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#### Friday, June 12

**Anniversaries:** Brad & Kay Ruden, Dale & Marge Washnok.

Birthday: Sandi Sippel.

**Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

#### Saturday, June 13

**Birthdays:** Roger Rix, Cheryl Krueger, Hunter Schaller, Andrew Wanner.

10:00 a.m. to Noon: Ogdahl bridal shower at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

#### Sunday, June 14

**Birthdays:** Danielle Schinkel, Roger Overacker, Todd Osterman, Brandon Keith, Nichole Tullis, Sandy McPartland, Betty Taylor.

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

# **Bridal Shower**

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

# **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.

# The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open** 

# CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.



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## On a mission

Jim Lane has been on a mission virtually every morning. He makes the trek from his Fourth Street home all the way across town to the baseball complex to do a few minutes of work. He has transplanted trees and has also been working on a drinking water fountain project.

This morning, he used a wagon to haul a few tools and a couple of buckets. He said that there are a few trees that need to be watered. He has also been taking care of the bushes on the northwest corner of the complex.

# One of Groton's finest homes looking for a new family



Over 7,000 sq. ft. of living area. 10'-12' Ceilings. Six bedrooms, five baths, two kitchens, living room, dining room, study room, two family rooms, theater room, finished and heated oversized three-stall garage, irrigation system. \$539,000



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There was a very good turnout for the 10th annual Groton Transit fundraiser held Thursday night. At times, all of the picnic tables were filled as hotdogs, brats, hamburgers, cake, fry bread, baked beans, chips and watermelon were served. We will have more photos from the event in Saturday's edition.

### **Mosquito Control last night**

It was a good night for mosquito control last night. Both Conde and Groton were sprayed for mosquitoes as a light easterly wind carried the mist across the yards.

# reeline Tree Service

Over 30 Years of Combined Experience! TJ Sperry: 380-7915 Tyler Sperry: 216-8431

**Stump Removal** 

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# Join us for $B4 \ Baby$

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

You'll also have the opportunity to:

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

# Monday, June 15 • 6:30 p.m.

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



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# **Today in Weather History**

June 12, 1924: A tornado moved southeast from the southwestern edge of Lake Kampeska, passing southwest of Watertown. Two barns were destroyed and 20 smaller farm buildings were heavily damaged. This tornado was estimated to have F2 strength.

June 12, 1983: Lightning struck and killed two cows near Miller in Hand County. Lightning also struck a home six miles north of Aberdeen, breaking a ceramic statue, and blow out light bulbs. Another home in Aberdeen was struck by lightning, rupturing a gas line and starting the house on fire. Also, heavy rains up to seven inches fall around the area. Some storm total rainfall amounts include; 2.00 inches at 2NW of Stephan; 2.40 inches in Miller; 3.03 at 4 miles west of Mellette; and 6.30 inches in Orient.

June 12, 1994: In Hand County, a thunderstorm caused an estimated 3 million dollars in crop damage. Hail, the largest being baseball size, was reported in drifts of three to four feet high. About 70 thousand acres of cropland and pastures were completely destroyed. Pheasants, ducks were killed by the hail and many cattle injured. Many windows were broken in homes, holes were punched in mobile homes, damaged occurred to contents of homes from hail which entered through windows, and many vehicles were extensively damaged.

June 12, 2013: A line of thunderstorms moving northeast across the region brought damaging wind gusts from 60 to 80 mph to parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Many branches along with several trees were downed. Some buildings were also damaged with a couple buildings destroyed. A cabin on the east shore of the Missouri River and north-northwest of Pierre was destroyed by an estimated eighty mph wind. A hundred foot by seventy-five foot storage building was flattened south of Doland in Spink County. Tractors and planters and other equipment in the building were damaged.

