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Hoops Reunion

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

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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FATHER'S DAY

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

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

Birthdays: Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke, Austin Lorenz, Karen Spanier.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship 3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (India Serves)

5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Historic Trinity Church

Monday, June 22

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

Birthdays: Angela Dobbins, Wade Nyberg, Jerrie Vedvei.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:30pm: U12 Softball host Redfield and Web-

ster

5:30pm: U8 Softball host Redfield and Webster

6:30pm: Amateurs host Webster

Tuesday, June 23

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Henry & Vera Musil.

Birthdays: Twila Ruden, Kaycie Hawkins,

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Understanding the Grandpa Rules

As circumstance would have it, and I like to give circumstances due credit, I was visiting my grandchildren without the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Normally, if there is such a status, my wife travels with me when we visit the grandchildren. However, when she is along I do not have a chance. I will not say that she hogs the grandchildren, she does, I just will not say so. As a husband, I know when to speak my mind and when to mind my speaking. The inexperienced husband does not know the difference and pays for it.

With the opportunity before me to go solo with the grandchildren, I determined to make the best of it. I never know when this kind of a situation will repeat itself. When my wife is with me, she always holds the reins, but now I have nobody to curtail my visit with the grandchildren. I am a freelance grandpa. What many people may not know is that there are rules governing the successful grandfather. Most people do not know these rules because the most prominent grandparent is usually the grandmother. I'm

not complaining here, just explaining. Somebody needs to explain this and the sooner the grandfather

knows and understands these rules the sooner he can enjoy exploiting his role as grandpa.

The first rule that should be understood is simply this: whatever makes the grandchildren happy makes the grandfather happy. This brings out the unselfish nature of grandfatherhood. It is a wise, not to mention happy, grandfather who invests his resources in making the grandchildren happy. Whatever it takes. I say invest because there are marvelous dividends to be reaped.

This is perhaps the greatest burden the grandfather has to shoulder. Everybody knows how difficult it is to make and keep children happy. In addition, during the grandfather's visit it should be one long happy adventure.

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Another rule associated with grandfathers is rather basic. Jellybeans ARE fruit. Anybody with any kind of common sense can see the different colors of jellybeans and understand that they represent fruit. It is the dutiful responsibility of a grandfather to have an endless supply of jelly beans on his person at all times. After all, children do need their fruit.

While on the subject of food, another rule has to do with vegetables. Every grandfather knows that vegetables are not all that grandmothers say they are. And broccoli... is absolutely forbidden when grandpa is sitting at the table. Another important aspect of eating at the table is that cleaning up everything on your plate is not necessary when grandpa is there.

Also, when grandpa is at the table the order of the dinner is drastically changed. For example, the dessert should be eaten first because of the danger of eating too much and not having enough room for the

dessert at the end of the meal.

When going out to a restaurant together for a meal there is another rule that is most crucial. This is something dear to my heart and something I wish to pass on to my grandchildren. Simply put, it is this, a straw has many functions. And the beautiful thing about a straw is it comes with its own supply of ammunition. There are many wonderful things to be done with a "loaded straw."

Another grandpa rule is that noise is welcome and since grandpa is a little hard of hearing, the louder the better. A grandchild yelling like wild banshees is the music of the gods. And the most important part of this music is all of the grandchildren should be yelling at the same time. This idea of taking turns is something that only grandmothers

think up.

With the children's health in mind, this next rule is crucial. Jumping on the furniture is good exercise, especially when grandpa hits the ceiling with his head. And because of the great deal of laughter involved in such exercise, it adds to their health and longevity. I read somewhere where laughter adds to your life. Whether it is true or not is immaterial, the fact is children need to laugh and laugh a lot. Grandmothers do not understand.

Then, as long as grandpa is staying overnight, bedtime is merely a goal. This idea of having an exact bedtime is not healthy, especially when grandpa is visiting. Bedtime should be a negotiable commodity, not something that is an exact science. What does science have to do with going to bed at night? Leave science at school where it belongs.

