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Birthdays: Eddy Opp, Axel Ray Abeln.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, cake, whole wheat bread.

6:00 p.m.: Olive Grove Men's League

Thursday, June 11

Anniversary: Wayne & Patty Hein

Birthdays: Charles Westby, Lila Dirksen

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice chow mein noodles, broccoli, breadsticks, sour cream apple pie square.

Friday, June 12

Anniversaries: Brad & Kay Ruden, Dale & Marge Washnok.

Birthday: Sandi Sippel.

Bridal Shower

Bridal Shower for Taylor Ogdahl, bride-to-be of Travis Swisher, will be held Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. to noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton.

Hoops Reunion

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

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All-State/Academic All-State Track Team

Landon Larson, a GHS senior, was named to the All-State Track and Field Team by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association. Larson was a triple winner, winning the 100m, 200m and 400m dash events at the state track meet.

The Academic All-State team was also announced. Those from Groton Area named to the team are Jackson Doeden, Courtney Kurtz, Alyssa Sippel and Sydney Thorson; and also named to the team was Bo Fries from Langford Area.

Soccer rules adopted

Season Dates: The Soccer Advisory Committee (SDHSAA) recommends a change in the dates of the soccer season to include the following structure, effective with the 2015 season:

- a. First Practice – Monday, Week Five (August 3rd)
- b. First Contest – Friday, Week Six (August 14th)

2) Power Points: The Soccer Advisory Committee recommends a change to the SDHSAA Soccer Power Point system as follows: (1) Class A Schools continue to receive two additional points for playing a Class AA school; (2) Class AA Schools only have two points deducted for games against Class A teams starting with the fifth such game. There would be no deduction for the first four games against a Class A team, only a two point deduction for each game over four against the lower classification.

3) Jamborees: The Advisory Committee recommends the ability for soccer jamborees to be scheduled beginning with the 2015 season.

Lightning/Weather Delay: Revise language in the Soccer Handbook to allow for a "third option" for conclusion of a contest delayed by adverse weather wherein the SDHSAA will set a time/date for resumption of play of a varsity soccer contest if suspended and the two competing schools cannot reach a mutual agreement to do so.

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Permanent substitute teacher considered

Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan has come up with an idea of having a permanent substitute teacher. He said that currently, the principals are dealing with substitute teachers at least two hours each day. "The full time substitute would alleviate that issue," Schwan said. It would cost the district an additional \$10,000 a year and the big challenge is finding the right person to fill the spot. The board agreed it would be a good idea if the right candidate can be found.

Rachel Crank came before the board Monday night to ask for a waiver or reduction in fees to use the gym for an exercise program in the event the weather outside is not good. The fee schedule is set at \$300 for the Arena and \$150 for the gym. The board decided to set a rate of \$25 for an hour of use of the gym.

The school's ICU program is showing huge signs of success. In a report by MS/HS Principal Anna Schwan, not a single student failed a course in the spring semester with the help of the ICU program.

Schwan reported that the Class of 2015 has accepted \$530,485 in scholarships at the time of graduation. So far, 15 students are enrolled in at least one on-line dual credit class for this fall.

No rate increase from Delta Dental. "That will be good news for the staff," said Business Manager Mike Weber.

The capital outlay budget was reviewed. There are a number of items which include carpet in some rooms, ceiling fans, parking lot work, shelving, switching to IP cameras, etc.

LED lights are being installed in the Arena.

The track will be resurfaced in the next couple of weeks.

Sidewalk installed at football field to connect the concession stand, bathrooms and the bleachers. Also in the plans is the sound system for the football field.

The school calendar was amended. The big change was moving the prom date from April 23 to April 16. Homecoming was also set with coronation on September 21 and the game with Roncalli on September 25.

It appears the district will be switching banks in January 2016. Wells Fargo Bank is the current bank, but the fee structure is costing the district money. That's because the interest earned was reduced from .6 percent to .4 percent and the going rate right now is .2 percent. "We're not getting enough interest to pay for the fees," said Weber said. The Super Now account at the First State Bank has no fees and they pay .1 percent interest up to \$50,000 and .2 percent anything over \$50,000. Over the course of the year, the district will be making more than \$3,000 from the interest with no fees. The board will make the official bank designations at the annual meeting in July.

Kelsey Hunt resigned as the basketball cheerleader coach for the 2015-16 school year.

Open enrollments were approved for a first grader and a freshman from Aberdeen.

Bevitized: Missing Yellow Ribbons



by Beverly Patterson

For years the neighbors planted a garden on the very back corner of their lot that butted up to the very edge of our yard. Perhaps I'm wrong, but every year it seemed like the tilled ground of their garden began to creep further and further onto our property. People coming to visit would often times compliment my nice looking garden and were somewhat surprised when I would tell them it wasn't mine. Nothing was ever mentioned but it sort of bugged me. After about 14 years and 14 inches of lost ground later I decided to hire someone to come over and till up a spot for me so I could plant a garden. I thought it might be sort of fun to have some fresh produce and I sort of figured it might be the only way to stop the neighbor from adding the "inch a year" to his garden spot.

I mapped out my plan and was told by the guy I hired to do the tilling that I should "clearly" mark the corners of where he should till so that just in case I wasn't home when he got there, he would know exactly where to go. A few windy days later he showed up at the post office where I worked and told me he got the tilling done so I paid him and anxiously awaited closing time so I could go home and hit the dirt!

As I strolled into the driveway after work I expected to see a small patch of black dirt to be visible from where I parked but everything looked just

exactly as it did when I had left for work. Hmmm....I wondered what had happened. The tiller guy had worked for me before and there was never a problem but the ground that was marked was clearly untouched. I didn't see my yellow ribbons but the wind had been sort of crazy so I wondered if maybe they had gotten blown away.

I knew there had to be a logical explanation. Here are the results of my investigation.

When choosing who should till your garden, I've learned the town drunk isn't the best choice. Now don't get me wrong, he was a very nice man and he did a lot of odd jobs for people to make a little spending money so he could hop on his lawn mower and head to the bar for a few after a long hard day of tilling gardens and spraying weeds. I'm sure you're wondering why I added the part about him hopping on his lawn mower to head to the bar but that was his main vehicle after loosing his driver's license for the gazillionth time due to the fact that he was driving under the influence more than he was not driving under the influence.

When I finally found him to ask him where my tilled garden spot was he looked at me in total and complete disbelief. He was shocked that I would ask him that but as the conversation went on, his shock would end up being almost undetectable in comparison to the one that I was about to experience!

