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## Friday, June 19

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

**Senior Menu:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversary:** Garrett-Sindi Heitmann.

**Birthday:** Pat Dahlquist.

## Saturday, June 20

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

**Birthdays:** Robert Snyder, Scott Hanlon, Robert Osterman, Cary Bruckner.

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

## Sunday, June 21

FATHER'S DAY

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

**Anniversaries:** Gary & Linda Thurston, Ben & Kristi Peterson.

**Birthdays:** Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke,

## 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

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## Hoops Reunion

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

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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## Good Over Evil

By Rep. Kristi Noem

In his speech before Congress last March, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recalled the Book of Esther, explaining how this ancient queen exposed a plot to destroy the Jewish people and, as a result, ensured good triumphed over evil.

As Netanyahu went on to explain, the Jewish people once again face an adversary who seeks to destroy them – an adversary who is on the brink of developing a nuclear weapon. That matters to us, not only because we ought to stand against this kind of obliterating evil, but because the national security interests of Israel and the United States are closely intertwined.

Israel plays a critical role in our efforts to defeat ISIL, Al Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations in the region. Our countries have collaborated on improving stability in the region, worked together to improve behavioral screening techniques at airports, and teamed up on counterterrorism efforts that make each of us a little safer. We also share a common enemy – Iran, a country whose intentions to destroy does not stop at Israel, but extends to the United States. Undoubtedly, Israel is one of our closest allies in a tumultuous region and so their survival is critical to American national security.

Nonetheless, President Obama is pursuing a deal with Iran. Such a deal would put nuclear restrictions on Iran and in exchange, America would lift some or all economic sanctions on the Iranian people. I, along with many in the national security community, am concerned that the administration is headed down the wrong path with these negotiations.

If we are going to make a deal, it needs to be a good deal. In other words, it must be a deal that ensures Iran has absolutely no path to a nuclear weapon. Even no deal would be better than a bad one, as the President's administration has admitted.

Many in South Dakota and across the county have embraced five requirements for a "good deal," as outlined by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee – or AIPAC. I too believe these requirements are a good measurement of what a final deal should include.

First, Iran would need to dismantle its nuclear infrastructure and surrender its uranium stockpiles.

Second, inspectors would need full access to suspicious sites – anywhere, anytime. I for one don't trust Iran; we must be able to verify that they're following our rules.

Third, sanctions must stay in place until it is certified that Iran has upheld its end of the deal. If at any

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point Iran violates our agreement, there needs to be immediate consequences.

Fourth, Iran needs to come clean about its previous nuclear work. This is the first step toward building confidence in the fact that their efforts are sincere. It's also a way in which we can establish a baseline.

Finally, the agreement must avoid setting an arbitrary timeline for nuclear restrictions to expire. Iran's nuclear program must be heavily regulated until the country demonstrates it no longer wants a nuclear weapons capability.

The negotiations between Iran, the United States and five American-aligned countries are scheduled to conclude on June 30. At that point, Congress will have at least 30 days to consider the agreement before any congressionally mandated sanctions against Iran would be lifted. Congress will have the ability to vote a bad deal down at that point, but that's going to be an uphill battle, as we'll need a number of Democrats to vote against the President's agenda.

We must not afford Iran the ability to further threaten Middle Eastern stability, jeopardize American interests, or destroy our strongest ally. In fact, we must eliminate every nuclear pathway Iran has access to in order to help ensure – just as Queen Esther did – that good continues to triumph over evil.

## Death Notice: Donna Hannon

Donna Hannon of Conde died Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Manor Care Health Services in Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

## Groton student receives MSU Moorhead scholarship

Moorhead, Minn., June 18, 2015... Annie Hockhalter has received a \$500 Upper Class Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Hockhalter is the child of Fred Hockhalter and Brenda Wetz, Groton, S.D.

The Upper Class Scholarship is available to students pursuing their first undergraduate degree who have completed at least 12 MSUM semester credits by the end of the fall semester with a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Minnesota State University Moorhead is a comprehensive regional university enrolling approximately 7,400 students. MSUM offers 69 undergraduate majors with 95 different emphases and options, 16 areas of pre professional studies, 13 graduate degree programs, and 31 areas of teacher licensure preparation. MSU Moorhead is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

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*Arlis Doeden and the  
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## SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest

BROOKINGS, S.D. - 4-H members from more than 40 Eastern South Dakota counties are invited to participate in the annual 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the Sioux Empire Fair Aug. 5, 2015. The registration deadline is July 17, 2015.

All 4-Hers who participate will receive five gate passes, five lunch tickets and \$20 to spend at the fair.

"The Contest provides 4-H members the opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills to tell an audience how CHARACTER COUNTS!™ fits into a 4-H project area, current event or a personal experience," said Karelyn Farrand, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Character Education Field Specialist.

All contestants will present their speeches in morning rounds. There are two divisions, Juniors, ages 8-13, and Seniors, ages 14-19. Within these two divisions, the top two senior speakers and the top junior speaker at each judging station will advance to the championship round.

Prizes for the contest include: in the senior division, the first place winner receives a \$1,000 certificate of deposit and the second place winner receives a \$500 certificate of deposit. In the junior division, the first place winner will receive a \$500 certificate of deposit and the second place winner will receive a \$250 certificate of deposit.

A Novice Junior and Novice Senior Division will be offered for contestants who are new to the 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest. A \$100 cash award will be awarded to the top speaker in both the Novice Junior and Novice Senior Divisions based on the points earned in the morning competition. Novice competitors will not advance to the championship round.

For more information on the S.D. 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest and to register, visit the iGrow Events page.

The contest is hosted by SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, Sioux Empire CHARACTER COUNTS!, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce with generous sponsorship from First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard.

Registration deadline is July 17

The 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest held during the Sioux Empire Fair is open to 4-H members in the following South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Stanley, Sully, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Buffalo, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, Walworth, and Yankton Counties.

