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Dale and Joyce Grenz closed the Groton Dairy Queen yesterday and took the employees to the Valley Fair. On their way back, they stopped at Dairy Queen headquarters for a photo op.

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- PW/Midget League Tourney
- 6 p.m.: U8 Championship game on east field in Webster
- 6 p.m.: U10 Championship game at Webster on west field
- 7:30 p.m.: U12 Championship game in Webster on west field

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, orange sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Dwight & Kim Zerr

Birthday: Joyce Walter • Dylan Young • Chantel Tunby • Matt Locke

- 8:00am:Elementary Library open
- 6:00pm:Teeners at Webster (DH)
- 6:00pm:U8 Softball host Ipswich
- 7:00pm:U10 Softball host Ipswich

Friday, July 24

- Jr. Teener State
- Legion state at Salem

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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Speed Limit Changes During the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

STURGIS, S.D. – Due to the expected increased traffic volumes during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and the anticipated reduced operating speeds, speed limits will be reduced on the following highways effective Friday, July 24, 2015.

Interstate 90 speed limit will be reduced from 75 mph to 65 mph from west of the Deadwood Avenue Exit 55 in Rapid City to east of the Lazelle Street Exit 30 in Sturgis.

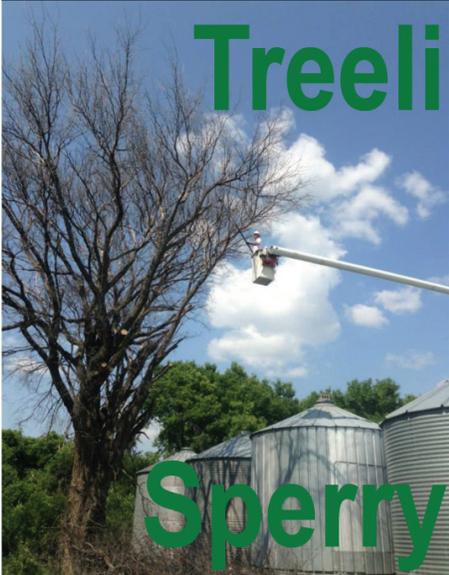
Highway 34 speed limit will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph from Blanche Street in Sturgis to 3.8 miles east of Sturgis.

Highway 79 speed limit will be reduced from 65 mph to 45 mph from the junction of Highway 34 to 1.5 miles north.

The reduced speed limits will be in effect through at least Aug. 10, some may remain in effect until Aug. 15 depending on traffic volumes.

“Reducing the speed limit in these areas is intended to keep motorists safe, reduce rear-end collisions and keep traffic moving in and around Sturgis, says Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist. “Patience will be key for everyone to enjoy their time at the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.”

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.



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During 2015 Dakotafest SDSU Extension and NRCS Will Present Daily Rainfall Simulations to Illustrate Best Tillage & Range Management Techniques

BROOKINGS, S.D. - A lot can be learned about soil health by watching water infiltration, explains Pete Bauman, SDSU Extension Range Field Specialist.

"Water infiltration varies depending on organic matter, erosion, compaction, soil fertility, carbon sequestration etcetera - all these important factors determine whether or not a field or pasture is healthy or in need of repair," Bauman explained.

South Dakotans can see for themselves during the daily Rainfall Simulator presentations held at 2015 Dakotafest Aug. 18-20, in the SDSU Extension Pavilion at 9:30 a.m.

The SDSU Extension Pavilion is in a new location in booth 600, located on the corner of 6th Street and the West Entrance (for Dakotafest regulars, this is the road which leads past the ribeye sandwiches on the way to the northwest corner.)

The simulation is co-hosted by SDSU Extension and South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The rainfall simulator was developed by NRCS and is a live demonstration that 'simulates' real rainfall events to test water infiltration in several different soil management situations including: conventional tilled cropland, no-till cropland, no-till cropland with cover crops, poorly managed rangeland and healthy rangeland. "NRCS staffers Jeff Hemenway and Stan Boltz have been doing this presentation for a long time, and SDSU Extension is fortunate to partner with NRCS for this forum," Bauman said. "It's our job to provide South Dakota farmers and ranchers with research-based information that they can apply to improve their operations - this simulator is a great tool to provide a first-hand look at the best soil management techniques for cropland as well as grazing lands."

He added that many Dakotafest attendees have operations with both crops and livestock - basically most wear two hats. "They wear their cowboy hat taking care of livestock and put on the baseball cap when they farm," Bauman said. "When we discuss soil management, people frequently assume it only impacts cropland, but the fact is, there is a lot that can be done to improve rangeland productivity - this presentation will address both."

During the demonstrations, time will be set aside for attendees to ask Bauman as well as the NRCS representatives, Jeff Hemenway and Stan Boltz, questions. Bauman will also be available to discuss pasture-related topics, such as estimating forage production, managing plant communities, dung beetle management, prescribed fire and other issues.

To learn more, visit the iGrow events page.

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 31st in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Randy Padfield

Where are you living today? Aberdeen South Dakota
Jobwise what are you doing today? I actually don't have a job. I consider my job going to kidney dialysis every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 4 hours.

How long have you been working at the current job? I have been on kidney dialysis for 2 years.

How did you get your current job? I had a kidney transplant in 2005. That kidney was doing well till I got a fungal infection in April of 2013 and had to be taken off all of the anti-rejection drugs. My kidney function dropped to the point of going on dialysis in June and I have been on dialysis ever since.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Before going on dialysis I worked at Cash-wa Distributing as the inventory controller for 4 years. I then worked at McDonalds and Lien Transportation.

What year did you graduate from high school? I graduated for Groton High School in 2001

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I attended Northern State University and have Bachelor's degrees in Professional Accountancy and Administrative Systems. I also have a specialization in Management Information Systems.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Do the best you can in everything you do and take the time to enjoy your high school days.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. My major accomplishment so far in life is graduating from college and surviving all of the health issues that I have had.

Married Life: I have been happily married to my wife Rebbeca Padfield for 6 years. She is originally from the Seattle Washington Area and moved the Aberdeen area when she was around 8 years old.

How did the two of you meet? We met through a mutual friend at the Village Bowl in Aberdeen.

Do you have any children? Yes, we have a four year old daughter name Peyton Rose.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? High school prepared me for the basics of life and college further built on those basics. My life has been anything but normal, but without the high school education I don't think I could have survived all my health issues.



