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**As the temperature warms up, the Groton pool gets more use.
The temperature reached 94 degrees yesterday.**

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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Closed****

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Monday, July 13

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread

Birthdays: Jeff Voss • Jolene Townsend • Dawn Jones • Rick Mettler • Carna Atherton Pray Cindy Leonhardt

6:30am:Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

1:30pm:St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle

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

Tuesday, July 14

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Christine Nyberg • Ava Kramer

8:00am:Elementary Library open (Allison Weber reading at 10 am)

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

5:00pm:T-Ball Black host Claremont

6:00pm:T-Ball Gold host Columbia

6:00pm:U8 Blue PW host Claremont

7:00pm:U12 Midgets host Claremont

7:00pm:Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Dakota Outdoors

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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 28th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Carmel Nelson Willett

Job **Wise** what are you doing today? I am a 2nd grade teacher at Chapel Hill Academy in Chanhassen, MN.

How long have you been working at the current job? 15 and 3/4 years

How did you get your current job? I saw the job listing in the Christian School information when I taught at First Baptist Christian School. We were moving to Minnesota, thus the reason I was looking for a position.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. I taught at Holy Cross Elementary School in Ipswich, SD for 5 years and First Baptist Christian School (now Aberdeen Christian) for 7 years.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? good ol' GHS. I graduated in 1982

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I went to SDSU for one year and 3 years to NSU. My degree was a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education

What advice would you give the high school students today? Study hard, work hard, yet have fun. I was in band and debate and enjoyed all the memories and times in those activities.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I have 2 sons, been married for 30 years (on June 29), have a great job with wonderful co-workers. The Lord has blessed me with all the jobs and memories. In 1982, I was the State B Debate champion with Karleen Hoops. I also placed 3rd in State B extemp.

Are you married? Hubby- Gary Willett, from Aberdeen, when to Aberdeen Roncalli (yes, a rival school!)

How did the two of you meet? We met when we both worked at Kmart in Aberdeen.

Do you have any children? I have 2 sons. Christopher is 27, lives in Coon Rapids, MN and works at Medtronic. Nicholas is 24 and is living at home and attending the U of M Twin Cities majoring in English (Making his grandma happy)

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I feel that all my hard work studying in high school did pay off. My student teaching with Bev Dorfschmidt and Sheryl Keup prepared me the most. Student teaching is invaluable! I also learned from my professors at NSU how to be compassionate and listen to your students.



back: Gary, Carmel front: Nicholas, Cassie (Chris' girlfriend), Chris. Nicholas is holding our dog, Rags

Idt wins Sportsmanship bat

This weekend - Saturday, July 11-Sunday, July 12 - was the Three Rivers League pee-wee tournament in Andover. The Langford pee-wee team placed 7th, and Aaron Idt was the recipient of the sportsmanship bat. The sportsmanship bat is awarded to one player as voted on by the umpires of the tournament. Umps are Jeremy Heupel (yellow shirt) and Jadyn Geffre.



Photo by Kayla Suther

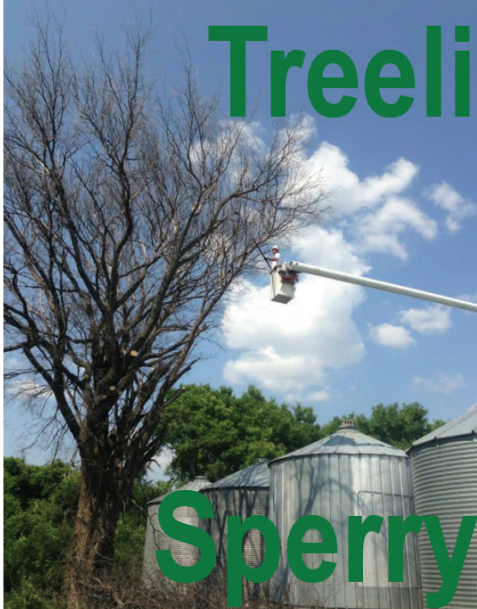
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**TJ Sperry:
380-7915**