1915: An estimated F4 tornado moved northeast from northwest of Waterville, Iowa crossing the Mississippi River two miles south of Ferryville, Wisconsin. A man and his daughter were killed in one of three homes that were obliterated southwest of "Heytman", a small railroad station on the Mississippi River. 60 buildings and 8 homes were destroyed in Wisconsin. This tornado caused approximately \$200,000 in damage. In addition to this tornado, another estimated F4 tornado moved northeast across Fayette and Clayton Counties in northeast Iowa. One farm was devastated, the house and barn leveled. Heavy machinery was thrown 300 yards. Clothing was carried two miles.

1948: The Columbia River Basin flood peaked on this date in the Northwest. The flood produced the highest water level in the basin since the flood there in 1894. The damage estimate for the 1948 flood was \$101 million dollars and 75 lives were lost.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER In Honor of Jen Steen Future Bride of Tim Hauer Daughter of Jeff & LuAnn Steen Saturday, June 20th 9:30 – 11:30 SEAS Catholic Church - Groton The couple is registered at Target & Herbergers



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Surface high pressure will continue to promote mild temperatures and dry conditions over the area through tonight. For Saturday and Sunday, a slow moving frontal boundary will likely produce a few showers and thunderstorms, especially with daytime heating.

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# Yesterday's Weather High: 76.2 at 5:23 PM

Low: 60.2 at 5:04 AM High Gust: 16 at 6:31 AM Precip: 0.00

# Today's Info Record High: 103° in 1956

**Record Low:** 37° in 2012 Average High: 76°F Average Low: 53°F Average Precip in June: 1.43 Precip to date in June: 0.00 Average Precip to date: 8.57 Precip Year to Date: 5.72 Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.





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**HIDDEN BY MASKS** 

Early in the history of Greek drama the theaters had no scenery and the actors wore no costumes. When they performed the actors would carry a mask on stage and when it was time for their part they would hold the mask in front of their faces and speak.

The word "hypocrisy" came from Greek drama and refers to one who is expressing feelings, beliefs and values that belong to someone else. In Scripture the hypocrite is a pretender: one who is acting a part or who is false tells lies or is godless. They are with us today – speaking, acting and expressing words they do not believe and behaving differently from who they really are. Times have changed but hypocrites have not.

Jesus despised hypocrites with a passion. He spoke of the hypocrites who loved to pray publicly so others could see them and think that they were living a religious life. On another occasion He told the hypocrites to get the log out of their own eyes and stop criticizing others for having a speck in theirs. He also spoke of the Pharisees and advised people to beware of their self-righteous, hypocritical and spiritless behavior.

John wrote, "If someone says 'I belong to God' but does not obey His commands he is a liar." If what we do or say is not consistent with what God requires of us, we must ask God for forgiveness, repent and change. There is no room for hypocrites in the Kingdom of God.

**Prayer:** Forgive us, Father, when we have disobeyed Your commands and professed what we did not possess. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 1 John 2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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# News from the Associated Press

# Sioux Falls police investigating early morning robberies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the robberies of a casino and taxi driver. Police say the robberies occurred early Friday morning though it's not clear if the crimes are related. Police say three men armed with handguns robbed Deuces Casino shortly after 1 a.m. Police say two men robbed a taxi driver at gunpoint about two hours later, some nine blocks away.

# Minnesota tribe donates to South Dakota language program

KYLE, S.D. (AP) — Oglala Lakota College in western South Dakota has received a grant of \$25,000 from a Native American tribe in Minnesota to help fund the school's Lakota language immersion program.

President Thomas Shortbull says the funding from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will help the college operate its Lakota Woglaka Wounspe immersion school for about 40 students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade.

The college receives funding for the program from the federal Administration for Native Americans but needs a match of \$75,000 to meet operating costs.

Shortbull says the immersion program was created after the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation's Council of Elders told him five years ago to do something about the loss of their language.

The Mdewakanton Sioux also donated to the immersion program in 2013.

# SD woman who saved driver from burning semi-truck honored

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman who saved a hurt driver from a semi-truck that had burst into flames has gotten high praise from the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Highway Patrol Superintendent Craig Price on Thursday presented Sarah Edison with the highest civilian award the patrol gives.