Apparently the wind had indeed removed my yellow ribbons that were marking my garden spot by the time he and his tiller had gotten to my back yard. He took a look around and the only markers he could see were in ground that already appeared to be tilled but he thought to himself, this is their yard and there are sticks in the ground so this must be where I'm supposed to till.

The garden spot he discovered was our neighbor's. He was right, it had already been tilled. The sticks he saw were marking the rows of the seeds that had already been planted and all I could do was laugh.... uncontrollably....almost crazy like....for a few minutes longer than I probably should have.

It just goes to show that we should all strive to do what's right. We shouldn't be greedy with anything, especially with the size of our garden if it means we have to inch our way onto our neighbor's property. Karma always finds a way to teach us lessons and sometimes it comes disguised as a tipsy guy with a tiller!

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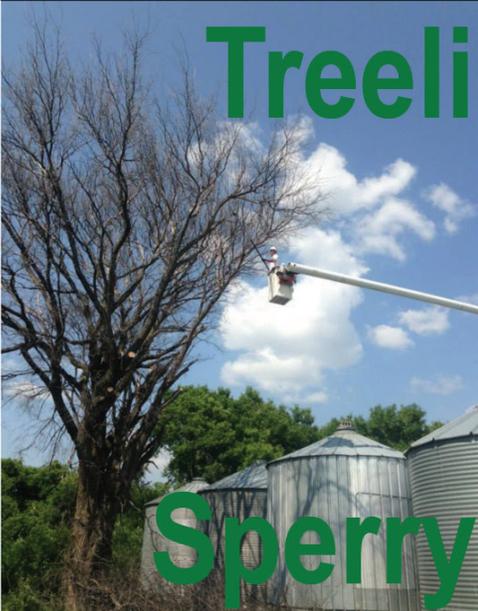
June 10, 1998: Heavy rains of two to three inches in a short period of time caused flash flooding on the Crow Creek, near Gann Valley. As a result, some dams and roads were washed out.

June 10, 2004: An F1 tornado damaged 3 barns and numerous other buildings on a farm located 22 miles west of Ft. Pierre. This tornado also downed power lines and broke windows out of a home. There were no injuries reported.

June 10, 2008: A strong low level jet impinging on a surface frontal boundary extending across southern South Dakota brought many severe thunderstorms to central and northeast South Dakota. Large hail and high winds brought some tree damage, trees down, along with some structural damage. Eighty mph winds blew down a 46 by 100 foot Quonset with tin strewn over a quarter mile. Several trees were also uprooted in Hosmer in Edmunds County. An EF1 tornado touched down briefly and downed a power pole, snapped off a road sign, and blew a metal shed 100 yards destroying it. The tornado also broke off several large tree branches. This tornado occurred eight miles east-northeast of Eden in Marshall County.

1752: It is believed that this was the day Benjamin Franklin narrowly missed electrocution while flying a kite during a thunderstorm to determine if lightning is related to electricity. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1997: Flash Flooding occurred in many locations in Mississippi. Highway 80 and many other streets were flooded in and around Vicksburg. One person's car was engulfed by water, but the person was rescued. This event caused \$300,000 dollars in property damages. Over 6 inches of rain fell in Lexington in a little over 3 hours. The heavy rain caused Bear creek to over flow and flood much of the town of Lexington. 45 businesses were affected by the flooding and 30 of these suffered major losses. As many as 300 homes had water damage. This event caused \$10 million dollars in property damages. Portions of Jones County experienced flash flooding as 3 inches of rain fell in just 1.5 hours over saturated ground.



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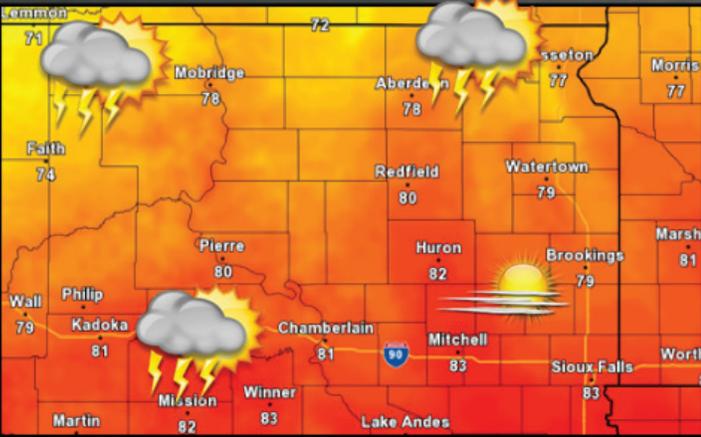
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30%	50%	50%				
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High: 79 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 78 °F



Showers and Thunderstorms Expected Today through Thursday



Highs Today



Thursday



Highs:
Mid 60s
Mid 70s

Friday



Highs:
Upper 70s
Low 80s

Saturday



Highs:
Upper 70s
Low 80s

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Showers and thunderstorms are expected across the region today through Thursday evening. While severe storms are not expected, some thunderstorms on Thursday could produce locally heavy rainfall. Southeast South Dakota and much of southern Minnesota will have the best potential of seeing heavy rainfall. Dry conditions are expected Friday and Saturday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 98.9 at 2:40 PM