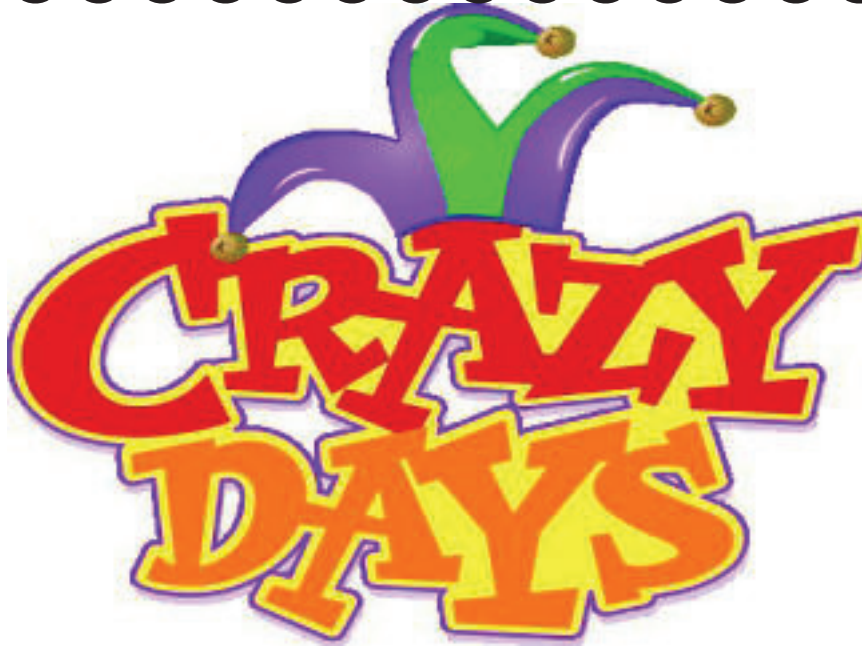
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216-8431**

Sperry Stump Removal



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July 16-17-18

Thursday - 9-7, Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-3

20-50% off All Outdoor Pottery
& select Wrought Iron
50% off All Kids Merchandise

Select Coffee and
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Today in Weather History

July 13, 1964: Early morning low temperatures dropped into the lower to mid-30s across the northern half of the state. Some low temperatures include 32 degrees at Castlewood, 33 in Andover and 4 miles NW of Onida.

1895: A tornado that began in Cherry Hill, New Jersey made its way to Woodhaven, Long Island in New York. The image below, a hand-colored lantern slide in the Museum Library's Lantern Slide Collection, shows an area where the tornado caused massive destruction, though Cherry Hill sustained more damage.

1951: Rivers across eastern Kansas crest well above flood stage, causing the greatest destruction from flooding in the Midwestern United States to that time. Five-hundred-thousand people were left homeless and 24 people died in the disaster.

1975 - Dover, DE, was deluged with 8.50 inches of rain to establish a 24 hour record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - Lightning struck a key electrical transmission line in Westchester County of southeastern New York State plunging New York City into darkness. (David Ludlum)

1980 - Afternoon highs of 108 degrees at Memphis, TN, 108 degrees at Macon, GA, and 105 degrees at Atlanta, GA, established all-time records for those three cities. The high of 110 degrees at Newington, GA, was just two degrees shy of the state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Unseasonably cool weather prevailed across the Midwest. Ten cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Casper, WY, with a reading of 39 degrees. By way of contrast, record heat was reported in the eastern U.S., with highs of 93 degrees at Burlington, VT, and 101 degrees around Miami, FL. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - There were just three reports of severe weather across the country, and just one record high temperature reported. Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the Tennessee Valley area, producing nine inches at Senatobia, MS. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A thunderstorm at Albany, GA, produced 1.40 inches of rain in forty minutes, along with wind gusts to 82 mph. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Corpus Christi, TX, 110 degrees at Tucson, AZ, and 114 degrees at Phoenix, AZ, equalled records for the date. Greenwood, MS, reported 55.65 inches of precipitation for the year, twice the amount normally received by mid July. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms
High: 89 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 87 °F

Slightly Cooler Today

Thunderstorms Possible, Mainly in North Dakota

High Temperature Forecast

- 80F
- 85F
- 90F
- 95F
- 100F

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An upper level trough of low pressure crossing the region will bring scattered showers and thunderstorms for North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota, along with western Minnesota. The rest of the region will see dry, but windy conditions. Highs today will warm into the upper 80s, to the mid-90s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 94.1 at 4:38 PM

Low: 71.4 at 11:54 PM

High Gust: 23 at 1:38 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 44° in 1987