Edison, 24, was driving east of Sioux Falls in February 2015 when she witnessed a semi-truck crash into another vehicle. The semi hit the ditch and burst into flames.

Edison pulled Dennis Stevens out of the driver's window of the truck before others at the scene assisted her.

Price says Edison showed courage and says she likely saved Stevens' life.

# SDSU rodeo team takes 10 competitors to national finals

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Ten members of the South Dakota State University rodeo team have qualified to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo.

The national competition will run from Sunday through June 20 in Casper, Wyo. Competitors from 150 universities will participate in the various events.

Nick Schwedhelm, an SDSU senior from Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska, is heading into the competition as the nation's top-ranked college bareback rider.

SDSU athletes will take part in saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping and other competitions.

The school in Brookings has had 65 team members qualify for the national finals during the past six years.

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## Rapid City police arrest woman, 27, accused of stabbing man

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have arrested a 27-year-old woman they say stabbed a man Thursday.

Police took the Rapid City woman into custody after they found the 25-year-old victim under the East Boulevard bridge. She's facing a charge of aggravated assault.

The victim was transported to Rapid City Regional Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Police are still investigating the incident.

### **Regents approve 4 new minor degrees for School of Mines**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved four new minor degrees and a graduate certificate at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The board Thursday approved new minors in global engineering, computational statistics, environmental science and military science. The regents also approved a new graduate certificate in petroleum systems.

The School of Mines says the degrees in global engineering and computational statistics are expected to have the biggest impact on the most students.

The global engineering program is designed to better prepare graduates for cultural and social challenges they can face working on multicultural projects. The school says 90 percent of the top 20 employers of its graduates have locations in countries outside the U.S.

Students will be able to enroll in the new programs this fall.

# Sioux Falls man gets 20 years for first-degree burglary

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man with a history of violence has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for allegedly punching a woman in the face during a home invasion.

Minnehaha County State's Attorney Aaron McGowan says 35-year-old Nathan Wright was sentenced to 40 years in prison with 20 years suspended. Wright pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary on April 20.

Wright is accused of repeatedly punching a woman in the face and breaking her jaw during a home invasion. Authorities say the woman was watching two young children at the time.

During the alleged assault, Wright was on parole for his 1999 conviction for first-degree robbery in which he stole \$100 and beat a convenience store clerk on the head, leaving the employee with lifelong injuries.

#### Man whose crash conviction was overturned files \$20M lawsuit REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former inmate whose conviction in a fatal crash on Interstate 90 was overturned in 2013 has filed a 20 million lawsuit against a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper and his supervisor, the state and others.

Oakley Engesser claims in his federal lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Rapid City, that the trooper and other defendants withheld evidence that could have prevented his 2001 conviction on vehicular homicide and vehicular battery. Engesser's case has involved years of legal wrangling in both the state and federal

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court systems but comes down to one question — who was driving a red Corvette on July 30, 2000.

The crash on I-90 near Sturgis killed Engesser's friend, Dorothy Finley of Rapid City. Authorities accused Engesser, 56, of driving drunk with Finley in the vehicle and crashing her Corvette into a minivan while speeding more than 100 mph.

Jurors were shown a video recording of a Highway Patrol interview in which Engesser agreed he could have been driving the car but said he did not remember anything after leaving a Sturgis bar.

Engesser, who now lives in North Dakota, served 11 years of his 25-year sentence. A judge in October 2013 overturned Engesser's conviction and ordered a new trial, a ruling the state Supreme Court upheld in November. Attorney General Marty Jackley in January decided against retrying Engesser.

Witnesses came forward after Engesser's conviction and said they believed a woman was driving the car. But Engesser claims in the lawsuit that Trooper Edward Fox was responsible for investigating the crash and was told by two witnesses that a woman was driving the car.

"(The witness) specifically told Trooper Fox that the red Corvette, driven by Dorothy Finley, came within a few feet of him as it was skidding down the road. (The witness) clearly saw that a woman was driving and that a man was in the passenger seat," according to the lawsuit. Engesser also argues Fox "lied at various hearings claiming he was unable to, 'get any information from any witnesses as far as whether it was a male or female or any information at all about the driver.""

