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Legion State at Tabor (Groton plays Tabor at 5 p.m.)

Senior Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Parsley Buttered Carrots, Banana Cake/Icing, Whole Wheat Bread.

Anniv: Bob & Carolyn Snyder

Birthdays: Craig Weber • Blake Ronning • Jasmine Schaller • Julianna Kosel

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible study

5:30pm: Teeners at Britton

Tuesday, July 29

Legion State at Tabor

Teener Region

Senior Menu: Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Cake w/Strawberries, Whole Wheat Bread.

Birthdays: Amber Falk Odde • Jarod Flihs • Mike Imre • Desiree Giedt • Brenda Waage

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

12:00pm: Olive Grove Bridge

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor @ Primrose Cottages, Aberdeen

6:15pm: Olive Grove Ladies Golf Night (Potluck)

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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

Breck plays at Trinity



Betty Breck talks about her fiddle to those attending church service Sunday at Trinity.

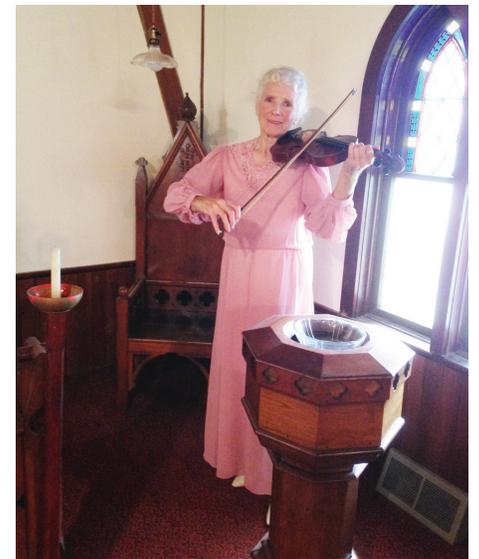


Betty Breck shows Jeslyn and Julianna Kosel the techniques of playing the fiddle.

Betty Breck played at the Groton Historic Trinity Church on Sunday with 17 people in attendance. She played several hymns which the congregation sang along and told about the story of her fiddle playing.

Paul Kosel gave the message for the day.

Worship is held 5 p.m., Sunday at Trinity, located at Third Street and Third Avenue in Groton. The building is under the care of the Brown County Historical Society and the offering collected goes toward the upkeep and expenses associated with the building.



Betty Breck is surrounded by historic items at Trinity such as the candle holder, a hanging light fixture, baptismal font, the chair and the stained glass window. Doris Strom gave Breck earlier in the week the dress she is wearing.

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Today in Weather History

July 28, 1986: Very intense thunderstorms developed in South Dakota and Nebraska and moved into Iowa. The first of these storms produced a tornado that crossed into Iowa south of Sioux City and slammed into a coal-burning power plant. This tornado caused between 25 and 50 million dollars damage to the plant. The tornado continued across farmland, then damaged a store and flattened a motel in Sloan before lifting up.

1819 - A small but intense hurricane passed over Bay Saint Louis, MS. The hurricane was considered the worst in fifty years. Few houses were left standing either at Bay Saint Louis or at Pass Christian, and much of the Mississippi coast was desolate following the storm. A U.S. cutter was lost along with its thirty-nine crew members. The storm struck the same area that was hit 150 years later by Hurricane Camille. (David Ludlum)

1930 - The temperature at Greensburg, KY, soared to 114 degrees to set a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1934 - The temperature at Grofino, ID, climbed to 118 degrees to establish a record for Idaho. (The Weather Channel)

1952 - A severe storm with hail up to an inch and a half in diameter broke windows, ruined roofs, and stripped trees of leaves near Benson, AZ. The temperature dropped to 37 degrees, as hail was three to four inches deep, with drifts 46 inches high. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Severe thunderstorms moving out of South Dakota across Iowa produce high winds which derailed eighteen piggyback trailer cars of a westbound freight train near Boone, IA. Sixteen

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of the cars fell 187 feet into the Des Moines River. The thunderstorms also spawned a number of tornadoes, including one which caused twenty-five to fifty million dollars damage at Sloan, near Sioux City, IA. (Storm Data)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Nevada produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Searchlight, reducing visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Thunderstorms in Montana drenched Lonesome Lake with 3.78 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms drenched Wilmington, NC, with 3.33 inches of rain, bringing their monthly total 14.46 inches. Seven cities in Michigan and Minnesota reported record high temperatures for the date. Marquette, MI, hit 99 degrees, and the record high of 94 degrees at Flint MI was their tenth of the month. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Afternoon thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Massachusetts. Early evening thunderstorms over Florida produced wind gusts to 68 mph at Fort Myers, and evening thunderstorms in South Dakota produced nearly two inches of rain in twenty minutes at Pierpoint. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday.
Yvonne Gibbs

I would like to extend a thank you to my family for hosting a surprise birthday party. This was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who came, for the cards and phone calls. Thanks again and God bless you!

