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## Service Notice: Janet Kolker

Mass of Christian Burial for Janet Kolker, 72, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 27 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday with a wake at 7:00 p.m.

Janet died August 23, 2015 at Avera St. Lukes in Aberdeen.

## Tuesday, August 25

Faculty In-Service

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Tim Flihs • Angela Mettler

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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

## Wednesday, August 26

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

Anniversary: Bill & Eileen Schuelke

**Birthdays:** Jana Duncan • Doris Craig • Carly Wheeting • Dustin LaMee

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 27

**Senior Menu:** Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Amanda Zimmerman • Paula Dobbins • Kory Anderson

10:00am: NEC Boys Golf at Milbank

Friday, August 28

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Rob & Jeanne Wanous

**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**

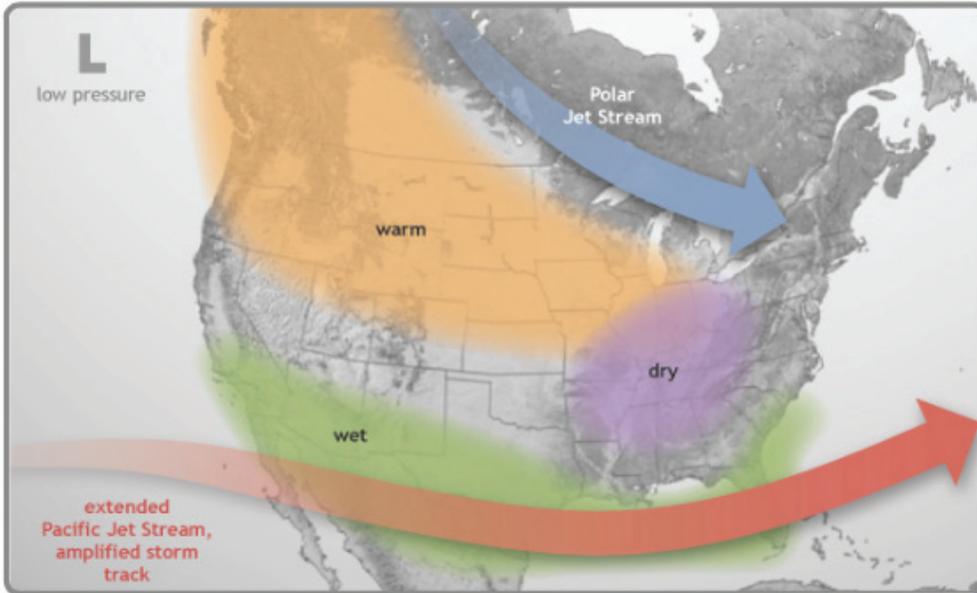
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## Groton Chiropractic Clinic

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## El Niño in Winter



An El Niño develops when sea surface temperatures are warmer than average in the equatorial Pacific for an extended period of time. This is important to North America because El Niño has an impact on our weather patterns, most predominantly in the winter.

Although each El Niño is different, there are some general patterns that are predictable. For instance, the polar jet stream is typically farther north than usual, while the Pacific jet stream remains across the southern United States (see figure to left).

This pattern brings above-normal temperatures to much of the Missouri River Basin region, particularly across the northern tier of the basin. Keep in mind that this does not mean that cold weather

The image above shows the typical pattern in the winter during El Niño events. The polar jet stream tends to stay to the north of the Missouri Basin region, while the Pacific jet stream remains across the southern U.S. With the Missouri Basin isolated between the storm tracks, warmer and possibly drier conditions can develop during El Niño events.

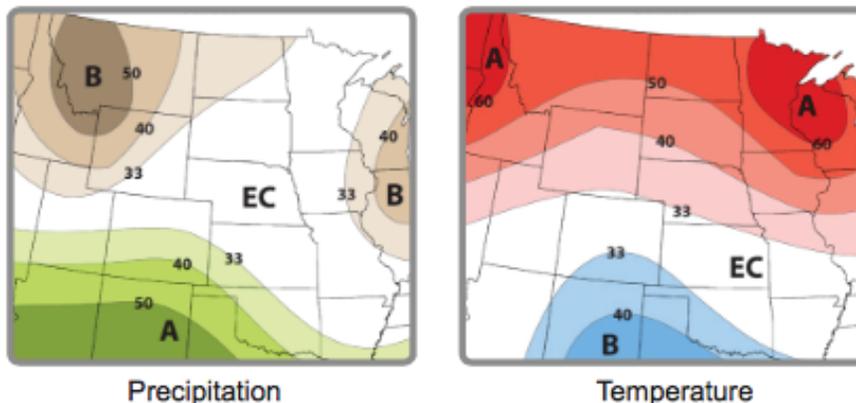
Image courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.  
For more information please visit: <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/department/ensoblog>

will not happen this winter. Extreme cold weather may be milder and less frequent, however.