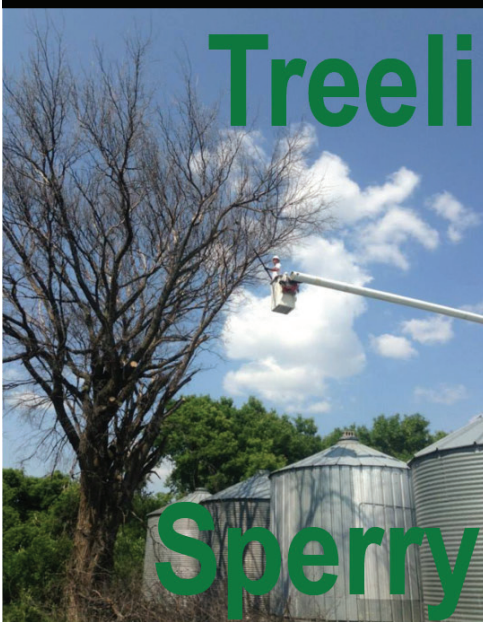
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## July 2015 Climate Update Forecasts a Cool, Wet July

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As El Nino increases in strength this summer, its impacts on our summer conditions in North America are becoming evident, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist, referencing the latest climate outlook from National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center.

"The July outlook indicates increased likelihood of cooler and wetter conditions throughout South Dakota this July," Edwards said. "These temperature and precipitation projections strongly reflect a summertime El Nino pattern over North America."

The outlook indicates that throughout the central states - including South Dakota - cooler than median temperatures are favored in the month ahead. "In addition to El Nino, this temperature outlook is also a response to the very wet soils and ample rainfall that has fallen in this region over the last several weeks, which tends to reduce the high temperatures in the summer season," Edwards said.

In South Dakota, the median temperatures for July range from the low 80s in the northeast, to upper 80s across most of the south and west for highs. Median lows are in the upper 50s in the northwest to lower 60s in the southeast.

Most of the Rocky Mountain region and the central states are favored to be above median for precipitation in July. "There is strong consensus in the forecast models for this precipitation signal, according to the Climate Prediction Center," said Dennis Todey, SDSU Extension Climate Specialist and South Dakota State Climatologist.

90 percent likely to continue

Todey added that a recent update on the El Nino conditions, from NOAA Climate Prediction Center, stated that El Nino is 90 percent likely to continue through the fall season, and 85 percent likely to continue or intensify into the winter. "This may sound like a bold prediction, however many climate models have been accurately forecasting the temperature and precipitation over the last couple of months," Todey said. "There is some confidence that the long-range climate models may have now captured how the sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean will impact our climate for the rest of the year."

For much of South Dakota, El Nino in the summer season generally tends to be wetter and cooler, particularly in July and August. The Climate Prediction Center outlook is consistent with that climatology.

Looking ahead to the next three months (July-September), South Dakota looks to be wetter than average. In the same period, Todey explained that the area most likely to experience cooler temperatures is concentrated to the Central Plains and the heart of the Mississippi River Valley region. "As a result, South Dakota is currently projected to have equal chances of below, above or near median temperature in the next 90 days," he said.

What El Nino means to South Dakota crops

For croplands, pastures, yards and gardens, the El Nino summer season ahead may mean less heat stress than average, Edwards explained. "There is ample moisture currently in most of the soils and a continuation of the rainfall pattern like the one we have seen over the last few weeks will reduce drought or water stress as well," she said. Combined with the likely cooler conditions crop water use should be reduced.

Disease issues, like stripe rust, have already become apparent in many wheat fields, and given the higher humidity and moisture in the atmosphere, Edwards said scouting fields will be increasingly important. "Growers may also be more concerned about weeds, as the recent wet conditions have made some field work difficult for pesticide application," she said. "A few warm, dry days are all a weed needs to grow quickly, and frequent scouting is suggested."

With this much moisture high stress conditions for livestock could appear periodically because of higher dew point, even with less extreme high air temperatures.

Drought eliminated in South Dakota

The short window of drought our state experienced in the early months of 2015 has been all but eliminated given our recent wet and cool pattern over the last six weeks. "This week's U.S. Drought Monitor shows virtually no change from last week in our area, with the southeast part of the state continuing to be slightly drier than average for the year so far," Todey said.

The drought outlook through September indicates continued improvement or removal of the remaining drought affected areas in South Dakota, given the likelihood of wetter and cooler conditions for the remainder of the growing season.

## Today in Weather History

June 19, 1894: A tornado moved NNE, passing 12 miles northwest of Bowdle, ending in extreme southeastern Campbell County. A child was killed and the mother and four other children were badly injured. A man was killed in another home and his wife was injured. Fourteen homes were damaged or destroyed. Clothes were said to be torn to shreds and scattered for miles. This tornado was estimated to be an F3.

June 19, 1931: A tornado moved east from just south of St. Lawrence, passing south of Wessington. Buildings were destroyed on eight farms. Two farms were said to be wiped out, house and all. A woman was injured as she tried to rescue chickens. Cattle, horses, and over 100 hogs were killed. Estimated loss from this storm totaled \$32,000. This tornado had an estimated strength of an F3.








June 19, 2013: Slow moving thunderstorms brought some large hail along with very heavy rains and flash flooding to parts of northeast South Dakota. One thunderstorm produced quarter hail and winds over 50 mph, which caused major damage to a bean field along with damaging the siding of the house south of Wilmot in Roberts County. Several roads in Wilmot had water running over them for several hours. Over three inches of rain caused water to go over a part of Highway 123 south of Wilmot. Heavy rain of three to four inches brought many flooded roads in and around Veblen in Marshall County.


1794: A violent tornado commenced west of the Hudson River in New York. The tornado traveled through Poughkeepsie, then crossed the border into Connecticut where it traveled through the towns of New Milford, Waterbury, North Haven, and Branford. It then continued on into Long Island Sound. The tornado did extensive damage and the funnel was reported by one observer to look like the "aurora borealis".

2004: Annette Island, Alaska set an all-time record high temperature of 93 degrees. Since record keeping began in 1941, Annette Island has seen 90 degree temperatures four times.