Low: 60.3 at 6:19 AM

High Gust: 35 at 3:53 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1933

Record Low: 37° in 1936

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in June: 1.18

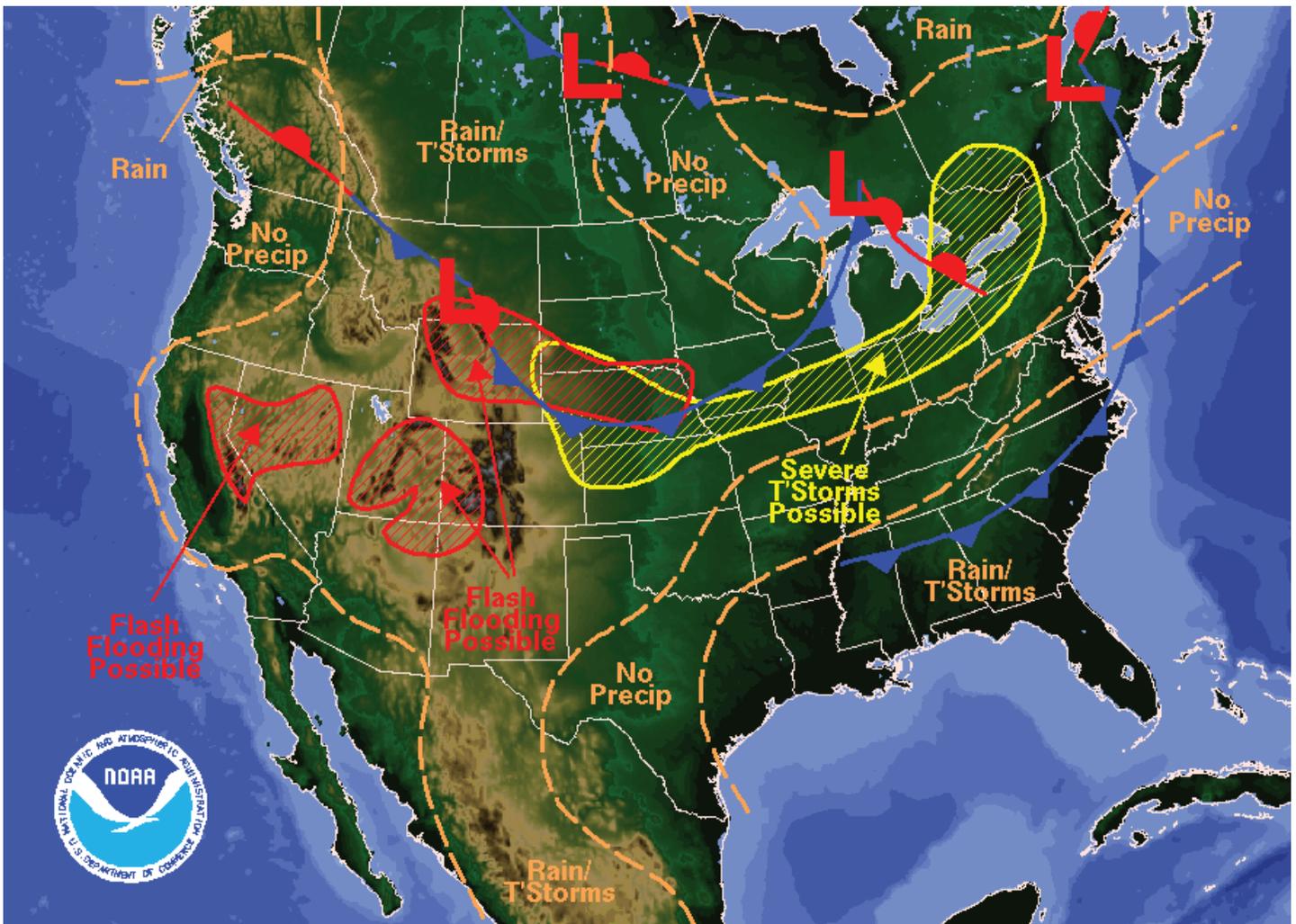
Precip to date in June: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 8.32

Precip Year to Date: 5.72

Sunset Tonight: 9:21 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.



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GOD-LOVE

Perhaps there is no one word that is more confusing, more misunderstood, more diminished in significance or abused than the word "love." Although it contains feelings, it is much more than feelings. Although it includes emotions, many times emotions must be controlled. While it includes sentiments, it is more than sentimental desires that fluctuate from day to day.

Feelings, emotions and sentiments change from moment to moment and day to day because life is dynamic. True love, God-love, must be seen, observed and expressed in the behavior of a Christian.

What I do with and to and for someone is what matters most in demonstrating and describing love. If we have any questions about this type of love, we simply need to look at the life of Jesus and meditate on His words: "God so loved this world that He gave His one and only begotten Son!" This is not a sentimental love, nor an emotional or feeling type of love. It is a love that was initiated by God, demonstrated in the life of Jesus and to be seen today in and through the life of Christians today.

This love is the foundation of all relationships: first for our relationship with God and then our relationships with others. "God-love" will keep a relationship strong and healthy and bring individuals together in a common bond. In fact, this love will unite people in spite of flaws and faults. As Christians, we are obligated to "behave God-love."

Prayer: Father, fill our hearts with God-love, a love that has no limits, never gives up and always demonstrates compassion and concern. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

News from the Associated Press

3 VIP speakers, 8 speeches: What will the grads remember?

NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Graduation season is winding down. The caps and gowns are being tossed aside, the diplomas propped on the mantle. Already, memories of commencement speeches are getting fuzzy, even some of those delivered by big-name speakers. But among the eight commencement addresses given this year by three of the biggest names — President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden — a few moments stood out that may last a little longer. A look back:

HOLES IN OUR HEARTS

The last of the eight speeches, Michelle Obama's address to graduates of a Chicago high school Tuesday night, was tinged with a special sadness. The first lady spoke at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. College Preparatory High School, whose graduates should have included honor student Hadiya Pendleton. The 15-year-old girl was shot and killed on the way home from class in January 2013, just days after performing with her drill team during the president's second-term inauguration festivities.

"I know that many of you are thinking about Hadiya right now and feeling the hole that she's left in your hearts," the first lady told graduates. Those holes, she told them, "are what truly connect us to each other."

"They are the spaces we can make for other people's sorrow and pain — as well as their joy and their love — so that eventually, instead of feeling empty, our hearts feel even bigger and fuller."

Instead of letting sadness and grief defeat you, Obama said, "let them motivate you. Let them serve as fuel for your journey."

IGNORING THE NOISE

For years, Michelle Obama absorbed without comment the stings and slights that came her way as first lady. In a commencement address at Tuskegee University, the first lady faced the criticism in an unusually candid and personal way, summing it all up like this: "Was I too loud, or too angry, or too emasculating? Or was I too soft, too much of a mom, not enough a career woman?" The first black first lady said she'd been called uppity, labeled one of her husband's "cronies of color," even called her husband's "baby mama."

When a magazine cover satirically portrayed her with a huge afro and machine gun, the first lady said, "It knocked me back a bit. It made me wonder, just how are people seeing me." Then Obama shared her coping strategy: "Eventually, I realized that if I wanted to keep my sanity and not let others define me, there was only one thing I could do, and that was to have faith in God's plan for me. I had to ignore all of the noise and be true to myself — and the rest would work itself out."

Her advice to graduates: "Take a deep breath and trust yourselves to chart your own course and make your mark on the world."

PRIVATE GRIEF

Biden's address at Yale University's Class Day offered graduates a warm and humorous take on matters of personal loss, resilience and compassion. Listeners knew that Biden spoke from experience: Six weeks after he was elected to the Senate in 1972 at age 29, Biden's wife and baby daughter were killed

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in a car crash that left his two young sons in the hospital.