Snowpack can also be impacted by the typical El Niño winter pattern as well. Snowpack in the northern Rockies and Plains can be reduced and heavy snow events may be less frequent.

## Winter Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks

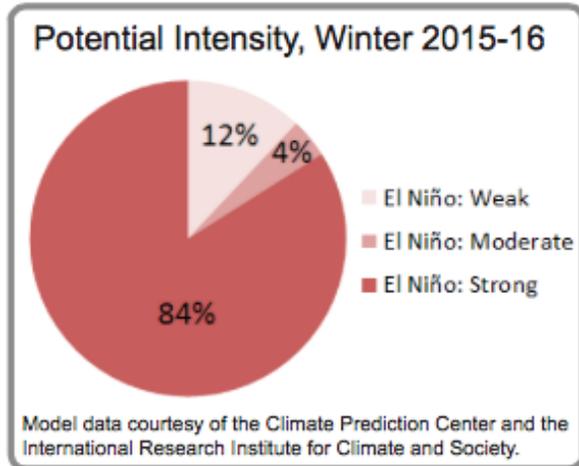
Valid for December 2015 - February 2016



EC: Equal chances of above, near or below normal, A: Above normal, B: Below normal

## El Niño Strength

Winter 2015-16



El Niño conditions have continued this summer and forecasts indicate that this El Niño will strengthen, peaking as a strong event in late fall or early winter. According to the Climate Prediction Center, there is a greater than 90% chance that these conditions will last through the winter and about an 85% chance that El Niño will continue into the early spring. Research has shown that strong El Niños are often followed by La Niñas, so conditions should continue to be monitored closely, especially if the El Niño weakens next spring, as predicted.

### Results on Agriculture

El Niño has worldwide impacts to the agricultural sector, and in the Missouri Basin region, there could be mixed impacts. Because El Niño winters typically result in a reduced snowpack in the northern Plains, this could expose winter wheat to harsh temperatures and wind, and also lead to soil moisture concerns. In southern areas, however, good soil moisture conditions could be expected where above-normal precipitation may occur. Additionally, warmer conditions in the northern tier of the basin could be beneficial for livestock producers both in terms of greater gains due to less severe cold weather and for calving in the later winter and spring.

As of August, the winter outlooks for the region show that below-normal precipitation is favored for the headwaters of the Missouri River, while above-normal precipitation is favored for areas of the southern Rockies. This could have implications for many sectors, in both positive ways (increased snowpack to the south could be welcomed by ski resorts) and negative ways (reduced snowpack to the north could impact spring runoff). Meanwhile, the temperature outlook indicates that central and northern areas of the region could have above-normal temperatures, while some southern areas could have below-normal temperatures.

The seasonal outlooks above combine many factors including dynamical models, the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and the El Niño Southern Oscillation cycle (ENSO). Because these outlooks combine many inputs, they do not match the typical El Niño conditions exactly. To learn more about these outlooks, or to retrieve the latest temperature, precipitation, and drought outlooks, please visit the Climate Prediction Center at: <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>

### Results on Ecosystems

For northern areas of the Missouri Basin region, higher temperatures combined with a lower snowpack could be a recipe for increased fire danger this winter and spring. These conditions could also result in earlier peak stream flows; reduced runoff into wetlands, streams, and rivers in the spring; reduced spring vegetation growth (depending on spring precipitation); and generally warmer stream temperatures. Any reduction to spring runoff or vegetation growth could have negative impacts to wildlife, however these impacts may not be apparent until later in the spring or summer and will be dependent on springtime precipitation.

### Results on Missouri River

The wet spring resulted in higher than normal river levels in the lower Basin, but with weather conditions in the upper Basin switching from wet to dry to wet again, 2015 runoff above Sioux City, Iowa is expected to be near average at about 25 million acre feet. The Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System will begin the 2016 runoff season at the base of the Annual Flood Control and Multiple Use Zone, which means that all flood control storage will be available. Some indicators suggest a tilt toward lower than normal mountain snowpack in the upper Basin during a moderate to strong El Niño. Mountain and Plains snowpack will be closely monitored.

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**Superintendent Joe Schwan, MS/HS Principal Dr. Anna Schwan and Mickey Padfield were some of the servers at the Groton Area School Open House held Monday night.**



**Board Member Merle Harder kept the water cups full at the school open house.**



**Sweet G's Inflatables were a hit at the Groton Area School open house held Monday evening.**

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**Business Manger Mike Weber and Athletic Director Brian Schuring were among the faculty members at the open house.**



**School Board Member Grant Rix kept the lemonaide cups full at the open house.**



**Dr. Anna Schwan, MS/HS Principal, went over the rules to the sixth graders at their orientation held in the Arena.**

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Head Custodian Mike Nehls kept an eye on the garbage cans and emptied them out as needed.



