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The Groton Area School track has been getting redone this week. Plastic was put over the fence and bleachers to prevent splattering.

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Legion state at Salem

Noon: Groton vs. Webster

Anniversary: Steve and Lori Giedt

Birthdays: April Woodward • Stan Knudsen • Taylor Holm • Hannah Webb
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Mass

Sunday, July 26

Jr. Teener State

Legion state at Salem

Birthdays: Curtis Krueger • Lucius Geffre • Taylor Gese • Mark Kittelson • Sierra Tunby • Karsten Flihs • Sandy Bunn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship

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

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

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

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

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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Cause to celebrate bits of good postal news

By David Bordewyk

Anytime there is good news about the Postal Service, it's worth writing about. Even if it's not necessarily earth-shaking news.

Two pieces of good postal news. One is that a congressional panel last week ordered the Postal Service to study the on-time arrival of mail in rural America. The second bit of good news came earlier this summer when the Postal Service said it was delaying the closure of the Dakota Central Processing and Distribution Facility at Huron until sometime next year. The plant had been scheduled to consolidate its mail processing duties into a Sioux Falls facility in July.

South Dakota along with much of rural America has not fared well in recent years under the Postal Service. Closure of processing centers and post offices, slower mail delivery and more attention by the Postal Service on heavily populated markets have left rural America alone at the mailbox.

Last week the Senate Appropriations Committee approved an amendment by Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt to measure the delivery times of mail in rural America. To her credit, Postmaster General Megan Brennan supported the Blunt amendment.

The National Newspaper Association, which represents community newspapers including a majority of South Dakota's newspapers, had been pressing for the study.

"We believe the Postal Service is sensitive to the need for a separate measurement of rural mail," NNA Chief Executive Officer Tonda F. Rush said. "The changes in the service network since the Great Recession have disproportionately diminished service to small towns, simply because they are now further away from mail processing plants. We have been discussing this problem with (Brennan), who offered her increased attention to this problem. Her support for Blunt's amendment was critical."

Enactment of the study requirement depends upon passage of the overall bill by the Senate and House. However, Rush said she believed the study would begin even without the final passage of the legislation.

Regarding the other bit of good news, the consolidation of the mail processing center at Huron is one of more than 80 processing plant closures planned by the Postal Service. Processing centers at Pierre and Aberdeen closed a few years ago.

Closure of the Huron plant would impact the timely delivery of many newspapers in eastern South Dakota as well as all mail.

The delay in consolidating the Huron plant does not mean it won't happen. The closure still could occur in 2016. However, this does give some time for what really needs to occur and that is for Congress to act.

Congress needs to approve meaningful postal reform that would give South Dakota and rural America some breathing room and protect universal mail service.

I urge you to tell the three members of our Congressional delegation to move on meaningful postal reform legislation. Get it done before timely, universal mail service becomes a thing of the past in South Dakota and beyond.

In the meantime, let's celebrate whatever good postal news we can these days.

David Bordewyk is general manager of South Dakota Newspaper Association, which represents the state's weekly and daily newspapers.

Why the Iran Nuclear Agreement Is a Bad Deal for America

By Senator John Thune

There has been a lot of recent coverage in the news about the Iran nuclear agreement. For many South Dakotans, this agreement may seem far away. However, the danger this agreement addresses – that of a nuclear-armed Iran – is not only a threat to our allies, including Israel, but also to the United States. The agreement will help finance Iran's terrorist activities, allow Iran to acquire conventional and ballistic weapons, and advance Iran's nuclear program – resulting in a more dangerous and unstable world.

For this to be a good deal, full access for inspectors is essential. However, instead of the anytime, anywhere inspections that the United States initially sought, the agreement only allows for inspections of Iran's currently known nuclear facilities.

If Iran is suspected of violating this agreement, inspectors must request Iran's permission to examine other sites. If the Iranians object, the resulting appeals process could take almost a month, winding through various levels of bureaucracy at the United Nations before inspectors are finally allowed access. For a country that has a long history of doing things in secret, that's a lot of time.

"Breakout time" is a phrase that has frequently been used during these negotiations. The "breakout time" is the period of time from which we know Iran has started building a nuclear bomb to the time they are able to use it. Unfortunately, as part of this agreement, even if Iran does not cheat on the deal, they can still modernize their nuclear infrastructure and continue research and development on advanced centrifuges. That means 10 years from now, Iran's "breakout time" will be almost zero.

In addition, this agreement discontinues the ban on conventional weapons after five years and on ballistic missiles after eight. In the future, if Iran wanted to pursue a nuclear weapon, not only would their breakout time be very short, but they will likely have the means to defend themselves against a military strike. If they acquired a nuclear bomb, they could also have a ballistic missile capable of hitting targets far beyond the Middle East.

For these reasons, and the fact that lifting the sanctions will help fund Iran's continued support of terrorism, I have expressed my strong concern about this agreement and skepticism that Iran will actually hold up their end of the deal.

Just last week, the supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei, echoing the chants from his people, said, "You heard 'Death to Israel,' 'Death to the U.S.' ... we ask Almighty God to accept these prayers by the people of Iran."

While I am sure not all Iranians want death to America, it is clear that their leaders still do.

As Congress reviews this agreement, I hope the president will listen to the concerns that have been raised by both Republicans and Democrats in Congress. A nuclear armed Iran is a threat to the United States, and an agreement that allows Iran to retain all the components necessary to build a nuclear bomb is not a good deal for America and should be rejected.



