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The last 100 seats from the old Minnesota Twins MetroDome came to South Dakota. Columbia bought the last 100 and then asked Groton if they wanted half. The Groton Baseball Foundation said yes and bought 50 at \$45 each. Plans are in the works for their installation.

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3-Rivers PeeWee Tourney in Andover

Game 5: Winners of games 1 and 2 play at 9 a.m.

Game 6: Bath vs. winner of game 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Game 7: 7th Place game at noon

Game 8: 5th Place game at 1:30 p.m.

Game 9: 3rd Place game at 3 p.m.

Game 10: Championship game at 4:30 p.m.

Anniv: Brent & Christi Swenson • Collin & Deb Gengerke

Birthdays: Rod Kluess • Braden Freeman • Ashtyn Kay Bahr • Jerica Locke

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship

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

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

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

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: Amateurs host Miller

5:00pm: HBM worship at historic Trinity Church

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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Transportation Reforms Strengthen, Provide Certainty to Farmers, Ranchers, and Businesses

By Senator John Thune

With all the Senate has accomplished this year, it is hard to believe that we are just six months into the Republican majority. The Senate has passed nearly 50 bipartisan bills since January, and we are on pace to pass many more. We have made bipartisanship a cornerstone of the GOP-led Senate because when the two parties work together, the American people win.

With a new majority, came a fresh set of leaders at the numerous Senate committees, which is where the important groundwork is laid before legislation comes to the Senate floor. For years, this process was ignored under Democrat leadership, and the legislative process suffered because of it. Thankfully, that has changed, and our committees are once again hard at work.

I was among the new set of committee leaders that took over earlier this year, and am humbled that my colleagues selected me to lead the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which has broad jurisdiction over significant issues that are important to South Dakota, including telecommunications, aviation, rail, highway safety, and interstate commerce. The committee has already passed a number of improvements this year.

South Dakota businesses and agriculture producers faced numerous challenges last year during the nine-month labor dispute at 29 West Coast container ports. During this prolonged slowdown, many businesses and agriculture producers faced inventory challenges during the holiday season because shipments on the West Coast were severely backed-up.

Some estimates say that these disputes cost the economy up to \$2.5 billion per day, and the resulting strife was widely cited as a contributing cause to the anemic 0.2 percent annual growth rate of the U.S. economy in the first quarter of 2015.

To help prevent a reoccurrence, I led a group of senators in introducing a set of common-sense sunshine reforms that would help with early identification of port labor disruptions before they inflict damage on the economy. These reforms would also require yearly port metrics reporting, which would create a new level of transparency and accountability for U.S. ports and give businesses and agriculture producers across the country greater certainty. Last



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month, my bill cleared the Commerce Committee, and I am hopeful that the full Senate will consider this legislation soon.

Freight rail is another issue that is critically important to South Dakota businesses and agriculture producers because of our dependence on transporting commodities and products across the country and around the globe. Because of the serious rail backlogs that occurred at the end of 2013 and into early 2015, I introduced legislation last Congress, and again this year, to provide common-sense reforms to the Surface Transportation Board to address the added costs and uncertainty that many South Dakota agriculture producers and businesses encountered when they were unable to get reliable rail transportation they depend on.

I have worked with numerous South Dakota groups for years on this bill, which has strong bipartisan support and the endorsement of organizations like the American Farm Bureau Federation, the South Dakota Grain & Feed Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperatives, and the South Dakota Farmers Union. This bill passed the Senate unanimously late last month and is awaiting consideration in the House.

Once these reforms are in place, South Dakota farmers, ranchers, and businesses will be in a stronger position to ensure that they get a fair deal on critical shipments, coming or going.