Norman Townsend

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for a rewarding opportunity? Sun Dial Manor in Bristol is accepting applications for CAN's and a Restorative Aide to assist residents in the Restorative Therapy Department, and a Cook. Small, drug free facility with new upgrades and recently remodeled. We offer competitive wages and benefits. For questions, please call Connie Brown RN, DON, at 605/492-3615. (0702.0730)

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EMPLOYMENT

MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email ctyconde@nvc.net. The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Madison shuts out Groton in State B

Groton suffered a set-back at the State B American Legion baseball tournament being held in Tabor. Madison defeated Groton, 10-0, in five innings. Drew Planteen, Dane Campbell and Bennett Shabazz each had a single. Madison had two home runs. Drew Planteen was the pitcher for Groton.

Madison scored 10 runs on 10 hits, had no errors and left four on base. Groton had no runs, three hits, one error and left five runners stranded on base.

Today's games feature Groton and Tabor at 5 p.m. followed by Madison taking on McCook/Minor 20 minutes after the Groton game. Madison is the only undefeated team in the tourney.

GAME 11 - July 27th 7PM	GROTON	0
Leonard Cimpl Park - Tabor, SD	MADISON	10

Opponents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
GROTON	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	0	3	1	5
MADISON	3	0	1	3	3	X	X	X	X	10	10	0	4

MADISON
Jacob Giles - Home Run
Jordan Underbrunner - Double, 2 Singles
Tyler Currey - Home Run

GROTON
Drew Planteen - Single
Dane Campbell - Single
Bennett Shabazz - Single

Winning Pitcher
Jacob Giles

Losing Pitcher
Drew Planteen

FINAL STATS: 8:23PM 7/27/14

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TIM JOHNSON



UNITED STATES
SENATOR from **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Health Reform is Expanding Coverage

When Congress began debating health care reform in 2009, I heard from many South Dakotans who were one illness or job loss away from losing health benefits. I heard from others who were uninsured simply because they could not afford the monthly premiums for coverage as health care costs soared. While our health care system worked for some, it was clear that millions were falling through the cracks. Our nation's health and economy were suffering – something needed to change.



While some continue to debate the merits of the Affordable Care Act, which was enacted in 2010 to address these issues, evidence is beginning to emerge that proves the law is meeting one of its major goals: expanding coverage to more Americans.

Following the first annual Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period, recent polls have found a considerable increase in the rate of newly insured adults. A Gallup and Healthways Well-Being survey found that the uninsured rate dropped from 17.1 percent at the end of 2013 to 13.4 percent, the lowest rate since Gallup began tracking the number of uninsured in 2008.

A recent Commonwealth Fund survey also found a significant drop in the rate of uninsured from 20 percent last fall to 15 percent in late spring of 2014. This means there are 9.5 million fewer Americans without health insurance. These findings closely resemble those found by the RAND Corporation in a study released earlier this year that projected 9.3 million adults had gained insurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

When the roll-out of HealthCare.gov was not as smooth and seamless as many had hoped, my Republican colleagues continued to deride health care reform and went so far as to shut down the federal government in their effort to repeal the law. Where would those 9.5 million Americans be today had they succeeded?

There is more the law can do to help those who are still without health care insurance get the coverage they and their families need. The expansion of state Medicaid programs to cover certain low-income families and individuals is a critical component of the law. Unfortunately, 24 states have not expanded Medicaid, leaving millions without access to coverage. In South Dakota, this means that up to 48,000 people are left without access to health care for no good reason. Many other Americans were not able to take advantage of the premium subsidies to purchase coverage on the new Health Insurance Marketplaces simply because they were not aware of this opportunity.

I know that individuals on both sides of the aisle want what is best for this country and for the American people. But as health reform implementation continues, it is clear that the Affordable Care Act was a big step in the right direction. More work needs to be done to improve our nation's health care system, but repealing this law will only hurt those who have gained health care coverage. I hope that we can move forward together and continue to improve upon the progress we're already seeing.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
Mostly Sunny High: 74 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 50 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 78 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 52 °F	Sunny High: 82 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 58 °F	Sunny High: 83 °F

DRY ALL WEEK ... TEMPS SLOWLY INCREASING



Monday

Highs:
70s to near 80



Tuesday

Highs:
Mid 70s –
Low 80s

Lows:
Upper 40s –
Low 50s



Wednesday

Highs:
Upper 70s –
Mid 80s

Lows:
Low to Mid 50s



Thursday

Highs:
Low to Mid
80s

Lows:
Upper 50s –
Low 60s



Friday

Highs:
Low to Mid
80s

Lows:
Low 60s

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Updated: 7/28/2014 5:11 AM Central