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District 2B Amateur Baseball Playoff format

2015

District 2 Tournament

July 27 - August 1

Games 4- 10 Played in Mobridge

High Seeds will host 1st round games
High Seed Will Be The Home Team

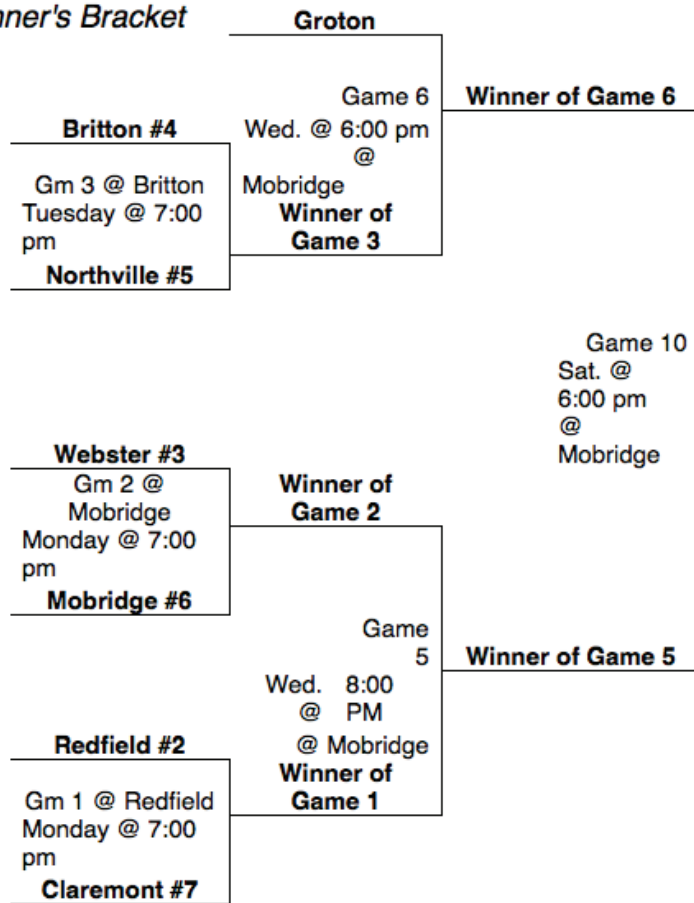
Admission:

Adults (18+): \$5.00

Kids & Students (6-17): \$3.00

Under 5 years: Free

Winner's Bracket



Game 10
Sat. @
6:00 pm
@
Mobridge

Champion of District 2

Loser of Game 10

Rep #1

Loser's Bracket



Rep #3

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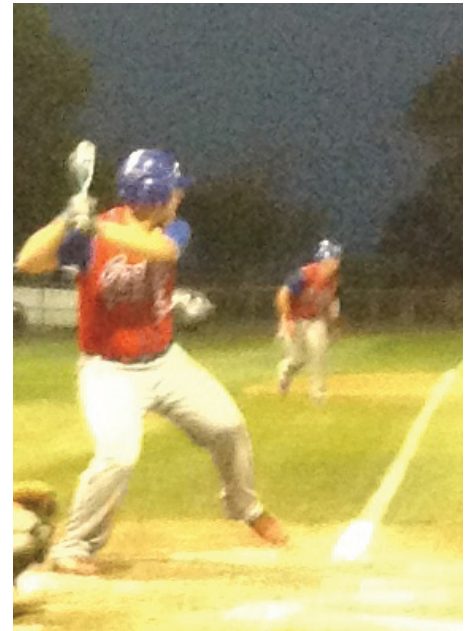
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Trevor Pray scores a run. Groton loses to McCook/Miner 10-9.



Bennett Shabazz comes in to the game in the 6th inning to pitch.



Brady Keith with a double!



Sean Schuring slides in safe at home on the steal



Victor Padilla with a base hit

State Legion Tourney Photos



Bennett Shabazz on first after a base hit

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Dane Campbell teams up with catcher Trevor Pray to start the game against McCook/miner the host team

**State
Tournament
Photos by
Tricia Keith**



Coach Kurth getting his team ready during in field

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Fly over at opening ceremony!



Players reciting the code of conduct before the game

West Central 18, Tabor 8 in 7 innings.
Tabor will Play Garretson at 10 am.
West Central will play Vermillion at 5 pm.

Spearfish over Webster 13-3 in 6 innings.
Spearfish plays McCook Centra/Minor @ 7:00 pm
Webster plays Groton @ 12:00

Vermillion 8, Garretson 4
Garretson now plays Tabor at 10 a.m.
Vermillion plays West Central at 5 p.m.

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McCook/Miner Legion will play Spearfish at 7 pm
Groton will play Webster at noon.

M/M Legion 10 - 9 Groton

📍 Home 🏠 Postseason 📅 Friday, July 24th, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
MM	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	10	12	2
GRO	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	9	13	5

BATTING

M/M Legion	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
L Loudenburg	5	3	3	2	1	0	2
C Cheeseman	4	3	1	0	0	1	3
T Gassman	4	0	4	5	0	0	0
A Tuschen	5	0	0	0	0	1	5
J Muth	4	1	1	0	1	1	3
T Miller	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
J Genzlin...	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
B Roth	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
R Roling	5	1	2	1	0	1	1
I Anderson	2	0	0	0	2	1	2
T Cleveland	3	2	1	0	2	0	2
Totals	37	10	12	8	6	9	9

1B: Loudenburg 3, Cheeseman, Gassman 3, Muth, Roling 2, Cleveland **3B:** Gassman **TB:** Loudenburg 3, Cheeseman, Gassman 6, Muth, Roling 2, Cleveland **SAC:** Cheeseman, Anderson **SF:** Gassman **SB:** Loudenburg 3, Cheeseman 3, Gassman 2, Roling 3, Anderson, Cleveland **CS:** Tuschen **Team LOB:** 9

PITCHING

M/M Legion	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
T Gassman	2.0	2	3	3	4	3	0
J Genzlinger	4.0	10	5	5	0	4	0
L Loudenburg	3.0	1	1	1	1	3	0
Totals	9.0	13	9	9	5	10	0

WP: Genzlinger **HBP:** Gassman 2, Genzlinger, Loudenburg 2 **P-S:** Gassman 47-23, Genzlinger 81-54, Loudenburg 39-22

Groton	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
V Padilla	5	0	2	2	0	1	4
A Herman	6	1	1	0	0	3	5
B Shabazz	3	3	2	0	1	1	1
D Planteen	2	1	2	2	2	0	0
D Campbell	4	0	2	0	1	0	3
T Pray	4	1	0	0	0	1	6
S Schuring	3	2	1	0	1	0	3
B Keith	4	1	1	2	0	3	2
A Severson	5	0	2	1	0	1	4
K Kenser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	9	13	7	5	10	10

1B: Padilla 2, Herman, Shabazz, Planteen, Campbell 2, Severson 2 **2B:** Shabazz, Planteen, Schuring, Keith **TB:** Padilla 2, Herman, Shabazz 3, Planteen 3, Campbell 2, Schuring 2, Keith 2, Severson 2 **SAC:** Padilla **SB:** Herman, Shabazz **CS:** Shabazz, Planteen **Team LOB:** 10

Groton	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
D Campbell	5.1	8	9	6	3	5	0
B Shabazz	3.2	4	1	1	3	4	0
Totals	9.0	12	10	7	6	9	0

LP: Campbell **P-S:** Campbell 110-71, Shabazz 65-35

Today in Weather History

July 25, 1961: This storm started late in the evening on the 25th and went into the early morning hours of the 26th. A sizeable area suffered 50 to 100 percent loss of crops resulting from hail over the following counties, Bison, Perkins, Faulk, Sully, and western Hand. Corn was stripped of leaves and broken off. Oats and wheat were flattened. High winds with recorded gusts of 75 to 80 miles per hour cause numerous power failures and damaged trees in Pierre. Winds also unroofed a small cattle shed in Redfield.

