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Tuesday, August 11

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: Joshua Clocksene • Carol Dix • Jeff Stolle • Renee Tastad Mc Donald • Samantha Jondahl • Tylan Glover • Christina Kramp

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, August 12

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Shawn & Michelle Kelly

Birthdays: Alexa Nilsson • Amber Wolken • Haida Boyd • Jadyn Geffre • James Westby • Fern McPartland

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

Thursday, August 13

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, sherbet.

Anniv: Jonathan & Mandilyn Fliehs

Birthdays: Logan Nilsson • Sam Furman • Mike Weber • Ralph Merkel • Jennifer Neff • Dee Riley

• Don Hepola

Friday, August 14

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Helen and Spike Nehls at 905 N. Third St., Groton is this week's Yard of the Week by the Groton Garden Club. Helen does the trimming and takes care of the flowers while Spike does the general mowing and working with the rocks. This was taken in their back yard.



Helen is watering her flowers in the front of the house. She says there is a lot of work to keep up the yard, but added, "It's good therapy."

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Broken hip blues

Mrs. Z, a widow of 15 years and living alone, was reaching for something in a top cupboard, turned too fast, fell hitting her hip, and couldn't get up by herself. She lay on that cold linoleum floor for most of the night until she was finally able to crawl to a phone and call for help. In the emergency room we saw the tell-tale signs of an outward turned and shortened leg, and the suspected fractured hip was confirmed on X Ray.

Lifetime risk for hip fracture is 6% in men and 14% in women. After reparative surgery, 40% of people will require living in a nursing home for at least a period of time during recovery and 50% will permanently require a walker. The risk of death following hip fracture, even with the best of care, is about 10% at one month and up to 40% at one year. In 2011 hip fractures resulted in about 30% of all US hospitalizations, costing about five billion dollars and untold amount of suffering.

Prior to the development of a surgical repair for hip fracture, treatment involved six weeks of traction and bed rest, with something like an 80% death rate from blood clots or pneumonia. Pinning the hip with ivory pins was first tried in 1899, but it was in World War II that a German surgeon began regularly using metal rods to stabilize bone fractures. From that point on, hip pinning became popular, allowing patients to stand up and start walking within days of surgery, remarkably reducing death rate following hip fracture. Presently, the surgical repair of a fractured hip involves a new artificial ball and sometimes socket replacing the fractured hip in about a third of the cases. Pinning still works in most cases, however, and is quicker, easier, cheaper, and sometimes safer than the more invasive total hip surgery.

90% of hip fractures happen after falling, most often the result of inactivity and poor physical conditioning. Say it again; inactivity is the most important risk factor for hip fracture. Although advanced age, poor eyesight, blood pressure medicines, soft bones, neurological and cardiac conditions are also risk factors, the big danger comes from a lifetime of inactivity.

Physical activity and conditioning at any age, hardens bones, enhances strength, and helps avoid falls and fractured hips. So, unless you want to end up on a cold linoleum floor some day, get out and get walking.

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To hear more from Dr. Holm, watch his TV show, On Call with the Prairie Doc, every Thursday at 7pm CT on South Dakota Public Broadcasting and his website, www.PrairieDoc.org.

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Today in Weather History

August 11, 1975: A line of thunderstorms moved rapidly across portions of central and eastern South Dakota during the early morning hours. Winds gusted to 70 mph, causing considerable damage to trees. At Canton, in Lincoln County, the winds were estimated as high as 70 mph. In Sioux Falls, the peak wind gust measured 69 mph. Wind damage was also reported in Miller and Ree Heights in Hand County, as well as in Selby and Mobridge in Walworth County.

August 11, 1985: Lightning set off eleven fires in the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation area. Twenty acres of grassland were burned two miles northeast of Bear Creak. About 600 acres of grassland were burned 8 miles southwest of Lantry. About 3,000 acres of grassland burned near Eagle Butte.