Dry conditions are expected through the week, with seasonally mild temperatures as well.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 67.3°F at 4:15 PM

Heat Index:

Low: 55.5°F at 11:22 PM

High Gust: 25 mph at 8:50 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 109° in 1975, 1917

Record Low: 40° in 2013

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July.: 2.68

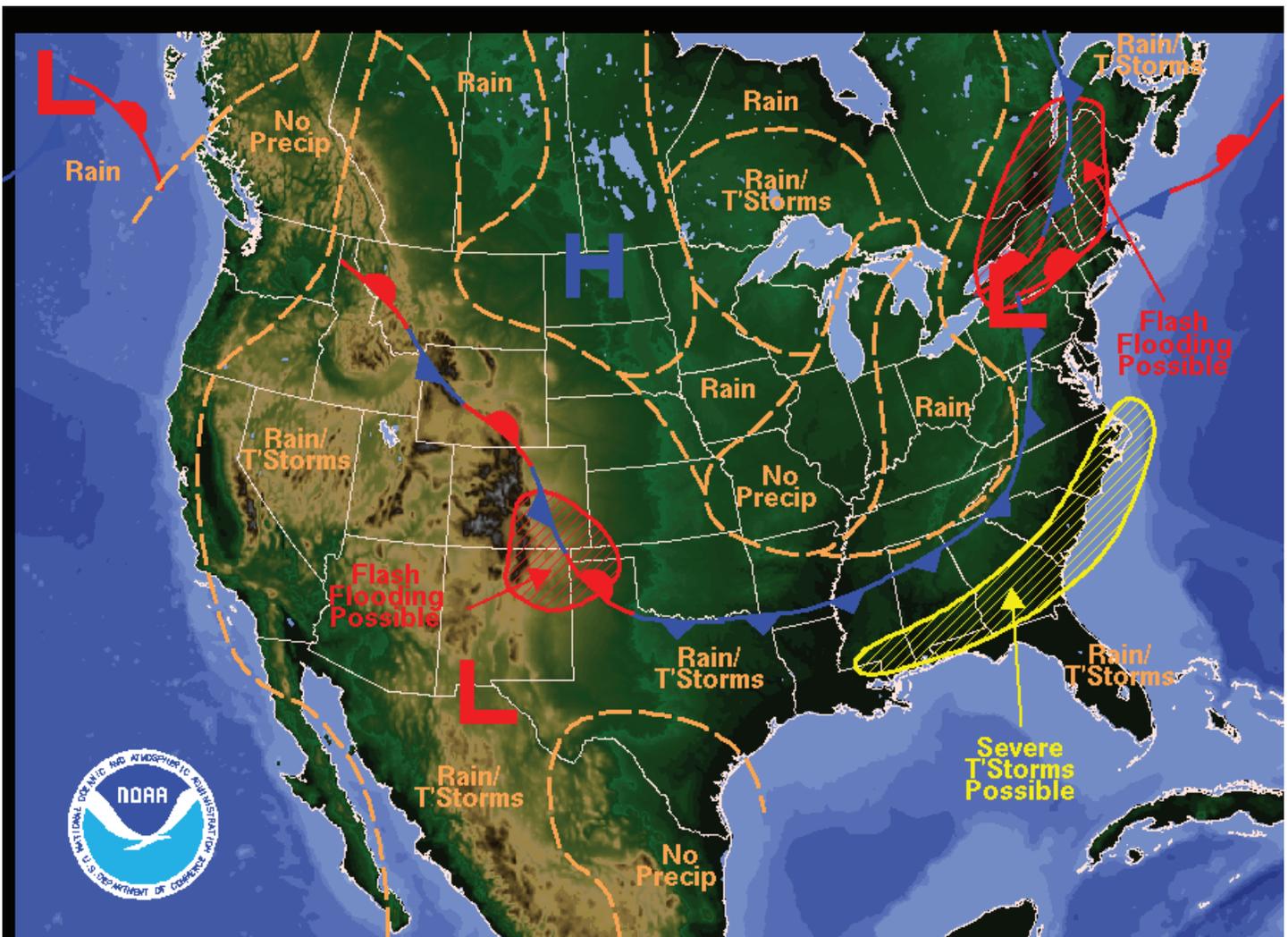
Precip to date in July.: 0.15

Average Precip to date: 13.52

Precip Year to Date: 9.28

Sunset Tonight: 9:06 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:14 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jul 28, 2014, issued 3:06 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynoldsw based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FAITH AND FEAR

Fear often leads to defeat and disaster. It is a friend of inertia and instability. It supports dependency and will keep the most competent individual from taking the first step to achieve a lifelong goal. Fear is real and many will allow it to stifle and suffocate their dreams.