July 25, 1972: Unofficial rainfall amounts of 8 inches caused flash flooding in Ferney, and surrounding area in Brown County. Water, over two feet depth was reported in a parking area. Basements were flooded and foundations were damaged. The heavy rain caused extensive damage to crops in the area.

July 25, 1984: Severe thunderstorms caused considerable damage to the Pierre area. Winds were gusting to 83 mph at the Pierre airport, where thirteen planes, as well as several hangars were destroyed. In town, a home and three businesses lost their roofs and a trailer home was destroyed. Rains of four inches in thirty minutes produced flash flooding with some streets closed for a period of time. Some basements were reported to have 6 to 8 inches of water in them. At Dupree, high winds caused extensive damage to the grandstand roof at the fairgrounds. Along the entire path of the thunderstorms, hail and high winds broke windows, damaged cars, downed trees, damaged crops, and caused power outages.

July 25, 1993: Lake Kampeska, near Watertown reached near record level at 37 inches over full mark due to runoff from heavy rains in previous days. Dozens of homes and two businesses were flooded out. About 100,000 sandbags were distributed to help prevent more flood damage to lakeside property owners.

July 25, 2000: The city of Granite Falls and Yellow Medicine County in Minnesota were hit by a powerful F4 tornado. The tornado first touched down in rural parts of the county west-northwest of Granite Falls, hitting the city at 6:10 pm. After tearing through the residential sections of town, the tornado lifted at approximately 6:25PM after being on the ground for over nine miles. One person was killed, more than a dozen were injured, and the town and surrounding area suffered millions of dollars in property damage.

1891 - The mercury hit 109 degrees at Los Angeles, CA, marking the peak of a torrid heat wave. (David Ludlum)

1956 - The Andrea Doria sank in dense fog near Nantucket Lightship, MA. The ship was rammed by the Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, forty-five miles off the coast of Massachusetts. Fifty-two persons drowned, or were killed by the impact. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Tremendous hailstones pounded parts of South Dakota damaging crops, buildings and vehicles. Hail piled two feet deep at Black Hawk and northern Rapid City. Hail an inch and a quarter in diameter fell for 85 minutes near Miller and Huron, piling up to depths of two feet. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Sixteen cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Beckley, WV, equalled their all-time record high of 91 degrees, established just the previous day. It marked their fourth day in a row of 90 degree heat, after hitting 90 degrees just twice in the previous 25 years of records. The water temperature of Lake Erie at Buffalo, NY, reached 79 degrees, the warmest reading in 52 years of records. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from central Kansas to western Kentucky and southern Illinois during the day. Thunderstorms produced tennis ball size hail at Union, MO, and winds gusts to 65 mph at Sedalia, MO. Five cities in Washington and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date. Medford, OR, hit 107 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

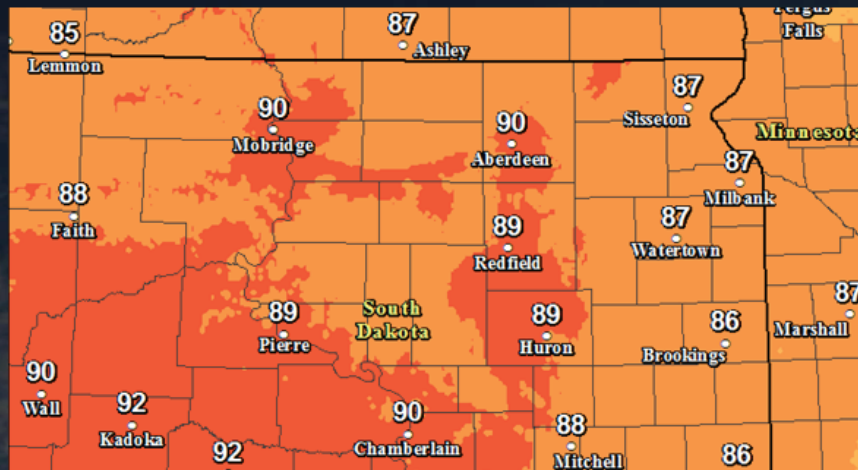
1989 - Early afternoon thunderstorms over west central Missouri drenched the town of Ferguson with four inches of rain. Early evening thunderstorms in Pennsylvania produced more than two inches of rain north of Avella in one hour. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 88 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 88 °F

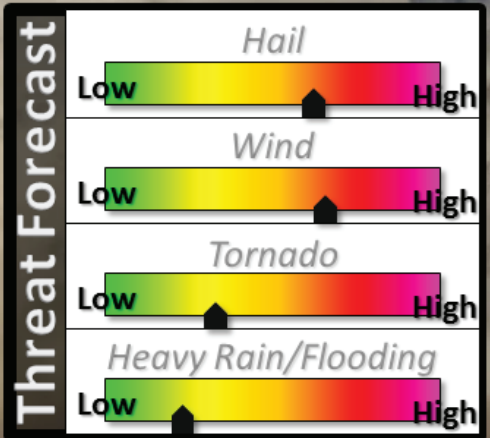
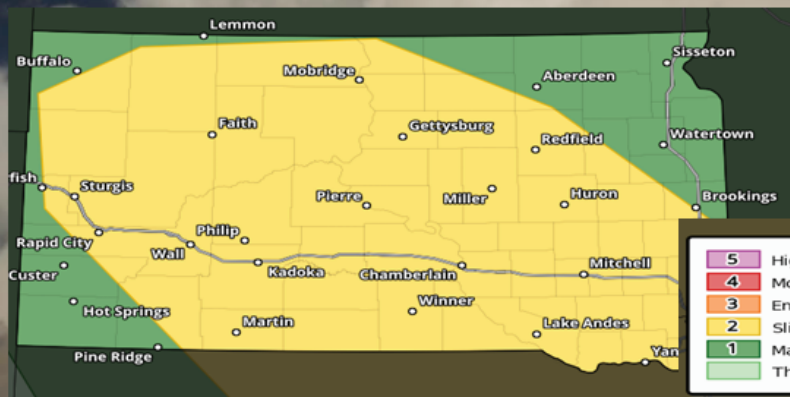
Scattered Storms Today – Possibly Severe This Afternoon



