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**Birthdays:** Stephanie Jondahl, Mark Leonhardt, Ward Gilchrist.

#### Saturday, June 6

Birthdays: Brandon Stolle, BJ Hanson

#### Sunday, June 7

Birthdays: Chad Nierman, Lisa Wienk

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:00 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran worship with Communion

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship in Pierpont

## **Bridal Shower**

Bridal Shower for Taylor Ogdahl, bride-tobe of Travis Swisher, will be held Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. to noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton.



## 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.

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### **Editoral from NCFE Board President**

Continuous growth and success require change. North Central Farmers Elevator is where we are today because we welcomed change over the years. The unification with Wheat Growers gives us our greatest opportunity for growth and success that will ensure a long-term future for us all.

The NCFE board members have spent countless hours reviewing this unification with the same priorities that we keep in mind for all of our decisions. Those priorities include what's best for the farmer, protecting member's equity and the impact it will have on our employees and communities. With these priorities, I'm confident this unification is the absolute best way for NCFE and our members to remain relevant for future generations.

Competition has been a concern expressed in many of the unification meetings. We understand that concern. One of the luxuries of competition is having two successful local co-ops competing for your business but that competition is a double-edged sword, because it comes at a cost. Both co-ops spend millions of dollars of your money on duplicate assets which restricts our ability to return patronage to our members.

Our board has met many times this winter and spring investigating the benefits the unification will bring to our members. After the due diligence period of in-depth research, we strongly believe the positives far outweigh the negatives. We have looked at all the other future options for our co-op and found that this unification is the best option for protecting member equity, maintaining local ownership and control, keeping profits local either through building and maintaining the assets in our communities or by returning patronage to our members. And, just as important, our co-op culture continues.

This is your local co-op and the unification is in your hands. Please support this unification, vote and make your voice heard.

Rick Osterday, NCFE Board President





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## Anglers are Reminded Not to Move Lake Water When Fishing

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) would like to remind anglers of the new rules regarding fish and bait transportation.

Bait can only be transported away from a water body in domestic water (tap water, well water, bottled water, ice). Boat anglers can wait until they reach an immediately adjacentfish cleaning station to put their bait in domestic water. They can dump out the lake water and fill their bait bucket up with water from the fish cleaning station or water they brought with them.

A shore angler can do the same if they are able to access the domestic water source at a fish cleaning station that is immediately adjacent or if they bring domestic water with them.

Unused minnows should be poured into the fish grinder at a cleaning station or drained and disposed of in the trash containers at the boat launch or cleaning areas. It is a violation of state statute to dump unused minnows into a water body in South Dakota.

The new regulations are featured online at sdleastwanted.com; here anglers can also learn more about transporting their bait through a three minute video tutorial. GFP staff and volunteers are also available to help answer any questions.

"As much information as we provided up front on the implementation of these new regulations, we know there are still going to be questions," said Kelly Hepler, GFP Secretary. "I would encourage people to call our offices or ask a GFP employee if they are in any way uncertain of how to comply with these new regulations. We are trying to ensure everyone who wants to enjoy South Dakota's waters can do so with the confidence that they know these new rules. These are big changes and our staff are a great resource and willing to help field customer concerns."

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## USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Help Repair Housing in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON, June 4, 2015 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for low- and very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant program.

"These grants help rural homeowners and rental housing owners repair and improve their properties," Vilsack said. "Funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower utility costs."

Eligible applicants for Housing Preservation Grants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 28943 of the May 20, 2015 Federal Register.

USDA is making up to \$3.3 million in grants available in Fiscal Year 2015. Pre-applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 6, 2015.

Last year, USDA provided Housing Preservation Grants for 107 projects in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. For example, in South Dakota, Neighborhood Housing Services of the Black Hills, Inc. based in Deadwood received a \$50,000 grant to assist in providing low cost, high quality and timely repairs for eligible homeowners. The funds are expected to help 11 rural South Dakota families.

