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Birthdays: Lacy Voss, Kayla Johnson, Andrew Marzahn

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

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

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potato and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

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.

Voss Thank You

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with all the cards and kind messages. Gary & Anita Voss

Hoops Reunion

The John and Mary Hoops family reunion will be Heldon June 28th at the Groton Community Center. The pot-luck dinner is at 12:30, with chicken and drinks being provided.

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Gustafson Rewarded With Free Fuel From Cenex

Tanks of Thanks® program honors a local resident for making a difference in the community

Joe Gustafson of Claremont, S.D., has received a special thank you for paying it forward in his community. Gustafson was selected to receive free fuel from Tanks of Thanks®, a program that rewards people who go the extra mile for others.

Recently, Gustafson received a \$50 Tanks of Thanks gift card, which is redeemable at any Cenex® location, for providing transportation for children in the community.

The Tanks of Thanks program from CHS and Cenex retailers encourages people to nominate neighbors, family and friends for free fuel as a way to thank them for doing good deeds < both large and small. Each month, more than \$5,000 in free fuel is given away through the Tanks of Thanks program.

"Tanks of Thanks does more than give away free fuel. It motivates people to continue doing good things for their communities," explains Akhtar Hussain, CHS refined fuels brand marketing manager. "Our Cenex retailers are proud of the communities they serve and the people who make those communities so special."

According to Hussain, nominating someone for Tanks of Thanks is easy, and anyone can nominate or be nominated for any act of kindness. "Congratulations to Joe Gustafson, and thank you for your contributions to the community," he says.

To make a nomination, visit TanksofThanks.com and briefly describe why someone deserves a Tank of Thanks.

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Howard on LATI President's List

WATERTOWN, SD... Michael Cartney, Lake Area Technical Institute President, announces the current President's List. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Layne Howard, Groton, was named to the list.



Bahr Anniversary-Brithdays

Donna and Alvin Bahr are celebrating their 45th Wedding anniversary and Alvin is also turning 80 all in June. Cards can be sent to them at 40814 165th Street, Turton, SD 57477
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Today in Weather History

June 8, 2004: Over eight inches of rain fell near Okreek in rural Todd County causing nearly \$200,000 in damage to local roads. Lightning destroyed the Okreek Community Center.

2001: Tropical Storm Allison hits Houston, Texas, for the second time in three days. Louisiana and southern Texas were inundated with rain. Baton Rouge received 18 inches over just a couple of days. Some portions of Texas racked up 36 inches by June 11.

1953 - The worst tornado of record for the state of Michigan killed 116 persons. Flint MI was hardest hit. The tornado, half a mile in width, destroyed 200 homes on Coldwater Road killing entire families. (The Weather Channel)

1966 - A tornado ripped right through the heart of the capitol city of Topeka KS killing sixteen persons and causing 100 million dollars damage. The tornado, which struck during the evening, cut a swath of near total destruction eight miles long and four blocks wide. It was the most destructive tornado of record up until that time. (David Ludlum)

1974 - Severe thunderstorms spawned at least twenty-three tornadoes in Oklahoma during the afternoon and evening hours. One of the tornadoes struck the town Drumright killing sixteen persons and injuring 150 others. A tornado struck the National Weather Service office in Oklahoma City, and two tornadoes hit the city of Tulsa. Thunderstorms in Tulsa also produced as much as ten inches of rain. Total damage from the storms was around thirty million dollars. It was the worst natural disaster of record for Tulsa. (Storm Data)






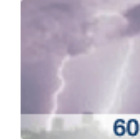

1987 - Thunderstorms in the northeastern U.S. produced large hail and damaging winds in Vermont injuring two persons. Thunderstorms in Ohio produced wind gusts to 75 mph near Akron, and deluged Pittsfield with two inches of rain in thirty minutes. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Overnight thunderstorms in Iowa produced 5.20 inches of rain at Coon Rapids. Thunderstorms in the Florida Keys drenched Tavernier with 7.16 inches of rain in 24 hours. Eleven cities in the central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather over the Central Gulf Coast Region during the day and evening. Severe thunderstorms spawned 17 tornadoes, including one which injured ten persons and caused a million dollars damage at Orange Beach, AL. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 90 mph killed three persons and injured four others at Mobile AL. Thunderstorms also deluged Walnut Hill and Avalon Beach, FL, with eight inches of rain. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Slight Chc Thunderstorms 20%	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Thunderstorms Likely 60%	Thunderstorms Likely 60%
High: 88 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 95 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 70 °F