Randy, Peyton and Rebecca Padfield.

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USDA Announces Conservation Programs That Will Benefit South Dakota

"This new program that I worked to include in the 2014 farm bill will not only provide incentives to preserve grassland ... it will also help improve existing pastures and hay land."

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) applauded the recent announcements by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that the sign-up process will soon begin for a new Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands (CRP-Grasslands) initiative authorized by the 2014 farm bill, and that an additional 21,000 acres are now available for South Dakota's State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

"I'm glad that the sign-up process will soon begin for a new CRP-Grasslands initiative that will provide an incentive to keep more of South Dakota's grasslands intact," said Thune. "One of the greatest concerns of our state's grazing livestock producers is the declining availability of grassland. This new program that I worked to include in the 2014 farm bill will not only provide incentives to preserve grassland, but with the 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved practices, it will also help improve existing pastures and hay land."

Sign-up for the CRP-Grasslands initiative is expected to begin September 1, 2015. This initiative helps landowners protect grassland and rangeland, while also maintaining them as grazing lands. Participants may also produce or harvest hay for seed production, subject to restrictions during the nesting season of certain bird species. Annual rental payments under CRP-Grasslands may be up to 75 percent of the value of the grazing land covered by the agreement.

Thune's sodsaver provision, a separate initiative to preserve native sod in the Prairie Pothole Region that is currently being administered by USDA's Risk Management Agency, was also included in the 2014 Farm bill.

"I was also pleased to hear that Secretary Vilsack responded to my request for additional SAFE acres," Thune continued. "SAFE has been a popular CRP initiative, with more than 100,000 acres enrolled in South Dakota. South Dakota needs at least one million acres enrolled in CRP in order to sustain a thriving pheasant population, and the increased availability of the popular SAFE CRP acres will provide important conservation benefits and boost our state's economy."

Earlier this month, Thune sent a letter to USDA Secretary Vilsack requesting an increase in SAFE acres for South Dakota.

The goal of South Dakota's Pheasant SAFE is to enroll a total of 94,500 in CRP to provide block acreages in the form of nesting, brood-rearing, winter-roosting, and escape cover for ring-necked pheasants and other upland birds. The goal of the South Dakota Western SD Grassland Habitat SAFE project is to enroll 40,800 acres of habitat critical to declining grassland birds native to Western South Dakota. Targeted species include the sharp-tailed grouse, upland nesting waterfowl, and other birds.

Today in Weather History

July 23, 2007: High heat indices along with very little wind contributed to the deaths of over 2800 cattle in Brown, Spink, Day, and Marshall Counties. Most of the cattle deaths occurred on July 23rd. The high heat indices continued through the 25th with some more cattle deaths but protective measures kept the death count down. Most of the cattle that died were on feedlots. The total loss was around 3 million dollars.

July 23, 2010: A United States record setting hailstone fell from a very strong supercell thunderstorm moving southeast across central South Dakota. The record setting hailstone fell near Vivian, South Dakota and measured 8 inches in diameter, 18.625 inches in circumference, and weighed 1.9375 pounds. This hailstone broke the previous United States record for diameter (7.0 inches - 22 June 2003 in Aurora, NE) and weight (1.67 pounds - 3 September 1970 in Coffeyville, KS). The Aurora, Nebraska hailstone will retain the record for circumference (18.75 inches). Several other stones of 6 inches or more in diameter were measured during the storm survey.

Along with the very large hail, damaging winds in excess of 70 mph along with an isolated tornado occurred. The large hail and high winds caused extensive damage to homes, outbuildings, and vehicles as it moved southeast across the region. Some of the hail went completely through car windshields, roofs, garages, and campers. The hail caused five minor injuries to motorists on Interstate 90 as it went through their windshields. A minor was severely injured when the glass in the mini-van he was traveling was completely shattered by the large hail. The child suffered numerous cuts, many requiring stitches.

1788: Called the George Washington's Hurricane, this storm originated near Bermuda on the 19th before making landfall in Virginia. It passed directly over the Lower Chesapeake Bay and Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. This track is very similar to the track of the Chesapeake-Potomac hurricane of 1933. At Norfolk, winds increased at 5 p.m. on the 23rd with the wind originating from the northeast. At 12:30 a.m., the wind suddenly shifted to the south and "blew a perfect hurricane, tearing down chimneys, fences"...some corn was also leveled. In addition, large trees were uprooted and houses were moved from their foundations.

Port Royal and Hobb's Hole experienced a violent northeast gale which drove several vessels ashore. In Fredricksburg, great quantities of corn, tobacco, and fruit were destroyed. Houses and trees fell in great numbers across Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, and Westmoreland counties. Crops were destroyed and many livestock perished in Lower Mathews County. Many plantations saw their houses leveled. Homes were flooded with water six feet deep... several inhabitants drowned.

Historical figures of the time logged the storm's antics. George Washington noted the sinking of the small ship Federalist and uprooted trees. Colonel James Madison, father of the future president, experienced the passing of great winds and rains near Orange. In Alexandria, damage to wheat, tobacco, and corn was "beyond description." The information above is from the Weather Prediction Center and noted American historian David Ludlum. 1898 - A two hour thunderstorm deluged Atlanta, GA, with 4.32 inches of rain. More than a foot of water flooded Union Depot. Many street car motors burned out while trying to run through flooded streets. It grew so dark before the afternoon storm that gas lights were needed. (The Weather Channel)

1923 - Sheridan, WY, was drenched with 4.41 inches of rain, an all-time 24 hour record for that location. Associated flooding washed out 20 miles of railroad track. (22nd-23rd) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced a record ten inches of rain in six and a half hours at Minneapolis, MN, including 5.26 inches in two hours. Flash flooding claimed two lives and caused 21.3 million dollars damage. Streets in Minneapolis became rushing rivers, parking lots became lakes, and storm sewers spouted like geysers. A tornado hit Maple Grove, MN, causing five million dollars damage. Baseball size hail was reported at Olivia, MN. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Lower Michigan and northern Ohio, over eastern sections of the Dakotas, and over the Central High Plains Region. Showers and thunderstorms soaked Wilmington, NC, with another two inches of rain, following six and a half inches the previous day. (The National Weather Summary)