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

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## **Special education reports now available online**

**PIERRE**, S.D. – Information regarding school districts' performance on improving the educational outcomes of students with disabilities is now available online. Results of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays are also available.

The Special Education and Birth to Three State Performance Plan Reports are released annually. The special education report addresses the federal special education program known as Part B. This report identifies school districts' ability to meet federal requirements on several indicators along with performance targets. It is based mainly on data from the 2013-14 school year.

To view the special education report, visit http://www.doe.sd.gov/oess/sped-spp.aspx. Statewide data are available by clicking on the "State Total" link under the "Indicator 17" heading near the bottom of the page.

The Birth to Three State Performance Report addresses the federal special education program known as Part C. This report identifies the ability of the early intervention program to meet the 11 federal requirements during the 2013-14 reporting year.

To view the Birth to Three report ("FFY 2013 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report"), visit http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx and click on the "Public Reporting" link.

# **Treeline Tree Service**

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6 Special School Board Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2015 6:30 PM – GHS Conference Room AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present – Approve agenda as proposed.

2. Executive Session...to interview Elementary Principal candidates.

6:30 PM – Amy Brandriet 8:00 PM – Terry Quam ADJOURN



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

#### For Your Support 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 commentation

port 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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#### Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting June 8, 2015 – 7:30 PM; GHS Conference Room

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of May 11, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.

2. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2015 school board special meeting as drafted or amended.

- 3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
- 4. Approval of May Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.
- 5. Approval of May District bills for payment.
- OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:
- 1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
- 2. School Board Committee Reports:
- a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
- b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Joy Voss
- c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
- 3. Consider banking proposals and fees structures from Wells Fargo Bank and First State Bank.
- 4. Review proposed FY16 Capital Outlay Budget.
- 5. Consider amendments to 2015-2016 school calendar.

6. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider proposal for football field scoreboard project and sponsorships solicitation.

- 2. Consider proposal for full-time substitute teacher.
- 3. Approve resignation of Kelsey Hunt, basketball cheer advisor for 15-16 school year.
- 4. Approve 2015-2016 Administrative Staff Negotiated Agreement.
- 5. Approve signed administrative contracts for 2015-2016.
- 6. Approve signed auxiliary administrative contracts for 2015-2016.
- 7. Approve price quotes for 2015-2016 bakery products.
- 8. First reading of recommended changes to MS/HS Handbook.

9. Cast 2015 Official Runoff Election Ballot for Small School Group Board of Education Representative to SDHSAA Board of Directors.

10. Cast 2015 Official Runoff Election Ballot for East River At-Large Representative to SDHSAA Board of Directors.

11. Authorize request of 2015-2016 energy quotes (fuel/oil/diesel/gas) with due date of 4:00 PM June 29.

12. Authorize request of 2015-2016 newspaper specifications and quote form with due date of 4:00 PM June 29.

13. Authorize Business Manager to publish 2015-2016 Groton Area School District Budget with 8:00 PM "Public Hearing" set for July 13...organizational school board meeting.

14. Consider date change for second meeting in June from June 22 (fourth Monday) to June 29 (last Monday).

15. Review and approve list of property to declare surplus for disposal.

16. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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# **Celebrate 10 Years**

With the Groton Transit!

### June 11, 2015

Groton Transit Office on Main Street

### Come help us celebrate!

Groton Chamber of Commerce BBQ Fundraiser for the Transit 10 year Anniversary!

Serving starts at 4pm to 7pm! Hamburger and Hot Dog Meal with all The fixin's and *"Joel's FryBread!"* Free Will Meal!

### Silent Auction June 8-11<sup>th</sup>

**Great** Auction items available to bid on! Stop in and take a look!

Fun Activities for Children! Chalk Art Drawing, games, G's Inflatables, & more!

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## Join us for $B4 \ Baby$

Before you head down the road to parenthood, let Sanford Women's help you prepare with B4 Baby. You'll meet our team of experts – from doctors and nurses to dieticians and financial assistants – all ready to help you prepare for pregnancy with practical advice in a fun and relaxing environment.