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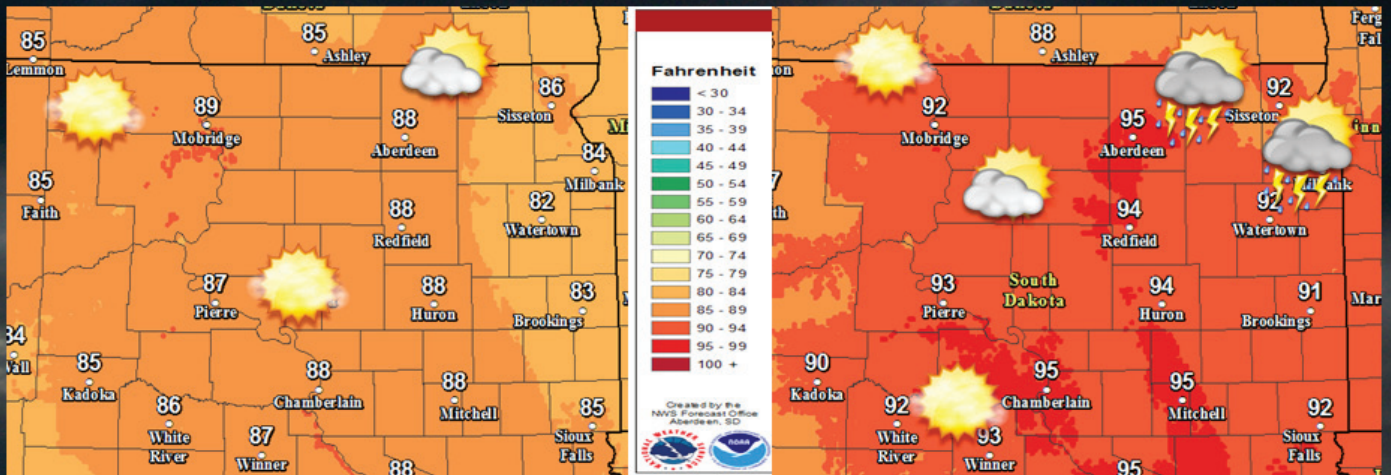
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Highs Monday

Highs Tuesday



Isolated Afternoon Storms

Published on: 06/08/2015 at 5:03AM

We will start the work week off with a taste of summer across the Dakotas. Temperatures could peak in the mid 90s for Tuesday before cooler air moves back into the region.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.1 at 5:10 PM

Low: 55.5 at 6:14 AM

High Gust: 25 atm 6:49 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 98° in 2000

Record Low: 32° in 1938

Average High: 75°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in June: 0.93

Precip to date in June: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 8.07

Precip Year to Date: 5.72

Sunset Tonight: 9:20 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 08, 2015, issued 4:42 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FROM TRIALS TO TRIUMPH

What do you do when you have a difficult time pleasing someone?

George Crum was the chef at a famous country club in Saratoga Springs, New York. One evening there was a guest who ordered fried potatoes to go with his meal. When his order of fries was served, he asked the waiter to return it to the kitchen saying they were too thick. This happened several times. Crum became frustrated. But he did not give up.

Challenged, he took his sharpest knife, sliced some potatoes wafer thin, deep fried them in boiling oil, sprinkled salt on them and had the waiter take them to the guest. The guest sampled them, smiled and decided to pass them around the table to his friends. Everyone enjoyed them and ordered more. The "potato chip" was born that evening and has become one of our favorite snacks.

There are times in all of our lives when people irritate us or bother us. It seems like nothing we do will ever please them or meet the standards they have set for us. No matter what we do or how hard we try, it is not going to be good enough. So, the temptation is there to give up or quit. Paul said, "God causes all things to work together for our good." This includes the most painful problems and difficult demands of life. In all things we must trust Him, do our best and leave the results to Him. He knows what is best for our lives.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for giving us problems to solve and challenges to meet, so we can grow strong. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

News from the Associated Press

Crash kills Presentation basketball player, assistant coach

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Presentation College in South Dakota is mourning the death of a basketball player and a graduate assistant coach.

