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## 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

## Monday, June 8

**Birthdays:** Lacy Voss, Kayla Johnson, Andrew Marzahn

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

## Bridal Shower

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



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## Gordon Sieh Celebration of Life Service

A celebration of life for Gordon Sieh will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 13th at Paetznick-Gar-ness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Dan Sieh will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Gar-ness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Gordon died February 25, 2015 in Aberdeen.

## News from the Game, Fish and Parks Commission

### GFP Commission Rejects Nonresident Waterfowl Proposal

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission unanimously rejected the nonresident waterfowl proposal; with the exception of creating 100 nonresident youth licenses valid during the two-day youth waterfowl hunting season.

The Commission also established an associated fee of \$10 for nonresident youth who draw a license valid for the youth season only. Youth who receive a nonresident license valid during the regular season would continue to pay the same fee as adults.

### Archery Deer Hunting Access Permits for 2015

PIERRE, S.D. - To assist with deer management on the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve area, 20 archery access permits will be made available this fall. The 2015 archery season will run from Sept. 26, 2015 - Jan. 15, 2016. Archery hunters can apply for a free access permit after obtaining an antler-less whitetail archery deer license.

Free access permits will also now be required for archery hunters wishing to hunt Newton Hills State Park in Lincoln County. Due to its close proximity to Sioux Falls and other populated areas, Newton Hills State Park is heavily used by archery deer hunters. Any hunter possessing an archery deer license will also need to obtain a free access permit prior to hunting the park. The requirement of the unlimited, free access permits will allow the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) to collect hunter and harvest data for improved deer management.

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## **More Black Hills Deer Hunting Licenses Available in 2015**

PIERRE, S.D. - Black Hills deer hunters will have 500 more resident and 40 more nonresident any whitetail deer hunting licenses available for the 2015 Black Hills deer hunting season.

In its entirety, the Black Hills deer season will have 200 resident and 16 nonresident any deer licenses along with 3,500 resident and 280 nonresident any whitetail deer licenses available in 2015.

## **East River, West River and National Refuge Deer Hunting Seasons Finalized**

PIERRE, S.D. - South Dakota West River deer hunters will have fewer days to hunt antlerless deer in 2015 after the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission voted to eliminate the nine days of antlerless hunting beginning the Saturday after Christmas. However, East River deer hunters will retain those nine days of deer hunting and be allowed to hunt with unfilled antlerless deer tags during that nine day time period.

Hunters will see a slight increase in the number of East River deer hunting licenses for 2015 with 250 fewer one-tag licenses, and 1,050 more two-tag licenses as compared to 2014. The Commission also established an antlerless deer unit within Yankton County; south of SD Highway 50 and west of US Highway 81. The East River deer hunting season will run from Nov. 21 to Dec. 6, 2015.

West River deer hunters will see a slight decrease in the number of licenses available for the West River deer hunting season in 2015 with the number of one-tag licenses reduced by 250 for residents and 20 for nonresidents as compared to 2014. A total of 16,440 one-tag, 1,620 two-tag licenses are available for residents and 1,319 one-tag, 130 two-tag licenses are available for nonresidents.

The West River deer hunting season dates for Corson, Dewey and Ziebach counties will follow the regular West River deer season; running from Nov. 14-29. For Gregory and Mellette counties the season will be Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29.

Deer hunters wanting to hunt the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge will find 20 more resident licenses and two more nonresident licenses. Similar to the East River deer season, hunters with an unfilled antlerless Sand Lake refuge tag will be allowed to hunt antlerless deer during the nine day period beginning the Saturday after Christmas.

## **Firearms Antelope Season Proposed;**

### **Archery Antelope and Custer State Park Antelope Seasons Finalized**

PIERRE, S.D. - South Dakota antelope hunters will have slightly more antelope licenses available for the 2015 prairie firearms antelope season if a proposal by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission is approved in which resident hunters would have 75 more one-tag licenses (75 tags) and 125 more two-tag licenses (250 tags) for a total of 3,030 tags available. Nonresident hunters would have one more one-tag licenses (1 tag) and 5 more two-tag licenses (10 tags) for a total of 72 tags.

The 2015 archery antelope and Custer State Park antelope seasons will follow the same season structure as 2014 as no proposed changes were considered by the Commission. The archery antelope season will run from Aug. 15 - Oct. 31; except when the prairie firearm antelope season is open.

The Custer State Park antelope season will have three any antelope licenses available with the season running from Oct. 13 - 21, 2015.

The Commission will finalize this proposal at their July 1-2, 2015, meeting at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre. Written comments can be sent to [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us). To be part of the official public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. on July 1. Please include your full name along with the

city and state of residence. If you would like to comment in person, the public hearing will be held July 1, at 2 p.m. CDT at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre.

## **Proposal to Remove Bald Eagles from the State Threatened and Endangered List**

PIERRE, S.D. - A proposal from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission would remove the bald eagle from the state's threatened and endangered list.

The bald eagle was listed as a federal endangered species in most of the lower U.S. states in 1978 due to the impact of DDT accumulation in fish (DDT is an organochloride used as a pesticide). DDT and other pesticide contamination in fish eaten by bald eagles caused eggshell thinning, premature egg breakage, embryo deaths and poisoning of adult birds. This species was also listed as a state endangered species on South Dakota's list of threatened and endangered species in 1978. Bald eagles recovered throughout the U.S. due to banning of DDT, reintroduction programs, habitat protection and protection from illegal killing and poisoning.

Although no bald eagle reintroductions were conducted in South Dakota, this species has steadily increased from the first known successful nest in the state in 1993 to more than 100 nests today. A subset of nests is monitored each year by state, federal, tribal and private entities to estimate production and to detect any regional or statewide changes to the nesting population. The department participates in an aerial mid-winter bald eagle survey to estimate wintering birds on standardized routes along the Missouri River. Periodically, the department also conducts aerial searches for nests on likely bald eagle habitat, such as along rivers.

This species was down listed from state endangered to state threatened in 2003. In 2005, as part of an inter-agency effort to plan for the needs of endangered or threatened species that depend on the Missouri River, GFP completed the "South Dakota Bald Eagle Management Plan." The management goal for nesting bald eagles in South Dakota is an average of 25 active bald eagle nests per year, with a five-year running average. Because the state management goal has been met and exceeded, the department recommends that protection under the state endangered species law is no longer justified. This species will continue to be protected by the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Bald eagle recovery represents an endangered species success story at the state and national levels.