You'll also have the opportunity to:

- Speak to a pharmacist
- Learn about nutrition and fitness during pregnancy
- Tour The Women's Center

### Monday, June 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Visit sanfordaberdeen.org or call (605) 626-4550 to register.



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## **Today in Weather History**

June 5, 1925: A severe thunderstorm that probably produced a multiple number of small tornadoes moved northwest from Presho, in Jones County. There were large gaps of about 15 miles at times between tornadoes. One of these tornadoes passed 10 miles north of Ree Heights and ended north of Miller. This is a distance of about 70 miles. Half dozen barns were destroyed west and north of Ree Heights. The strongest of the tornadoes was estimated as having F2 strength. Also on this date, a tornado moved from the southern edge of Fargo, North Dakota and on into Moorhead Minnesota. There were no injuries reported from this storm.

June 5, 1996: Hail, between golf ball and tennis ball size, broke many windshields and dented vehicles in Watertown. Some houses in Watertown had their windows broken out because of the large hail. Golf ball sized hail also covered most of the ground at the Watertown Airport.

June 5, 1999: Winds gusting to 74 mph knocked down several trees throughout Groton. One tree took out a major transmission line and ripped the electrical service line off of a house. Power was out for parts of Groton for several hours. The high winds shattered the windows at a store on Main Street and tore a standing board on a sign loose which damaged five new vehicles at a dealership in Groton. The high winds also destroyed a small service building and the surrounding fence at a main juncture of natural gas pipelines at Groton. Winds to 70 mph brought several trees and many large tree branches down in Henry. Winds gusting to 80 mph snapped off several trees, blew a garage down, and brought power lines down in Hazel. In Watertown winds gusted to over 70 mph, blowing a portion of a roof off a house and destroyed the attached garage on another house. Near Watertown, a pole barn was destroyed, a hay bale was blown into a basement window of a house and part of their deck was torn away. Near Florence, winds up to 80 mph tipped over and damaged a small shed, destroyed another storage shed, and also completely demolished a three stall garage.

June 5, 2008: Very heavy rains of 3 to 7 inches caused extensive flooding throughout Dewey County. Many roads, bridges, dams, culverts, along with some buildings were damaged or destroyed by the flooding. One man, west of Promise, used a boat to get back and forth from his ranch. A federal disaster declaration was issued for Dewey County and the Cheyenne River Reservation.

1976: When water began leaking from Idaho's new Teton Dam, there seemed to be no cause for alarm. On this date, warnings were frantic that the dam was about to break. As workers tried to shore up the crumbling dam, it crumbled shortly after 11 AM, sending 180 billion gallons of water pouring through Teton Canyon. 11 people lost their lives, but the toll would have been much higher if the dam had failed at night and residents had been asleep.



Rain and storms will move in from western South Dakota this morning. This system will be dissipating as it moves through today.

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## Yesterday's Weather

High: 71.4 at 6:26 PM Low: 55.9 at 6:51 AM High Gust: 20 atm 9:21 AM Precip: 0.00

### Today's Info Record High: 103° in 1933

Record High: 103° in 1933 Record Low: 37° in 1907 Average High: 74°F Average Low: 51°F Average Precip in June: 0.58 Precip to date in June: 0.00 Average Precip to date: 7.72 Precip Year to Date: 5.72 Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.



/eather Forecast for Fri, Jun 05, 2015, issued 4:40 AM EDT OC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center repared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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**DISMOUNT!** 

Stories of the Knights of the Round Table are fascinating – even intriguing. There are many hidden messages in the way they did things.

For example, when they were fully dressed, they would ride a large, strong horse to bear the weight of their armor. When they went hunting, they would ride a small, swift horse that could run fast to catch up with the prey. When in a parade, they would ride a tall, high horse. This made them appear bigger than the poor peasant who had no horse at all and was forced to look up to them.