There is one last rule that I need to mention. Grandpa's rules trump everyone else's rules... except grandma's, which is why grandpa needs

to visit the grandchildren by himself occasionally.

Understanding the rules enables everybody to enjoy the time together. Without rules, there would be chaos. With grandpa's rules, the chaos is a marvelous harmony of joy, excitement and fun. Every grandchild needs a grandpa who understands the grandpa rules and

who has the opportunity to exploit those rules.

There is one rulebook that I go by implicitly. That book is the Bible. It is the most profitable book I have ever discovered. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When you know the rules of life, it becomes a wonderful and excit-

ing adventure.

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How To Create Happy Campers

If you would like to spend less time in front of a computer or TV and more time outdoors, take your family camping. It's easy to get started.

First, visit local outdoor stores for advice on preferred equipment that best fits your needs. Check out the Internet to research camping articles and to watch videos for basic tips. Also, visit your department of natural resources or state parks division to find good beginner camping locations. Or, for a first time out, try camping in your own backyard.

The best advice I can give you, though, is keep it simple. Use common sense and plan ahead. A checklist is golden for making sure you have the essentials and for meal

planning.

Be prepared for any kind of weather. Take along books on wildlife, wild flowers, plants, celestial bodies, and just for reading.

Take games for the kids, go exploring, have fun. Don't forget the video or digital camera to capture the memories.

By Larry Whiteley, Host of the awardwinning Outdoor World Radio

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The Life of Donna Hannon

Services for Donna Hannon, 86, of Conde will be 2 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Donna died Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Manor Care Health Services in Aberdeen. Donna Mae was born on June 13, 1929 to John and Emma (Reich) Schimmel. She attended school in Butler, graduating with the last class in 1947. Donna received her teaching certificate from Northern State College. On April 4, 1948, she was united in marriage to Laurence Cowan. Together they made their home on a farm near Crandall, SD and were blessed with four children. Laurence passed away in

January of 1965. On April 30, 1966 she married Harvey Hannon and were blessed with twin daughters. They continued to farm in the Crandall area. Donna was a hard working farm wife for many years. After Harvey's passing in 2002, Donna continued farming and enjoyed spending time with her neighbors. In 2011, Donna moved to Groton, SD and lived at Rosewood Court.

Donna spent countless hours grooming her yard and tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She loved to cook, sew, knit and crotchet. She enjoyed doing all types of crafts and designed beautiful handmade quilts for her family.

Donna was a member of the United Methodist Church in Conde.

Celebrating her life are her children: Larry (JoAnn) Cowan of Sedona, Arizona; Lori (Gary) Sombke of Sisseton; Kori Hannon Cowan of Trinity, Alabama and Kelli (Rick) Schultz of Sherrill, Iowa. She is also survived by her sister, Sandy Hayes of Mitchell, sister-in-law, Ida Hannon of Andover, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, both husbands two daughters, two granddaughters and one sister.

Honorary Casetbearers will be all of Donna's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Casketbearers will be Greg Bonn, Zach Townsend, Bud Bruckner, Jon Voss, Alan Townsend and Brian Sanderson.



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Stump Removal

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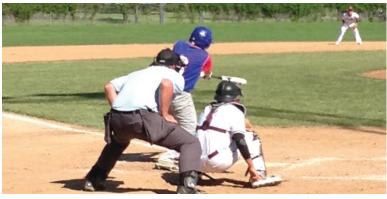
Legion at Brookings Tournament



Adam Herman had a stand up triple against Sioux Falls Titans in second game of Brooking Legion Tournament



Bennett Shabazz up to bat against Volga.



Turner Webb with an RBI single in the 5th inning against Brookings



Sean Schuring scores against Volga



Drew Planteen teams up with catcher Trevor Pray to pitch a complete game for a win against Volga



Brady Keith with a hit against Brookings

Photos by Tricia Keith

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Today in Weather History

June 21, 1902: Light to heavy frost occurred over most of the state with low temperatures ranging from the mid-20s, to the lower 30s. Some record low temperatures include; 27 degrees in Ipswich and Leola, 29 in Kennebec, 30 in Mellette, 31 in Aberdeen, Clark, and Watertown, 32 in Faulkton and Gann Valley, 36 in Sisseton, and 40 degrees in Milbank.