Above are board members Marty Weismantel and Steve Smith, and below are Lars Hanson and Marty Weismantel cooking the hot dogs and brats.



Superintendent Joe Schwan, Elementary Principal Brett Schwan and Mickey Padfield were some of the servers at the Groton Area School Open House held Monday night.



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The kids were gathered around the prize table and Elementary Principal Brett Schwan drew the first winner as Mike Weber holds the box of names.



Dr. Anna Schwan had a slide presentation at the sixth grade orientation held Monday night.

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The new Groton Area Chamber of Commerce digital sign was installed last week. It is located along US Highway 12 just east of S & S Lumber.

Leah Jones, Jack Crosby and Kellie Jones pose for a photo with the new OST manager Kim Weber. Weber is in the process of selling her Teddy Bear Day Care to Charity Hinman; however, she said that she will still be involved with the daycare for a year during the transition. Weber has been putting in a lot of time during the summer getting the OST program ready for the upcoming school year. Former Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow had done the billing but since he left, that responsibility has been left on Weber.

## Today in Weather History

August 25, 1990: Severe thunderstorms moved across central and northeastern South Dakota produce golf ball size hail and wind gusts exceeding 60 mph. One thunderstorm produced a weak F0 tornado touchdown between Bowdle and Roscoe in Edmunds County causing little damage.

1885 - A severe hurricane struck South Carolina causing 1.3 million dollars damage at Charleston. (David Ludlum)

1940 - New Jersey experienced its coldest August morning of record, with lows of 32 degrees at Layton and Charlotteburg. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton IA reported 10.50 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood NE. Rainfall totals for a two day period ranged from 7 to 14 inches across southwestern Iowa. Crop damage was in the millions for both states. Subsequent flooding of streams in Iowa the last week of August caused millions of dollars damage to crops, as some streams crested ten feet above flood stage. (Storm Data)

1988 - Seven cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date, including Sacramento with an afternoon reading of 104 degrees. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in Arizona. Chino Valley was drenched with 2.50 inches of rain in just thirty minutes washing out a couple of streets in town. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms drenched Spencer, IN, with 4.10 inches of rain in three hours causing extensive street flooding. Evening thunderstorms in eastern Kansas produced up to six inches of rain around Emporia, and four inches of rain in just forty-five minutes near Parsons, and also produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Lake Melvern. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Katrina becomes a hurricane just before landfall in south Florida between Hallandale Beach and North Miami Beach. Maximum sustained winds at the time of landfall were near 80 mph. There were eleven fatalities in South Florida, including four by falling trees. More than 1.3 million customers lost electrical services, and preliminary insured loss estimates ranged from \$600 million to \$2 billion in the state of Florida (Associated Press).



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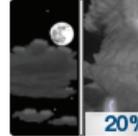
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 75 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 79 °F



Mild Today – Warmer Wednesday  
Moisture Thursday

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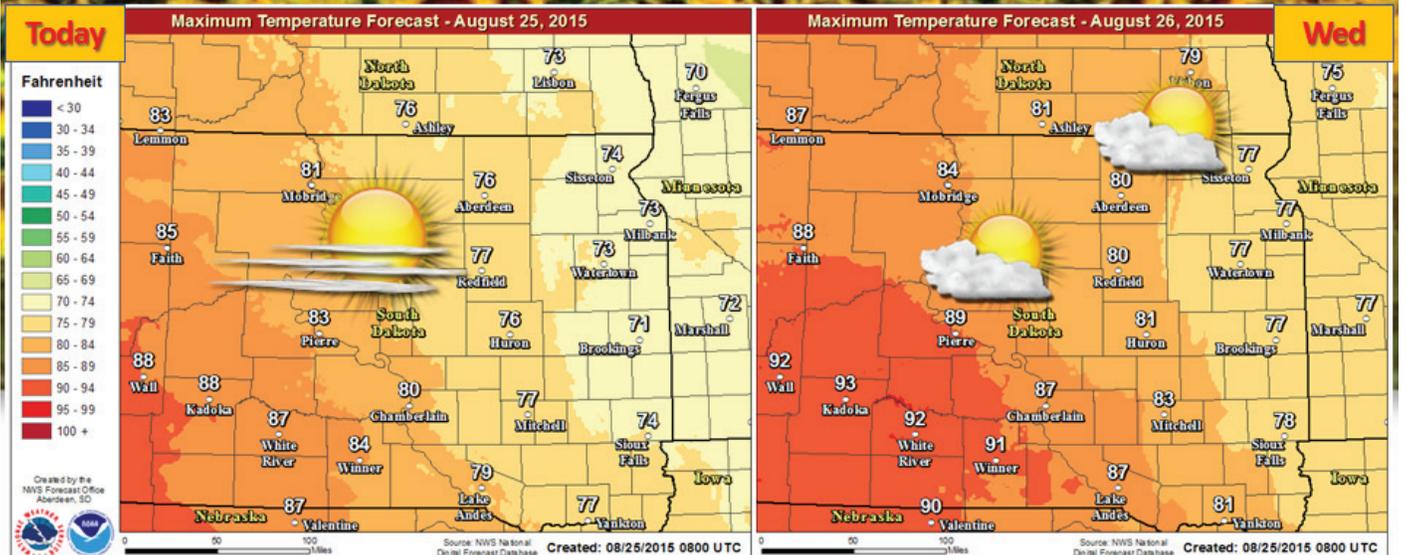
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Mild conditions will continue today, with warmer air moving into the region for Wednesday. This is ahead of a system that will bring another shot at some moisture, starting early Thursday and continuing into early Friday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 70.2 at 6:04 PM