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.39

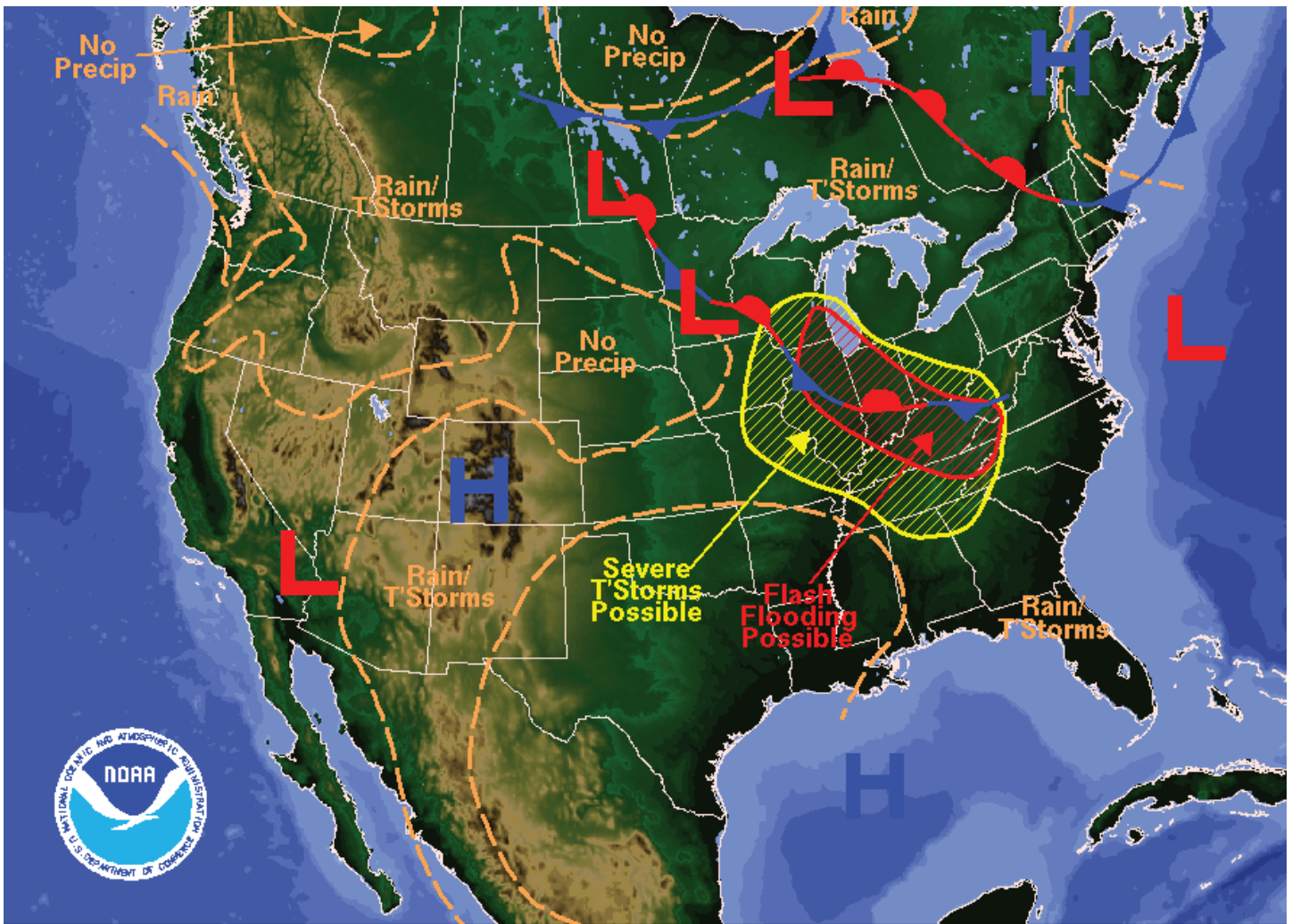
Precip to date in July: 1.77

Average Precip to date: 12.23

Precip Year to Date: 9.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:20 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jul 13, 2015, issued 4:29 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

Paganini, one of the world's most famous violinists, walked onto the stage before a large crowd. Just before he began playing, he looked at the violin he was holding and realized that it was not his. He was horrified, but it was too late for him to do anything about the violin.

After the concert the critics and audience said it was the best concert of his entire career.

When questioned about using a violin that belonged to another person, he said, "Today I learned the most important lesson of my life. I once believed that the music was in the violin. Today I learned that it was in me."

God has given each of us different abilities and gifts. They vary in name and number but not in value. They may be obvious to others or they may be seen only by Him when we serve others in His name. We must realize that His gift is within us and only comes to life when we respond to the opportunities He gives us.