What, then, is there to replace fear? Is it education? Could it be moving from one address to another? Might it be new friends? Can a different job or title replace a lack of self-confidence? Do our self-imposed limits cause our inner-being to retreat? Is there a defense for fear?

A king was being pursued by his enemies. He was weak but they were strong. He stood by himself and their numbers were staggering. But he had something, one thing that they did not have: Faith. It was the part of the equation that made the difference.

Listen to him describe his situation: "Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident." Faith calls upon Him who is invisible to accomplish things that are visible for us, through us and with us. Faith will turn horrible situations into outstanding conditions.

Confronted by overwhelming odds, David prayed, "Do not turn me over to my enemies." He knew that his life was in God's hands and that God could do with him as He pleased. But he did not lose faith in God. His trust was absolute. And in his darkest moment his confidence shone brilliantly: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart." God, or anyone who trusts in Him, will always win.

Prayer: Lord, as we wait for Your strength, guard us; do not let fear control us or the size of the enemy defeat us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today:
Psalm 27:3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.

A colorful advertisement for 'Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night' at Andover Bar & Grill. The ad features a red and white zigzag border at the top and bottom. On the left, there is a large illustration of a taco. The text 'Come 'n' Get It!' is written in a large, bold, red font. Below it, 'Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night' is written in a smaller red font. The name 'Andover Bar & Grill' is in a large, bold, black font. To the right, 'Serving 5-9 p.m.' is written in a green font. At the bottom, the address '120 S Main St. • 298-5252' is written in a smaller black font. On the right side, there is another illustration of a taco.

News from the Associated Press

3 dies on Idaho highways on Sunday

The Associated Press

Three people died in three separate accidents on Idaho highways on Sunday.

The Idaho State Police says 47-year-old Michael Garner, of Caldwell, died when his pickup went off Interstate 84 in Nampa and rolled at about 5:50 a.m. Sunday.

At about 3:20 a.m. Sunday, another crash on I-84 near the Idaho-Utah border claimed the life of 60-year-old Mark Beaslin, of Taylorsville, Utah.

The ISP says it appears the van driven by a 17-year-old Magna, Utah, teen swerved to avoid an animal in the roadway and then overturned. Beaslin was ejected and later died at a hospital.

And a car drove off U.S. 95 near Plummer in Benewah County and struck a tree at about 1:20 a.m. Sunday, killing 42-year-old Bella Petersen, of Aurora, South Dakota.

The accidents remain under investigation.

Lawmakers push to roll back futures regulations

HENRY C. JACKSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — WASHINGTON (AP) — David Fiebiger watched the collapse of trading company MF Global and understood the need to increase regulations in commodities markets. He just didn't think the misdeeds of a big firm would have much effect on him or his Finley, N.D.-based operation.

The 37-year-old Fiebiger is the general manager of Finley Farmers Grain and Elevator, which does about \$150 million in business annually with roughly 200 farms in a 40 mile-radius of the elevator. Fiebiger is active in commodities markets — not to speculate, he says, but to hedge risks for his operation and clients.

But that would be virtually impossible, he said, if new regulations take effect.

Last year, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission put in place new regulations designed to prevent the type of speculation that led to the collapse of MF Global, a major global derivatives firm that went bankrupt in 2011. The CFTC's rules included language that will eventually require people trading commodities futures to fully cover the amount of their contracts by the morning of the day following a trade.

Fiebiger — and many members of Congress — say that would eventually lead commodities brokers to require much higher initial payments for trades, pricing smaller operations out of futures markets they use regularly to hedge their risks.

"I think it's a bit of a misfire," Fiebiger said. "It comes down to a cash flow issue. In the wrong type of marketplace, this requirement might mean I'm borrowing money to do my daily business because I have so much money tied up in futures markets."

Congress has noted the complaints of farmers and operators like Fiebiger and is trying to scale back the regulation. In June, the House passed a bill reauthorizing the CFTC but with language that would scale back the new requirement, giving futures customers an extra day to get payments to brokers. And earlier this month, U.S. Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and Pat Roberts, R-Kan., introduced a related bill with a similar idea for CFTC's reauthorization.

It's not clear if the Senate's version of the bill will get a vote before Congress recesses for the summer. But Congress could also consider it in a lame duck session. Heitkamp said there is a strong desire to

prevent the regulations from going into effect.

"This is a system that has worked pretty well in spite of a couple of glitches and a couple of bad actors," Heitkamp said.

