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## 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 Fliehs Sr., Gilbert Hinkelman, Cole Larson, Steve Thurston, Haley Wheeler, June Meyer, Spencer Knecht.

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Jamie Krueger reading at 10 am)

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

12:00pm: Noon Bridge at Olive Grove

5:30pm: Legion hosts Milbank (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Red PW at Claremont

6:15pm: Ladies Golf Night with potluck meal

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**



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## Groton Teeners



Luke Thorson had 2 hits over the weekend



Brandon Keith got on base with a walk and Bennett Shabazz reached base on an error. Wayne Hein is the assistant coach, coaching first base

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**Turner Webb had a double and 2 hits over the weekend**



**Marshall Lane had a triple in the game against Northville**

**Turner Webb was the starting pitcher in the game against Aberdeen Jr. Legion in the Redfield Tournament**



**Marshal Lane came in in relief in the 4th inning in the Aberdeen game.**





## Madelin Daly now in Jamestown

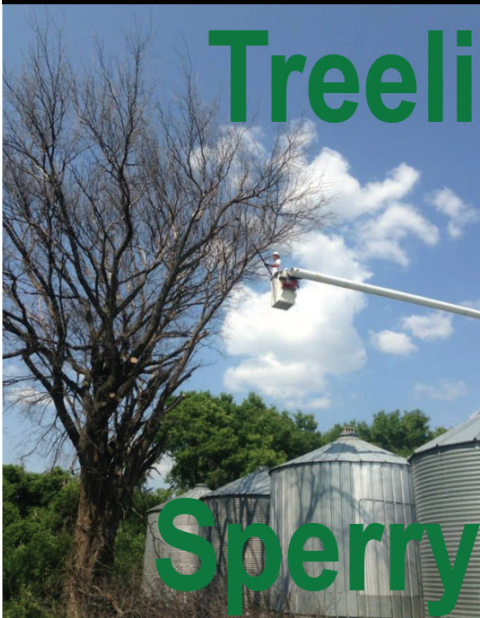
Madelin Daly is now at a nursing home in Jamestown. Deb Olson went to Jamestown on Sunday and visited with Madelin. Madelin was moved to Jamestown where she will be closer to her brother.

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## Today in Weather History

June 29, 1927: This estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from near Claremont, passing along the northwestern edge of Britton. The Claremont area had a \$12,000 loss as a large silo was destroyed. A dozen homes had roof damage in Britton.




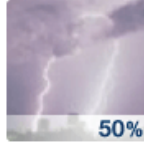



June 29, 2005: Heavy rains of three to seven inches fell across far eastern Brown, western and northern Day, and most of Marshall Counties in the early morning and again in the afternoon hours. One location measured five inches of rain in two hours. Many township roads and highways were flooded along with thousands of acres of cropland. Water surrounded several homes resulting in people being rescued. Some of the homes were flooded. Many bridges were damaged and roads and culverts were washed out. In Day County, 30 roads were washed out and 15 bridges needed repairs. Some rainfall amounts include 5.04 inches in Britton, 3.34 at 8N of Columbia, and 2.08 in Aberdeen. Total June rainfall for some locations in Marshall and Day Counties was between 11 and 12 inches. The flooding continued into early July before receding by July 10th.

1826: Thomas Jefferson made his last entry in his weather observation log on this date, just six days before he died. The weather held a fascination for Jefferson as he made regular weather observations. He bought his first thermometer while working on the Declaration of Independence and his first barometer shortly thereafter.

