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A representative from Musco was in Groton yesterday working on the lights on Locke-Karst Field at the Groton Baseball Complex. He is re-lamping all of the lights and doing other repairs as well. He will be finishing up his work today. The Legion Regional tournament starts tomorrow in Groton.

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Jr. Teeners Tourney in Sisseton
Game 1: Milbank vs. Mobridge at 5:30 p.m.
Game 2: Groton vs. Sisseton at 8 p.m.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Carroll & Helen Nehls • Lorin & Julie Flihs

Birthdays: Sharon Young • Bob Pray

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: U12 Midgets at Webster (DH)

6:30pm: Amateurs host Aberdeen

Thursday, July 16

Jr. Teener Region in Sisseton
Game 3: Winners of Games 1 and 2 at 3 p.m.
Game 4: Losers of games 1 and 2 at 5 p.m.

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

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

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Pluto is all heart

Yesterday morning, the United States became the first country to reach Pluto -- and the first country to explore the entire classical solar system: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

NASA's New Horizons interplanetary probe has been making its way to Pluto since January 19, 2006, and has been providing the world with the sharpest photos ever seen of our Solar System's most prominent "dwarf planet." Yesterday, it made its closest approach to Pluto yet -- about 8,000 miles -- at around 06:49:57 CDT.

Here's the photo they took -- which, despite traveling at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), took four and a half hours to reach us here on Earth as it crossed the 3 billion miles between here and Pluto:



That we were able to get so close to Pluto yesterday is a feat whose probability scientist Neil deGrasse Tyson likened to "a hole-in-one on a two-mile golf shot." He's right.

Every once in a while, a photo comes along that has the ability to shift not just how we see our place in the universe, but how we see ourselves -- not just as Americans, but as citizens of Earth.

Avian Influenza Costs Turkey Producers Almost \$15 million to date

Column by Alvaro Garcia, SDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Director & Professor
When the first episode of Avian Influenza was diagnosed the week of March 1, 2015 in Minnesota, the diagnosis took everyone by surprise.

The surprise among those of us associated with animal agriculture was primarily due to the fact that poultry production has always been the epitome of biosecurity. Visits to poultry farms are by appointment only and change of clothes and/or protective garments and disposable plastic boots are the norm.

The first diagnosis in South Dakota took place the first week of April followed by nine additional sites in the same timeframe. Turkey farms were hit the hardest in both states. In April, officials identified a Cooper's hawk with the virus in western Minnesota, which was the first known wild infection in the state.

On July 10, 2015 the Minnesota DNR confirmed that a chickadee delivered to a wildlife rehabilitation center on June tested positive for Avian Influenza. For the first time Avian Influenza has been found in a songbird. So far, most detections had been in water fowl, which seem to be immune and thus, more likely to spread the virus. This has led to a concern of what might happen this fall when migratory waterfowl head south to their winter quarters.

Economic impact

Both eggs and turkey production make significant contributions to South Dakota's economy. In 2014, the state's laying hen farms produced 752 million eggs worth almost \$63.3 million.

The state turkey farms raised 4.5 million birds with a total value of almost \$139 million.

At the present time only one farm of layer chickens was diagnosed. As of the first week of June nearly half million turkeys have been affected on nine farms and nine different counties in South Dakota.

Since Avian Influenza affected nearly 11 percent of the commercial turkeys produced in the state, the economic impact can be estimated at close to \$15 million.

To put this into perspective, Minnesota led the country in turkey production in 2014, with 45.5 million turkeys and an economic value of \$866 million. As of early May 2015, the disease had been confirmed on 85 Minnesota turkey farms, resulting in the direct loss of nearly 5.7 million birds.

Oddly enough this represents 12.5 percent of the turkey population in Minnesota a figure only slightly off the 11 percent losses in South Dakota.

These dollar figures for bird losses in the state do not take into account the fact that the affected facilities will have to remain empty while they undergo a rigorous disinfection and cleaning process.

An 11 percent reduction in the population of turkeys in South Dakota will surely have ripple effects.

Reductions in farm supplies and feed purchases, and employee layoffs at farms and poultry processing plants will certainly affect local businesses.

A 1.8 Reduction Factor

The University of Minnesota conducted this year an emergency economic analysis and determined that this reduction in the local economic output from the poultry industry can be quantified by a 1.8 reduction factor.

That is to say that the \$15 million resulting from direct turkey sale losses could have a collective economic impact in all nine counties of \$27 million.

In its analysis, the University of Minnesota also found that each job lost in poultry, negatively affected 2.1 jobs in the state overall.

How this outbreak will evolve over time, is anyone's guess. The losses are substantial for South Dakota overall, as well as, for local businesses and communities that support this industry.

The Avian Influenza outbreaks have shown that in spite of very stringent biosecurity measures adapted by the poultry industry, animal agriculture is still vulnerable to disease outbreaks.

This time it was poultry, but there might be other instances in the future where other livestock species could be affected by disease.

It is important to remain vigilant and report any suspicious animal health problems (farmed or wildlife!) to the proper authorities.

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SDSU Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Laboratory

In response to the outbreak, SDSU Extension is taking part of a multi-state approach to provide research-based information and resources to families.

The state is also very fortunate to have within SDSU the South Dakota Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory which has been very helpful up to this point.