Under current requirements for trading, CFTC regulations require trades to be paid in three days. Under the new rules, set to go into effect in November, customers would be required to pay by 6 p.m. on the day following the futures trade. But within four years, according to current rules, that would then be shifted to the next morning.

Outside groups, such as the National Grain and Food Association, have estimated that the long-term requirements would lead to farmers and elevator operators putting as much as twice as much money toward their futures accounts up front. That would make it cost-prohibitive to use the futures markets as a way to hedge risks.

For Fiebiger, having until 6 p.m. the next day is important and preserves his ability to be nimble in the futures market and manage his risks. Without changes, he said, the CFTC's rules would require him and other small operators to "pre-margin" their accounts, or put sums of money in accounts they use to manage their trades without actually knowing if they plan to trade on a given day.

"Rather than paying what is due, when it's due, this requirement would mean you would have to put money down ahead of time of and make assumptions about how much money we're going to spend on a given day," he said.

For a small business like his — which has about 30 employees — that can lead to cash flow issues or managing when he makes investments in his business.

"In some ways we've upped the risk factor," he said. "Not only can I not use that money if this goes into effect but, man, now I'm a little bit more nervous about my money. It's in a trader's bank account in Minneapolis or Chicago instead of me having control of it."

Silver City cemetery ceremony celebrates signing

SILVER CITY, S.D. (AP) — Supporters of a bill that transfers ownership of nine historic cemeteries in the Black Hills from the federal government to local communities celebrated among the living and the dead.

Republican Rep. Kristi Noem of South Dakota led the ceremony Saturday at the Silver City Cemetery, one day after President Obama signed the Black Hills Cemetery Act into law.

The pioneer-era cemeteries had been owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Noem says the bill will make it easier to keep the burial grounds in good condition.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1khERPw>) that the legislation also changes the ownership of the Englewood, Galena, Hayward, Mountain Meadows, Roubaix, Nemo, Rockerville and Cold Springs cemeteries.

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. HOW MORE POLLUTION BECOMES A BIG EXPORT AS U.S. AIMS FOR CLEANER AIR

As America tries for a greener approach to energy by relying more on natural gas, energy companies are shipping more and more coal abroad — and with it, tons of carbon dioxide.

2. RELATIVE LULL IS DISRUPTED IN GAZA AS UN CALLS FOR CEASE-FIRE

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The brief calm is broken as the Eid al-Fitr holiday marks the end of Ramadan — fear and mourning have replaced the usual celebration in Gaza at the end of the Muslim holy month. The international community, in the meantime, intensifies efforts to end the three-week war between Israel and Hamas.

3. DEATH TOLL MOUNTS AS CLASHES INTENSIFY IN UKRAINE

Officials in the country's rebellion-wracked east say at least eight civilians have been killed by fighting and shelling in two cities held by separatist rebels near to the crash site of Flight 17.

4. WHY HISTORY MAY OFFER LITTLE COMFORT FOR MH17 PROBE

An AP reporter recalls how the Kremlin dodged, weaved and obfuscated after the Soviets shot down Korean Airlines Flight 007 in 1983.

5. WHOSE DRAMA HANGS OVER GOP LAWSUIT

Memories of Bill Clinton and the campaign of 1998 may help explain why Speaker John Boehner and the current party leadership want no part of such talk now, although conservatives increasingly clamor for it.

6. LAWMAKERS REACH INTERIM VA HEALTH REFORM DEAL

The chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees agree on a compromise plan to improve a veterans' health program plagued by long patient wait times.

7. IN FAR-OFF LANDS, OPPORTUNITY

Prodded by the steadily rising demand for Internet access and online services in developing countries, technology trendsetters Apple, Google, Facebook and Netflix all mine foreign countries to produce earnings or revenue that exceed projections in their latest quarters.

8. CHINESE AUTHORITIES REMOVE CHURCH CROSS AMID CRACKDOWN

Hundreds of police take down the religious symbol in a city known as "China's Jerusalem" for its many houses of worship in a coastal region where thousands of people are embracing Christianity.

9. A FIST-BUMP FOR THE FIST-BUMP

The president's greeting of choice transmits fewer germs than the more typical hand-to-hand greeting, a study in the American Journal of Infection Control finds.

10. BASKETBALL TEAM SAGA NEARS FINAL BUZZER

Only final arguments and a ruling remain in the trial to determine whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife can sell the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for \$2 billion.

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

Coal exports help US clean up global warming pollution at home — but still pollute elsewhere

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — As the Obama administration weans the U.S. off dirty fuels blamed for global warming, energy companies have been sending more of America's unwanted energy leftovers to other parts of the world where they could create even more pollution.

