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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.**

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### Sunday, June 28

**Anniversaries:** Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.

**Birthdays:** Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

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

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

5:00pm: Amateurs at Britton

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

7:00pm: U12 Midgets at Claremont

### Monday, June 29

**Senior Menu:** Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversaries:** John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.

**Birthdays:** Derick Furman

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:00pm: T-Ball Gold at Claremont

6:00pm: U12 Softball host Clark (DH)

### Tuesday, June 30

**Senior Menu:** Scalloped potato and ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Brad Furman, Mary Anne Clark, CJ Lane, Alan Zoellner, Harvey Flihs Sr., Gilbert Hinkelman, Cole Larson, Steve Thurston, Haley Wheeler, June Meyer, Spencer Knecht.

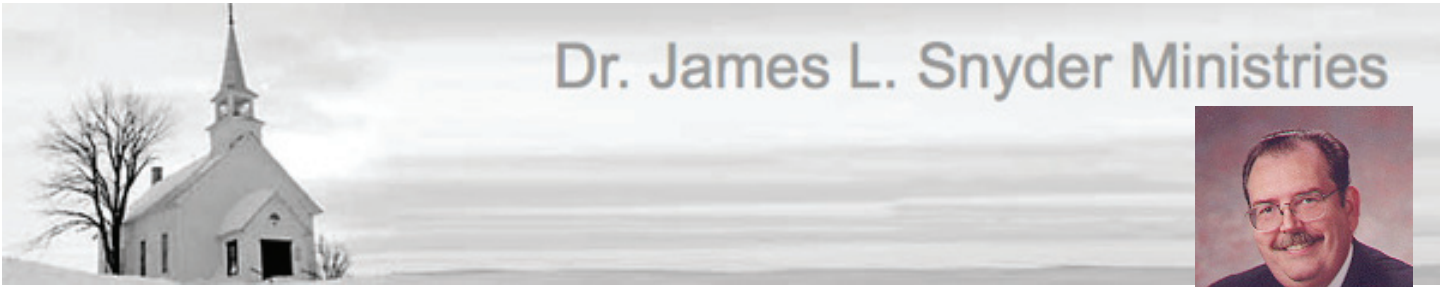


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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## And Then It Was Summer

Summer is my favorite time of the year. It makes up for the nastiness of winter, the cold and the gloom, not to mention the snow. The only place I like my snow is on a postcard sent by some family member up North where they have all the kind of stuff.

My love affair with summer began when I was in school. I know school is supposed to be a great time and it was for me except for those classes where the teachers were trying to teach me something. They had their work cut out with me.

School was rather boring, but then, Summer came and set all the prisoners free, me being one of them. Since that time, I have always appreciated the good nature of Summer and have celebrated it as enthusiastically as possible.

Now that summer is here, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and me are planning to take a wee bit of vacation. It is not often that we can pack up our bags and "get out of Dodge." When we do, it is a very special time.

When it comes to vacations, my wife and I are at opposite ends of what a vacation is all about. As soon as we mention the word "vacation," I am ready to go. Not so with the better half. She has all kinds of planning and preparation work to do and it takes more work for her to plan our vacation than it does to stay home and just work.

My part of the planning is to stay out of her way! I learned this a long time ago and have the scars to prove it.

Some people believe that women are masters at multitasking. My wife is the queen. I, on the other

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hand, am a master at anti-tasking. My wife can juggle four or five different jobs at the same time while I can do nothing at the same time. It's a gift on my part.

For vacation, I only need three things, which makes my vacation the wonder and joy that it always is.

The first thing I pack for vacation is my incorrigible laziness. I am not boasting, mind you, but I have mastered the art of laziness like nobody you know. In fact, if I was not so lazy, I would do several workshops on Mastering the Art of Laziness. I have a Master's degree in laziness and if I was not so lazy, I would prepare a diploma to hang on the wall.

Some people go on vacation to do all kinds of things and get involved in all kinds of activities; I go to work on my laziness.

My wife has a little bit of trouble with this. She is the Queen Bee when it comes to busyness and is buzzing all the time. I am the honey that flows rather slowly.

Another important thing in my baggage for vacation is my non-vegetable diet. I know vegetables are good for you, but please, on my vacation this is the one thing I am vacating.

When I sit down at a meal on my vacation, I do not want to see any vegetables or anything green or leafy on my plate. I want my plate piled high with apple pie à la mode, chocolate cake topped with a scoop of ice cream, and for dessert, a bowl of ice cream topped with a scoop of ice cream, and do not be stingy with the chocolate fudge.