1998: "The Corn Belt Derecho of 1998" in the following states NE, IA, IL, IN, KY. A derecho which originated in far southeast South Dakota, moved across Illinois during the afternoon and evening, and continued as far east as Ohio the next morning. Every county in central Illinois sustained some sort of damage, as these severe thunderstorms passed. Winds gusted in the 60 to 80 mph range, with some localized microbursts producing winds in excess of 100 mph. Significant damage occurred in the microburst areas, including the towns of Morton, McLean, LeRoy, and Tolono. In Tolono, 22 cars of a southbound 101-car Illinois Central freight train were blown off the tracks. It was unknown how many cars were picked up by the wind, but 16 cars were turned over and another 6 derailed but remained upright. The train was en route to Centralia from Chicago with a load of mixed freight, including plastic pellets and meal. The freight cars empty weighed about 60,000 pounds, while a full one weighs about 260,000 pounds. Overall, 12 people were injured, and damage was estimated around \$16 million dollars.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Hot	Partly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 91 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 77 °F



## Hot Temperatures Today, Isolated Storms East

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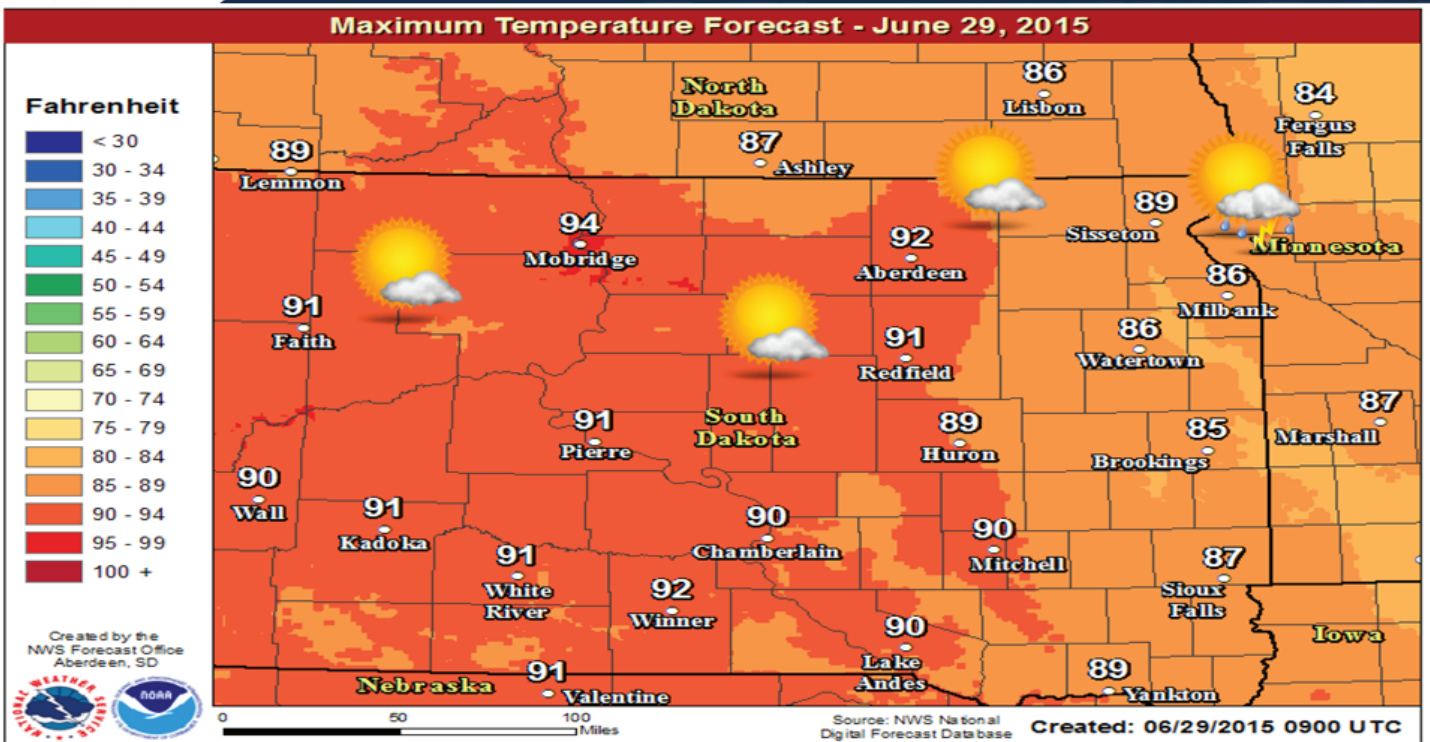
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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High temperatures will reach the upper 80s to low 90s across the area today as a hot air mass moves into the region. An upper level shortwave trough of low pressure will drop south across Minnesota today and may bring a few isolated thunderstorms to northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. The majority of activity though will remain over Minnesota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 85.4 at 5:19 PM