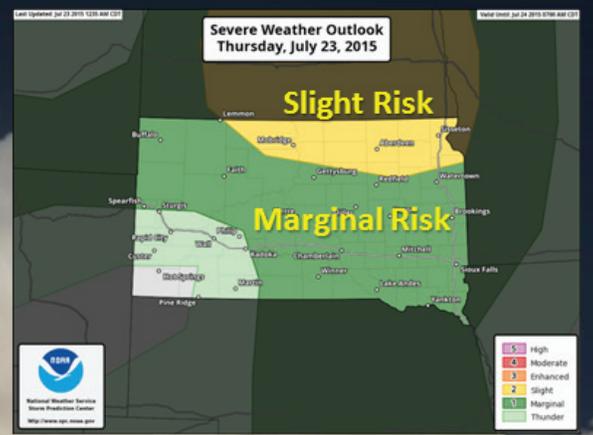
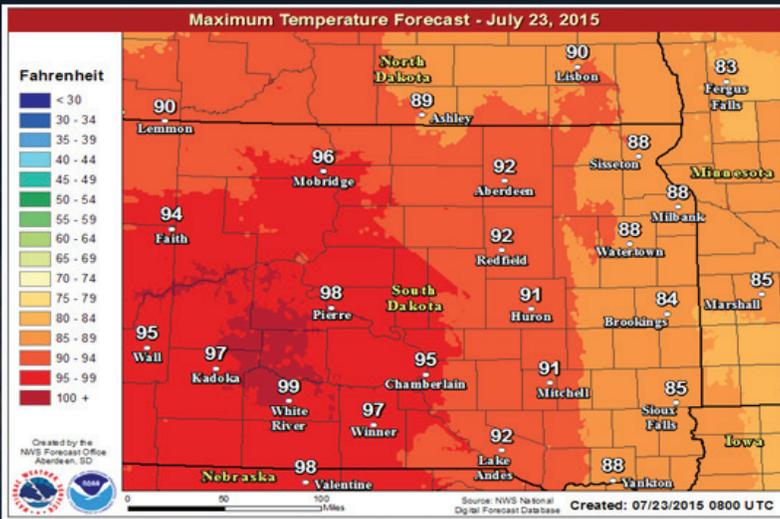
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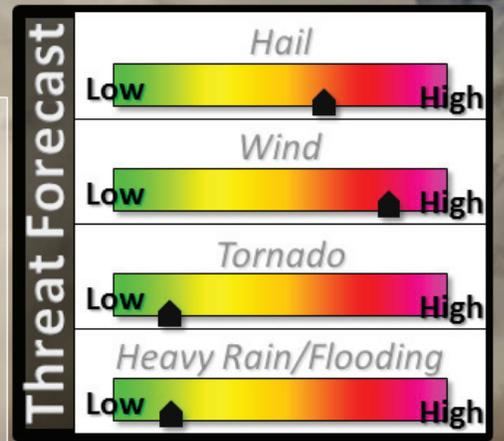
Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Hot	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Hot
High: 92 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 89 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 90 °F



Storms Possible Late This Afternoon/Evening



- **Before 5 PM:** Isolated weak showers/storms. Hot & Humid
- **After 5 PM:** Storms are expected to form in northwest/north central South Dakota and western North Dakota. Storms will move east/northeast through the afternoon/evening.
- **Overnight:** Storms weaken and move into Minnesota. Continued warm & muggy conditions into early Friday.



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Storms with this system are expected to affect mainly North Dakota, though northern South Dakota is at risk. Storms will continue east through the evening, into Minnesota tonight. Hot and humid conditions are also expected today, with continued summertime heat though into next week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 84.3 at 3:16 PM

Low: 66.3 at 12:49 AM

High Gust: 25 at 1:03 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 109° in 1941