It is important to realize that these birds are still protected and the killing of one will remain a federal and state offense as all this proposal does is remove them from the State Threatened Species list. Bald eagles are protected in multiple state and federal laws.

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## **Proposal to Change Hunting Restrictions in Custer State Park**

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission proposed to limit hunting near roads and buildings in Custer State Park at their June meeting.

Currently, hunters are not allowed to hunt deer and elk within 300 feet of any Custer State Park paved public access roadway. Additionally, hunters are not allowed to hunt antelope within 440 yards of any

public access road in Custer State Park nor can they hunt any species within 300 feet of any occupied building in Custer State Park.

The proposal would change the collection of restricted distances to one consistent distance, regardless of season. With this proposal, all big game hunting in Custer State Park would be prohibited within 200 yards of any public access road or building.

The Commission will finalize this proposal at their July 1-2, 2015, meeting at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre. Written comments can be sent to [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us). To be part of the official public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. on July 1. Please include your full name along with the city and state of residence. If you would like to comment in person, the public hearing will be held July 1, at 2 p.m. CDT at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre.

## Early Canada Goose Season Proposed

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission proposed a change to where September Canada goose hunters would be allowed to hunt during the early goose season.

The proposed early Canada goose season would run from Sept. 1 -30, 2015, with a daily limit of 15 and a possession limit of 45, and would be open in Unit 1 only.

The proposed change would close parts of Minnehaha and Lincoln counties and include these areas in Canada Goose Unit 2.

- ♦ Current Unit Boundaries
- ♦ Proposed Unit Boundaries
- ♦ Sioux Falls Area Addition to Unit 2

The Commission will finalize this proposal at their July 1-2, 2015, meeting at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre. Written comments can be sent to [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us). To be part of the official public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. on July 1. Please include your full name along with the

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## **2015 Fall Turkey Hunting Season Proposed**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission proposed to offer 100 more one-tag licenses for resident turkey hunters in the East River prairie units and reduce the number of licenses available in the Black Hills for the 2015 hunting season.

The proposed season would run from Nov. 1, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016, and offer 500 resident and 40 nonresident Black Hills any turkey licenses, 835 single tag any turkey and 50 two-tag licenses along with unlimited resident and nonresident single tag any turkey licenses for the West River prairie season.

The proposal would also modify Unit NE1 to include those portions of Marshall County south and east of SD Highway 25 and north of SD Highway 10 and Roberts County north of SD Highway 10.

The Commission will finalize this proposal at their July 1-2, 2015, meeting at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre. Written comments can be sent to wildinfo@state.sd.us. To be part of the official public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. on July 1. Please include your full name along with the city and state of residence. If you would like to comment in person, the public hearing will be held July 1, at 2 p.m. CDT at the RedRossa Convention Room in Pierre.

## **Entrepreneurs Encouraged to Submit Proposals for Lewis and Clark Recreation Area**

PIERRE, S.D. - Entrepreneurs interested in operating a resort inside one of South Dakota's most popular state parks can now submit their proposals.

A prospectus for the operation of Lewis and Clark Resort, located inside Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton, is now available online and through the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP). The prospectus details the terms and conditions under which interested operators may submit a proposal for consideration and also includes a detailed business opportunity, the requirements necessary to submit a proposal along with a draft concession agreement for a term of 10 years. Proposals must be received by Sept. 16, 2015, at 3 p.m. CDT.

"Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is an extremely popular outdoor recreation destination for South Dakotans as well as residents of neighboring states," said Doug Hofer, state parks director.

The 1,045-acre Lewis and Clark Recreation Area consists of four multi-lane boat ramps, 409 paved electric campsites, two swimming beaches, four boater beaches and many other amenities such as bath/shower houses, picnic shelters and playgrounds. The resort has 17 housekeeping cabins, 24 motel-type rental units and a group lodge capable of housing over 20 guests.

The Lewis and Clark Recreational Area also has a marina; the marina concession is a separate entity. Chris Donlin, Pickstown, S.D., was approved as the concessionaire in January and is currently operating the popular marina. A copy of the prospectus is available by contacting GFP at 605.773.3391 or download it here.



## Only thing we have to fear, is fear itself

Was FDR right when he spoke to the danger of "...fear itself?"

By **Richard P. Holm M.D.**

Experts explain that when we are threatened by real danger, an area in our brains called the amygdala goes into action to help us survive. The amygdala stimulates the adrenal gland to release adrenaline, which in turn prepares us to defend ourselves or to run... the so called "fight or flight" system. Adrenalin causes heart racing, sweating, blood flow to muscles, preparing us from an attacking enemy. Fear was designed to help us survive.

But fear does not always help us avoid danger. During my medical school rotation on the psych ward I observed people with paranoid schizophrenia, an emotional brain illness often manifested by an inappropriate and overwhelming fear that others were plotting against them. These patients had lost touch with reality and had bizarre thoughts, all resulting from a neuro-chemical imbalance that is still not perfectly understood. Although now we understand differently, what stuck in my med-student brain was how their deep seated and overwhelming fear seemed somehow connected to such severe mental illness. Fear appeared to destroy them.

Most of us have minor inappropriate fears resulting from past minor emotional traumas, such as going near water, seeing the doctor, flying in airplanes, walking near swooping birds, speaking in public, and the list goes on. Trouble comes when a fear keeps us from functioning normally, thus making it a phobia.

Something similar to life-interfering phobias, is post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD.) This results as a consequence of a specific severe emotional trauma and results in recurrent and overwhelming panic-like adrenalin surges when the person is reminded of that bad experience.

Presently we live in a "not so dangerous world," quite different than for our great ancestors. Now, though there are times we need that adrenalin surge, we are generally more in danger of harm from fear itself, like in those with paranoid schizophrenia, phobias, or PTSD. Even when without these conditions, most of the time we can better side-step that what can hurt us by identifying, avoiding, and/or dealing with danger in a rational and cool way and without paralyzing panic.

