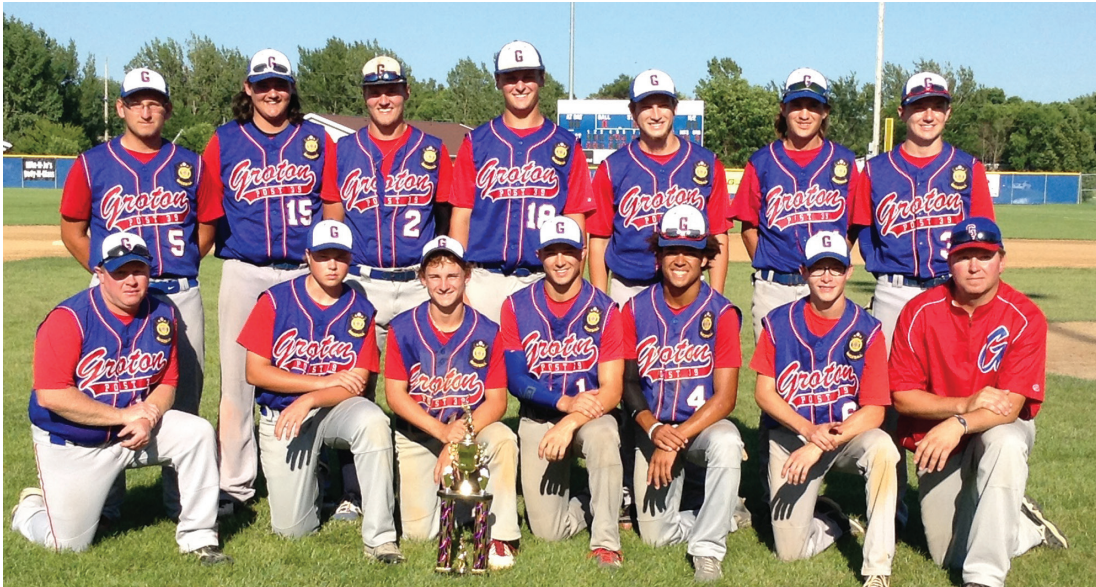


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## Post #39 advances to state competition



Groton Post #39 defeated Redfield in the Legion Region 6B championship game, 15-2. The team had 15 runs in 15 hits and no errors. Groton will play the last game of the first day on Friday, July 24th. They will play the host team, Salem. (Photo by Tricia Keith)

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### Monday, July 20

**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

**Birthday:** Joel Guthmiller

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: U12 Softball at Sisseton (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Softball at Sisseton

7:00pm: U10 Softball at Sisseton

7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting

### Tuesday, July 21

PW/Midget League Tourney

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthday:** Carson Bunn

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Jill Krueger reading at 10 am)

**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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## Groton Legion goes undefeated in region play



**Aaron Severson slides at home on a close call, he is out.**



**Dane Campbell had one hit against Redfield in championship game.**



**Drew Planteen scoring on one of his 2 hits.**



**Brady Keith had one hit in the game.**



**Adam Herman scoring on one of his 3 hits. He had a single, double and triple on the day.**



**Bennett Shabazz up to bat. He had 3 hits on the day. One being a double.**

**Photos by Tricia Keith**



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**Trevor Pray scoring on one of three hits.**



**Victor Padilla scoring after his base hit.**



**Adam Herman caught the final two innings against Redfield.**



**Victor Padilla the closing pitcher in Championship game against Redfield!**



**Trevor Pray (right) teamed up as catcher with Drew Planteen (above) pitching against Redfield.**







**Back row left to right: Josie Clemens, Elizabeth Grabowska, Jamie Tebben, Angela Heiz, Carly Wheeting, Alyssa Haberer, coach Mikayla Arechigo. Front row left to right: Charlie Tisdall, Reilly Fuhman, Alexis Boesl, Audrey Wanner.** (Photo by Bryan Haberer)

## Shockers win again

The 11th & 12th Grade Dakota Shockers Team pulled out another Championship at the Mid America Youth Basketball(MAYB) Tournament held in Sioux Falls on July 11 & 12th. The girls won all 5 games that were held at Augustana College and O’Gorman High School. Each of the ten girls scored in the Championship game ending with a win of 49 to 29 for the Shockers against the Northeast Iowa Thunder. Their next tournament is in Sioux Falls/Harrisburg on July 18th & 19th.

- Chris Wheeting

## GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

July 20, 2015 - 7pm  
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
  - 2) Bills
  - 3) Project Reports
  - 4) School Reports
  - 5) Heartland Rebates
  - 6) Address numbers – bldg vs mailbox
  - 7) Joint Jurisdiction Map – P&Z & addressing
  - 8) Deposits – Amounts & “Good Credit” policies
  - 9) Swimming Pool hours for Br Co Fair
  - 10) Exe Session – Legal or Personnel
- AND any other business that may come before the Council