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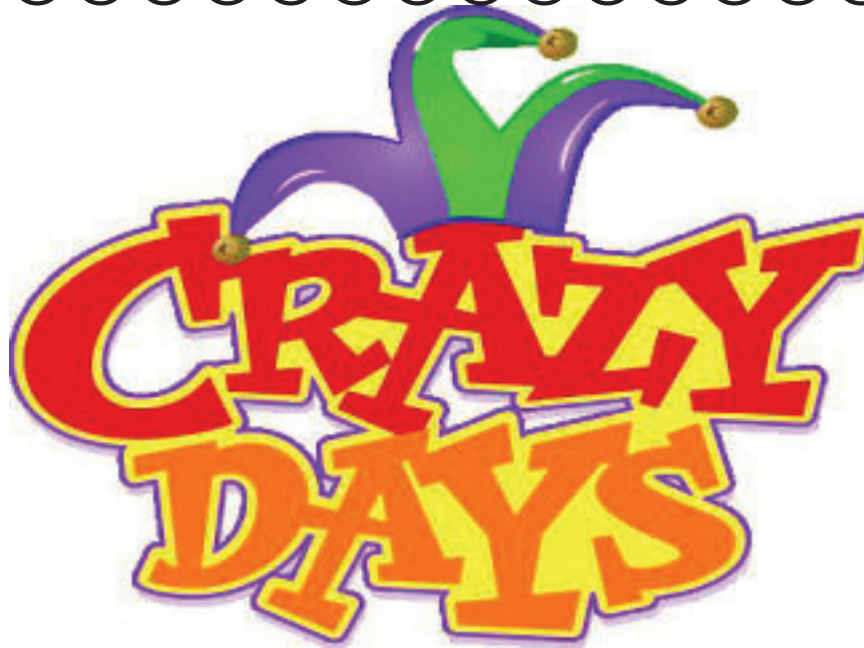
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July 16-17-18

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Today in Weather History

July 12, 1993: A thunderstorm dumped up to four inches of rain in 30 minutes, 25 miles west of Pierre. This storm washed hay into big blocks up to five feet high. The heavy rains also caused water to spill over an irrigation dam. Another severe thunderstorm occurred over Dewey County and produced high winds, damaging hail, and flooding rains which destroyed crops and hay fields. The storm knocked out windows and screens in the Lantry area. Runoff from the storm moved rapidly through the streets of Eagle Butte causing water damage to homes and businesses. Water was reported flowing four to five feet deep through a cafe. Strong winds also tipped over a house trailer.

July 12, 2004: Hail up to the size of softballs fell in and around Onaka, in Faulk County, damaging vehicles, farm equipment, and homes. Lightning struck a home in Britton starting a fire in the attic, which resulted in significant damage to the home. High winds along with hail up to the size of baseballs caused some structural, vehicle, crop, and tree damage in and around Astoria and Toronto in Deuel County.

1951 - The Kaw River flood occurred. The month of June that year was the wettest of record for the state of Kansas, and during the four days preceding the flood much of eastern Kansas and western Missouri received more than ten inches of rain. Flooding in the Midwest claimed 41 lives, left 200 thousand persons homeless, and caused a billion dollars property damage. Kansas City was hardest hit. The central industrial district sustained 870 million dollars property damage. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

1980 - Lightning struck a large broiler house in Branford, FL, and the ensuing fire broiled 11,000 nearly ready broilers. Firemen were able to save a few thousand chickens, however. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool air invaded the High Plains Region. Eight cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Sheridan, WY, with a reading of 37 degrees. Thunderstorms developing along the cold front in the central U.S. produced 6.5 inches of rain at Fort Dodge, IA, and 2.5 inches in one hour at St. Joseph MO. (The National Weather Summary)