For schizophrenia, anti-psychotic medicines are unquestionably the mainstay treatment and for PTSD, certain needs meds and counseling are helpful. But for simple phobias, I prefer antidepressant over anti-anxiety valium-like medicines and, when appropriate, recommend psychologists armed with programs to help people gradually face and overcome inappropriate fears.

Just the right amount of fear, can save us from an enemy, but, "...fear itself," can be very bad.

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## Today in Weather History

June 6, 1895: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from 6 miles west of Summit, passing 3 miles northwest of Summit. Buildings were damaged on eight farms.

June 6, 1897: Light to heavy frost, and in some localities, killing frost occurred on the 6th and 7th. These cold temperatures along with last season frost in May and wet conditions several hampered the planting season. Luckily growing conditions changed towards the middle and end of the month. Some low temperatures on the 6th include; 26 degrees in Castlewood and Watertown, 29 in Mellette, 30 in Aberdeen and Milbank, and 32 in Highmore. Some low temperatures on the 7th include; 24 degrees in Castlewood, 25 in Watertown, and 30 degrees in Milbank.

June 6, 1999: Heavy rains of 2 to 4 inches caused flash flooding on a creek feeding into the Grand River. At a ranch southwest of Bullhead, a bunkhouse wall moved off the foundation by a wall of water coming down the creek. All of the contents in the bunkhouse were destroyed. A machine shop was washed away along with several pieces of equipment and many tools. Some tools and equipment were found more than a mile down the creek. A pump-house and grain bin was also destroyed. A pickup was washed down the creek and a propane tank near a house was rolled over. A colt was picked up by the water but managed to escape. The powerful flow of water took out several dead trees and washed them down stream. Finally, a road and a culvert were washed out by the flash flood.

1816: The temperature reached 92 degrees at Salem, MA during an early heat wave, but then plunged 49 degrees in 24 hours to commence the famous "year without a summer". Snow fell near Quebec City, Quebec Canada from the 6th through the 10th and accumulated up to a foot with "drifts reaching the axel trees of carriages".

1894: One of the greatest floods in U.S. history occurred as the Willamette River overflowed to inundate half of the business district of Portland, Oregon. The river crested at 33.5 feet, the worst flood ever recorded in the city.

## New Municipal Tax Changes Effective July 1, 2015

PIERRE, S.D. – Two South Dakota communities will implement new municipal taxes beginning July 1. The municipal tax changes taking effect next month include:

Columbia, S.D., imposing a two percent general sales and use tax rate

Westport, S.D., imposing a two percent general sales and use tax rate.








South Dakota municipalities are able to implement new tax rates or change existing tax rates on Jan. 1st or July 1st each year.

The South Dakota Department of Revenue has Municipal Tax Information Bulletins available listing all municipal sales and use tax rates statewide, along with information on tribal sales, use and excise taxes.

Updated bulletins are free of charge and available after July 1, 2014, by contacting the Department of Revenue at 1-800-TAX-9188 (1-800-829-9188) or by downloading a copy from the Department's website at <http://dor.sd.gov/>. Scroll over "Taxes" and select "Business Taxes", followed by "Publications" on the left side of the webpage and then select "Municipal Tax." The full web address is [http://dor.sd.gov/Taxes/Business\\_Taxes/Publications/Municipal\\_Tax.aspx](http://dor.sd.gov/Taxes/Business_Taxes/Publications/Municipal_Tax.aspx).

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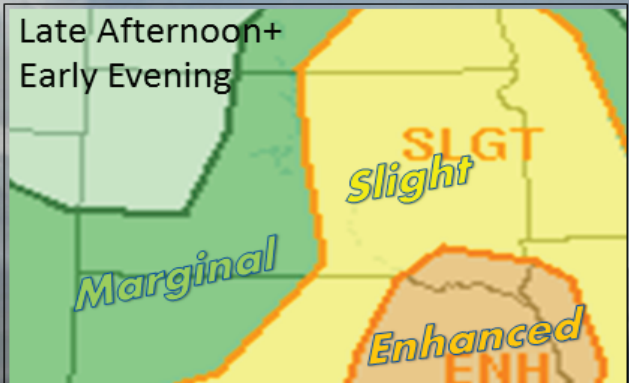
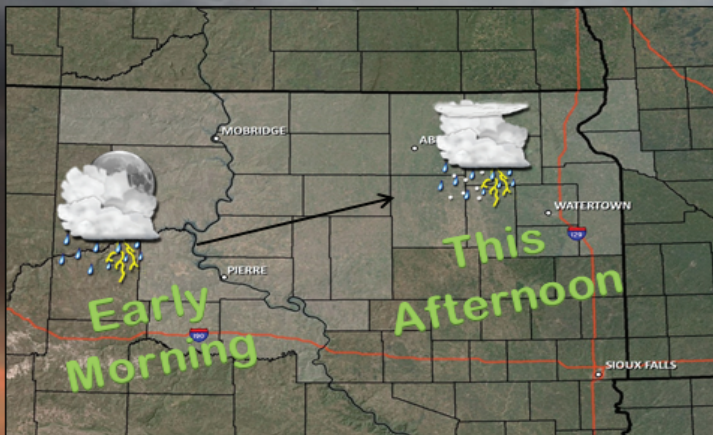
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Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 79 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 89 °F



## Early Morning Showers Afternoon Thunderstorms

Showers in Central SD move northeast this am



Redevelopment possible for the late afternoon and early evening – *some sever*



Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible
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National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Published on: 06/06/2015 at 5:08AM

Showers and thunderstorms will be possible this afternoon. A few storms could be severe, with hail and strong winds the main threat. Temperatures today will top out in the upper 70s and low 80s.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 77.4 at 5:04 PM