Prayer: Equip us, Lord with gifts and abilities to serve others and bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls Storm cruise to 5th straight IFL championship

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Storm capped a perfect season with the team's fifth consecutive Indoor Football League championship.

The Storm beat the Nebraska Danger 62-27 in Saturday's United Bowl at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

It was the third straight year the two teams met for the IFL crown. The Storm won 43-40 in 2013 and 63-46 last year.

2 South Dakota inmates who escaped prison caught in Wyoming

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota corrections officials say two minimum-security inmates who escaped from a Sioux Falls prison last month have been apprehended in Wyoming.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections said in a news release that Brandon Suess and Troy Chase were taken into custody Sunday in Weston County in Wyoming. The department says they were placed on escape status after walking away from their work assignment at South Dakota State Penitentiary on June 26.

According to the department, Suess is serving an eight-year sentence for burglary and a seven-year sentence for grand theft in Custer County. Chase is under a three-year sentence for forgery in Minnehaha (mih-nee-HAH'-hah) County.

Legislators call for special session to talk education funds

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Several Republican state lawmakers are pushing for a special legislative session to address education funding and the teacher shortage in South Dakota, but GOP leaders say it's unlikely to happen.

Rep. Elizabeth May, who is among six legislators who called for the special session Thursday, said she plans to send letters on Monday asking other state lawmakers if they want the session. The Republican from Kyle has criticized a task force of lawmakers and others that has been studying South Dakota's education funding because it has excluded discussion of the costs of the state's adoption of the Common Core educational standards.

Rep. Brian Gosch and Sen. Corey Brown, the Republican legislative leaders, said it's unlikely there would be enough support to call a special session. A spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in an email that there's no consensus around a policy proposal that would typically lead to a special session.

May said that all costs associated with education funding should be considered. That includes the price tag of Common Core, which she said should be accounted for in the "crisis of the funding situation that we are facing in the state of South Dakota."

The math and English standards were devised by the National Governors Association and chief education officers from states. The goal is to raise expectations and to ensure that students nationwide are learning skills in the same grades.

Daugaard and Republican legislative leaders in February announced the creation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students amid calls to boost teacher pay. It is tasked with ensuring that South Dakota maintains a high level of student achievement and teaching excellence and with coming up with a funding system to support them both.

"We are also not talking about standards, curriculum, Common Core. They're very important subjects in relationship to our kids, but they are not within the scope of this task force," Sen. Deb Sohlt, a co-chair of the group, said at a recent meeting. "So we are primarily looking at: How are we going to meaningfully fund education for our kids and for our communities moving forward, building up what's happened in the past?"

May said the lawmakers will allow 15 days for the special session letters to be returned. Any that are not returned in that time will be counted as a "no" vote and the results will be posted online, she said.

The governor can order a special session, but May said if two-thirds of legislators agree, they can approve one themselves. She said the task force shouldn't "pick and choose" parts of what it examines.

"I'm not calling for the end of Common Core," May said. "But I also am not going to allow them to ignore the fact that there is an expense involved in all of that."

SDSU Extension: Producers should watch out for pinkeye

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University Extension is recommending cattle producers to watch out for pinkeye, one of the most common and economically damaging cattle diseases.

Pinkeye is the common name for infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis. It is a contagious disease causing inflammation of the cornea and conjunctiva.

The SDSU Extension says cattle producers every year lose an estimated \$150 million due to reductions in weight gain, decreases in milk production, treatment costs and potential price discounts for affected animals.

Janna Kincheloe is an SDSU Extension research associate. She says the climate this growing season, including moist conditions and lush forage, is optimal for pinkeye.

Kincheloe adds that wet weather typically increases the incidence of face flies that irritate eyes and help spread the disease.

Man seriously injured after falling 150 feet in the Badlands

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in western South Dakota say an Illinois man was seriously injured after falling 150 feet near Sheep Mountain Table at the Badlands National Park.

The Pennington County sheriff's office says the 26-year-old man was transported from the park to a Rapid City hospital Saturday afternoon in a helicopter from the South Dakota National Guard.

Authorities say the incident happened around 2 p.m. Saturday. The sheriff's office did not immediately identify the man. His condition is unknown.

The Pennington County sheriff's office responded to the scene after receiving a request for assistance from Oglala Sioux tribal law enforcement officers.

Several other agencies assisted in the man's rescue including Pennington County Search and Rescue, Badlands National Park Rangers and Rapid Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Agriculture specialists offering CAFO training session in SD

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Several ag specialists from across the state will be offering an environmental training session for operators of concentrated animal feeding operations.