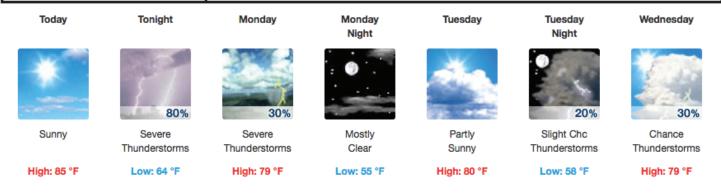
June 21, 1961: One or more tornadoes moved southeast along a distance from east of Aberdeen to the southeastern edge of Sioux Falls. A funnel cloud was first seen between Aberdeen and Groton and later on near Raymond. A tornado hit about 4 pm a few miles southwest of Clark with about 20 farm buildings demolished. One house was destroyed, killing an elderly lady and injuring one person. A boy was reportedly lifted high in the air and another woman carried 100 yards by winds. Both were injured. Between 4:30 and 5:00 pm, areas northeast of Willow Lake and in northern Kingsbury were hit with a total of 13 farm buildings destroyed or twisted off the foundations. Five buildings on one farm were destroyed and a house was unroofed near Oldham. The house roof was found several miles away. The tornado was of F3 strength.

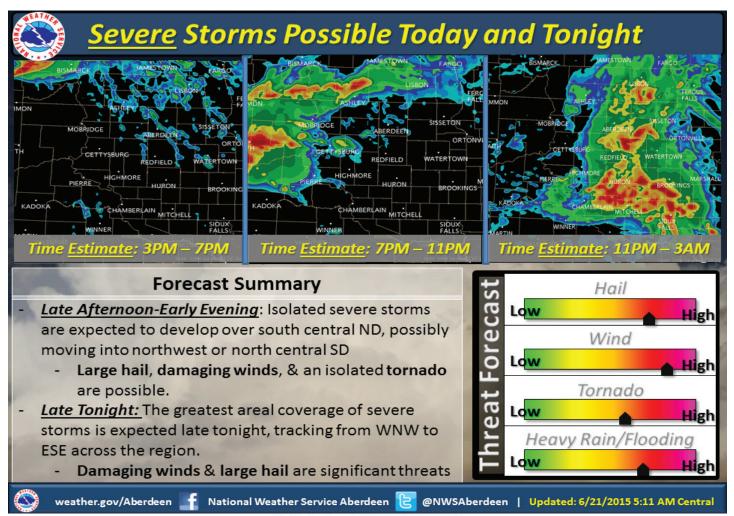
June 21, 1983: An F3 tornado touched down at a resort area two miles west of Pollock. Eleven people fled from the southwestern most cabin and crawled under a nearby cabin. The southwest cabin was completely destroyed and the cabin the group crawled under was moved five feet from its concrete block foundation. Four people were treated for injuries. A van, boat and trailer were demolished and a small car was heavily damaged. The tornado turned east and reformed four miles east of Pollock, where it touched down briefly and dissipated. Another F3 tornado touched down in open prairie three miles northeast of Glad Valley and moved northeast, creating a path of destruction as it progressed. On one farm, nine buildings were wiped out and scattered up to two miles away. Trees and poles were uprooted and scattered a half mile away. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for six miles with a path width of 300 yards. A third tornado, rated F2, touched down seven miles south of Pollock. This tornado damaged several cabin roofs, a restaurant, and downed several trees. Boats were tossed in a lake and picnic tables were hurdles against cars.