**Low:** 57.8 at 5:18 AM

**High Gust:** 18 atm 4:51 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 99° in 1950

**Record Low:** 30° in 1897

**Average High:** 74°F

**Average Low:** 51°F

**Average Precip in June:** 0.70

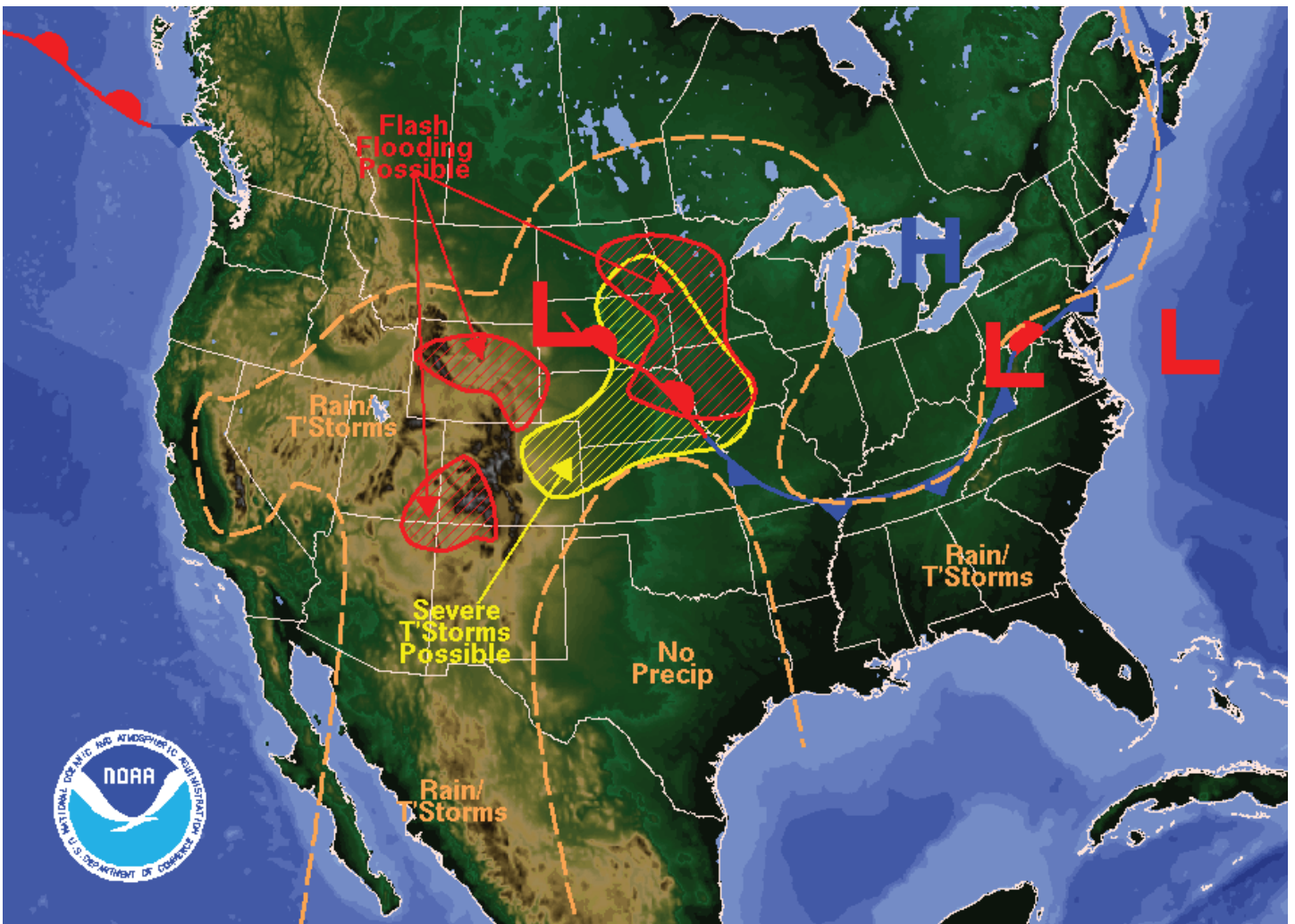
**Precip to date in June:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 7.84

**Precip Year to Date:** 5.72

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:18 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jun 06, 2015, issued 4:02 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by James based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

"Wire-walkers" are known for their death-defying performances. These well-prepared and highly skillful entertainers are known for walking on thin wires that are suspended high in the air over dangerous sites. Normally they use a long pole for balance.

There was one "high-wire walker" who decided to use a wheelbarrow filled with 200 pounds of bricks for his balance as he crossed Niagara Falls. After he accomplished his feat a crowd of reporters gathered around him and began to ask questions. After he answered the last question he pointed to one of them and asked, "Do you believe that I can take this wheelbarrow that is now filled with bricks back to the other side?"

"Certainly," came the reply.

"Good!" The wire-walker then dumped the bricks on the ground and said to the reporter, "Get in and I'll take you to the other side."

Mark tells the story of a father who brought his demon possessed boy to the disciples for healing. They failed. Then, he took his son to Jesus, and said, "Do something if you can." And Jesus said, "If I can? Anything is possible if you believe."

And the father replied, "Lord, help my unbelief!"

Our faith only grows when we pray, release our fears and trust.

**Prayer:** Father, remove our doubts and fears and fill our minds and hearts with a faith that completely relies on You for all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

## News from the Associated Press

### **Daugaard: Up to feds if health subsidies go away**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALL, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says it's up to federal officials to come up with a potential solution for thousands of South Dakota residents whose insurance premiums could jump thousands of dollars a year if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down a key provision of the Affordable Care Act.

Daugaard, a Republican, said recently that he doesn't envision a state fix to help preserve financial assistance if the high court decides to scrap insurance premium subsidies for consumers in the more than 30 states, including South Dakota, who sign up for coverage under the federal marketplace. The lawsuit that's prompting the decision expected this month argues the way the law is written means subsidies should be limited to people who live in states that created their own health insurance marketplaces.

"We certainly don't have the wherewithal in our budget to restore subsidies, so that's just not even a practical reality," Daugaard told The Associated Press. "What will happen, I expect, is unless the federal government produces some solution to replacing the subsidies, it will revert back to pre-Obamacare conditions where people buy insurance at the marketplace rates without a subsidy if they can."

Bob Laszewski, president of Health Policy and Strategy Associates in Virginia, said he hasn't seen a federal plan to maintain subsidies that would make it through the Republican-held Congress and get President Barack Obama's signature. He said South Dakota officials could set up a state-based exchange to ensure that consumers keep their subsidies if the court rules against them.

Without financial assistance, it's expected that most of those consumers would drop coverage.