Of course, after such a lunch I am feeling a little woozy and need to go back to my room and sleep it off. This is carefully planned on my part. After every lunch, my vacation companion has this uncontrollable desire to visit thrift shops. She can smell a thrift shop 25 miles away. You can imagine how someone as lazy as me is not too interested in visiting all of these stores during vacation. It has something to do with my drug problem. I do not like being drug from one thrift shop to another all afternoon.

Then there is my Sun Sponge attitude that soaks up all the sun available. When I come back from my vacation, I want to have a sunny glow about me that lasts for weeks.

This is where the art of laziness is quite handy. In order to get as much sun as possible you have to be able to do as little as possible. Sitting out in the sun with nothing to do is the best posture for soaking up the sun.

So, here I am, sitting all packed and ready to go, while the wife is making sure she has everything packed she needs. I could go on vacation on a scooter while she needs a U-Haul.

No matter who you are, vacation is a time for rest and I suppose everybody has their own definition of rest.

The Bible speaks of "rest" around 380 times. Most people have not caught this idea.

My favorite verse is, "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass" (Psalms 37:7).

It is easy to get all caught up with the activities of the world around, but it takes a lot of discipline to really "rest in the Lord."

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The Groton teeners cheering on their teammates from the dugout....



Sean Schuring was the starting pitcher for the first game at the Redfield Tournament. The game was against Northville.



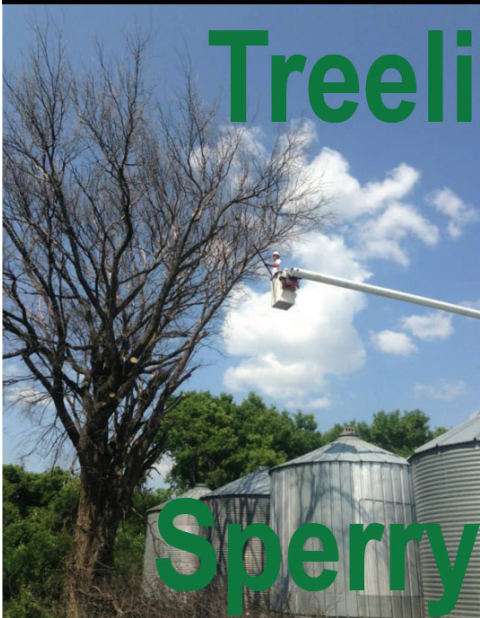
Anthony Sippel came in in relief against Northville. Final score Groton 8, Northville 10.

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## Today in Weather History

June 28, 1961: This F2 tornado skipped ESE from about 5 miles south of Eureka to Lake Mina. About twelve farm buildings were destroyed. A house was damaged when a small shed was smashed against it in Hillsview. The storm struck north of Roscoe where a barn was unroofed. A stock water tank was blown over one mile away. A second F2 tornado struck west of Hoven. On one farm, a barn and five small buildings were destroyed, although grain bin nearby was untouched. Another farm, across the road, lost four buildings including a house. The Langford area of Marshall County was struck by an EF2 tornado shortly after 8:00 pm. An estimated 15 to 20 farm buildings were demolished or heavily damaged and a store in town was partially unroofed.

June 28, 1982: An estimated thunderstorm wind gust up to 94 mph knocked down trees and caused minor structural damage to several homes just west of Wheaton, Minnesota.

June 28, 1990: KDIO radio in Ortonville, Minnesota, clocked thunderstorm winds of 80 to 85 mph for several minutes as a thunderstorm passed. There were reports of numerous trees downed and scattered power outages in Ortonville.

1788 - The Battle of Monmouth in central New Jersey was fought in sweltering heat. The temperature was 96 degrees in the shade, and there were more casualties from the heat than from bullets. (David Ludlum)

1892 - The temperature at Orogrande UT soared to 116 degrees to establish a record for the state. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1923 - A massive tornado hit Sandusky, OH, then swept across Lake Erie to strike the town of Lorain. The tornado killed 86 persons and caused twelve million dollars damage. The tornado outbreak that day was the worst of record for the state of Ohio up til that time. (David Ludlum)

1924: An estimated F4 tornado struck the towns of Sandusky and Lorain, killing 85 people and injuring over 300. This is the deadliest tornado ever in Ohio history. Click [HERE](#) for some images from Ohio Historical Society.