June 21, 2013: A long-lived severe thunderstorm developed over the southern Black Hills and moved eastward across the South Dakota plains during the morning hours. The storm produced very large hail to softball size from eastern Custer to northern Jackson Counties. The softball size fell 12 miles eastsoutheast of Fairburn in Custer County, damaging property. This storm intensified along a strong warm front with very unstable air and strong deep layer winds into several supercell thunderstorms and a damaging line of thunderstorms/bow echo across parts of central and northeast South Dakota through the afternoon hours. Damaging winds up to 90 mph uprooted large trees and caused considerable structural and crop damage and loss of power to those along the path. The worst wind damage was located at Lake Poinsett, Watertown, and Milbank. A woman was killed and her husband was seriously injured on Lake Poinsett when their lake house was destroyed. Numerous trees were downed along with many structures damaged or destroyed. Many trees had fallen onto homes, cabins, and trailers. The bowling alley in Clear Lake lost its roof along with numerous pole barns being destroyed along the path of the storm. Thousands of people were also left without power. Four tornado touchdowns occurred along with hail up to the size of softballs. Isolated flash flooding also occurred. Codington, Hamlin, Grant, and Deuel counties were all declared in a Federal Disaster Declaration. Total damage estimates were around 1,100,000 dollars.

1987: A tornado destroyed 57 mobile homes at the Chateam Estates trailer park northwest of Detroit, Michigan killing one person and injuring six others. Total damage was estimated at 1.7 million dollars. Thunderstorms over Lower Michigan also drenched the Saginaw Valley with up to 4.5 inches of rain in less than six hours.

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A low pressure system will bring another round of severe storms to the region today and tonight. Isolated severe storms may develop late in the afternoon over parts of southwest ND, and then move into northwest or north central SD. If storms develop in this time frame, large hail, damaging winds and an isolated tornado are all possible. Later tonight, storms are expected to increase in coverage across the region. Severe storms are likely with damaging winds and large hail the most significant threats overnight.

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Yesterday's Weather High: 81.3 at 6:04 PM

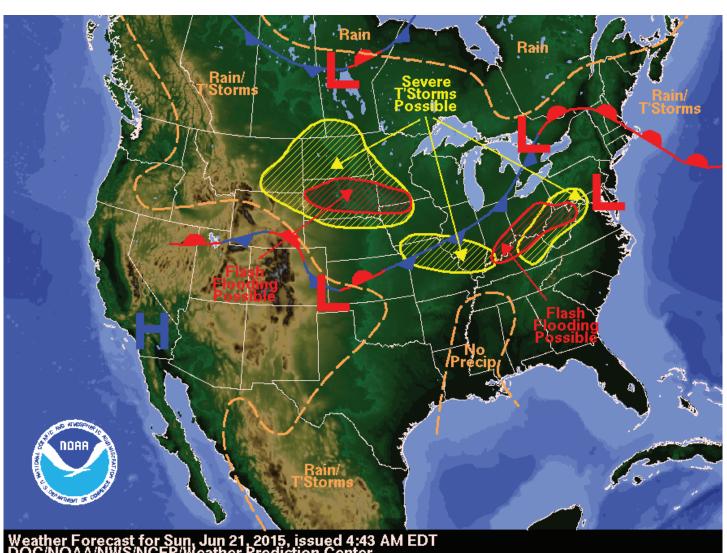
Low: 64.6 at 5:17 AM High Gust: 25 at 4:28 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 108° in 1988

Record Low: 31° in 1902 **Average High:** 79°F Average Low: 55°F

Average Precip in June: 2.59 Precip to date in June: 0.95 Average Precip to date: 9.73 Precip Year to Date: 6.67 Sunset Tonight: 9:25 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



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SECRET THINGS

A magician and his parrot were having a great time performing for the audiences on a large cruise ship.

Whenever he would make a card disappear, the parrot would say, "It's up his sleeve." If he would make a dove appear, he would shout, "It came from his pocket."

One day during the middle of a performance the ship hit an iceberg and sank. Sitting together with the magician in a life raft, the parrot asked, "OK, what did you do with the ship?"

There are many things in the Bible that are easily understood. They are clear, well described and are obvious to the occasional reader. There are some passages that take research or an explanation from someone who has spent a lifetime searching and studying the Word of God. Then there are those passages that even the most learned scholars have difficulty explaining or interpreting. What then?