In fact, the expression "Get off your high horse" originated from their exploits. It meant to the onlookers, "Stop acting as if you are above us!"

Wise Solomon had some advice for those who act as if they are above others. He said, "Haughty eyes, a proud heart and evil actions are all sin."

God wants us to develop carefully and use wisely the skills, talents and gifts that He has given us. We are to be thankful for all that we can do in His name to bring Him glory and honor. We must never have an inflated opinion of our value or importance. We have what we have because of His grace. And we must realize at all times that we are who we are and are obligated to serve Him faithfully each day.

**Prayer:** Father, may we be ever thankful for all of the gifts You have given us and use them to honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 21:4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin.

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## News from the Associated Press

### Crow Creek BIA superintendent who was stabbed back at work

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation has returned to work, about two months after being stabbed in the back.

BIA spokeswoman Nedra Darling this week confirmed to the Capital Journal that Patrick Duffy had returned to his duties.

Meanwhile, the attorney for suspect Brian Iron Boulder has successfully requested a delay in his client's trial.

The 51-year-old Iron Boulder has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder of a federal employee, assault on a federal employee and assault resulting in serious bodily injury. If convicted he could be sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Iron Boulder was to stand trial this week. Federal Judge Roberto Lange moved the trial start to July 28 after defense attorney Douglas A. Abraham asked for more time to prepare.

### Washington state man dies in South Dakota motorcycle crash

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — A man from Washington state has died in a motorcycle crash in western South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol says 69-year-old Donald Restad, of Kennewick, Washington, was traveling on U.S. Highway 85 south of Lead (leed) on Thursday morning when he failed to negotiate a turn. His motor-cycle went into the ditch, climbed a rock embankment and collided with a road sign.

Authorities say speed contributed to the crash.

### SDSU Extension hosting classes for garden educators

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota teachers and other youth educators interested in learning about garden education programs can attend a couple of workshops this summer.

The South Dakota State University Extension is hosting garden educator classes in Sioux Falls and Rapid City in the upcoming weeks.

The training will provide teachers nutrition resources for a school garden, information on growing vegetables and stories from area garden projects.

The classes are designed for teachers, after-school program leaders and other educators working with PreK through middle school teachers.

Workshops are scheduled for June 23 in Rapid City and Aug. 4 in Sioux Falls.

### Retirement Systtem's assets grow to estimated \$10.8 billion

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Retirement System's assets have grown to an estimated \$10.8 billion after earning an estimated 4.5 percent on investments so far this fiscal year.

The pension fund's board of trustees met on Thursday in Pierre.

The estimated 4.5 percent return is for fiscal year 2015, which ends on June 30.

State Investment Officer Matt Clark says he's surprised to see gains as high as 4.5 percent and says the "good times have run out of gas."

Clark says he expects earnings will be disappointing for some time unless there's a steep downturn that makes the markets less expensive.

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The Retirement System's assets were about \$10.6 billion at the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

### **Court: Man gets workers' comp after injury from prank**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court says a man who broke his ankle running away from a co-worker on whom he played a prank is entitled to workers' compensation.

The court released a ruling Thursday that the state Department of Labor incorrectly denied benefits to concrete laborer Jason Petrik.

Petrik tricked his co-worker into giving up his seat in an air-conditioned truck on a hot day at a construction site in August 2012. He broke his ankle jumping over a trench while his co-worker chased him.

Petrik's employer argued that he shouldn't get benefits because the company's rules bar horseplay. But the Supreme Court reversed a lower court ruling, deciding that Petrik's horseplay wasn't a "substantial deviation" from his normal work and therefore happened while he was on the job.

### Appeals court: Judge was right to dismiss Walker's lawsuit

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed a federal judge's ruling dismissing a lawsuit from former U.S. Senate candidate Clayton Walker.

Walker, who's been indicted on election law violations, sued to have his name place on the November ballot as an independent candidate.