Daugaard's administration has so far declined to establish a state exchange and appears unwilling to do so to escape the potential premium hikes. Daugaard spokeswoman Kelsey Pritchard said in an email that setting up a state exchange "is a very costly and time-consuming process that other states have struggled to implement successfully."

Leaders from both parties in South Dakota's Republican-dominated Legislature said they haven't had discussions about how the state might handle a decision from the court removing the subsidies. Laszewski said he hasn't seen states adequately planning for that possibility.

"People have to fix this, and the state can fix it and the Congress can fix it," he said. "It's very difficult, but it's possible. So, it seems to me that elected officials, whether they're in Pierre, South Dakota, or they're in Washington, D.C., have got a responsibility to do everything they can for these people."

Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton, D-Burke, said he supports a state exchange and hopes South Dakota establishes one if the subsidies are struck down. He said Republicans and Democrats in the state should have been more active in planning for that outcome, though he said some details are still unclear.

The removal of the subsidies could affect more than 88 percent of the roughly 19,000 South Dakota residents who bought coverage through the exchange during the 2015 enrollment period. Roughly 16,800 of those consumers got an average federal subsidy of \$229 each month, according to recently released data.

Lisa Carlson, Director of Planning and Regulation for Sanford Health Plan, which offers coverage in South Dakota through the federal marketplace, said a ruling against the tax credits would devastate consumers. Sanford has about 2,200 members covered through the exchange, with more than 1,800 getting subsidies.

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Avera and Dakotacare also sell plans in South Dakota through the federal marketplace. Avera spokeswoman Lindsey Meyers said in an email the company would work with the state; she didn't have enrollment data. A representative for Dakotacare didn't respond to a request for comment.

Carlson said Sanford hasn't had conversations with the state or other insurance companies about the effects of the potential Supreme Court ruling. But she said the state often brings together carriers after similar decisions are made to have a "brainstorming session."

It's also unclear what the effective end-date of the subsidies would be if the court decides to toss them out, which is a significant unknown, she said.

CJ Clifford, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, said he has coverage through the exchange that has helped him get his shoulder replaced. Clifford, whose subsidy is at risk, said he signed up for coverage to help free up money for other tribe members to get care from the Indian Health Service.

"As far as creating a better quality of life for me, it has done that already," he said.

## Arizona 'Flintstones' theme park up for sale

**TERRY TANG, Associated Press**

"Flintstones" fans with a few million dollars now have a chance to rule over the town of Bedrock and own a page right out of history.

The owner of Flintstones Bedrock City, a northern Arizona theme park designed around the Hanna-Barbera cartoon, said Friday she is selling the property for \$2 million. Linda Speckels said she is ready to retire from operating the park and campground in Williams, about 30 miles south of the Grand Canyon.

"I'm 73 years old. I don't have that many more years of adventure time left," said Speckels, who has been trying to sell the place for more than a year. "I love the property. But I feel like it's time for somebody else to come in and enjoy it and do something with it."

The price tag, however, does not include the image licensing of everyone's favorite modern, stone-age family. Warner Bros. currently owns Hanna-Barbera properties. But Speckels has renewed her own deal over the years with different licensors. New owners would have to work out their own licensing agreement.

Speckels said she is optimistic that anyone who would care enough to buy the park would be able to work out a deal on the licensing. She, personally, would like to see the prehistoric props stay. "A lot of people think of this as art, especially architects and photographers," she said.

Speckels started operating Bedrock City with her husband, Francis "Hudi" Speckels, in 1972. The "Flintstones" attraction was a spinoff of one Francis Speckels' parents started in Custer, South Dakota. Francis Speckels died in 1990, but Linda Speckels continued running the park. The stone age village includes Fred's Diner restaurant, gift shop, theater and RV park. Among the attractions is a train that rides through a volcano and a slide down a dinosaur's tail. The \$2 million purchase also includes 30 acres of land.

Speckels' daughter, Holly Hulen, who occasionally helps out, said business has been good the past year and that the park is still a draw.

"She has survived 42 years, which is really amazing for a small business," Hulen said. "But she's going to be 74. It's time for her to retire."

"The Flintstones" was one of several popular animated staples created by Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera. The program, a parody of "The Honeymooners," followed the antics of Fred Flintstone, his wife, Wilma, and their friends, Barney and Betty Rubble. The animated show was one of the most watched prime-time TV shows in the 1960s. It was revived in the 1980s and spawned several TV specials and

live-action film adaptations.

A lot of parents visiting the park like being able to introduce their children to "The Flintstones," Speckels said.

"We're getting a lot of third-generation families with kids and their grandparents," she said. "Everybody can relate to Fred and Wilma."

## Minnesota man pleads not guilty to robbing Aberdeen casino

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — One of two Minnesota men accused of robbing a South Dakota casino at gunpoint has pleaded not guilty.

Roger Kihega, of Cokato, Minnesota, pleaded not guilty to armed robbery and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon Friday.

The American News reports (<http://bit.ly/1KM8l05>) Kihega is accused of stealing cash from Casino Korner in Aberdeen. Michael Washington is also facing charges.

Authorities say each of the men fired a shot in the air while robbing the business. Nobody was hurt.

Chief Deputy State's Attorney Chris White filed paperwork Friday charging Kihega as a habitual offender, meaning he has several prior felonies and could face a more severe maximum penalty.

Bond for Kihega is set at \$100,000 cash.

## Federal officials believe counterculture group coming to SD

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Federal authorities believe a counterculture group that annually meets with thousands of its members in a national forest is headed to the Black Hills this summer.

Black Hills National Forest spokesman Scott Jacobsen tells KEVN-TV in Rapid City there is a 95 percent chance the next Rainbow Gathering will be held in western South Dakota.

The annual celebration is put on by the Rainbow Family of Light each July. Last year about 8,000 members flocked to eastern Utah.

A National Incident Management Team from the U.S. Forest Service was in Rapid City on Friday to meet with federal, state and local officials to plan for a possible gathering.

The group's creed revolves around nonviolence, and it has convened every year since 1972.

## Former Rapid City custodian sentenced to 20 years in prison

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A former elementary school custodian in Rapid City who pleaded guilty to enticing two teenage girls to email him explicit photographs will serve 20 years in prison.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says 30-year-old Casey Godfrey was sentenced this week. He was convicted of Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet earlier this year.