Engesser also claims that Fox "at no time" informed him that at least two people had said they witnessed Finley driving.

In an attempt to reach out to Fox, who was sued in his official capacity, Highway Patrol spokesman Tony Mangan said the department can't comment on pending litigation. Attorney General Marty Jackley wasn't immediately available to comment, and a spokeswoman for Jackley said the state had not been served with the suit as of Thursday afternoon.

Aside from the state, the trooper and his supervisor, the lawsuit also names three individuals formerly associated with the Meade County state's attorney office, including now-private attorney Jennifer Utter.

As of Thursday afternoon, Utter also had not been served, but said she believes this type of lawsuit "would not be unusual."

"If a prosecutor is acting within the law and within the scope and duties of their position, then there is this concept of immunity," said Utter, who as a state's attorney in 2000 helped prepare the case for indictment. "However, we have a great system, which allows a person in his position to test every avenue that they wish and pursue their rights to due process and I fully embrace that process."

Engesser is asking for \$20 million in punitive damages and attorney fees.

### High court allows suppression of blood evidence in DUI case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Supreme Court has affirmed that blood evidence collected from a man arrested for driving under the influence should be suppressed because the man didn't understand his rights.

The high court in an opinion released Thursday shot down the state's appeal.

A Rapid City officer arrested Eric Medicine for DUI in 2014. The officer read a scripted Rapid City DUI card to Medicine that the court determined to have coercive language.

The opinion affirmed a lower court's decision that when combined with Medicine's arrest and lack of knowledge he could refuse the blood test, the consent was involuntary.

The department says it stopped using the card later that year.

The court previously reversed the conviction of a panhandler who argued that his Rapid City arresting

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officer had no reasonable suspicion to frisk him.

# SD Supreme Court upholds jury's fraud findings against bank

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has upheld a jury's fraud findings against a bank that struck down more than \$400,000 of an elderly couple's mortgage debt.

The high court in a ruling released Thursday also reinstated \$20,000 in damages.

Lee Schoenbeck is an attorney for plaintiffs Stanley and Rose Marie Stabler. He says it's unusual for bankers to actively defraud consumers and says he's notified state and federal regulators.

The opinion says the case centered on a 2004 transaction related to \$650,000 in debt that John Beyers, president of First State Bank of Roscoe, got the Stablers to approve as part of "an elaborate scheme to defraud" them.

A jury found \$439,100 of that debt was procured by fraud.

An attorney for Beyers didn't immediately return a message requesting comment.

### **Retiring Board of Regents CEO Warner gets honorary doctorate**

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents has given its highest honor to its retiring leader.

Executive Director and CEO Jack Warner is retiring at the end of the month, after six years leading the system that oversees South Dakota's six public universities and two special schools.

The Regents have awarded the honorary degree doctor of public service to Warner, for what the organization says is "extraordinary service and leadership."

Warner is leaving at a time when enrollment at the state's public universities is at an all-time high.

# SDSU, Augustana baseball players selected in MLB draft

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University and Augustana College are continuing a trend of sending players on to professional baseball.

SDSU center fielder Zach Coppola was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 13th round of the Major League Baseball draft, Augustana catcher Jack Goihl was selected in the 28th round by the Cleveland Indians, and SDSU right-handed pitcher Adam Bray was taken by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 33rd round.

The Argus Leader reports that Coppola and Bray are the 12th and 13th players in Jackrabbit history to be taken in the MLB draft. Goihl is the seventh Viking ever and third in the last four years to be selected.

# Winter wheat production forecast to be lower in the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The federal Agriculture Department is forecasting much smaller winter wheat crops in the Dakotas this year.

The report pegs South Dakota's production at 45.1 million bushels, down 24 percent from last year, and North Dakota's crop at 10.8 million bushels, down 60 percent.