"Things can change in a heartbeat," Biden told the graduates. "I know." He said the accident brought him closer to his sons and taught him to put family ahead of career.

"The incredible bond I have with my children is the gift I'm not sure I would have had, had I not been through what I went through," he said.

It was compelling speech on its face. In hindsight, it took on even more meaning.

What graduates didn't know was that Biden was keenly aware as he spoke that the life of one of his sons hung in the balance. Beau Biden, the former attorney general of Delaware, died 13 days later of brain cancer at age 46.

WHAT SPEECH?

Barack Obama used his commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to deliver an impassioned argument that climate change is an "indisputable" threat to national security, telling cadets that the warming planet "will affect everything that you do in your careers."

It was a serious policy speech. At least a few of the graduates are just as likely to remember Obama's visit for the goofy photos they snagged with their commander in chief. As the graduates came forward to receive their diplomas, Obama showed he was game to have some fun.

There's his back-to-back, pointer-fingers-drawn "Charlie's Angels" pose with one cadet. The fist-up "Success Kid" pose with another. And a point-off-in-the-distance stance with another.

BEING THERE

Sometimes, simply showing up is what matters most. Obama's presence spoke far more than his words when he gave the commencement address at a small but well-regarded community college in Watertown, South Dakota.

South Dakota was the last of the 50 states for Obama to visit as president, and there had been speculation about what site he'd choose when he finally checked off that final state. How about a national treasure like Mount Rushmore? Nah. Instead, Obama opted for Watertown's Lake Area Technical Institute. Locals were incredulous.

"Why would I come to a two-year college in the fifth-biggest city in South Dakota?" Obama asked the graduates. Then he answered his own question: "Well, the reason is because I believe that in a fast-paced, hyper-connected, constantly changing world, there are few institutions that are more important to America's economic future than community colleges."

Message delivered. In person.

SD cousins sentenced in federal court in incest case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man and woman who are first cousins have been sentenced in federal court on incest charges stemming from a relationship they had while living on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has sentenced the 28-year-old man to one year in prison and the 22-year-old woman to four months in custody.

Federal prosecutors accuse the pair of having consensual sex in October 2013 that resulted in the woman's pregnancy. She later gave birth to a child with a genetic disability. Prosecutors say the child was the third born to the cousins.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says the individuals were indicted in January and each pleaded

guilty to an incest charge in March.

The individuals are from LaPlant, a community within the reservation boundaries.

Bison, flatlands greet world's best young archers

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Emre Erkus sees mountains, high-rise buildings and swarms of people in his native Ankara, Turkey. So when he landed in southeast South Dakota for the world's top tournament for young archers, he was taken aback by the remote flatness — until he saw a yellow school bus, like ones he's seen in American movies.

"Those were my dream," the 16-year-old said, explaining how he and about 450 other top-class archers are getting around Yankton. "I can die now."

Yankton, a city of about 14,000 people, beat out Mexico City and other international locations to host the 2015 World Archery Youth Championships, a biennial event for countries' top archers between the ages of 15 and 20. The competition — which has seen world records set and broken — was last held in the U.S. in 2009, in Utah, while Poland and China hosted the last two events.

Knowing that the competition would draw people from around the world, Yankton officials have been preparing since the Switzerland-based World Archery Federation chose the Missouri River city last year.

City leaders and local businesses went through diversity training to ensure athletes and coaches from different cultures would feel welcome, and more than 500 volunteers are helping with 1,500 shifts. Tornado-siren testing has been canceled to avoid scaring anyone during the competition, which runs through Sunday.

"It's just incredible to have it here, and from the community standpoint, I think without a doubt, the cultural diversity that they get to experience is really incredible," said Bruce Cull, a Yankton resident and president of the National Field Archery Association.

To the delight of Erkus, the school district pitched in its buses to take teams to and from facilities. But some athletes preferred a more familiar mode of transportation. Mariya Shkolna of Lviv, Ukraine, said she got some inquisitive looks from motorists while she and her teammates spent about four hours walking to a supermarket and shopping center.

"It's our first time in (the) USA. One question: Why everyone have a car here and don't walk?" the 17-year-old said.

Some athletes used Google to learn about South Dakota, saying their searches yielded information about cowboys, bison and Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The archers got to see bison, when two of the large animals were brought to the archery facility for the opening ceremony. They also saw Native American dances, including one in which athletes were invited to take part. "It was very fun because it is an American tradition, which we haven't seen before," Shkolna said.

Organizers are planning to showcase other aspects of the region's culture through a county fair-style party, a tour of an elk and buffalo ranch in nearby Nebraska, and allowing athletes to swap items typical of their home country with Yankton students.

But the "Shrine of Democracy" will have to wait: The fastest route to Mount Rushmore, some athletes were bummed to learn, is a more than five-hour drive away.

"I was told about a mountain that has the faces of the presidents," said 19-year-old Luis Esteban Infante-Galvan, of Monclova, Mexico, who earned bronze in his category two years ago. "I would like to go. Maybe on a bus."

AG: Woman whose body was found in river suffered head trauma

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the woman whose body was found in the Missouri River in southeastern South Dakota suffered blunt force trauma to the head.

Jackley on Tuesday said autopsy findings also indicate that 29-year-old Alicia Hummel, of Sioux City, Iowa, also had incision wounds to the neck. Her death is being investigated as a homicide.

Hummel was found dead June 1 in Vermillion near the Myron Grove boat launch, which also is known as the Highline Area in Clay County.

Clay County authorities have said they are looking at social media for any clues and are seeking information from anyone who may have seen anything unusual in the area.

Individuals with any information are asked to contact the Clay County Sheriff's Office at 605-677-7100.

Transgender athletes policy revised after GOP criticism

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Proposed changes to an association policy for transgender high school athletes would not limit them to the same team as the sex identified on their birth certificates, raising the possibility of a second legislative session of conflict over a rule that many Republicans lawmakers want to jettison.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association is set to discuss the proposed changes at a board of directors meeting on Wednesday. The new policy contains many of the same provisions as the old rules, which were adopted last June, but offers some changes in response to legislative concerns. Some Republican lawmakers doggedly pushed legislation during the 2015 session to void the policy, but the proposals ultimately languished in the Senate after overwhelmingly passing through the House of Representatives.

The association's policy aims to provide a way for transgender students to participate on the sports teams that reflect their gender identities rather than the sex listed on their birth certificates.