1975 - Lee Trevino and two other golfers are struck by lightning at the Western Open golf tournament in Oak Brook, IL. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - The temperature at Wichita Falls, TX, soared to 117 degrees, their hottest reading of record. Daily highs were 110 degrees or above between the 24th of June and the 3rd of July. (The Weather Channel)






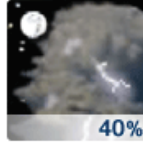

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in the north central U.S. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced wind gusts to 70 mph and baseball size hail at Arapahoe, and wind gusts to 80 mph along with baseball size hail at Wolback and Belgrade. Six cities in the Ohio Valley reported record low temperatures for the date, including Cincinnati, OH, with a reading of 50 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Showers and thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Madison, WI, received 1.67 inches of rain, a record for the date, and their first measurable rain since the Mother's Day tornado outbreak on the 8th of May. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms deluged Winnfield LA with eleven inches of rain in four hours and fifteen minutes, and Baton Rouge LA reported 11 inches of rain in two days. Totals in west central Louisiana ranged up to 17 inches. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Northern High Plains. Two inch hail broke windows in nearly every building at Comstock, NE. Thunderstorms in North Dakota produced two inch hail at Killdeer, and golf ball size hail at Zap. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Hot	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 87 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 79 °F



**Dry Conditions Today, Warm Temps Continue**

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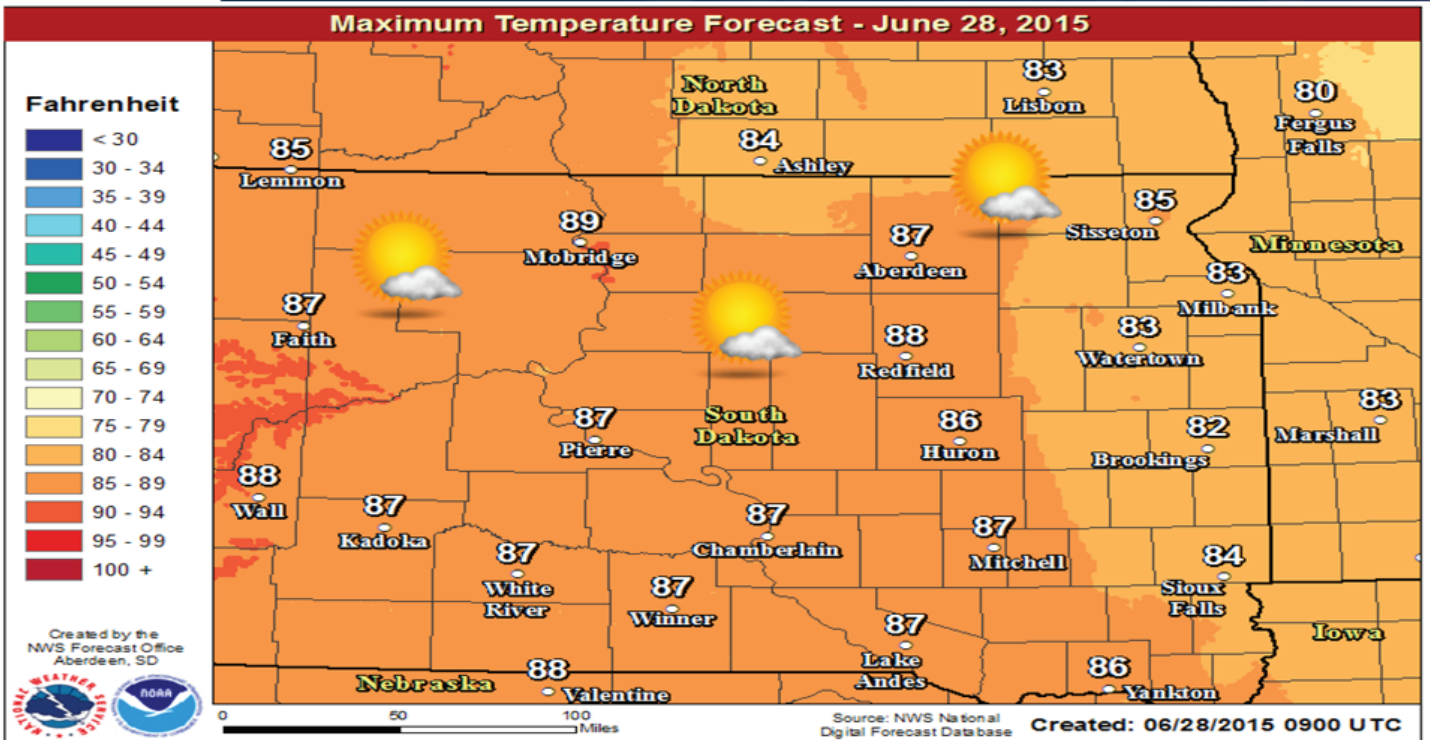
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Weak high pressure will be building into the region today with a more stable air mass in place. Therefore, dry conditions are expected but temperatures will remain on the warm side. Highs will reach the 80s today under mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 88.5 at 4:04 PM