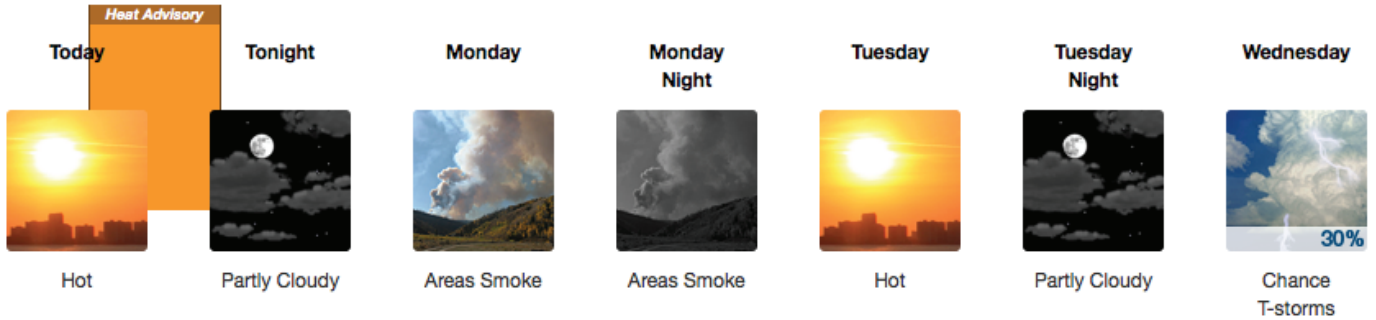
1988 - Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather over the Dakotas, including baseball size hail at Aberdeen, SD, and softball size hail near Fullerton, ND. Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in Arkansas and northeastern Texas, with 6.59 inches reported at Mesquite, TX, in just an hour and fifteen minutes. Garland, TX, reported water up to the tops of cars following a torrential downpour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1989 - Early morning thunderstorms over eastern Kansas deluged McFarland with more than six inches of rain. Afternoon thunderstorms in Wyoming produced up to eighteen inches of dime size hail near Rock Springs, along with torrential rains, and a three foot high wall of mud and water swept into the town causing more than 1.5 million dollars damage. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Oklahoma and Arkansas, deluging Dardanelle, AR, with 3.50 inches of rain in less than twenty minutes. About seventy cows were killed when lightning struck a tree in Jones County, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1995: An intense heat wave affected much of the Midwest for a 4-day period beginning on this day. The worst effects of the heat were noted in the Chicago metropolitan area, where 583 people died from the heat. Temperatures across the area reached as high as 104 degrees, overnight lows on falling to the upper 70s to low 80s. Dew point temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s created heat indexes peaking at 125 degrees. Electricity and water usage reached record levels, causing periodic outages.


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Very Hot Today...Severe Storms Possible

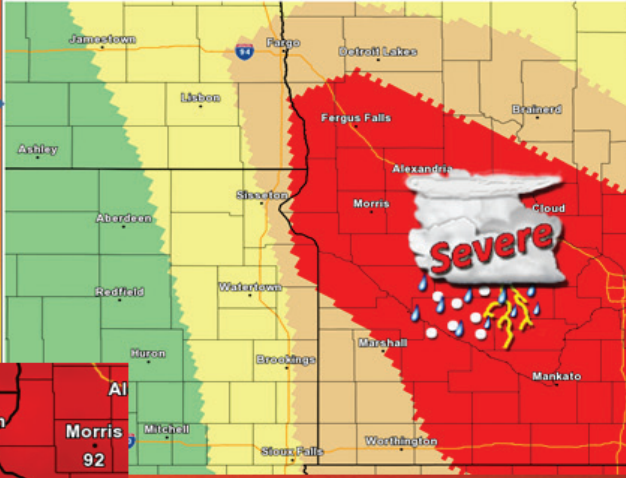


Severe Threat this Afternoon

- Large Hail
- Damaging Winds
- Tornadoes

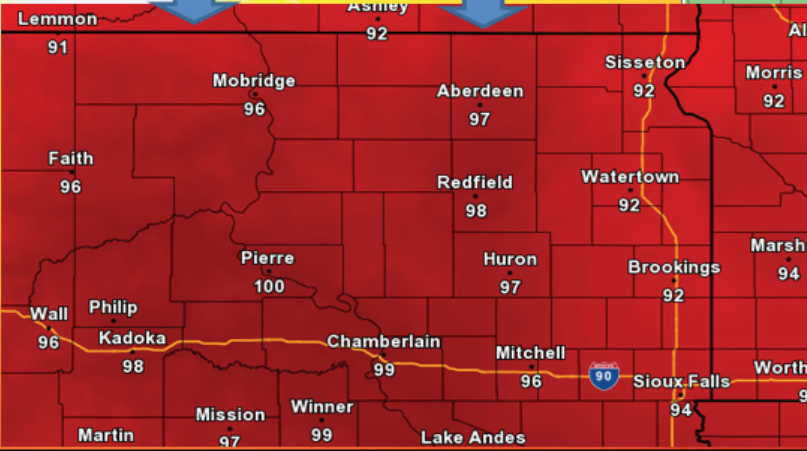
Very Hot Conditions Today


- Highs 90 to 100
- Heat Index 100 to 105




Day One Severe Weather Outlook


- General Thunderstorms
- Marginal Risk
- Slight Risk
- Enhanced
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk








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Severe thunderstorms are possible later this afternoon through this evening, mainly for locations in far eastern South Dakota and much of Minnesota. Large hail, damaging winds, and even tornadoes are possible. Very hot conditions are expected today with heat indices reaching 100 degrees.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 87.7 at 5:46 PM

Low: 69.0 at 8:34 AM

High Gust: 21 at 11:40 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 107° in 1936

Record Low: 40° in 1941

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.28

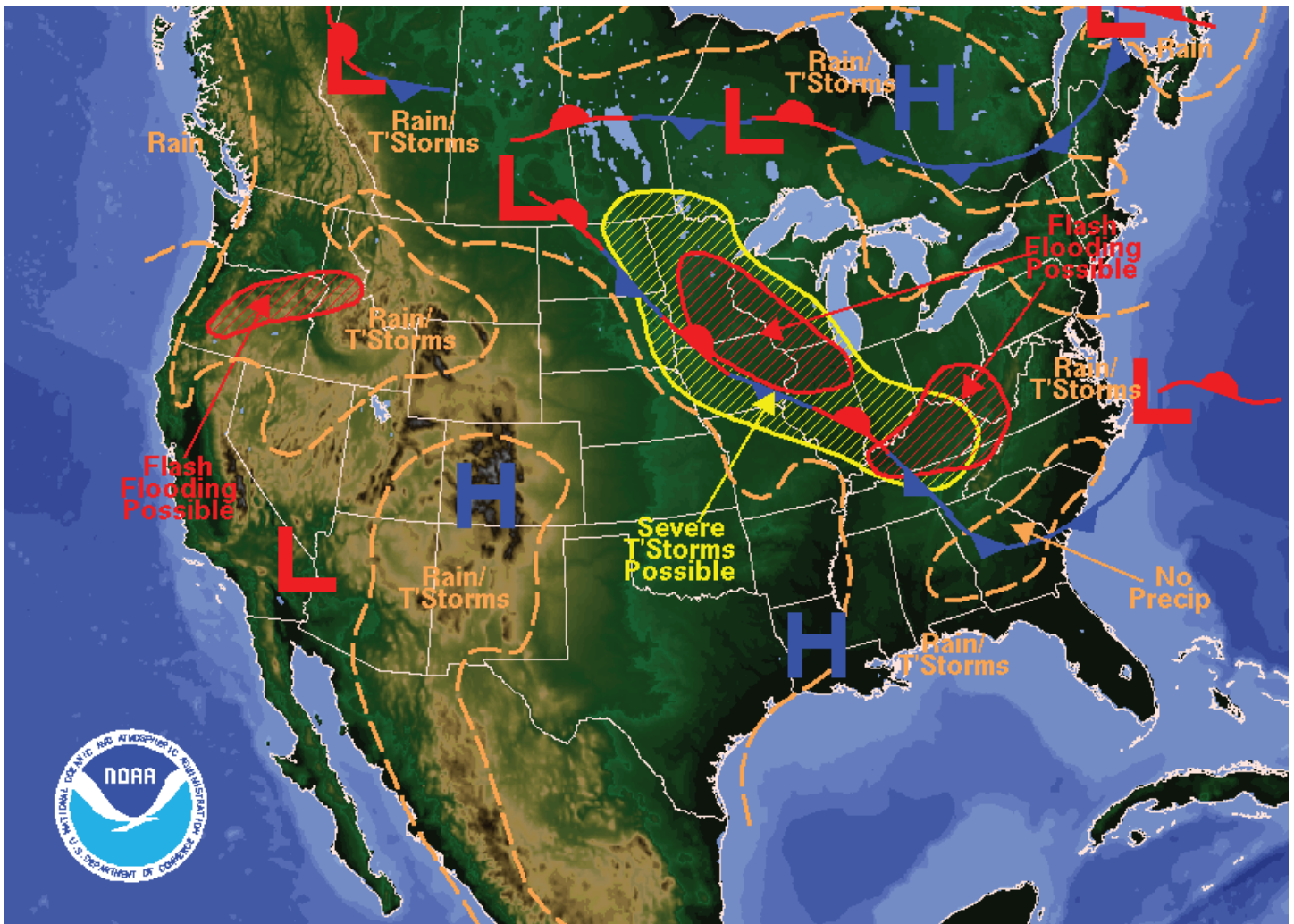
Precip to date in July: 1.77

Average Precip to date: 12.12

Precip Year to Date: 9.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:21 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:57 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 12, 2015, issued 4:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

During a lunchtime conversation, a friend said to Samuel Coleridge, the famous poet, "Children should be given a free rein to think and act at an early age, and to make their own decisions."