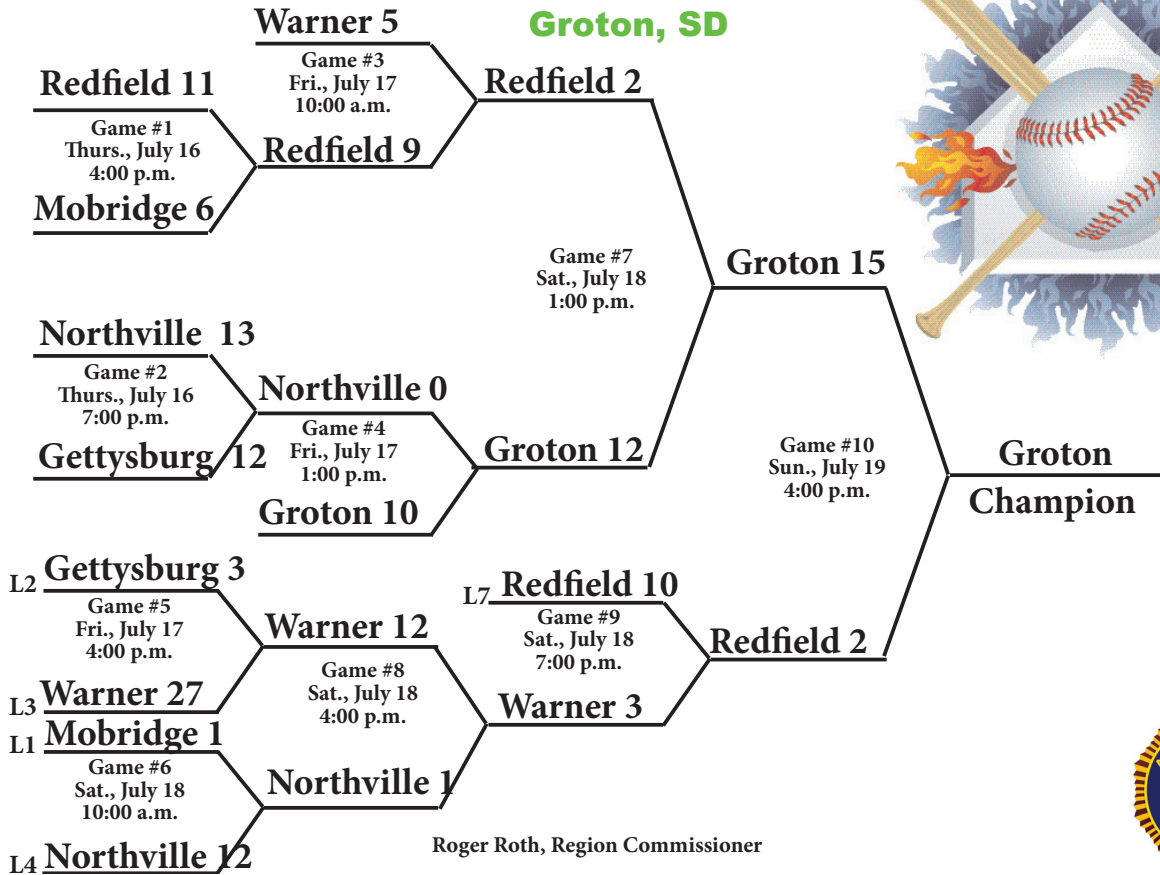
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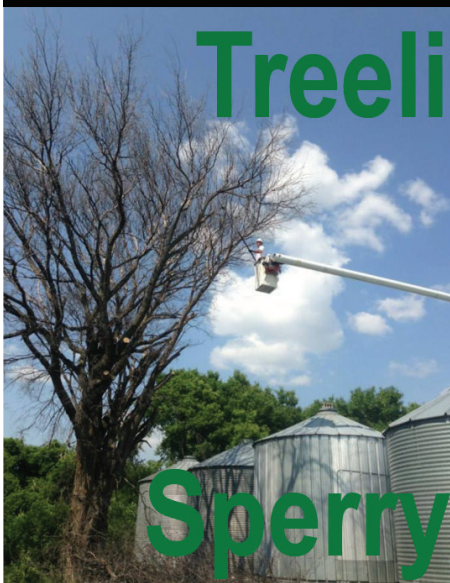
## American Legion Region 6B Tournament

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday - July 16-19, 2015

**Locke-Karst Field  
Groton, SD**



## Treeline Tree Service

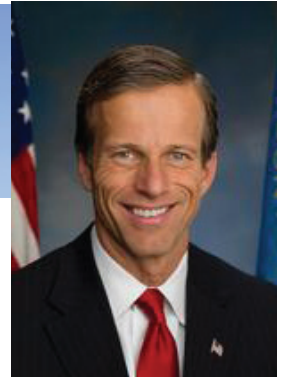


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U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Shining a Light on Youth Suicide Crisis

Nearly eight years after No Child Left Behind expired, I am glad Congress has finally passed legislation to reauthorize federal K-12 educational programs. The Every Child Achieves Act would reduce federal interference in education and restore control of education to the people who know their students best – parents, teachers, and school boards. Local control, not big-government Washington mandates, is the key to educational success for students around the country.

I introduced several amendments to this important legislation and was pleased that two measures related to the youth suicide crisis in Indian Country were included in the final bill.

There is no greater tragedy for a family than losing a child, sibling, or friend, especially to suicide. According to the Indian Health Service, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Native American youth in Indian Health Service areas, with a death rate four times the national average. I think it is important for us to get a better understanding of how we can address suicide prevention within our tribal communities, and this legislation was the appropriate vehicle for me to attach these amendments.

My first amendment would require federal agencies to report on efforts to address youth suicide on our reservations. The heads of relevant federal government agencies, like the Departments of Education, Interior, and Health and Human Services, would coordinate in this effort. My goal for these agencies would be to learn more about the current federal response to the high numbers of youth suicide in Indian Country, determine what types of federal resources are available to prevent and respond to these types of crises, and whether or not there are any barriers to program implementation. Tribal feedback on all of this information will be key.

My second measure would expand the use of Project School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV) funds to include initiating or strengthening prevention activities in cases of trauma or violence, similar to what is happening in Indian Country. Under current law, Project SERV funds can only be used to respond to crises.