Wider swings in production are common in North Dakota, where winter wheat is not a major crop. In South Dakota, this year's expected production drop is due to an anticipated lower average yield.

Nationally, this year's winter wheat crop is estimated at 1.5 billion bushels, up 9 percent from 2014.

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#### **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. HACKING DEEMED WORSE THAN INITIALLY THOUGHT

A major federal union asserts that suspected Chinese hackers stole personnel data and Social Security numbers for nearly every federal employee.

2. GOVERNOR VOWS RETRIBUTION FOR ROGUE PRISON WORKERS

In the wake of two, still on the loose, inmates escaping from an upstate New York prison, Andrew Cuomo says penalties will be harsh for any prison system employee who exhibits misconduct.

3. WHAT KEY LEGISLATION IS BEFORE LAWMAKERS

A landmark trade bill that tops Obama's second-term agenda faces a showdown vote in the House as Democrats mount a last-ditch effort to kill it.

4. ANGOLA THREE INMATE MAY GET FREEDOM

Albert Woodfox is still waiting to hear whether he will walk free after more than four decades in solitary confinement at a Louisiana penitentiary.

5. THAW IN RELATIONS DOESN'T CHANGE HIGH-SEAS HIJINKS

The U.S. Coast Guard still plays a deadly hide-and-seek with Cuban migrants on the Florida Straits. 6. 'MINI-PENTAGON' RISES IN KABUL

Afghanistan will soon get a new white marble Defense Ministry, but on the front-lines of the war against the Taliban the troops look far less sturdy.

7. RUSSIA STEPS UP MILITARY MODERNIZATION

Putin's expensive military buildup faces hurdles as Russia's economy sinks under the weight of Western sanctions and falling oil prices.

8. CHEATING WEBSITE HINTS AT SOCIETAL CHANGE IN SOUTH KOREA

Once banned in the country, the Ashley Madison Internet site has quickly drawn hordes of new members — particularly women.

9. WHO IS BENEFITING FROM CRAFT BEER EXPLOSION

Farmers in Washington state's Yakima Valley, where 75 percent of the nation's hops are produced.

10. FIRST JANET, NOW LEBRON

Moments before Game 4 of the NBA Finals, the Cavaliers' star inadvertently exposed himself to millions watching on live TV.

# **AP News in Brief**

# Union says hackers' theft of personal data affects all federal employees and retirees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major federal union says the cyber theft of employee information is more damaging than it first appeared, asserting that hackers stole personnel data and Social Security numbers for every federal employee.

The Obama administration had acknowledged that up to 4 million current and former employees are affected by the December cyber breach of Office of Personnel Management data, but it had been vague about exactly what was taken.

But J. David Cox, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said in a letter Thursday to OPM director Katherine Archuleta that based on incomplete information OPM provided to the union, "we believe that the Central Personnel Data File was the targeted database, and that the

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hackers are now in possession of all personnel data for every federal employee, every federal retiree, and up to 1 million former federal employees."

The OPM data file contains the records of non-military, non-intelligence executive branch employees, which covers most federal civilian employees but not, for example, members of Congress and their staffs.

The union believes the hackers stole military records and veterans' status information, address, birth date, job and pay history, health insurance, life insurance, and pension information; and age, gender and race data, he said.

# Cuomo: Harsh penalty for any prison worker crossing the line; woman under suspicion in escape

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — The law will come down hard on any prison system employee who crosses the line, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said as suspicions swirled around a female prison employee believed to have had a role in the escape last weekend of two killers from a maximum-security facility.

"If you do it, you will be convicted, and then you'll be on the other side of the prison that you've been policing, and that is not a pleasant place to be," Cuomo said. He also said investigators are "talking to several people who may have facilitated the escape."

Investigators believe the woman had agreed to be the getaway driver but never showed up, a person close to the case told The Associated Press on Thursday.

David Sweat, 34, and Richard Matt, 48, used power tools to cut through steel and bricks and crawled through an underground steam pipe. They emerged from a manhole outside the 40-foot walls of the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, about 20 miles south of the Canadian border, and were discovered missing early Saturday, authorities said.

