!

During the recent rededication of the Civil War Monument in Pierre, I had the distinct honor to play the role of Daniel Hall, commander-in-chief of the National Grand Army of the Republic. Hall's words 95 years ago remind me of the hundreds of memorials that have been built throughout this great state. He said, "It needs no words. It is itself an oration. It assures us that our dead are held in remembrance – those dead who gave their lives for the security of the citizen and the union of the States. The granite monument commemorates the life, the deeds of patriotism, and the heroism of Veterans."

Communities in South Dakota have erected monuments dedicated to those individuals who went off to war and never came back, to those that came back in part, and to all those who stepped out of the crowd and swore an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States of

America against all enemies. These memorials are not about war, they are about people and paying tribute to all the military service personnel who honorably served their country.

Not every veteran has known the full fury of battle. But most count their time in uniform among the defining experiences of their lives. The military drew out the best that was in them, instilling the highest standards of diligence, discipline, and loyalty. That is a bond joining every veteran from every branch of the service. Whether drafted or enlisted, commissioned or non-commissioned, each took an oath, lived by a code, and stood ready to fight and die for their country.

The military life is built around sacrifice and complete devotion to America. If you have lived that life, then you know the meaning of commitment to a greater cause.

Conflicts differ but our basic military asset has not changed at all. It is the character, the daring, and the resourcefulness of those who do the fighting. Our young men and women that serve must know that their sacrifice is appreciated and their courage is honored. They must know that there are resources to help them when they return. We prepare them for the cultural shock of going off to war and we need to ensure that they are prepared for their return to civilian life.

I'm proud of the team of experts that we have working at the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA). Collectively, our state veterans service officers, field officers and education personnel have 197 years of military service. They have worn the boots, walked the trenches, conducted maneuvers, commanded troops, sustained missions and protected our freedoms. They are veterans that have borne the battle and are committed to ensure that our heroes receive the highest quality services possible.

The stone used for the memorials represents lasting strength. Our strength and success at SDDVA is the timeliness, the quality, and the consistency of the services and support we provide our veterans.



Making Sense of Welfare Labeling Options

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Many food labels bombard shoppers with various animal welfare claims as well as non-GMO or pasture raised references.

It can be just as confusing for producers to make sense of all these options when determining new marketing opportunities for their cattle, said Heidi Carroll, Livestock Stewardship Extension Associate.

"These welfare food labels may be confusing and sometimes a bit misleading," Carroll said. "However, if producers take the time to read through the cattle care standards they may find that there are additional opportunities to sell their animals in a growing, consumer-driven market without much change to the way they already operate."

Below Carroll discussed a few of the top-recognized labels and highlights husbandry practices that may require specific compliance.

Weaning: Recommended weaning methods focus on current industry practices that minimize the stress to the animals. "Some suggested methods include: fenceline weaning, use of nose tabs or mixing heifers/dry cows with the calves," Carroll said. "It is preferred that calves suckle up to 6 months or at least not be weaned prior to 3 months of age."

Still other welfare labels, Carroll added may prefer that weaning occur naturally by the mother and calf. It is typically recommended that calves are weaned and vaccinated at least 30-45 days prior to shipping. Freshly weaned calves should not be transported. "Any deviations from the label standards, even due to uncontrollable measures (e.g. drought), must be documented and reviewed with the program staff," she said.

Lameness/Body Condition: Although pasture-raised beef cattle may have few foot problems, Carroll said a documented foot care plan is recommended for lameness. "Lameness scoring is a useful tool to assess foot and leg problems and some welfare labels have specified minimums and maximums of acceptance for lameness scores during audits," she explained.

Efforts should be made to remove causes of lameness from the animal's environment.

Body condition scoring (BCS) of animals is strongly recommended and part of the audit checklist. The labels follow industry best practices, but may state their own minimums and maximums for acceptable percentages for each BCS.

Transportation: Most of the standards required for transport by the welfare labels are the same as current industry best management practices.

- ♦ Transport of downed animals is prohibited.
- ♦ Calves within seven days of weaning must not be transported more than three hours unless going into a breeding herd to improve herd genetics.
- ♦ Typically standards use the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) transportation space guidelines for loading densities.
- ♦ Additional space must be provided during hot weather to avoid thermal stress, likewise during cold.
- ♦ Trailer ventilation must be set appropriately to maintain a fresh environment during transport.
- ♦ Records documenting the plan for transport must be maintained and an emergency plan documented.

♦ Cleanliness of the trailer and proper, well-maintained loading facilities are also important.

♦ All animals must be healthy and fit for transport, unless being transported for veterinary treatment.

Sale of Animals/Slaughter: The sale of animals through auction barns, stockyards and video auctions may be limited by some of the labels. "The preferred method is direct sale to farms that also comply with the label standards when raising the animal on the farm of birth is not possible," Carroll said.

However, she added that some exceptions do exist to sell animals through other outlets and require approval by the program. "Some labels may even assist with finding suitable outlets for animals or to market meat products while a farm transitions into the program," she said.

Some label programs require slaughter facilities to be inspected by their own inspectors or utilize approved on-farm slaughter. Other labels, Carroll said require that slaughter facilities follow the American Meat Industry guidelines and be inspected by their own or a third-party inspector to verify compliance and traceability of the labeled products.

Auditing of welfare labels

The majority of certified welfare labels are audited by the program or a third-party at least once annually. Additional reviews, Carroll explained, may be conducted to observe specific husbandry practices being performed or the care given to animals at various life stages.

The complete animal care standards are easily accessible on each organization's website.