**Low:** 58.1 at 6:08 AM

**High Gust:** 21 at 3:09 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 112° in 1931

**Record Low:** 40° in 1951

**Average High:** 81°F

**Average Low:** 57°F

**Average Precip in June:** 3.47

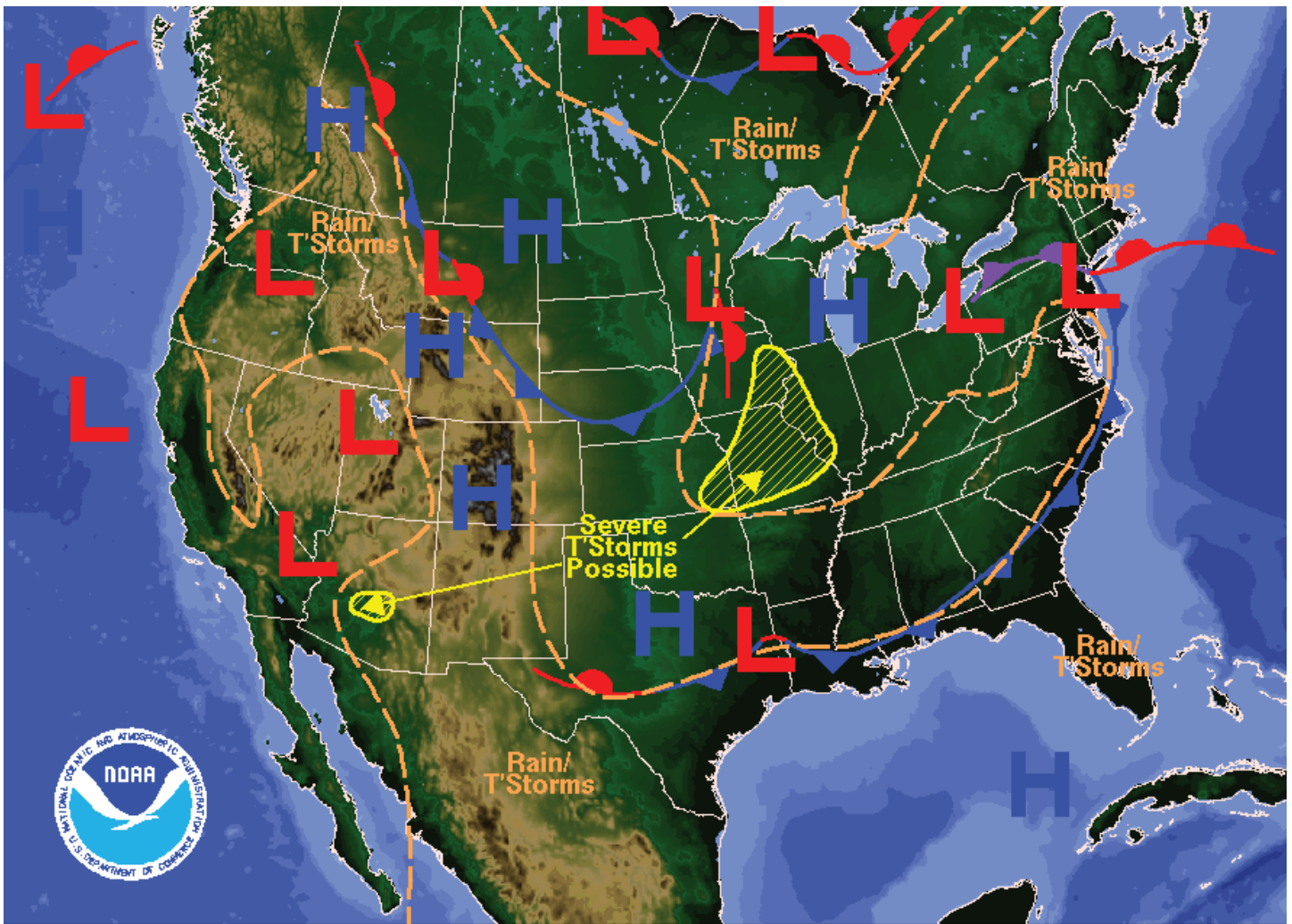
**Precip to date in June:** 1.58

**Average Precip to date:** 10.61

**Precip Year to Date:** 7.30

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:26 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jun 28, 2015, issued 4:28 AM EDT  
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## WHAT DO THEY SEE?