August 11, 2011: Severe thunderstorms brought hail up to the size of ping pong balls and damaging winds up to 90 mph to parts of central South Dakota. Jones and Lyman Counties received the brunt of the strong winds with eighty mph winds downing several grain bins along with knocking a few semis off of Interstate-90 near Murdo. The winds also downed some power lines and poles along with destroying a hanger. The two planes in the hanger were damaged at the Murdo Airport. Near Kennebec in Lyman County, eighty mph winds took shingles off the house and also damaged the deck. A barn was also destroyed with a horse being injured. Many tree branches were also downed.

1940 - A major hurricane struck Savannah, GA, and Charleston, SC, causing the worst inland flooding since 1607. (David Ludlum)

1944 - The temperature at Burlington, VT, soared to an all-time record high of 101 degrees. (The Weather Channel) The Dog Days officially come to an end on this date, having begun the third day in July. Superstition has it that dogs tend to become mad during that time of the year. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - Clouds and moisture from Hurricane Allen provided a brief break from the torrid Texas heatwave, with daily highs mostly in the 70s to lower 90s. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - An early evening thunderstorm in Wyoming produced hail up to two inches in diameter from Alva to Hulett. Snow plows had to be used to clear Highway 24 south of Hulett, where hail formed drifts two feet deep. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Moisture from what remained of Tropical Storm Beryl resulted in torrential rains across eastern Texas. Twelve and a half inches of rain deluged Enterprise TX, which was more than the amount received there during the previous eight months. Philadelphia PA reported a record forty-four days of 90 degree weather for the year. Baltimore MD and Newark NJ reported a record fourteen straight days of 90 degree heat. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - One of the most severe convective outbreaks of record came to a climax in southern California after four days. Thunderstorms deluged Benton CA with six inches of rain two days in a row, and the flooding which resulted caused more than a million dollars damage to homes and highways. Thunderstorms around Yellowstone Park WY produced four inches of rain in twenty minutes resulting in fifteen mudslides. Thunderstorms over Long Island NY drenched Suffolk County with 8 to 10 inches of rain. Twenty-three cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. It was, for some cities, the fourth straight morning of record cold temperatures. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)





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Southerly breezes will usher warm and humid air into the region, at least through mid-week. No significant precipitation is expected over the next few days, but storm chances do return late in the week and through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather High: 81.7 at 3:21 PM

Low: 56.9 at 7:11 AM High Gust: 13 at 1:09 PM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 103° in 1965

Record Low: 34° in 1905 Average High: 83°F Average Low: 58°F Average Precip in Aug: 0.87 Precip to date in Aug: 2.22 Average Precip to date: 14.73 Precip Year to Date: 13.79 Sunset Tonight: 8:47 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:30 a.m.





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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!

A poor widow had two sons. She was consumed with their success, and feared that they would fail. Both were self-employed. One sold umbrellas and the other one sold fans.

The first thing she would do each morning was to run to the window to check the weather. If it was raining, she would sigh and say, "Oh, me, no one will want to buy fans today. It's going to be cool." And, if it was sunny, she would fret and say, "Oh my, no one will need an umbrella because it's not raining." One day a friend said to her, "Listen, if the sun is shining someone will buy a fan and if it's raining, someone will buy an umbrella. The weather is always changing so someone will always buy one or the

other."

Many of us allow the conditions around us to control the attitude that's in us. It's "what's out there" that controls "what's in here." Wrong! We have things backward. When we are "in Christ" we need to go to Him and ask Him to fill our hearts with thanksgiving and joy for all that we have "in Him." We have all of His promises available to us in His Word. And if we accept them, rain or sun, come what may – God is in control and will give us what we need.

Prayer: Lord, help us to see things through Your eyes, and know that Your care for us exceeds what ever need we might have. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,

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News from the Associated Press

Bat Festival returns to Custer State Park for 10th year

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Bat Festival is returning to Custer State Park this weekend for the 10th year.

The South Dakota Bat Working Group is hosting the festival Aug. 15 in the park's Tatanka Theater in Game Lodge Campground.