Noem's Anti-Trafficking Provisions Become Law

Washington, D.C. – Representative Kristi Noem today commended President Barack Obama on his signing of sweeping anti-trafficking legislation, including provisions authored by Noem that aim to help prevent trafficking and allocate additional resources to assist victims in recovery.

"We have a fundamental responsibility to protect the thousands of at-risk youth in America from ever seeing the horrors of trafficking," said Noem. "And when preventions efforts fail, we have no choice but to help lift survivors to safety, through recovery and toward a better life. It is my hope the newly enacted Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act offers advocates access to meaningful resources, equips law enforcement with the tools they need to go after those who buy and sell our kids, and gives survivors some element of hope."

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (S.178) represents one of the largest anti-trafficking measures passed through Congress in a decade. After broad bipartisan support in the House and Senate, President Obama signed the legislation on May 29.

Rep. Noem's language that was included in S.178 was first introduced as the Human Trafficking, Prevention, Intervention and Recovery Act in 2014. The language passed the U.S. House of Representatives in both 2014 and 2015 and the U.S. Senate in 2015. The Congresswoman's legislation takes a three-pronged approach in combatting human trafficking:

- Improves existing Department of Justice grants, ensuring the grants support shelters for survivors. Currently, there are only about 200 beds available in the United States for underage victims.
- Launches a review by the Interagency Task-Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking that will look into federal and state trafficking prevention activities. The review will be done in consultation with non-governmental organizations and will work to identify and develop best practices to prevent trafficking.
- Requires an inventory of existing federal anti-trafficking efforts by the non-partisan Government Accountability Office to make sure all federal agencies and programs work together and that federal resources are being targeted where needed.

Today in Weather History

June 3, 1898: A violent windstorm passed over Aberdeen between 1 am and 2 am. Damage was confined to awnings, roofs of buildings, and plate glass windows.

June 3, 1933: This estimated F2 tornado moved ENE from 6 miles southwest of Wilmot, passing 3 miles south of town and dissipating at Big Stone Lake. A child was killed in a barn. Roof, barn, and church debris was scattered for miles, and over a dozen farms were heavily damaged. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 15 miles. Estimated loss from this storm totaled \$100,000.

June 3, 1975: Severe thunderstorms erupted across central sections of South Dakota. During the evening hours the storms stretched from the southern border to the northern border of the state and were packing strong winds and large hail. In several areas, including Mobridge, hail as large as baseballs did damage to crops, homes, and vehicles and in some areas piled up to two feet deep. Strong thunderstorm winds also uprooted trees, and damaged numerous farm buildings. Numerous funnels and small tornadoes were observed, including three in Charles Mix County.

June 3, 1997:

Very heavy rains of 2 to 4 inches through the early morning hours resulted in the flooding of some roads, fields, and creeks across parts of Jones and Lyman counties. In particular, the KOA campgrounds near Presho were heavily flooded. The KOA office and home had three and a half feet of water in them. Also, several homes near or in Presho received water and were heavily damaged. The Medicine and Stoney Butte creeks set all time record highs.








1860: Iowa's infamous Comanche Tornado, likely an F5 storm, kills 92 and injures 200. Every home and business is destroyed. It was one of the most damaging families of tornadoes to ever to strike the US and resulted in more farm fatalities than any other tornado except for the Tri-State tornado.

1993: Early morning severe thunderstorms dumped huge hailstones across northern Oklahoma. Hail up to 6 inches in diameter in Enid went through roofs of homes, damaged three jets at Vance Air Force Base, and did \$500,000 in damage at a car dealership. Winds gusts reached 70 mph at Vance Air Force Base as well. Hail damage to the wheat crop was estimated at \$70 million dollars.

1997: It was a chilly day in the East. The high temperature at Philadelphia International Airport was only 59 degrees, tying a record-low maximum for the date set back in 1881. The temperature at Middletown, Pennsylvania only rose to 58 degrees, breaking the record-low maximum for the date of 59 degrees set back in 1915. Washington, DC only reached 58 degrees, breaking the old record-low maximum of 59 set back in 1915. Central Park in New York City only reached 61 degrees.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Decreasing Clouds	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms
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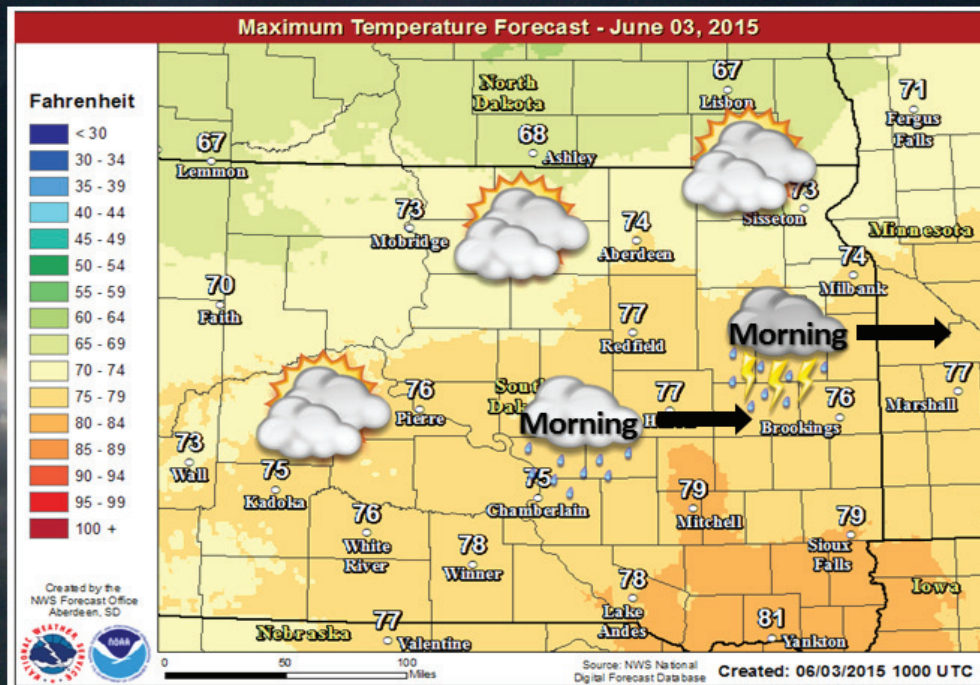
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Canadian high pressure will push the last of the thunderstorms out of the region this morning, with mild conditions for today. Another shot at rainfall is expected for Thursday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.5 at 5:43 PM