This lab is one of fewer than 40 veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the nation accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

The lab has performed Diagnostic Testing for Avian Influenza in over 5,000 samples in backyard birds, commercial sites and wild birds. This testing has been ongoing since March 2015 and occurs on weekends, holidays and evenings, plus during regular hours with emergency "on call" staff do the testing.

The South Dakota Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory consults daily with the Board of Animal Health in Minnesota and South Dakota and has tested samples in Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota.



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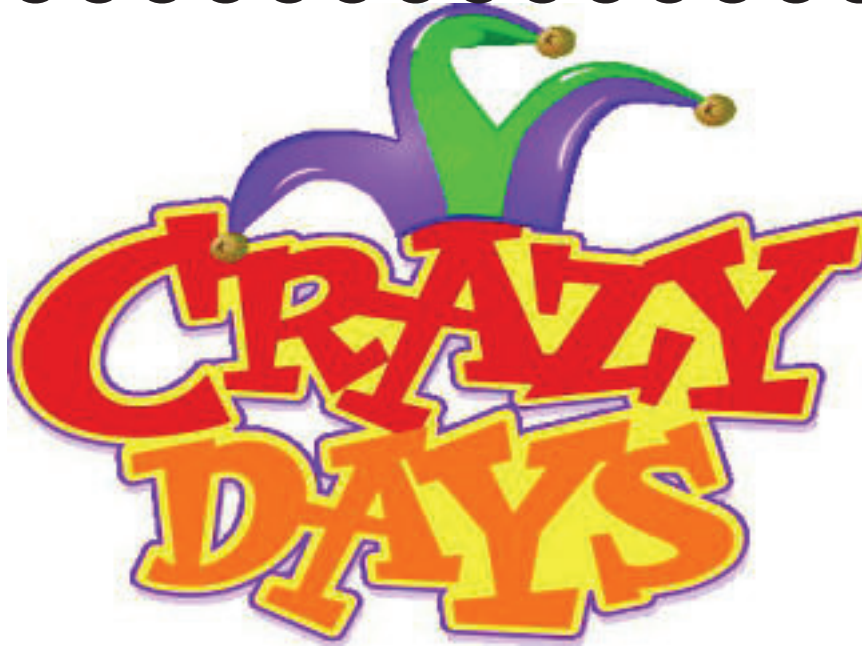
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Sperry Stump Removal

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July 16-17-18

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

20-50% off All Outdoor Pottery
& select Wrought Iron
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Today in Weather History

July 15, 1885: The first of three damaging tornadoes hit 7 miles NNE of Highmore and moved to the northeast. Two small homes were destroyed before the funnel turned to the east, then northeast and north before lifting. This tornado was estimated to have F2 strength and was seen in all directions for 20 miles. The second tornado appeared to be motionless 3 miles east of Harrold, and then moved east to Holabird, in Hyde County, where it destroyed two homes and dissipated. A third tornado, this one with an estimated F3 strength, formed to the west of Highmore and moved east into town, then lifted about 4 miles east of town. Three homes were destroyed and about 20 other buildings were damaged at Highmore. A farmer was killed 2 miles east of town. Losses totaled about \$55,000, which included many new buildings, including a church and a skating rink.

July 15, 1986: Thunderstorms brought locally heavy rainfall to portions of Walworth to Marshall Counties. Three inches of rain in an hour and a half was reported in extreme northwest Marshall County. The highest rainfall amount was seven inches southeast of Bowdle. The rains caused lowland flooding, with water over several roads in Marshall County, including Highway 10, two miles east of Britton. In Britton, 3.86 inches of rain was reported.

July 15, 2006: Record heat occurred across central and north central South Dakota and into parts of northeast South Dakota. Afternoon high temperatures ranged from 105 to as high as 120 degrees. Record highs were set at Pierre, Mobridge, Kennebec, and Timber Lake. Pierre set a new all-time record high of 117 degrees and Mobridge tied their all-time record high of 116 degrees. Kennebec and Timber Lake both hit a record high temperature of 112 degrees. The coop observer station 17 miles west southwest of Fort Pierre tied the state record high temperature with 120 degrees. Other high temperatures for the day were 116 degrees at Onida and Mission Ridge, 114 degrees at Murdo, 112 degrees at Redfield and Blunt, 111 degrees at Stephan, 110 degrees at Conde and Gann Valley, and 109 degrees at Aberdeen.

July 15, 2011: A large upper level high pressure area built over the region bringing very hot and humid conditions. This was the worst heat wave to hit the region since July 2006. Beginning on Friday July 15th and persisting through Wednesday July 20th, many locations experienced high temperatures in the 90s to lower 100s, with low temperatures in the 70s at night. In addition, humidity levels rose to extreme levels at times. Surface dew point temperatures in the 70s and lower 80s brought extreme heat index values of up to 110 to 125 degrees. The dew points were some of the highest ever recorded in the region. The dew point at Aberdeen tied the previous record with 82 degrees. Sisseton also tied their record with 83 degrees. Watertown came a degree shy of tying their record with 80 degrees.

The prolonged heat took its toll on livestock with fifteen hundred cattle perishing during the heat. Numerous sports and outdoor activities were cancelled. Some of the highest heat index values included; 110 degrees at Mobridge; 111 degrees at Watertown; 113 degrees at Miller and Gettysburg; 114 degrees at Wheaton and Faulkton; 116 degrees at Pierre; 118 degrees at Sisseton; and 121 degrees at Aberdeen. The highest heat index value occurred at Leola with a temperature of 98 degrees and a dew point of 82 degrees, the heat index hit 125 degrees.