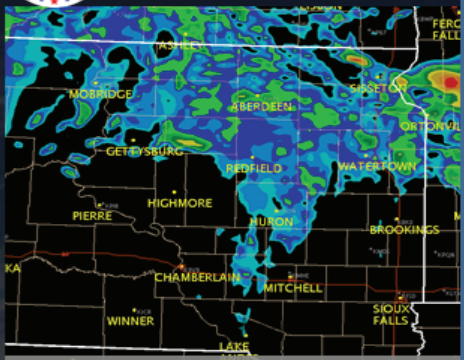
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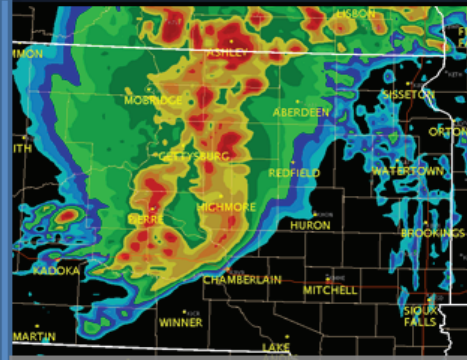
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High: 85 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 78 °F



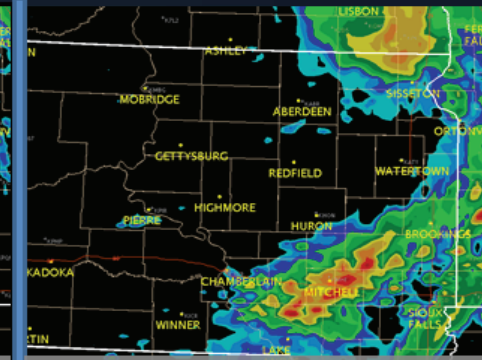
## Severe Storms Possible Tonight



Time Estimate: 7PM – 10PM



Time Estimate: 10PM – 1AM








Time Estimate: 1AM – 4AM

### Forecast Summary

- Showers and thunderstorms will move across the region early this morning, lingering into the afternoon, storms are not expected to be severe during this time period
- **Of most concern** is the low pressure system that will move from west to east across the Dakotas into west central MN tonight
  - Conditions will be prime for severe weather with **damaging winds** and **large hail** significant threats

Threat Forecast

Hail
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Low</span>  <span>High</span> </div>
Wind
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Low</span>  <span>High</span> </div>
Tornado
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Low</span>  <span>High</span> </div>
Heavy Rain/Flooding
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Low</span>  <span>High</span> </div>


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An area of showers and thunderstorms will move across the region this morning, lingering into the afternoon hours. These storms are not expected to be severe. However, later tonight a low pressure system will move from west to east across the region. Conditions will be prime for severe weather, and the main threats will be damaging winds and large hail, although an isolated tornado cannot be ruled out early in the evening. Localized heavy rain is also a threat.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 74.1 at 5:41 PM