The school issued a statement saying player Cameron Isreal and assistant coach and former player Terry Strong died Friday in a vehicle crash near Valentine, Nebraska.

Cherry County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Kreycik tells the American News that the vehicle the two were in crossed the center line on U.S. Highway 83 and collided head-on with another vehicle.

The 23-year-old Isreal was from Chandler, Arizona. The 26-year-old Strong was from the Los Angeles area.

Presentation President Margaret Huber says in a statement that the college is "devastated by their passing."

Domestic dispute ends with husband shooting up wife's laptop

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a domestic dispute led to a man taking his wife's laptop into the backyard and shooting it several times with a handgun.

Authorities say the wife allegedly assaulted the husband Sunday afternoon, and the husband retaliated by destroying her computer.

The wife was arrested on an assault charge and the husband on a charge of recklessly firing a gun. Police say no one was hurt by the gunshots, but they led to numerous people calling 911.

Hill City-area highways reopen after flash flooding

HILL CITY, S.D. (AP) — State transportation officials have reopened two highways in the Hill City area that were closed due to flash flooding following heavy rain in western South Dakota.

U.S. Highway 16/385 and state Highway 87 were closed Saturday and reopened Sunday.

Officials say water in the area remains high and motorists should still use caution. Authorities say a car can be swept away by flowing water only a foot or two deep.

Blurry lines between bikers, police clubs draw concern

RIK STEVENS, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Police officers and outlaw biker gangs often stand on common ground. Both attract the young and adventurous who value order, discipline and brotherhood. And on weekends tens of thousands of cops routinely trade their cruisers and badges for choppers and club colors.

The bond doesn't mean a free pass for criminal motorcycle gangs, but even some within law enforcement worry that too many officers believe bikers are just misunderstood Robin Hoods. And empathy from officers who emulate or even aspire to the outlaw life can put police or the public at risk, gang experts warn.

"They're supposed to be putting them in jail, not schmoozing with them, not socializing with them," said Charlie Fuller, a retired special agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "That's a no-brainer to me. You have a huge security issue for the whole department. Here's a cop that's hanging with them socially. What's he telling them? What are they asking him?"

The relationship between police and criminal biker gangs — dubbed Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs or 1

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percenters because they are said to represent the fraction of motorcycle enthusiasts who operate outside the law — came into focus following the May 17 shootout involving rival gang members, including a retired San Antonio police officer, that left nine people dead in Waco, Texas.

Police on hand at the meeting fired at least some of the shots once violence erupted, but a photo showing some of the dozens the arrested bikers sitting calmly on curbs using cellphones under seemingly nonchalant police guard earned the ire of critics. Some wondered if police went easy on the bikers.

A 2014 ATF report said biker gangs count working police officers, firefighters and 911 workers as members. The report details a California Highway Patrol dispatcher listening to the scanner and tipping off her husband, a Hells Angel prospect, that the police were headed to a fight he was involved in. The husband took off before the cops arrived. In another instance, the dispatcher ran a license plate for undercover agents working on a weapons sting against her husband.

In New York City, Detective Wojciech Braszczok is on trial, charged with joining a mass of angry motorcyclists — though not a gang — who assaulted an SUV driver during a wild highway chase in 2013. Braszczok said he didn't intervene because he thought it could compromise his unrelated undercover work.

The gulf between outlaw biker gang and motorcycle club is vast, and the great majority of the law enforcement or veterans clubs perform community services year round, like delivering toys at Christmas or the Patriot Guard Riders, who provide a rumbling motorcade — and a buffer against protesters — at the funerals of fallen soldiers.

Still, Laconia police Chief Chris Adams, whose New Hampshire town will attract hundreds of thousands of bikers to its annual Motorcycle Week starting on June 13, said he has seen some officers instantly transform when they're wearing club colors instead of their uniform.

"Some of them won't look at you or talk to you," Adams said. He called the fuzzy lines between police and bikers a "valid concern."

Adams said his department maintains a "working relationship" with the region's dominant motorcycle gang, the Hells Angels, to address problems big and small.

"I think it can be helpful," Adams said. "It can be as trivial as a parking problem. Rather than towing 50 bikes, 'Hey, can you get these bikes out of here?'"