**Low:** 43.9 at 7:29 AM

**High Gust:** 18 at 12:22 PM

**Precip:** 0.03

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 101° in 1926

**Record Low:** 38° in 1896

**Average High:** 81°F

**Average Low:** 55°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 1.96

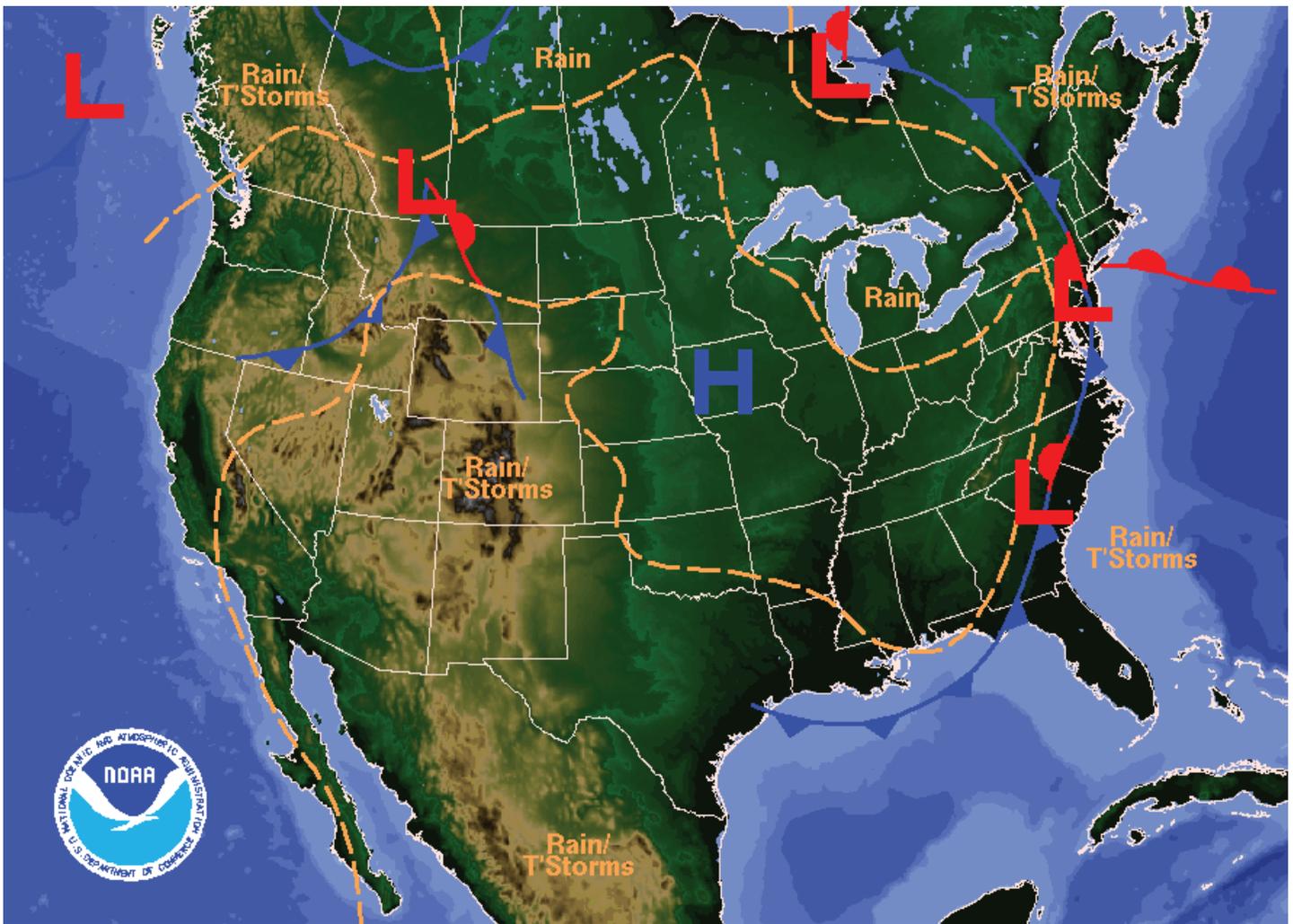
**Precip to date in Aug:** 4.99

**Average Precip to date:** 15.82

**Precip Year to Date:** 16.56

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:24 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 25, 2015, issued 4:28 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## UNEXPECTED REWARDS