This fossil fuel trade threatens to undermine President Barack Obama's strategy for reducing the gases blamed for climate change and reveals a little-discussed side effect of countries acting alone on a global problem. The contribution of this exported pollution to global warming is not something the administration wants to measure, or even talk about.

"This is the single biggest flaw in U.S. climate policy," said Roger Martella, the former general counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency under President George W. Bush. "Although the administration is moving forward with climate change regulations at home, we don't consider how policy decisions in

the United States impact greenhouse gas emissions in other parts of the world.”

Over the past six years, American energy companies have sent more coal than ever before to other parts of the world, in some cases to places with more lax environmental standards.

The consequence: This global shell game makes the U.S. appear to be making more progress than it is on global warming. That’s because it shifts some pollution — and the burden for cleaning it up — onto other countries’ balance sheets.

4 things to know about how US coal exports shift global warming problem onto other countries

As the Obama administration weans the U.S. off polluting fuels blamed for global warming, energy companies have been sending more of America’s unwanted energy leftovers to other parts of the world where they could create even more pollution. Here are four things to know about the issue:

1. AS U.S. REDUCES COAL USE, DEMAND RISES GLOBALLY. Over the past six years, the U.S. has cut consumption by 195 million tons as power plants have burned cheaper natural gas instead. The Environmental Protection Agency’s latest proposal would further cut coal’s share of electricity generation. Meanwhile, coal demand is rising globally. In 2013, according to the 2014 BP Statistical Review of World Energy, it grew by 3 percent. The International Energy Agency expects global coal demand to grow 2.3 percent per year through 2018.

2. U.S. COAL EXPORTS HAVE SOARED TO MEET RISING DEMAND. The U.S. exported more coal in 2012 and 2013 than any other year since 1949. Exports surpassed 100 million tons for the first time in more than 20 years in 2011. Exports are down this year because of higher natural gas prices and a colder-than-average winter at home. But the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts coal exports to grow to 161 million tons by 2040 without policy changes. In 2012, the U.S. comprised 9 percent of the global coal export market, the latest data available.

3. COUNTRIES ONLY ACCOUNT FOR POLLUTION FROM COAL THEY BURN. When measuring progress on global warming, countries count only pollution from burning fossil fuels. Coal exports make the U.S. appear to be making more progress on global warming than it actually is, although it’s still coming out ahead. Analyses suggest U.S. exports could be reducing by half or wiping out completely the pollution savings in the U.S. from switching power plants from coal to natural gas.

4. OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WON’T DISCLOSE GLOBAL TOLL OF EXPORTS. Three terminals proposed for the Pacific Northwest would double U.S. coal exports. Despite pleas from the governors of Washington and Oregon, the Obama administration has so far refused to evaluate the global impact of those additional exports. A 2010 White House guidance aimed at clarifying how broadly agencies should evaluate greenhouse gas emissions for major projects is still being reviewed.

Israel carries out 3 airstrikes on Gaza, breaking relative lull at start of Muslim holiday

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli jets pounded three Hamas sites in Gaza on Monday after a rocket was launched at Israel, disrupting a relative lull in the war-torn territory at the start of a major Muslim holiday.

The strikes followed an almost 12-hour pause in fighting and came as international efforts intensified to end the three-week conflict between Israel and Hamas. The U.N. called for an “immediate” cease-fire.

Israel's military said it struck two rocket launchers and a rocket manufacturing facility in central and northern Gaza after a rocket hit southern Israel early Monday. The rocket caused no damage or injuries.

Earlier, the Israeli military said it had not carried out any attacks in Gaza since 9:30 p.m. on Sunday but that troops on the ground were pressing on with efforts to destroy the cross-border tunnels constructed by Hamas for attacks inside Israel.

The military said it opened artillery fire on Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza in response to the rocket fired at Ashkelon, said the office of Israel's military spokesman. "Quiet will be met with quiet," the office statement said.

At least 8 civilians killed as hostilities in eastern Ukraine intensify

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — At least eight civilians have been killed by fighting and shelling in two Ukrainian cities held by separatist militants, officials in the rebellion-wracked east said Monday.

Authorities in Luhansk that five people were killed and 15 injured by overnight artillery strikes. Three were killed in Donetsk as a result of clashes, the city's government said.

Territory between the cities has seen intensified fighting as government troops try to gain control over the area where a Malaysia Airlines plane was downed earlier this month.

Dutch and Australian police set off for the crash site Monday morning in a convoy of 20 cars, aiming to secure the area so that investigations can continue and any remaining bodies can be recovered.

Both sides in the conflict have traded accusations over the mounting civilian death toll. The armed conflict that has been raging for more than three months has displaced more than 200,000 people.