The policy directs schools to help transgender students apply to the Activities Association with the correct documentation. An independent hearing officer, rather than the committee prescribed under the existing policy, would then make a recommendation to the Activities Association Board of Directors, which would have the final say over the student's request.

An Activities Association survey of schools that will be reviewed at the Wednesday meeting reports that more than 60 percent of schools surveyed want a statewide association policy on the subject.

"We're going to continue to try to meet the needs of our schools and at the same time answer the concerns from our Legislature," said Wayne Carney, executive director of the Activities Association.

The new policy could be adopted in August, though it will likely still face considerable opposition.

Rep. Jim Bolin, a Republican from Canton, sponsored a proposal in 2015 to void the policy. Bolin said his concern is only regarding minors.

He said he hadn't had a chance to review the association's proposed changes, but it didn't appear likely that he would support any policy that would allow minors to play on a team different from the sex on their birth certificates, which he stressed is an official state document.

Bolin said that "someone who cannot vote and who cannot drop out of school, that decision has been removed from you, and who cannot wear a t-shirt to school that says, for instance, 'Budweiser, breakfast of champions,' ... that individual minor cannot make that claim."

Bolin said he anticipates certain lawmakers will pursue similar legislation to block the policy during the 2016 legislative session. The Athletics Association survey reported that 51 percent of schools surveyed

did not want a legislatively adopted policy on transgender student participation in sports.

So far a student hasn't applied under the policy, Carney said in an email.

Jason Huska, athletic director at Vermillion High School, said it's important to have the policy in place proactively.

"I think it's good that we're at least thinking ahead," he said. "We don't know when a situation like that will occur, and it's better to have something in place and be ready."

South Dakota department's policy forbids drunk firefighting

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A firefighter who died battling a house fire in Brandon when he was legally drunk responded to the emergency, even though the department has a policy against going out on a call while intoxicated, Valley Springs Fire and Rescue Chief Don Johnson said Tuesday.

Johnson said volunteer firefighter Steven Ackerman, 38, didn't drive to the scene of the fire, which also killed 47-year-old homeowner David Smith. A recent toxicology report showed Ackerman had a blood alcohol level of nearly 0.19, but Johnson said Ackerman must not have felt impaired.

South Dakota Firefighters Association President Charlie Kludt said Ackerman's case will likely prompt departments to better police intoxicated firefighting.

Johnson said the fire, not the alcohol killed Ackerman, who warned two of his comrades to get out of the burning house.

"Had we understood how that monster was burning inside that house, we would have never sent him in the first place," Johnson said.

State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman has said there's no uniform policy governing alcohol use in departments across the state and has said his office doesn't have authority over daily operations at individual departments. So far, lawmakers and department officials don't appear to support statewide regulations for intoxication among firefighters when they're responding to emergency calls.

Concerns include enforcement difficulties and manpower issues at small departments. At the Valley Springs department, Johnson said firefighters are supposed to self-assess and not respond if they're impaired.

"I'm sure that the departments around the state are going to be discussing it," Kludt said, adding that there's a gathering of firefighters in Pierre next week where it will likely come up.

Ackerman, a 14-year volunteer with Valley Springs Fire and Rescue, died April 12 while fighting the fire in Brandon. The blaze started in a first-floor vent pipe enclosure that served a basement furnace and water heater. The blaze has been ruled accidental, authorities have said. It was never considered suspicious, and both Ackerman and Smith died of smoke inhalation.

"I hope it never ever happens again," Johnson said. "It's too tough on an old man."

Woman accused of leaving kids to die pleads guilty

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman accused of leaving her two young daughters to die in an unheated car during a frigid winter day on a North Dakota American Indian reservation pleaded guilty to child abuse and neglect charges Tuesday, saying she was under the influence of drugs when she abandoned her children.

Michelle Wounded Face, 25, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota who has been living on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, could get up to 10 years in prison at her Sept.

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2 sentencing hearing but also could be sentenced under federal guidelines to time served, about six months. The decision rests with U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland, who said he would like to see Wounded Face get help rather than a lengthy prison term. She currently is taking antidepressants and anti-anxiety drugs.

"You seem to be a pleasant, honest, straightforward lady," Hovland said. "It's nice to see you with a clear mind."

Wounded Face chose to enter into the plea deal rather than take the case to trial, Federal Public Defender Neil Fulton told The Associated Press in an interview. He declined to give specifics, citing attorney-client privilege.

"She decided that was in her best interest," he said.

Wounded Face is accused of abandoning her 2- and 4-year-old daughters in a car in a rural area for more than three hours on Jan. 3, in bitter cold. They survived, despite not being adequately clothed. One was wearing only jeans and a tank top and the other only jeans, according to authorities. Neither had a coat, shoes or socks.

"The temperature was somewhere between (minus) 5 and 7 degrees, with a wind chill warning in effect," the plea deal states.

Wounded Face told an FBI agent that she had left the children in the car to die, and authorities said she exhibited odd behavior, including drinking toilet water in jail and claiming to be the daughter of gods. She had planned to rely on an insanity defense but Hovland in mid-May ruled she was competent to stand trial, after she underwent a mental health examination at a Federal Bureau of Prisons medical center in Texas.

Wounded Face said in court that she abused an over-the-counter cold medicine that can create hallucinations and also smoked marijuana throughout December after the death of a close aunt in South Dakota. She said she does not remember leaving her children, who are now living with their father in Minot. Wounded Face said she and the father are in the process of divorcing.

Authorities do not believe that Wounded Face's strange behavior after her arrest was a ploy to avoid accepting responsibility, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Holmes said in an interview. The drugs might have played a role, she said.

"Obviously it was just very strange circumstances," she said.

A pre-sentence investigation will be conducted. Hovland ordered Probation and Pretrial Services to put Wounded Face on a waiting list for a halfway house while she awaits sentencing, and to look into a request by Assistant Federal Public Defender Ryan Costello that Wounded Face be allowed to spend the time with an aunt on the Rosebud reservation.

Wounded Face told Hovland that she eventually wants to work with teenage mothers on the reservation.

"I actually just want to become a counselor for young women who suffer from the same illnesses as me," she said.

South Dakota backs ruling tossing federal prairie dog rules

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota is among nine states that are stepping into a lawsuit over the Utah prairie dog.