Low: 59.0 at 8:55 AM

High Gust: 36 at 12:10 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1933

Record Low: 34° in 1950

Average High: 74°F

Average Low: 50°F

Average Precip in June: 0.34

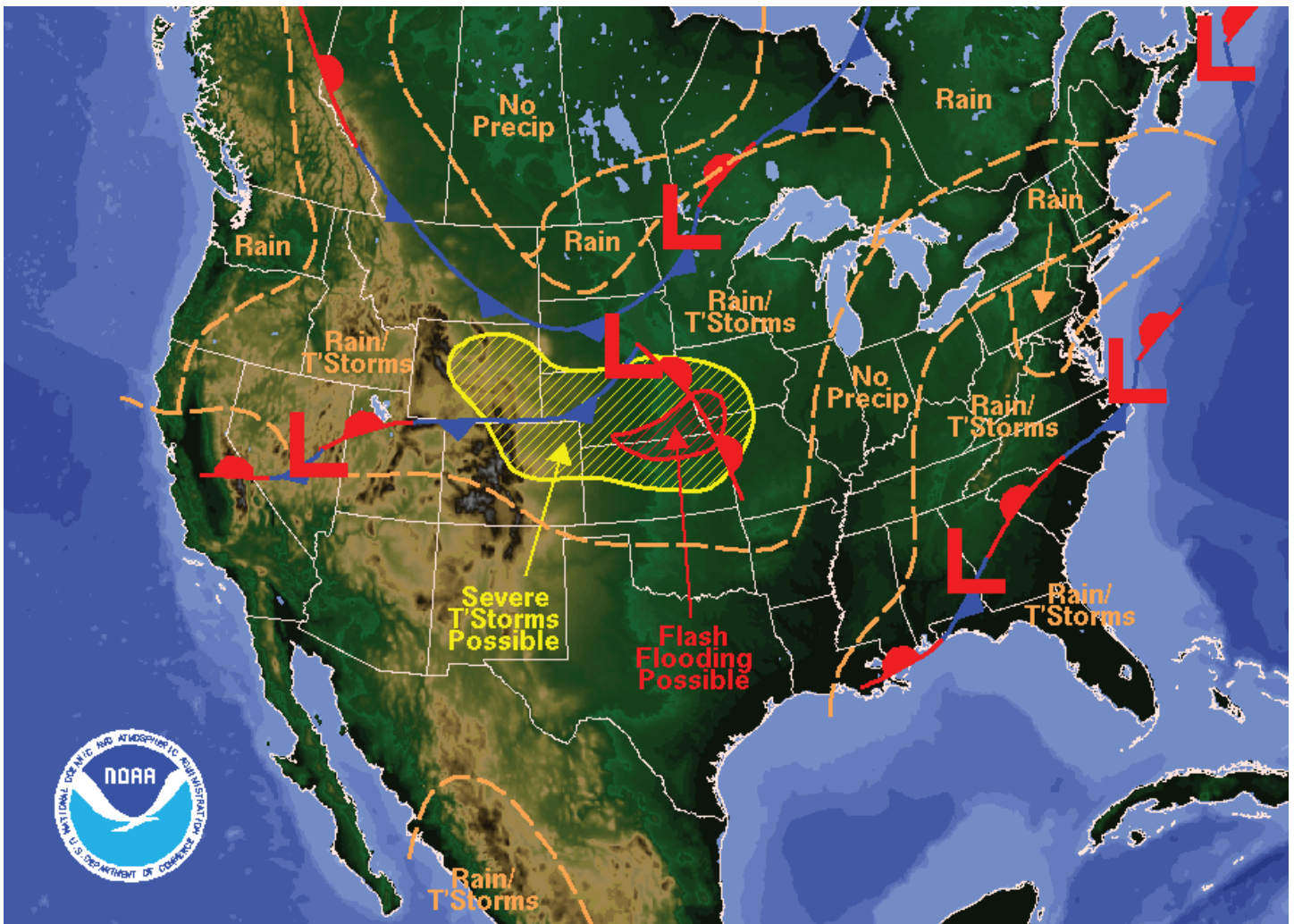
Precip to date in June: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 7.48

Precip Year to Date: 5.72

Sunset Tonight: 9:16 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jun 03, 2015, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



BE ALL YOU CAN BE

Years ago, after being introduced to the students in a small college in South Carolina, the guest speaker stood quietly for a moment.

She then began her remarks by saying, "I was born to a mother who was deaf and could not speak. I do not know who my father is or where he may be. The first job I ever had was in a cotton field."

Smiling, she continued and said, "I stand before you today as the Treasurer of the United States. My name is Azie Taylor Moore. Nothing has to remain the way it is, if that's not the way you want it to be."