Forecast Summary

Before 4 PM: Isolated to widely scattered showers and weak storms

After 4 PM: Widely scattered strong to severe storms



 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 7/25/2015 4:56 AM Central

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Showers and storms this morning will transition this afternoon into strong to severe storms. Temps will top out around 90. Heat and high humidity will continue into the start of next week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.3 at 5:45 PM

Low: 65.0 at 6:27 AM

High Gust: 18 at 9:55 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1931

Record Low: 44° in 1911

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 2.51

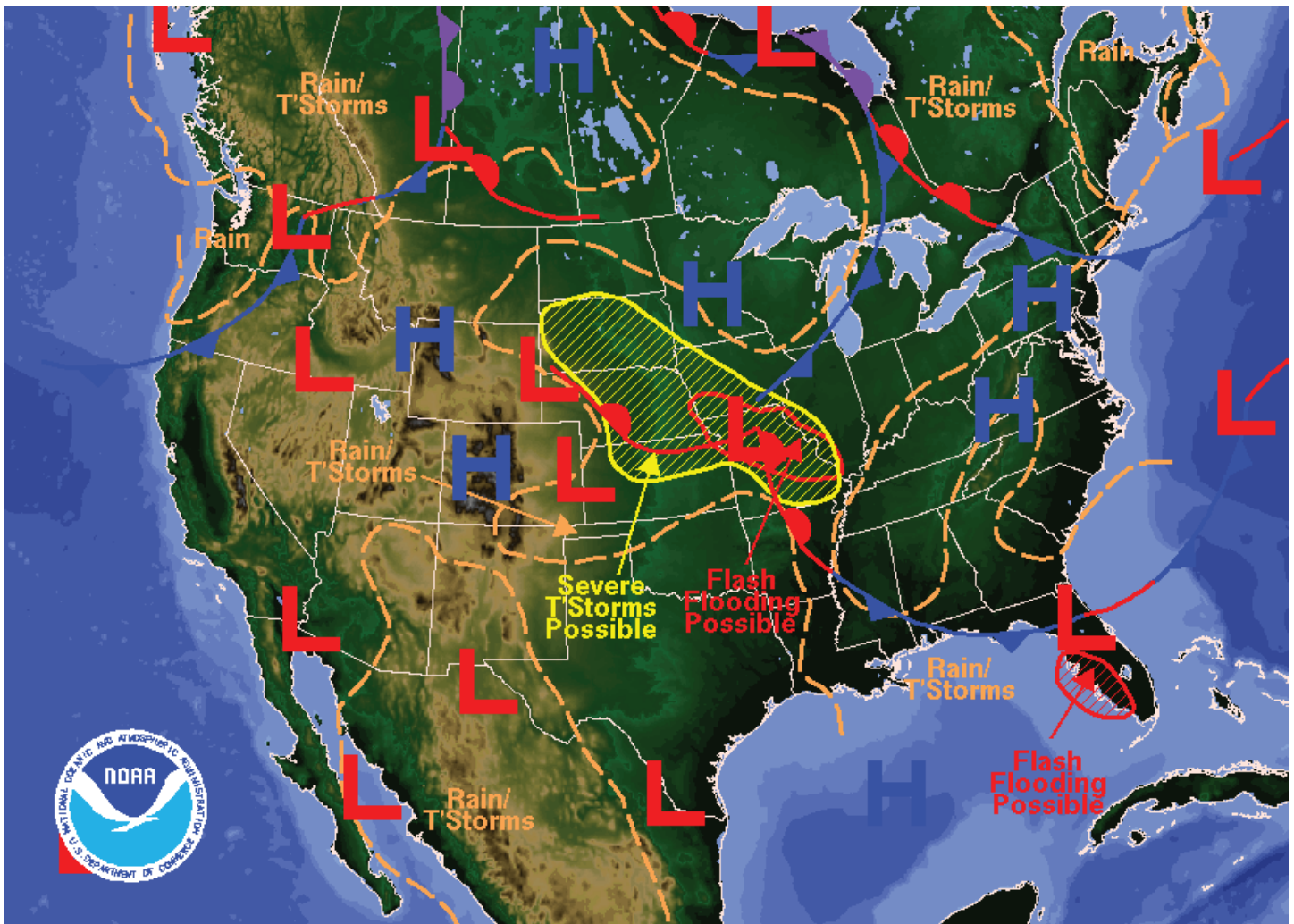
Precip to date in July: 2.45

Average Precip to date: 13.35

Precip Year to Date: 9.87

Sunset Tonight: 9:10 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jul 25, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



"IF ONLY" PEOPLE

A psychiatrist was deeply troubled by the sadness of one of his dear friends. Curiously he asked, "What's troubling you?"

After some time he responded, "I've been reviewing the 'If onlys' of my life. I've made so many mistakes."

Wanting to help he said, "Let's go to my office. I have some recordings I want you to hear."

Sitting quietly he played a tape containing the stories of three very depressed patients. After a moment he asked, "Did you notice that each one kept repeating, 'if only'?" The "if onlys" bring about a sense of hopelessness and helplessness, depression and discouragement. All of us must learn to say, "Next time I'll do things differently. I'll seek God's will and ask for guidance before I make a decision."

James said, "If you need wisdom – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask Him and He will gladly tell you!" Wisdom here means "practical discernment or guidance" that will lead the Christian to right living and eliminate the "if onlys" of life.

Prayer: Father, may we look to You for guidance before we make decisions and trust Your directions. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

News from the Associated Press

Deadwood approves ordinance prohibiting 'exotic' animals

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — City officials in Deadwood have approved an ordinance that prohibits wild, dangerous and exotic animals from being kept as pets within city limits.