He began playing the cello at an early age, and by the time he was eighteen he enjoyed playing in a small European orchestra. Unfortunately, he became nearsighted and as a result had to memorize his part and the parts of all of the other instruments if he was to play with the orchestra. Fortunately, he became very skilled at memorization.

One day the orchestra was to play before a large audience. Moments before the performance was to begin, the leader became ill. Arturo Toscanini, the cellist, was called upon to lead the orchestra because he was the only person who knew the music. His performance was flawless and the critics praised his skills. Other opportunities became available and he went on to become a world famous conductor. What may have defeated others became a successful career for him.

God has great plans for each of us. He sees and knows every obstacle we might ever encounter from the day we are born until the day our lives end. His part is to bring all "things" together; our part is to work with Him to achieve the "good" that He has in store for us.

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to believe that You have a great plan for each of us and never surrender in defeat. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

### Less-lethal weapons get new interest amid police shootings

**DENISE LAVOIE, AP Legal Affairs Writer**

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) — Police in more than 20 North American cities are testing the latest in less-lethal alternatives to bullets — “blunt impact projectiles” that cause suspects excruciating pain but stop short of killing them. Or at least that’s the goal.

Police have long had what they considered “nonlethal” weapons at their disposal, including pepper spray, stun guns and beanbag projectiles. But even those weapons have caused deaths, leading to a search for “less lethal” alternatives. The quest has taken on new urgency in the past year amid furor over a string of high-profile police shootings of black men.

Micron Products Inc., based in Fitchburg, makes the new ammunition, which are much larger than rubber bullets and have silicone heads that expand and flatten on impact, enhancing the pain and incapacitating a suspect. One executive of the company that patented the technology was a guinea pig and described experiencing the business end of a BIP as the “equivalent of being hit by a hockey puck.”

“It was like, ‘Ow!’ I had to shake it off,” said Allen Ezer, executive vice president of Security Devices International, a defense technology company that hired Micron to make the projectiles, which were developed by a ballistics engineering company in Israel.

Sixteen law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and six in Canada have purchased the projectiles, including SWAT units of the Los Angeles County and Sacramento County Sheriff’s Departments in California, and police departments in East Hartford, Connecticut; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Los Alamos, New Mexico.

“They want an option that bridges the gap between baton, Taser and their service weapons,” said Salvatore Emma, Micron’s chief executive officer.

The projectiles do not penetrate the skin, like conventional bullets, but they do cause pain and discomfort. Officers are trained to shoot the projectiles at arms and legs. A person hit in the torso at close range during a disturbance in Canada got a large bruise but no lasting injury, said Gregory Sullivan, SDI’s chief executive officer.

No one has been shot in the head with the projectiles at this point, and Sullivan acknowledged the possibility of a serious or deadly injury in the event of a close-range shot to the head.

But “because of the accountability factor that exists today in the law enforcement field ... it just makes good sense and good risk management to use something that’s safer and the officers can have confidence in,” said Sullivan, a former Toronto police officer.

The product has its limits. While it could subdue an armed suspect from a distance in a hostage or standoff situation, it probably wouldn’t be useful during sudden confrontations, said Toby Wishard, sheriff in Codrington County, South Dakota, whose department bought the projectiles several months ago but hasn’t used them yet.

“This product is not practical to carry on a belt. You’d have to have the time to get it into place; then the opportunity would have to present itself for you to use it,” Wishard said. “I look at it as more of a specialized tool.”

The projectiles, with an average price of \$25, carry a variety of payloads, including a powder used in pepper spray, marker rounds used to identify riot agitators and a malodorant that smells like sewage.

Other companies are also marketing less-lethal alternatives, including:

— A 12-gauge, two-shot launcher pistol that can fire beanbags, pepper spray and gas pellets, made by Bruzer Less Lethal International, in Elkhart, Indiana. The product has drawn interest because it is smaller than a shotgun and can be used to force inmates out of a cell or suspects out of a car. “It’s like wasp-spraying; you hit the nest and the bees or the wasps come out,” said company founder Tommy Teach.

— A gun attachment that slows down bullets, maintaining enough force to knock someone down but reducing the potential for death, made by Alternative Ballistics, a company outside San Diego.

Critics argue the alternatives are merely a stopgap to a much bigger problem.