Biologists will answer questions about bats and there will be a lecture presentation. The festival also includes educational bat displays and crafts for kids.

After the presentation, "bat-detectors" will be used to listen to bats flying overhead in the campground. Festival organizer Joel Tigner says some of the bats roosting in the Tatanka Theatre often make an appearance by flying around inside the theatre. He says this gives attendees a chance to hear real-time echolocation calls as recorded on the ultrasonic "bat detectors."

Rapid City jail brings back Native American drum group

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Jail in Rapid City is bringing back its spiritual drum group. County officials say the program goes back to the late 1990s but had dropped off in recent years. Officials say it has been difficult to find someone to coordinate the activities and many previous participants were either moved to other facilities or released.

One inmate, Cheston Ghost, has been giving lessons on styles of Native American music and the various drumbeats. He says sharing his songs and memories make him feel like he's "on the outside."

Heron couple donates \$20,000 toward new state fair building

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A Huron couple is donating \$20,000 toward a new exhibit hall on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron.

Nels and Dorothy Olsen owned and operated a farm machinery and truck business in Huron for many years. They say they are supporting the state fair project because of the positive influence of 4-H on youth throughout the state.

Construction has started on the 48,000-square-foot hall. It will feature 30,000 square feet of exhibit space, multiple classrooms, a large kitchen for 4-H special food competitions, year-round concessions and a performance stage.

State fair officials say they have raised more than \$4 million toward its goal of \$4.7 million for the project.

Health Department: expecting mothers should get vaccinated

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Health is reminding expecting mothers to get vaccinated during pregnancy in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

The department said Monday that two vaccines that are frequently recommended to pregnant women are for influenza and whooping cough, or pertussis.

Barbara Philips is a nurse educator for the Department of Health immunization program. Philips says flu shots protect expecting mothers from flu-related problems such as early labor and delivery.

She says if a mother gets the whooping cough vaccine during pregnancy it will transfer antibodies that will help protect the baby during its early life.

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13 states ask judge to delay new federal water rule JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Thirteen states led by North Dakota asked a federal judge on Monday to delay a new rule that gives federal authorities jurisdiction over some state waters.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem filed a motion late Monday in Bismarck seeking a preliminary injunction to prevent the rule from taking effect on Aug. 28.

Stenehjem said he was hopeful a judge will grant a hearing on the injunction within the next few days. North Dakota is leading a lawsuit filed on June 29 challenging the Obama administration rule that gives federal agencies authority to protect some streams, tributaries and wetlands under the Clean Water Act. Stenehjem said the "Waters of the U.S." rule by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers is "unnecessary" and "unlawful." He said it does nothing to increase water quality in North Dakota and other states.

"The rule is perhaps the most controversial and widely objectionable rule that would usurp state and local control over vast reaches of water in North Dakota and across the nation," Stenehjem said in a statement. "It is an unnecessary and unlawful power grab by the federal government that will do nothing to increase water quality in North Dakota."

The rule is a response to calls from the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress for the EPA to clarify which smaller waterways are protected. The EPA says the new law aims to help landowners understand which waters fall under the Clean Water Act.

Landowners — and especially farmers — are worried even a ditch or puddle could fall under federal regulations.

Öther states joining the lawsuit with North Dakota are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The request for a preliminary injunction comes after Stenehjem and attorneys general and officials from 30 states sent a letter last month to the EPA and the Army Corps asking that the new law be postponed at least nine months.

"A federal regulation of this scope and significance demands a thorough judicial review before imposing costly and disruptive burdens on the states and their citizens," the letter said.

The federal agencies have not responded to the letter.

Robert Daguillard, an EPA spokesman is Washington, said Monday that his agency is still "carefully reviewing" it.

In addition to the lawsuit led by North Dakota, dozens of others have been filed by business, agriculture groups and others in at least eight U.S. district courts.

The EPA and the Army Corp have asked that the lawsuits be consolidated in a single district court.