**Low:** 61.5 at 2:31 AM

**High Gust:** 22 at 5:24 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 107° in 1931

**Record Low:** 42° in 1900

**Average High:** 81°F

**Average Low:** 57°F

**Average Precip in June:** 3.59

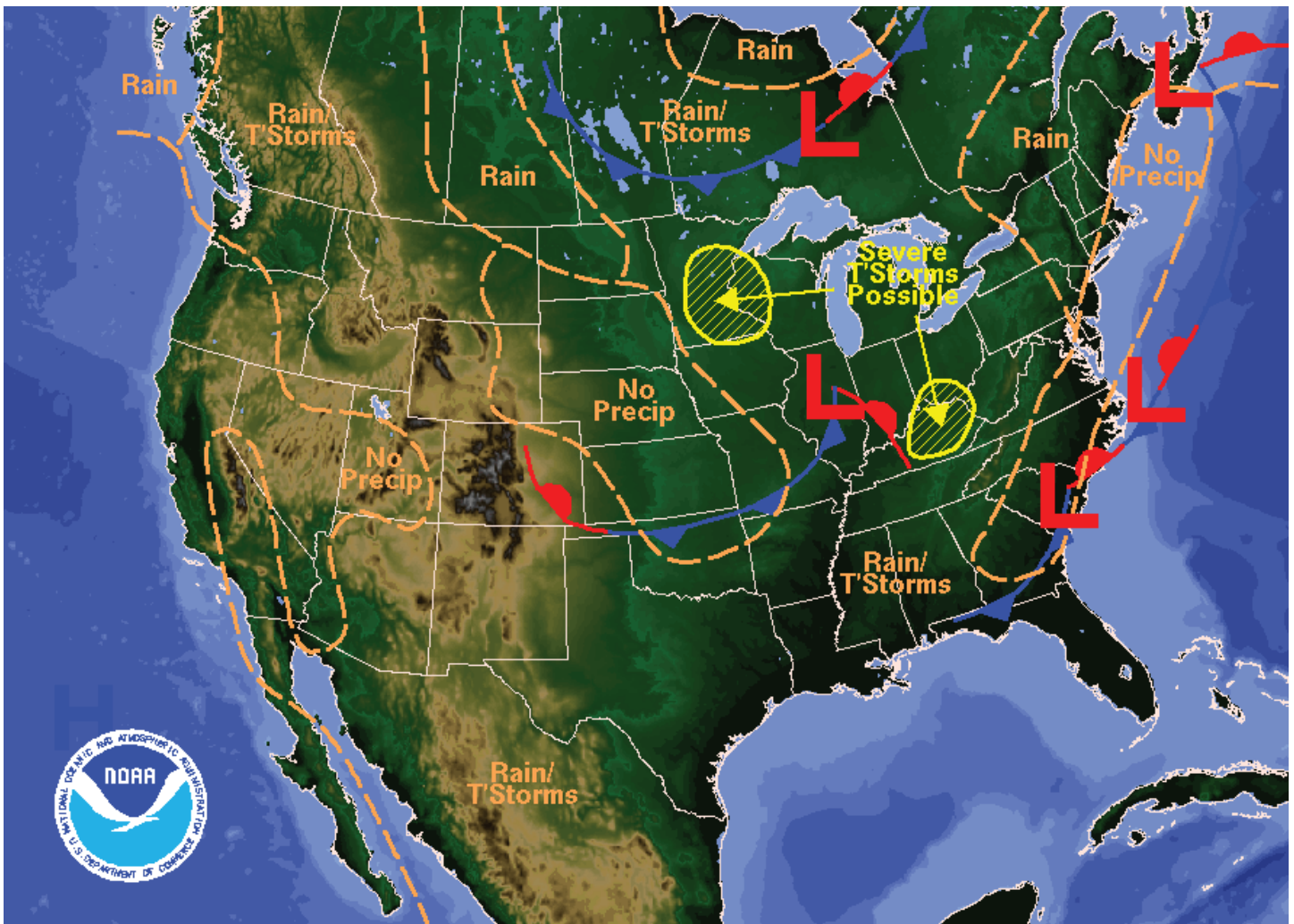
**Precip to date in June:** 1.58

**Average Precip to date:** 10.73

**Precip Year to Date:** 7.30

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

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:48 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 29, 2015, issued 3:11 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## PRIORITY ONE

Dwight Eisenhower once said, "I do many things that are urgent but few things that are important." What a most revealing statement from one who successfully served his country as a general and president. It would be good to make it a question for each of us to ask ourselves everyday: How do I separate the urgent from the important?

Or should we begin with the question: What is the difference between something that is urgent and something that is important?

Something urgent suggests I must give my immediate attention to an event that is happening now! Important, on the other hand, means that something of significance, value or consequence to me is occurring. I quickly answer a ringing phone because it is annoying and gets my immediate attention. I answered it with urgency, but the call may not be important.

Our Scripture for today talks about the difference between urgent and important. The Rich Fool was overly concerned about wealth and was in a hurry to expand his financial worth. But Jesus said, "Guard against greed and focus on your relationship with God."

We must always make certain that our number one priority as Christians is our relationship with God. We must constantly focus on Him and closely follow Him every day by communicating with Him daily, reading His Word and investing time in prayer.

**Prayer:** I ask, Father, that in Your power and through Your strength, You will always be first in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Luke 12:14-21 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'



## News from the Associated Press

### **Nearly 125 cyclists take part in Tour de Oahe bicycle ride**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Nearly 125 cyclists from eight states took part in the fifth annual Tour de Oahe bicycle ride in the Pierre area over the weekend.

Bicyclists rode across the Oahe Dam, up and down bluffs and to various areas around Pierre. They could choose from 71-mile, 41-mile and 22-mile routes.