Look around during Laconia's Bike Week — or at any of the other big rallies like in Sturgis, South Dakota, or Daytona, Florida — and you will see the colors of law-abiding motorcycle clubs made up of police, firefighters and veterans.

The Blue Knights, among the most recognized law enforcement clubs, has almost 20,000 members in 640 chapters in 26 countries, but there are others sprinkled all over the country. The Blue Knights International, based in Bangor, Maine, did not return a call and email seeking comment.

Steve Cook, who leads the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, says some of the legit clubs go to "totally embarrassing" lengths to ingratiate themselves to criminal gangs.

"They're going to a 1-percent gang and asking permission to start their club up," he said. "You've got to pick a side. You're either a cop or a biker."

But the very existence of law enforcement clubs can stoke violence, Fuller said.

In 2008, Seattle police Officer Ronald Smith was charged with felonies after shooting a Hells Angels member during a bar fight. Smith belonged to the Iron Pigs motorcycle club, made up of police and firefighters. The charges were later dropped.

And in 2012, two officers who belonged to a law enforcement motorcycle club were involved in a bar fight with bikers in Prescott, Arizona.

"They want to be like them, but not them," Fuller said of the law enforcement clubs. "It agitates the

real 1-percenters that cops want to come and imitate them at all.”

Jay Dobyns, a former undercover agent who infiltrated the Hells Angels for the ATF, worries that chumminess between biker gangs and the more benign law enforcement motorcycle clubs can lead to a perception that cops will go easy on the outlaws.

When Dobyns was undercover, he said, cops from motorcycle clubs would try to cozy up to the outlaw bikers.

“I’m talking about the clean-cut law enforcement officers who wear a uniform and ride around in marked cruisers every day; then Saturday comes around and they put on a black bandanna and black T-shirt and scowl at everybody,” he said.

The gang members were having none of it.

“We’re never going to be friends,” was how “true believers” in the bike gang reacted to such interlopers, Dobyns said. “Some of these cop clubs don’t get that.”

Untouched cave to provide clues to Black Hills history

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Park Service is beginning to excavate the mouth of an unexplored cave in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and researchers believe it could help broaden our understanding of how the region’s climate has changed over thousands of years.

A park service worker found Persistence Cave in 2004 on the grounds of Wind Cave National Park, in western South Dakota, but the agency kept it quiet, partly to prevent amateur spelunkers from trying to explore well-preserved site.

On Monday, a team of scientists led by East Tennessee State University professor Jim Mead will begin unearthing the entrance of the cave, hauling out bags of sediment and animal bones to be carefully analyzed. They have already found bones dating back nearly 11,000 years and the remains of at least three species that hadn’t been found in the region before — the pika, pine marten and platygonus, an extinct relative of the modern-day peccary.

While it’s always exciting to find an extinct species that once roamed the region, Mead said it’s even more ecologically important to him to discover that an existing animal like the pika once lived there. The rodent-like mammal can still be found in cold, mountainous climates of North America, suggesting the environment of the Black Hills was once quite different, he said.

“What has changed to push it into Wyoming but not be in the Black Hills?”

The researchers will be studying the newfound fossils alongside those found at the famous Mammoth Site — a well-preserved graveyard of the prehistoric beasts — that was discovered in nearby Hot Springs in the 1970s. They’ll use their findings to map how the region’s climate has changed — the mammoths are believed to have died approximately 26,000 years ago, while the oldest bones found at the mouth of Persistence Cave only date back about 11,000.

“In reconstructing the past environments of the Black Hills, it’s nice to have a number of different points,” Mead said. “What we’re trying to do, centered through the Mammoth site, is to understand essentially the Ice Age environmental change through time.”

Because they want to protect the cave and its contents, the park service won’t publicly disclose the exact location of Persistence Cave yet, saying only that the entrance is about one-third of a mile from the known edge of Wind Cave’s tunnel system.

The research being conducted by Mead and his team accounts for only half of Persistence Cave’s newfound potential.

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Once much of the sediment is removed from the cave's entrance, park service staffers and a team of spelunkers from South Dakota and Colorado will begin to try and explore further. Officials believe it could be very large because of the direction and speed of the wind that blows from its only known entrance.

"Something with this kind of potential and blowing this strong, we haven't found anything like that before (in the park)," said Rod Horrocks, a Wind Cave National Park scientist whose assistant discovered Persistence Cave.