My colleagues in the Senate understood the importance of these amendments, which is why both were unanimously approved. My hope is that by taking these important steps, we can shine a light on the crisis that is impacting so many of our families in South Dakota and do everything within our power to prevent tragedies like these from happening in the future.



## Today in Weather History

July 20, 1951: From the southeast residential section of Watertown, an estimated F2 tornado moved east, passing near Kranzburg and Goodwin. One small home and several barns were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

July 20, 2002: An extremely strong severe thunderstorm moved over Rapid City and across the adjacent plains east of town. Downburst winds and the associated gust front caused damage along a nearly 30 mile long path. Extensive tree damage occurred throughout the eastern half of the city with countless trees and branches in excess of 24 inch diameter felled. Two roofs were torn off by the winds. Flying debris damaged numerous cars and buildings. The NWS office in downtown Rapid City measured an 80 mph wind gust, with meteorologists noting winds were sustained at 60 to 70 mph for 5 minutes. Ellsworth AFB wind equipment measured a 106 mph wind gust from the thunderstorm as it passed. Costs associated only with tree damage and cleaning up debris were conservatively estimated at \$500,000.

1915: An all-time record high temperature of 115 degrees was set at Yosemite Valley at the National Park Headquarters, California (around 4,000 feet elevation). This was the warmest day in a streak of 7 consecutive days of 110 degrees or higher at Yosemite Valley from the 19th through the 25th.

1930 - The temperature at Washington D.C. soared to an all-time record of 106 degrees. The next day Millsboro reached 110 degrees to set a record for the state of Delaware. July 1930 was one of the hottest and driest summers in the U.S., particularly in the Missouri Valley where severe drought conditions developed. Toward the end of the month state records were set for Kentucky with 114 degrees, and Mississippi with 115 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1934 - The temperature at Keokuk, IA, soared to 118 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1953 - Twenty-two inches of hail reportedly fell northeast of Dickinson, ND. (The Weather Channel)

1977: A flash flood hits Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on this day in 1977, killing 84 people and causing millions of dollars in damages. This flood came 88 years after the infamous Great Flood of 1889 that killed more than 2,000 people in Johnstown. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1986 - The temperature at Charleston, SC, hit 104 degrees for the second day in a row to tie their all-time record high. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 87 mph at Mosinee, WI, and strong thunderstorm winds capsized twenty-six boats on Grand Traverse Bay drowning two women. Thunderstorms produced nine inches of rain at Shakopee, MN, with 7.83 inches reported in six hours at Chaska, MN. Thunderstorms in north central Nebraska produced hail as large as golf balls in southwestern Cherry County, which accumulated to a depth of 12 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The temperature at Redding, CA, soared to an all-time record high of 118 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms produced much needed rains from New England to southern Texas. Salem, IN, was deluged with 7.2 inches of rain resulting in flash flooding. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region soaked Wilmington, DE, with 2.28 inches of rain, pushing their total for the period May through July past the previous record of 22.43 inches. Heavy rain over that three month period virtually wiped out a 16.82 inch deficit which had been building since drought conditions began in 1985. Thunderstorms in central Indiana deluged Lebanon with 6.50 inches of rain in twelve hours, and thunderstorms over Florida produced wind gusts to 84 mph at Flagler Beach. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 81 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 88 °F



## Mild, Dry Through Tuesday

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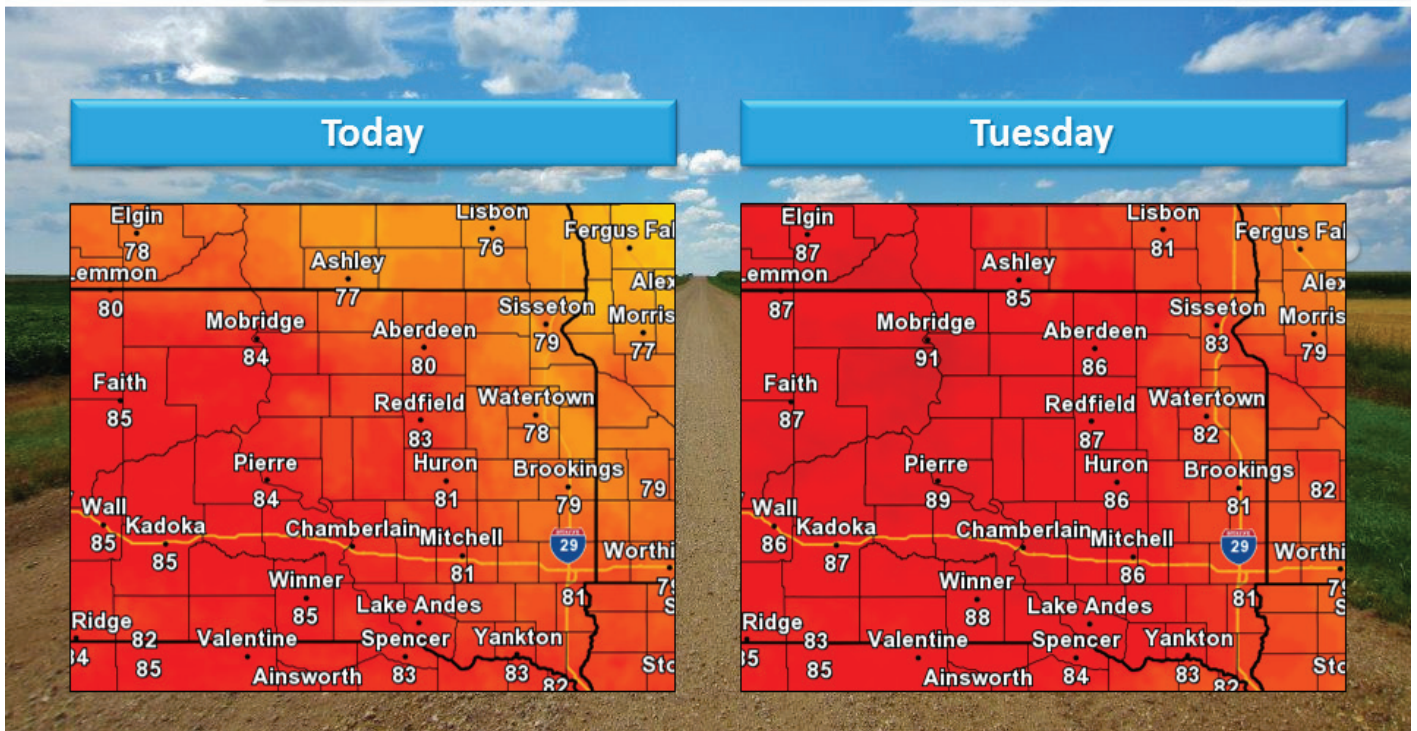
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Mild temperatures today, warmer Tuesday. The next chance for precipitation is late Tuesday night into Wednesday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 87.2 at 5:23 PM