**Low:** 50.8 at 6:04 AM

**High Gust:** 15 at 8:48 AM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 108° in 1933

**Record Low:** 38° in 1948

**Average High:** 78°F

**Average Low:** 55°F

**Average Precip in June:** 2.33

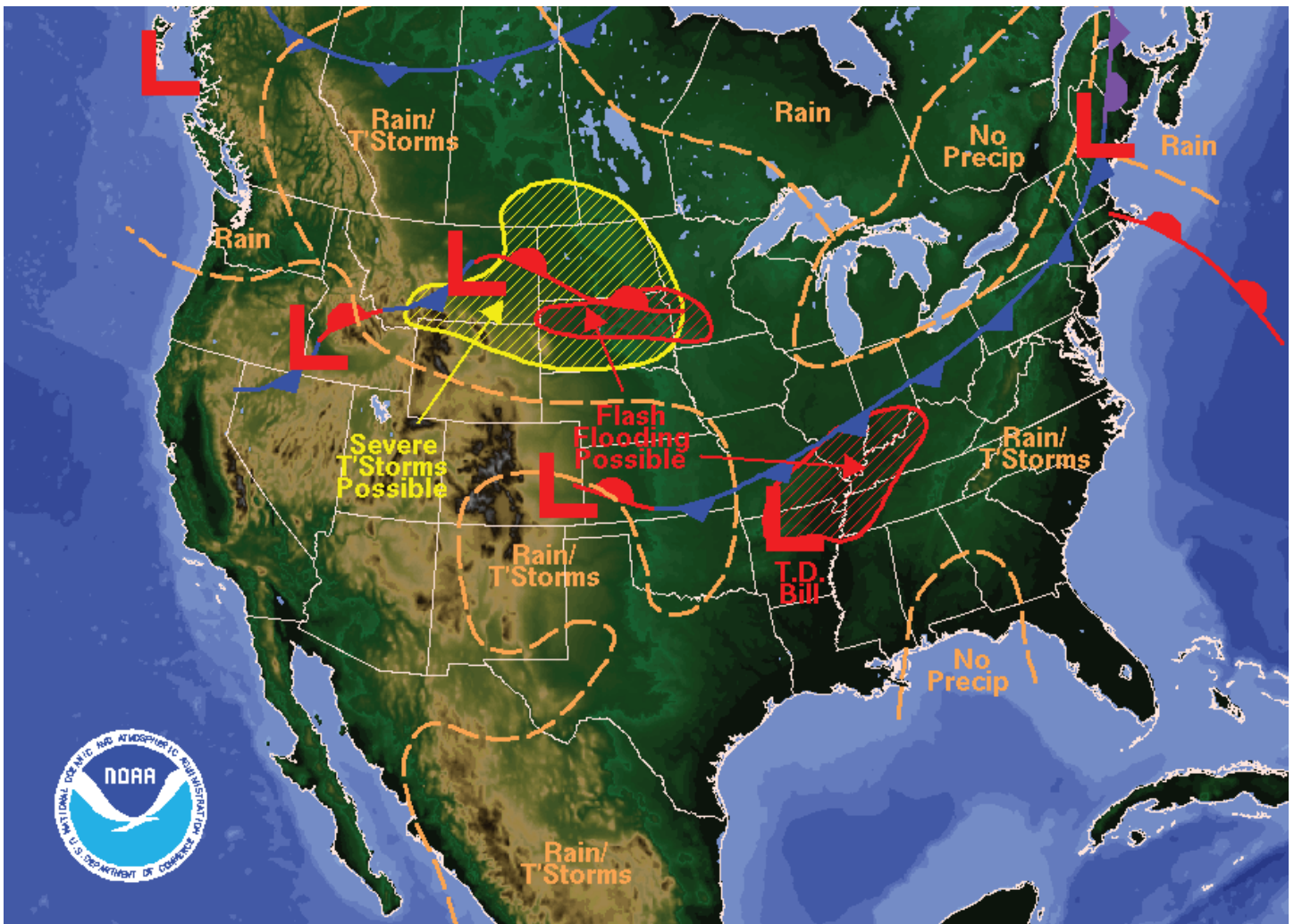
**Precip to date in June:** 0.45

**Average Precip to date:** 9.47

**Precip Year to Date:** 6.17

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:25 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jun 19, 2015, issued 5:38 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## READY OR NOT

A truck came speeding down a steep hill. It was necessary to make a quick turn at the bottom of the hill to avoid going into a lake. Unfortunately, the driver failed to make the turn and ended up in the lake. Fortunately, the driver escaped, unharmed.

As he climbed from the cab of the truck and waded from the lake to the crowd that had assembled, he was shaking his head from side to side. Finally someone asked, "What happened?"

"Well," he said, "I guess I should have gotten brake fluid before I needed it."

Procrastination, at times, seems to invade everyone's life. Occasionally, we "all plan to do tomorrow what we could have done today." And there are many excuses that encourage us to do so. One might be fear. Another might be thinking the task is unimportant or even too difficult. Again, we may not want to be bothered by a request or even have a desire to inconvenience the one who is depending on us. Time is one of God's greatest gifts. Once gone, it can never be reclaimed or returned. So, we must learn to see time from God's perspective and place a high value on it. God gives us time, first of all, to accept His salvation. Then, whatever days He allows us to live, are to be lived in service to Him and others who need to know Him as Savior and Lord.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to make the most of our time so that we may accomplish the purpose You have for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Zechariah 1:4 "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.'" But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Need reason to pay by phone? Apple, Google add new features**

**BRANDON BAILEY, Associated Press**

**ANNE D'INNOCENZIO, Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The tech industry has been saying for years that smartphones would make traditional wallets obsolete. But most people still use cash or plastic when they shop in stores.

That could change later this year when three leading tech companies are promising to give shoppers more reasons to use “digital wallets.”

Apple said last week that it's adding store-issued credit cards and store rewards programs to Apple Pay, the mobile payments service it launched last fall. Google is readying a similar service for millions more smartphones to run on its Android software. And Samsung promises a service for its newest Galaxy smartphones will be accepted in more stores than both Apple Pay and Google's Android Pay.

“Our ultimate goal is to replace the wallet,” Apple vice president Jennifer Bailey told software developers last week.

The new options come as numbers show mobile payments are still in their infancy: About 16 million U.S. shoppers used smartphones to pay for \$3.5 billion in store purchases last year, according to the eMarketer research firm. That includes payments with Apple Pay, other services like PayPal and apps from merchants like Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts.

While that's a tiny slice of the \$4.3 trillion spent in stores overall last year, eMarketer expects mobile payments will grow to \$27.5 billion in 2016.

“We're still in this very early stage of laying the groundwork to be able to make this happen,” said analyst Brian Yeager at eMarketer. “But there's progress being made.”

The progress follows years in which the industry has struggled to get digital wallets off the ground as major players failed to agree on technical standards, security measures and financial terms. Some big merchants have balked at services developed by Apple or Google, saying they'd rather build and control their own system.

Still, Apple opened the door for widespread adoption of digital wallets last year when it launched Apple Pay with endorsements from major banks and retail chains. With Apple Pay, which only works on the latest models of iPhones and the Apple Watch, users link a credit card or bank account to their iPhone.

Once that's done, a user only has to hold the phone next to a device at a store counter. The phone and the store device communicate wirelessly, prompting the user to authorize payment by pressing the phone's fingerprint sensor instead of swiping a plastic card. Apple Pay uses encrypted codes to protect shoppers' financial information.

Apple says shoppers and merchants have embraced Apple Pay, although it hasn't released usage details.

One early fan is Allison Lucas, a 35-year-old tech worker who tapped her Apple Watch to pay for a box of breakfast cereal and other items at a Walgreens store in San Francisco's Financial District last week.

“You don't realize how much freedom it gives you until you try it,” said Lucas, who used her watch to pay for lunch on another day when she accidentally left her wallet at home.

But not everyone is convinced they need Apple Pay.

“I might come around and try it at some point, but I haven't really seen a reason,” said Amalia Bornstein, a 29-year-old data analyst. Though she carried her iPhone 6 in hand as she walked along a busy San Francisco sidewalk, Bornstein said she still uses cash or plastic for most purchases.

Apple says it's offering more reasons this fall with its next software update, which will let shoppers charge store credit accounts and redeem loyalty points from major chains. Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru said frequent shoppers see loyalty rewards as an important benefit, and they want an easy way to use them.

Walgreens expects more customers will pay with smartphones or watches when 80 million members of the chain's Balance Rewards program will be able to use their loyalty points with Apple Pay, said Ben Weiss, Walgreens mobile products manager. J.C. Penney also is betting iPhone users will want to use their store-label credit cards. Spokeswoman Daphne Avila said the store's own credit card is used on more J.C. Penney transactions than any other payment card, because customers earn points for every transaction.

Google, which had struggled to win support for its earlier Google Wallet service, says major banks and retail chains have signed on to its new Android Pay. The service will work similarly to Apple Pay when released later this year.

Google says it will incorporate store rewards, but won't work with store credit cards to start. Android Pay will work on a variety of phones running the two latest versions of Android software — or about half of all Android phones in use.

Samsung, meanwhile, says it's addressing another hurdle with a service called Samsung Pay, due for release this fall. Unlike rival services Apple Pay and Android Pay, Samsung says its technology will work with traditional store credit-card readers.