Scott Isburg of Pierre tells the Capital Journal that the weather was perfect — sunny and not much wind. He says riders had to deal with rain during last year's ride.

### **Board to make final recommendation on Harney Peak renaming**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is making its final recommendation on a proposed name change for Harney Peak in the Black Hills National Forest.

The board is expected to make its final recommendation on Monday at a meeting in Pierre.

The board made a preliminary recommendation in May to change the name to name "Hinhan Kaga." It's believed that the phrase translates to "Making of Owls" in English.

The recommendation would then go to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for a final decision.

The peak is the highest summit in the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains.

It was named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in 1855 led soldiers who killed Sioux Indians in Nebraska. Some consider the current name offensive to American Indians.

### **SD camping resort, Calif. man fined \$250K for illegal dam**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A popular Sturgis camping resort and a California man have been sentenced to four years of probation and fined \$250,000 for illegally building a dam along Bear Butte Creek.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 48-year-old Sean Clark, of Hacienda Heights, California, and Glencoe CampResort II, LLC, were sentenced after pleading guilty to violations of the Clean Water Act.

Clark and Glencoe were charged after Glencoe did not remove the dam as ordered by federal and state authorities.

In 2012, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources discovered a dam that was constructed without valid permits after area residents contacted authorities about the lack of water in the creek.

Clark, who co-owns the resort, was also to serve 100 hours of community service in South Dakota. The \$250,000 fine is being paid jointly between Clark and Glencoe.

### **NSF-funded research at Mines to focus on ballistics, weather**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Undergraduate students from across the country are gathering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology this summer to study ballistics and other topics thanks to funding from the National Science Foundation.

The foundation has given the Rapid City school \$360,000 to host a new "Research Experience for Undergraduates" site.

Students participating in this research site will focus on modeling projects that include designing grenade timers, measuring the accuracy of weather forecasts, and increasing the efficiency of ethanol purification by minimizing biofouling.