Moses wrote, "There are secret things that belong to the Lord our God; but the revealed things belong to us." Even though we can search, study and understand most of the Bible, our minds are finite. We will never be able to understand the infinite things of God. That is when and where faith begins.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for giving us minds to know, hearts to believe and faith to accept Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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News from the App Associated Press

1 man dead in Fort Thompson from overnight storm

FORT THOMPSON, S.D. (AP) — One man died and mobile homes were destroyed late Friday when a storm brought rain and straight-line winds blowing at more than 80 mph through two Native American reservations in central South Dakota.

The American Red Cross opened an emergency shelter Saturday morning in Fort Thompson to help people from both the Crow Creek and Lower Brule reservations.

Richard Smith, the executive director for Red Cross in western South Dakota, said several mobile homes in Fort Thompson were destroyed after they were blown over and windows were broken all over town.

Deb Attaki told KDLT-TV that her cousin, 61-year-old Wilfred Wind Sr., was sleeping on his couch in Fort Thompson when strong winds toppled his trailer home, killing him.

Acting Lower Brule Chairman Kevin Wright told the Associated Press his community also sustained considerable damage. Wright said the roof of the courthouse, casino and several other buildings were severely damaged.

"It was pulled off like a sardine can," he said of the courthouse roof. "We haven't seen a storm like this for a long time."

Wright said he emailed a Bureau of Indian Affairs official to notify him of the damage and the fact that many homes on the reservation were still without power Saturday.

Aaron Dorn, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said winds flipped campers and snapped fully grown trees in half. NWS received reports of wind speeds between 80 and 90 mph with the strongest winds recorded at 93 mph in Okaton.

"It was a wall of destruction," Dorn told the Argus Leader.

Smith, of the Red Cross, said several people were injured in Fort Thompson but he didn't know how badly. Wright said on Lower Brule he took one woman with a cut on her face to the hospital.

Red Cross workers set up a shelter at the Lode Star Casino and Hotel and are providing food and support. Smith said six people stayed in the shelter overnight but said more came in Saturday.

Elsewhere, Smith said campers that people had parked along the Missouri River had blown over.

Tony Mangan, a spokesman with the state Department of Public safety, said emergency management personnel and the state highway patrol were responding to Fort Thompson on Saturday.

AP News in Brief

Emanuel to host first service since shootings, solidarity events planned throughout Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Members of a historic black church will return to their sanctuary Sunday and worship, perhaps united like never before, and similar sermons of recovery and healing will reverberate throughout the country.

Sunday morning will mark the first worship service at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church since Dylann Roof, 21, sat among a Bible study group and opened fire after saying that he targeted them because they were black, authorities said. Among the nine killed was the church pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator.

Events to show solidarity are planned throughout the city and beyond, including the synchronized

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ringing of church bells at 10 a.m. EDT. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her family were to attend the service at Emanuel.

Despite grim circumstances the congregation has been faced with, the welcoming spirit Roof exploited before the shooting is still alive, church members said.

Harold Washington, 75, expects the sanctuary to host even more newcomers after one shattered the group's sense of peace and security.

Call for death penalty in church shooting, but state lacks the drugs, with 44 on death row

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Two days after the shooting deaths of nine people during a Bible study at a Charleston church, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley made a bold public statement: The gunman "absolutely" should be put to death. But her state, though largely pro-death penalty, can't secure one of the drugs needed for lethal injections and hasn't executed an inmate since 2011.

Any potential execution order for Dylann Storm Roof, 21, would be years away. He is charged with nine counts of murder in Wednesday's massacre. He appeared briefly before a judge Friday, and his next court appearance isn't until October. Haley made her comments Friday on NBC's "Today" show, but the governor has no power in Roof's prosecution or sentencing.

South Carolina's supply of pentobarbital, one of three drugs in the state's lethal injection, expired in 2013. Corrections Director Bryan Stirling has made it clear to legislators that his agency can't buy anymore, even as 44 people are on death row in the state. All attempts to purchase more have failed — a problem in states nationwide. Some are trying to find new drugs and new sources for drugs because pharmaceutical companies have stopped selling them for executions and pharmacists are reluctant to expose themselves to possible harassment.