Horrocks believes Persistence could connect to its famous neighbor, Wind Cave, through a passage that's inaccessible by humans or is filled with sediment, which might explain why nobody discovered it while exploring Wind Cave over the last century.

If the caves are connected, the park service could install an environmental gate that would allow cavers to travel between the caves but keep them closed off most of the time to preserve their natural conditions, Horrocks said.

For now, Mead and his team will begin hauling bags and bags of sediment out of the entrance to Persistence — which can currently only accommodate about two people — and sifting through thousands of bones in hopes of stitching together the region's natural history.

"(The cave is) just a warehouse of information," he said. "I'd be surprised if we don't have at least 100,000 bones by the time we're done this summer."

2 SD men get 15 years in prison for assault in Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Two South Dakota men convicted of assaulting another man on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation have been sentenced in federal court.

Chief U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken has sentenced 28-year-old Wesley Running Shield and 33-year-old Michael Alford to 15 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

A jury in February found each Pine Ridge man guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Federal authorities say Running Shield and Alford assaulted the man a year ago on Pine Ridge. Authorities say the men used the metal bar to break the victim's leg and hand and also caused a large laceration on his head.

Alford's attorney didn't immediately return a call seeking comment on the sentence. Running Shield's attorney declined to comment.

Milbank next up for SD Gov. Daugaard's Capital for a Day

MILBANK, S.D. (AP) — Milbank is the next South Dakota city set to step in for Pierre in the governor's Capital for a Day program.

Activities in the northeaster South Dakota community on Thursday will include a main street walk, tours around town, a roundtable meeting and coffee time with Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Residents are encouraged to attend a 9 a.m. ceremony at the Sculpture Garden where they'll get a chance to talk one-on-one with Daugaard.

First lady Linda Daugaard will accompany the governor during the activities. She will also read books to children at 11 a.m. at the Grant County Public Library.

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Children's museum reaches milestone, welcomes 500,00th guest

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The Children's Museum of South Dakota has reached a milestone by welcoming its 500,000th guest.

Visitors from all 50 states and countries around the world have walked around the museum since it opened in September 2010 in Brookings.

The Olseth-Sterling family of Lennox became the facility's 500,000th guest. The honor has earned the family a private party with behind-the-scenes access for up to 20 of their friends and relatives. The family will also help turn on exhibits and will receive a "reciprocal family membership" valid at about 200 museums nationwide.

Cathy Olseth says the family almost didn't make the trip to Brookings because it was supposed to rain during their visit, but decided to go anyway. She says the family will soon return to the museum for their party.

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. WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA AT G-7

Iraq's premier and the presidents of Nigeria and Tunisia will detail their struggles in the fight against terror. Global trade, climate change and hunger will also be discussed.

2. WHO IS POSING A NEW THREAT IN GAZA

Hamas rulers find themselves confronting jihadi militants who support the Islamic State group and appear intent on renewing the conflict with Israel.

3. PRISON BREAK Baffles INVESTIGATORS

Two convicted murderers who escaped from an upstate New York prison by using power tools remain on the loose.

4. PHOTOJOURNALIST RETURNS TO SCENE OF ICONIC IMAGE

AP photographer Nick Ut returns to the same place in Vietnam where 43 years earlier he captured the iconic war image of a naked Vietnamese girl screaming and running after a napalm attack.

5. ERDOGAN'S PARTY MAY STRUGGLE TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

Turkey's ruling party is left with few options after it was stripped of its parliamentary majority and opposition parties ruled out a coalition.

6. TEXAS OFFICER ON LEAVE AFTER VIDEO

A suburban Dallas police officer was filmed pushing a 14-year-old girl in a swimsuit to the ground outside a pool and pointing his gun at other teens.

7. STADIUM HIP-HOP SHOW TURNS CHAOTIC

State troopers in New Jersey have bottles thrown at them by angry fans trying to gain entry to the concert and they respond by using tear gas at MetLife Stadium.

8. SIXTH PERSON DIES OF MERS IN SOUTH KOREA

Authorities are bolstering measures to stem the spread of the virus that has also left dozens of people infected.

9. 'FUN HOME' WINS BEST MUSICAL TONY

The poignant show about growing up with a closeted dad in a funeral home beat out the lush "An American in Paris," the silly "Something Rotten!" and the chilly "The Visit."