The training session scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Crossroads Convention Center in Huron fulfills the environmental and manure-management training requirement to obtain a livestock permit for CAFOs from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Individuals who attend the event can also earn Certified Crop Advisor credits.

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The all-day training session is offered by specialists from South Dakota State University, SDSU Extension, the state's Environment and Natural Resources Department and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The cost to attend the session is \$50 per person.

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. EUROZONE, GREECE SEAL DEAL ON BAILOUT

The tentative agreement with Athens includes "serious reforms" and aid, removing an immediate threat that the country could collapse financially and leave the euro, but ensures years of austerity ahead.

2. IRAN TALKS HIT FINAL STAGE

With the temporary deal set to expire at midnight Monday, diplomats say they are planning to complete and announce a final agreement before day's end.

3. TOP DRUG LORD'S ESCAPE EMBARRASSES MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

"All the accolades that Mexico has received in their counter-drug efforts will be erased" if Joaquin Guzman 'El Chapo' is not recaptured, says a retired U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chief of international operations.

4. WHO IS ENTERING 2016 RACE

On the eve of his presidential announcement, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is working to remind voters that he has a national profile largely due to his clashes with labor unions.

5. THE WORLD'S FRIENDLIEST VOLCANO

Yasur's primal ferocity and occasionally dangerous eruptions of lava and gas in Vanuatu would seem to defy that description.

6. WHICH IMAGE FRANCIS ENHANCED ON SOUTH AMERICA TOUR

The pope burnished his credentials as a new kind of pontiff, issuing an apology to indigenous people for church crimes.

7. UNESCO BACKS JORDAN AS JESUS' BAPTISM SITE

The move draws cheers from the country's struggling tourism industry while raising eyebrows among some experts.

8. TALKIN' APPALACHIAN

After decades of doing their best to help Appalachians hide their accents, scholars and linguists become preservationists of the myriad English dialects spoken in the region.

9. NEW MISS USA DEFTLY HANDLES RACE QUESTION

Olivia Jordan also calls immigration "an important issue" when asked about event co-owner Donald Trump's comments on Mexican immigrants.

10. WHAT DJOKOVIC, WILLIAMS SHOW AT WIMBLEDON

They are demonstrating that they're capable of taking home the title each and every time they enter a Grand Slam tournament.

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Miss Oklahoma Olivia Jordan is crowned new Miss USA

STACEY PLAISANCE, Associated Press

REBECCA SANTANA, Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — New Miss USA Olivia Jordan spoke of the need to discuss race relations en route to her pageant victory and hailed the diversity of women taking part in the contest during a post-pageant question about Donald Trump's comments on Mexican immigrants.

Jordan of Oklahoma was crowned Miss USA on Sunday, wearing a hot pink strapless dress with a full, flowing skirt as she smoothly navigated the interview portion of the competition to beat out 50 other contestants.

After weeks of controversy generated by Trump's comments bashing Mexican immigrants, the pageant passed with no mention of the real estate mogul who was not in attendance.

Instead, the focus was on women like Jordan and others who'd worked hard to get to the stage. There was also a special video segment highlighting the immigrant roots of some of the contestants.

The 26-year-old winner was followed by first runner-up Ylianna Guerra, 22, of Texas, and second runner-up Anea Garcia, 20, of Rhode Island. They were followed by 25-year-old Miss Nevada Brittany McGown as third runner-up and then Miss Maryland Mame Adjei, 23, rounding out the top five.

Jordan, who takes over from 2014 winner Nia Sanchez of Nevada, was a standout during the interview segment when each contestant was asked two questions and given 30 seconds to answer each. Where others flubbed or appeared unsure of what to say, Jordan appeared confident and polished when asked what the next big issue is that the U.S. needs to tackle; she answered race relations.

"We have not solved this issue," Jordan said. "We really need to work on being an accepting society."

During the second interview question about which woman should be put on the new \$10 bill, she initially suggested Oprah Winfrey before ending by naming Harriet Tubman, a former slave who led other escaped slaves to freedom.

Asked afterward by The Associated Press about the Trump controversy, Jordan responded: "We have freedom of speech in this country, and immigration is certainly an important issue."

She added, "This organization is not one person. It's definitely not just me. It's a family. This organization celebrates diversity, and I think that was clear on the stage tonight, and I look forward to spreading a message of love and diversity and acceptance."