Walker had argued that South Dakota's petition requirements were unconstitutional and that the petition filing deadline of April was too early.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the court ruled the state's nominating petition deadline and signature requirement did not burden Walker's rights and were reasonable restrictions.

Walker faces nine felony charges for allegedly submitting nominating petitions with the names of dead people, fictitious people and Hollywood celebrities.

A trial date has been set for July 20 in Hughes County.

### Value of South Dakota ag land increases 1.4 percent

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — University economists report a 1.4 percent bump in the value of agricultural land in South Dakota over the past year.

The increase is much smaller than the 6.1 percent registered from 2013 to 2014 and nowhere near the increases from the three previous years that at one point reached 33.6 percent.

The average value of all-agricultural land was \$2,505 per acre as of February 1. Highest values were \$5,186 per acre in the east central region and \$4,995 per acre in the southeast.

South Dakota State University began tracking the farm real estate market in 1991. Professor Larry Janssen says the value changes during the past year "reflect the sharp decline in crop prices and returns."

The estimates are based on reports from 185 responses to the 2015 SDSU survey.

### 7 out-of-school programs in South Dakota getting grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Seven South Dakota groups offering out-of-school activities for students are getting annual grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Officials say the 21st Century Community Learning Center grants provide funding for academic enrichment opportunities for students. This year's grant recipients join 36 others already serving 65 sites

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across South Dakota.

School districts, community-based organizations and faith-based organizations are eligible. Projects are funded for a period of five years based upon successful implementation and annual reviews.

This year's recipients are Black Hills Special Services Cooperative in Rapid City, Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud, Health Education and Promotion Council in Rapid City, Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, Volunteers of America, Dakotas — STARS in Sioux Falls, YMCA of Rapid City, and Youth & Family Services in Rapid City.

### Individual federal help denied in Delmont tornado recovery

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials say a request for individual assistance for storm and tornado recovery in Douglas and Charles Mix counties has been denied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety said in a news release that the state was told by FEMA on Wednesday it wouldn't get federal help through the program.

According to the department, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate said in a letter that damage from the May 10 tornado in and around Delmont was not severe or widespread enough to warrant federal help. Nine people were injured, and 84 structures were damaged or destroyed.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard called the decision "disappointing" in the news release. The state last got an individual assistance disaster declaration in 2011 for damage from Missouri River flooding.

#### **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. CHINA RESPONDS TO HACKING ACCUSATIONS

The foreign ministry says allegations that it was involved in breaking into U.S. government computers and stealing millions of workers' records are "irresponsible" and "unscientific."

2. ITALY: MONEY LAUNDERING INVESTIGATION STYMIED BY CHINA

AP's Erika Kinetz reports that Italian authorities discovered that more than \$4.9 billion had been smuggled out of Italy to China using a money-transfer service.

3. PERSISTENT DELAYS RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT O'HARE PROMISES

At the nation's second-busiest airport in Chicago, delays have been even more common than in the five years before a new runway opened, an AP analysis finds.

4. CHINA SHIP RIGHTED TO SPEED UP SEARCH FOR HUNDREDS MISSING

Disaster teams righted the capsized Eastern Star river cruiser to ease the search for more than 340 people still missing. So far, 97 bodies have been found.

5. WHO IS THE LATEST TO THROW HAT IN GOP RING

Jeb Bush is stepping into the Republican race for president, finally taking his place amid an unwieldy field of GOP candidates unlike any in recent memory.

6. JOBS REPORT COULD SIGNAL MORE ROBUST ECONOMY

The U.S. government will issue the May jobs report, which could reveal what might drive U.S. economic growth over the next year.

7. HOW SOME CALIFORNIANS ARE DEALING WITH DROUGHT

Some families are installing in-home water recycling systems so that shower water can be later be used in the garden.

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8. HEALTH PANEL BACKS FEMALE LIBIDO PILL

FDA says the twice-rejected "female Viagra" pill is approvable but with safety measures.

9. FRIENDS OF BOSTON MARATHON BOMBER TO LEARN FATE

Two friends of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev are scheduled to be sentenced at separate hearings for impeding the investigation.