"I'm for less militarization of the police, but the main problem and the main deterrent for these different incidents of police violence is holding the police accountable," said Brock Satter, an organizer for Boston-based Mass Action Against Police Brutality.

"I don't think most of these situations are accidents. These are incidents of abuse of power and racism," he said. "To me, that's not a problem you can solve just by using a different weapon."

## Mountain lion found in Kentucky apparently from South Dakota

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officials say they have investigated and can't say for sure how a mountain lion turned up on a central Kentucky farm last December.

A conservation officer responded to a complaint on Dec. 15 in Bourbon County and found the animal treed by a homeowner's dog in a populated area outside of Paris. The officer shot and killed the animal due to public safety concerns.

The lion was determined to be a 5-year-old male, weighing 125 pounds and in good condition. DNA analyses link the lion's genetic origin to a population in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The agency says there's no evidence the mountain lion made its way to Kentucky on its own and is believed to have been a released or escaped captive lion.

## Officials look to prevent spread of invasive zebra mussels

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An invasive species of small mollusks seen sporadically in the Dakotas in past years is establishing a population in two river systems.

Zebra mussels of multiple sizes were found recently on multiple boats moored in South Dakota's Lewis and Clark Lake, a Missouri River reservoir in the southeastern part of the state. The mussels surely will work their way downstream, but state officials are upping their boat inspections to prevent the nuisance critters from hitching rides upstream or into other waterways.

Last month, North Dakota's Game and Fish Department found a significant number of zebra mussel larvae called veligers in the Red River north of Wahpeton.

Zebra mussels can clog intake pipes and compete for algae. They hail from Eastern Europe, first appearing in North America in 1988.

## Elementary school children sought for SD ag art contest

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two South Dakota agriculture groups are accepting entries from third and fourth graders from across the state to participate in an upcoming art contest.

South Dakota Value Added Agriculture and South Dakota Ag in the Classroom are hosting the art contest in conjunction with the 2015 South Dakota State Fair.

Posters entered into the "Astonishing Ag Articles" contest should show non-food items made from crops or livestock grown in the state. The winning entry will be displayed at the Future Farmers of America Nursery throughout the fair.

Posters must be hand-drawn and colored or painted. Computer graphics, cut-outs or animated images won't be accepted.

The state fair starts Sept. 3 in Huron. Entries may be submitted by email by Sept. 2 or in person by Sept. 3.

## Nevada governor talks with Obama about greater sage grouse

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval talked privately Monday with President Barack Obama about keeping the greater sage grouse off the endangered species list in 11 Western states.

The Republican governor met with the Democratic president after welcoming him at McCarran International Airport for a clean energy conference at the nearby Las Vegas Strip.

"Today we discussed several pressing issues facing the mountain west including conservation, economic

development, and renewable energy. Most importantly, we discussed the critical need for efforts to protect populations of the greater sage-grouse to responsibly align with ongoing development efforts, which I firmly believe is achievable through a conservation plan based on cutting edge science, common sense best practices and collaborative decision-making," Sandoval said in a statement issued after the meeting.

"I am hopeful that our meeting today will serve as a stepping stone as we continue to navigate this important issue. Working together, I'm hopeful that we can preclude the need to list the greater sage-grouse just as we have done with the bi-state sage-grouse," the governor said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service faces a court order to make a decision by Sept. 30 about listing the chicken-sized bird as endangered in rangeland in states from California to the Dakotas.

The decision carries big implications for oil and gas drilling, livestock grazing and a host of other uses of federal lands throughout the region.

Sandoval joined Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in Reno in April when Jewell announced she was reversing an earlier proposal to list the bistate sage grouse unique to California and Nevada as endangered.

Sandoval, past-president of the Western Governors Association, said at that time he also believes it's possible to keep the greater sage grouse off the endangered species list.

## **Man arrested for vehicular homicide after Sioux Falls crash**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A judge in southeast South Dakota has set bond at \$10,000 for a Sioux Falls man facing several charges including vehicular homicide after a fatal crash in the city.

Magistrate Judge John Hinrichs on Monday set the bond for 25-year-old Trevor Blankartz. Police say Blankartz was driving a car that collided with a motorcycle at an intersection shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday.

The driver of the motorcycle, 56-year-old Dale Schoffelman, of Sioux Falls, died at the scene.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says Blankartz told officers he was distracted by a bicycle and didn't see the motorcycle.

KDLT-TV reports prosecutor Matthew Abel in court said Blankartz had ingested marijuana, but defense attorney Victoria Reker said police never reported smelling marijuana on his client and didn't find any drugs or paraphernalia.

## **Archery hunters can set tree stands in SD starting Tuesday**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Archery hunters in South Dakota can start setting up tree stands on public lands beginning Tuesday.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department says portable tree stands and climbing devices that do not use nails, wire or bolts for attachment will be allowed to remain on public lands through Feb. 15.