Stenehjem said the request for an injunction he filed Monday also asks that the lawsuits not be consolidated.

"We think we have specific arguments," he said.

Tony Lara from Discovery's 'Deadliest Catch' dies in Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a man who has appeared as a ship captain on the Discovery Channel television program "Deadliest Catch" has died in Sturgis, South Dakota, during its famous motorcycle rally. Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin says he's waiting on autopsy results to help determine the cause of 50-year-old Tony Lara's death.

The sheriff says Lara died early Saturday morning at a private residence in Sturgis.

A message at a phone number associated with Lara wasn't immediately returned.

A post on the Discovery website describes Lara as a veteran crab catcher. He appeared on the show at the helm of a boat called the Cornelia Marie.

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Sioux Falls police investigating death of infant as homicide

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police said Monday they are investigating last week's death of an infant as a homicide.

Court documents show that Kayleigh Joy Schumm's injuries were the result of "inflicted trauma" and not something that is consistent with an accidental event. The 21/2-week-old baby died on Thursday, about 24 hours after she was hospitalized.

The girl's father, Michael Schumm, 20, has been charged with abuse and neglect. The charges stem from the 24 minutes that elapsed from the moment the infant started having breathing problems to the time an emergency call was placed, police spokesman Sam Clemens said.

"He knew that there was something wrong with the baby where the baby wasn't breathing, and he didn't call 911, he didn't call for an ambulance," Clemens said.

Schumm did not call for help until the infant's mother arrived home from shopping, according to police. Police have not been able to find Schumm, who is also charged with possession of marijuana. More than 59 grams of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia were found in the apartment, police said. Schumm allegedly told investigators he smoked marijuana daily to relieve stress, but had not smoked pot that day. Clemens said autopsy results will not be available for several weeks.

"We're still investigating the matter," Clemens said. "We're still working on determining what led up to this and what happened to cause her death."

Rapid City police investigate armed robbery at casino

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police are investigating an armed robbery at a Rapid City casino. Authorities say police received a call shortly before 3 p.m. Monday about a man who brandished a handgun at the business on St. Patrick Street and demanded money from the register.

The suspect fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

Board of Regents to evaluate direction of university centers **JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Board of Regents is reevaluating how it offers instruction in three South Dakota cities that lack a comprehensive public university campus.

The Board of Regents on Tuesday is set to discuss what the future may hold for the state's "university" centers" in Rapid City, Pierre and Sioux Falls. A report prepared for the board says that disruptions in higher education from new course providers and technology, among other factors, are occurring alongside a "marked decline" in enrollment at the university centers — the student headcount has decreased by about 12 percent overall from fall 2008 to fall 2014.

The university centers offer classroom-based instruction emphasizing adult and working students.

"Since those centers were created, the landscape has changed pretty dramatically. Particularly ... the economy has changed, (and) the availability of online education has made a radical change in how placebound people particularly can access higher education," new Regents CEO and Executive Director Michael Rush said. "That has necessitated another look at what the centers are doing and how they offer their services and what value they add to their communities."

The report to the board shows that from fall 2008 to fall 2014, headcount enrollment at the Sioux Falls center fell by about 27 percent to 1,618 students. The headcount enrollment at the location in Pierre fell by roughly 43 percent to 69 students, according to those numbers.

The Sioux Falls center is also projecting a \$1 million shortfall of tuition revenue for the 2016 fiscal year. Craig Johnson, executive director of the center, said he wanted to wait for the regents' discussion before commenting.

The Rapid City center's headcount enrollment grew by about 22 percent from 2008 to fall 2014. But, between fall 2013 and fall 2014, it fell by about 8 percent.

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Gene Bilodeau, executive director of the Rapid City location, said the center has been in "pretty good shape." He praised a recent measure that rebranded the satellite center as a campus of Black Hills State University.

The Board of Regents could consider lower or different pricing at university centers and look at alternatives to the university centers' emphasis on four-year degrees.