1888: The Bandai volcano erupts on the Japanese island of Honshu on this day in 1888, killing hundreds and burying many nearby villages in ash. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1901: The city of Marquette, Michigan set their all-time record high temperature with 108 degree reading.

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



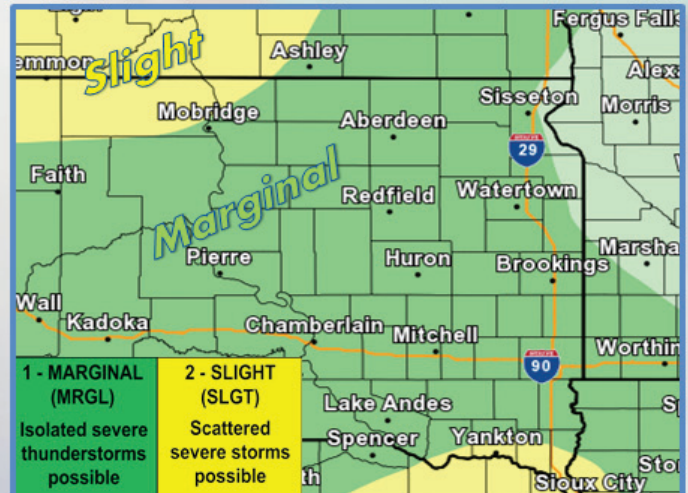
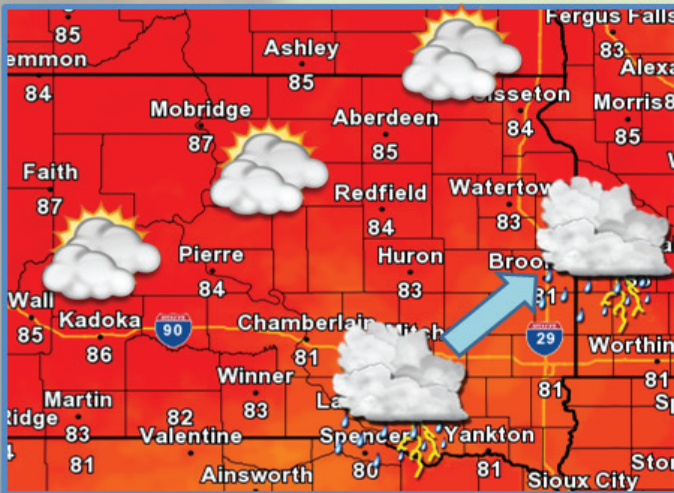
Isolated to Scattered Storms

Today

A system will bring wide spread showers and thunderstorms to parts of southeast SD and will move northeast into west central MN

Tonight

A second system will move into the region later today & tonight Strong storms are possible across NW & north central SD Hail and winds are the main threat



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen National Weather Service Aberdeen @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 7/15/2015 4:47 AM Central

Published on: 07/15/2015 at 4:54AM

A couple of systems will slide across the region today. The first will work its way up from the south, and will mainly influence southeast SD, but could clip parts of northeast SD and west central MN as it tracks northeast. Heavy rain is possible with this system. A second system will move into the region later this afternoon and tonight, possibly bringing thunderstorms to parts of northwest and north central SD. Some storms may be strong with large hail and damaging winds the main threat.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 88.6 at 5:56 PM

Low: 63.1 at 6:39 AM

High Gust: 10 at 3:34 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 114° in 1931