The attorneys general are asking an appeals court to uphold a ruling striking down federal protections for the Utah prairie dog on private property.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says federal regulation of the white or black-tailed prairie dogs on state, local or private land encroaches on powers reserved to the states under the 10th

Amendment and individual property rights.

But federal attorneys counter that most protected species live only in a single state and courts have long upheld federal authority to manage them. They are appealing a ruling from a federal judge, who sided with Utah residents who said prairie dogs were overtaking their town.

Alaska, Colorado and Wyoming are among the states who signed the friend-of-the-court brief.

Trooper Olson named AAA's South Dakota trooper of the year

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper Josh Olson is the state's trooper of the year.

The Highway Patrol on Tuesday announced the award, which is sponsored by AAA. Olson is a 13-year veteran of the force.

Col. Craig Price is the superintendent of the Highway Patrol. He says Olson is a strong advocate for the Highway Patrol inside and outside the organization.

Price adds that Olson is always willing to help young troopers or recruits and has a good working relationship with other law enforcement agencies.

The Highway Patrol says Olson was recognized for his dedication, professionalism and work ethic. He has worked as a field training officer, firearms instructor and mentor for the Youth Trooper Academy.

Olson was born in Minot, North Dakota. He is stationed in Brookings.

Possible medical marijuana initiated measure takes step

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley has released an explanation for an initiated measure to allow South Dakotans with serious medical conditions to use marijuana.

Jackley's filing with the secretary of state's office is another step in the process for proposal supporters to get it on the November 2016 ballot for a public vote. Once they file required paperwork with the secretary of state's office, they can begin pursuing the necessary 13,871 signatures by Nov. 8.

Activists have failed to legalize medical marijuana in South Dakota at least twice over the past decade using the voter initiative process.

Jackley's explanation is required by law. It includes a title, an objective, a summary of the purpose and effect of the proposed measure and a description of legal consequences.

Appeals court tosses suits challenging climate change plan

SAM HANANEL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday threw out a pair of high-profile lawsuits challenging the Obama administration's sweeping plan to address climate change, saying it's too early to challenge a proposed rule that isn't yet final.

The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is a temporary setback to opponents of the plan who are expected to renew their legal attack once the regulation is finalized later this year.

The lawsuits from a coalition of 15 states and the nation's largest privately-held coal mining company claim the EPA exceeded its authority last year when it proposed the far-reaching plan to curb pollution from the nation's existing coal-fired power plants.

Opponents had argued that even though the rule is not yet final, they are already facing steep costs to get ready for it. But the appeals court said that has never before been a justification for a court to examine a proposed rule that could still be changed before it becomes a final regulation.

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"They want us to do something that they candidly acknowledge we have never done before," wrote Judge Brett Kavanaugh. "We do not have authority to review proposed agency rules."

The court also said public statements by EPA officials about what the rule will do are not considered final agency action.

The rule the EPA proposed last year is a centerpiece of Obama's efforts to reduce pollution linked to global warming and one of his most significant acts during his final years in office. It would require states to cut carbon emissions by 30 percent by 2030. Each state has a customized target and is responsible for drawing up an effective plan to meet its goal.

One lawsuit was filed by a coalition of 15 coal-reliant states. The second was from Ohio-based Murray Energy Corp., the nation's largest privately-held coal mining company.

EPA spokeswoman Liz Purchia said agency officials are pleased with the court's ruling and expect to issue a final rule by "mid-summer." The agency had initially said the rule would be finalized by June 1, but that was pushed back earlier this year.

Opponents say the plan will force coal companies to shut down plants, shed thousands of jobs and drive up electricity prices. They argue that the plan is illegal because the EPA already regulates other power plant pollutants under a different section of the Clean Air Act. They say the law prohibits "double regulation."

The EPA, however, says it has authority for the plan under the Clean Air Act. At issue are dueling provisions added by the House and Senate to the Clean Air Act in 1990. The EPA says it wins under the Senate language, but opponents argue that the House version should prevail.

The advocacy group Environmental Defense Fund called the decision "a big win in protecting our communities and families against the massive carbon pollution from power plants and an important victory for a fair and democratic rulemaking process."

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said he was disappointed with the ruling but "we still think we have a compelling case that the rule is unlawful." He said the state would continue with litigation to stop "this unlawful power grab by Washington bureaucrats."

A statement from Murray Energy said the company would "fully litigate the rule" once it is made final.

The states challenging the EPA plan are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming and Wisconsin.

On the other side, 13 states and the District of Columbia are backing the Obama administration plan.

Community meeting to focus on recovery from Delmont tornado

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — An informational session and dinner is being held in Delmont for residents cleaning up from last month's tornado, as help continues to pour into the community.

The meeting on long-term disaster recovery is Thursday night at the Delmont Community Center, according to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety. The discussion will focus on resources available to residents, following the Federal Emergency Management Agency's denial last week of federal aid for people and businesses.

The May 10 tornado damaged or destroyed 84 structures in and around Delmont and injured nine people. The National Weather Service rated the twister as an EF-2, with a peak wind speed of 130 mph.

Volunteers are still needed to help with continuing cleanup efforts Friday and Saturday, the department said.

While federal individual assistance is not being made available to the town, it is getting help in other areas.

The fire department, which lost its fire hall with fire trucks and an ambulance inside, has received

trucks from the fire departments in Valley Springs and Fairview to use on a temporary basis. The Wagner Fire Department has volunteered the use of some of its equipment, and a farmer near Avon volunteered a tanker truck that he bought at an auction. Fire crews from Avon, Armour and Tripp took turns being on watch for about a week to allow the affected members of the Delmont Fire Department to tend to personal issues.

"It's been a huge lifesaver for our community," Fire Chief Elmer Goehring told The Daily Republic newspaper. "You couldn't deal with all that we've been going through for the last month otherwise."

Inwood, Iowa, provided an ambulance for Delmont. The town got a new ambulance in April and was considering what to do with the old one, said Marcia Rozeboom, who has been an EMT on the Inwood Ambulance Service for nearly three decades.

"We could see that they had a severe need, and basically asked if we could help them out," she said.

Delmont's fire hall was insured, and the fire department is hoping to have a new building constructed by the end of the year.

10 Things to Know-Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about Wednesday:

1. SUICIDE BOMBER TARGETS ANCIENT TEMPLE IN EGYPT

Karnak, in Luxor, a city frequented by millions of tourists every year, is the latest target of suspected extremists in Sinai.

2. POLICE OFFICER IN POOL PARTY VIDEO RESIGNS

White Texas officer David Eric Casebolt was recorded pushing a black teenage girl to the ground and brandishing his gun at other teens.