The person close to the investigation said authorities believe Joyce Mitchell — an instructor at the prison tailor shop, where the two convicts worked — had befriended the men and was supposed to pick them up Saturday morning, but didn't.

### Coast Guard continues deadly hide-and-seek with Cuban migrants in the Florida Straits

ABOVE THE FLORIDA STRAITS (AP) — With a shift in the relationship between Havana and Washington, many Cubans are now attempting a risky sea crossing out of fear that the U.S. will change its "wet-foot, dry-foot" policy allowing any Cuban reaching U.S. land to stay and pursue citizenship.

Without it, they'd be treated like other foreigners caught illegally in the country — ineligible for citizenship and subject to deportation.

The U.S. Coast Guard returns any Cuban migrants caught at sea to the communist island. Authorities have captured or intercepted more than 2,600 since Oct. 1, and that tally is expected to match or surpass last year's total of nearly 4,000.

"It's fair to say that this is the 'Wild West' of the Coast Guard," said Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Somma, spokesman for the Coast Guard's Miami-based 7th District, which patrols the Florida Straits. "We've got drugs, we've got migrants and we've got search and rescue, and we've got an enormous area, approximately the size of the continental United States."

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# Last Angola 3 prisoner could go free as court delay expires; guard's widow says he's innocent

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The last of the Angola Three prisoners is still waiting to hear whether he will walk free after more than four decades in solitary confinement at a Louisiana prison farm.

A federal judge ruled earlier this week that Albert Woodfox must be released immediately, saying the state has never proved — and never will — that he was responsible for the stabbing death of Louisiana State Penitentiary guard Brent Miller 43 years ago.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed his release while deciding whether to hear an appeal from Louisiana Attorney General James "Buddy" Caldwell, who wants to try Woodfox a third time for the guard's slaying.

That stay expires Friday afternoon.

The court is likely to take one of two actions: extend the stay if it has decided or still needs time to decide whether to hear the state's appeal; or announce that it won't hear the state's appeal and order Woodfox's immediate release.

### Obama's trade bill faces showdown vote in House as Democrats try to scuttle it at 11th hour

WASHINGTON (AP) — A landmark trade bill that tops President Barack Obama's second-term agenda faces a showdown vote in the House as Democrats mount a last-ditch effort to kill it.

The outcome was uncertain and the drama intense heading into Friday's votes. In frantic 11th-hour maneuvering, liberals in the House defied their own president and turned against a favored program of their own that retrains workers displaced by trade. Killing the program would kill the companion trade bill, and many Democrats and labor leaders advocated just that.

The move caught the GOP off-guard. House Republicans, already in the awkward position of allying themselves with Obama, found themselves being asked by their leaders to vote for a worker retraining program that most have long opposed as wasteful. Many were reluctant to do so, leaving the fate of the entire package up in the air, and Obama facing the prospect of a humiliating defeat at the hands of his own party members — unless he can eke out what all predict would be the narrowest of wins.

"If we have to pass something that's a Democratic ideal with all Republicans to get the whole thing to go," said Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla., "we could be in trouble."

The main trade bill at issue would give Obama so-called "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that Congress could approve or reject, but not amend. He hopes to use the authority, already agreed to by the Senate, to complete a sweeping pact with 11 other Pacific Rim nations which would constitute the economic centerpiece of his second term. Obama says such a pact with Japan, Mexico, Singapore and other nations constituting 40 percent of the global economy would open up critical new markets for American products.

#### A 'mini-Pentagon' rises in Afghanistan as concerns about military deepen

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — They call it the "mini-Pentagon" -- a white marble building in the heart of Afghanistan's capital built with U.S. funds to serve as the headquarters of a modern military more than a decade in the making.

But the newly constructed building is a world apart from the front-lines of Afghanistan's unfinished war, where soldiers huddled at exposed checkpoints increasingly rely on police and local militias, and

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where logistical bottlenecks almost led to the loss of a key northern city to insurgents who swept across the northern plain in April.