Record Low: 41° in 1912

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.59

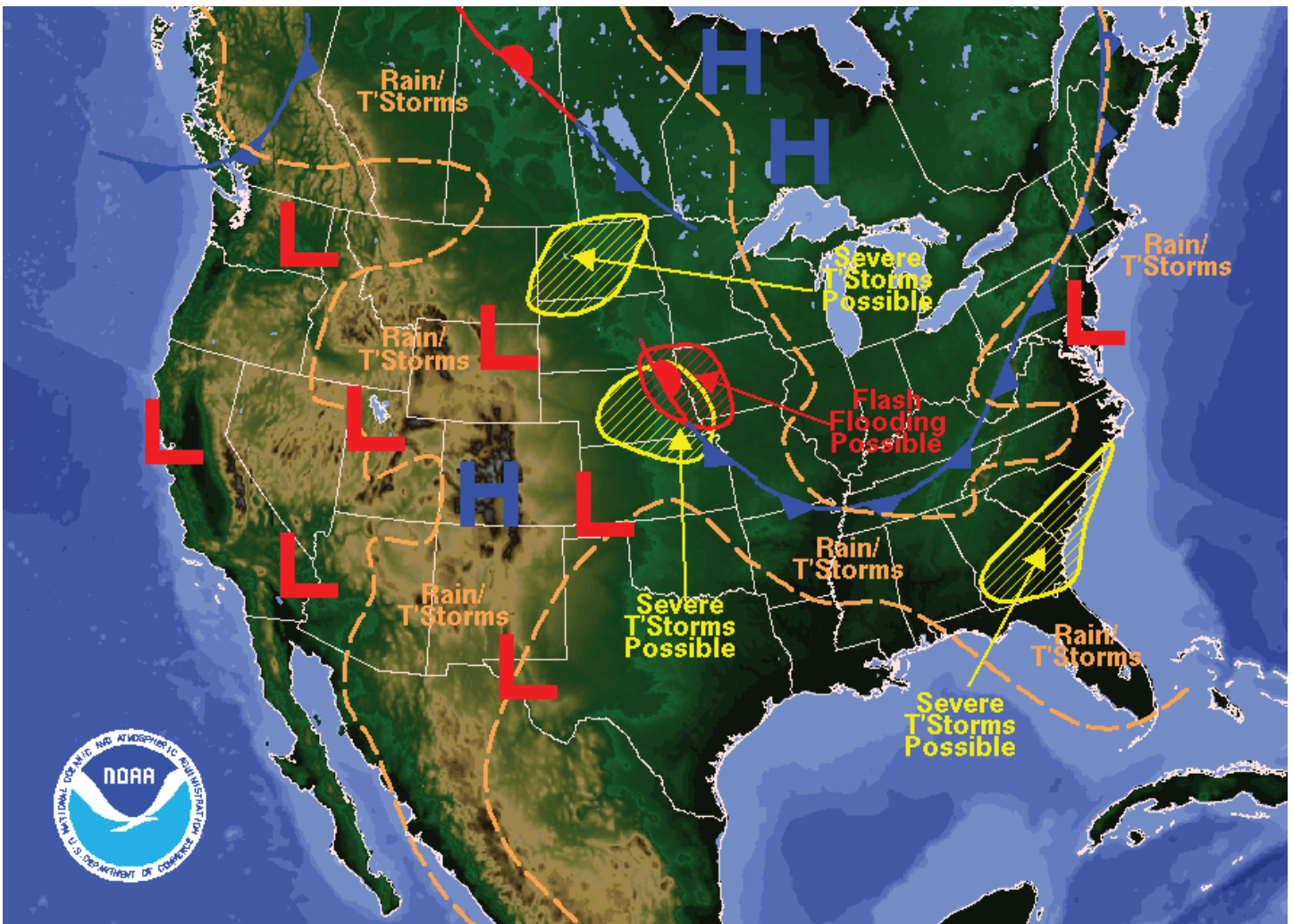
Precip to date in July: 1.77

Average Precip to date: 12.43

Precip Year to Date: 9.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:19 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:00 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 15, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Pereira based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



LOST AND FOUND

An explorer became lost in a dangerous part of an African jungle. His compass was of no use because he did not know where he was or which direction to travel. He became desperate and was filled with fear when a native appeared and offered to take him to his camp.

Hesitatingly, but hopeful, he asked, "Do you know the way?"

Confidently the native replied, "I am the way."

People all around us are lost and looking for direction for their lives. The world has many maps and GPS systems but they offer no final destination that provides salvation, peace and hope. They are searching, even seeking desperately, and trying anything and everything, to discover a way out of their fear and hopelessness.

They need to hear the words of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth and the life." In Him we have the direction we need for living here and hereafter.

Prayer: Father, thank You for being our Savior and Guide. Help us to lead others to You, the Way. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

News from the Associated Press

Belle Fourche man killed in Spearfish motorcycle-car crash

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A collision involving a motorcycle and a car at a Spearfish area intersection killed the driver of the motorcycle and injured a passenger.

The Lawrence County Sheriff's Office says 46-year-old Robert Borbely, of Belle Fourche, died in the crash Monday afternoon. Forty-year-old passenger Kimberly Borbely was flown to a Rapid City hospital with what authorities said were serious injuries.

The driver of the car was not seriously hurt.

The sheriff's office is continuing to investigate.

Federal inmate charged with escape after leaving work site

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man serving a sentence for a federal conviction is now facing an escape charge after abandoning a work site in South Dakota and taking off his GPS unit.

Federal court records show Timothy Cadotte has pleaded not guilty to one count of escape. He was sentenced in April 2014 to two years in prison and three years of supervised release for an assault with a dangerous weapon conviction.

Cadotte in March was transferred from a Kansas prison to a half-way house in Sioux Falls, where he was to begin his supervised release term in August. Instead, authorities say, Cadotte left his job at Olive Garden in Sioux Falls on June 27 after removing his monitoring unit.

Cadotte was sentenced after he admitted assaulting a woman in Flandreau in 2012.

GOP state Rep. Tim Rounds recovering in hospital from stroke

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Republican legislative leader says that state Rep. Tim Rounds is recovering in the hospital after suffering from a stroke.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said Tuesday that the Pierre Republican could be released from a Sioux Falls hospital this weekend.

Gosch, who visited Rounds in the hospital last week, says he has received visits from a significant number of legislators.

First elected to the state House in 2002, Rounds served eight years and then came back after skipping an election because of term limits. He has served as chairman of the House Commerce and Energy Committee and is the brother of South Dakota Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds.

Gosch says he fully expects that Rounds will return to the Legislature.

Gettysburg won't remove Confederate flag from police patch

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota town doesn't plan to change a police emblem and uniform patch designed in 2009 that includes a Confederate flag despite an activist's calls for the insignia to be altered, city officials said Tuesday.

Gettysburg Mayor Bill Wuttke and Police Chief Bill Wainman said the police patch is a tribute to the history of the town — it was settled by Civil War veterans from both sides in the 1880s and named after the site of a battle that's considered the turning point of the war — and they argue it has nothing to do with racism. Lynn Hart, an African American and a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe who lives near

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Flandreau, said he's not calling anyone racists, but that the divisive symbol should be removed from the patch.