The ordinance was proposed in June a month after state regulators ruled a Minnesota woman could house wolf pups and fox kits at a wildlife education center in the town. The city commission approved the new city rules this week.

Commissioner Dave Ruth says the ordinance protects residents from people who want to house dangerous animals in the town.

Anyone who currently owns exotic animals will be grandfathered in under the ordinance.

The ordinance originally would have banned pet birds and would have eliminated someone's grandfathered status if they were involved in a legal or lost their license in another state. That language was removed.

Authorities again seek public's help in finding Nebraska man

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in western South Dakota are again seeking the public's help in trying to find a Nebraska man whose vehicle was found in Badlands National Park.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 39-year-old Joshua Jacobsen, of Laurel, Nebraska, is believed to have entered the park on July 12. His vehicle was located in the Sage Creek Campground.

Authorities have employed searchers on the ground and in a helicopter to comb large portions of the wilderness area but have found nothing to indicate where Jacobsen might have gone.

Jacobsen is described as 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds. He has brown eyes, short black hair and possibly a beard or goatee. He also has tattoos on his right foreman and left upper arm.

Philippine church accusing Chris Brown faces own legal probe

OLIVER TEVES, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A politically influential and secretive Christian church involved in a legal dispute with American R&B singer Chris Brown has been caught in a rising tide of its own troubles, including allegations of abductions and misuse of funds.

The Philippine government on Friday opened an investigation into allegations that the advisory Council of Iglesia ni Cristo, or Church of Christ, was responsible for abducting ministers critical of church leaders and financial abuse. The announcement by the Justice Department caps months of swirling rumors about corruption and internal feuds in the church, which has been controlled by the founder's family for two generations.

Brown gave a concert in Manila this week but was delayed from leaving because of a fraud complaint filed by a corporation run by the church. It claims it had paid Brown and a promoter \$1 million in advance for a New Year's Eve concert at the 55,000-seat Philippine Arena, which he canceled without paying the money back. Brown was allowed to leave Manila late Friday after obtaining clearance.

The church's troubles are apparently unrelated to its tiff with Brown, but could be far more damaging to its reputation by exposing the depth of internal squabbles in the 101-year-old movement. It is also likely to unmask the strong grip it has on its 2.3 million members.

The feud within the close-knit church became public this week when the mother and a brother of the group's head, Eduardo Manalo, were expelled after they sought help from other members in a YouTube message, saying they were in danger and that several ministers had gone missing.

The brother, Felix Nathaniel Manalo, spoke out on Thursday against what he said were various anomalies in the church's operations, saying funds "are being used up in all sorts of projects which we don't even need."

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One of the projects, he said, was the Philippine Arena, claimed to be the world's biggest indoor stadium where Brown was to have performed last New Year's Eve and where the 100th anniversary of the movement was celebrated last year.

"We have been threatened by the Council ... because they say we are opposing the leader," he said. "We love our brother, but the problem is those around him."

Another mysterious expense by the church, which was not mentioned by Felix Nathaniel, was its purchase of the U.S. ghost town of Scenic, South Dakota, for less than \$800,000, the same year that construction of the arena began. The church has not disclosed its plan for the abandoned town.

Isaias Samson, a minister and former editor-in-chief of the Iglesia newspaper, told reporters that he, his wife and son were held under "house arrest" by armed guards allegedly on orders of the church Council for a week before they escaped early Thursday.

"It is very difficult to talk about things that we know will damage the Iglesia because of the actions of some people," he said, adding that about 10 ministers have been abducted.

With the controversy building up, the Justice Department announced it has opened an investigation.

The government cannot intervene in Iglesia's squabbles but abductions are crimes that the National Bureau of Investigation will probe, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima told reporters.

The church believes that Jesus is the son of God, but it does not believe in the Holy Trinity as do Roman Catholics — the predominant religion in the Southeast Asian nation. Iglesia commands political influence because its members vote as a bloc in national elections, making them highly sought after by politicians, especially presidential aspirants.

The movement's founder, Felix Manalo, broke away from the Catholic Church and is regarded by his followers as a prophet. He died in 1963, and was succeeded by his son, Erano Manalo, until his death in 2009, when another Manalo son took over as "executive minister."

Bienvenido Santiago, Iglesia's General Evangelist, denied allegations of abductions and said the church is "not a family corporation."

SD man sentenced for rape, sexual contact with young girls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man who was convicted of rape for having sexual contact with young girls has been sentenced to 10 months in jail.

Twenty-two-year-old Tyler Lee Schlotman was sentenced Thursday on one count of rape and one count of sexual contact with a child under 16.

Authorities say the charges involved two victims, one of whom he met on Facebook. Authorities say Schlotman admitted to the allegations against him.

He faced up to 30 years in prison. Prosecutors say 19 other charges, some of which involved three additional victims, were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Lincoln County authorities find missing Harrisburg woman

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in southeastern South Dakota say they've located 51-year-old woman who was reported missing.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office says Ontibile Blumer has been found alive.

Law enforcement was looking for the Harrisburg woman after she was reported missing.

She is being evaluated by medical personnel.

Tyndall man drowns while boating on lake near Pickstown

PICKSTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A Tyndall man has drowned while boating on Lake Francis Case near Pickstown.

The Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office says officers were summoned around 3:15 p.m. Thursday after receiving reports that a 72-year-old man had fallen out of a boat on the southeastern South Dakota lake.

The Yankton Press and Dakotan reports (<http://bit.ly/1fsG98g>) that after about an hour of searching, a

dive team recovered the man. He was pronounced dead at the scene.
The name of the man has not yet been released.

Farmers restocking their flocks as bird flu winds down

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Three months after bird flu wiped out two of Greg Langmo's flocks, he's among the first to start growing turkeys again.

He lost half of a year's normal production and income and won't be able to sell turkeys for months, but the central Minnesota farmer feels good to be getting back to normal.

"It's nerve-racking for sure," Langmo said with a laugh. "You just don't know when things are going to go over the edge. But you've got to go at some point. We can't just sit here."

The U.S. hasn't detected any new cases of H5N2 avian influenza in over a month, so the focus has shifted to recovery and preparations in case wild birds that can carry the disease bring it back this fall, as they migrate south. A USDA update Friday said scientists still haven't nailed down the specific ways the virus spreads from the wild into barns but research is continuing in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin.