An instructor was trying to encourage his class to be creative. He carefully cut a piece of white paper into a perfect square and held it up before the class. All eyes were focused on the sheet of paper when he asked the question, "What do you see?"

No one said a sheet of white paper, a square, something to write a letter or assignment on or a blank page for a book. The entire class said, "A black spot." In the left corner of the square was a tiny, black speck. Their focus was on the flaw – not the square.

Most of us seem to look for things that are wrong or improper, incorrect or out of place. It comes with our nature. For whatever reason, we try to discover anything about anybody that is not perfect. Or, might it be that we are trying to justify what is not "right" about ourselves by seeing what is "wrong" in others?

There is an important message here for every Christian. Peter wrote, "Make every effort to live a pure and blameless life." What great advice. How would we live or act if we were always conscious of the fact that we, as Christians, are always being evaluated by what we do or say by those who are not Christians. The world looks at us differently because of who we claim to be. And like it or not, they have every reason to do so. We will never be perfect in this world, but we can be careful.

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to be on guard for that "little spot" that destroys our witness and damages our calling. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;



## News from the Associated Press

### **Some gay marriage opponents balk, while couples rush to wed**

**DAN SEWELL, Associated Press**

CINCINNATI (AP) — With the mayor of Dayton declaring “you are now husband and husband,” the wait for Ohio to allow same-sex marriage ended for a gay couple in the city just as it is ending for couples across the last states with bans on such unions — even if the opposition isn’t over.

Some couples rushed to marriage license bureaus and even wed Friday within hours of the Supreme Court ruling that said gay couples can marry anywhere in the country including in the 14 remaining states with bans. Steadfast activists who say traditional marriage is defined as a man and a woman vowed to defend rights of religious objectors and to try to battle back politically.

There were also scattered holdouts, with some officials in those states contending they needed more time and legal direction before complying with the 5-4 ruling.

“Texans’ fundamental right to religious liberty remains protected,” Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said. “No Texan is required by the Supreme Court’s decision to act contrary to his or her religious beliefs regarding marriage.”

His office later clarified a directive to state agencies telling them to preserve religious liberties, saying the order didn’t allow them to discriminate against employees in same-sex couples. Same-sex couples got marriage licenses Friday in Dallas, Austin and the state’s other big cities, but many counties were holding off after the Texas attorney general urged them not to rush. A couple counties claimed technical glitches prevented them from processing licenses for gay couples.

Governors in Louisiana and Mississippi also railed against the ruling.

“This has always been about our religious freedoms and the persecution of those who believe same-sex unions are wrong,” said Phil Burress, longtime leader of the Citizens for Community Values in suburban Cincinnati. “Now the persecutions will begin.”

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Cincinnati said the high court disregarded the will of voters in Ohio and other states, besides disregarding an understanding of marriage shared by virtually all cultures until recently.

“Every nation has laws limiting who and under what circumstances people can be married,” Archbishop Dennis Schnurr said in a statement.

Religious organizations are exempt from the ruling, and churches including Southern Baptists, Mormons and others that oppose same-sex marriages can still make their own decisions about whether clergy will conduct gay marriages in their places of worship.

The high court gave the losing side some three weeks to ask for reconsideration. The 14 states that had banned gay marriage are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, most of Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

Meanwhile, in Kansas, where some counties have continued to refuse to comply with federal rulings that gay couples could marry, the attorney general and Gov. Sam Brownback said they would study the Supreme Court ruling further before making any moves in a lawsuit over the state’s voter-passed ban. An ACLU official said the state leaders should “admit defeat.”

Officials at the county courthouse in Toledo, Ohio, called in another minister to perform same-sex marriages Friday because the rotating minister on duty wouldn’t marry gay couples, said the Rev. Sandra Frost, who married the first couple around noon.

Some county clerks in other states refused gay couples, citing a three-week grace period allowed by

the Supreme Court or forms now out of date that specify "bride" and "groom."

Carl Tobias, a University of Richmond (Virginia) law professor, said political opponents of same-sex marriage will likely push legislation to expand religious freedom and to aim at protecting those who don't want to participate in actions that facilitate same-sex marriage.

Arkansas state Sen. Jason Rapert said lawmakers should push for a U.S. constitutional amendment on marriage under a provision that would trigger a constitutional convention if 34 states apply for it. The Republican said the Supreme Court "has brought us to the brink of real crisis in our country" by ruling against the will of the people.