"People don't understand what that symbol means to a person of color," Hart said. "That symbol, whether it's ill intended or not, is not bringing people together."

Concerns about the patch come weeks after the shooting deaths of nine people at a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina, that spurred a national debate about the Confederate flag. The flag no longer flies at South Carolina's statehouse after lawmakers approved a high-profile measure to remove it last week.

Scott Barksdale, who designed the patch for the Gettysburg Police Department, said the crossed Confederate and American flags on the emblem are meant to show the unity of the Civil War survivors who came together to settle in the town. Barksdale, who lives in Columbia, South Carolina, said it's "a way of showing these people put the past behind them."

"The bottom line is it's really just part of the history of the town," Wainman said. "At this point I just have no intention of changing it."

The emblem is on the department's formal uniform, Wainman said, which the force's other officer typically wears. It's also on a squad car. A memorial near the Potter County Courthouse carries a similar design.

Comments have been infrequent, but almost all positive, he said.

Wuttke said he doesn't see a problem with the patch and that it's about the town's heritage.

"We're a small community in central South Dakota, and if some blacks want to come in here we'll respect them," Wuttke said. "We had an air base out here, and we had the blacks that came, and there was none of them that felt like we were discriminating against them."

U.S. Census Bureau estimates from 2013 say Potter County, where Gettysburg is located, is 96.7 percent white.

Hart said Gettysburg is embarrassing itself and sending the wrong message.

"I think South Dakota is a lot better than that," Hart said. "Cover that flag up with another American flag, and roll on."

Man, 41, hospitalized after drunken high-speed police chase

FREEMAN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 41-year-old man suffered serious injuries Tuesday after leading law enforcement on a drunken high-speed chase that spanned three counties and reached speeds of up to 110 mph.

State Highway Patrol Trooper Mark Nelson tells the Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1M9f344>) that he chased the man driving a stolen SUV on paved and gravel roads Tuesday afternoon. The suspect eventually lost control of the vehicle and crashed near Freeman.

Deputies in Minnehaha and McCook counties had chased him earlier in the day but ended their pursuits.

Nelson says the man's blood alcohol content at the scene was .175 and that he will be arrested on charges of DUI, fleeing and eluding law enforcement and being in possession of a stolen vehicle.

He was flown to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Proposal would require redistricting done by commission

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Farmers Union has proposed amending the state constitution so that a commission redraws the state's legislative districts every 10 years instead of lawmakers.

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced the proposed constitutional amendment Tuesday and explained its impact.

Currently, the Legislature must redraw the boundaries of legislative districts every decade to reflect population changes reported by the census.

Jackley says the proposed changes would create a commission made up of nine registered voters selected each decade from a pool of up to 30 applicants. The pool would consist both of applicants registered with South Dakota's two largest political parties and non-affiliated voters.

To get a constitutional amendment on the ballot requires 27,741 signatures, which must be submitted to the state by Nov. 9, 2015.

South Dakota inmate suspected of robbing Minnesota bank

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say the man suspected of robbing a bank in a St. Paul suburb last week is an inmate who escaped from prison the night before in South Dakota.

Roseville police say Clint Eldeen walked into Bremer Bank on Saturday morning and demanded money from a teller, implying he had a gun.

Officials say the teller provided Eldeen an undisclosed amount of money and the man fled in a stolen Pontiac Grand Am, which was found abandoned several minutes later in a parking lot.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections confirms that Eldeen is an inmate in the minimum-security unit of the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. He was last seen leaving the prison just before 7 p.m. on Friday.

Eldeen has not yet been found.

Troopers arrest 55 people for DUI in June during checkpoints

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Highway Patrol says troopers arrested 55 people for DUI during 94 sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols held across South Dakota in June.

The patrol holds sobriety checkpoints in a select number of counties each month. The saturation patrols are designed to place more troopers in a particular area at one time.

June was the first time troopers conducted checkpoints and saturation patrols in every county possible.

Superintendent of the Highway Patrol Col. Craig Price says now that summer travel season is under way, it's a good time for the effort.

Checkpoints will be held during July in 17 counties across the state.

Winter wheat harvest getting underway in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The winter wheat harvest is underway in South Dakota, but the crop isn't as good as farmers had hoped for when they planted it last fall.

Ten percent of the winter wheat in the state has been combined, ahead of zero percent last year at the same time but behind the long-term average of 15 percent, the Agriculture Department said in its weekly crop report.

The crop is rated 7 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 31 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

A dry fall, a cold early winter without snow cover and a dry spring all worked to hurt the crop, according to the Capital Journal. Many farmers dug up winter wheat fields this spring, figuring there was nothing worth saving, and harvested acres are expected to be down 11 percent from last year in South Dakota.

"We probably lost 40 percent of the winter wheat here," said Tim Luken, manager of the Oahe Grain Corp. in Onida. "Some of it still standing is only ankle-high, and thin stands."

The Agriculture Department forecasts the average winter wheat yield, or production per acre, in South Dakota this year to be down 14 percent to 41 bushels per acre. Randy Neuhauser, who harvested winter wheat Monday near Fort Pierre, said his yields aren't quite average this year.

"The first field I did went a little over 40 (bushels per acre), the second one only made about 30 and this one is back up to about 40," he said.