Malaysia plane shoot-down response recalls Soviet evasiveness after 1983 Korean jet downing

Those searching for the truth about what happened in the shoot-down of the Malaysia airliner over Ukraine can take little comfort from the history of another passenger jet that was blasted out of the sky over the Soviet Union more than three decades ago: The Kremlin at the time dodged, weaved and obfuscated. Today, we still don't know what exactly happened to Korean Airlines Flight 007.

I was The Associated Press' Moscow bureau chief when a Soviet Sukhoi-15 fighter downed KAL 007 on Sept. 1, 1983. The passenger plane was about to leave Soviet airspace after more than two hours of flying off-course above super-secret military installations along the Pacific coast. Pilots on the New York to Seoul flight via Anchorage, Alaska, had apparently put wrong navigation points into the on-flight computer. All 269 people on board were killed.

For three days, the Soviets said little. Then, on the fourth day, came a flurry of confusing and unlikely accounts.

Authorities said the Red Army in the Far East mistook the KAL airliner, with the distinctive 747 hump at the front, for an American RS-135 spy plane, a modified Boeing 707. At the time, the United States maintained a fleet of the RS-135s around the world, many of them flying off the Pacific coast of Siberia.

That same day, Col. Gen. Semyon Romanov was quoted by the official TASS news agency as saying, "The horror of this is that the United States sent the plane on its dirty mission." Romanov declared the "South Korean plane flew from the United States as a rude and deliberate provocation."

Police in China remove church's cross amid crackdown in region with thousands of believers

BEIJING (AP) — Hundreds of police took down a church's cross Monday in a city known as "China's Jerusalem" for its many houses of worship amid a crackdown on church buildings in a coastal region where thousands of people are embracing Christianity.

Evangelist Qu Linuo said he and about 200 others had rushed to the Longgang Huai En Church in the eastern city of Wenzhou to protect the building but peacefully made way for the police, who used a crane to remove the 3-meter-tall (10-foot-tall) red cross from its steeple.

Authorities told the church the cross violated building height limits, and returned it to the parishioners, who wept and prayed around it, said Qu, who is a member of another church. A man at the county's public security office said he didn't know anything about the incident, and the Longgang township police didn't answer phone calls.

Across Zhejiang province, where Wenzhou is located, authorities have toppled or threatened to topple crosses at more than 130 Protestant churches. In a few cases, the government has even razed sanctuaries.

Officials say they're enforcing building codes, although often they won't specify which ones. They also deny they are specifically targeting churches, and point to the demolition of tens of thousands of other buildings, religious and non-religious, that have apparently broken regulations.

Police: Family of 5, including 3 children, found fatally shot in Maine apartment

SACO, Maine (AP) — Neighbors struggled to make sense of the shooting deaths of a family of five in which the father was known to many throughout their apartment complex as a friendly maintenance worker.

Three children ranging from 4 to 12 were among the victims discovered Sunday in their home along with a long-barreled gun believed to have been used in their deaths. A detective said murder-suicide was one of the scenarios being investigated.

"I still don't want to believe it," said Heather Nason, who used to babysit the three children. "I love those children like they were my own."

Investigators said it appeared no one outside the family was responsible for the shootings. They planned to release the identities on Monday.

The grisly discovery was made after a family friend contacted an apartment complex worker to express concerns about the family's well-being, investigators said. The worker entered the apartment and discovered one body, then immediately called police.

Kevin Bacon gives 'The Following' fans at Comic-Con a chance to be part of his 'Six Degrees'

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Kevin Bacon's "Six Degrees" world got even bigger Sunday at Comic-Con.

During a Sunday panel for his Fox show "The Following," a fan brought up the pop culture game known as "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon," whose premise is anyone in Hollywood can be linked to the actor. She wondered if by talking to him she could then be a part of his universe.

Bacon said that technically you need to be in a movie with him to be connected in the "Six Degrees"

world.

The actor then stood up and took a video of the crowd in the San Diego Convention Center's 6,500-seat Hall H.

He also got laughs when a young girl told him she loved him in the 2011 movie "Crazy Stupid Love."

Virus drugmaker fights back against pediatricians group's limits on medicine use for preemies

CHICAGO (AP) — A costly drug given mostly to premature babies is at the center of a clash between the manufacturer and the nation's leading pediatrician's group, which recommends scaling back use of the medicine.

The dispute involves new guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which say medical evidence shows the drug benefits few children other than very young preemies. The medicine guards against a common but usually mild virus that can cause serious lung problems.

It's the second time in two years that the influential group has recommended narrowing use of the drug, sold by MedImmune under the brand name Synagis (SIN'-uh-jis). MedImmune is fighting back with full-page newspaper ads that say the updated policy threatens "our most vulnerable babies."