3. WHOSE RELEASE IS BEING TEMPORARILY BLOCKED

The state of Louisiana is contesting a federal judge's order that 'Angola 3' inmate Albert Woodfox, who has been held in isolation more than four decades, be freed immediately.

4. EX-LAWMAKER HASTERT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

The brief court appearance is the first time the former U.S. House speaker has been seen in public since he was charged in a hush-money case.

5. REPORTS BRING HEAVY POLICE PRESENCE TO NEW YORK TOWN AFTER JAILBREAK

The search seemingly turned up no signs of two escaped killers, but authorities say leads continue and law enforcement officers will remain in the area.

6. WOMAN IS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MURDER AFTER TAKING ABORTION PILL

However, experts agree it will be tough to make the case hold up in court.

7. WHICH CITY WANTS SALT WARNINGS ON MENUS

New York's Health Department is proposing that all chain restaurants flag products that are high in salt.

8. CUBAN ARTISTS PROFIT FROM THEIR COUNTRY'S GROWING INTERNATIONAL TRENDINESS

It's a demonstration both of Cuba's accomplishments as well as its economic difficulties after a half-century of communism.

9. HOW NEW FEATURES IN SMARTPHONES AND IPADS CAN IMPROVE OUR LIVES

AP's Anick Jesdanun says he's looking forward to easier multitasking, better maps and smarter voice assistants.

10. CAVALIERS TAKE 2-1 LEAD IN NBA FINALS

LeBron James scored 40 points and Matthew Dellavedova added 20, leading Cleveland to a 96-91 win over the Golden State Warriors.

AP News in Brief

Officials: Suicide bomber targets ancient Egyptian temple in Luxor

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up on Wednesday at the ancient Egyptian temple of Karnak in Luxor, a southern city frequented by millions of tourists every year, security officials said.

There was no immediate word on casualties from the late morning bombing, but the officials said police foiled two other suicide attacks also targeting the sprawling Nile-side temple, a tourist attraction that rivals the pyramids at Giza, near Cairo.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The attack was the first to target world-famous attractions in Luxor since November 1997, when Islamic militants opened fire on tourists at the city's 3,400-year-old Hatshepsut Temple on the west bank of the Nile, killing 58.

Tourism is the lifeblood of Luxor, home to some of Egypt's most famous ancient temples and pharaonic tombs, including that of King Tutankhamun. The city has been hit hard by a downturn in foreign visitors during the years of unrest since Egypt's 2011 uprising.

Officer recorded in Texas pool party incident resigns; chief calls actions 'indefensible'

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A white police officer in suburban Dallas has resigned after he was recorded on video pushing a black teenage girl to the ground outside a pool party and brandishing his gun at other teens.

Officer David Eric Casebolt's actions were "indefensible," though he was not pressured to quit, McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley said at a press conference after the officer submitted his resignation.

A teenager at the party posted a video online showing Casebolt's interactions with the teens as officers responded last Friday to calls about the gathering at a community-owned swimming pool in McKinney. The 41-year-old former Texas state trooper and 10-year veteran of the McKinney force was put on administrative leave after the incident. His lawyer, Jane Bishkin of Dallas, confirmed Tuesday he had quit the force.

Conley said a review of the video showed that "our policies, our training and our practices do not support his actions."

Twelve officers responded to the report of fights and a disturbance at the Craig Ranch North Community Pool in an affluent area of McKinney, which is north of Dallas. "Eleven of them performed according to their training," Conley said. Casebolt did not, he said.

'They will never break me:' Last of 'Angola 3' inmates waits for decision on possible release

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Albert Woodfox once told a friend after languishing for decades in isolation that he would not be broken — but friends and supporters worry about the toll it has taken on his mind and body.

The 68-year-old Woodfox is the last member of the "Angola Three" still locked up in a case that has highlighted the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons.

"Realistically, I thought Fox was dead," said Parnell Herbert, a 66-year-old New Orleans playwright and boyhood friend of Woodfox, describing his thoughts after learning in 2001 of his friend's solitary confinement. But Woodfox told Herbert, "They will never break me."

Woodfox's case took a dramatic turn Monday when a judge ordered his immediate release and barred the state from seeking his retrial on charges that he murdered a prison guard in 1972.

But the state is appealing the ruling and on Tuesday won an emergency stay of his immediate release, meaning he is likely to remain in jail until at least Friday.

Former Speaker Dennis Hastert enters not guilty plea during 1st court appearance

CHICAGO (AP) — Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert has pleaded not guilty to charges that he violated banking rules and lied to the FBI about promising to pay \$3.5 million in hush money to conceal misconduct from his days as a high school teacher.

On Tuesday, during his first court appearance since he was indicted, the 73-year-old stood motionless, his hands folded and eyes downcast at the floor, as his attorney entered the plea on his behalf. When the judge asked if he understood he had to submit a DNA sample and could go to jail if he violated any conditions of his release, the man who was once second in the line of succession to the presidency answered quietly, "Yes, sir."

Hastert has not spoken publicly about the accusations that emerged two weeks ago and quickly raised questions about possible sexual abuse by the once-powerful Republican legislator from Illinois. Neither he nor his attorneys commented after the hearing.

The politician-turned-lobbyist is accused of evading federal banking laws by withdrawing hundreds of thousands of dollars in smaller amounts and lying about the money when questioned.

At the start of Tuesday's hearing, Hastert reached into a coat pocket and pulled out his passport, handing it to his attorney, who turned it over to a court official. Surrendering foreign travel documents is a standard condition of release.

Sweep in small town for 2 escaped killers comes up empty; increased police presence in area

WILLSBORO, N.Y. (AP) — Reports of two men walking along a road brought hundreds of law enforcement officers to a small town in the Adirondack foothills for a sweep that seemingly turned up no signs of two killers who escaped from a maximum-security prison, but state police said leads continued to be generated and there would be an increased police presence in the area.

The hunt that began over the weekend focused Tuesday on Willsboro, close to Lake Champlain, after residents reported seeing a couple of men walking on a road late Monday during a driving rainstorm.

Authorities have fielded numerous tips since the breakout Saturday from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, about 20 miles from the Canadian border, but appeared to have focused most on this one.

Searchers walked shoulder-to-shoulder, wearing bulletproof vests and carrying sidearms as they went through hilly woods, fields and swamps, checking every home, garage, shed and outbuilding, then yelling, "Clear!" when there were no signs of the inmates.