Burress pledged to go after politicians who have supported same-sex marriage, predicting outrage over the decision will bring out a wave of new voters.

Among those who have drawn his ire is Ohio's Republican U.S. senator, Rob Portman, who switched his position to support same-sex marriage after his son Will came out to him and his wife Jane as gay.

Portman, who is seeking re-election in 2016, said Friday he welcomed the ruling "as a father," although he would have preferred that the issue be resolved by the democratic process because that builds a lasting consensus. He said he hopes the ruling means "we can move past the division and polarization the issue has caused."

Valeria Tanco and Sophy Jesty, a couple who sued Tennessee to gain recognition for their out-of-state marriage, were jubilant.

"I just feel free, like a burden or a weight has been lifted," Jesty said.

The couple were married in New York before moving to Tennessee for work.

Jesty and Tanco said they are especially happy that their 15-month-old daughter won't have to grow up feeling that her parents are different from anyone else's.

"Her family is legally recognized, and both moms are on the birth certificate, so no one can take that away from her, or from her family," Tanco said.

## **Sioux Falls motorcyclist killed in crash after police chase**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 33-year-old Sioux Falls man died in a motorcycle crash following a police chase.

Authorities say Jeremy Langley was pronounced dead at the scene near Flandreau on Friday afternoon.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says deputies in Minnesota tried to pull over Langley for a stop sign violation and exhibition driving. A police pursuit began when Langley refused to stop. The pursuit covered 11 miles before the deputies ended it one mile east of the Minnesota-South Dakota border.

South Dakota authorities found Langley and the motorcycle in a ditch.

## **South Dakota inmates escape from minimum-security unit**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities are searching for two inmates who escaped from the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

Authorities say 29-year-old Brandon Suess and 32-year-old Troy Chase were last seen Friday afternoon working on prison grounds. They failed to return to the minimum-security unit for a count of inmates at 3:45 p.m.

Suess is serving an eight-year sentence for third-degree burglary and a seven-year sentence for grand theft in Custer County. Chase is serving three years for forgery in Minnehaha County.

## **Rapid City man charged with rape, abuse in infant death**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 26-year-old Rapid City man was arrested after an infant died of undisclosed injuries at a local hospital.

Rapid City police say Kristopher Houchin has been charged with first degree rape and child abuse.

It's unclear if Houchin has an attorney.

Authorities say the baby died Friday afternoon. Hospital officials notified authorities that the baby's injuries were suspicious.

An autopsy is scheduled for early next week.

## **AP News in Brief**

### **San Francisco, Chicago and New York are among US cities hosting historic gay 'Pride' events**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rainbows and good cheer will be out in force Sunday as hundreds of thousands of people pack gay pride events from New York City to Seattle, San Francisco to Chicago to celebrate a Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage.

Organizers of San Francisco's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade, just called "Pride," expect about 1 million revelers. It will have 240 groups marching in the parade and more than 30 floats, its largest in 45 years.

"Every trailer in Nevada and California has been rented and brought in, including one from a farm in Northern California," said Gary Virginia, board president of San Francisco Pride. "I just think it's going to be magical this year."

That's because the U.S. Supreme Court issued on Friday a long-awaited ruling, giving same-sex couples the right to marry in all 50 states. Virginia's comments were echoed by leaders of Pride celebrations in other cities.

"It's going to be an epic weekend," said David Studinski, march director for New York City Pride. "I actually just wrote on Twitter that this is the most historic Pride march since the first."

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### **1 wounded, several detained in shooting at San Francisco gay pride event**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police say a bystander was shot at a gay pride event in San Francisco's Civic Center when an argument between several men turned violent, but the argument was not tied to the event.

Officer Carlos Manfredi says several people were detained for questioning after the shooting occurred around 6 p.m. Saturday.

Manfredi says a 64-year-old man who was caught in the crossfire got shot in the arm. He's hospitalized in stable condition.

Four shots were heard in a witness video posted online. The shooting triggered a chaotic scene as dozens of people ran screaming as officers carrying handguns rushed to the scene.

A concert that was part of the weekend-long gay pride celebration across the city was ending around the time of the shooting.

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## **The Latest: Opinion polls: Most Greeks want to stay in eurozone, make a deal with EU partners**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest developments on Greece's bailout negotiations:

12:50 p.m.

Two opinion polls indicate most Greeks want to keep using the shared euro currency and would prefer a deal with Greece's European partners rather than a rupture.