Police say skimming devices found at 2 Sioux Falls banks

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say two banks in Sioux Falls have discovered devices placed on cash machines used to steal card information.

The so-called skimmers can steal credit card information when consumers swipe a debit or credit card. The devices can either record information to be collected later or they can work wirelessly from a short distance.

Police say they don't believe anyone's credit card information has been compromised. The U.S. Secret Service is investigating.

South Dakota farmers ahead of pace in harvesting wheat

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers have reached the halfway point on spring wheat and are nearing the end of the winter wheat harvest.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly report that spring wheat harvest is at 53 percent, ahead of the long-term average of 45 percent. Only 10 percent had been harvested at this point a year ago.

The winter wheat harvest is 91 percent complete, ahead of the 72 percent last year and 86 percent average.

Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were both rated 68 percent adequate or surplus. Pasture and range conditions were 61 percent good or excellent, 28 percent fair, and 11 percent poor or very poor.

Man pleads guilty to his role in deadly Sioux Falls shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One of two people accused in a deadly Sioux Falls shooting has changed his plea to guilty.

Nineteen-year-old Robert Montes, of Sioux Falls, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of accessory to a felony in the fatal January shooting of Anthony Gabriel. In exchange for the plea, prosecutors have agreed to drop murder and manslaughter charges against Montes.

Lawyers and family for both sides declined to comment.

Montes and 17-year-old Conner Hanson are charged in Gabriel's death. Prosecutors say Hanson fired shots at Gabriel's car after a pursuit through Sioux Falls. Gabriel died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Hanson is charged with murder, manslaughter and discharging a firearm at an occupied motor vehicle. He has pleaded not guilty.

Jackley explains 2 proposed constitutional amendments

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley has released explanations for two proposed constitutional amendments.

One would expand rights for crime victims in South Dakota. The other would cap loan interest rates at 18 percent annually unless the borrower agreed to a higher rate in writing. It also says no law capping interest rates is valid unless the borrower can agree to a different rate.

Jackley's filing with the secretary of state's office is another step in the process for proposal supporters to get the proposals on the November 2016 ballot. Once they file required paperwork with the secretary of state's office, supporters can begin pursuing the necessary 27,741 signatures by Nov. 9.

Jackley's explanation is required by law.

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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. FERGUSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN ON EDGE

Police arrest nearly two dozen people during a fourth consecutive night of demonstrations marking the anniversary of the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

2. COLORADO MINE SPILL ALARMS OFFICIALS

They are concerned about long-term threats to the water supply even though EPA officials say there is no leading edge of contamination visible in downstream sections of the San Juan River or Lake Powell.

3. JAPAN RESTARTS REACTOR AFTER HIATUS DUE TO FUKUSHIMA

The Nuclear Regulation Authority affirms the safety of the Sendai reactor under stricter safety rules imposed after the 2011 accident, the worst since the 1986 Chernobyl explosion.

4. GREECE CLOSES IN ON BAILOUT DEAL POSSIBLY WITHIN THE DAY

The Greek finance minister sounds upbeat about the prospects of an imminent agreement that would prevent the country's default later this month and secure its future in the euro.

5. WHO BLAMES CLINTON FOR RISE OF ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

Jeb Bush will argue in a speech that the Democratic front-runner shares in the mistakes that he says led to the rise of extremist militants.

6. WHAT'S BEHIND GOOGLE RESTRUCTURING

"Our company is operating well today, but we think we can make it cleaner and more accountable," says the company's CEO Larry Page as a new holding company, 'Alphabet,' is formed.

7. LITTLE RELIEF FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

The head of the World Food Program says in an interview that funding prospects are "bleak" and Syrians who fled their war-torn country likely face more cuts in food aid.

8. WHY CHINA'S CURRENCY SLIDES

The Chinese central bank devalues the tightly controlled yuan following a slump in trade, allowing its biggest one-day decline in a decade.