10. 'CHOSEN ONE' HELPS TIE NBA FINALS

LeBron James registers a triple-double and the Cavaliers overcome a fourth-quarter collapse to outlast the Warriors 95-93 in overtime to tie the series at a game apiece.

AP News in Brief

Obama huddles on G-7 sidelines over pressing Mideast problems, pushes Russia sanctions

ELMAU, Germany (AP) — President Barack Obama was huddling with allies Monday on the sidelines of an international summit to address pressing Mideast problems while trying to convince European leaders not to waver on sanctions against Russia in the face of fresh violence in Ukraine.

Obama came to the final day of the Group of Seven summit under the strain of an intimidating list of global pressures and little signs of movement to address them among the world's largest industrial democracies. Climate change and terrorism topped the official agenda, but leaders also grappled with Russia's aggressive moves on Ukraine, an upcoming nuclear deadline with Iran, tenuous trade pact politics and an impasse over Greece's international bailout.

Obama met privately with French President Francois Hollande, a sometimes skeptical partner in the talks with Iran over its nuclear weapons program. Obama also planned to consult with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi as he struggles against an increasing threat from Islamic State militants. Abadi has called for more help from the U.S. and its partners to confront the militants. He also was scheduled to address G-7 leaders during a closed session focused on terrorism.

Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said the president wants to look for "more efficient ways that we can offer assistance to Iraqi security forces" and he expects that will be part of the discussion among the G-7, which also includes Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan.

Meeting on Sunday with British Prime Minister David Cameron, Obama said he wanted to address the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and "assess what's working, what's not, and how we can continue to make progress there in dismantling the infrastructure that ISIL has built."

THE LATEST: Iraqi, African leaders join G-7 summit for discussion on terrorism, diseases

ELMAU, Germany (AP) — 11:50 a.m. (0950 GMT; 5:50 a.m. EDT)

The G-7 has opened its exclusive circle to meet with the leaders of Iraq and several African nations, along with the heads of various international organizations.

Key topics of discussion include the threat from terrorism and deadly diseases.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Arabi will brief leaders Monday on his country's fight against the Islamic State group, while African countries will talk about their efforts to stop the spread of Ebola.

The so-called "outreach" format also ensures that developing countries' views are heard on global issues such as plans to rein in global warming.

Authorities probing how inmates pulled off 'Shawshank Redemption'-style escape in NY

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — Two murderers who escaped from a prison by cutting through steel walls and pipes remain on the loose as authorities investigate how the inmates obtained the power tools used in the "Shawshank Redemption"-style breakout.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the escape over the weekend was a "sophisticated plan" and announced a

\$100,000 reward for information leading to men's capture.

David Sweat, 34, was serving a sentence of life without parole for the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy. Richard Matt, 48, had been sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping, killing and dismembering his former boss in 1997.

"These are killers. They are murderers," the governor said. "There's never been a question about the crimes they committed. They are now on the loose, and our first order of business is apprehending them."

Officials gave no details on how the men managed to avoid detection while cutting their way out. "They had to be heard," Cuomo told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Despite win, Erdogan's ruling party looks set to struggle to form new government

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's ruling party was left Monday with few options to form a new government, after it was stripped of its parliamentary majority and opposition parties ruled out joining it in a coalition pact.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's AKP party won about 41 percent of the votes in Sunday's election and was projected to take 258 seats — 18 below the minimum required to rule alone.

The result was a stunning rebuke to Erdogan's ambitions to expand his powers in a new presidential system.

Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu was scheduled to convene his cabinet and party executives Monday to discuss the party's options as its 13-year single party rule came to an end.

The result also puts Erdogan's hopes of passing constitutional changes that would have boosted his powers on hold. He is likely to see his pre-eminent position in Turkish politics erode without the ability to steer the government through his party.

In Gaza, nervous Hamas forces take on a new home-grown jihadi threat from IS loyalists

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Still recovering from a devastating war with Israel last summer, Gaza's Hamas rulers now find themselves confronting a new internal threat: jihadi militants who support the Islamic State group and appear intent on provoking Israel in order to pressure and embarrass Hamas.