The annual contest, generally known for its gorgeous evening dresses, sexy swimsuits, and sky-high heels was this year under an uncomfortable spotlight due to comments made by Trump, the pageant's co-owner.

Trump slammed Mexican immigrants during his announcement that he was running for president. That led to widespread fallout against his business dealings, including the pageant.

Broadcasters, including NBC and Univision, dropped the pageant and a slew of celebrities lined up to perform, judge and host dropped out just as the pageant was kicking into high gear in Baton Rouge.

Pageant organizers rushed to fill the gap so the show could go on and the polished pageant showed little hint of the drama that proceeded it.

Satellite and cable channel Reelz television stepped in to air the show, while assuring people Trump would not benefit financially. It was also streamed live on the pageant's website. And former Miss USA and Miss Universe winners were recruited as judges.

The pageant featured an evening wear and swimsuit competition as well as the question and answer session. The preliminary contest was held earlier this week and then the number of women remaining was progressively narrowed during the course of Sunday evening's telecast.

Jordan, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, attended Boston University, where she earned a B.S. in Health Science and was a group fitness instructor and a personal trainer. She has appeared in several national and international commercials and feature films, most recently, *Hot Tub Time Machine 2*.

Jordan will hold the title for a year and will go on to represent the United States in the Miss Universe pageant. But first, she said she's looking forward to eating some popcorn and watching movies wh

AP News in Brief at 5:58 a.m. EDT

Greece reaches deal with eurozone leaders, avoiding financial collapse and euro exit

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece reached a deal with its European creditors Monday, pledging stringent austerity to avoid an exit from the euro and the global financial chaos that could have followed.

The deal calls for Greeks, already reeling from harsh measures and economic decline, to cut back even further in exchange for more loans without which its financial system would surely collapse. The deal, which still needs approval from Greece's parliament, will be the country's third bailout in five years.

To get to a deal, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras had to overcome the fundamental mistrust of many of his allies among the 18 other countries that use the euro, known as the eurozone. Just a week earlier, at his urging, Greeks had voted in a referendum to reject many of the measures he agreed to Monday, and the deal forced him to renege on many of his election promises.

"We managed to avoid the most extreme measures," Tsipras said. "Greece will fight to return to growth and to reclaim its lost sovereignty."

Both sides acknowledged the bitter disputes that kept the leaders at odds for months, and kept them negotiating nine hours past a Sunday midnight deadline. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that along with the deal, "trust needs to be rebuilt."

The Latest: France's Hollande hails deal as important for Greece and a united Europe

BRUSSELS (AP) — The latest from Greece's financial crisis (all times local):

10:55 a.m.

French President Francois Hollande has hailed the agreement reached by eurozone leaders on Greece after marathon talks as a good deal for Greece and its European partners and creditors.

Hollande told reporters that, "Even if it was long, I think for Europe this was a good night, and a good day."

Iran nuclear talks at endgame but deal elusive, expected Monday announcement in doubt

VIENNA (AP) — Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program entered their 17th — and possibly last — day in Vienna on Monday as diplomats continued to haggle over details ahead of the expiration of an interim accord.

With the temporary deal set to expire at midnight Monday Vienna time (6 p.m. ET), diplomats said they hoped to complete and announce a final agreement before day's end. But, they warned there was no guarantee with several issues still unresolved.

And, some said it was possible the talks could stretch into Tuesday despite there being little appetite for what would be a fourth extension of the interim agreement since the current round began on June 27.

Iran's deputy foreign minister, Abbas Aragchi, told reporters in Vienna that the talks are at their "final breathtaking moments (but) certain issues still remain." He said he could not guarantee an agreement would be reached either Monday or Tuesday.

In Brussels, French President Francois Hollande said the sides are near agreement but "a gap" re-

mains.

Another escape by drug lord 'El Chapo' Guzman a big embarrassment for Mexico's government

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The capture of drug lord Joaquin Guzman was the crowning achievement of President Enrique Pena Nieto's government in its war against drug cartels, a beacon of success amid domestic woes. That makes the bold escape by "El Chapo" from a maximum security prison all the more devastating.

A widespread manhunt that included highway checkpoints, stepped up border security and closure of an international airport failed to turn up any trace of Guzman by late Sunday, more than 24 hours after he got away.

Widely considered the world's richest and most powerful drug trafficker before his capture last year, Guzman slipped down a shaft from his prison cell's shower area late Saturday and disappeared into a sophisticated mile-long (1.5 kilometer-long) tunnel with ventilation, lighting and a motorcycle apparently used to move dirt.