The toll was large: more than 48 million chickens and turkeys lost in the U.S. Minnesota, the country's top turkey producing state, lost 9 million turkeys and chickens, and Iowa, the No. 1 egg producer, lost 34 million birds on 77 farms.

Brad Moline just became Iowa's first farmer to be cleared to restock, which he said he'll do late next week. "This is probably the most excited I've been about restocking turkeys since I got my first flock of turkeys back when I was a kid," Moline said.

Producers' spirits are rising, agreed Steve Olson, executive director of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association. As of Thursday, 37 of the state's 108 infected farms had been cleared to restock.

"They're coming out of what has been a terrible experience for them and getting back into the business of raising turkeys," Olson said.

Langmo owns five farms. Bird flu struck one April 19, the second June 3. Two others didn't get hit, but were so close to infected farms that he couldn't restock them. One went unscathed.

If all goes well, his first 36,000 restocked birds will become sandwich meat in three or four months. He received clearance this week to restock his second barn with 50,000 birds that will be destined to grace Thanksgiving tables.

But reaching this point has taken an enormous amount of work: composting and disposing of dead birds and thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting his barns. And the government paperwork has been unbelievable, he said.

"It's overwhelming. You look at it and wonder if you'll ever get it done, if it's ever going to be good enough," he said.

To prevent another devastating round of bird flu, producers are taking a hard look at what more they can do to keep anyone or anything from carrying the virus into barns, Olson said. That includes checking screens for holes that could let a bird or rodent in, switching to dedicated equipment for each barn or considering more complex entryways for barns that would separate "dirty" and "clean" areas.

In South Dakota, six of eight affected turkey farms supplying Dakota Provisions have restocked, said Jeff Sveen, the Huron company's chairman. Producers there are building stricter protections, such as venting systems designed to prevent wild bird droppings from entering and wire screens to prevent wild birds from flying through.

As for Langmo and Moline, they haven't made any dramatic biosecurity changes because their precautions were already tight.

Moline, who lost 56,000 turkeys on all three of his farms near the central Iowa community of Manson, said he's been doing small things as he prepares to restock starting next Friday, such as placing bait stations for rodents outside his barns instead of inside and sparrow-proofing the barns.

He expects to be fully restocked by mid-October, with his birds likely ending up on sandwiches at Subway restaurants. And he said he's feeling hopeful despite the threat of the virus returning.

"Will we see it again? Most likely. To this degree? I certainly hope not," he said.

Collector asks judge to declare him owner of Elvis' guitar

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A collector claiming to be the rightful owner of a guitar played by Elvis Presley and later donated by a blues guitarist to a South Dakota museum has asked a federal judge to rule in his favor.

The request for summary judgment from collector Larry Moss filed this month in U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls comes a year after the custody battle over the guitar ensued without the donor ever responding to the federal complaint.

The National Music Museum asked a judge in July 2014 to declare it the legal owner of the guitar that the rock-and-roll king played during his 1977 tour. The Martin D-35 guitar was donated to the facility in Vermillion by blues guitarist Robert Johnson in 2013, but months later, Moss contacted the museum saying the donor was not in a position to give away the guitar.

In court records, Moss claims the museum "did little or no due diligence to determine if Mr. Johnson had rights in the Elvis guitar," which he says he bought from Johnson in February 2008 and agreed to leave on display at the Rock N' Soul Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. Moss claims Johnson then removed the guitar from that museum without his "knowledge or consent."

"Thus, when Johnson delivered the Elvis guitar into the possession of NMM in February of 2013, he was a mere converter with void title, and had no rights to convey to NMM," Moss, of Memphis, wrote.

Federal court records show Johnson has not responded to the lawsuit. An attorney for Johnson has not been named in court filings and he did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday.

In a deposition in March, National Music Museum director Cleveland Johnson acknowledged that Robert Johnson never provided the museum documents indicating that he had the authority to trade the instrument, and the museum took it on face value that he had the right to do so.

The rock-and-roll king played the guitar during his 1977 tour and gave it to a fan in St. Petersburg, Florida, after he broke it when a strap and string snapped. Moss has claimed that the value of the guitar is "well in excess of \$75,000."

Educators reach tentative contract agreement in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Educators and the school board in Rapid City have reached a tentative agreement for a new contract for teachers in the upcoming school year.

The Rapid City Board of Education says the agreement reached Thursday night will divert funding intended for construction projects to boost teacher pay in the district.

Contract negotiations began in March, but reached an impasse in May. KOTA-TV reports that the Rapid City Education Association has agreed to the deal but it still must be approved by rank-and-file teachers.

The school board says teachers will be granted all "step-increases" they've earned during their tenures, which it says will correct for previous years in which budgetary restrictions prevented such increases.

School board president Jim Hansen says the negotiations focused on "strengthening the compensation" offered for teachers.

AP News in Brief

1 loud shot, followed by another, another: Survivor describes shooting in movie theater

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Emily Mann and her friend had come into the theater a bit late for the evening showing of "Trainwreck" so they quietly found seats near the top of the small theater. The 21-year-old didn't notice the man just a few seats down until 20 minutes into the movie when he got up and began firing into the crowd.

"You hear one loud shot and you're sure that's not what it is because it would never be that. And then you hear another and another and another and you realize that those aren't just lights and sounds," said Mann, speaking to The Associated Press about the brutal killing in a Lafayette movie theater Thursday evening.

John Russell Houser, 59, stood up without a word and started shooting, leaving a horrific scene of blood, bullet holes, spent shell casings, and personal possessions like purses and wallets in a movie theater that was supposed to be a refuge from the stress of daily life.

Amid the tragedy, a tale of heroism emerged: high school English teacher Ali Martin, suffering from a gunshot to the kneecap, made her way to a fire alarm and pulled it. Police say she saved lives, alerting some 300 people in the giant multiplex that something wasn't right.

Police say Houser then tried to blend into the crowd heading outside as the alarm blared. But he turned back as police officers approached, reloading and firing into the crowd before killing himself with a single shot inside the theater, police said.

Movie theater gunman built a reputation as an angry provocateur who didn't like to be crossed

In 2014, facing eviction from his Alabama home, John Russell Houser set out to make sure no one else could ever live in that house. He poured concrete down the drains and cemented the fuse box shut. He splattered paint and human waste all over the walls.