Record Low: 41° in 1904

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 2.34

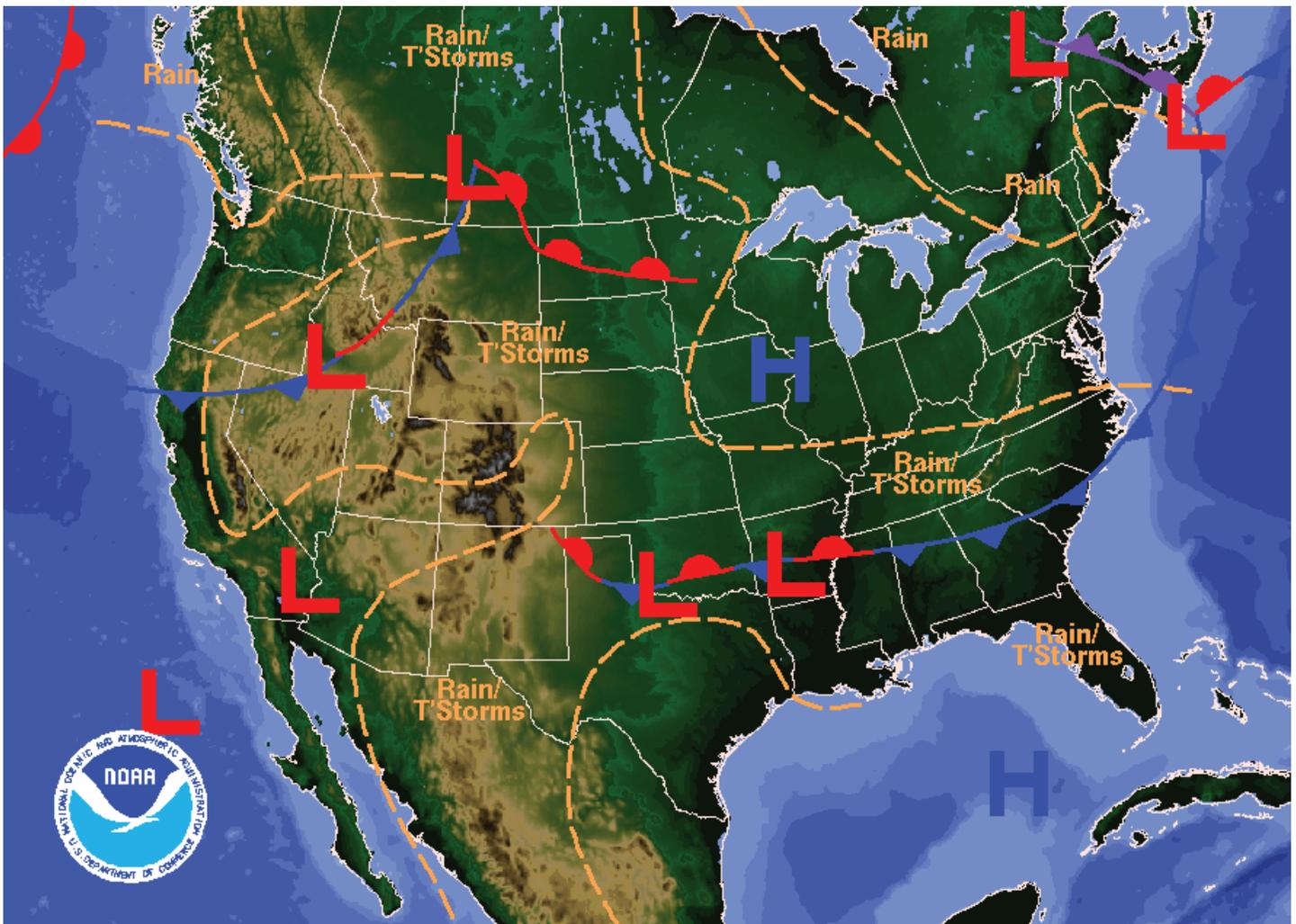
Precip to date in July: 2.45

Average Precip to date: 13.18

Precip Year to Date: 9.87

Sunset Tonight: 9:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 22, 2015, issued 4:25 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



SUCCESS AT WHAT PRICE?

A reporter was interviewing a farmer who was known for growing the best corn in his area. He was intrigued by the fact that the farmer was also known for sharing his seed corn with his neighbors.

"Why do you share your best seed corn with your neighbors?" asked the reporter.

After a moment's thought he replied, "The wind picks up the pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grew inferior corn, cross-pollination would degrade mine. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors do the same."

Jesus said, "Give and it will be given unto you!" He was teaching us that if we want more, we must give more. That is God's plan and it is His promise. Whatever we share with others, whether it is our time, our talents or our treasures, will always be returned to us with "interest added." There will be more time in our days, more opportunities to enjoy life, our talents will continue to grow and our value to the Lord will increase as well.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to give generously to others in the gracious way that You give to us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

News from the Associated Press

Trial begins of man accused of harassing Indian kids

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Native Americans and activists packed into a theater doubling as a courtroom on Wednesday in part to protest what they view as lenient treatment of a South Dakota man accused of harassing American Indian children with racial slurs and spilling beer on them at a hockey game.

Protesters have criticized the state court's handling of the case against 41-year-old Trace O'Connell and have said it highlights racial issues that persist in the city and in South Dakota's justice system. O'Connell has pleaded not guilty to a disorderly conduct charge in Rapid City, the second-largest metropolitan area in South Dakota after Sioux Falls. The charge stems from the incident at a Rapid City Rush game in January.

Authorities say in a court complaint that O'Connell sprayed beer and used racially-charged language near a group of minors and adults at the ice arena in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. The group was from American Horse School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

More than 100 Native Americans and others gathered for the trial at Rapid City High School. The judge had it moved to a theater in the Performing Arts Center of Rapid City to accommodate an expected large turnout. A group of protesters stood outside of the high school shortly before the trial began as more than 20 people marched up the street waving flags and chanting, "Stop the hate!" Native Americans are the largest minority group in South Dakota at nine percent of the population.

Activists have protested the leniency of O'Connell's disorderly conduct charge under city code. The judge's decision to remove the possibility of jail time as a penalty also spurred anger from activists. Without jail time the maximum penalty is a fine of up to \$500.

Cody Hall, co-founder of Last Real Indians, an independent media and activist group, called the decision "a slap in the face."

O'Connell's attorney, Mike Butler of Sioux Falls, said the evidence in the bench trial will show that O'Connell didn't make threats of violence or abuse anyone at the game. O'Connell has admitted to police that he spilled beer while watching the game from a private suite, but a fellow attendee during testimony characterized the beer spraying as a celebratory gesture and not racially motivated.

"I'm as far away from being a racist as possible," said Brit Miller, who attended the game with O'Connell and said he never observed racial taunting. "It would not have been acceptable."

Butler said after the trial's first day ended that O'Connell is in Rapid City, but didn't attend the proceedings.

Keith Janis, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe from Kyle, South Dakota, said he came to the trial to hopefully witness justice for the children.

Janis, 56, said he doesn't think the beer spraying was accidental, and he said he hopes the judge isn't from Rapid City. Otherwise, Janis said, "He's going to side with the defendant."

"There's a double standard of justice here in South Dakota. Everybody who's Lakota knows that," Janis said.

A small group of protesters in March demanded an apology from O'Connell and the city of Philip, South Dakota, where he lives. The organizers of the annual Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament also considered pulling the event from Rapid City after the incident, but decided in March to remain. The event draws thousands of people each year and pumps millions of dollars into the city's economy.

Hall also mentioned the fatal police shooting of Allen Locke in Rapid City in December, 2014, which was ultimately deemed justified, as another incident fueling racial tension in Rapid City. Locke was a tribal member.

The shooting happened about 24 hours after an anti-police brutality march, organized by American Indian Movement Grassroots, was held in Rapid City. The march was organized to draw attention to the often-strained relationship between Native Americans and law enforcement.

Hall said it's critical to show support for the children involved in the alleged harassment incident.

"This isn't the last ... racial incident that will happen here in Rapid City," he said.

USDA: Bird flu vaccine works on chickens; testing on turkeys

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Scientists have developed a vaccine strain that has tested 100 percent effective in protecting chickens from bird flu and testing is underway to see if it also protects turkeys, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told the House Agriculture Committee at a hearing on Wednesday.

If it does, the agency plans to quickly license it for widespread production and is seeking funding from the Office of Management and Budget to stockpile it nationally.

“Hopefully we’ll be able to get a lot of folks working collaboratively together and we stockpile enough so that if this does hit and hits us hard we’re in a position to respond quickly,” Vilsack said.

Developing a vaccine targeted to the H5N2 virus that has killed 48 million birds since early March in 15 states, including hardest-hit Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, is one aspect of planning for a potential recurrence of the bird flu, Vilsack said.

Scientists believe the virus was spread through the droppings of wild birds migrating north to nesting grounds. They’re concerned it could return this fall when birds fly south for the winter or again next spring.

While this year Midwest turkey and egg farms were hit hardest, the industry that raises chickens for meat in the southern and eastern states including Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia is worried it could spread there.