Paul said that "I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength that I need." Does that mean we can become the Treasurer of the United States? The chief executive officer of a large corporation? The driver of an eighteen wheeler? The crossing guard for an elementary school? Perhaps.

The power that is ours through Christ is available to meet every challenge in life as long as we are doing His will. His strength will prevail in us, for us and through us whenever we do what He has called us to do. But we must be willing and committed to fulfill the purpose He has for our lives. It is inappropriate for us to expect God to empower us to be or do anything that is not in keeping with His will.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to be faithful to You in everything we do, and to always seek Your will for our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

News from the Associated Press

\$6 million annual opt out proposal defeated in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Residents of the Rapid City school district have voted against opting out of the state property tax freeze.

Unofficial totals show the proposal received only about 43 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election. More than 17,000 people voted.

The measure would have generated about \$6 million per year in increased property taxes for schools in each of the next five years. Opponents felt that school officials could do a better job managing finances and cutting spending.

Storms bring heavy rain and large hail to the Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Storms that have passed through the Dakotas this week have dumped heavy rain and large hail and spawned funnel clouds.

Storms late Tuesday dropped hail as large as golf balls in the southwestern North Dakota community of Glen Ullin. Resident Amy Heinle tells KXMB-TV that some of the hail was jagged, and it put dings in her vehicle.

The Bismarck Tribune reports that hail also was reported in the Hebron, Taylor and Strasburg areas, raising fears about crop damage. Funnel clouds also were spotted by Hebron, and a weak tornado was reported near Killdeer. There were no immediate reports of damage.

The western South Dakota town of Piedmont is recovering from golf ball-size hail and 6 inches of rain Monday night. Flash flooding damaged homes and roads in the community.

Officials say bad weather brings home improvement scams

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is reminding the public to be wary of scam artists in light of severe weather in the region.

The office says the recent bad weather could spur some common home improvement scams like offers for roofing, driveway sealing and tree trimming.

Residents in need of help should search for a local contractor who has an actual business address and avoid ones who only use things like P.O. boxes or cellphone numbers.

People should also search the Internet for complaints and check a company's record at the Better Business Bureau.

The office says homeowners should never give business to someone who says they "just happened to be in the neighborhood."

Ex-police chief beats incumbent in Rapid City mayoral race

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Voters in Rapid City have chosen a recently retired police chief as the city's new mayor, unseating the two-term incumbent.

The Rapid City Journal and KOTA-TV report Steve Allender beat Mayor Sam Kooiker (KWAY'-kuhr) in Tuesday's election. The media outlets say Allender got 54 percent of the vote to Kooiker's 46 percent.

Allender retired as Rapid City's police chief last year, and announced his candidacy for mayor in March. The 53-year-old is set to begin his two-year term as mayor in July.

Kooiker was elected to the City Council in 2002 and as mayor in 2011.

Black Hills State University center to host business seminar

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota university is hosting a business seminar focused on tax regulations at Black Hills State University-Rapid City.

Black Hills State University's South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity announced Tuesday the seminar is scheduled for June 24 at the Rapid City location.

Paula Knigge, a revenue agent at the state Department of Revenue, will be available to answer questions and speak about topics such as which businesses need a tax license and how to apply for one.

Other topics of discussion include different types of taxes and an explanation of how to file tax returns. The university encourages interested people to register by June 20.

Officials announce giant industrial park in Sioux Falls area

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The largest industrial park in South Dakota's history will span more than 800 acres in the northwest area of Sioux Falls and has already attracted a roughly \$70 million business facility, officials involved in the project said Tuesday when they announced the development.

The roughly 820-acre industrial park, in its early stages of development, is backed by a mixture of public and private financing. The financing includes \$11.5 million from the state plus funds from the Sioux Falls Development Foundation to back about \$20 million in land purchases for the "mega site," as it has been dubbed.

Officials from the mayor of Sioux Falls up to South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard celebrated the new, spacious project as a major draw for large businesses that wouldn't otherwise be able to expand or relocate to the growing metropolitan area of roughly 250,000. The first development is a \$70 million, roughly 600,000 square foot warehouse to be shared by a logistics company and a firm that transports fruit to consumers.

The industrial park is dedicated in phases: one for firms such as large manufacturers, food processing outfits and logistics companies, and another as a site for a single "mega project."

"Today's announcement is so wonderful," Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether said. "It will prove to be an economic development and job creation juggernaut for generations to come."

A state economic development board on Tuesday approved an \$8.5 million low-interest loan for the industrial complex that will be located near Interstate 29 and Interstate 90. The state is also providing an additional \$3 million grant for the project, dubbed "Foundation Park." The city of Sioux Falls will help construct infrastructure estimated at about \$10 million for the park, which has access to a full-service rail line that runs through the development.

Scott Lawrence, chairman of the board of directors for the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, praised the local, private and state partnership that spawned the "game-changing" development. Daugaard said significant state tax revenue and economic activity is dependent on the Sioux Falls area.

"If Sioux Falls does well, then the state will generally do well," he said. "Yet there are still some projects that are difficult for the community on its own, standing alone, to be able to manage, and this is a project like that."

State veterinarian confirms dog flu found in South Dakota

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A new canine influenza that has sickened many dogs throughout the Midwest but has killed only a few has been confirmed in South Dakota, the state veterinarian said Tuesday.

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Laboratory tests confirmed the presence of the H3N2 strain of the dog flu virus in two cases in the Rapid City area, according to Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, who said he suspects there's been unconfirmed cases elsewhere in the state.