10. WARRIORS TAKE GAME 1 OF NBA FINALS

Stephen Curry had 26 points and eight assists, and Golden State holds off LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers for a thrilling 108-100 overtime victory.

### **AP News in Brief**

### Massive data breach could affect every federal agency; Chinabased hackers suspected

WASHINGTON (AP) — China-based hackers are suspected once again of breaking into U.S. government computer networks, and the entire federal workforce could be at risk this time.

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement that data from the Office of Personnel Management — the human resources department for the federal government — and the Interior Department had been compromised.

"The FBI is conducting an investigation to identify how and why this occurred," the statement Thursday said.

The hackers were believed to be based in China, said Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican.

Collins, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the breach was "yet another indication of a foreign power probing successfully and focusing on what appears to be data that would identify people with security clearances."

## Setting a date at last, Jeb Bush joining a race featuring nearly a dozen competitors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeb Bush is stepping into the Republican race for president, finally taking his place — after months of hints and relentless fundraising — amid an unwieldy field of GOP candidates unlike any in recent memory.

The son of one president and brother of another, the former Florida governor has the rank of frontrunner and the donors to match. He now has eight months before the first votes are cast in the Iowa caucuses to prove he's worthy of both.

"It's as wide-open a race as we've seen in a long time," said Republican strategist Kevin Madden, who described Bush as the "technical front-runner" in a field that stands at 11 major declared candidates.

Among them: former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who returned Thursday to presidential politics four years after his 2012 presidential bid ended in disaster, vowing during his own campaign kickoff to "end an era of failed leadership."

While both men were widely expected to enter the race, which got its unofficial start when Bush said in December he was exploring whether to seek the Republican nomination, the confirmation from aides that Bush will indeed run is nonetheless a defining moment for the GOP.

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### Greece's repayment delay hits markets as Tsipras prepares for emergency parliament session

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is set to address an emergency session of Parliament later Friday over the country's struggles to get a deal with creditors, a day after his government opted to delay loan repayments to the International Monetary Fund — a gambit that has rattled markets all around the world.

The decision Thursday by the Greek government to bundle together its four payments totaling 1.6 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) due to the International Monetary Fund this month into one on June 30 raised fears across markets that the country's financial position is even worse thought, threatening its place in the euro. It's the first time a developed economy has taken the option of bundling payments together — an emergency maneuver that's allowed by the IMF but taken up last by Zambia in the 1980s.

The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares was down 1.3 percent while the main stock market in Athens fell 3 percent. Greece's borrowing costs also shot up with the interest rate on the country's two-year bonds standing at a heady 24.5 percent.

"The probability of an eventual debt default has clearly risen, which could set off a process that includes capital controls to prevent meltdown in the Greek banking system," said Neil MacKinnon, global macro strategist at VTB Capital.

The Greek government, which is dominated by the radical left Syriza party, was elected in January on a promise to end hated austerity measures that it blames for many of Greece's woes. Since Athens started relying on bailout cash from its international creditors in 2010, the country has had to enact a series of unpopular austerity measures, such as spending cuts and tax increases — measures that have contributed to a 25 percent contraction in the Greek economy and a sharp increase in unemployment and poverty rates.

## Italy: China stymied money laundering probe; Chinese bank's commissions under investigation

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — As Italy's economy was heading off a cliff, police couldn't help but notice that the country's Chinese communities were booming. Luxury cars rolled past Chinese betting parlors and garment factories. Chinese immigrants were buying up Italian coffee bars and real estate. Their prosperity, however, was not reflected in local tax records.

"What do they do with the money?" said Pietro Suchan, then deputy public prosecutor in Florence. "Do they eat it?"