While these Salafi groups are not strong enough to threaten Hamas, they are making life increasingly difficult for the ruling Islamic militant group. Hamas accuses them of being behind a series of mysterious explosions aimed at Hamas security posts, as well as recent rocket launches that have drawn Israeli reprisals and threats of tougher military action. A Hamas crackdown on the Salafists killed a wanted fugitive during an arrest raid last week, appearing to erase any hopes of reconciliation in the near term.

The fugitive, Younis al-Hunnor, had been wanted for months, and his death has prompted angry calls for revenge.

"Hamas are infidels," says a spray-painted message written on the stairway of al-Hunnor's apartment building in southern Gaza. "No condolences before revenge," said another message.

On a recent day, blood stains were still visible outside the apartment, and al-Hunnor's mother, Basma, fully covered in a black gown and veil, pointed to several bullets holes at the entrance. "They killed him here. They executed him," she said.

Texas officer on leave after video shows him pushing teen to ground, pointing gun at others

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A suburban Dallas police officer has been placed on administrative leave after a video showed him pushing a 14-year-old girl in a swimsuit to the ground outside a pool and pointing his gun at other teens.

McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley said at a news conference Sunday that the incident began when officers responded Friday to a report of a disturbance involving a group of juveniles at a neighborhood pool.

The police department said in an earlier statement that the young people did not live in the area or have permission to be there.

When officers arrived, residents and private security pointed out the juveniles, who were "creating the disturbance, fighting and refusing to leave," Conley said.

As officers dispersed the crowd, the 14-year-old girl was "temporarily detained" by an officer, said Conley, who did not describe what led to her detainment.

Police shoot tear gas to disperse crowd outside New Jersey concert; bottles thrown at troopers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey State Police blocking gates outside of a major hip-hop concert at MetLife Stadium had bottles thrown at them by angry people in the crowd who were trying to get inside — some without tickets — and they later used tear gas to try to disperse them, according to officials.

Crowds at the Hot 97 Summer Jam concert became upset Sunday night when the gates were closed and blocked off by police in riot gear. An armored state police vehicle began blasting a piercing loud noise to try to disperse the crowd and police later deployed tear gas.

Additional troops were sent for "crowd control" and arrests were made, a police spokesman, Sgt. Gregory Williams, told The Associated Press. State police didn't release details about what measures they used to disperse the crowd. The number of arrests wasn't immediately known.

The disturbance began when crowds of people tried to "illegally" force their way into the sold out event by climbing over fences and forcing their way through security, state police said in a statement Sunday night. Police said they insisted that everyone outside of the gate leave the stadium complex to avoid congestion when the concert ended.

Videos and photos posted by people outside of the stadium on social media showed fights between concertgoers and police in riot gear blocking the entrance. Images also showed police using large military-style vehicles to try to disperse the crowds.

Report: Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, detained in Iran, back in court for hearing

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The detained Washington Post correspondent Jason Rezaian was back in a Teheran court on Monday for the second closed-door hearing in his espionage trial, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

The session was expected to last until early in the afternoon in Iran, according to IRNA.

Rezaian, the Post's 39-year-old bureau chief, had his first closed-door hearing on May 26 in a Revolutionary Court on charges including espionage and propaganda against the Islamic Republic. U.S. officials, the Post and rights groups have criticized his trial.

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Rezaian, his wife, Yeganeh Salehi, and two photojournalists were detained on July 22 in Tehran. All were later released except Rezaian, who has been held over 300 days.

IRNA said two other people detained with Rezaian were also in court Monday. It did not elaborate or say who those two are, but Rezaian's defense lawyer, Leila Ahsan, has previously said Salehi and one of the two unnamed photojournalists also face trial.

Emotional 'Fun Home' victory, O'Hara's overdue triumph are among top moments at Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Neil Patrick Harris was just a presenter this time, but he sure looked glad to be back from the Oscars. And why wouldn't he be?

Even when uneven, the Tonys are the most reliably entertaining of the awards shows, and often the most warmhearted and uplifting, too. That was the case Sunday, as the intimate, poignant, lesbian coming-of-age story "Fun Home" took best musical over more conventional fare, and longtime stage sweetheart Kelli O'Hara finally won a trophy after six nominations, charming the crowd with a goofy mix of bliss and relief.