**Low:** 53.3 at 5:45 AM

**High Gust:** 22 at 1:49 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 111° in 1934

**Record Low:** 43° in 1970

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 60°F

**Average Precip in July:** 2.06

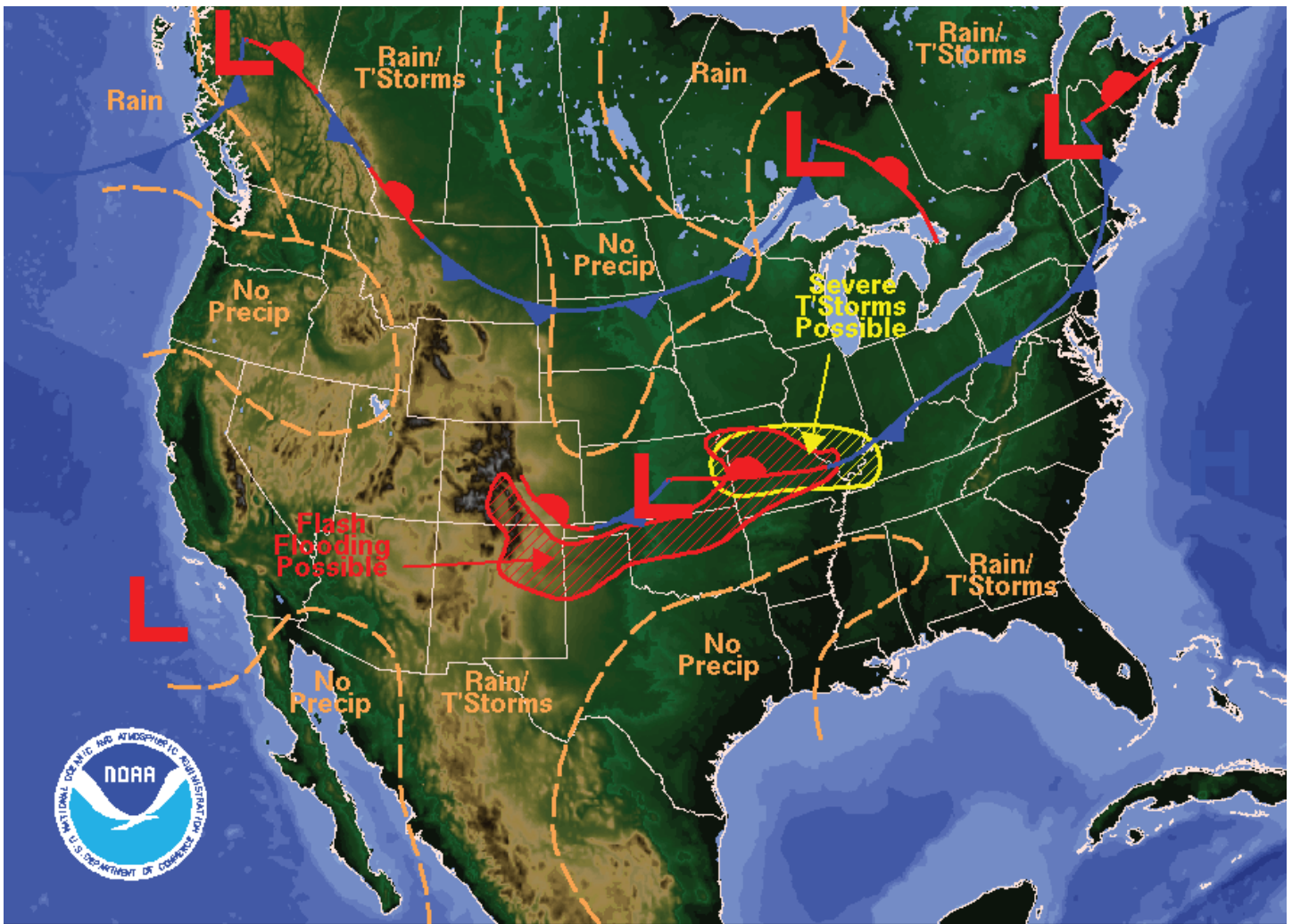
**Precip to date in July:** 2.45

**Average Precip to date:** 12.90

**Precip Year to Date:** 9.87

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:15 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:05 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jul 20, 2015, issued 4:36 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## RECOGNIZING REALITY

For several weeks a radiologist had suffered with a painful stomachache. Noting his discomfort, his associate suggested that he have a series of x-rays to rule out any problems.