This strain of dog flu has not been known to affect humans and is not likely to kill dogs, but is easily transmitted between dogs and can cause respiratory disease symptoms, including fever and coughing. It can spread among dogs by direct contact with an infected dog or by contact with contaminated objects.

All of the dogs who have been confirmed or suspected of having the flu have not died and are recovering, Oedekoven said.

Most of the cases so far in South Dakota have been connected to boarding facilities, where dogs spend large amounts of their day with dogs from other areas.

Oedekoven said dogs at daycares, dog parks or boarding facilities could be at increased risk of becoming infected and that owners of dog-related businesses should consult local veterinarians to develop biosecurity measures.

Pet owners should be aware that the virus is circulating in the state, but Oedekoven said it's really not a cause for panic.

"Overall, dogs with the flu should recover and it shouldn't be a big issue," he said.

Over 19K SD residents sign up, pay health insurance premium

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Over 19,000 South Dakota residents have signed up for subsidized private health insurance this year under President Barack Obama's signature health care law.

Federal health officials say the sign-ups represent consumers who enrolled in a plan and followed through by paying their first month's premiums. The numbers cover the healthcare.gov enrollment period through March 31.

Officials in early March reported that 21,000 South Dakota residents had selected a plan, but not all ended up paying for their coverage.

A federal report shows that over 88 percent of South Dakota consumers who paid premiums received financial assistance, which averaged \$229.

The figures come as the U.S. Supreme Court is weighing the legality of subsidies for consumers in more than 30 states, including South Dakota. A decision is expected around late June.

USD, SDSU part of new national early-childhood ed initiative

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's two largest universities are now part of a nine-school national collaborative effort to expand an early-childhood education initiative first funded by philanthropist T. Denny Sanford.

The University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University announced their participation Tuesday on the effort, which will train teachers on a program targeting the social and emotional development of children in preschool through sixth grade. A \$20 million anonymous donation to National University in San Diego, which is leading the collaborative, will allow for the expansion of the Sanford Harmony and Sanford Inspire programs at schools nationwide.

The Harmony Program encourages students to work together to foster empathy and cooperation and is the only part of the effort implemented in South Dakota.

"The program is unique in that it starts at the early-childhood and primary school level, but with the

long-term goal of being able to overall improve academic performance, to increase positive attitudes with school, to increase empathy and to reduce gender stereotyping and aggression in general throughout the student's life," said Nicholas Shudak, USD's chair of the division of curriculum and instruction.

Some South Dakota teachers, for example, will read children stories about "Z," an alien who "isn't a he or a she — just a Z," according to the curriculum. The stories are meant to teach children to appreciate similarities and embrace differences as a way to encourage mutual respect.

The Harmony Program is expected to reach over 2,000 schools across the country, including some in Sioux Falls, Vermillion and Beresford, and the Boys and Girls Clubs in Brookings and Flandreau. The clubs provide summer-enrichment programs to children who are at risk of falling behind academically.

USD and SDSU have received grant money from National University to train the teachers at participating South Dakota schools starting this summer. USD expects to train about 65 teachers; SDSU doesn't have a specific number of teachers yet.

The Harmony and Inspire programs were developed initially by Arizona State University. The expansion of the programs is being led by National University's Sanford Education Center, established in 2014 through a donation from South Dakota-based businessman Sanford. National University also is making a 50 percent matching contribution to the \$20 million anonymous donation it received to spearhead the scale up.

The other participating schools are City University of Seattle, Long Island University, Touro College in New York City, University of Central Florida, Nova Southeastern University in Florida and University of Maine.

Animal control looking for cocker spaniel that bit SD jogger

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Animal control officers in Sioux Falls are asking for the public's help in locating a dog that bit a jogger in the forearm.

Officers say a white cocker spaniel with brown spots bit a man in his mid-twenties Monday. The incident happened when the jogger passed a woman who was walking the dog in an area near R.F. Pettigrew Elementary School in the southwest part of the city.

Sioux Falls' Animal Control Section says the woman is around 30 years-old, has dark brown hair and was wearing a blue T-shirt and gray shorts when the incident happened.

Officers must identify the dog to verify its vaccinations.

Authorities investigating death of Iowa woman found in SD

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are looking into the death of a 29-year-old Iowa woman whose body was found near a boat dock in southeastern South Dakota.

Alicia Hummel, of Sioux City, Iowa, was found dead in Vermillion near the Myron Grove boat launch, which also is known as the Highline Area in Clay County.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says police are looking for information on any suspicious activity between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the area on Monday.

Authorities say a dark-colored sedan with tinted windows and a loud exhaust system might have been involved.

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. INTERPOL PUTS 6 LINKED TO FIFA ON MOST WANTED LIST

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2. WHERE HOPE FOR SURVIVORS IS FADING

Authorities in southern China escalate efforts to recover more than 420 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship.

3. WHO MISHANDLES SPYING BILL

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, seen as a master deal-maker, walks into a dead end on domestic surveillance that leaves some of his friends bewildered.

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About 30 Cubans take courses in journalism, led by U.S. professors via video link, inside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, which has spent decades trying to undermine the island's communist government.

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In an unusually high-profile campaign, the North mobilizes legions of brigades to complete two large hydropower projects by Oct. 10, the 70th anniversary of the ruling party, The AP learns.

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8. GREEK PM HEADS TO BRUSSELS TO PRESENT DEAL PROPOSAL

Alexis Tsipras hopes that his plan will unlock bailout funds, without which Greece could default on its debts and crash out of the euro.

9. BUY, RENT OR WAIT

Upgrading your phone is no longer as simple as paying \$100 or \$200 and extending your service contract by two years.