U.S. officials told The Associated Press during an exclusive tour of the building that the new \$160 million Defense Ministry will help the military streamline its operations and more effectively counter the Taliban now that the U.S. and NATO combat mission has officially ended.

The five-story building with a 34-meter (110-foot) dome will accommodate 2,500 employees, with barracks for officers and enlisted men, an ancillary garrison as well as a wastewater treatment facility and a power plant. Three dining halls can seat a total of 1,000 people, and an auditorium more than 900. The sprawling compound also includes gyms, clinics and military courtrooms.

The design for the 38,500 sq. meter (414,500 sq. foot) structure was chosen from entries in a nationwide competition open to architecture students. The resulting building, a combination of the top two designs, has taken four years to complete. Some 70 tons of furniture, along with fixtures and computer equipment, have added another \$33.3 million to the U.S. taxpayer-funded bill, and information technology alone will add another \$12 million.

# Cheating website's introduction in South Korea reveals hints of change, persistent sexism

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A wealthy man sneaks away for a tryst that he suggests will "reduce friction" with his wife. A woman in Seoul looks for a "side relationship" to a marriage that has lost its spark.

Both are using the Ashley Madison cheating website, which is making a lucrative, controversial splash in South Korea in the wake of a landmark ruling earlier this year that decriminalizes adultery. So great is the interest here that company executives expect it to be a top-three market globally for them in five years, after the United States and Canada.

Executives say a large number of women are signing up, taking advantage of increasing access to disposable cash and the freedom to do what men have always done. Not all is equal, however: The consequences of getting caught remain much greater for women here than they are for men.

Here's a look at how the cheating website's debut shows hints of both change and persistent sexism in this traditionally conservative country.

# Russia rumbles forward with ambitious military modernization drive — but at what cost?

NIZHNY TAGIL, Russia (AP) — It has a remote-controlled turret, it bristles with state-of-the-art defense systems and its computerized controls make driving it feel "like playing a video game." Russia's Armata tank, which its creator says can be turned into a fully robotic combat vehicle, is the crowning glory of a sweeping military modernization drive that is rumbling forward amid a perilous confrontation with the West over Ukraine.

But President Vladimir Putin's expensive arms build-up faces major hurdles as Russia's economy sinks under the weight of Western sanctions and falling oil prices. The 22-trillion ruble (about \$400-billion) program, which envisages the acquisition of 2,300 new tanks, hundreds of aircraft and missiles and dozens of navy ships, was conceived back at the time when Russia's coffers were brimming with petrodollars.

Putin vowed that the military upgrade would go ahead as planned, and this year's military budget rose by 33 percent to about 3.3 trillion rubles (nearly \$60 billion). Some observers predict that the Kremlin

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will inevitably have to scale down the plans amid a grinding recession.

In one of the first harbingers of the possible curtailment of new arms procurement, a deputy defense minister said earlier this year that the air force will likely reduce its order for the T-50, a costly stateof-the art fighter jet developed for two decades to counter the U.S. Raptor.

Another problem is also hampering the modernization drive: The sanctions include a ban on the sale of military technology to Russia. Nick de Larrinaga, Europe Editor for IHS Jane's Defence Weekly, predicted that Russia would find it hard to replace Western military know-how.

### Too close for comfort: LeBron inadvertently exposes himself on TV before Game 4 of NBA Finals

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James may need to call Janet Jackson to get some advice on how to handle wardrobe malfunctions.

Moments before Game 4 of the NBA Finals began on Thursday night, James inadvertently exposed himself to millions watching on live television. As James was getting ready to take the court, an ABC camera moved in for a close-up.

Turns out it got a little too close.

James was adjusting his shorts as he started to tuck in his jersey. He briefly pulled down the black compression shorts he wore under his gold game shorts as well, exposing himself to an audience that has averaged about 18.5 million viewers in the first three games of the series.

It conjured memories of Jackson's performance at halftime of the Super Bowl in 2004 when Justin Timberlake tugged at Jackson's top and briefly exposed one of the singer's breasts.