Authorities say that between July 2013 and January 2014, Godfrey used the Internet to entice two teenage girls to email him explicit photographs.

At the time of his arrest, Godfrey was working as a janitor at Pinedale Elementary School in Rapid City. His prison sentence will be followed by 20 years of supervised release.

## Health Department: mosquitoes can spread West Nile in June

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Health is reminding state residents that mosquitoes can still transmit the West Nile virus in June, even though it isn't yet the peak transmission period.



The department said Friday that residents should be careful now even though the peak transmission time for the virus is July through September.

Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health, says the virus is a serious illness that can be fatal.

He says that South Dakota residents should try to prevent mosquito bites through prevention techniques such as using mosquito repellents and remembering to remove standing water, which is where mosquitoes breed.

## **USD names next dean to take over its School of Education**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota has named the new dean of its School of Education.

Donald Easton-Brooks will take over for interim Dean Hee-sook Choi this month.

Easton-Brooks spent two years at Eastern Oregon University as a professor and dean of the Colleges of Business and Education.

He received his master's degree in early childhood special education at the University of Colorado at Denver in 1995 and earned his doctorate in education leadership and innovation from UC-Denver in 2006.

His research and scholarship includes urban education, ethnic-matching of students and teachers, minority education and teacher diversity.

Easton-Brooks' new position begins June 22.

## **Rapid City authorities investigating suspicious death of man**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Rapid City are investigating what they say is the suspicious death of a 38-year-old man who died Friday morning at an area hospital.

Rapid City police say officers responded to a report of an assault on May 27 on the 700 block of East Anamosa Street. Nearby they found the man unconscious against a retaining wall, suffering from head trauma.

The man was brought to Rapid City Regional Hospital. He died from his injuries Friday morning.

Police have identified several people who may have been present when the man was injured.

Rapid City Police and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office are continuing to investigate.

## **Firefighter killed in blaze had high blood-alcohol level**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A volunteer firefighter who died fighting a house fire in Brandon that also killed the homeowner had a high blood-alcohol level when he responded, investigators said Friday.

An autopsy determined that Steven Ackerman, 38, had a blood alcohol level of nearly 0.19, more than twice the legal limit for driving, police said. The 14-year volunteer with Valley Springs Fire and Rescue died April 12, and investigators determined he likely fell through the floor in the burning home.

The fire, which also killed 47-year-old David Smith, started in a first-floor vent pipe enclosure that served a basement furnace and water heater. The blaze has been ruled accidental, authorities said Friday. It was never considered suspicious.

Both Ackerman and Smith died of smoke inhalation, Brandon Police Chief Dave Kull said.

Firefighters responded to the scene shortly after 10 p.m. and encountered heavy smoke coming from the garage. Smith was taken from the home around 10:35 p.m., and five minutes later, all firefighters were ordered out.

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Ackerman was reported missing about 11 p.m. His body was found in the basement about 1:30 a.m. the next day and recovered about 10:30 a.m., when it was transported to the coroner's office.

Valley Springs Fire Chief Don Johnson could not be reached Friday. It's unclear whether that department has a policy regarding alcohol use, although many do, state Fire Marshal Paul Merriman said.

In South Dakota, more than 95 percent of the state's 337 fire departments are volunteer, and they all have their own policies governing conduct, Merriman said. There's no uniform policy regarding alcohol use and currently no state law that gives the fire marshal's office oversight in these matters. But Merriman said during state-certified training firefighters are taught about issues regarding being impaired while volunteering.

"It's important to remember that two people lost their lives and it was a tragic event, and I guess what a guy hopes is from events like these, usually comes an opportunity to learn from them and hopefully be safer going forward," he said.

Ackerman was the 43rd firefighter to die in the line of duty in South Dakota since 1924, and the 22nd volunteer firefighter to be killed. Hundreds of people turned out for his funeral.

## Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota gets new leader

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota has a new commander.

Col. Gentry Boswell took the reins from Col. Kevin Kennedy during a change-of-command ceremony Thursday.

Boswell comes from the Pentagon, where he was director of irregular warfare operations. He's a former vice commander of Ellsworth's 28th Bomb Wing and said he's spent about a third of his 24-year military career at the base.

"Anytime you get a chance to command and lead in the military, it's a privilege, so getting the opportunity to come back and do that is great," he said. "It's something we all aspire to as military leaders. Getting to do it here at Ellsworth and in the Black Hills, it's just a blessing."

Boswell will lead one of two B-1B bomber bases in the Air Force's Air Combat Command. Ellsworth also is home to the 432nd Attack Squadron, which flies remotely piloted MQ-9 drone aircraft from the base that is the Rapid City region's largest employer.

Kennedy served as Ellsworth commander for two years. He's moving on to the Pentagon as director of electronic and cyberspace warfare.

## 184 people become United States citizens at Mount Rushmore

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — Nearly 200 people become U.S. citizens in a naturalization ceremony at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in the Black Hills.

Chief U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken presided over the Thursday ceremony in which 184 people from 49 countries took the oath of allegiance.

Hundreds of others watched the proceedings.

## Sioux Falls Council, mayor clash over free youth bus rides

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether is clashing with the City Council over free city bus rides for youth this summer.

The City Council last week unanimously approved the pilot program to waive bus ridership fees for people 18 and under through the summer, but Huether has refused to sign off. He says the idea has merit but he thinks the council moved too fast.

Councilman Greg Jamison says the group did ample research. The council believes free bus rides for youth will improve bus ridership overall and encourage youth to ride buses as adults.

Huether returned the resolution unsigned but didn't veto it. That means it will still go into effect but will be delayed a week. The program is to begin June 26.

## AP News in Brief

### **Pope urges Bosnians to put wounds and barbarity behind them and work for peaceful future**

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Pope Francis urged Bosnia's Muslims, Orthodox and Catholics to put the "deep wounds" of their past behind them and work together for a peaceful future as he arrived in Sarajevo on Saturday for a one-day visit to encourage reconciliation following the devastating three-way war of the 1990s.

Francis received a joyous welcome from thousands of cheering Bosnians who lined his motorcade route through the mostly Muslim city of 300,000. Another 65,000 people, most of them Catholics, packed the same Sarajevo stadium where St. John Paul II presided over an emotional post-war Mass of reconciliation in 1997.