10. BRYCE HARPER CALLS THIS SHOT

The Washington Nationals slugger thrills a fan, gesturing for her cellphone, snapping a playful selfie and then tossing it back into the stands.

California's largest lake threatened by urban water transfer

ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

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Julie London, who moved to Salton City after visiting in 1986 from Washington state, hopes for help for the periodic, rotten odor from the lake that keep residents inside on hot, fly-filled summer nights. The stench in 2012 carried more than 150 miles to Los Angeles.

"Unfortunately, that's the only time anyone will listen because we don't have a voice," London, 60, said on her porch, one of the few that still lies a stone's throw from water. "You can scream all you want. Nobody cares."

San Diego now purchases more than one-quarter of its water from California's Imperial Valley, where fields produce runoff that delivers 70 percent of the lake's inflows. More water for San Diego means less for the Salton Sea.

In 2003, the state Legislature agreed to spearhead efforts to restore the lake to help seal the San Diego sale. California, which used more Colorado River water than it was entitled to, was under enormous pressure to go on a water diet after Sunbelt cities like Phoenix and Las Vegas clamored for their share.

The San Diego County Water Authority and other local agencies agreed to deliver water to the Salton Sea for 15 years while the state developed a long-term fix. This year, that water accounts for 10 percent of the lake's inflows.

With no fix in sight, the Imperial Irrigation District asked state regulators in November to condition San Diego sales on the state fulfilling its promise, citing the state legislation and the state's open-ended contractual commitment to pay for offsetting environmental damage.

The 2003 contract to sell water to San Diego for up to 75 years still deeply divides Imperial Valley farmers, who grow much of the nation's winter vegetables.

Imperial Valley gets nearly 20 percent of Colorado River water distributed in the western United States and northern Mexico — enough for more than 6 million households — but some growers fear cities will eventually suck their fields dry.

Bruce Kuhn, who cast the deciding vote for the San Diego sale as a board member of the Imperial Irrigation District in 2003, said he would have opposed the deal without the state's pledge to the Salton Sea.

Kuhn lost his re-election bid; revenues at his farm services business slid about one-third. "It cost me business and it cost me friends," he said.

The lake is often called "The Accidental Sea" because it was created in 1905 when the Colorado River breached a dike and two years of flooding filled a sizzling basin that today is about 35 miles long, 15 miles wide and only 50 feet deep. The lake, which has no outlet, would have quickly evaporated if farmers hadn't settled California's southeastern corner.

Viewed from the air, the Imperial Valley's half-million acres of verdant fields end abruptly in pale dirt. Colorado River water is diverted near Yuma, Arizona, to an 82-mile canal that runs west along the Mexican border and then north into 1,700 miles of gated dirt and concrete channels that crisscross farms. When gates open, water floods fields and gravity carries increasingly salty runoff downhill through the New and Alamo rivers to the Salton Sea.

The lake has suffered a string of catastrophes since tropical storms in the late 1970s destroyed houses, marinas and yacht clubs, ending an era of international speedboat races and glamor that once drew more visitors than Yosemite National Park. Botulism killed large numbers of pelicans in 1996.

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Fish kills have happened regularly since nearly 8 million croaker and tilapia died in 1999. The water is nearly twice as salty as the Pacific Ocean, endangering remaining tilapia. Winds that stir hydrogen sulfide gas from the lake's bottom strips oxygen from surface waters where fish swim and creates stench similar to rotten eggs.

The lake's fragile state was on display one spring afternoon as thousands of tilapia washed ashore. A white mist rising from the placid waters was evaporation. Great blue herons took flight, while American coots skimmed the surface.

"There are no other places for them to go," Chris Schoneman, project leader of the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, said aboard a flat-bottomed vessel, one of a few boats fit to navigate waist-high waters. Residents say speedboats were last seen about four years ago.

A cluster of small, gurgling "mud pots" is tucked away on salt-crusted lakebed that was covered with water less than 10 years ago — evidence of magma from the earth's center rising through shifting tectonic plates. Another cluster in the lake's center produces bubbles that look as if a boiling cauldron lies beneath the surface.

Steam billows from about a dozen shoreline geothermal plants. They provide few jobs but land royalties — some paid to Imperial Irrigation District — have been touted as a potential solution for the lake.

The nonprofit Pacific Institute estimates that surface area of the 350-square-mile lake will shrink 100 square miles by 2030, salinity will triple over 15 years, and fish will disappear in seven years without intervention. San Diego's water purchases from Imperial Valley — which ramp up to 2021 — are to blame but low rainfall and water conservation also hurt.

Al Kalin, who farms 1,800 acres near the shore, installed sprinklers to replace flood irrigation and soil measurement devices that tell him when to water. His farm sits near one of several reservoirs that capture runoff for urban Southern California before it goes to the Salton Sea.

"We're kind of between a rock and a hard spot," said Kalin. "We've got to conserve water for the thirsty people, 17 million in Southern California. At the same time, there's concern about the Salton Sea because it's rapidly declining because of our conservation efforts."

Students at Desert Mirage High School in Mecca who have been strategizing after class how to bring attention to the Salton Sea shared stories with state regulators at a March hearing in Sacramento. Respiratory complaints are common in the small town of Latino farmworkers who fill a new Catholic church for Sunday Mass.

Jose Alcantara got involved for his mother, Blanca Sanchez, whose bronchitis worsened after she moved in 2010. She rushes to her car for her inhaler while picking crops and skips work when the air is bad.