The state's corn and soybean crops appear to be in better shape. The weekly crop report says soybeans are rated 76 percent good to excellent, and corn is 77 percent in those categories.

Adult, child killed in crash near Flandreau; 3 others hurt

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — A two-vehicle crash in Moody County killed two people including a child and sent three other children to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The Highway Patrol says 38-year-old Joshua Kremppges, of Flandreau, was driving a car that failed to yield at a rural intersection southeast of Flandreau and collided with a pickup truck about 7 a.m. Monday.

Kremppges and 11-year-old passenger Madyson Barbee, of Dell Rapids, died at the scene. Two 7-year-olds and an 11-year-old from Dell Rapids who also were in the car suffered what authorities said were life-threatening injuries and were taken to a Sioux Falls hospital.

The lone person in the pickup suffered minor injuries.

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. WHAT IRAN DEAL MEANS FOR OBAMA

The nuclear accord represents a validation of the president's diplomatic gamble, one that will shape his legacy long after he leaves office.

2. HOW ARAB WORLD REACTS TO IRAN ACCORD

Concerns are widespread that the easing of Tehran's international isolation could tip the bloody contest for power in the region toward this Shiite-led country.

3. GREEK PARLIAMENT TO VOTE ON RESCUE PACKAGE

Lawmakers will consider harsh austerity policies Greece must implement to start talks on a third international bailout as the IMF says debt relief measures from the creditors were lacking.

4. COURT ORDERS VIDEO RELEASED OF POLICE KILLING UNARMED MAN

The public should be able to see what led the city of Gardena to pay \$4.7 million to settle a lawsuit with the family of the dead man and another man wounded in the shooting, Judge Stephen V. Wilson says.

5. DRUG LORD'S ESCAPE TUNNEL AN AUDACIOUS FEAT OF ENGINEERING

The mile-long passage was probably dug just for Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman who would have then breezed along on a specially modified motorcycle or one of the two carts it pushed on two steel rails.

6. MH17 RELATIVES GRIEVE, WAIT FOR ANSWERS

For many families of the 298 people killed when the aircraft was brought down last year over eastern Ukraine, agonizing uncertainty is still woven into the fabric of life.

7. NASA SPACECRAFT ACCOMPLISHES FLYBY

New Horizons gets humanity's first up-close look at Pluto, sending word of its triumph across 3 billion miles to scientists waiting breathlessly back home.

8. TEEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AFTER MOUNTAIN PLANE CRASH

Aerial searchers spot the wreckage in the same vicinity where 16-year-old Autumn Veatch emerged from the woods.

9. CRUSADE AGAINST COSBY CONTINUES

Judd Apatow is not wavering on his criticism of the comedian, who's been accused of sexual misconduct by more than two dozen women over four decades.

10. WHO IS BREAKING THE OLYMPIC STADIUM BARRIER

The \$2-billion stadium planned for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will likely be the most expensive sports stadium ever, two sports economy experts tell The AP.

AP News in Brief

In Iran deal, Obama sees validation for diplomatic gamble that has shaped his presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — To President Barack Obama, the historic nuclear accord with Iran is a validation of an arduous, politically fraught diplomatic gamble, one he foreshadowed before winning the White House and one that will shape his legacy long after he leaves.

The deal to curb Iran's nuclear program may prevent Tehran from developing a bomb or being the target of U.S. military action during Obama's presidency. But whether the agreement succeeds in stemming Iran's nuclear ambitions after his tenure is a far murkier question.

The sheer amount of time and political capital Obama invested in the Iran talks has fueled speculation that he had too much on the line to walk away from the negotiating table, no matter the compromises in a final deal. Obama authorized secret talks with Iran in 2012, followed by nearly two years of formal negotiations alongside Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China. His rapprochement with Iran sent U.S. relations with Israel plummeting to near-historic lows and deepened tensions with Congress.

Even with the high-stakes implications of an Iranian nuclear program at stake, the talks over time seemed to represent more than simply the quest for a deal. They were a referendum on Obama's belief that even America's most ardent enemies can be brought in line by wielding diplomacy and economic pressure instead of military might.

"It represents the core of who he is and what his presidency stands for," said Julianne Smith, a former Obama White House and Pentagon official. "He needs it to validate that approach."

In Arab world, worries that nuclear deal will boost Iran in power struggle across region

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The nuclear deal with Iran was met with a profound wariness in the Arab world, where concerns are widespread that the easing of its international isolation could tip the already bloody contest for power in the region toward Shiite-led Tehran.

Arab countries have deep fears of Iran gaining a nuclear weapon, and some have been skeptical that

a deal will prevent that from happening. But equally high for key Sunni-dominated Gulf allies of the United States is the worry that a deal gives Iran the means — through an economic windfall — and an implicit green light to push influence in the region.

The Arab world has been polarized for years in a worsening proxy conflict between Iran and Gulf powers, particularly Saudi Arabia, fueling Sunni-Shiite tensions and stoking wars. In Syria, Iran's support has ensured the survival of President Bashar Assad against Sunni rebels backed by Gulf nations in a devastating civil war, now in its fifth year. Yemen has been torn apart this year as Saudi Arabia, leading a coalition air campaign, has tried to help fend off Shiite rebels supported by Tehran. In Iraq, Saudi Arabia has opposed the growing power of Iran even since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein and the rise of a government led by Shiite politicians close to Iran.