Still not all poultry producers are on the same page when it comes to using vaccine to fight an outbreak.

Turkey producers tend to favor vaccination to protect flocks because turkey immune systems appear more vulnerable to viruses. Some egg producers and farmers who raise broilers — chickens produced for meat — often resist vaccination programs because of the possible impact on export markets.

U.S. producers export nearly \$6 billion worth of poultry and egg products yearly with about \$5 billion of that chicken meat.

“There are many unanswered questions that must be addressed before any strong consideration is given to a vaccination program,” said Tom Super, a spokesman for the National Chicken Council, which represents producers of 95 percent of the U.S. broilers sold. “Two concerns of several are the effectiveness of the vaccine and potential impacts on trade.”

Meetings also have been held with importers of U.S. poultry products to try and convince them not to block all poultry imports if a vaccination program is enacted in response to another outbreak.

“That’s still an open question and we’ve been working with a number of countries today to get them convinced to ban regionally as opposed to the entire country,” Vilsack said.

Many countries have a strict policy of refusing to accept meat from nations using a vaccine because it can be difficult to discern through testing whether birds were infected with an active virus or were vaccinated, said James Sumner, president of the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council.

Even during the current outbreak which affected 15 states, about 10 trade partners banned poultry imports from the entire U.S., Sumner said.

Vilsack said it’s uncertain when a vaccine would be ready for large-scale production. Even once stockpiled, a vaccination program would not begin until the USDA, consulting with affected states, decided it was necessary to control an outbreak

South Dakota woman to spend 3 years in prison after 8th DUI

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman will spend three years in prison after tallying eight DUIs.

Fifty-six-year-old Cynthia Goeman was sentenced Wednesday on charges of driving under the influence and careless driving.

Goeman was arrested in July 2014 after she pulled out in front of 25-year-old Quintin McMartin’s motorcycle. The crash left the former University of South Dakota football standout with life-threatening injuries.

The 22-year-old passenger, Michelle Tarian, fractured her skull in the crash.

Authorities say Goeman registered a .10 blood-alcohol level following the incident. They later determined McMartin also was legally drunk.

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Defense attorney Katie Dunn, told Judge Susan Sabers that "it's hard to pin" the full blame for the crash on Goeman.

Sabers told Goeman she has had "eight chances" and her situation is a public safety issue.

Ex-US Senate hopeful pleads guilty to election law charges

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former South Dakota U.S. Senate candidate Clayton Walker pleaded guilty to election law violations Wednesday, two days after his trial on multiple felony charges began in Pierre.

Walker, 34, took a plea deal that brought the charges against him down to two. He now faces up to two years in prison for each count of offering false or forged instrument for filing and one count of perjury.

The Black Hawk resident sought the seat vacated by former U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, but failed to make the November ballot as an independent.

Authorities indicted Walker in June 2014 for submitting nominating petitions that included names of dead people, fictitious people and Hollywood celebrities. He faced six counts of submitting false voter petitions and six counts of perjury for swearing he witnessed the signatures in his petitions.

Authorities later accused him of making repeated phone calls to several state offices threatening and harassing employees. He was then arrested on three counts of threatening by electronic device.

Walker could not immediately be reached Wednesday. He represented himself after three court-appointed attorneys said he wouldn't cooperate. His "standby" counsel during the trial did not return a call seeking comment on the plea agreement.

Walker has previously said he believes the election law charges against him were politically motivated. He is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 12.

Another candidate in the 2014 Senate field, Republican Annette Bosworth, faced the same charges as Walker and was convicted in May following a jury trial.

The Bosworth and Walker cases spurred the state Legislature this year to change election law to give the secretary of state power to audit a random sample of the signatures on petitions from statewide candidates. Before, it could only be done on petitions for ballot measures.

SD attorney general, others urge call blocking on phones

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has joined counterparts in over four dozen states in calling on major phone companies to offer call-blocking technology.

The attorneys general have sent a letter to the companies' chief executives saying that a recent rule clarification by the Federal Communications Commission shows federal law doesn't prohibit the call-blocking service.

The letter was sent to AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and CenturyLink.

Jackley says consumers nationwide are "plagued" with unwanted telemarketing calls and texts and should be given the "basic right" to block them.

At a U.S. Senate hearing in 2013, phone industry representatives said legal barriers prevented carriers from implementing advanced call-blocking technology.

Last year, attorneys general asked the FCC for the clarification, which the agency issued last month, prompting the letter sent to executives.

Illinois man dies after motorcycle, semi collide in SD

SELBY, S.D. (AP) — An Illinois man is dead after his motorcycle and a semi-trailer collided at the junction of U.S. Highways 12 and 83 in northern South Dakota.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 65-year-old Irwin Lyons, of Glenview, Illinois, was pronounced dead at the scene, four miles west of Selby.

The Highway Patrol says Lyons was headed west Tuesday on U.S. Highway 12 when a semi-trailer moving east on the same road turned north onto U.S. Highway 83. Authorities say the driver of the semi didn't

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see Lyons and continued through the intersection, where both vehicles collided.

Authorities identified the semi's driver as 40-year-old Corey Eberhart, of Java. He wasn't injured in the crash.

Authorities say alcohol and speed are not believed to be factors in the crash, which remains under investigation.

Weather service confirms tornado hit near Grenville

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The National Weather Service has confirmed that a tornado touched down near Grenville in Day County last week.

KWAT radio reports the storm on Friday night damaged shelterbelts, crops and one residence in north-eastern South Dakota.

The weather service says the damage was consistent with an EF Zero tornado, the weakest classification of twisters with wind speeds of 65 to 80 miles an hour.

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. GREECE CLEARS FINAL REFORM HURDLE BEFORE NEW BAILOUT TALKS

Parliament approves fresh creditor-demanded reforms despite a revolt among hardliners in the main coalition partner.

2. TRUMP'S BORDER TRIP COMES AS GOP TRIES TO WOO HISPANICS

The Republican presidential candidate's visit promises new challenges for the GOP's years-in-the-making push to attract Hispanic voters.

3. U.S. DEFENSE CHIEF IN BAGHDAD ON UNANNOUNCED VISIT

Ash Carter is assessing progress Iraq is making in healing sectarian divisions and hearing plans for the Iraqi army's coming attempt to recapture Ramadi from the Islamic State group.

4. OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO DEFEND IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Secretary of State Kerry will try to reassure lawmakers despite concerns that Tehran will use billions from sanctions relief to further destabilize the Mideast.

5. HIGHER MINIMUM-WAGE PROPOSALS GAIN GROUND

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Jamaica stunned the Americans with a pair of first-half goals, one off a blunder by goalkeeper Brad Guzan, and holds on for a 2-1 victory.

Higher minimum-wage proposals gain ground on both coasts

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The push for a higher minimum wage gained momentum on both sides of the country, with New York embracing an eventual \$15 an hour for the state's 200,000 fast-food workers and the huge University of California system announcing the same raise for its employees.

"How we support our workers and their families impacts Californians who might never set foot on one of our campuses," UC President Janet Napolitano, who oversees 10 campuses, including UCLA and Berkeley, said of Wednesday's action. "It's the right thing to do."

The 240,000-student University of California becomes the nation's first public university to commit itself to the \$15-an-hour wage that has become the rallying cry of many labor groups in recent months.

So far, the cities of Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley have approved phased-in increases that eventually will take their minimum wage to \$15 an hour, or about \$31,200 a year. On Tuesday, Los Angeles County, the nation's most populous county, voted to craft a law to do the same over five years.

In New York, the state Wage Board Wednesday endorsed a proposal to set a \$15 minimum wage for workers at fast-food restaurants with 30 or more locations. The increase would be phased in over three years in New York City and over six years elsewhere.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration has the final say, and he has signaled his support. New York would become the first state to single out a specific industry for such an increase. The state minimum wage is now \$8.75.

"You cannot live and support a family on \$18,000 a year in the state of New York — period," Cuomo said at a New York City rally celebrating the proposal. "This is just the beginning. We will not stop until we reach true economic justice."

Restaurant owners warned that higher wages could force them to raise prices, cut employee hours and hire fewer workers, and they said they may challenge the move in court.

"Singling out fast-food restaurants while ignoring other industries that hire workers who are paid under \$15 is unfair and discriminatory," said Jack Bert, who owns seven McDonald's restaurants in New York City.

But Rebecca Cornick, a 60-year-old woman who makes \$9 an hour at a Wendy's in Brooklyn, said, "If I made \$15, I could pay my rent on time, I could put food on the table, I could hold my head up."

At the University of California, the hourly wage earners include students and full-time contract employees who work in dining halls, dorms and bookstores or labor as gardeners, housekeepers and custodians. Many start at the state minimum wage of \$9 an hour.

Napolitano said she will boost that to \$13 in October for employees who work at least 20 hours a week and will raise it some more in stages to \$15 by the fall of 2017.

About 3,200 UC employees and a much larger but undetermined number of people employed by outside contractors at the university will receive the higher wage, UC said. The university is California's third-largest employer, with a staff of 195,000.

"I just thought it was important for a public university to plant the flag here for low-wage workers and a more livable wage," said Napolitano, who was President Barack Obama's homeland security secretary before she assumed leadership of the university nearly two years ago.

Napolitano's plan does not need approval from the university's governing Board of Regents.

The higher minimum-wage argument has gained traction amid concerns over the shrinking middle class and rising income inequality.

Supporters argue a higher wage floor will help lift the working poor into the middle class. Opponents warn higher wages will kill jobs and lead to higher prices. Sixteen states have passed laws barring local governments from setting their own minimum wage.

Democrats, including presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton, have said they support a higher federal minimum wage, which is currently \$7.25 per hour.

Vice President Joe Biden promoted a higher minimum wage of at least \$12 an hour during a stop Wednesday at a washroom equipment manufacturer in Los Angeles, where he chatted with employees as they

assembled soap dispensers.

Biden said the wage hikes approved by the city's mayor and county supervisors would be "life-changing" for some 700,000 workers in the Los Angeles area.

"Maybe you'll be able to have meat on the table a couple of times a week instead of once a month," Biden told workers at Bobrick Washroom Equipment, whose CEO backed the city's wage ordinance.

Other public university systems, including ones in Washington state, Indiana and Tennessee, have adopted minimum wages higher than those set under state or federal law. But none have committed to going as high as the University of California.

University officials estimated that the raises for workers directly employed by UC will cost \$14 million a year, a fraction of the system's \$12.6 billion annual payroll. UC said it also expects contractors will pass some of the cost of higher wages onto the university.

The Republican leader of the California Assembly criticized the university's plan to extend the higher wage to outside contractors.

"The university should be teaching engineering, not spending student dollars to practice social engineering by limiting who campuses can do businesses with," Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen said.

In Washington, D.C., meanwhile, election officials approved the language of a proposed ballot measure that would make the nation's capital the first East Coast city to adopt a \$15 minimum wage. Supporters will have to gather about 23,000 signatures to get the proposal on next year's ballot.

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Woman who died in Texas cell mentioned prior suicide attempt to jailer, sheriff says

DALLAS (AP) — A woman whose death in a Texas jail has raised suspicions about the official conclusion that she hanged herself told a guard during the booking process that she had tried to kill herself in the past, according to the county sheriff.

Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith said Wednesday that two jailers interviewed Sandra Bland after her arrest. He said the 28-year-old black woman from Illinois told the second interviewer that she was not depressed but was upset about her arrest, which occurred following a confrontation with a white officer who stopped her for a minor traffic violation.

The sheriff said both jailers who spoke with Bland insisted that she appeared fine when being booked on a charge of assaulting a public servant.

The attorney representing Bland's family, Cannon Lambert, said relatives had no evidence that she ever attempted suicide or had been treated for depression.

Documents filled out for Bland indicate she had previously attempted suicide after losing a baby. But the booking papers released Wednesday also indicate Bland did not have suicidal thoughts at the time of her arrest and that neither the arresting officer nor anyone else at the jail believed she was at risk.

As GOP tries to win over Hispanics, Trump brings his hardline stance on immigration to border

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's visit to the U.S.-Mexico border promises new challenges for the GOP's years-in-the-making push to attract Hispanic voters.

Trump has gone beyond the party's hardline stance on illegal immigration, calling immigrants who cross the border illegally "criminals" and "rapists" and accusing Mexico's government of deliberately sending felons into the U.S.

His trip Thursday comes amid an escalating feud with Republican rivals and criticism from members of both parties, guaranteeing the billionaire developer plenty of attention from voters and reporters.