"Interesting," said Coleridge. "Come with me. Let's visit my flower garden."

Walking outdoors together they came to a plot of ground that was in complete disarray. They stopped and Coleridge pointed and said, "Look at that."

"That's nothing but a bed of weeds," protested the guest.

"It was a rose garden," said the poet. "But this year I just let it grow as it willed, and look."

Children, like gardens, need to be well cared for and nourished, given structure and attention. It is critical that parents accept their responsibility to God as well as their children and provide a nurturing and discerning lifestyle where Christ is always present.

Prayer: Lord, we ask for Your insight, strength and direction as we raise our children to honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

News from the Associated Press

AP News in Brief

The Latest: As Greek bailout talks resume, Finnish premier slams talk of government collapse

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

11:50 a.m.

Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipila denied his government had been on the verge of collapse over disagreements on a Greek bailout among coalition members.

On Saturday, when finance ministers from across the 19-country eurozone, there were reports coming out of Finland that the government was being pressured by the Finns Party which has previously advocated a Greek exit from the euro.

With EU leaders heading to Brussels, finance ministers opt to meet again Sunday

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece will have another, possibly its last, chance Sunday to convince skeptical European creditors it can be trusted to enact wide-ranging economic reforms that would safeguard its future in the euro.

After more than eight hours of talks on Saturday, Greece clearly failed to give what its creditors in the 19-country eurozone have been demanding — iron-clad proof that it can deliver on its promises to implement tough austerity and reform measures in return for billions more in rescue money.

"We had an in-depth discussion of the Greek proposals and the issue of credibility and trust was discussed," Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official, said on leaving the meeting.

The talks will resume at 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT), just a few hours before the European Union's 28 leaders are meant to descend on Brussels for a summit that has been billed over the past week as Greece's last chance to convince creditors that it deserves more financial help.

"It's still very difficult but work is still in progress," Dijsselbloem said.

Kerry of says meeting with Iranian foreign minister positive, 'hopeful' for Iran nuke deal

VIENNA (AP) — After days of saying Iranian nuclear talks can go either way, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is expressing optimism that a deal can be reached.

Kerry says he is "hopeful" after his last meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. He says a "few tough things" remain in the way of agreement but "we're getting to some real decisions."

Kerry spoke Sunday, with less than two days to go to Monday's target date for a pact meant to impose long-term verifiable limits on nuclear programs that Tehran could modify to produce weapons. Iran would get tens of billions of dollars in sanctions relief in return.

The talks are now in their 16th day and have been extended three times since the first deadline of March 31 was missed.

Mexico: Top drug lord Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman escapes from prison for 2nd time.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Top Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, head of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, has escaped from a maximum security prison for the second time, Mexican officials said as they launched a manhunt.

Guzman was last seen about 9 p.m. Saturday in the shower area of the Altiplano prison, 90 kilometers (56 miles) outside of Mexico City, according to a statement from the National Security Commission. He went to the shower area but after some time was lost by security camera surveillance. Upon checking his cell, authorities found it was empty.

A search operation began immediately in the surrounding area and highways. Flights were also suspended at Toluca airport, near the penitentiary in the state of Mexico.

Guzman was captured in February 2014 after more than a decade on the run. He was listed as 56 years old at the time, though there are varying dates for his birth. He faces multiple federal drug trafficking indictments in the U.S. and was on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's most-wanted list.

During his time as a fugitive, Guzman transformed himself from a middling Mexican capo into arguably the most powerful drug trafficker in the world. His fortune grew to be estimated at more than \$1 billion, according to Forbes magazine, which listed him among the "World's Most Powerful People" and ranked him above the presidents of France and Venezuela.