The answer, after a four-year investigation by Italy's financial police, was no. They discovered that more than 4.5 billion euros (\$4.9 billion) — the proceeds of counterfeiting, prostitution, labor exploitation and tax evasion — had been smuggled out of Italy to China in less than four years using a money-transfer service. Nearly half that money was funneled through one of China's largest state banks, the Bank of China, which earned more than 758,000 euros in commissions on the transfers, according to Italian investigative documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Beijing, which is seeking Western help in hunting its own economic fugitives, did not cooperate with the investigation, Italian officials said.

Once the money left Italy, it vanished behind China's great legal firewall.

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### Capsized Chinese ship righted as rescuers find 97 bodies so far; hundreds still missing

JIANLI, China (AP) — The Eastern Star's top-deck cabins with smashed blue roofs jutted out of gray water Friday after Chinese disaster teams righted the capsized river cruiser to ease the search for more than 340 people still missing. So far, 97 bodies have been found.

Crews worked on draining water from the ship, which was still mostly submerged in the Yangtze River, as the focus shifted from finding survivors to retrieving bodies trapped in the vessel after it capsized suddenly during a storm Monday night on the trip from Nanjing to Chongqing.

Chinese authorities have attributed the accident to sudden high winds just before 9:30 p.m., but also have placed the surviving captain and first engineer under police custody. Passengers' relatives have raised questions about whether the boat should have continued on after the storm started and despite a weather warning earlier in the evening.

In a sign of potential unrest among the hundreds of relatives who have descended on the small Hubei province county of Jianli, one distraught family member burst into a gathering of journalists to complain about their treatment and demand an investigation into possible human error.

"All the emphasis is on a natural disaster ... but we think that this is unjust," said Xia Yunchen, a 70-year-old university lecturer. "Apart from natural disaster were there other causes? Is this not rational to ask?"

### The Latest: FIFA President Blatter to skip Olympic meeting next week amid corruption probe

0935 GMT (5:35 a.m. EDT)

FIFA President Sepp Blatter will not attend an Olympic meeting next week in Lausanne, Switzerland. Blatter, who has been an IOC member since 1999, was invited to Tuesday's briefing for members by the 2022 Winter Games bidding candidates.

FIFA says Blatter already told the IOC in April he would not be attending and "his plans have not changed."

As the head of a summer sports federation, Blatter is less committed to attend an event involving 2022 bidders Beijing and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

## Economists say US employers likely added 227K jobs in May, a steady pace pointing to growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friday's jobs report for May could provide some evidence of the forces that will drive the U.S. economy over the next year.

So far, the economy has lurched through 2015. Momentum coming out of last year was derailed by a rising dollar depressing exports, a nasty winter freezing spending and cheaper oil damaging energy companies.

Consumers, the main driver of the U.S. economy, remain fairly cautious. Factory orders have dropped. During the first three months of 2015, the economy actually shrank.

But many economists have written off the slump as temporary.

"More like a sniffle than a lingering illness," said Andrew Chamberlain, chief economist at Glassdoor, a jobs marketplace. He sees underlying strength in the job market and notes that the effects of a winter slowdown are fading.

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### Persistent delays raise questions about promises of decade-long overhaul at Chicago airport

CHICAGO (AP) — Jetliners roared down O'Hare's newest runway as Chicago officials cheerfully touted the latest piece of a decade-long overhaul as a tipping point that could cut delays in half and dramatically improve the reputation for bottlenecks at one of the nation's busiest airports.

But in the year and a half since that celebratory event, delays have been even more common than in the five years before the strip opened, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

"It just shows the problem is bigger than concrete," aviation consultant Michael Boyd said. "It's like building more on-ramps to a freeway that's already congested."

From the runway's opening in October 2013 through this past March, nearly 28 percent of departures have been delayed, compared with 22 percent over the five previous years, according to the latest available data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Arrival delays tracked a similar 6 percentage point increase, hitting 26 percent. The jump was double the national increase.

The poor results raise the prospect that the complexity and enormity of O'Hare, combined with its vulnerability to problems originating elsewhere in the nation's air system, will sometimes swamp whatever performance gains come from the more efficient design that planners are etching into the 72-year-old airfield.