The reality television star is set to make multiple public appearances in Laredo, Texas, including at an afternoon news conference on the border. He also plans to meet members of the union that represents U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents and speak to other law enforcement officers.

US Defense Secretary Ash Carter arrives in Iraqi capital on unannounced visit

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter arrived unannounced in Baghdad on Thursday to assess the government's progress in healing the country's sectarian divisions and hear the latest on support for the Iraqi army's coming attempt to recapture the key city of Ramadi from the Islamic State.

It is Carter's first visit to Iraq since he took office in February.

His first stop on a daylong visit to the Iraqi capital was the Iraqi Counterterrorism Service Academy. He spent about 20 minutes there, watching Iraqi soldiers in their trademark all-black uniforms maneuver and fire at silhouette targets at a firing range. Some wore partial or full-face masks.

Carter is not expected to announce any major change in U.S. strategy or increase in U.S. troop levels. The approximately 3,360 troops now in Iraq are largely involved in training Iraqi troops, advising Iraqi commanders on battle plans, and providing security for U.S. personnel and facilities. The U.S., joined by several coalition partners, also is conducting airstrikes daily to chip away at the Islamic State's grip on large parts of Iraq.

The visit, however, comes at an important moment for the Iraqi government, which has announced a counteroffensive to retake Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province. The actual assault on the city has not yet begun, but a Pentagon spokesman, Army Col. Steve Warren, said it could start within several weeks.

Obama administration officials take hot seat on Capitol Hill to defend Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A trio of Obama administration officials will stand stalwart behind the Iranian nuclear deal despite deep concern on Capitol Hill that Iran will try to evade nuclear inspectors and use billions from sanctions relief to further destabilize the Middle East.

Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday are to pose tough questions to Secretary of State John Kerry, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew about the deal that Congress is expected to vote on in September. The three were on Capitol Hill Wednesday for back-to-back classified briefings in the House and the Senate.

A debate is under way between supporters and the opposition, which includes many Jewish groups that point to Iran's pledge to destroy Israel. Vote counters are eyeing Democrats, especially those who represent large Jewish constituencies and likely will be lobbied hard to oppose the deal at home during the August recess.

Most Democrats — except Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois who announced his support earlier in the week — came out of the classified briefings saying they were still deciding whether to support the agreement, which Congress has 60 days to review.

"I think the deal is a dramatic improvement over the status quo from day 1 through probably year 10 to 15. Thereafter my questions are about our ability to detect cheating after some of the provisions start to expire," said Virginian Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, who sits on the committee.

Man accused in church shooting indicted on dozens of federal charges, including hate crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five weeks after nine people were slain at a black Charleston church, federal authorities have indicted the suspected shooter on dozens of new charges, including hate crimes, firearms violations and obstructing the practice of religion.

The prosecution, particularly on hate crimes, has been expected since the June 17 shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston. The suspected shooter, 21-year-old Dylann Roof, is white and appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and burning or desecrating U.S. flags. He purportedly wrote online of fomenting racial violence, and federal authorities on Wednesday confirmed his use of a personal manuscript in which he decried integration and used racial slurs to refer to blacks.

Hate crimes cases can be tricky to bring, with the onus on authorities to prove a suspect's motivations and pre-crime intentions. But one expert who has followed this case says some of the extenuating circumstances of Roof's case could potentially make it easier for prosecutors — and more difficult for his defense team.

"All a jury is going to have to do is look at the crime that was committed and the victims that he selected and then read what he wrote in advance, and then look at the photos, as well as things that he might have said to people about why he was committing the crimes," Cornell Law School professor Jens Ohlin said. "This strikes me as an incredibly easy case for a federal prosecution. It's not clear to me at all what kind of defense strategy his lawyers could come up with."

Although what tack Roof's defense lawyers might take is unclear, Ohlin said their job may be made even more difficult if Roof were to be unapologetic for any of the photos or writings.

Greek parliament approves new creditor-demanded reforms, clearing way for bailout talks

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's radical left-led government saw off another revolt by rebels in the early hours of Thursday that should pave the way for the imminent start of bailout discussions with European creditors.

The reforms to the judiciary and banking systems were the final hurdle the country had to clear before talks can start over a third bailout worth around 85 billion euros (\$93 billion).

Without the money Greece would be unable to pay the debts due over the coming three years and would likely be forced to leave the euro.

Discussions over the details of the bailout program, which will involve economic targets as well as potential debt relief for Greece, should begin "as swiftly as possible," according to the European Union's executive Commission.

The hope on both sides is that the discussions will conclude by Aug. 20 when Greece has a payment of a little more than 3 billion euros (\$3.2 billion) due to the European Central Bank.

Cuban dissidents feel sidelined as US politicians stop visiting, focus on ties with government

HAVANA (AP) — In the seven months since the U.S. and Cuba declared detente, American politicians have flooded Havana to see the sights, meet the country's new entrepreneurs and discuss the possible end of the U.S. trade embargo with leaders of the communist government.

Their agendas have also featured an increasingly conspicuous hole — the spot once occupied by U.S.-backed dissidents who then sat at the center of Washington's policy on Cuba.

According to an Associated Press count confirmed by leading dissidents, more than 20 U.S. lawmakers have come to Cuba since February without meeting with opposition groups that once were an obligatory stop for congressional delegations.

Advocates of President Barack Obama's outreach to Cuba say it's a more intelligent way to push for democratic reform on the island. After decades of fruitlessly trying to strengthen the government's opponents, they see diplomatic engagement as the best method for persuading Cuba it's time to open the political system and keep loosening control of the centrally planned economy.

That's left many dissidents feeling increasingly sidelined and abandoned as both countries celebrate milestones like Monday's opening of embassies in Havana and Washington.

Broadcasting in a parking lot, Palestinian-funded TV channel for Israeli Arabs has rocky start

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Now broadcasting live from a West Bank parking lot, a new Palestinian-funded satellite television channel for Israel's Arab citizens already found its studio closed before it could even fill its airtime.

The flap over Palestine 48 — named for the year of Israel's creation and Palestinian displacement — reflects strained relations between Israel's government and the Palestinian Authority of President Mahmoud Abbas at a time when a resumption of talks on Palestinian statehood is unlikely.

It also illustrates the complex ties between Palestinian communities separated by the Israeli-Arab conflict and the unique circumstances of Israel's 1.7 million Arabs — descendants of Palestinians who stayed put in the 1948 war over Israel's creation and now make up one-fifth of the country's population.