"Deal or no deal, tension in the region is not going to go away," said Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at United Arab Emirates University. "If Iran is bent on acting as a hegemon, as a regional power, I think we are in for some difficult times."

Saudi Arabia issued a pointed warning, saying Iran must use any economic gains from the lifting of sanctions to improve the lives of Iranians, "rather than using them to cause turmoil in the region, a matter that will meet a decisive reaction from the nations of the region," in a statement carried on the state news agency late Tuesday.

The Latest: Greek banks to remain shut through Thurs, after parliament votes on austerity

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest on Greece's financial crisis (all times local):

11:45 a.m.

Greece's finance ministry says the banks will remain closed through Thursday.

The ministry says the transactions that can be carried out at the few bank branches that are allowed to open are being broadened. Apart from allowing pensioners without bank cards to withdraw 120 euros per week, they will also process payments for credit card bills, debts to the state like taxes and utility bills, and the payment of insurance company bills.

Greek economy on its knees even if bailout deal relieves worst fears over euro future

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece has a tentative rescue deal, but relief that it is not falling out of the euro is unlikely to last long: its economy has taken a huge hit.

Months of political brinkmanship, uncertainty and bank closures have hurt companies and brought everyday business to a standstill. And new economic measures meant to secure the bailout are forecast to put the country, which emerged last year from six years of economic crisis, through more misery.

"No one is producing. No one is buying. Everyone is scared," said 59-year-old Dimitris Farmakis, who has a cloth-making firm in Athens.

On top of a slump in demand, Farmakis' business is hit hard by a government limit on money transfers that makes it impossible to buy supplies from overseas. He's cut down on production and given his staff time off.

"In a few weeks we won't be producing due to these shortages," Farmakis said.

Tragic fatal encounter with police captured on video is released by Los Angeles federal judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The police dashboard cameras that captured officers shooting Ricardo Diaz-Zeferino only depict part of the tragedy of his death in a Los Angeles suburb two years ago.

Video released by a federal judge Tuesday after news media organizations argued the public had a right to see the footage showed Diaz-Zeferino disobeying orders to keep his hands up, but with his palms open by his waist.

Judge Stephen V. Wilson unsealed the video so the public could see what led the city of Gardena to pay \$4.7 million to settle a lawsuit with Diaz-Zeferino's family and another man wounded in the shooting that followed a botched report of a bicycle theft early the morning of June 2, 2013.

"The fact that they spent the city's money, presumably derived from taxes, only strengthens the public's interest in seeing the videos," Wilson wrote in a 13-page decision. "Moreover, defendants cannot assert a valid compelling interest in sealing the videos to cover up any wrongdoing on their part or to shield themselves from embarrassment."

Against a backdrop of intense public scrutiny of police shootings nationwide, a lawyer for The Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and Bloomberg argued the videos should be unsealed under a First Amendment right to access court documents.

First-hand look at Mexico drug lord's escape tunnel shows dimension of ingenuity, audacity

ALMOLOYA, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's most prized prisoner paced his cell, first to the latrine, then the shower, then the bed. At every turn around the tiny room, drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman checked the shower floor hidden by a half wall, because even jailed criminals get their privacy.

In his final sweep, Guzman sat on his bed and took off his shoes. Then he walked back to the shower, stooped behind the wall and disappeared. It was the beginning of an escape odyssey straight out of the pages of fiction, and the media were given a peek on Tuesday of the deep and sophisticated tunnel that led the leader of the Sinaloa cartel, whose illicit drug trafficking reach includes Europe and Asia, swiftly to freedom late Saturday night.

Government video of Guzman's final moments in his cell and a reporter's climb into the tunnel put real dimensions to a high-tech engineering feat three stories underground, where planners and builders managed to burrow through dirt and rock right to the one spot in Guzman's cell that surveillance cameras couldn't see.

Mexico's security commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido said Tuesday that up to the moment Guzman disappeared, his pacing was considered normal for someone who lives in about 5 square meters (60 square feet) with only an hour a day outside for exercise. But there was nothing usual after he lifted a slab of concrete shower floor and descended into a warm and humid man-made underworld, where a motorcycle rigged to two carts on rails waited to whisk him away.

Guzman either rode on the bike or in one of the carts for a mile (1.5 kilometers) in the dirt tunnel built just high enough for a man called "Shorty" to stand without hitting his head. When he reached the other end, he climbed a wooden ladder through a large, wood-framed shaft with a winch overhead that had been used to drop construction supplies into the tunnel. After pulling himself up 17 rungs, he reached a small basement, where a blue power generator the size of a compact car provided the electricity to illuminate and pump oxygen into the underground escape route.

A year after MH17 brought down over Ukraine, relatives still grieving, waiting for answers

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — On their son Bryce's birthday this year, Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand and her husband Rob went to a Dutch air base, watched pall bearers solemnly unload seven coffins from a military cargo plane and wondered if they contained parts of the remains of Bryce or his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers.

For many families of the 298 people killed when Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was brought down July 17 last year over eastern Ukraine, uncertainty and agonizing waiting is still woven into the fabric of life a year later.

"Your world stops with a bang," Silene said at her home in Rotterdam, where flowers and mementos to Bryce and Daisy still dominate the living room. The couple's bedroom is still the same disorderly mess it was the day they left for a vacation to Bali. "Everything around you continues. You try to participate, but it's just hard."