"That's why I worry," said Alcantara, 17, whose family lives in a stucco apartment complex near fields of peppers, corn and citrus. "I don't want to see my mother in a casket."

AP News in Brief

Interpol puts 6 linked to FIFA on most wanted list in racketeering, corruption charges

PARIS (AP) — Interpol added six men with ties to FIFA to its most wanted list on Wednesday, issuing an international alert for two former FIFA officials and four executives on charges including racketeering and corruption.

Two of the men, former FIFA vice president Jack Warner of Trinidad and former executive committee member Nicolas Leoz of Paraguay, have been arrested in their home counties. Warner has since been

released and Leoz is under house arrest. The Interpol "red notice" means they risk arrest anywhere they travel.

Others listed were Argentinians Alejandro Burzaco and Hugo and Mariano Jinkis, who together are accused of paying more than \$100 million in bribes for media and commercial rights to soccer tournaments; and Jose Margulies, a Brazilian broadcast executive.

The announcement from Interpol comes a day after Sepp Blatter announced he will step down as FIFA president amid the widening corruption scandal.

Chinese authorities escalate efforts to recover more than 420 missing from capsized river boat

JIANLI, China (AP) — Chinese authorities escalated efforts to recover more than 420 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship Wednesday, deploying scores more divers and a large crane to possibly lift the craft.

The capsizing late Monday of the multi-decked Eastern Star in the Yangtze River in southern China is on track to become the country's deadliest maritime disaster in seven decades. Chinese authorities have launched a high-profile response while tightly controlling media coverage.

Premier Li Keqiang, the country's No. 2 political leader, has traveled to the disaster site in the Hubei province county of Jianli where he urged "all-out," 24-7 efforts. Officials said the boat overturned in a severe storm with winds up to 80 mph (130 kph).

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the bodies of 19 victims have been pulled from the boat, floating Wednesday with a sliver of its hull jutting from the grey river water, and that 14 people had survived, some of them by swimming ashore.

But the vast majority of the 456 people on board remain missing. Many were elderly tourists taking in the scenic vistas of the Yangtze on a cruise from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing.

The Latest on China Boat Sinking: Foreign journalists taken to wreckage site

2:30 p.m. (0630 GMT)

Local Communist Party officials and the Foreign Ministry have organized a visit to the wreckage site for foreign journalists.

About four dozen video and photo journalists were taken aboard a China Maritime Safety Administration ship from a launching site downriver to where the overturned hull of the Eastern Star cruise ship is visible.

The journalists, from about 100 to 200 meters away, were able to see the capsized hull jutting out of the water, as well as two large salvage ships and an orange crane that have been brought close to the site. Rescue teams in orange vests were visible, including two rescue workers standing on the hull.

The disaster has drawn considerable attention in Asia and beyond, and the tour is a way for normally reticent Chinese authorities to accommodate foreign media requests for access. Foreign journalists have otherwise been blocked from approaching the disaster site.

Questions and answers: USA Freedom Act and its impact on surveillance activities in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has signed into law the USA Freedom Act, which extends three expiring surveillance provisions of the 9/11-era USA Patriot Act. It also overhauls the most controversial provision, which had been interpreted to allow bulk collection of U.S. phone records by the National Security Agency.

Questions and answers about the bill the Senate passed on Tuesday and the House approved earlier:
Q: What happens with the phone records collection?

A: It will resume for six months, provided that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court orders phone companies to turn over the records and that no court stops it under various pending lawsuits. During that period, the NSA will seek to work with providers to come up with a way to quickly query their records against known terrorist phone numbers, pursuant to a court order. It will be able to collect data for all the numbers in contact with the suspect number, and all the numbers in contact with those numbers. So the NSA will still be rooting around in Americans' phone records, but it won't be collecting all of them.

US courses to train journalists in Cuba rile Castro government amid effort to heal rift

HAVANA (AP) — About 30 Cubans sit in a conference room for several hours each week and learn the ABCs of journalism: how to craft a news story, write a headline and check sources.

To their government, however, they are taking part in criminal activity.

It's not just that they are studying journalism in a country where the mass media is controlled by the state, but how and where they are doing it: inside the U.S. Interests Section, the heavily guarded outpost of a government that has spent decades trying to undermine Cuba's communist government.

Cubans take the courses in independent journalism, led by U.S. professors via video link, knowing full well that they risk harassment or even arrest.

"These courses are a very good opportunity for us, for those who don't have any resources, who don't have work, and I don't think there is anything wrong with that," said Eleya Ponjuan, a 19-year-old attending the once-a-week sessions.

Boston police: Video shows man shot dead had lunged with knife at police officer, FBI agent

BOSTON (AP) — Boston police said they have video showing a man who was under 24-hour surveillance by terrorism investigators lunging with a knife at a police officer and an FBI agent before he was shot and killed — an account his brother has disputed.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation said Usaama Rahim had been making threats against law enforcement. The official was not authorized to release details of the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Police Commissioner William Evans said members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force approached Rahim in the city's Roslindale neighborhood Tuesday morning to question him about "terrorist-related information" they had received when he went at officers with a large military-style knife.

Evans said officers repeatedly ordered Rahim to drop the knife but he continued to move toward them with it. He said task force members fired their guns, hitting Rahim once in the torso and once in the

abdomen. Rahim, 26, was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Late Tuesday, the FBI arrested a man in connection with the case. Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, said David Wright was taken into custody at his home in suburban Everett. She said Wright will face federal charges and is expected to appear in U.S. District Court on Wednesday.