9. KIDS WITH CANCER GET CHANCE AT SAVING FERTILITY

Some hospitals are removing and freezing immature ovary and testes tissue, with hopes of being able to put it back when patients reach adulthood.

10. TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN SIGNALS LAUGHS FOR COLBERT

"Every night I light a candle that he stays in the race until Sept. 8. But I also hope that nobody gets that candle too close to his hair," says the comedian about the GOP candidate ahead of his 'Late Show' debut.

AP News in Brief

4th consecutive night of demonstrations in Ferguson brings confrontations, arrests

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Police arrested nearly two dozen people in Ferguson during a fourth consecutive night of demonstrations marking the anniversary of the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

The gathering that stretched into early Tuesday morning came a day after a protest along West Florissant Avenue that was interrupted by gunfire and a police shooting that left an 18-year-old critically injured. The violence set the St. Louis suburb on edge and had protest leaders worried about whether tensions would escalate.

St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger declared a state of emergency, which authorized county Police Chief Jon Belmar to take control of police emergency management in and around Ferguson.

By early Monday evening, hundreds of people had gathered again along West Florissant, the thoroughfare that was the site of massive protests and rioting after Brown was fatally shot last year in a confrontation

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with a Ferguson police officer.

The protesters chanted, beat drums and carried signs. When some in the group moved into a traffic lane, officers in riot gear forced people out of the street. Some demonstrators threw water bottles and other debris at officers.

Officials downstream from Colorado mine spill demand answers about possible long-term threats

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Local officials in towns downstream from where millions of gallons of mine waste spilled into a southwest Colorado river are demanding answers about possible long-term threats to the water supply.

Colorado and New Mexico declared stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers to be disaster areas as the orange-colored waste stream made its way downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah after the spill Wednesday at the abandoned Gold King mine near Silverton, Colorado.

The 3 million gallons of mine waste included high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals. Workers with the EPA accidentally unleashed the spill as they inspected the abandoned mine site.

EPA officials said Monday that there was no leading edge of contamination visible in downstream sections of the San Juan River or Lake Powell. But that has done little to ease concerns or quell the anger caused by the spill.

The Navajo Nation, which covers parts of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona, declared an emergency as it shut down water intake systems and stopped diverting water from the San Juan River.

Japan restarts reactor after break from nuclear power due to Fukushima meltdowns

TOKYO (AP) — A power plant operator in southern Japan restarted a nuclear reactor on Tuesday, the first to begin operating under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster.

Kyushu Electric Power Co. said Tuesday it had restarted the No. 1 reactor at its Sendai nuclear plant as planned. The restart marks Japan's return to nuclear energy four-and-half-years after the 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan following an earthquake and tsunami.

The national broadcaster NHK showed plant workers in the control room as they turned the reactor back on. Tomomitsu Sakata, a spokesman for Kyushu Electric Power, said the reactor was put back online without any problems.

The Fukushima disaster displaced more than 100,000 people due to radioactive contamination and spurred a national debate over this resource-scarce country's reliance on nuclear power.

A majority of Japanese oppose the return to nuclear energy. Dozens of protesters, including ex-Prime Minister Naoto Kan, who was in office at the time of the disaster and has become an outspoken critic of nuclear power, were gathered outside the plant as police stood guard.

Greek finance minister says country just two or three details away from bailout deal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece only has a few details to iron out with international creditors before concluding a bailout agreement, officials said Tuesday, raising hopes that the cash-strapped country could be ready to finalize a deal within the day.

Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos sounded upbeat about the prospects of an imminent deal that would prevent the country's default later this month and secure its future in the euro.

"I think we are very close. Two or three very small details remain," he said as he emerged Tuesday morning from all-night talks with negotiators representing Greece's creditors at a central Athens hotel. He did not elaborate further on the outstanding details.

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Similarly optimistic remarks came from government aide Theodoros Mihopoulos, who said on Twitter that the negotiation had been completed and that "some details remain."