The deer archery season in South Dakota opens Sept. 26.

Wildlife officials say permanent tree stands and climbing devices are prohibited on lands owned, leased or controlled by the Game, Fish and Parks Department as well as the Fort Meade Recreation Area.

The name and address or the year and current big game tag number of the owner or user must be on the stand. The information must be legible from the ground.

## **SD Board of Education approves new social studies standards**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Education has approved new social studies standards that will change the way history is taught to students across the state.

Board members approved the standards overhaul Monday. The new guidelines do not require schools to teach early U.S. history in high school.

The board contends the standards are meant to make students "college, career and civic ready." Teachers and other education professionals developed the standards.

The Argus Leader reports the approval came despite opposition from higher education professors who argued students aren't ready for history lessons in college because they aren't learning early American history in high school.

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Students must complete one course in U.S. history to graduate from a South Dakota public high school. The standards will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year.

## **Authorities arrest 3 teens who ran away from SD rehab center**

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Corrections officials in South Dakota say the three teenagers who ran away from a youth rehabilitation center near Custer have been arrested.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections says the 16-, 17- and 18-year-old males were apprehended Monday morning at a home near the State Treatment and Rehabilitation Academy. The teenagers ran away from the facility late Sunday.

Authorities didn't identify the youths because of their age.

State corrections officials say law enforcement authorities are investigating the incident to determine any additional charges.

## **Sioux Falls Skyforce to keep affiliation with Miami Heat**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The NBA's Miami Heat has extended the team's partnership with the NBA Development League's Sioux Falls Skyforce through the 2016-17 season.

The Heat will continue to be the only NBA team affiliated with the Skyforce. The D-League team had aligned itself with several NBA teams until 2013, when it began the single-affiliation partnership with the then-defending NBA champions.

Heat President Pat Riley says in a statement that the Skyforce is "one of the most professional organizations" in the D-League, and the working relationship has been successful.

Skyforce Owner-President Mike Heineman says the team is happy to be affiliated with the "championship-level" NBA franchise.

## **Jewel Cave visitor center expansion project underway**

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — One of the longest caves in the world is getting a bigger visitor center.

Work began Monday on a \$671,000 expansion project for the visitor center at Jewel Cave National Monument in western South Dakota.

"This expansion will improve the visitor experience by making it easier for visitors to enter and exit the cave, as well as providing more space for those waiting for a cave tour," Acting Superintendent Donald Hart said.

The National Park Service has said the 15,000-square-foot expansion will mean more space for environmental education, including classrooms, theater space and educational display space.

The project is scheduled to be completed in February. The center will remain open for regular hours during construction, and the cave tour schedule won't be impacted.

Jewel Cave is 13 miles west of Custer. It has more than 177 miles of mapped and surveyed passages and is considered the third-longest known cave in the world. It's also home to nine bat species, including the rare Townsend's big-eared bat.

Jewel Cave was established as a national monument in 1908. The visitor center opened in 1972 and has seen only minor modifications over its 43-year history, Hart said.

Last year, Jewel Cave upgraded its parking area at a cost of \$2.5 million and worked with the state Department of Transportation to rebuild a dangerous, winding stretch of U.S. Highway 16 leading to the site.

## **3 Sioux Falls firefighters helping battle wildfires in Idaho**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The fire department in Sioux Falls is helping out in the fight against wildfires in western states.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue on Sunday sent a vehicle and three firefighters to help battle blazes in Idaho. Firefighters Cody Vosburg, Darryn Deck and Trent Boe will be in the state for 18 days.

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Massive wildfires raging in western states have taxed resources and led officials to seek help from other states and countries. There are more than 15 large fires in Idaho, and dozens of homes there have been destroyed.

## 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. CHINESE STOCKS FALL FOR 4TH DAY, DROPPING 7.6 PERCENT

The decline comes despite a multibillion-dollar government effort to stop a slide in prices.

### 2. FRENCH-AMERICAN EMERGES AS NEW HERO IN TRAIN ATTACK

Mark Moogalian remains hospitalized in the northern city of Lille with a bullet wound in his neck and back. His life isn't in danger.

### 3. SOUTH TURNS OFF PROPAGANDA AND NORTH EXPRESSES "REGRET" OVER MINE BLAST AS KO-REAS REACH DEAL

After 40-plus-hours of talks, Pyongyang and Seoul pull back from the brink with an accord that allows both sides to save face and avert bloodshed.

### 4. WHAT ATTRACTS NEW INTEREST AMID POLICE SHOOTINGS

Law enforcement agencies are testing the latest in less-lethal alternatives to bullets — "blunt impact projectiles" that cause suspects excruciating pain but stop short of killing them.