The 10 students participating in this research site are spending their summer in Rapid City and will return to their colleges to finish the project during the school year.

The Science Foundation funds over 600 undergraduate research sites in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

## Civil Air Patrol looks for candidates of Congressional medal

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is looking for qualifying applicants to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

The award is given to those who were members of the Civil Air Patrol between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, during World War II.

South Dakota Wing's commander Col. John Seten says the organization discovers names of qualifying applicants almost every month.

But Wing historian Maj. Todd Epp says records of candidates sometimes don't have contact information at all, making it difficult to reach candidates or their families. Epp says qualifying applicants or their families should contact the organization.

The medal is being given to members of the organization for their role in protecting the U.S. against German U-boat attacks during World War II and carrying out other wartime domestic missions.

## 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. GREEK BANKS REMAIN SHUT AS ECONOMIC CRISIS DEEPENS

Pensioners queue up by ATMs from dawn hoping to withdraw their pensions as global stock markets sink and the euro edges down.

#### 2. WHAT'S BEHIND DARING NY JAIL BREAK

The June 6 escape of two convicted murderers from a prison highlights security lapses and bares a culture of liberties and personal relationships in a maximum-security facility.

#### 3. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IS RALLYING CRY AFTER GAY MARRIAGE RULING

Now that gay couples can legally wed nationwide, conservatives are focusing on preserving their right to object.

#### 4. WHY U.S. TRAINING OF MODERATE SYRIAN REBELS SPATTERING

The main problem is finding enough recruits untainted by extremist affiliations or disqualified by physical or other flaws.

#### 5. HOW POLITICAL OPPOSITION WANTS TO TEAR DOWN 2016 HOPEFULS

For big-time donors, the hot place to put your cash so far this election season is with groups devoted to digging up dirt.

#### 6. TUNISIA STRUGGLES TO FIND BALANCED RESPONSE TO TERROR

In the wake of the horrific beach-side slaughter, the government announces new security measures and perhaps most significantly, promises to pass the new anti-terrorism law.

#### 7. SOLAR IMPULSE BACK IN THE SKY

The plane takes off from Japan to attempt a five-day flight over open water to Hawaii, the eighth leg of its bid to fly around the world without fuel.

#### 8. SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN TREASURES

The growing appetite for truffles is feeding demand for dogs trained to sniff out the pungent fungus

prized by chefs and foodies.

## 9. CHRIS BROWN, NICKI MINAJ, BEYONCE WIN BIG AT BET AWARDS

But the show is less about the awards — video of the year doesn't even make the live broadcast — as performances steal the night.

## 10. LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

The camera is always watching and there are few places to hide as athletes watch their privacy whittled away.

## 'General Hospital' actor Geary to end role as Luke Spencer

**ALICIA RANCILIO, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Geary, whose character Luke Spencer's marriage to Laura in 1981 on "General Hospital" was the biggest moment in daytime television history, will appear in his final episode next month

ABC announced in May that Geary decided to leave the show after nearly three decades, saying his character would be written out of the series later this summer. His last appearance in the role will air on July 27.

More than 30 million people tuned in to watch Luke marry Laura, considered a storybook event despite a backstory of Laura falling in love with her rapist.

Actress Genie Francis, who played Laura but hasn't been on "General Hospital" since 2013, has returned to participate in the story of Luke's exit. They've teamed up to save their son Lucky, played by Jonathan Jackson. They believe Lucky has been kidnapped. Jackson, who left the show in 2011, will also briefly reprise his role to help usher out the character of Luke.

Geary, 68, began playing Luke in 1978. He said in a statement that he originally signed on for a 13-week stint. He said except for an eight-year hiatus in the 1980s, "Luke Spencer has been my alter ego ever since. I'd like to thank ABC, my producers and the GH audience for a long and exciting ride."

Geary has received a record eight Daytime Emmy Awards for his work as Luke Spencer.

"General Hospital" marked its 52nd anniversary in April and is the only remaining soap opera on ABC. It's the longest-running daytime drama on television.