By early evening, it appeared the sweep had come up empty, and there was no confirmation from police that the escaped convicts had been there. New York State Police issued a statement Tuesday saying that more than 400 corrections and other law enforcement officers were in the area and planned to go door to door, checking homes and seasonal camps.

NYC Health Department proposes high-sodium warning on menus; would be 1st US city to do so

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's Health Department wants all chain restaurants to warn customers about products that are high in salt.

The department is proposing at a meeting of the Board of Health on Wednesday that all chain restaurants add a salt-shaker-like symbol on menus next to products that contain more than the recommended daily limit. That's 2,300 milligrams of sodium, about 1 teaspoon of salt.

If the city Board of Health votes to consider the proposal, a final vote could come as soon as September and the warnings by December.

Overconsumption of sodium increases the risk of high blood pressure, which can lead to heart attack and stroke. The average American consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium each day; only about one in 10 Americans meets the 1 teaspoon guideline.

New York City would become the first U.S. city with the labels if the measure passes.

Questions surround murder charges against Georgia woman who ended pregnancy with pill

Even opponents of abortion say it may be hard for Georgia authorities to follow through with prosecuting a woman who was charged with murder because she took a pill to terminate her pregnancy.

"I have been involved in the pro-life movement for well over 20 years, and I'm not aware of a situation like this ever," said Genevieve Wilson, a director of the anti-abortion group Georgia Right to Life. "I'm very surprised by it."

Kenlissia Jones, 23, of Albany was being held at the Dougherty County jail on charges of malice murder and possession of a dangerous drug. Albany is about 180 miles south of Atlanta.

District Attorney Greg Edwards said Tuesday evening he's reviewing the case and is unsure whether he'll ultimately prosecute Jones, though he said that "as of right now she's still charged."

Jones was arrested Saturday after a county social services worker called police to a hospital, according to an Albany police report. A hospital social worker told police that Jones said she had taken four pills she purchased over the Internet "to induce labor" because she and her boyfriend had broken up.

Putin visits Italy, pope as US seeks greater Vatican criticism of Moscow's role in Ukraine

MILAN (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin was meeting Wednesday with Italian officials and Pope Francis as the U.S. sought to encourage the Vatican to join the West in condemning Moscow's actions in Ukraine.

Putin was to speak with Premier Matteo Renzi in Milan before heading to the Vatican, fresh from his latest snub by the Group of Seven developed nations, which reaffirmed sanctions against Moscow at a summit this week.

While the pope has deplored the loss of life in Ukraine and called for all sides to respect the cease-

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fire, he has not publicly placed any blame on Russia in an apparent bid to not upset relations with the Orthodox Church.

The United States, NATO and European leaders have blamed Moscow for supplying rebels with manpower, training and weapons. Russia denies the claims.

On Tuesday, the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, Kenneth Hackett, said the United States "would like to see the Vatican increase its" concern about what is happening in Ukraine during the pope's meeting with Putin.

Cavaliers have the lead but work to do in the NBA Finals after Warriors' rally in 4th quarter

CLEVELAND (AP) — The lead in the NBA Finals belongs to Cleveland, though some momentum may be with the Warriors.

So LeBron James celebrated the victory but fretted the finish after Golden State finally looked like the NBA's best team in a fourth-quarter flurry, before the Cavaliers held on for a 96-91 victory and a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

That left James saying afterward the Cavs needed to figure some things out, while the Warriors seemed to think they already had.

"We hold them to 55 points for three quarters and we allowed them to break off with 36. That's not satisfying at all," James said of the final period.

"But the best teacher in life is experience. We experienced it tonight. We're going to watch a lot of film tomorrow on ways we can get better, close out games the best way, and we'll be ready for Game 4."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 10, the 161st day of 2015. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and William Griffith Wilson.

On this date:

In 1692, the first official execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1864, the Confederate Congress authorized military service for men between the ages of 17 and 70.

In 1915, author Saul Bellow was born in Lachine, Quebec, Canada.

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed into law the Budget and Accounting Act, which created the Bureau of the Budget and the General Accounting Office.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking at the University of Virginia, said the U.S. stance toward the conflict was shifting from one of "neutrality" to "non-belligerency." Jamaican-born Pan-African nationalist Marcus Garvey died in London at 52.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice (LIH'-dyiht-zeh), Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated

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cease-fire.

In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China.

In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, Rhode Island, at his retrial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, California, was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

In 2004, singer-musician Ray Charles, known for such hits as "What'd I Say," "Georgia on My Mind" and "I Can't Stop Loving You," died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 73.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and visiting South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun pressed North Korea to rejoin deadlocked talks on its nuclear weapons program while trying to minimize their own differences over how hard to push the reclusive communist regime. Democrat Jim Exon, a two-term Nebraska governor and three-term senator, died at age 83.

Five years ago: Army Secretary John McHugh announced that an investigation had found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery were misidentified or misplaced. Nelson Mandela's 13-year-old great-granddaughter, Zenani Mandela, was killed in a car accident while on the way home from a concert in Soweto on the eve of the World Cup. The NCAA sanctioned the University of Southern California with a two-year bowl ban, four years' probation, loss of scholarships and forfeits of an entire year's games for improper benefits given to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush.

One year ago: In a stunning assault that exposed Iraq's eroding central authority, al-Qaida-inspired militants overran much of Mosul. In a major victory for the tea party, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor was defeated by Dave Brat, a little-known economics professor, in Virginia's Republican primary. A judge struck down tenure and other job protections for California's public school teachers as unconstitutional, saying such laws harmed students by saddling them with bad teachers who were almost impossible to fire.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 94. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 90. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 82. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 76. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 74. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 74. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 72. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 64. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 63. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 62. Actor Andrew Stevens is 60. Singer Barrington Henderson is 59. Former New York Governor-turned-media commentator Eliot Spitzer is 56. Rock musician Kim Deal is 54. Singer Maxi Priest is 54. Actress Gina Gershon is 53. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 52. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 51. Actress Kate Flannery is 51. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 50. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 50. Actor Doug McKeon is 49. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 48. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 48. Rapper The D.O.C. is 47. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 44. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 42. Actor Hugh Dancy is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 37. Actor DJ Qualls is 37. Actor Shane West is 37. Country singer Lee Brice is 36. Singer Hoku is 34. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 33. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 33. Model-actress Kate Upton is 23. Sasha Obama is 14.

Thought for Today: "When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice." - Saul Bellow (1915-2005).