Pope Francis wraps up South America tour with visit to Paraguayan slum and open-air Mass

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Pope Francis will put into practice his insistence that the world's poor not be left on the margins of society by visiting a slum outside Asuncion on the final day of his three-country South American tour.

Francis has spent much of the past week — and before that much of his pontificate — railing about the injustices of the global capitalist system that he says idolizes money over people, demanding instead a new economic model where the Earth's resources are distributed equally among all.

In Banado Norte on Sunday, Francis will see people living in shacks made of plywood and corrugated metal, and quite possibly pigs rummaging through garbage searching for leftovers. Authorities estimate that about 15,000 families there live in extreme poverty, periodically exacerbated when heavy rains burst the banks of the nearby Paraguay River, turning dirt roads to impassable pools of mud.

For weeks, residents in the area and authorities have been preparing for the visit, doing everything from draining some of the roads to making rosaries to give the pope as gifts.

But Francis is expected to offer them his solidarity and encouragement, after having urged their leaders to do more to take their plight into account in making decisions about development and social welfare.

Despite lawsuits and big debts, Chinese counterfeiter finds comfortable life in California

SHANGHAI (AP) — The Chinese woman has a history of selling counterfeit luxury goods. She has been sued in the U.S. by eight luxury brands. She owes Chanel Inc. \$6.9 million for selling products online under its name.

None of it has stopped Xu Ting, a 45-year-old immigrant, from achieving a comfortable suburban life

in San Diego with her husband and their 3-year-old son. Last year, she became a legal resident.

China is not the only country with a counterfeiting problem. Most fakes are made in China, but they are sold in America, where counterfeiting is rarely prosecuted as a crime. Lack of cooperation with China makes it easy for counterfeiters to move their money beyond reach — and hard to root out counterfeiting kingpins. As long as counterfeiters can stay out of jail and hold on to their profits — and consumers continue to buy — the trade in fakes will thrive.

“There’s a million ways to game the system,” said Dan Plane, an intellectual property lawyer in Hong Kong. “Probably the only thing that’s going to stop her is when she passes away — probably on an island resort somewhere — or if she gets arrested.”

So far, Xu Ting has simply refused to show up in court. She has worked toward a graduate degree at San Diego State University, helped her family accumulate at least \$890,000 in bank accounts in China, and bought a \$585,000 house with her husband, public records and court cases show.

Trump hammers away on immigration, expands criticism to trade agenda and foreign policy

PHOENIX (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump criticized U.S. immigration and trade policies on Saturday in speeches that veered from accusing Mexico of deliberately sending criminals across the border to professing respect for the Mexican government and love for its people.

Speaking to a gathering of Libertarians in Las Vegas before headlining an event in Phoenix, Trump repeated his charge that Mexico was sending violent offenders to the U.S. to harm Americans and that U.S. officials were being “dumb” in dealing with immigrants in the country illegally.

“These people wreak havoc on our population,” he told a few thousand people attending the Libertarian gathering FreedomFest inside a Planet Hollywood ballroom on the Las Vegas Strip.

In the 4,200-capacity Phoenix convention center packed with flag-waving supporters, Trump took a different view — for a moment — and said: “I love the Mexican people. I love `em. Many, many people from Mexico are legal. They came in the old-fashioned way. Legally.”

He quickly returned to the sharp tone that has brought him scorn as well as praise. “I respect Mexico greatly as a country. But the problem we have is their leaders are much sharper than ours, and they’re killing us at the border and they’re killing us on trade.”

Large crowd for 6th day of Spain’s running of the bulls in Pamplona, but no one gored

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — The number of thrill-seeking revelers at the sixth day of the San Fermin festival’s running of the bulls in Pamplona has swelled to thousands but no one was gored.

Red Cross spokesman Alfonso Contin said initial reports indicated only a possible broken arm in Sunday’s bull run.

This run featured bulls from the Conde de la Maza breeder — weighing in between 1,235 and 1,367 pounds (560-620 kilograms). Although the beasts pushed and shoved runners aside as they thundered through the streets, there were no serious incidents.

The nine-day fiesta, held annually to honor the northern city’s patron saint, dates back to the late 16th century. It became world-famous after Ernest Hemingway featured it in his 1926 novel “The Sun Also Rises.”