He agreed to this plan and was assigned a number by the clinic. The next day he was examining a nameless x-ray that he did not know was his. Suddenly he cried out, "Contact this person immediately. He has inoperable cancer."

Unfortunately, many of us have feelings of discomfort. We are uncomfortable and troubled. We hear sermons, read Scripture and even pray but get no satisfaction or relief. We wonder what is going on.

Peter wrote that it is important for us to keep our "conscience clear." Perhaps when we experience moments or days of "dis-ease" God's spirit is reaching out to us. When we feel no relief or peace or quiet or joy or satisfaction, no doubt He is saying – "Take an x-ray you will discover the problem. Look carefully for the sin that is causing you this pain." If we examine our lives carefully, God will help us find the cause of our problem.

**Prayer:** Thank You, Lord, for all the warning signs You give us to let us know when we need to repent. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 1 Peter 3:16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.



## News from the Associated Press

### **Inmate missing from minimum-security prison in Yankton**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An inmate at the minimum-security state prison in Yankton has been placed on escape status.

Corrections officials say 35-year-old Jack Williams failed to return to the prison Sunday following his work-release shift at a local business.

Williams is serving time on forgery- and drug-related convictions in Union County.

### **South Dakota program awards scholarships to 40 students**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials say 40 high school graduates have received scholarships from a program that encourages people to pursue careers in critically needed occupations.

The Dakota Corps scholarship program is financed by private donations. Students get money to cover tuition and fees as they study to become accountants or auditors, registered nurses and teachers of special education, math, science or career and technical education.

Students can also use the money to study to become engineers in any field except mining, as well as information technology specialists.

Scholarship recipients, in return, agree to work in those occupations in South Dakota for a number of years.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the scholarship recipients “give back” to the state by choosing careers in in critically needed occupations.

### **WWI Texas veteran buried in SD to receive correct headstone**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Sixty years after his death, a World War I veteran from Texas whose final resting spot is in South Dakota will soon receive the correct headstone.

Joseph Robert Ward served in the U.S. Army during WWI. He died Sept. 24, 1955, and was buried at the Graceland Cemetery in Mitchell. Ward’s grave has been marked by a small temporary headstone for 60 years.

Headstones are provided for free to some veterans. Davison County Veterans Service Officer Jessica Davidson says the Department of Veterans Affairs first denied the headstone request because there was no record of Ward’s discharge.

Davidson, however, was able to get paperwork from the National Archives proving Ward’s discharge. The Black Hills National Cemetery then got involved in the effort and facilitated the new headstone.

The cemetery expects to receive the new bronze-plated headstone in the coming days.

### **SDSU Extension to host garden educator class in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University Extension is offering a workshop this summer geared toward teachers and other youth educators interested in learning about garden education programs.

The workshop is scheduled for Aug. 4 at the West River Ag Center in Sioux Falls. The training will provide teachers hands-on lesson plan ideas and nutrition resources for a school garden, information on growing vegetables and stories from area garden projects.

The classes are designed for teachers, after-school program leaders and other educators working with

Pre-K through middle school teachers.

Participants will also discuss resources available to promote children's consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Registration and a \$25 payment are due July 31.

## **Corrections official: No need to change screening tactics**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota inmate walked away from a minimum-security unit in Sioux Falls last week and allegedly went on to commit a string of crimes across Minnesota, but state corrections officials say they still believe their system of classifying inmates is working.

Clint Eldeen, a 46-year-old inmate serving 20 years for writing bad checks, left the campus of the State Penitentiary on July 10 and allegedly committed a string of crimes in both states before being arrested in a Minneapolis suburb on Wednesday.

Denny Kaemingk, the secretary for the Department of Corrections, said that officials will have to review Eldeen's case but said the vast majority of inmates in minimum-security units stay put and don't leave and commit crimes.

In the fiscal year that ended in June, 11 of the more than 740 minimum-security inmates left the prison grounds and didn't return.

"We really believe that our assessments and classification policy are very sound," he said.

The number of inmates who have left minimum-security units in South Dakota over the past decade has increased slightly but steadily, according to data provided by the Department of Corrections. In 2006, two inmates walked away or escaped from South Dakota prisons; in 2013, it was 16.

Kaemingk said officials looked through policy changes and haven't found anything that would explain the increase.

Over the past 15 years, Kaemingk said he was unaware of any violence committed by inmates who escaped from minimum-security facilities, all of which are unfenced. Inmates come and go steadily for work release and community service every day.

It's unclear how much each escape costs South Dakota taxpayers. Kaemingk said he wasn't sure how the state could quantify work that requires both state and local resources.

In South Dakota, corrections officials look at five risk areas when considering in which of the four types of prison facilities to place inmates, said Rick Leslie, who oversees classification for the system. Officials look at what an inmate's serving time for; how long their sentence is; any history of violence; their past behavior in prison; and if they have any type of escape history in their past.

Certain crimes, like sex offenses, automatically elevate an inmate to a higher security level.

Incidents like the Eldeen case shouldn't necessarily cause officials to change how they classify inmates, JaneAnne Murray, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School who worked as a criminal defense attorney for many years, said in an email. The only way to avoid mistakes would be to put more inmates in medium and high-security prisons that are more expensive and less likely to rehabilitate the inmates, she said.

"In my view, that's not where we want to go with our prisons," she said.

In South Dakota, minimum-security units are significantly cheaper places to house inmates, according to data from the Department of Corrections. It costs almost \$23 per day to house an inmate at the men's minimum unit in Sioux Falls compared to nearly \$72 per day at high-medium and maximum units.

Eldeen, who was serving 20 years for passing checks that weren't connected to a bank account, has



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a lengthy criminal history ranging from forgery to felony drug possession.