Apple Pay and Android Pay only work in stores with equipment capable of receiving data from smartphones via "near-field communication" or NFC radio. But new models of Samsung's Galaxy smartphones will transmit two kinds of signals — one for NFC readers and one that works with older equipment that merchants use to read the magnetic stripe on credit cards.

Many smaller stores don't have NFC readers. But Visa and MasterCard are pushing retailers to meet an October deadline for installing new terminals that read cards with embedded microchips, which are more secure than magnetic stripes. While the technologies are separate, many chip-card readers will accept NFC signals too.

Some experts are hopeful the changes will draw more shoppers to use digital wallets. But there remain some big challenges. For instance, Wal-Mart has declined to accept Apple Pay and is part of a consortium working on its own mobile payment system.

"It's a chicken-and-egg problem," said Yeager, explaining that shoppers won't embrace a service if stores won't accept it, while many stores want to know consumers and banks are backing a system before they invest in new check-out terminals.

## **South Dakota AG Jackley elected president of national group**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has been elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

The group held its annual meeting this week in California. Jackley issued a statement Friday saying he's honored to serve, and that the leadership position will help him address important issues impacting South Dakota and the nation.

The association is made up of attorneys general from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

## **Idea of merging 2 large Dakotas co-ops won't be resurrected**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Officials who unsuccessfully pushed for the merger of two large century-old agricultural cooperatives in the Dakotas say they will not try again, despite the idea being only narrowly defeated by the co-ops' members.

The South Dakota Wheat Growers and North Central Farmers Elevator had been planning to join and become CentraGro Cooperative. Supporters said the move would save millions of dollars, but opponents worried about a lack of competition in the region.

Election results released Thursday showed 61 percent of Wheat Growers members voted to merge, but only 49 percent of North Central members voted yes. The proposed merger required simple majorities from both co-ops.

"The bad thing about this is that there were probably a lot of people who didn't vote, thinking it was going to pass," said North Central member Troy Beck. "I think most of us are pretty surprised."

However, North Central General Manager Mike Nickolas said the merger proposal was "a one-shot deal," and Wheat Growers senior vice president Steve Briggs said "there is no appetite" for pursuing the merger, despite the close vote.

"There were over 100 meetings between the two co-ops," Nickolas said. "We did everything we could to get the proper information out there for our members to make their decision. There's nothing more we could have done."

The Aberdeen-based Wheat Growers has more than 5,400 members in the eastern Dakotas. Ipswich-based North Central serves 2,500 members in north central South Dakota and south central North Dakota. Both date back about 100 years.

## **Rapid City man accused in armed robberies of 2 stores**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have charged an 18-year-old Rapid City man in a pair of armed robberies in the city.

Sage Hardheart is accused of pointing a gun at clerks at two convenience stores and fleeing with cash this week. He faces two counts of first-degree robbery, a charge that carries a maximum punishment of 25 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

It wasn't immediately clear if Hardheart had an attorney.

## **Chase from Sioux Falls to Baltic ends with crash, arrests**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two people are in custody after a police chase that began in Sioux Falls and ended with a crash in a rural area near Baltic.

Police say a van that was driving fast and erratically nearly collided with a police vehicle in Sioux Falls on Thursday night, then appeared to try to ram another police vehicle.

The van fled and eventually went off a gravel road south of Baltic, hit an embankment and a tree and rolled.

The two occupants were taken to a hospital and treated for injuries that police said were not life-threatening. The 41-year-old man from Sisseton and 36-year-old woman from Flandreau were arrested on charges including driving under the influence. Authorities allege both drove the van at different times during the chase.

## **San Diego Padres scout hosting tryout camp in Yankton**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A San Diego Padres scout will be hosting a tryout camp next week in Yankton. Scout Hank Krause will hold the camp June 25 at Bob Tereshinski Stadium, the home ballpark for the Mount Marty College Lancers.

Interested ballplayers should be between the ages of 15 and 20 and must provide their own equipment.

There will be several college coaches and other scouts in attendance.

The camp costs \$20 per person.

## **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation resident faces arson charge**

KYLE, S.D. (AP) — Federal authorities are accusing a Pine Ridge Indian Reservation resident of setting fire to a friend's home in April.

A grand jury in western South Dakota has indicted Danny Ferguson, of Kyle, on an arson charge. Ferguson is expected to appear in court for the first time Friday in Rapid City.

Authorities say Ferguson "willfully and maliciously" set fire to the trailer home of friend Christy Garnette Pierce in early April. The indictment against Ferguson states Pierce and her family were inside the trailer when the blaze began.

The trailer was located about 6 miles north of Kyle.

Ferguson's attorney could not immediately be reached to comment on the felony charge.

## **North Dakota regulator to lead regional association**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Brian Kalk has been elected president of the Mid-America Regulatory Commissioners.

The MARC has utility and energy regulators from the Dakotas and 12 other states, as well as representatives of regulated industries and the public. The group shares ideas and discusses regulatory and policy issues.

Kalk was elected president during the group's annual meeting in Milwaukee this month. The 2016 conference next June will be in Bismarck.

## **Authorities arrest woman they say helped run lottery scam**

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested a woman they say helped the man convicted last month in North Dakota of running a Jamaica-based scam that bilked mostly elderly people around the country out of millions.

Melinda Bulgin was apprehended Tuesday in Rhode Island, and charged with mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and telemarketing fraud, court documents filed Thursday show. An initial court date has not been scheduled, but she has been ordered to appear in Bismarck no later than June 30.

Authorities say Bulgin, of Providence, handled money on behalf of Lavrick Willocks and Sanjay Williams, described as the leaders of two separate scamming operations based in Jamaica. Williams was convicted by a North Dakota jury after a 10-day trial and faces up to 40 years in prison. Willocks has been charged but not extradited to the United States.

Federal prosecutors did not respond to a request for comment. Bulgin's court-appointed attorney, Mark Meyer, of Wahpeton, said he has talked to his client but had no further comment.