The new owners found Houser had it booby-trapped: the gas starter tube in the fireplace was twisted out and ignited, the logs removed. "He was hoping the house would catch on fire. That's what the investigators told me," said Norman Bone, 77, who had bought the house for his daughter.

The man Bone once knew as a church-going neighbor had grown into someone better known by neighbors and colleagues as an angry provocateur. Police say his anger culminated Thursday night in a slaughter at The Grand 16 theater in Lafayette, Louisiana, leaving two women dead and nine other people hurt.

For decades, Houser lived and worked in the same area where he owned that home, in Phenix City and the surrounding cities. Since the early '90s, he had built a reputation as an oddball. It was then that he regularly appeared on a local television show, appearing opposite a Democrat as a radical Republican railing against women in the workplace and calling for violence against abortion providers.

"He made a lot of wild accusations," said Calvin Floyd, who hosted the show on WLTZ-TV in Columbus for more than two decades. "He could make the phones ring."

Obama returns to Kenya for first time as president, reunites with father's family

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Fulfilling the hopes of millions of Kenyans, Barack Obama returned to his father's homeland Friday for the first time as U.S. president, a long sought visit by a country that considers him a local son.

The president spent the evening reuniting with his Kenyan family, including his elderly step-grandmother who made the trip to the capital of Nairobi from her rural village. U.S. and Kenyan flags lined the main road from Nairobi's airport, and billboards heralding Obama's trip dotted the city.

"I don't think that Kenyans think of Obama as African-American. They think of him as Kenyan-American,"

said EJ Hogendoorn, deputy program director for Africa at the International Crisis Group.

Obama's link to Kenya is a father he barely knew, but whose influence can nonetheless be seen in his son's presidency.

Obama has spoken candidly about growing up without his Kenyan-born father and feeling "the weight of that absence." A White House initiative to support young men of color who face similar circumstances has become a project dear to Obama, one he plans to continue after leaving the White House.

Turkish jets hit Kurds in Iraq for first time since 2013 peace deal, Islamic State in Syria

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish jets struck camps belonging to Kurdish militants in northern Iraq, authorities said Saturday, the first strike since a peace deal was announced in 2013, as Ankara also bombed Islamic State positions in Syria for a second straight night.

The strikes in Iraq targeted the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, whose affiliates have been effective in battling the Islamic State group. The strikes further complicate the U.S.-led war against the extremists, which has relied on Kurdish forces making gains in both Iraq and Syria.

A spokesman in Iraq for the PKK, which has been fighting Turkey for autonomy since 1984 and is considered a terrorist organization by Ankara and its allies, said the strikes likely spelled the end of the peace agreement.

"Turkey has basically ended the cease-fire," Zagros Hiwa told The Associated Press, declining to elaborate further. He said the PKK was still assessing the damage caused by the strikes, though they didn't appear to cause casualties.

The jets hit PKK shelters, bunkers, caves, storages facilities and other "logistical points," a statement from the Turkish prime minister's office said. It said five areas were targeted, including the Qandil mountains, where the PKK's command is based. The statement did not specify Islamic State targets that were struck in Syria in a second night of bombings, but described the airstrikes in both Syria and Iraq as being "effective."

Police say motive unclear after 5 members of Oklahoma family stabbed to death

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Police in Oklahoma say they have turned to social media posts for clues about the motive of a teenager accused in the stabbing deaths of his parents and three siblings during a late-night attack that left bodies strewn through the family's home.

A booking document filed by police in the Tulsa suburb of Broken Arrow accuses Robert Bever, 18, of five counts of first-degree murder and a count of aggravated assault in the attack Wednesday night.

Bever's 16-year-old brother also was being held. Because he is a juvenile, officers have not released his name or announced charges against him. Broken Arrow Police Cpl. Leon Calhoun said both brothers were cooperating with the investigation.

Calhoun said Friday that the agency was still looking for a motive and was searching social media accounts that they believe belong to Bever. Those include community site Pinterest and a Facebook account.

On Pinterest, Bever showed an interest in Star Wars, the rock group Linkin Park and sports cars. A Facebook post lists him as a recent graduate of Citizens' High School, which describes itself as providing "a home-school curriculum" for people hoping to earn a college degree.

Dawn of deep-sea mining alarms conservationists as UN body issues exploration contracts

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The deep oceans span more than half the globe and their frigid depths have long been known to contain vast, untapped deposits of prized minerals. These treasures of the abyss, however, have always been out of reach to miners.

But now, the era of deep seabed mining appears to be dawning fueled by technological advances in robotics and dwindling land-based deposits. Rising demand for copper, cobalt, gold and the rare-earth elements vital in manufacturing smartphones and other high-tech products is causing a prospecting rush to the dark seafloor thousands of meters (yards) beneath the waves.

With authorities at the Jamaica-based International Seabed Authority issuing exploration contracts, alarmed conservationists are warning that the deep ocean's fragile biodiversity must be protected and not nearly enough is known about the risks of extracting minerals from seabeds.

"The pace of activity has increased dramatically over the last five years," said Michael Lodge, deputy secretary-general of the obscure U.N. body in Kingston that acts as a global steward of the deep seafloor and is tasked with regulating this new mining frontier. "We're seeing the private sector invest in a big way."

The U.N. agency, known by its initials ISA, presides over seabed outside the exclusive territorial waters of individual countries. So far, it has issued 27 exploration contracts, the large majority of them since 2011. The 15-year contracts allow for mineral prospecting on over 1 million square kilometers (over 390,000 sq. miles) of seabed in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

Democrats woo activists in Des Moines neighborhood that organized for Obama

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Four years ago, the Beaverdale neighborhood in Des Moines organized big for President Barack Obama's re-election, building an uber-volunteer group skilled at phone-banking, door-knocking and boosting caucus and general election participation. The volunteers dubbed their leafy neighborhood Obamadale.

Now the 2016 Democratic presidential hopefuls are visiting this liberal stronghold, trying to rename it once more.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley hung out at a local bar Friday night and Hillary Rodham Clinton was set to visit a house party Saturday afternoon. But they may have to keep wooing for a while. The neighbors are split among the candidates or undecided.

"I think Obamadale is still kind of an open target for candidates at this point," said Brad Anderson, a resident who served as Obama's state director in 2012.