"All the accolades that Mexico has received in their counter-drug efforts will be erased by this one event" if Guzman is not recaptured, said Michael S. Vigil, a retired U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chief of international operations.

More than anything else, the escape undermined Mexico's assertion it can deal with top drug lords at home and doesn't need to extradite them to the U.S. The national pride that appeared to motivate Pena Nieto's administration to prosecute drug lords like Guzman through its own court system has now turned into a national embarrassment.

Walker to remind voters of union, recall victories as he joins crowded 2016 Republican field

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, who is to enter the 2016 Republican presidential contest on Monday, has a national profile largely due to his clashes with labor unions.

He enacted policies weakening their political power and became the first governor in U.S. history to defeat a recall election. Now, on the eve of his campaign launch, Walker's task is to remind Republican voters about the four-year-old fight and the recall election sparked by his efforts to weaken unions — and a series of lesser-known triumphs he says set him apart from the crowded Republican field.

"If you could accomplish half of what he's done in Wisconsin in Washington, D.C., you would go down as one of the greatest presidents ever," said Walker's top political adviser Rick Wiley.

Walker cut income and corporate taxes by nearly \$2 billion, lowered property taxes, legalized the carrying of concealed weapons, made abortions more difficult to obtain, required photo identification when voting and made Wisconsin a right-to-work state.

His budget this year, which plugged a \$2.2 billion shortfall when he signed it into law Sunday, requires drug screenings for public benefit recipients, expands the private school voucher program, freezes tuition at the University of Wisconsin while cutting funding by \$250 million and removing tenure protections from state law.

Francis burnishes credentials as unique pope touring impoverished nations in South America

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — On his weeklong swing through South America, Pope Francis burnished his credentials as a new kind of pontiff, issuing a searing apology to indigenous people for church crimes more than a half millennium old and even making a pit stop at a Burger King to change clothes and freshen up before celebrating Mass.

The first Latin American pope picked three of the region's poorest countries — Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay — and used his speeches and homilies to hammer home themes that have become pillars of his papacy: respect for the poor and for the planet, and an impassioned call to turn away from what he sees as a cruel capitalist system that pillages the world's resources and heaps riches on the few.

They are messages Francis has been honing since becoming pope two years ago, but brought to life in vivid detail whether at Bolivia's notorious Palmasola prison, the mud-drenched Banado Norte slum in Paraguay or even a gathering of business leaders in Ecuador.

"We now know there is one Pope Francis, who says the same things whether he is in Italy, Asia or Latin America," said Massimo Faggioli, a Rome-based Vatican historian. "In Latin America, he was preaching to the choir, so the big challenge will now be to talk to and convince those who feel comfortable with the status quo."

Francis will get that chance in September, when he is scheduled to visit the U.S. capital right after a three-day stop in communist-run Cuba — two Cold War enemies whose recent rapprochement the pope played a personal role in.

For up-close volcano experience, Vanuatu's Yasur puts on a glittering, primal show

TANNA ISLAND, Vanuatu (AP) — It's constantly hissing, fussing and belching, but every half hour or so Yasur volcano sends up a tremendous spurt of lava and a boom so loud it is deafening on the crater rim and can be heard for miles. At dusk, the explosions begin to resemble fireworks, the lava glittering as it falls from the sky.

At just 361 meters (1,184 feet) elevation, the volcano on the Pacific archipelago of Vanuatu is particularly accessible, and spectacularly active. Some have dubbed it the world's friendliest volcano, although its primal ferocity and occasionally dangerous eruptions of lava and gas would seem to defy that description.

Getting there is an adventure. Yasur is on Vanuatu's southern Tanna island, which doesn't have paved roads and where many of its 30,000 people continue to live as the islanders have for centuries, in simple thatch huts with pigs and chickens running freely.

Legend has it that the volcano is a god. Kelson Hosea, who owns the rustic Jungle Oasis bungalows near the base of Yasur, said the story goes that Yasur returned home one day to find his two wives and four sons still at the beach, and in anger turned himself into a pig, before falling asleep.

"When the boys came back home with their mother, they saw the pig and they got angry," he said. "They got angry and they didn't realize that it was their father. They thought it was a pig. And they killed the pig with a stick. And the pig exploded."

After a century of mocking, a push to restore pride in how Appalachians' speech and self-image

PINEVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — In a county beyond the reach of any four-lane highway, a young couple chuckles and swivels in their chairs as they start telling for posterity the story of how they met.