Synagis protects against RSV, or respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH'-uhl) virus, which infects nearly all U.S. children by the age of 2. For most, it causes only mild, cold-like symptoms. But it is also the most common cause of pneumonia in U.S. infants, and as many as 125,000 young children are hospitalized with RSV each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It was approved in 1998 for use in certain "high-risk" children, based on research showing benefits for certain children including premature infants born at 35 weeks or earlier. The pediatricians' group says it has sought to provide more specific guidance because the government's definition of high risk is vague.

Baseball immortality for The Big Hurt, Glavine, Maddux, and managers Torre, La Russa and Cox

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Frank Thomas choked back tears, Joe Torre apologized for leaving people out of his speech and Tony La Russa said he felt uneasy.

Being enshrined in the Hall of Fame can have those effects, even on the greats.

Thomas, pitchers Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, and managers Bobby Cox, Torre and La Russa were inducted into the baseball shrine Sunday, and all paid special tribute to their families before an adoring crowd of nearly 50,000.

"I'm speechless. Thanks for having me in your club," Thomas said, getting emotional as he remembered his late father. "Frank Sr., I know you're watching. Without you, I know 100 percent I wouldn't be here in Cooperstown today. You always preached to me, 'You can be someone special if you really work at it.' I took that to heart, Pop."

"Mom, I thank you for all the motherly love and support. I know it wasn't easy."

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Today is Monday, July 28, the 209th day of 2014. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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On July 28, 1914, World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1655, French dramatist and novelist Cyrano de Bergerac, the inspiration for a play by Edmond Rostand, died in Paris at age 36.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1928, the Summer Olympic games opened in Amsterdam.

In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand payments they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people. The U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2.

In 1959, in preparation for statehood, Hawaiians voted to send the first Chinese-American, Republican Hiram L. Fong, to the U.S. Senate and the first Japanese-American, Democrat Daniel K. Inouye, to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000 "almost immediately."

In 1976, an earthquake devastated northern China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

In 1984, the Los Angeles Summer Olympics opened.

In 1989, Israeli commandos abducted a pro-Iranian Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) Muslim cleric, Sheik Abdul-Karim Obeid (AHB'-dool kah-REEM' oh-BAYD'), from his home in south Lebanon. (He was released in January 2004 as part of a prisoner swap.)

Ten years ago: The Democratic National Convention in Boston nominated John Kerry for president. A car bomb exploded outside a police station used as a recruiting center in Baqouba, Iraq, killing 70 Iraqis. Francis Crick, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who co-discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, died in San Diego at age 88.

Five years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice, over nearly solid Republican opposition. Anti-abortion activist Scott Roeder (ROH'-dur) pleaded not guilty in Wichita, Kansas, to killing late-term abortion provider George Tiller. (Roeder was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.) The Rev. Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II, better known as "Reverend Ike," who preached the gospel of material prosperity to millions nationwide, died in Los Angeles at age 74.

One year ago: Pope Francis' historic trip to his home continent of South America ended after a marathon week in Brazil. In southern Italy, 39 people were killed when a tour bus plunged into a ravine. An armed thief stole a \$136 million diamond collection from a jewelry show at the Carlton International Hotel in Cannes, France. William Warren Scranton, 96, a former presidential candidate, ambassador to the U.N. and Pennsylvania governor, died in Montecito, California. Actress-singer Eileen Brennan, 80, died in Burbank, California.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 94. Actor Darryl Hickman is 83. Ballet dancer-choreographer Jacques d'Amboise is 80. Musical conductor Riccardo Muti is 73. Former Senator and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Bradley is 71. "Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 69. Singer Jonathan Edwards is 68. Actress Linda Kelsey is 68. TV producer Dick Ebersol is 67. Actress Sally Struthers is 66. Actress Georgia Engel is 66. Rock musician Simon Kirke (Bad Company) is 65. Rock musician Steve Morse

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(Deep Purple) is 60. CBS anchorman Scott Pelley is 57. Alt-country-rock musician Marc Perlman is 53. Actor Michael Hayden is 51. Actress Lori Loughlin is 50. Jazz musician-producer Delfeayo Marsalis is 49. Former hockey player turned general manager Garth Snow is 45. Actress Elizabeth Berkley is 42. Singer Afroman is 40. Country musician Todd Anderson (Heartland) is 39. Rock singer Jacoby Shaddix (Papa Roach) is 38. Country singer Carly Goodwin is 33. Actor Dustin Milligan is 29. Actor Nolan Gerard Funk is 28. Rapper Soulja Boy is 24. Pop/rock singer Cher Lloyd (TV: finalist "The X Factor") is 21.

Thought for Today: "It is impossible to write ancient history because we lack source materials, and impossible to write modern history because we have far too many." - Charles Peguy (pay-GEE'), French poet and writer (1873-1914).