N. Korea races to boost electricity supply by up to 50 percent in time for party anniversary

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea is racing to boost its electricity supply by up to 50 percent with the completion of several generating stations by the end of the year and is pushing alternative resources like solar — already used extensively in the countryside — to ease its chronic shortages, a government expert told The Associated Press in Pyongyang.

In an unusually high-profile campaign, the North has mobilized legions of shock brigades to complete two large hydropower projects by Oct. 10. As is common with major North Korean construction efforts, the deadline is a date of national significance: the 70th anniversary of its ruling party.

Officials hope a noticeable increase will provide tangible proof that the party is working to improve the impoverished and heavily sanctioned nation's standard of living. Kim Kyong Il, a senior researcher at Pyongyang's Academy of Social Sciences, said the goal is a 20 to 50 percent increase in power compared with the 2014 level.

How effective its latest "speed campaign" will be is an open question.

Even achieving its target would leave North Korea with a small fraction of what it needs to fuel a vibrant economy or even meet some basic needs of its population. Experts stress the North needs more than just new power stations — it must improve its infrastructure to get the electricity where it is needed, secure spare parts and conduct sustained maintenance to keep the plants themselves going.

Greek prime minister heads to Brussels to seek to sway creditors on proposal for deal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's prime minister was heading to high-level meetings in Brussels on Wednesday to try to persuade the country's creditors to accept a proposal that might unlock much-delayed bailout loans and save the country from financial disaster.

Alexis Tsipras was to meet in the evening with Jean Claude Juncker, the head of the European Union's executive Commission. Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top financial official, was also heading to Brussels, two officials said.

In a sign that all sides are pushing for a solution, a conference call was planned between Tsipras, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, a French official said.

All three officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans had not been officially announced.

Hopes that an agreement could be close buoyed the Greek stock market, with the general index up 3.1 percent in noon trading.

Family that pushed for Medal of Honor learns at last moment that black WWI hero wasn't kin

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Two days before President Barack Obama announced a posthumous Medal of Honor for black World War I soldier Henry Johnson, a family got staggering news about the legacy of heroism that had inspired them for generations and through three wars. They weren't related to Johnson by blood after all.

An Army general visited Tara Johnson last month with word that Henry Johnson was not her grandfather, and that her father, World War II Tuskegee airman Herman Johnson, was not the hero's son.

"Dad's birth certificate didn't have Henry on it," she told The Associated Press in an interview this week. The name of the man listed on the document found by Pentagon researchers vetting Johnson's lineage was one relatives had never heard mentioned as the father.

"All we have ever known is Henry Lincoln Johnson," she said. "My family is going through an identity crisis; this shocked our foundation."

She said they're at a loss to explain what had been a given for so long. Her father spoke warmly of Henry Johnson, recalling his sense of humor and trips to the park as a boy before the life of the man he knew as his father began to fall apart and the family broke up.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 154th day of 2015. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

On this date:

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In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1808, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was born in Christian County, Kentucky.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1924, author Franz Kafka, 40, died near Vienna.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1937, Edward, The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in a private ceremony in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1955, convicted murderer Barbara Graham, 31, was executed in the gas chamber at San Quentin State Prison in California, as were two accomplices, Jack Santo and Emmett Perkins, for the 1953 slaying of Mabel Monahan.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1972, Sally J. Priesand was ordained as America's first female rabbi at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1983, Gordon Kahl, a militant tax protester wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota, was killed in a gun battle with law-enforcement officials near Smithville, Arkansas.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. SkyDome (now called Rogers Centre) opened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Ten years ago: U.S. military officials said no guard at the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects had flushed a detainee's Quran down the toilet, but disclosed there were instances in which Qurans were abused by guards, intentionally or accidentally. The child molestation case against Michael Jackson went to the jury after the defense concluded its closing argument (Jackson was acquitted).

Five years ago: BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears to make way for a cap in the latest bid to curtail the worst oil spill in U.S. history. During an Oval Office face-off over illegal immigration, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer told President Barack Obama Americans "want our border secured" while Obama underscored his objections over the tough immigration law Brewer had signed, calling it discriminatory. Joran van der Sloot (YOHR'-uhn VAN'-dur-sloht), long suspected in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba, was arrested in Chile following the slaying of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. (Van der Sloot is serving a 28-year sentence for Flores' murder.) Emmy-winning actress Rue McClanahan, 76, died in New York.

One year ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Warsaw, Poland, at the start of a three-country swing, pledging to boost U.S. military deployments and exercises throughout Europe. Tens of thousands of Syrians in government-controlled cities voted to give President Bashar Assad a new seven-year mandate; the opposition and its Western allies denounced the election as a farce, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry calling it a "great big zero."

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Chuck Barris is 86. The president of Cuba, Raul Castro, is 84. Actress Irma P. Hall is 80. Author Larry McMurtry is 79. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 76. Actress Penelope Wilton (TV: "Downton Abbey") is 69. Singer Eddie Holman is 69. Actor Tristan Rogers is 69. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 67. Rock musician Richard Moore is 66. Singer Suzi Quatro is 65. Singer Deneice Williams is 64. Singer Dan Hill is 61. Actress Suzie Plakson is 57. Actor

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Scott Valentine is 57. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 51. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 50. TV host Anderson Cooper is 48. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 47. Singers Ariel and Gabriel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 44. Actor Vik Sahay is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lyfe Jennings is 42. Actress Arianne Zucker is 41. Actress Nikki M. James is 34. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 29. Actress-singer Lalaine is 28. Actor Sean Berdy is 22.

Thought for Today: "It is best to act with confidence, no matter how little right you have to it." - Lillian Hellman, American playwright (1905-1984).