Bush ties Clinton as secretary of state to rise of Islamic State, calls for US-led offensive

BURBANK, California (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush will step up his criticism of Hillary Rodham Clinton and her tenure as secretary of state on Tuesday, arguing in a speech on foreign policy the Democratic front-runner shares in the mistakes that he says led to the rise of the Islamic State.

The former Florida governor will also call for a renewed sense of U.S. leadership in the Middle East, which he says is needed to defeat the militant group and an ideology that "is, to borrow a phrase, the focus of evil in the modern world."

"The threat of global jihad, and of the Islamic State in particular, requires all the strength, unity and confidence that only American leadership can provide," Bush will say, according to excerpts of his remarks as prepared for delivery.

In a speech at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, Bush plans to tie the rise of the militant Sunni group, which now occupies a large swath of Iraq, Syria and other Middle Eastern countries, to the departure of U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011.

"ISIS grew while the United States disengaged from the Middle East and ignored the threat," Bush will say. "And where was Secretary of State Clinton in all of this?

Google creates new holding company, Alphabet, to oversee its core business and new ventures

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is creating a new company to oversee its highly lucrative Internet business and a growing flock of other ventures, including some — like building self-driving cars and researching ways to prolong human life — that are known more for their ambition than for turning an immediate profit.

The new company will be called "Alphabet," Google CEO and co-founder Larry Page announced Monday. Page said he'll be CEO of the new holding company, while longtime Google executive Sundar Pichai will become CEO of Google's core business, including its search engine, online advertising operation and YouTube video service.

While the company will still use the Google name for those core services, Page said the new structure will provide more independence for divisions like Nest, which makes Internet-connected home appliances, and Calico, which is conducting cutting-edge health research.

Analysts said the move may also be a nod to Wall Street demands for more fiscal accountability: As part of the reorganization, Page said the company will begin reporting financial results by segments. That should give a clearer picture of how Google's core Internet business is performing, separate from other ventures, said analyst Colin Gillis of the investment firm BGC Partners.

Google reported more than \$14 billion in profit on \$66 billion in sales last year, most of it from lucrative Internet advertising, while other ventures have required large investments without showing immediate returns. The company's stock has surged in recent weeks after a new chief financial officer signaled some trims in corporate spending.

Iran carpet weavers already targeting US buyers as exports set to resume in coming months

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's famed carpet weavers are busy at work following the country's historic nuclear deal with world powers, anticipating a boost in exports as sanctions are set to be lifted in the months ahead.

"The Persian hand-woven carpet is Iran's ambassador. I'm delighted that the ambassador is in the pro-

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cess of resuming work in the U.S.," exporter Jila Rassam Arabzadeh said this week. "The Persian carpet is like the Iranian flag, known all over the world. Let our flag fly."

The landmark July 14 nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany — is meant to curb Tehran's nuclear program in exchange for lifting crippling international sanctions. As part of the deal, the U.S. will resume imports of Iranian carpets, which were halted in 2010.

Persian carpets were the Iranian non-oil commodity that suffered most as a result of sanctions.

The U.S. market had made up one-fifth of Iran's carpet exports. Hamid Kargar, president of Iran's national carpet center, said producers in the Islamic republic are already making carpets with Americans in mind and are hopeful that trade will resume next year.

Q&A: What China's yuan devaluation means for its struggling exporters, relations with the US

BEIJING (AP) — China devalued its tightly controlled currency Tuesday following a slump in trade, allowing the yuan's biggest one-day decline in a decade. The central bank said it was trying to make the state-controlled exchange rate more market-oriented. In recent months, the yuan has strengthened along with the dollar, making Chinese exports more expensive and raising the risk of politically dangerous job losses in industries that employ tens of millions of workers.

HOW IS CHINA'S CURRENCY SYSTEM DIFFERENT?