## AP News in Brief

### Greece in limbo as it shuts banks, puts limits on cash withdrawals to avoid financial collapse

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Banks and ATM machines were shut throughout Greece on Monday, the first day of capital controls announced by the government in a dramatic twist in the country's five-year financial saga.

Despite the closures, pensioners lined up just after dawn at bank branches hoping they would be able to receive their pensions, which were due to be paid Monday. The finance ministry said the manner in which pensions would be disbursed would be announced later in the afternoon.

The bank closures came after Greeks rushed to ATMs over the weekend to withdraw money following Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' surprise call for a referendum on creditor proposals for the reforms Greece should take to gain access to blocked bailout funds.

The referendum has been set for Sunday, and the government has been advocating Greeks vote against the proposals.

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The capital controls are meant to staunch the flow of money out of Greek banks and spur the country's creditors to offer concessions before Greece's international bailout program expires Tuesday.

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## **The Latest: German business lobby sees limited damage from Greek euro exit**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest news on Greece's financial woes as it closes its banks and limits money withdrawals (all times local):

12:20 a.m.

The head of Germany's main business lobby group says Greece cannot be kept in the euro "at any price" and that the immediate impact on German industry of a possible Greek exit would be limited.

Ulrich Grillo, the head of the Federation of German Industries, says that leaving the euro would be "a huge problem for the Greek economy, which is strongly dependent on imports." But he says the direct impact on German industry would be limited in view of the relatively small trade volume between the countries.

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## **2 murderers had lapses in the system on their side in daring prison break, but not for long**

NEW YORK (AP) — It was dawn in the cellblocks of Dannemora, time for a round of bed checks on the convicted killers, rapists and other criminals held behind stark 19th-century walls. Guards went along the lattice of light-green bars in "A" Block, where well-behaved prisoners are held.

At first glance, it seemed David Sweat and Richard Matt were where they were supposed to be: asleep in their adjoining cells. But the lumps in their bunks were just sweatshirts. The convicted cop killer and the career criminal doing time for dismembering his boss had squeezed through holes neatly cut in the steel wall behind their beds, penetrated a brick wall and a steam pipe, and emerged from a manhole outside the Clinton Correctional Facility's 40-foot wall.

"Have a nice day!" they smirked in a note left along the way.

It would be the last authorities would hear from them for three weeks, until officers found and killed Matt on Friday in woods near the Canadian border, about 30 miles from the prison, and captured Sweat nearby Sunday.

The June 6 escape spotlighted apparent security lapses in a prison where a complex escape plan may have been rehearsed for weeks and the breakout went undetected for as long as six hours.

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## **After gay marriage loss in high court, conservatives issue call to arms for religious freedom**

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that same-sex marriage is legal nationwide, religious conservatives are focusing on preserving their right to object. Their concerns are for the thousands of faith-based charities, colleges and hospitals that want to hire, fire, serve and set policy according to their religious beliefs, notably that gay relationships are morally wrong.

The Republican Party's 2016 presidential candidates are already campaigning on the issue. And Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is urging President Barack Obama and the nation's governors "to join me in reassuring millions of Americans that the government will not force them to participate in activities that violate their deeply held religious beliefs."

The religious liberty fight isn't about what happens inside the sanctuary. First Amendment protections for worship and clergy are clear. Potential conflicts could arise, however, over religious organizations with some business in the public arena. That category ranges from small religious associations that rent reception halls to the public, to the nation's massive network of faith-based social service agencies that receive millions of dollars in government grants. Some groups, such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, also want protections for individual business owners who consider it immoral to provide benefits for the same-sex spouse of an employee or cater gay weddings.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy raised the issue in the majority opinion Friday granting gays the right to marry. He said First Amendment protections are in place for religious objectors, who "may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned."

But in his dissent, Chief Justice John Roberts predicted a clash ahead between religious freedom and same-sex marriage. He specifically noted the dilemma for religious colleges that provide married student housing, and adoption agencies that won't place children with gay couples.