The polls published Sunday were both conducted before Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras declared early Saturday that he was calling a referendum on financial proposals made by Greece's creditors in return for continuing to fund the country with bailout loans. Still, they provide an indication of public sentiment.

## **Officers use floodlights, checkpoints in hunt for escape; official optimistic end is close**

MALONE, N.Y. (AP) — Officers scouring dense and boggy woods for a surviving escaped killer took floodlights into the search area overnight, and others carrying rifles manned checkpoints and examined vehicles, opening trunks and peering into windows.

Franklin County Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill said late Saturday tips continued to pour in and he was optimistic David Sweat would be captured, perhaps within 48 hours.

"It's going to be one of those phone calls that turns this case around," he said.

Richard Matt — who once vowed never to be taken alive — was fatally shot Friday during an encounter with border patrol agents about 30 miles west of the prison he escaped from with Sweat on June 6. Sweat remained on the lam early Sunday, and about 1,200 searchers focused intensely on 22 square miles encompassing thick forests and heavy brush around where Matt was killed.

Police hoped the solo escapee would finally succumb to the stress of little sleep, scant food and biting bugs.

## **Funeral set for Charleston church slaying victim, 49, who'd returned to childhood church roots**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — After much thought and prayer, DePayne Middleton-Doctor decided in January to return to her childhood roots and attend the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She had attended a Baptist church for years, but she felt the time was right to switch.

Less than six months later, the 49-year-old pastor and mother of four who led Wednesday night bible study will be memorialized Sunday in the historic African-American church in South Carolina where she was killed 12 days ago after a gunman entered the church and fatally shot nine people — all African Americans. Police contend the attack was racially motivated.

Speaking at the funerals for Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders and Susie Jackson, eulogizers said Saturday that the lives lost had become a catalyst for change.

The tragedy "shook an America that didn't want to believe this kind of hate could still exist," said Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley Jr. during a eulogy for Hurd.

Riley said the killings will go down in history with other episodes of church violence, referencing the Civil Rights-era bombing of a Baptist church in Alabama that killed four girls.

## **The Latest: Tunisia puts 1,000 extra police on tourist sites and beaches after attack**

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia's top security official says 1,000 extra police are being deployed at tourist sites and beaches in the North African nation.

Interior Minister Mohamed Najem Gharsalli made the announcement late Saturday. He said "we don't want to make tourist establishments into barracks, that's not our goal. But we must act to guarantee the security of the tourist sector."

Thousands of tourists fled Tunisia on Saturday after the country's worst terrorist attack killed 38 people. Hundreds more were to leave Sunday.

The Friday attack on tourists at a beach is expected to be a huge blow to Tunisia's tourism sector, which made up nearly 15 percent of the country's gross domestic product in 2014. It also comes after 22 people were killed in March at the National Bardo Museum in Tunis.

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## **Kerry, Iranian FM Zarif meet as Iran nuke talks enter final phase 48 hours ahead of deadline**

VIENNA (AP) — Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program are entering their final phase with just 48 hours until a deadline for Tehran and six world powers to reach a deal.

With the June 30 deadline looming, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was meeting Sunday in Vienna with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, their third encounter since Saturday. Other foreign ministers are expected to join.

The goal of the talks involving Iran and the U.S., Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia is a deal that would crimp Tehran's capacity to make nuclear weapons in exchange for sanctions relief.

On Saturday, diplomats said Iran was considering a U.S.-backed plan for it to send enriched uranium to another country for sale as reactor fuel, a step that would resolve one of several outstanding issues.

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## **Debt and questions about spending emerge after Paraguayan bishop ousted by Pope Francis**

CIUDAD DEL ESTE, Paraguay (AP) — Children awaiting surgery and women fleeing domestic violence never saw the \$350,000 donated for their benefit. Then, there were the questionable property sales and the money for a cleaning business partially owned by a relative.

In the months since Pope Francis ousted the bishop of Paraguay's second-largest diocese, questions keep surfacing about the Rev. Rogelio Livieres Plano's management of church money.

As Paraguayan Catholics prepare to welcome Francis during his South American tour that starts July 5, new leaders of the diocese in this eastern border city are trying to erase the debt left by the controversial bishop, raising money through raffles and bingo games. Many parishioners are demanding answers.

"The former bishop ran things like a mafia," said Carlos Pereira, a humanities professor at the Catholic University in Ciudad del Este. "How did we end up in debt? What happened to the diocese's properties, to all its assets?"

The diocese is \$800,000 in debt, a considerable sum in one of South America's poorest countries. The arrears have come to light since Livieres Plano, a member of the conservative Opus Dei movement, was pushed out in September.