### More California families look at in-home water recycling to save gardens, yards in drought

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Showering during California's drought is a guilt-free experience for homeowners Catarina Negrin and Noah Friedman.

The Berkeley couple — she runs a pre-school, he's an architect — are early adopters of a home plumbing do-over that's becoming more popular during California's record four-year dry stretch.

California, like many states, long required all water used in homes to be piped out with the sewage, fearing health risks if water recycling is done clumsily.

Since 2010, however, the increasingly dry state has come around, and now even encourages the reuse of so-called gray water, which typically includes the gently-used runoff from bathroom sinks, showers, bathtubs and washing machines.

As mandatory conservation kicked in statewide this month, forcing many of California's 38 million people to face giving up on greenery, these recycling systems have become attractive options in new homes, right along with granite countertops. California Building Industry Association executive Robert Raymer rattles off the drought-conscious top builders that now routinely offer in-home water recycling.

### Greece would likely suffer from leaving the eurozone, but would Europe? Some aren't worried

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Many economists think a Greek departure from the euro currency alliance would be a disaster. For Greece.

But for the rest of Europe? Maybe not.

Greece is struggling to meet deadlines to repay a crushing debt load and avoid a default that could drive it out of the 19-country eurozone. Yet any fear that a Greek exit might ignite a broader financial catastrophe — as the 2008 collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers did — is misplaced, some

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analysts say.

Others worry that letting a country leave the alliance could permanently damage their shared currency.

Greece's new left-wing government is struggling to convince its international creditors that its reform plans are credible. The two sides have been at odds over such issues as pension cuts, tax increases and revenue surpluses required of Greece.

### Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 5, the 156th day of 2015. There are 209 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

#### On this date:

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Henderson v. United States, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1963, Britain's Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, resigned after acknowledging an affair with call girl Christine Keeler, who was also involved with a Soviet spy, and lying to Parliament about it.

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1999, jazz and pop singer Mel Torme died in Los Angeles at age 73. The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the first devoted to any women's sport, opened in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

**Ten years ago:** "Monty Python's Spamalot" won three Tony Awards, including best musical; the musical play "The Light in the Piazza" won six prizes, while "Doubt" was named best drama. Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal beat unseeded Mariano Puerta of Argentina 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5 to win the French Open men's singles title.

**Five years ago:** Israeli forces seized a Gaza-bound aid vessel, the Rachel Corrie, without meeting resistance days after a similar effort turned bloody. Finance ministers and central bankers from the

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world's leading economies meeting in Busan, South Korea, agreed on the need to cooperate in fending off financial market turmoil and keeping the world economic recovery on track. Francesca Schiavone beat Samantha Stosur of Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (2), to win the French Open, giving Italy its first female champion at a Grand Slam tournament. Drosselmeyer pulled off an upset in the Belmont Stakes.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama said he "absolutely makes no apologies" for seeking the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in a prisoner swap with the Taliban, vigorously defending an exchange that caused controversy. A gunman opened fire at Seattle Pacific University, killing one student and wounding two others. (Suspect Aaron Ybarra has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 90. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 81. Former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark is 76. Author Margaret Drabble is 76. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 70. Rock musician Fred Stone (AKA Fred Stewart) (Sly and the Family Stone) is 68. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 68. Country singer Gail Davies is 67. Author Ken Follett is 66. Financial guru Suze Orman is 64. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 63. Jazz musician Kenny G is 59. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 59. Actor Jeff Garlin is 53. Actress Karen Sillas is 52. Actor Ron Livingston is 48. Singer Brian McKnight is 46. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 45. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 44. Actor Chad Allen is 41. Rock musician P-Nut (311) is 41. Actress Navi Rawat (RO'-waht) is 38. Actress Liza Weil is 38. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 36. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 34. Actress Amanda Crew is 29. Actress Sophie Lowe is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Dare to be naive." - R. Buckminster Fuller, American inventor and philosopher (1895-1983).