## Warriors again look like NBA's best, Cavs look tired, and the NBA Finals are tied heading West

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Golden State Warriors looked like the NBA's best team. The Cleveland Cavaliers looked like a tired one.

Game 4 was the first blowout of the NBA Finals, with Golden State pulling away for a 103-82 victory Thursday that tied the series at 2-2.

The Warriors changed their lineup but just as importantly changed their mentality, believing they hadn't competed hard enough in dropping the previous two games.

"I think if we played as hard as we were playing the last couple of games, it would have won us probably 67 regular-season games, but it would have lost us the finals 4-1, and that's what we had to change," forward Draymond Green said.

Game 5 is not until Sunday at Oracle Arena, and the Cavaliers look like they could use that extra day of rest. LeBron James had a scoreless fourth quarter and finished with 20 points after averaging 41 in the first three games, and Cavs coach David Blatt will try to use the off days to figure out how to get James some help.

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#### Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2015. There are 202 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1965, the British government announced that The Beatles would each be made an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace later in the year; the selection sparked criticism, with some MBEs returning their medals in protest.

#### On this date:

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Coolidge had become president in 1923 upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding.)

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York. In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1956, the Flag of the United States Army was officially adopted under an executive order signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.) One of Hollywood's most notoriously expensive productions, "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Rex Harrison, opened in New York.

In 1964, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison along with seven other people, including Walter Sisulu, for committing sabotage against the apartheid regime (all were eventually released, Mandela in 1990).

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1975, an Indian court found Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of electoral corruption and barred her from holding office for six years; Gandhi rejected calls for her to resign.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home. (O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings in a criminal trial, but was eventually held liable in a civil action.) Boeing's new 777 jetliner went on its first test flight.

**Ten years ago:** Vice President Dick Cheney, reacting to a growing chorus of calls to close the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, told Fox News Channel there were no plans to do so. American-educated professor and women's rights activist Massouma al-Mubarak was named Kuwait's first female Cabinet minister. At the LPGA Championship, Annika Sorenstam closed with a 1-over 73 for a three-shot victory over Michelle Wie, who shot a 69 to finish second.

**Five years ago:** A French fishing vessel rescued 16-year-old Abby Sunderland from her crippled sailboat in the turbulent southern Indian Ocean, ending the California teen's attempt to sail around the world solo. Ethnic riots wracked southern Kyrgyzstan, forcing thousands of Uzbeks to flee as their homes. Daniel Nava hit the first pitch he saw as a big leaguer for a grand slam - only the second player

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to do it - leading the Boston Red Sox to a 10-2 rout of the Philadelphia Phillies.

**One year ago:** During a tightly controlled tour of a converted warehouse at Port Hueneme, California, a government official said the number of migrant children housed at the facility after they were caught entering the country illegally could more than triple to 575 by the following week. The World Cup opened in Brazil with the home team beating Croatia, 3-1, after a funky opening ceremony featuring Jennifer Lopez and dancers dressed as trees.

**Today's Birthdays:** Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 100. Former President George H.W. Bush is 91. Singer Vic Damone is 87. Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 87. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 85. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 74. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 74. Singer Roy Harper is 74. Pop singer Len Barry is 73. Actor Roger Aaron Brown is 66. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 66. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 64. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 63. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 62. Actor Timothy Busfield is 58. Singer Meredith Brooks is 57. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 57. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 56. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 53. Actor Paul Schulze is 53. Actress Paula Marshall is 51. Actress Frances O'Connor is 48. Actor Rick Hoffman is 45. Actor Jason Mewes is 41. Actor Michael Muhney is 40. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 38. Actor Wil Horneff is 36. Singer Robyn is 36. Actor Dave Franco is 30. Actor Luke Youngblood is 29. Country singer Chris Young is 30. Rap group MC Jay Are is 26. Actor Ryan Malgarini is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Adventure is not outside man; it is within." - George Eliot, English novelist (1819-1880).