Beijing uses what it calls a "managed float." It allows the yuan's exchange rate to fluctuate within a band 2 percent above or below a point set by the People's Bank of China based on the previous day's trading. That allows the exchange rate to rise or fall in response to supply and demand but prevents wide swings that might hurt traders. This is different from other major currencies such as the U.S. dollar and the euro, which are freely traded. But most other countries also regulate exchange rates based on an "anchor currency" such as the dollar to prevent abrupt swings that might hurt their economies. In China's case, the United States and other major trading partners complain Beijing suppresses the yuan's value, giving its exporters an unfair price advantage and hurting foreign competitors.

What Stephen Colbert thinks about Trump, and other things as his Late Show' debut nears

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — With Donald Trump's presidential bid generating news as well as comedy gold, Stephen Colbert is itching to get his share of the laughs once he returns to the air Sept. 8 as host of CBS' "The Late Show."

"Every night I light a candle that he stays in the race until Sept. 8," Colbert says. "But I also hope that nobody gets that candle too close to his hair."

In the meantime, off the air and with no venue, "I'm just dry-Trumping," Colbert added, then, impressed with his pun, stopped to tweet it from the stage as he met with TV critics on Monday.

Other things he said during this session: George Clooney will guest on opening night, with Kendrick Lamar (who performed on the final "Colbert Report" last fall) his first musical guest.

— Like Stephen Colbert, the right-wing blowhard he played for 11 years on "The Colbert Report," the reallife Stephen Colbert is honestly afraid of bears: "If something's gone bad in my life, I dream about bears."

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 11, the 223rd day of 2015. There are 142 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On August 11, 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1786, Capt. Francis Light arrived in Penang to claim the Malaysian island for Britain.

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada.

In 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay. In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York. In 1964, the Beatles movie "A Hard Day's Night" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

In 1984, during a voice test for a paid political radio address, President Ronald Reagan joked that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." At the Los Angeles Olympics, American runner Mary Decker fell after colliding with South African-born British competitor Zola Budd in the 3,000-meter final; Budd finished seventh.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili (shah-lee-kash-VEE'-lee) to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding the retiring Gen. Colin Powell.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court later struck down the veto as unconstitutional.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush expressed sympathy for war protesters like Cindy Sheehan, the mother camped outside his Texas ranch demanding more answers for her soldier-son Casey's death in Iraq, but said he believed it would be a mistake to bring U.S. troops home immediately. A one-day strike by British Airways baggage handlers and other ground staff forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights to and from Heathrow Airport.

Five years ago: In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, police and FBI agents captured Michael Francis Mara, suspected of being the so-called "Granddad Bandit" who'd held up two dozen banks in 13 states for about two years. (Mara later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.) Dan Rostenkowski, a former Illinois congressman who'd wielded enormous power on Capitol Hill for more than 30 years, died at his Wisconsin summer home at age 82.

One year ago: Robin Williams, 63, a brilliant shape-shifter who could channel his frenetic energy into delightful comic characters like "Mrs. Doubtfire" or harness it into richly nuanced work like his Oscar-winning turn in "Good Will Hunting," died in Tiburon, California, a suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 90. Songwriter-producer Kenny Gamble is 72. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 72. Magazine columnist Marilyn Vos Savant is 69. Country singer John Conlee is 69. Singer Eric Carmen is 66. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 65. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 62. Singer Joe Jackson is 61. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 58. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 51. Actress Viola Davis is 50. Actor Duane Martin is 50. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 48. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave is 47. Actress Anna Gunn is 47. Actress Ashley Jensen is 47. Actress Sophie Okonedo is 47. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 47. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 45. Actor Nigel Harman is 42. Actor Will Friedle is 39. Actor Rob Kerkovich (TV: "NCIS: New Orleans") is 36. Actress Merritt Wever is 35. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 32. Rock musician Heath Fogg (Alabama Shakes) is 31. Singer J-Boog is 30. Rapper Asher Roth is 30. Actress Alyson Stoner is 22.

Thought for Today: "You will have bad times, but they will always wake you up to the stuff you weren't paying attention to." - Robin Williams (1951-2014).