Authorities say Eldeen left the unfenced minimum-security unit of the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls the night of July 10. From there, they say he waited until a pizza delivery driver left his car unattended and stole it.

He later swiped the plates off a vehicle on display at a car dealership in Faribault, Minnesota, before heading toward Lakeville and stealing gas from a Super America, police said. He eventually found his way to Roseville where he walked into a Bremer Bank, gave a teller a handwritten note that demanded money and implied he had a gun, then fled.

Eldeen is suspected of robbing two more banks in nearby Richfield several days later. He was caught in a casino in Prior Lake on Wednesday.

Kyle Loeven, a spokesman with the FBI in Minneapolis, said Eldeen's behavior was striking, particularly because he didn't make any attempt to cover his face before robbing the Roseville bank.

"And so that's somewhat of a concern," he said, "because it denotes that the individual has no concern for the fact that he has placed himself out there for the public to see."

Despite Eldeen's criminal past, he wasn't considered a flight risk, Kaemingk said.

"Although he committed a number of felonies over the years, it was based on non-violent offenses and it just didn't appear it was in his character for this," he said, "but he did it anyway."

## 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. U.S., CUBA RESTORE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The Cuban flag is set to fly outside what is now the country's embassy in the United States for the first time since the countries severed ties in 1961.

### 2. GREEK BANKS REOPEN, BUT LIMITS REMAIN

Many restrictions on transactions, including cash withdrawals, remain, while new taxes mean coffee, tea and even condoms all cost more.

### 3. ISLAMIC STATE MILITANTS RECRUIT NEW GENERATION

The extremist group enlists teens and children using gifts, threats and brainwashing, according to AP interviews with residents who fled or still live in IS-held territory in Syria and Iraq.

### 4. UNDER OATH, COSBY PROVIDES DETAILS ON WOMANIZING

Transcripts from a 2005-06 deposition help show that the comic actor was a philanderer who plied young women with quaaludes.

### 5. DEPRESSION MAY HAVE LED TO TENN. KILLINGS

Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez also fought drug and alcohol abuse, spending time in Jordan last year to help clean himself up, a family spokesman says.

### 6. GOP SHEDS CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO TRUMP

His rivals spend much of the weekend condemning his comments and suggesting he is unfit to serve as commander-in-chief. But the tycoon simply may not care.

### 7. WHO IS READY TO ENDORSE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

The U.N. Security Council is set to adopt a resolution approving the accord and adopt measures leading to the end of U.N. sanctions against the Iranian economy.

### 8. WHAT BLOCKS TRAFFIC TO AND FROM ARIZONA

An elevated section of Interstate 10 collapses amid heavy rains in the California desert, injuring one

driver and halting travel for thousands.

## 9. WHY JAPANESE COMPANY APOLOGIZES TO U.S. VETS

Feeling "ethical responsibility for a past tragedy," executives from Mitsubishi Materials Corp., give an apology to a 94-year-old U.S. prisoner of war for using forced laborers during World War II.

## 10. BROADWAY AUDIENCE SMARTPHONE FAUX PAS GET SPOTLIGHT

Some theater-world insiders say it's time to educate, rather than scold, spectators who are used to interactivity and may not be steeped in theater etiquette.

## AP News in Brief

### U.S, Cuba restore full diplomatic relations after more than 5 chilly decades

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations Monday after more than five decades of frosty relations rooted in the Cold War.

The new era began with little fanfare when an agreement between the two nations to resume normal ties on July 20 came into force just after midnight Sunday and the diplomatic missions of each country were upgraded from interests sections to embassies. When clocks struck 12:00 in Washington and Havana, they tolled a knell for policy approaches spawned and hardened over the five decades since President John F. Kennedy first tangled with youthful revolutionary Fidel Castro over Soviet expansion in the Americas.

Without ceremony in the pre-dawn hours, maintenance workers were to hang the Cuban flag in the lobby of the State Department alongside those of other nations with which the U.S. has diplomatic relations. The historic shift will be publicly memorialized later Monday when Cuban officials formally inaugurate their embassy in Washington and Cuba's blue, red and white-starred flag will fly for the first time since the countries severed ties in 1961. Secretary of State John Kerry will then meet his Cuban counterpart, Bruno Rodriguez, and address reporters at a joint news conference.

The U.S. Interests Section in Havana plans to announce its upgrade to embassy status in a written statement on Monday, but the Stars and Stripes will not fly at the mission until Kerry visits in August for a ceremonial flag-raising.

And yet, though normalization has taken center stage in the U.S.-Cuba relationship, there remains a deep ideological gulf between the nations and many issues still to resolve. Among them: thorny disputes such as over mutual claims for economic reparations, Havana's insistence on the end of the 53-year-old trade embargo and U.S. calls for Cuba to improve on human rights and democracy. Some U.S. lawmakers, including several prominent Republican presidential candidates, have vowed not to repeal the embargo and pledged to roll back Obama's moves on Cuba.

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### Timeline of key dates in US relations with Cuba

Timeline of key events in U.S.-Cuba relations:

— THE START: Fidel Castro's rebels take power as dictator Fulgencio Batista flees Cuba on Jan 1, 1959. The United States soon recognizes the new government. But relations begin to sour as Americans criticize summary trials and executions of Batista loyalists. In 1960 Cuba nationalizes U.S.-owned oil refineries after they refuse to process Soviet oil. Nearly all other U.S. businesses are expropriated soon afterward.

— STANDOFF: The U.S. declares an embargo on most exports to Cuba in October 1960 and breaks diplomatic relations in January 1961. Three months later Castro declares Cuba a socialist state — just



a day before the doomed U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion meant to topple Castro. Meanwhile, U.S. agents are organizing repeated efforts to assassinate the Cuban leader.