"You want me to tell the story, or you tell the story?" asks Pete Culicerto, 20, who's seated next to his girlfriend before a pair of black microphones.

"I'll tell it, because you'd make it all cheesy," says 17-year-old Ginger Smyth, each of her syllables snaking through a black cable into a high-end audio recorder ticking the time off on a green digital screen.

"Cheesy's good," says West Virginia University linguist Kirk Hazen, encouraging a relaxed conversation that allows the accents and speech patterns of their mountain community to flow unhindered by the self-consciousness that sometimes keeps them in check.

Hazen, who's spent two decades recording dozens of interviews around West Virginia, is among a new wave of scholars seeking to put to rest "Beverly Hillbillies"-style myths and stigmas about Appalachia.

Nintendo President Satoru Iwata dies after leading Japan game company through success, woes

TOKYO (AP) — Satoru Iwata, who led Japanese video game company Nintendo Co. through years of growth with its Pokemon and Super Mario franchises, died on the weekend of a bile duct tumor, the company said Monday. He was 55.

There was an outpouring of sorrow on Twitter for Iwata as a person who carved out an entertainment legacy. Fans thanked him for childhood memories and for bringing families together.

"He didn't just create technology. He created a whole culture," said Nobuyuki Hayashi, a consultant and technology expert. "It wasn't just a consumer product that he had delivered. He brought to people something that's eternal, what people remember from when they were kids. He was special."

Iwata, president from 2002, died Saturday in a Kyoto University hospital. He had not been seen recently at game events, such as E3 in Los Angeles, where he was usually a participant.

Iwata led Nintendo's development into a global company, with its hit Wii home console and DS handheld, and also through its recent woes caused by the popularity of smartphones.

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 13, the 194th day of 2015. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

On this date:

In 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1923, a sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out "HOLLYWOODLAND" was dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision (the last four letters were removed in 1949).

In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Mel-

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ancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model and nightclub hostess convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1972, George McGovern received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

In 1990, the romantic fantasy "Ghost," starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1999, Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

Ten years ago: A suicide car bomb exploded next to U.S. troops handing out candy and toys in Iraq, killing more than two dozen people, including 18 children and teenagers and an American soldier. Former WorldCom boss Bernard Ebbers was sentenced to 25 years in prison for leading a massive corporate fraud. A fuel gauge aboard Discovery that mistakenly read full instead of empty forced NASA to call off the first shuttle launch in 2 1/2 years.

Five years ago: New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner died in Tampa, Florida, nine days after turning 80. The National League won the All-Star Game, defeating the American League 3-1 in Anaheim, California, to capture its first Midsummer Classic since 1996. Vernon Baker, a black U.S. soldier who belatedly received the Medal of Honor for World War II valor in 1997 after historians concluded he'd been wrongly denied the award because of his race, died at his home near St. Maries, Idaho; he was 90.

One year ago: Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell met privately with dozens of governors as the Obama administration tried to get support from states that would host thousands of Central American children who had crossed the Mexican border on their own. Thousands of Palestinian residents fled their homes to seek safety in U.N. shelters, heeding warnings from the Israeli military about impending plans to bomb the area in the sixth day of an offensive against Hamas. Germany scored a 1-0 victory over Argentina to win the World Cup final. Death claimed conductor Lorin Maazel, 84; Nobel Prize-winning author Nadine Gordimer, 90; author Thomas Berger, 89.

Today's Birthdays: Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: "Jeopardy!") is 91. Actor Patrick Stewart is 75. Actor Robert Forster is 74. Actor Harrison Ford is 73. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 73. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 69. Actress Daphne Maxwell Reid is 67. Actress Didi Conn is 64. Singer Louise Mandrell is 61. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 58. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 54. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 53. Actor Michael Jace is 53. Comedian Tom Kenny (TV: "SpongeBob SquarePants") is 53. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 53. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 53. Actor Kenny Johnson is 52. Roots singer/songwriter Paul Thorn is 51. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 50. Singer Deborah Cox is 42. Actress Ashley Scott is 38. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 37. Actor Fran Kranz is 34. Actor Colton Haynes is 27. Actor Steven R. McQueen is 27. Actor Kyle Harrison Breitkopf (BRYT'-kahpf) (TV: "The Whispers") is 10.

Thought for Today: "Back of every mistaken venture and defeat is the laughter of wisdom, if you listen." - Carl Sandburg, American writer (1878-1967).