Stirling advocated this year for a bill that would keep secret the information of any company or pharmacist providing execution drugs, saying that should help secure them. But bills have stalled in both chambers, and opponents urged legislators not to vote for government secrecy.

The Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of Oklahoma's three-drug injection, with inmates arguing it doesn't reliably produce unconsciousness and causes pain and suffering. State House Judiciary Chairman Greg Delleney, a Republican, has said he will probably wait for that decision before asking lawmakers to vote on the bill, though Stirling notes that South Carolina uses a different drug.

Manhunt for escaped NY killers shifts after possible sighting near Pennsylvania border

FRIENDSHIP, N.Y. (AP) — The search for two convicted killers in New York shifted after possible sightings in the southern part of the state, 350 miles from the prison where the men escaped two weeks ago.

New York State Police spokesman Beau Duffy said officers were investigating a possible sighting of the prisoners in Allegany County near the Pennsylvania border.

A person spotted two men Saturday near a railroad line that runs along Route 20 in the town of Friendship, state police said, and police concentrated the search in the area along the route and Interstate 86.

David Sweat and Richard Matt escaped June 6 from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, near the Canadian border. The two broke out of the maximum-security prison using power tools and leaving behind dummies under bedcovers in their adjoining cells.

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A door-to-door search involving up to 800 law enforcement officers has been underway since then, concentrated in a several-mile radius of woods and fields around the prison in the Adirondacks.

Indian leader, millions around world bend and contort their bodies to celebrate 1st Yoga Day

NEW DELHI (AP) — Millions of yoga enthusiasts across the world bent and twisted their bodies in complex postures Sunday to mark International Yoga Day.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi spread his mat among rows of people, including his Cabinet members and foreign diplomats, at New Delhi's main thoroughfare, which was transformed into a sprawling exercise ground.

Thousands of people dressed in white sat on yellow mats under the Eiffel Tower, and similar events were held in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Beijing, Manila and other places. Modi had lobbied the U.N. to declare June 21 as the first International Yoga Day.

"We are not only celebrating a day, but we are training the human mind to begin a new era of peace and harmony," Modi told participants. "This is a program for the benefit of mankind, for a tension-free world and to spread the message of harmony."

Schoolchildren, bureaucrats, homemakers, soldiers and ordinary folk took part in the exercise, held in all Indian state capitals. In Modi's home state of Gujarat, yoga events were organized at nearly 30,000 places, state officials said.

Austere brand of Islam on rise in Europe, stirring worries of radicalization risk

PARIS (AP) — Its imams preach austere piety, its tenets demand strict separation of sexes — and some of its most radical adherents are heeding the call of jihad. Salafism, an Islamic movement based on a literal reading of the Quran, is on the rise in France, Germany and Britain, security officials say, with Salafis sharply increasing their influence in mosques and on the streets.

The trend worries European authorities, who see Salafism as one of the inspirational forces for young Europeans heading to Syria or Iraq to do battle for the Islamic State group. Experts, however, point out that the vast majority of Salafis are peace-loving.

In Germany, there are currently about 7,000 Salafis in the country — nearly double the 3,800 estimated four years ago, the Interior Ministry said last month. About 100 French mosques are now controlled by Salafis, a small number compared to the more than 2,000 Muslim houses of worship, but more than double the number four years ago, a senior security official told The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. France does not do head-counts by religious practices or origins.

In Britain the numbers are on the rise, too. Seven percent of Britain's 1,740 mosques are run by Salafis, according to Mehmood Naqshbandi, an expert on Britain's Muslims and counter-extremism adviser to the British government who keeps a database of the various currents of Islam in Britain. He says those numbers are steadily growing, especially among young people — and that a quarter to half of British Muslims under 30 "accept some parts or all of the Salafi theology."

Today, the Internet is largely seen as the main route for youth to quickly radicalize. But radicalization can be cultivated in places where Muslims socialize, like mosques. And there, said the French security official, it is Salafis who are considered the principle purveyors of radical ideology.