— SHOWDOWN AVERTED: In October 1962, a U.S. blockade forces removal of Soviet nuclear missiles from Cuba after a standoff brings the world near nuclear war. U.S. President John F. Kennedy agrees privately not to invade Cuba.

— FAILED NORMALIZATION: U.S. President Jimmy Carter tries to normalize relations with Cuba shortly after taking office in 1977, re-establishing diplomatic missions and negotiating the release of thousands of prisoners. But conflicts over Cuba's military mission in Africa, tension caused by a flood of Cuban refugees in 1980 and the election of Ronald Reagan end the rapprochement.

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## **Greeks wake up to open banks, higher taxes on basic goods; cash restrictions still in place**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greeks woke up Monday morning to a new era: banks finally reopened after three weeks of being closed but new austerity taxes meant that most everything was more expensive — from coffee to taxis to cooking oil.

In downtown Athens, people queued up in an orderly fashion as the banks unlocked their doors at 8 a.m., but restrictions on most transactions remained. The daily cash withdrawal limit stayed at 60 euros (\$65) but the government added a weekly limit of 420 euros (\$455) that will be available beginning Sunday.

Higher prices also took effect, with sales taxes rising from 13 percent to 23 percent on many basic goods — including some meats, cooking oils, coffee, tea, cocoa, vinegar, salt, flowers, firewood, fertilizer, insecticides, sanitary towels and condoms.

Popular services were also hit by the new taxes: restaurants and cafes, funeral homes, taxis, ferries, cram schools and language schools.

After months of negotiations with creditors, Greece was forced to accept their demands to impose pension cuts and sales tax hikes.

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## **Under oath, Cosby detailed his womanizing, efforts to keep his exploits from his wife**

Under oath in a hotel — away from the TV cameras and the soapbox where he did his public moralizing — Bill Cosby sketched a very different image of America's Dad: a philanderer who plied young women with quaaludes, claimed to be adept at reading their unspoken desires and tried to use his wealth to keep "Mrs. Cosby" in the dark.

The portrait comes from Cosby's own words in a transcript of a 2005-06 deposition taken in Philadelphia. It is the only publicly available testimony he has given in response to accusations he drugged and sexually assaulted dozens of women over four decades. Cosby has denied the allegations, calling the sexual contact consensual.

In his testimony, the comedian told of how he tried to gain women's trust and make them comfortable by talking about their families, their education and their career aspirations.

He seemed casual about his affairs, describing his relationship with one woman this way: "We had sex and we had dinners and sex and rendezvous."

Asked how it ended, he said: "Stopped calling for rendezvous."

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## **Republicans shed cautious approach to Trump's provocations — but he simply may not care**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to blunt Donald Trump's summer surge, Republican White House hopefuls are shedding their cautious approach to the provocative businessman's political rise.

But Trump simply may not care.

Trump has refused to apologize for disparaging comments he made about Sen. John McCain's military service and brushed off rivals who say he's shown he doesn't merit the presidency. He's also sought to use the furor over his remarks to remind supporters, especially those frustrated with Washington, that he's not a typical politician.

"You know the Republican Party — of course I was one of their darlings when I was a contributor," Trump said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I went from a darling to somebody that they're not happy with because I'm not a politician."

During a conservative forum in Iowa Saturday, Trump dismissed McCain's reputation as a war hero because he was captured in Vietnam and "I like people who weren't captured." His rivals spent much of the weekend condemning his comments and suggesting he was unfit to serve as commander-in-chief.

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## **At training camp, children told to behead dolls as Islamic State militants mold new generation**

SANLIURFA, Turkey (AP) — The children each received a doll and a sword. Then they were lined up, more than 120 of them, and given their next lesson by their Islamic State group instructors: Behead the doll.

A 14-year-old who was among the line of abducted boys from Iraq's Yazidi religious minority said that at first, he couldn't cut it right — he chopped once, twice, three times.

"Then they taught me how to hold the sword, and they told me how to hit. They told me it was the head of the infidels," the boy, renamed Yahya by his Islamic State captors, recalled in an interview last week with The Associated Press in northern Iraq, where he fled after escaping the IS training camp.

When Islamic State extremists overran Yazidi towns and villages in northern Iraq last year, they butchered older men. Many of the women and girls they captured were given to IS loyalists as sex slaves. But dozens of young Yazidi boys like Yahya had a different fate: the group sought to re-educate them. They forced them to convert to Islam from their ancient faith and then tried to turn them into jihadi extremist fighters.

It is part of a concerted effort by the extremists to build a new generation of militants, according to a series of AP interviews with residents who fled or still live under IS in Syria and Iraq. The group is recruiting teens and children, using cash, gifts, intimidation and brainwashing. As a result, children have been plunged into the group's atrocities. Young boys have been turned into killers, shooting captives in the head in videos issued by the group. Last week, for the first time, a video showed a child involved in a beheading: a boy who appeared younger than 13 decapitating a Syrian army captain. Kids also have been used as suicide bombers.

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## **Family spokesman: Depression and substance abuse may have led to Chattanooga shootings**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A Kuwait-born man who shot and killed five service members in Tennessee was first treated by a child psychiatrist for depression when he was 12 or 13 years old, a family



representative said.

The representative, who spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity to avoid unwanted publicity, said 24-year-old Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez also fought drug and alcohol abuse, spending time in Jordan last year to help clean himself up.

The representative said relatives of Abdulazeez believe those personal struggles are at the heart of last week's killings at a pair of military sites in Chattanooga.