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## **US training of moderate Syrian rebels sputtering, limited by strict weeding out of extremists**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer than 100 Syrian rebels are currently being trained by the U.S. military to fight the Islamic State group, a tiny total for a sputtering program with a stated goal of producing 5,400 fighters a year.

The training effort is moving so slowly that critics question whether it can produce enough capable fighters quickly enough to make a difference. Military officials said last week that they still hope for 3,000 by year's end. Privately, they acknowledge the trend is moving in the wrong direction.

On June 26, 2014, the White House said it was asking Congress for \$500 million for a three-year train-and-equip program. It only got started in May, however.

That program, together with a more advanced but also troubled parallel effort to rebuild the Iraqi army, is central to the U.S.-led effort to create ground forces capable of fighting IS without involving U.S. ground combat troops.

The Syria initiative is seen more as a way of enabling moderate opposition forces to defend their own towns against the militants. Expectations for the Iraqis are much higher; the goal is to have them roll back IS and restore the Iraq-Syria border.

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## **Political opposition groups exist to make sure 2016 candidates get the dirt on each other**

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was the perfect loop: The Republican opposition research group America Rising finds footage of Democratic Senate candidate Bruce Braley in agriculture-loving Iowa, seeming to put down the intelligence of farmers. That footage becomes part of a 30-second TV ad, by the super PAC American Crossroads, boosting the Republican candidate, Joni Ernst.

Ernst wins. So does America Rising, which used that episode in Iowa last year to show prospective clients and donors what it can do.

Big political opposition operations, which didn't even exist five years ago, will be important players in the 2016 presidential election. They started early, with America Rising tracking Democratic frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton since early 2013, and its liberal counterpart, American Bridge 21st Century, keeping tabs on more than a dozen GOP contenders for four years now.

“Oppo,” as it’s known, is flourishing thanks to donors and political parties investing millions in the two groups. The bounty of material means voters will see more of what they say they hate the most about elections: attack ads.

The work begins in Iowa barns and New Hampshire coffeehouses — anywhere politicians might appear. Twenty-somethings with smartphones, video equipment and microphones track their targeted candidate’s every move, waiting for a gaffe, a policy flip-flop or anything embarrassing.

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## **Tunisia struggles to balance reform and repression in response to home-grown terror attacks**

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia has reason to fear a terror attack. The only democracy that emerged from the turmoil of the 2011 Arab Spring has seen more of its young men join the Islamic State group than any other nation, and many have returned, battle-hardened, to spread radical ideologies back home. It’s also a country full of vulnerable targets, with an economy that depends on welcoming European tourists to its warm Mediterranean shore.

Despite having so much at stake, the shocking slayings of 22 tourists at the national museum in March failed to persuade lawmakers to resolve their debate over an anti-terror strategy proposed more than a year earlier. Only now — after a single jihadi from a gritty Tunisian town was able to kill 38 tourists at a seaside resort — does the government appear ready to launch a comprehensive response.

“We decided today to pass the counter-terrorism law before Republic Day on July 25,” Parliament President Mohamed Ennaceur said while visiting survivors of Friday’s attack at a hospital. “We will be after the government to take the necessary measures in all areas to fight against terrorism.”

The new anti-terrorism law would increase police powers and provide for harsher penalties, moves that worry human rights activists. It also would create a commission to devise a strategy to tackle the roots of terrorism by addressing terror’s economic and social causes, and creating “de-radicalization” centers to change minds through persuasion, not prison.

The law has been stuck in committees since it was first proposed in January 2014 as leaders of the coalition government sought to balance reform and repression. That’s a difficult challenge in any democracy, even more so in a country that knew only one-party rule for 50 years before the overthrow of dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

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## **Solar Impulse plane back in the sky for 120-hour Japan-Hawaii leg**

TOKYO (AP) — A solar-powered plane took off from Japan early Monday to attempt a five-day flight over open water to Hawaii, the eighth leg of its bid to fly around the world without fuel.

Its long wings lighting up the night sky, the Solar Impulse 2 departed at 3:03 a.m. after an unscheduled, month-long stop in Japan because of unfavorable weather.