Jamaican lottery scams have been happening for years, but few cases of this magnitude have been

prosecuted. The case began when an FBI agent from North Dakota interviewed a Harvey woman who said she lost close to \$300,000 in the scam. The investigation led authorities to a married couple from South Dakota who had been scammed.

An FBI affidavit shows that an elderly person in Wisconsin was instructed to send cashier's checks for nearly \$34,000 to Bulgin, including two checks payable to Bulgin and one check payable to Bulgin's mother. A person from Arizona allegedly wired Bulgin \$25,000 after scammers said the money was needed to cover federal taxes for a \$5 million prize.

Williams is one of more than 30 people charged in the case and the only one thus far to go to trial. Another defendant, Andrew Myrie, is scheduled for trial July 13 on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and wire fraud. Myrie has pleaded not guilty.

## **Proposed merger of 2 large agriculture cooperative fails**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Two century-old agriculture cooperatives based in the Dakotas will not merge this summer after a slim majority of members in one organization voted Thursday against unification.

The South Dakota Wheat Growers and North Central Farmers Elevator had been planning for months to join and become CentraGro Cooperatives, according to the American News in Aberdeen.

Sixty-one percent of Wheat Growers members voted to merge but only 49 percent of North Central members voted yes, with the nay side garnering 42 more votes. The proposed merger required simple majorities from both cooperatives.

"I'm stunned," said Harry Krause, a Java resident and North Central member who voted yes on the proposal. "I can't figure this at all. Everything was put out there and explained so nice. I didn't expect this."

The Aberdeen-based Wheat Growers has more than 5,400 members while Ipswich-based North Central claims about 2,500.

Executives with both cooperatives in the Dakotas had said merging them would have saved about \$44 million over the next four years.

Wheat Growers CEO Dale Locken planned to retire if the measure passed, but said Thursday he would now remain in his position.

"The members made their decision," Locken said. "I'm proud that Wheat Growers members voted for the unification. The efficiencies that we would have had would have benefited growers for decades to come."

Both cooperatives will now move ahead as autonomous organizations.

## **Economy improves in rural parts of 10 states but still weak**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The economy has improved slightly in rural parts of 10 Western and Plains states, but a new survey suggests little growth ahead.

The overall Rural Mainstreet index improved to the neutral score of 50 in June from last month's 49.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says the strong dollar is continuing to hurt crop prices and exports, so farm income is down in the region.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

The survey indexes range from 0 to 100. Any score below 50 suggests decline in that factor in the months ahead.

The weak crop prices and current bird flu outbreak have bankers worried. The confidence index registered 45.9 in June, up from 41.5 in May, but still negative.

## **SD Supreme Court upholds sentence for woman who hit trooper**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has upheld a more than 42-year prison sentence for a woman who ran over a Highway Patrol Trooper in Sioux Falls while driving drunk.

Twenty-six-year-old Rachel Coleman had argued that her sentence of 42 ½ years for running over Trooper Andrew Steen violated her constitutional rights because it was “grossly disproportionate” to her crime.

The high court unanimously upheld her sentence.

Coleman ran over Steen in the early morning of Oct. 17, 2012, after he attempted to pull her over. She pleaded guilty in January of 2014 to aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer and felony driving under the influence fourth.

The Argus Leader reports Coleman will have to serve between 28 and 30 years in prison before she’s eligible for parole.

## **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. FRIEND RECALLS DYLANN ROOF BECOMING AVOWED RACIST**

Joey Meek says the suspected Charleston black church gunman ranted that “someone needed to do something about it for the white race.”

#### **2. OVER 130 PRISON ESCAPEES ON LOOSE NATIONWIDE**

AP’s Jennifer Peltz also finds that many have been gone so long that authorities have scant prospects of finding them, if they’re even alive.

#### **3. EUROPE SCRAMBLES AS TALKS WITH GREECE FLOUNDER**

Several European countries are getting ready for the possibility of Athens leaving the euro.

#### **4. INTRODUCING ... THE RAIDERS**

That’s what an elite branch of the U.S. Marine Corps will be known as in a move resurrecting a name used by World War II units that carried out risky operations.

#### **5. PERIL, PROMISE FOR PRESIDENT**

For Obama, an encouraging vote on his trade agenda and a tragedy in South Carolina showcase the promise and peril of his presidential end game.

#### **6. WHO IS LATEST SPECIES TO BE TRACKED IN FEDERAL LANDS**

Scientists are putting tracking devices on a new species — people — as they try to learn more about how their movements affect ecosystems in national parks.

#### **7. REMAKING BRIAN WILLIAMS’ IMAGE**

After NBC’s decision to remove the “Nightly News” anchor and reassign him to MSNBC, the embattled news reader faces a quest to rebuild his credibility and dignity.

#### **8. STORM HEADS NORTHEAST AFTER FLOODING OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS**

A weather system that once was Tropical Storm Bill prompts flood warnings across the Ozarks and middle Mississippi Valley.

#### **9. NEW YORK’S CARNEGIE DELI FINED FOR VIOLATING BUILDING CODES**

The famed restaurant in midtown Manhattan will remain closed for at least two more weeks after it

was found to be diverting some of its gas before it reached the meter.

## 10. CHAMBERS BAY LIVES UP TO TOUGH BILLING

Henrik Stenson and Dustin Johnson share the lead at 5-under 65 at the U.S. Open, while Tiger Woods struggles to an opening-round 80.

## AP News in Brief

### **Man accused of killing 9 at Charleston church feared 'blacks were taking over the world'**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A former friend who had reconnected with the man accused of a shooting massacre inside a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, said Dylann Storm Roof had become an avowed racist.

Joey Meek reconnected with Roof a few weeks ago and said that while they got drunk together on vodka, Roof began complaining that "blacks were taking over the world" and that "someone needed to do something about it for the white race."

Roof, 21, is accused of fatally shooting nine people during a Bible study at The Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston on Wednesday night, ripping out a piece of South Carolina's civic heart and adding to the ever-growing list of America's racial casualties.

Police captured Roof in Shelby, North Carolina, after a motorist spotted him at a traffic light on her way to work. His apprehension ended an intense, hours-long manhunt.