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Harper Lee's new novel, 'Go Set a Watchman,' is a story of lost innocence

NEW YORK (AP) — Like her classic "To Kill a Mockingbird," the Harper Lee novel coming out Tuesday is a coming of age story.

And not just for Scout Finch.

"Go Set a Watchman" is set in the famous fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama, in the mid-1950s, 20 years after "To Kill a Mockingbird" takes place. Scout Finch, now a grown woman known by her given name Jean Louise, is visiting from New York, unsure of whether to marry a local suitor who she has known since childhood and enduring a painful contrast between her new life and the ways of her hometown.

Scout is no longer the tomboy we know from "Mockingbird," but has transformed from an "overalled, fractious, gun-slinging creature into a reasonable facsimile of a human being." She is "oppressed" by Maycomb, finds it petty and provincial. And she is shaken by the response to Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court decision in 1954 that declared segregation in schools is "inherently unequal."

There is nervous talk of blacks holding public office, and marrying whites. One prominent resident warns Scout that the court moved too quickly, that blacks aren't ready for full equality and the South has every right to object to interference from the NAACP and others.

First footage of 'X-Men: Apocalypse,' 'Deadpool' shown at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Screams and cheers are cheap at Comic-Con, but the energy stepped up a notch Saturday evening after fans got their first look at "Deadpool."

Not only did the trailer for the irreverent film starring Ryan Reynolds get a standing ovation, but soon the 6,500-person Hall H audience started chanting, "One more time!"

Host Chris Hardwick seemed momentarily flustered, explaining that he doesn't actually have that power. But he asked the A/V gods if it was possible, and soon, the blood-soaked, expletive-laced trailer was playing again.

It seems fitting for a movie 11 years in the making that Reynolds said was only greenlit because of the enthusiasm of the fans.

The Marvel antihero, known for his salty language and off-humor, is given an origin story in this film, which comes out Feb. 12.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2015. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in

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Ireland.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1948, the Democratic National Convention, which nominated President Harry S. Truman for a second term of office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released by Capitol Records.

In 1967, six days of race-related rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey; the violence claimed 26 lives.

In 1975, the African island nation of San Tome and Principe became independent of Portugal.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

Ten years ago: Mohammed Bouyeri, a Muslim extremist on trial in the slaying of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, unexpectedly confessed in court, saying he was driven by religious conviction. (Bouyeri was sentenced to life in prison.) Five Israelis were killed in a suicide bombing at the entrance of a mall in Netanya. Prince Albert II of Monaco acceded to the throne of a 700-year-old dynasty. Miguel Tejada and Mark Teixeira led the American League to a 7-5 win over the National League in Detroit for the AL's eighth straight All-Star victory.

Five years ago: Roman Polanski was declared a free man, no longer confined to house arrest in his Alpine villa, after Swiss authorities rejected a U.S. request for the Oscar-winning director's extradition because of a 32-year-old sex conviction. NBA commissioner David Stern fined Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert \$100,000 for releasing a sharp-tongued statement shortly after LeBron James announced he was leaving the Cavaliers for Miami.

One year ago: Afghanistan's two rival candidates reached a breakthrough agreement brokered by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to allow a complete audit of their contested presidential election. (Former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani emerged the winner over former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Monte Hellman is 86. Comedian Bill Cosby is 78. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 72. Actress Denise Nicholas is 71. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 70. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 67. Actor Jay Thomas is 67. Singer Walter Egan is 67. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 64. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 64. Country singer Julie Miller is 59. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 59. Actress Mel Harris is 59. Actor Buddy Foster is 58. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 53. Actress Judi Evans is 51. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 50. Actress Natalie Desselle Reid is 48. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 46. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 44. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 42. Rapper Magoo is 42. Actress Anna Friel is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 39. Actress Alison Wright (TV: "The Americans") is 39. Actor Steve Howey is 38. Actor Topher Grace is 37. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 37. Country singer-musician Kimberly Perry (The

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Band Perry) is 32. Actress Natalie Martinez is 31. Golfer Inbee Park is 27. Actress Rachel Brosnahan (TV: "House of Cards") is 25. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 24. Olympic gold medal gymnast Jordyn Wieber is 20. Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH'-lah YOO'-suhf-zeye) is 18.

Thought for Today: "A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears." - Michel de Montaigne, French philosopher (1533-1592).