The flight to Hawaii, by far the longest of the journey so far, is risky because there are few if any places to land in an emergency.

Swiss pilot Andre Borschberg is flying solo. The plane, which started in Abu Dhabi on March 9, is powered by more than 17,000 solar cells on its wings that recharge its batteries. From Hawaii, it is to continue on to Phoenix, then hopscotch across the United States and the Atlantic to Europe, before returning to Abu Dhabi.

Borschberg originally left Nanjing, China, for Hawaii on May 31, but diverted to an airport in Nagoya in central Japan on June 1 because a cold front threatened to block his way. After a wing repair, he and team members waited in Nagoya for the right conditions to depart.

## **Chris Brown, Nicki Minaj, Beyonce win big at BET Awards; Janet Jackson, Smokey Robinson shine**

Though she was absent, Beyonce won three BET Awards, including video of the year for "7/11," while Chris Brown and Nicki Minaj also won multiple awards at the all-star show Sunday night.

But the show was less about the awards — video of the year didn't even make the live broadcast — as performances stole the night.

As Janet Jackson entered the stage at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, Brown screamed loudly, Minaj whipped out her phone to record the moment and Laverne Cox was teary-eyed. The pop star was honored with the Ultimate Icon: Music Dance Visual Award as she made one of her first public performances in sometime as she readies a new album and tour this fall.

"It's been a very long moment to this journey ... my heart is so full," Jackson said to the audience, which included her mother and father. "To my beautiful mother, to my beautiful father, and to my entire family, your love is unbreakable."

An impressive Ciara, Jason Derulo and Tinashe paid tribute to the 49-year-old veteran by mimicking her signature dance moves.

## **Today in History**

### **The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, June 29, the 180th day of 2015. There are 185 days left in the year.

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

On June 29, 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties - except for tea.)

### **On this date:**

In 1613, London's original Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed, was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

In 1880, France annexed Tahiti, which became a French colony on December 30, 1880.

In 1913, the Second Balkan War broke out as Bulgaria attacked Serbia and Greece, its former allies from the First Balkan War.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF'-skee) died in New York at age 80.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1967, Jerusalem was re-unified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Morrison v. Olson, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

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In 1992, the remains of Polish statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF'-skee), interred for five decades in the United States, were returned to his homeland in keeping with his wish to be buried only in a free Poland.

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship. A department store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, California, at age 74.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn died in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at age 96.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, embracing nearly all the recommendations of a White House commission, said he was creating a national security service at the FBI to specialize in intelligence as part of a shake-up of the disparate U.S. spy agencies. Mexico released a series of postage stamps depicting an exaggerated black cartoon character known as "Memín Pinguin," prompting protests from U.S. activists (despite the objections, Mexico refused to withdraw the stamps).

**Five years ago:** China and Taiwan signed a tariff-slashing trade pact that boosted economic ties and further eased political tensions six decades after the rivals split amid civil war. Talk show host Larry King announced he would step down from his CNN show in the autumn after 25 years on the air.

**One year ago:** The al-Qaida breakaway group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which had seized much of northeast Syria and huge tracts in neighboring Iraq, formally declared the establishment of a new Islamic state and demanded allegiance from Muslims worldwide. Grammy-winning jazz flutist and New Age music pioneer Paul Horn, 84, died in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie producer Robert Evans is 85. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 75. Singer-songwriter Garland Jeffreys is 72. Actor Gary Busey is 71. Comedian Richard Lewis is 68. Actor-turned-politician-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 67. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 67. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 62. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 62. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 58. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 54. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 53. Actress Judith Hoag is 52. Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 51. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 51. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 50. Musician Dale Baker is 49. Actress Melora Hardin is 48. Rap DJ Shadow is 43. Actress Zuleikha Robinson is 38. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 37. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 37. Comedian-writer Colin Jost (johst) is 33. Actress Lily Rabe is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Aundrea Fimbres is 32.

**Thought for Today:** "Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do." - James Russell Lowell, American essayist (1819-1891).