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## **National Park Service says teenage boy bitten by shark on NC Outer Banks; 2nd attack in 2 days**

WAVES, N.C. (AP) — Officials say a 17-year-old boy is the latest victim of a shark attack off North Carolina's coast, the second attack in as many days and the sixth attack in the past two weeks.

Rescue personnel and park rangers responded to the boy, who received what they described as injuries to his right calf, buttocks and both hands while swimming in the Outer Banks on Saturday, according to a post on the National Park Service's Facebook page. The boy was swimming with others when he was bitten, but no one else was hurt, officials said.

The unidentified teenager was treated at the scene before being airlifted to a Norfolk, Virginia, hospital, the park service said.

On Friday, a North Carolina man was bitten on his back and leg in Avon while playing in the surf with his children. A 43-year-old man was also attacked by a shark near Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, on Friday. Both men were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Sharks have attacked several children along North Carolina's coast this month, including a 13-year old girl who lost her left arm below the elbow and a 16-year old boy who lost his left arm above the elbow, about 90 minutes apart, at Oak Island.

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## **Tama, Japan's feline stationmaster, is mourned as savior of local railway at company funeral**

TOKYO (AP) — Tama the stationmaster, Japan's feline star of a struggling local railway, was mourned by company officials and fans and elevated into a goddess at a funeral Sunday.

The calico cat was appointed stationmaster at the Kishi station in western Japan in 2007. In her custom-made stationmaster's cap and a jacket, Tama quietly sat at the ticket gate welcoming and seeing off passengers. The cat quickly attracted tourists and became world-famous, contributing to the railway company and local economy.

Tama died of a heart failure on June 22. During Sunday's Shinto-style funeral at the station where she served, Tama became a goddess. The Shinto religion has a variety of gods, including animals.

Wakayama Electric Railway President Mitsunobu Kojima thanked the cat for her achievement, and said Tama will be enshrined at a nearby cat shrine next month.

Before Tama's arrival, the local Kishigawa Line was near-bankrupt; and the station was unmanned as it had lost its last staff.

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, June 28, the 179th day of 2015. There are 186 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlights in History:**

On June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip - an act which sparked World War I.

### **On this date:**

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Virginia.

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In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted. Corporate lawyer Wendell Willkie received the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia (U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles McNary of Oregon was nominated for vice president).

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea.

In 1964, civil rights activist Malcolm X declared, "We want equality by any means necessary" during the Founding Rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York.

In 1975, screenwriter, producer and actor Rod Serling, 50, creator of "The Twilight Zone," died in Rochester, New York.

In 1989, about 1 million Serbs gathered to mark the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

**Ten years ago:** Marking the first anniversary of the transfer of power from the U.S.-led coalition to Iraq's interim government, President George W. Bush, addressing the nation from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, rejected suggestions that he set a timetable for withdrawal or send in more troops as he counseled patience for Americans who were questioning the war's painful costs. Sixteen service members were killed when an American MH-47 Chinook crashed in Afghanistan after it had been struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

**Five years ago:** Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., the longest-serving senator in the nation's history, died in Falls Church, Virginia, at 92. The Senate Judiciary Committee opened its confirmation hearing for Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan. The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that Americans had the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they lived. The FBI announced the arrests of 10 suspected deep-cover agents, including Anna Chapman, the chic 28-year-old daughter of a Russian diplomat. (All 10 were later returned to Russia in a swap.)

**One year ago:** Ahmed Abu Khattala (hah-TAH'-lah), the Libyan militant accused of masterminding the deadly Benghazi attacks in 2012, pleaded not guilty to conspiracy in Washington nearly two weeks after being captured by U.S. special forces. A saucer-shaped NASA vehicle testing new technology for Mars landings rocketed high over the Pacific and deployed a novel inflatable braking system, but its massive parachute failed to fully unfurl as it descended to a splashdown. Actor Meshach Taylor 67, died at his home near Los Angeles.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 89. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 81. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 78. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 77. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 70. Actor Bruce Davison is 69. Actress Kathy Bates is 67. Actress Alice Krige is 61. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 55. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 53. Actress Jessica Hecht is 50. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 50. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 49. Actor John Cusack is 49. Actor Gil Bellows is 48. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 46. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 46. Actress Tichina Arnold is 46. Actor Steve Burton is 45. Actor Alessandro Nivola (nih-VOH'-luh) is 43. Actress Camille Guaty is 39. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 39. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 38. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 32. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "The glory of each generation is to make its own precedents." - Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood, American social reformer (1830-1917).