"They do not know of anything else to explain it," said the representative, who has been involved with the family since the shootings. The claim fits a pattern of behavior by Abdulazeez that includes a drunken driving arrest earlier this year and the loss of a job over a failed drug test.

Several years ago, relatives tried to have Abdulazeez admitted to an in-patient program for drug and alcohol abuse but a health insurer refused to approve the expense, said the representative.

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## **Interstate closed 'completely and indefinitely' after bridge collapse in California desert**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All traffic along a major freeway connecting California and Arizona was blocked indefinitely when a bridge over a desert wash collapsed during heavy rain, and the roadway in the opposite direction suffered severe damage, authorities said.

The collapse on Interstate 10 in southeastern California Sunday afternoon left one driver injured, stranded numerous motorists and complicated travel for countless thousands for what officials warned could be a long time.

"Interstate 10 is closed completely and indefinitely," said Terri Kasinga, spokeswoman for the California Department of Transportation.

The closure will force motorists seeking to use I-10 to travel between California and Arizona to go hundreds of miles out of their way to Interstate 8 to the south or Interstate 40 to the north.

Busy I-10 is the most direct route between the Los Angeles area and Phoenix. An average of more than 20,000 cars per day pass through the area that is shut down, according to federal highway statistics.

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## **Russian scientists squeezed by Western sanctions, Kremlin's isolationist policies**

NOVOSIBIRSK, Russia (AP) — Artur Bilsky's Institute of Thermophysics recently sought to buy equipment from a Japanese company that was a routine purchase a few years ago. The request was turned down "categorically," said Bilsky, a researcher at the institute.

Hundreds of other Russian scientists are reporting similar experiences of being refused sale of scientific equipment from abroad, or seeing research papers curtly turned down by Western publications. The reason, they believe, is a combination of sanctions against Russia over its actions in Ukraine and rising hostility to Russia in the West seeping into the scientific community.

Since Russia annexed Crimea last year, it has become almost impossible for scientists in Russia to buy anything in the United States or Japan that has a dual purpose, said physicist Alexander Shilov, who works in the Institute of Laser Physics in Russia's scientific hub of Akademgorodok, or Academy Town — part of Russia's third-largest city of Novosibirsk.

"Due to the sanctions" or "the conflict in Ukraine" are the most common explanations Shilov hears for refusing orders from Russia. "When they sell a piece of glass, how do they know whether we will use

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it in a military laser or a medical one?" he said.

The U.S. and EU sanctions were designed to halt exports to the Russian defense sector. When announcing a new round of sanctions in July 2014, the European Union noted specifically that they "should not affect the exports of dual-use goods and technology" to Russia for "non-military use." In reality, many Western companies were so spooked by the sanctions and the penalties they could face for violating them that the door was shut completely, the scientists say.

## Today in History

Today is Monday, July 20, the 201st day of 2015. There are 164 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

### On this date:

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States convened in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1917, the World War I draft lottery went into operation.

In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated by gunmen in Parral.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1965, the Bob Dylan single "Like a Rolling Stone" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1989, Burmese activist Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) was placed under house arrest by the military government of Myanmar.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 2012, a gunman opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people. (Defendant James Holmes was found guilty on 165 counts, after pleading not guilty by reason of insanity.)

**Ten years ago:** A day after being tapped by President George W. Bush, Supreme Court nominee John Roberts paid courtesy calls on senators while a conservative group purchased TV ad time in support of his nomination and abortion rights groups staged protests. Actor James Doohan, who played Scotty the engineer in the original "Star Trek" TV series and several movies, died in Redmond, Washington, at age 85. The competition show "So You Think You Can Dance" premiered on Fox.

**Five years ago:** The Senate Judiciary Committee voted almost totally along party lines, 13-6, to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court's fourth female justice. Actress Lindsay Lohan began a 14-day jail sentence - reduced from 90 due to overcrowding - for violating probation in 2007 drug case.

**One year ago:** Pro-Moscow rebels piled nearly 200 bodies from downed Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 into four refrigerated boxcars in eastern Ukraine, and cranes at the crash scene moved big chunks of the Boeing 777, drawing condemnation from Western leaders who said the rebels were tampering with the site. Rory McIlroy completed a wire-to-wire victory in the British Open to capture the third leg of the career Grand Slam, closing with a 1-under 71 for a two-shot victory over Sergio Garcia and Rickie



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**Today's Birthdays:** Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 85. Author Cormac McCarthy is 82. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 80. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 79. Actress Diana Rigg is 77. Artist Judy Chicago is 76. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 72. Country singer T.G. Shepard is 71. Singer Kim Carnes is 70. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 68. Rock musician Jay Jay French (Twisted Sister) is 63. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 59. Actress Donna Dixon is 58. Rock musician Mick McNeil (Simple Minds) is 57. Country singer Radney Foster is 56. Actor Frank Whaley is 52. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 51. Actor Dean Cain is 51. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 49. Actor Reed Diamond is 48. Actor Josh Holloway is 46. Singer Vitamin C is 46. Actor Omar Epps is 42. Actor Simon Rex is 41. Actress Judy Greer is 40. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 37. Singer Elliott Yamin (yah-MEEN') (American Idol) is 37. Supermodel Gisele Bündchen is 35. Rock musician Mike Kennerty (The All-American Rejects) is 35. Actor Percy Daggs III is 33. Actor John Francis Daley is 30. Country singer Hannah Blaylock (Edens Edge) is 29. Country singer-dancer Julianne Hough is 27. Actress Billi Bruno is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "We may well go to the moon, but that's not very far. The greatest distance we have to cover still lies within us." - Charles de Gaulle, French statesman (1890-1970).

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