Roof waived extradition and was back in Charleston on Thursday night with a bond hearing pending, authorities said.

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### **African-Americans feeling fatigued after barrage of racial incidents, shootings and slayings**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The weariness, the rage, the depressing conviction that black life is stuck in a murderous loop fueled by racism — these emotions resounded in black America after the deadly shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Nine people who had gathered to pray in one of the main sanctuaries of black life — the church — were slain.

This, following a string of black men killed after coming into contact with police officers in cities across America and racist actions on campuses. Even though African-Americans are long accustomed to dealing with difficulty where their race is concerned, the confluence of events appeared to be taking a toll.

"We really are a people who are suffering from racial battle fatigue," political essayist and commentator Chauncey DeVega said Thursday.

Authorities say Dylann Storm Roof sat with members of Emanuel for an hour during Bible study Wednesday night before gunning them down. The Charleston police chief wouldn't discuss a motive, but a friend of the 21-year-old white man told The Associated Press that Roof had complained about black people "taking over the world."

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## **Across US, over 130 prison escapees linger the loose, AP survey finds; many are long gone**

NEW YORK (AP) — Somewhere out there are an admitted killer who crawled through a Texas prison's ventilation ducts, a murderer who apparently escaped from an Indiana institution in a garbage truck, and a Florida convict who got other inmates to put him in a crate at the prison furniture shop and had himself delivered to freedom by truck.

They're among more than 130 state prison escapees nationwide who are listed as on the loose, The Associated Press found in a coast-to-coast survey.

Most have been gone for decades, meaning the chances of finding them have dwindled dramatically — that is, if they're even alive.

Still, "you don't forget about them," said former Oklahoma corrections chief James Saffle, who worked for 11 years tracking escaped convicts. "Sometimes, some little action they take will trigger something."

For the past two weeks, up to 800 federal, state and local law enforcement officers have been searching the woods and swamps around a maximum-security state prison in far northern New York for two convicted killers who used power tools to break out. The hunt is still in the early and intensive on-the-ground phase.

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## **A day after another failure to forge Greek bailout deal, Europe scrambles to pick up pieces**

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Europe was scrambling Friday to pick up the pieces after another failed meeting over Greece's bailout that reinforced fears that the country was heading for bankruptcy and a possible euro exit.

Amid signs that Greeks are taking their money out of banks in growing amounts, the European Central Bank has scheduled a teleconference of its governing council to discuss emergency liquidity assistance for Greek banks — just two days after it increased the amounts it was willing to provide.

The scale of unease over Greece's failure to thrash out a deal to get more loans from creditors is evident in the fact that the ECB has been steadily increasing the emergency credit it allows Greek banks to draw on to remain afloat.

The ECB could turn off that support if it thinks Greece is going bust. The country needs a deal with creditors to get more bailout loans before June 30, when it has the first of a series of debt repayments it cannot afford.

The ECB would be under intense pressure to stop pumping money into a banking system that might collapse and take the ECB's money with it.

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## **Peril, promise of Obama's end game clear in handling of trade, health care, gun control, more**

WASHINGTON (AP) — For President Barack Obama, an encouraging vote on his trade agenda and a harrowing tragedy in South Carolina showcased the promise and peril of his presidential end game.

Hand-wringing over a stinging setback for Obama's trade package in Congress last week gave way to sighs of relief at the White House on Thursday when the House took the first steps to put the legislation back on track.

And the president showed he still can command the national pulpit when he spoke compellingly about the shooting at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, that left nine people dead.

Yet in his statement on the church shooting, Obama also offered a glum acknowledgment that there

was no way he could prod Congress to take action on gun violence, an issue of enormous importance to him.

"The politics in this town foreclose a lot of those avenues right now," he said flatly.

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## **Green Berets, SEALs, and now Raiders: Marine Corps resurrects name of legendary elite units**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Army has the Green Berets, while the Navy is known for the SEALs. Now, an elite branch of the U.S. Marine Corps will officially be known as Raiders.

The Marines will rename several special operations units as Marine Raiders at a ceremony Friday, resurrecting a moniker made famous by World War II units that carried out risky amphibious and guerrilla operations. The exploits of the original Marine Raiders — who pioneered tactics used by present-day special forces — were captured in books and movies including "Gung Ho!" in 1943 and "Marine Raiders" in 1944.

The name will give a unique identity to the Marines' branch of U.S. Special Operations Command, which includes special forces from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The Marines' Special Operations Command, known as MARSOC, was formed more than a decade ago as part of the global fight against terrorism.

"Whereas most people in the American public probably wouldn't have been able to tell you what MARSOC stood for, 'Raider' will jump off the page," said Ben Connable, a military and intelligence analyst at the nonprofit research agency RAND Corporation.

After Friday, the formal names of eight units comprising some 2,700 Marines will include "Marine Raider." Representatives from the units will gather in formation with their commanders to unveil their new battle colors while renaming citations are read.

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## **Tropical storm's remnants sweep across Arkansas and Oklahoma, head to US midsection; 1 dead**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A stormy weather system that once was Tropical Storm Bill prompted flood warnings across the Ozarks and mid-Mississippi Valley early Friday, even before rains began to fall there in earnest.

Since coming ashore Tuesday along the Texas Gulf Coast, the tropical system has claimed at least one life — that of a 2-year-old swept from his father's arms as they tried to escape a raging Hickory Creek in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The region just north of the Texas border had 10 inches of rain Wednesday night and Thursday.

"The water was just flowing like a river down the streets," Amber Wilson, the emergency manager in Ardmore, said after the overnight downpour. "It was so forceful that it washed away the barricades and pushed manhole covers out of the streets," she said. Even giant trash bins gave way to the water.

Forecasters said the worst weather overnight would be in the heart of the Ozark Mountains along the Arkansas-Missouri border.

"They're getting ready for the possibility of water rescues and things of that nature," said Rick Fahr, a spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. "When water hits a mountain, and the kind of terrain in that area, it all goes to the same spot: down."