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New Orleans police continue manhunt for suspect who escaped, fled after officer fatally shot

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Authorities canvassed a New Orleans neighborhood late into Saturday night in search of the man believed to have fatally shot a police officer who was transporting him — handcuffed and in the back of a police SUV — to jail.

Saturday morning's death of veteran officer Daryle Holloway, 45, left investigators struggling for answers as they tried to cope with a colleague's death. It was unclear how the suspect got the gun, how he worked his handcuffed wrists from behind his back or why he was able to get through a barrier that separated him from the front seat.

It also left New Orleans' St. Roch neighborhood on edge as body-armored officers with powerful rifles searched house-to-house for the suspect, Travis Boys, 33.

"I literally live two blocks away and I just want to go home," Jayne Greppin as sunlight began to dim Saturday evening. She said police hadn't stopped her when she left her house to get cigarettes, but wasn't allowed back onto her street shortly thereafter. The search spanned several blocks and police were keeping some people away from their homes while not allowing others to come out.

The New Orleans Crimestoppers organization announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to Boys' arrest.

Pope latest pilgrim to Turin cathedral to pray before Shroud of Turin

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Pope Francis paused in silent prayer before the Shroud of Turin Sunday, becoming the latest of hundreds of thousands of people who have come this year to Turin's cathedral to view the burial linen some believe covered the body of Jesus after crucifixion.

Francis sat for several minutes before the shroud, contained in a protective glass case. He lowered his head at times in apparent reflection and occasionally gazed up at the 4.3-meter (14-foot) long cloth. Then he took a few steps, placed his hand on the case, and walked away without comment.

The shroud's display began April 19 and runs through June 24.

Other pontiffs have made the journey to the northern city during previous displays of the shroud. When John Paul II saw the shroud in 1998, he said the mystery surrounding the cloth forces questions about faith and science and whether it really was Jesus' burial linen. He urged continuous study. Benedict XVI described the cloth as an icon "written with the blood" of a crucified man.

Skeptics say the cloth bearing the image of a crucified man is a medieval forgery.

Virginia attorney general announces rescue plan: Sweet Briar College will remain open

SWEET BRIAR, Va. (AP) — Prominent alumnae of Sweet Briar College are rejoicing over a mediated settlement to keep the 114-year-old Virginia women's college open, a rescue deal that caps frantic monthslong efforts to stave off a planned August closure.

Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring announced the settlement Saturday, saying \$12 million raised by determined alumnae to keep the women's college afloat this coming academic year. He said the resolution, which requires a judge's OK, followed hundreds of hours of negotiations involving the college, a local attorney fighting closure and the money-raising nonprofit, Saving Sweet Briar Inc.

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Sarah Clement, chairwoman of Saving Sweet Briar, said the settlement "is an answer to the prayers for many and a powerful validation of the value of fighting for what you believe in."

The announcement follows difficult months of campaigning by alumnae, litigation that reached the state's highest court, and national ruminations on the future of all-female higher education touched off by financial woes at the small but prominent liberal arts college tucked away in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

In early May, leaders of the liberal arts college cited insurmountable financial challenges for the planned closure. They also said mounting debt, deferred maintenance on the historic 3,250-acre campus and declining enrollment were to blame for plans to shutter the school in late August.

New-agers and revelers descend on Stonehenge to mark summer solstice

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of revelers, new-agers and self-styled Druids descended on the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, catching a brief glimpse of the sun as they marked the summer solstice — the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

Wiltshire Police say about 23,000 sun-watchers gathered on the Salisbury Plain about 80 miles (130 kilometers) southwest of London on Sunday. Police say the event was peaceful with only nine arrests for drug offenses —fewer than in the past.

Visitors leaned on the stones, dancers swirled on the grass and revelers took selfies as part of the free-form celebrations.

Stonehenge is an icon of Britain, and one of its most popular attractions. It was built in three phases between 3,000 B.C. and 1,600 B.C. and its purpose remains under study.