Here are 10 memorable moments, including some you didn't see on TV:

A YEAR FOR WOMEN:

An early award — best score — signaled it was going to be a good night for "Fun Home," but it was doubly important because composer Jeanine Tesori and playwright Lisa Kron are the first all-female team to win the award. "We stand on the shoulders of other women who came before us," Tesori said. Kron also won best book of a musical, and one of the night's two directing prizes went to Marianne Elliott for "The Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-time."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 8, the 159th day of 2015. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 8, 1915, U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned over what he viewed as President Woodrow Wilson's overly bellicose attitude toward Germany following the sinking of the RMS Lusitania.

On this date:

In A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

In 1845, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party's convention in Baltimore.

In 1912, the ballet "Daphnis et Chloe" was premiered by the Ballets Russes in Paris.

In 1948, the "Texaco Star Theater" made its debut on NBC-TV with Milton Berle guest-hosting the first program. (Berle was later named the show's permanent host.)

In 1953, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks. Eight tornadoes struck Michigan's Lower Peninsula, killing 126 people.

In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

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In 1972, during the Vietnam War, an Associated Press photographer captured the image of 9-year-old Phan Thi Kim Phuc (fahn thee kihm fook) as she ran naked and severely burned from the scene of a South Vietnamese napalm attack.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nevada, ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan became the first American chief executive to address a joint session of the British Parliament.

In 1987, Fawn Hall began testifying at the Iran-Contra hearings, describing how, as secretary to National Security aide Oliver L. North, she helped to shred some documents and spirit away others.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2. Mickey Mantle received a liver transplant at a Dallas hospital; however, the baseball great died two months later.

Ten years ago: The Senate confirmed California judge Janice Rogers Brown for the federal appeals court, ending a two-year battle. Former Boston Bruins star Cam Neely, the late Valeri Kharlamov and Murray Costello were named to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: In several high-profile Republican primaries, Meg Whitman won the nomination for California governor while Carly Fiorina got the nod to oppose three-term Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer; in Nevada, Sharron Angle won the right to oppose Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. (All three ended up losing their respective contests.) In South Carolina, political unknown Alvin Greene won the Democratic primary to challenge U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint (Greene lost in November).

One year ago: Gunmen stormed an airport terminal in Karachi, Pakistan, in an attack that left at least 29 people dead, including the assailants (the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility). A married couple shot and killed two Las Vegas police officers and an armed bystander who attempted to intervene; the couple then took their own lives. Pope Francis welcomed the Israeli and Palestinian presidents to the Vatican for a remarkable evening of peace prayers. Rafael Nadal won the French Open title for the ninth time, and the fifth time in a row, by beating Novak Djokovic 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4. "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" won the Tony Award for best musical; "All the Way" was crowned best play. Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez was crowned Miss USA.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Barbara Bush is 90. Actor-comedian Jerry Stiller is 88. Actress Millicent Martin is 81. Actor James Darren is 79. Actor Bernie Casey is 76. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 75. Singer Chuck Negron is 73. Musician Boz Scaggs is 71. Author Sara Paretsky is 68. Actress Sonia Braga is 65. Actress Kathy Baker is 65. Country musician Tony Rice is 64. Rock singer Bonnie Tyler is 64. Actor Griffin Dunne is 60. "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams is 58. Actor-director Keenen Ivory Wayans is 57. Singer Mick Hucknall (Simply Red) is 55. Musician Nick Rhodes (Duran Duran) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Doris Pearson (Five Star) is 49. Actress Julianna Margulies is 48. Actor Dan Futterman is 48. Actor David Sutcliffe is 46. Actor Kent Faulcon is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nicci Gilbert is 45. Actress Kelli Williams is 45. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is 45. Actor Mark Feuerstein is 44. Contemporary Christian musician Mike Scheuchzer (MercyMe) is 40. Actor Eion Bailey is 39. Tennis player Lindsay Davenport is 39. Rapper Kanye (KAHN'-yay) West is 38. TV personality/actress Maria Menounos is 37. Country singer/songwriter Sturgill Simpson is 37. Blues-rock musician Derek Trucks (The Derek Trucks Band) is 36. Rock singer Alex Band (The Calling) is 34. Folk-bluegrass singer-musician Sara Watkins (Nickel Creek) is 34. Tennis player Kim Clijsters is 32. Actress Torrey DeVitto is 31.

Thought for Today: "Don't talk about what you have done or what you are going to do." - President Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826).