"We all need peace and to receive the pope's message," said Alma Mehmedic, a 55-year-old Muslim who waited for a glimpse of Francis outside the presidential palace. "I came today to give love and receive love."

In a speech to Bosnia's three-member presidency, Francis called for Bosnians to oppose the "barbarity" of those who want to continue sowing division "as a pretext for further unspeakable violence." Rather, he urged Bosnians to continue working for peace and respectful coexistence through patient, trustful dialogue.

"This will allow different voices to unite in creating a melody of sublime nobility and beauty, instead of the fanatical cries of hatred," he said.

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### **Saudi Arabia downs Scud missile fired from Yemen as it targets Shiite rebels, allies**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia said it shot down a Scud missile fired by Yemen's Shiite rebels and their allies early Saturday at a Saudi city that is home to a large air base, marking a major escalation in the monthslong war.

Two missiles launched from a Patriot missile battery shot down the Scud around 2:45 a.m. Saturday (2345 GMT, 7:45 p.m. EDT Friday) around the southwestern city of Khamis Mushait, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The agency did not report any casualties in the attack, the first use of a Cold War-era Scud by the rebels since Saudi-led airstrikes began in March.

Khamis Mushait is home to the King Khalid Air Base, the largest such facility in that part of the country. Saudis on social media reported hearing air raid sirens go off around the city during the attack.

The agency blamed Iranian-backed Shiite rebels known as Houthis and their allies in forces loyal to former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

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## **As fresh allegations emerge, former colleagues recall pick of 'clean guy' Hastert for speaker**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dennis Hastert's former House colleagues say the emergence of sexual abuse allegations against him has been jarring, at odds with a reason they anointed him speaker in the late 1990s — his squeaky-clean reputation.

Former Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., a top GOP vote-counter when Hastert rose from obscurity during a chaotic December 1998, said Friday that Republicans turned to him partly because "there wasn't any inkling of anything" hidden in his past.

"We've got to do something quick," Kingston recalled top Republicans saying as they frantically sought a new leader after an election setback and the impeachment of President Bill Clinton following his affair with Monica Lewinsky. "We can't have division. We have to have somebody who can stand the scrutiny and move on."

Another Hastert contemporary, former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., agreed there were no hints of problems for the Illinois Republican. He said during the frenzy of Clinton's impeachment and the GOP scramble to replace Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., they did no research to make sure Hastert wasn't hiding anything.

In a situation like that, "there's no time for internal vetting," said Davis, who was part of the GOP leadership. "In the way he conducted his office, he never got close to the line ethically on anything."

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## **A year after el-Sissi took office, heavy-handed security, jingoism muffles dissent in Egypt**

CAIRO (AP) — The words of the pro-government TV talk show host left no room for debate. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi is synonymous with Egypt, he lectured his audience, and Egyptians are either on his side or are enemies of the nation.

"Whoever has a problem living in this country should grab his passport and leave," said the TV host, Tamer Amin, telling viewers no one should complain about price hikes, power outages or other problems.

A year after the general-turned-politician took office in a landslide election win, el-Sissi largely has silenced political opposition and is trying to run the country as a one-man show, a far cry from the democracy millions dreamed of when they toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak in a stunning 2011 uprising.

A nation of some 90 million people, Egypt has had no parliament since 2012, political parties are quiescent and elections for a new legislature have been repeatedly delayed — meaning there's little concrete debate on policy. Laws simply are issued by the presidency.

Police and powerful security agencies act with near impunity against opponents or those trying to engage in unwelcome political activity. Rights activists report a return of torture, abuses and arbitrary arrests surpassing even the 29-year Mubarak era. A strict law against protests in place since late 2013 effectively silenced street demonstrations.

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## **Senior travel booms in growing China, with Yangtze River among the most popular spots**

BEIJING (AP) — When Li Caohua retired in her late 50s, the doctor immediately joined millions of other Chinese seniors and hit the road to see more of her giant country.

At the top of her destination list was tropical Hainan island in the south and the ancient villages around

her home city of Beijing. Then there was the most grandiose of China's landscapes — the mythic brown waters of the Yangtze River and its mist-enveloped Three Gorges.

Over the decades, Li survived such horrors of 20th century Chinese history as the man-made famines that killed more than 30 million people in the late 1950s and the political anarchy of the Cultural Revolution that followed. Now, as she and hundreds of other seniors danced, played cards and chatted Thursday in the winding walkways of Beijing's Temple of Heaven, Li said it was her time to play.

"We are fortunate in China that we can travel, and I've seen so much," the 60-year-old woman said. "We're all traveling now to a lot of places."

Travel agencies and packages catering to elderly Chinese say business is booming, amid overall growth in the country's travel industry. The number of senior tourists in China jumped by 58 percent last year compared to 2013, according to the state-run China Daily newspaper, and 62 percent of Chinese senior citizens join organized tours.

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## **9 bodies of climbers found on Malaysia's highest peak, raising quake toll to 11; 8 missing**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Rescuers on Saturday recovered the bodies of nine more climbers from Malaysia's highest peak a day after it was struck by a strong earthquake, bringing the total number of dead to 11.

Eight more people are missing on 4,095-meter (13,435-foot) -high Mount Kinabalu in eastern Sabah state on Borneo, where a magnitude-5.9 earthquake on Friday sent rocks and boulders raining down the trekking routes, trapping dozens of climbers.

"This is a very sad day for Kinabalu," said Sabah tourism minister Masidi Manjun.

He said the rescue team would try to airlift the bodies down from the mountain but may be hampered by bad weather.

Most of the other climbers made it down the mountain in the darkness early Saturday, some with broken limbs and one in a coma. Among the dead retrieved Friday evening was a 30-year-old local guide and a 12-year-old Singaporean student, said district police official Farhan Lee Abdullah.

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## **Jill and Jessa Duggar say they were unaware of preteen fondling until older brother confessed**

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of reality TV's Duggar sisters who were fondled by their older brother when they were kids say they weren't even aware it had happened until he confessed and their parents told them about it.

Jill and Jessa Duggar, part of the Arkansas family featured in TLC's "19 Kids and Counting," were among four sisters Josh Duggar touched inappropriately a dozen years ago, when he was a teenager. They talked about it with Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly in an interview that aired Friday.