One tough test, one tough player: Day overcomes vertigo symptoms to share US Open lead

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — The toughest test in golf met one tough player Saturday at the U.S. Open.

Jason Day had every reason to withdraw when he collapsed on the final hole of his second round with a nasty bout of vertigo. He gave it his best shot under the stiffest conditions yet at Chambers Bay. The vertigo returned on the back nine, along with nausea. When he turned his head toward the target, he had to wait for his eyes to stop dancing before he could swing. He thought about quitting three times. And it was worth it.

With three birdies on the last four holes, Day staggered off the course with a 2-under 68 and his name atop the leaderboard. He was part of a four-way tie with Masters champion Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson and Branden Grace of South Africa.

One day after his collapse, Day was standing taller than ever.

Today in HistoryThe Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2015. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 12:38 p.m. EDT. This is Father's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the

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ninth state to ratify it.

On this date:

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1913, Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick became the first woman to parachute from an airplane as she jumped over Los Angeles.

In 1932, heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight rematch in New York by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1942, German forces led by Generaloberst (Colonel General) Erwin Rommel captured the Libyan city of Tobruk during World War II. (Following his victory, Rommel was promoted to Field Marshal; Tobruk was retaken by the Allies in November 1942.)

In 1955, the David Lean movie "Summertime" starring Katharine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi opened in New York.

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen during a conclave of his fellow cardinals to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later.

In 1970, former Indonesian President Sukarno died at 69.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Miller v. California, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1982, a jury in Washington D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1985, scientists announced that skeletal remains exhumed in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele (MEN'-guh-luh). The science-fiction fantasy "Cocoon," directed by Ron Howard, was released by Twentieth Century Fox.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

Ten years ago: Forty-one years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death in Mississippi, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter. (Killen was sentenced to 60 years in prison.) President George W. Bush met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai, the highest ranking Vietnamese official to visit the White House since the end of the war. George Hawi, an anti-Syrian Lebanese politician, was killed in Beirut by a bomb placed under his car seat. Cardinal Jaime Sin (HY'-may SEEN), one of Asia's top religious leaders, died at age 76.

Five years ago: Faisal Shahzad (FY'-sul shah-ZAHD'), a Pakistan-born U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to charges of plotting a failed car bombing in New York's Times Square. (Shahzad was later sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: An armed South Korean soldier fled after killing five of his comrades and wounding seven at an outpost near the North Korean border. (The soldier, identified only as Sgt. Yim, was captured two days later.) Gerry Conlon, 60, who was unjustly imprisoned for an Irish Republican Army killing and inspired the Oscar-nominated film "In the Name of the Father," died in Belfast. Jimmy C. Newman, 86, a Grand Ole Opry member known for mixing Cajun and country music, died in Nashville.

Today's Birthdays: Composer Lalo Schifrin is 83. Actor Bernie Kopell is 82. Actor Monte Markham is 80. Songwriter Don Black is 77. Actress Mariette Hartley is 75. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 74. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 71. Actress Meredith Baxter is 68. Actor Michael Gross is 68. Rock musician Joe Molland (Badfinger) is 68. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 67. Country

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singer Leon Everette is 67. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 65. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 64. Actress Robyn Douglass is 62. Actor Leigh McCloskey is 60. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 58. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 56. Actor Marc Copage is 53. Actress Sammi Davis is 51. Actor Doug Savant is 51. Country musician Porter Howell is 51. Actor Michael Dolan is 50. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 50. Actress Paula Irvine is 47. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 45. Country singer Allison Moorer is 43. Actress Juliette Lewis is 42. Musician Justin Cary is 40. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 39. Actor Chris Pratt is 36. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 34. Britain's Prince William is 33. Actor Jussie Smollett (TV: "Empire") is 33. Actor Michael Malarkey is 32. Pop singer Kris Allen (TV: "American Idol") is 30. Actor Jascha Washington is 26. Pop singer Rebecca Black is 18.

Thought for Today: "In America, to look a couple of years younger than you actually are is not only an achievement for which you are to be congratulated, it is patriotic." - Cynthia Propper Seton, American writer (1926-1982).