As if waiting for remains of loved ones were not bad enough, families also still have not received conclusive answers to many questions about the crash: Who brought down the plane? Will the perpetrators ever face justice? Why was the Boeing 777 heading from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur even flying over a war zone?

International investigators say it will be October before they publish the official cause of the crash. A Dutch-led criminal investigation into the downing won't be done until the end of the year — adding to family frustrations.

Money in the tank: Presidential election already fueled by \$377 million for ads, polling, more

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Associated Press review shows that the 2016 presidential race has already collected roughly \$377 million from donors.

The first peek behind the fundraising curtain comes by midnight Wednesday, when most candidates must file their initial reports to federal regulators.

Those documents will include the names of everyone who gave at least \$200. The maximum contribution for the primary is \$2,700. The Federal Election Commission reports also will provide details about spending.

Many super PACs, which do not have contribution limits, file reports in late July.

Ahead of the deadlines, many candidates and their supportive groups have publicized fundraising totals. Those numbers show that about half the money disclosed so far will benefit just two of the 22 presidential hopefuls, Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican Jeb Bush.

Teen finally makes it home after Wash. mountain plane crash; searchers find wreckage

SEATTLE (AP) — A teenager who survived a small plane crash, then managed to find her way off a rugged Washington state mountainside finally made it home to Bellingham, just as word came that searchers had located wreckage in the area where she emerged from the woods.

Aerial searchers reported spotting wreckage, but crews were not able to reach the heavily wooded north-central Washington site Tuesday night and no positive identification has been made of either the missing plane or its two missing occupants, Leland and Sharon Bowman of Marion, Montana, said Barbara LaBoe, a Washington state Transportation Department spokeswoman for the plane search.

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LaBoe said efforts to reach the site would resume Wednesday. Search officials planned to assess whether air crews can be used and also will coordinate any ground crew searches with the Skagit County sheriff's office, she said.

Survivor Autumn Veatch, 16, has said the Bowmans, her step-grandparents, did not survive the Saturday crash. She provided searchers with clues to the location of the wreckage.

The plane piloted by Leland Bowman was bringing her home from a Montana visit.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 15, the 196th day of 2015. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China.

On this date:

In 1799, French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

In 1834, the Spanish Inquisition was abolished more than 3 1/2 centuries after its creation.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members' salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a year.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1954, a prototype of the Boeing 707, the model 367-80, made its maiden flight from Renton Field south of Seattle.

In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in orbit.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1985, a shockingly gaunt Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1995, Park Seung-hyun, a 19-year-old sales clerk, was rescued after being buried in the rubble of the Sampoong Department Store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, for 16 days.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court ruled that a Guantanamo detainee who once was Osama bin Laden's driver could be tried by a military tribunal. (However, the Supreme Court struck down the tribunals in June 2006, saying they violated U.S. and international law. Salim Ahmed Hamdan was later convicted by a military court of material support for terrorism and sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison, but his conviction was tossed out by a federal appeals court; Hamdan was given credit for time served and freed.) Bankrupt energy company Enron Corp. agreed to pay a settlement of up to \$1.5 billion to

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resolve claims that it had gouged California and other western states during the 2000-2001 energy crisis.

Five years ago: After 85 days, BP stopped the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico using a 75-ton cap lowered onto the well earlier in the week. The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that Goldman Sachs & Co. would pay a record \$550 million penalty to settle charges that the Wall Street giant had misled buyers of mortgage investments. Argentina became the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage.

One year ago: Israel resumed heavy bombing of Gaza after the Islamic militant group Hamas rejected an Egyptian truce plan and instead unleashed more rocket barrages at the Jewish state. A suicide bomber blew up a car packed with explosives near a busy market and a mosque in eastern Afghanistan, killing at least 89 people. At least 22 people died when a Moscow subway train derailed during rush hour.

Today's Birthdays: Author Clive Cussler is 84. Actor Ken Kercheval is 80. Former Sen. George V. Voinovich, R-Ohio, is 79. Actor Patrick Wayne is 76. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 71. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 70. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 69. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 67. Arianna Huffington, co-founder of The Huffington Post news website, is 65. Actress Celia Imrie is 63. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 63. Rock singer-musician David Pack is 63. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 59. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 59. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 58. Model Kim Alexis is 55. Actor Willie Aames is 55. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 54. Actress Lolita Davidovich is 54. Actress Shari Headley is 52. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 52. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 49. Actress Amanda Foreman is 49. Actor Kristoff St. John is 49. Rock musician Phillip Fisher is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stokley (Mint Condition) is 48. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 47. Actor Stan Kirsch is 47. Actor Reggie Hayes is 46. Actor-screenwriter Jim Rash is 44. Rock musician John Dolmayan is 43. Actor Scott Foley is 43. Actor Brian Austin Green is 42. Rapper Jim Jones is 39. Actress Diane Kruger is 39. Actress Lana Parrilla (LAH'-nuh pa-REE'-uh) is 38. Rock musician Ray Toro (My Chemical Romance) is 38. Actress Laura Benanti is 36. Actor Travis Fimmel is 36. Actor Taylor Kinney is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kia Thornton (Divine) is 34. Actor-singer Tristan "Mack" Wilds is 26.

Thought for Today: "A sure way to lose happiness, I found, is to want it at the expense of everything else." - Bette Davis, American actress (1908-1989).