Jessa Duggar said her brother was "a young boy in puberty" who was "a little too curious about girls."

After the fondling, the sisters said, their parents restricted the children from playing games like hide and seek and placed locks on bedrooms where the girls and boys slept separately. Jill Duggar said she was 12 when the abuse occurred, and Jessa Duggar said she was 9 or 10. Both women are now married.

Jessa Duggar said that she wanted to defend her brother against people who call him a child molester, pedophile or rapist. She said people can get angry at her for saying this is overboard, "but I can say this because I was one of the victims."

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## **Police: Life-threatening injuries to fan bloodied by broken bat that flew into Fenway stands**

BOSTON (AP) — A fan whose head was bloodied by a broken bat that flew into the stands at Fenway Park was in the hospital with life-threatening injuries, police said.

The game between the Oakland Athletics and Boston Red Sox was halted in the middle of the second inning Friday as emergency crews tended to the woman and wheeled her off the field on a stretcher.

Oakland's Brett Lawrie broke his bat on a groundout to second base for the second out of the inning and part of it hurtled into the stands. Boston police spokesman David Estrada confirmed the woman was seriously injured. Her name was not immediately released and more details on her condition were not available.

Alex Merlis, of Brookline, Massachusetts, said he was sitting in the row behind the woman when the broken bat flew into the seats just a few rows from the field between home plate and the third base dugout.

"It was violent," he said of the impact to her forehead and top of her head. "She bled a lot. A lot. I don't think I've ever seen anything like that."

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## **Things to know for American Pharoah's Triple Crown try in Belmont Stakes**

NEW YORK (AP) — The Triple Crown trail ends with the Belmont Stakes, and it's finished in heartbreak for 13 horses whose Triple tries were foiled since 1979.

That year Spectacular Bid stepped on a safety pin in his barn and came up short in the Belmont. Big Brown didn't finish the grueling race in 2008; and I'll Have Another was scratched the day before with a leg injury in 2012.

Not since Affirmed in 1978 has a horse swept the Triple Crown, one of the sporting world's rarest feats.

American Pharoah began his bid with a one-length victory in the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby on May 2. He followed it up with a seven-length win in the rain-drenched 1 3/16-mile Preakness on May 16.

He'll try to become the 12th Triple Crown winner, joining such revered horses as Whirlaway, Count Fleet, Citation and Secretariat, when he runs in the Belmont on Saturday.

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## **Not so green: Japan climate change strategy at G-7 summit still favors coal, nuclear**

TOKYO (AP) — Japan may find itself the odd man out when Prime Minister Shinzo Abe presents his government's blueprint for combating climate change at this weekend's summit of the world's leading industrialized democracies.

The Group of Seven host, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, has indicated she supports a pledge of eventual zero carbon emissions. Japan favors coal, gas and nuclear power over green energy despite rapid growth of investment in renewables since all its nuclear reactors were taken offline following the 2011 disaster in Fukushima.

Curbing global warming will be among many items on the agenda when G-7 leaders meet Sunday and Monday at Schloss Elmau, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Munich.

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Japan is the world's No. 3 economy and its fifth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. Abe plans to explain to fellow leaders its target of a 26 percent reduction from 2013 levels of carbon emissions by 2030.

That compares with an intended 26-28 percent cut by 2025 from 2005 levels for the U.S., and the European Union's target of a 40 percent reduction from 1990 levels, or 35 percent from 2005.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, June 6, the 157th day of 2015. There are 208 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, during World War II, the liberation of German-occupied western Europe began as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day."

#### On this date:

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1939, the first Little League game was played as Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dairy 23-8 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1955, the U.S. Post Office introduced regular certified mail service.

In 1965, the Rolling Stones single "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was released in the United States by London Records, the same day Herman's Hermits performed their latest hit, "I'm Henry VIII, I Am" on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on CBS-TV.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1984, government forces in India stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar in an effort to crush Sikh extremists; at least 1,000 Sikhs and 200 soldiers were killed.

In 1985, authorities in Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton joined leaders from America's World War II allies to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. A China Northwest Airlines passenger jet crashed near Xian (SHEE'-ahn), killing all 160 people on board.

**Ten years ago:** The Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that people who smoked marijuana because their doctors recommended it to ease pain could be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws. A judge upheld Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's victory - by 129 votes - in Washington state's 2004 election. Actor Russell Crowe was arrested for throwing a phone that hit a hotel employee in New York City; he later pleaded guilty to third-degree assault. Death claimed actress Anne Bancroft at age 73 and actor Dana Elcar at age 77.

**Five years ago:** The Vatican released a working paper which said the international community was ignoring the plight of Christians in the Middle East, and that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the war in Iraq and political instability in Lebanon had forced thousands to flee the region. Rafael Nadal won his

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fifth French Open title, beating Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

**One year ago:** Men who'd stormed Normandy's shore 70 years earlier joined world leaders in paying tribute to the 150,000 Allied troops who risked and lost their lives in the D-Day landings. Eric Hill, 86, whose effort to entertain his young son with a simple drawing of a mischievous dog named "Spot" blossomed into a popular series of children's books that sold 60 million copies, died in Templeton, California.

**Today's Birthdays:** Financier Kirk Kerkorian is 98. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 81. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 76. Country singer Joe Stampley is 72. Jazz musician Monty Alexander is 71. Actor Robert Englund is 68. Folk singer Holly Near is 66. Singer Dwight Twilley is 64. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein (FY'-ur-steen) is 63. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 60. International Tennis Hall of Famer Bjorn Borg is 59. Actress Amanda Pays is 56. Comedian Colin Quinn is 56. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 56. Rock musician Steve Vai is 55. Rock singer-musician Tom Araya (Slayer) is 54. Actor Jason Isaacs is 52. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 49. Actor Max Casella is 48. Actor Paul Giamatti is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 47. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 46. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 45. TV correspondent Natalie Morales is 43. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 42. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 41. Actress Sonya Walger is 41. Actress Staci Keanan is 40. Actress Amber Borycki is 32. Actress Aubrey Anderson-Emmons is eight.

**Thought for Today:** "As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being." - Carl Jung (1875-1961).