"We are all one people and need to communicate with each other," said Riad Hassan, head of the West Bank-based Palestinian Broadcasting Corp., which operates the new channel.

Israel closed the channel's studio in the Israeli Arab town of Nazareth within days of its June launch because it is funded by non-Israelis — the Palestinian self-rule government in the West Bank.

Power Africa, Obama's key program to help continent, in jeopardy as he visits Ethiopia, Kenya

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Barack Obama returns to Africa this week, his signature program to help the continent double its access to electricity is in jeopardy, undermined by Congress' refusal to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.

Of the \$7 billion that Obama set aside for Power Africa, \$5 billion fell under the auspices of the now-defunct bank, which guarantees loans to foreign companies buying U.S.-made products. But out of that \$5 billion, just \$132 million in transactions had been approved before the bank's charter expired last month, rendering it unable to approve new transactions. Although the bank says it had several billion dollars of Power Africa projects in the pipeline, none of them can proceed unless lawmakers revive the bank.

For American companies, that could mean losing out to competitors like China, which is investing heavily in Africa and would be all too pleased to see its own companies get the contracts to build and equip power plants in Africa. Andy Herscowitz, Power Africa's coordinator, said companies with access to financing help from their governments have a competitive advantage.

"There are plenty of investors interested in investing in Africa, and a lot of great ideas, but you've got to get to bankability," Herscowitz said in an interview.

For Obama, the snag illustrates how Power Africa, slow to get off the ground, may fall far short of his lofty ambitions. Two years after the president unveiled Power Africa during a visit to South Africa, the program has yet to add any megawatts of electricity to Africa's overburdened, underdeveloped grid.

Cosby's lawyer remains chair of Temple trustee board, but he's increasingly embattled

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby, once the very public pride of Temple University, parted ways with the school last year amid allegations that he had drugged and sexually assaulted women. Now that his own words show behavior that was at least unsavory, his lawyer is feeling heat for continuing to serve as the chairman of the university's board of trustees.

In deposition testimony taken a decade ago and made public this month, Cosby acknowledged giving quaaludes to women with whom he wanted to have sex — adding evidence that his lawyer, Patrick O'Connor, knew that Cosby had behaved in a way that could reflect badly on the university.

The president of the university's faculty union is calling for O'Connor, currently chairman of the trustees,

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to step down, but university officials are standing behind O'Connor. A half dozen trustees contacted by The Associated Press wouldn't comment on the situation, though one, Joseph W. Marshall 3rd, expressed "full support" for O'Connor. Experts are split on whether O'Connor's work for Cosby constituted a clear conflict of interest.

"In my experience, the highest standards of ethical behavior and the best interest of Temple have always guided the chairman's leadership and relationship to the university," Temple President Neil Theobald said in a statement this week.

Temple is a public university with a history of helping underprivileged students from Philadelphia — such as Cosby — do better in life.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 23, the 204th day of 2015. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain (ahn-REE' pay-TAN'), who had headed the pro-Axis Vichy (vee-shee) government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was convicted and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to life in prison. On this date in 1951, Petain died in prison.)

On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, New York, at age 63.

In 1886, a legend was born as Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into New York's East River. (However, there are doubts about whether the dive actually took place.)

In 1914, Austria-Hungary presented a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; Serbia's refusal to agree to the entire ultimatum led to the outbreak of World War I.

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.

In 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington D.C. convicted 12 Hanafi (hah-NAH'-fee) Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter.)

In 1984, Vanessa Williams became the first Miss America to resign her title, after nude photographs of her taken in 1982 were published in Penthouse magazine.

In 1985, Commodore International Ltd. unveiled its Amiga 1000 personal computer during a press event at New York's Lincoln Center. Bandleader Kay Kyser, 80, known for his "Kollege of Musical Knowledge," died in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter of New Hampshire to succeed the retiring Justice William J. Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace (JAH'-nee vur-SAH'-chee) and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In 2011, singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

Ten years ago: Multiple bomb blasts in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik (shahrm ehl shayk) killed at least 64 people. London police acknowledged that Jean Charles de Menezes (zheh-AHN' SHAR'-lehsh deh meh-NEH'-zehs), the Brazilian electrician they'd shot and killed on a subway car in front of horrified commuters, had nothing to do with recent bombings of the city's transit system. Accordionist Myron Floren died in Los Angeles County at age 85.

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Five years ago: The Office of Management and Budget predicted the budget deficit would reach a record \$1.47 trillion in the current fiscal year. (The actual figure for fiscal 2010 turned out to be \$1.29 trillion.) Ford Motor Co. said it had made \$2.6 billion from April through June 2010, its fifth straight quarterly profit. Daniel Schorr, longtime journalist with stints at CBS, CNN and NPR, died in Washington at age 93.

One year ago: Taiwan's TransAsia Airways Flight 222, an ATR-72, crashed while attempting to land on Penghu Island, killing 48 of the 58 people on board. The state of Arizona executed Joseph Rudolph Wood, convicted of murdering his ex-girlfriend and her father. (Wood repeatedly gasped as it took nearly two hours for him to die from his lethal injection.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 90. Concert pianist Leon Fleisher (FLY'-shur) is 87. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 79. Actor Ronny Cox is 77. Radio personality Don Imus is 75. Actor Larry Manetti is 72. Country singer Tony Joe White is 72. Rock singer David Essex is 68. Singer-songwriter John Hall is 67. Actress Belinda Montgomery is 65. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 65. Actress Edie McClurg is 64. Actress-writer Lydia Cornell is 62. Actor Woody Harrelson is 54. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 54. Actor Eriq La Salle is 53. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 52. Rock musician Slash is 50. Actor Juan Pope is 48. Rock musician Nick Menza is 47. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 47. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Watters is 45. Country singer Alison Krauss is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dalvin DeGrate is 44. Rock musician Chad Gracey (Live) is 44. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 43. Country singer Shannon Brown is 42. Actress Kathryn Hahn is 42. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra is 42. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 42. Actress Stephanie March is 41. Country musician David Pichette (Emerson Drive) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michelle Williams is 35. Actor Paul Wesley is 33. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 26. Country musician Neil Perry is 25. Country singer Danielle Bradbery (TV: "The Voice") is 19.

Thought for Today: "There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference." - Juan Montalvo, Ecuadorean essayist and political writer (1832-1889).