Anderson said that in the last presidential election, the Obamadale group "over-performed by every metric that was set." The group of about 20 core activists and dozens more participants got training from the campaign and put in long hours working the phones and going door to door. They turned out big numbers on caucus night and again in the November general election, when the incumbent Obama won the state. Their organizing methods were so successful that they were sent to other areas to boost participation.

AP Exclusive: Parents of teen who shot friend say it was 'tragic accident'; jury to hear case

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The parents of a Montana teenager who shot and killed a friend knocking on his bedroom window late at night say he shouldn't face criminal charges over what they describe as a tragic accident.

In an exclusive interview, they told The Associated Press that they blame themselves for allowing the teen to keep a loaded revolver in his room.

As a prosecutor moves to put the case before a special jury to decide on charges, the May shooting has revived the debate over the so-called Castle Doctrine that sometimes allows the use of lethal force to defend one's home. It's also raised questions about the 17-year-old shooter's easy access to the handgun, given his age.

Fifteen-year-old MacKeon "Mackey" Schulte was killed as he and another boy tried to wake up Seth Culver at about 2:30 a.m., less than a block from where the three attended high school in Billings, Montana's largest city.

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Startled by the noises at his window, Culver grabbed a World War II-era, .38-caliber handgun given to him as a present by his father and shot once through the glass, striking MacKeon in the head, according to authorities and Culver's parents.

AP PHOTOS: Helmets, cleats, pads — but in China — as American football gains popularity

BEIJING (AP) — The scene could be from any U.S. suburb: two teams of youngsters in football helmets, cleats and pads; referees in pinstripes; parents snapping photos and cheering from the sidelines. But the clipboard-toting coaches call out plays in Chinese and the field is at a park in Beijing.

China's capital might seem an unlikely place to find American football, but interest among China's youth is growing, according to Shen Yu, marketing director for Great Stone Gridiron. The private football club was Beijing's first when it was founded three years ago. Around 500 children participate, including about 150 in tackle football programs.

Part of the game's appeal is its outsider status and its association with American culture. Also, it's popular with kids who are big for their age, or who haven't excelled in the Olympic sports that China's sports programs focus on.

"Because it's not part of that system, it gives the chance for ordinary people to play," said Wes de Kirby, 25, an American coach with Great Stone Gridiron.

Liu Jiayou, 9, said his mother showed him some NFL games on television and he was attracted by the heavy contact of the sport.

Olympic champion gymnast Shawn Johnson adds diamond to gold, gets engaged at Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) — Olympic champion gymnast Shawn Johnson threw out a ceremonial first ball at Wrigley Field — and wound up with quite a catch.

Johnson was walking off the field Friday before the Chicago Cubs hosted Philadelphia when she was surprised by longtime boyfriend Andrew East, a rookie long snapper for the Kansas City Chiefs.

East dropped to one knee near home plate and presented the 2008 gold medalist with a diamond engagement ring. A stunned Johnson put her hands over her mouth, bobbed her head up and down, then jumped into his arms.

Later, she put her feelings onto her Twitter feed.

"Today the love of my life asked me to be his forever.AND I SAID YES!" she posted.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Saturday, July 25, the 206th day of 2015. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1965, Bob Dylan drew boos from some spectators at the Newport Folk Festival as he performed with a rock band. (The cause of the negative reaction is in dispute, with some citing Dylan's use of an electric guitar, others blaming poor audio quality and still others complaining about the shortness of Dylan's set.)

On this date:

In 1554, Queen Mary I of England married Philip II, future King of Spain.

In 1814, the Battle of Lundy's Lane, one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812, took place in present-day Niagara Falls, Ontario, with no clear victor.

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot (bleh-ree-OH') became the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel, traveling from Calais (kah-LAY') to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1918, the musical revue "The Passing Show of 1918" opened on Broadway, featuring a cast that in-

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cluded Fred Astaire and his sister, Adele, and the song "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles."

In 1934, Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated by pro-Nazi Austrians in a failed coup attempt.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed.

In 1975, the musical "A Chorus Line" opened on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre, beginning a run of 6,137 performances.

In 1985, a spokeswoman for Rock Hudson confirmed that the actor, hospitalized in Paris, was suffering from AIDS. (Hudson died in October 1985.)

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein (hoo-SAYN') signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: The AFL-CIO splintered as the Service Employees International Union and the Teamsters announced they were leaving the labor federation. Cpl. Dustin Berg, an Indiana National Guard soldier, pleaded guilty to negligent homicide in the death of an Iraqi police officer (Berg was later sentenced to 18 months in military prison). Four adult Boy Scout leaders were killed in an electrical accident while setting up camp for the organization's Jamboree in Bowling Green, Virginia.

Five years ago: The online whistleblower Wikileaks posted some 90,000 leaked U.S. military records that amounted to a blow-by-blow account of the Afghanistan war, including unreported incidents of Afghan civilian killings as well as covert operations against Taliban figures. Alberto Contador won the Tour de France for the third time in four years. Erich Steidtmann, a former Nazi SS officer suspected of involvement in World War II massacres but never convicted, died in Hannover, Germany, at age 95.

One year ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with the presidents of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador; afterward, he urged the leaders and congressional Republicans to help ease the influx of minors and migrant families crossing the southwest border of the United States. Bel Kaufman, author of the 1965 best-selling novel "Up the Down Staircase," died in New York at age 103. Manny Roth, 94, a colorful club owner in Greenwich Village, New York, whose Cafe Wha? and its basement-level stage was a rite of passage in the 1960s for Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Springsteen and many others, died in Ojai, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Harris is 80. Folk-pop singer-musician Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) is 73. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 72. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 64. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 60. Model-actress Iman is 60. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 58. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 57. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 54. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 54. Actress Ileana Douglas is 50. Country singer Marty Brown is 50. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 48. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 48. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (PAH'-woh LAHT'-joh-neh) (Apocalyptica) is 47. Actor D.B. Woodside is 46. Actress Miriam Shor is 44. Actor David Denman is 42. Actor Jay R. Ferguson is 41. Actor James Lafferty is 30. Actress Shantel VanSanten is 30. Actor Michael Welch is 28. Actress Linsey (cq) Godfrey (TV: "The Bold and the Beautiful") is 27. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 20. Actor Pierce Gagnon is 10.

Thought for Today: "Advertising is a valuable economic factor because it is the cheapest way of selling goods, particularly if the goods are worthless." - Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).