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## **After daughter's mob killing, Afghan family lives in isolation and fear as suspects go free**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The family of an Afghan woman killed by a frenzied mob in an attack that shocked the world with its brutality is living in isolation and fear as they wait for justice they believe will never come.

Since Farkhunda Malikzada was killed on March 19, life has come to a standstill for those she left behind, said her father, 72-year-old Mohammad Nader Malikzada.

"We cannot live a normal life, our children cannot go to school or college, we can't even go shopping," he told The Associated Press. "We are under such psychological pressure. It is hell in this house,"

His despair was compounded this month when Afghanistan's Primary Court released 37 of the 49 people convicted of Farkhunda's murder pending their appeals against sentences the family has said are too light.

After a peddler at a Kabul shrine falsely accused Farkhunda of burning a Quran, a mob attacked her as police watched. After punching, kicking and beating her with wooden planks, the crowd threw her from a roof, ran over her with a car and crushed her with a block of concrete. They then set her body alight on the bank of the Kabul River.

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## **With Lauer interview, Williams begins effort to rebuild his journalistic credibility**

NEW YORK (AP) — After NBC's decision to remove Brian Williams as "Nightly News" anchor and reassign him to MSNBC, the embattled news reader faces a quest to rebuild his credibility and dignity in a role that is a marked comedown from his old one.

Step No. 1 is Friday, when he faces old colleague Matt Lauer for an interview that will be aired on the "Today" show and "Nightly News." It will be Williams' first time speaking publicly since being suspended in February for telling tales about his reporting experiences.

Williams said "I'm sorry" Thursday in a statement issued by NBC. But there's a big difference between a quote emailed to reporters and an interview expected to be seen by millions of viewers.

"He needs to acknowledge there's been a great breach of trust, bordering on unforgivable," said Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington anchor and now a George Washington University professor. "He needs to discuss that openly. He needs to renounce any activities that go beyond doing the news if he wants to be viewed as a journalist."

As anchor and managing editor of the top-rated "Nightly News," Williams was arguably the most prominent television journalist in the country. NBC concluded, in a decision announced Thursday, that he was too damaged to fill that role anymore but said he deserved a second chance. He'll get that at MSNBC beginning in August, returning him to the cable network where he once hosted an evening newscast.

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## **Rumbling of train cars on the rails part of soundtrack to US Open at Chambers Bay**

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — The number is around 60, give or take, with a rumble that is part of the soundtrack to an already unique U.S. Open.

About half the time, it comes from the north behind the 15th green and near the 16th tee where the one tree at Chambers Bay stands guard. The other half, from the south near the 18th tee. And in between, it's unavoidable for those playing either the 16th or 17th holes.

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Of all the variables that go into conducting a U.S. Open, this is one the USGA could not control. Along the shores of Puget Sound between the edge of the Chambers Bay property and the blue water, stands a rail corridor vital to moving freight and passengers north and south through the Pacific Northwest.

That rumble of clacking rails was just as much the sound during Thursday's first round as the roars from the crowds for made putts or the moans of a shot lost in the wispy long fescue rough.

The operators of the train lines, BNSF, and the USGA had discussions on whether schedules should be altered for the four days of the tournament. The final decision: Nope, continue with the scheduled service.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 19, the 170th day of 2015. There are 195 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free, an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."

### On this date:

In 1764, Jose Gervasio Artigas, considered the father of Uruguayan independence, was born in Montevideo.

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Confederate sloop-of-war CSS Alabama was sunk by the USS Kearsarge (also a sloop-of-war) off Cherbourg, France.

In 1910, the first-ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.

In 1944, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.

In 1945, millions of New Yorkers turned out to cheer Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was honored with a parade.

In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes, blamed for at least 122 deaths, made landfall over the Florida Panhandle.

In 1975, former Chicago organized crime boss Sam Giancana was shot to death in the basement of his home in Oak Park, Illinois; the killing has never been solved.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure. Artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Kentucky, after 16 months on the manmade pump.

In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine. Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones (rees johnz) in Windsor, England.

**Ten years ago:** Fighting raged across southern Afghanistan as the U.S. military pounded suspected Taliban positions with airstrikes. Michael Campbell answered every challenge Tiger Woods threw his

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way for a two-shot victory in the U.S. Open. Fourteen Formula One drivers refused to participate in the United States Grand Prix because of unresolved concerns over the safety of their Michelin tires. (The race was won by Michael Schumacher, one of six drivers who raced using Bridgestone tires.)

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address to pin blame on Republicans for making life harder for the unemployed and for those who could lose their jobs without new federal intervention. Former NBA player Manute Bol, 47, died in Charlottesville, Virginia, after returning from a humanitarian trip to his birth country of Sudan.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama announced he was dispatching 300 U.S. military advisers to Iraq to help quell a rising insurgency. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California won election as House majority leader as Republicans shuffled their leadership in the wake of Rep. Eric Cantor's primary defeat in Virginia. Gerry Goffin, 75, a prolific and multi-dimensional lyricist who with his then-wife and songwriter partner Carole King wrote such hits as "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," "(You Make Me Feel Like) a Natural Woman," "Up On The Roof," and "The Loco-Motion," died in Los Angeles.

**Today's Birthdays:** Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 87. Actress Gena (JEH'-nuh) Rowlands is 85. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 75. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 73. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) is 70. Author Salman Rushdie is 68. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 67. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 65. Musician Larry Dunn is 62. Actress Kathleen Turner is 61. Country singer Doug Stone is 59. Singer Mark DeBarge is 56. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 53. Actor Andy Lauer is 52. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 51. Actor Samuel West is 49. Actress Mia Sara is 48. TV personality Lara Spencer is 46. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 45. Actor Jean Dujardin is 43. Actress Robin Tunney is 43. Actor Bumper Robinson is 41. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 40. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (AY'-veht) (The Avett Brothers) is 39. Actor Ryan Hurst is 39. Actress Zoe Saldana is 37. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 35. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 32. Actor Paul Dano is 31. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 26. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 17.

**Thought for Today:** "Exuberance is better than taste." - Gustave Flaubert, French author (1821-1880).