### 5. WHO'S 'HAPPY TO HELP' WITH RECORD FIRE IN WASHINGTON

The mountainous conditions in the Pacific Northwest will be nothing new to the dozens of firefighters from Australia and New Zealand who have arrived to help battle blazes.

### 6. WHOSE BAD REPUTATION HAMPERS BANGKOK BOMBING PROBE

As it investigates the blast, the Royal Thai Police department is handicapped by a legacy of corruption, brutality and political influence.

### 7. 14 ARRESTED IN ANTI-JIHADI RAIDS IN SPAIN, MOROCCO

A Spanish Interior Ministry statement says the arrests took place in the central Spanish town of San Martin de la Vega and in five Moroccan cities, including Casablanca and Fez.

### 8. THEATER SHOOTING VICTIMS SPEAK FREELY AT GUNMAN'S SENTENCING

They are denouncing the defense team, the legal process and the single juror who blocked a death sentence.

### 9. RECALLS MAKE AMERICANS LESS SATISFIED WITH CARS

The 2015 American Consumer Satisfaction Index finds that satisfaction with automobiles dropped for the third straight year to the lowest level since 2004.

### 10. INDYCAR DRIVER JUSTIN WILSON DIES AFTER HEAD INJURY

The 37-year-old father of two was struck by a large piece of debris from another driver's car following a single-car accident at Pennsylvania's Pocono Raceway.

## AP News in Brief

### Chinese and Japanese stocks sink further, but other Asian markets and Europe rebound

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese stocks fell Tuesday for a fourth day, hitting an eight-month low amid signs Beijing was no longer buying shares to stem a price slide, and Japanese stocks also dropped. But other Asian and European markets bounced back from a day of heavy losses.

U.S. stock futures were also up after Monday's global sell-off and a tumultuous day on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones closed down 3.6 percent. Analysts said it was unclear whether the rebounds in some markets were indications that worst was over or a reprieve in a longer-term bear market.

The Shanghai Composite Index lost 7.6 percent to 2,964.97 points, adding to Monday's 8.5 percent loss

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and taking the benchmark to its lowest level since Dec. 15. Some 2,000 stocks out of about 2,800 on China's two mainland exchanges fell by the 10 percent daily limit, according to Hexun, a financial news website.

"The stock market might fall further in the near future because investors are in a panic," said market analyst Zhang Yang at Sinolink Securities in Shanghai.

Beijing appeared to be abandoning a strategy of having a state-owned company buy shares to stem the slide. There have been no signs of large-scale purchases by the China Securities Finance Corp. during the past week.

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## **French-American who would 'give anything' new hero in high-speed train attack**

PARIS (AP) — Mark Moogalian and wife were seated facing each other on the high-speed train when she saw only his expression and the urgent "Get out, this is serious." Then, Isabelle Risacher Moogalian said, she ducked behind some seats as he lunged to grab the assault rifle from the gunman's hands.

"When my husband collapsed, I saw across the seats. He looked at me and he said 'I'm hit, I'm hit.' He thought it was over and he was going to die," she told Europe-1 radio. The bullet struck him in the back and exited through the neck.

The American teacher and artist who has lived in France for more than two decades has emerged as another hero in the high-speed train attack thwarted by a group of quick-thinking men. According to French President Francois Hollande, a Frenchman was the first to encounter the gunman as he left the toilet, alerting others in the area. That person, Hollande said, wished to remain anonymous.

Moogalian remained hospitalized Tuesday in the northern city of Lille, and his sister in Virginia said his role in trying to stop what French authorities are calling a terror attack was in character.

"Mark would give anything for anybody," Julia Allen told NBC News. "He's just that kind of person."

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## **From down the road to Down Under, help arrives to help fight record fire in Washington**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The mountainous conditions in the Pacific Northwest will be nothing new to the dozens of firefighters from Australia and New Zealand who have arrived to help battle the many blazes burning unchecked in the region.

"We're used to tall timber and steep territory," said Warren Heslip, a 47-year-old firefighter from Southland, New Zealand.

Heslip was among the 71 firefighters from the southern region picking up equipment Monday at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, before heading out to help a ground campaign led by firefighters from across the West and augmented by U.S. soldiers.

The flames that claimed the lives of three firefighters in Washington, injured four others and burned 200 homes also inspired an outpouring of volunteers who have been invited for the first time in Washington state history to help battle the blazes.

This summer's fire response across the West has been overwhelmed by destructive blazes tearing through the tinder-dry region.

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## **What's Pyongyang like in quasi-state of war with South, US? Pretty much like every other day**

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — For 30 minutes in North Korea, as talks were underway to try to avert the worst crisis between the two Koreas in years, all eyes were glued to the television — but not to the news, which had just ended. After five long years, the "Boy General" animation series was airing a much-anticipated new episode.

Being in a "quasi-state of war" essentially sums up what it's like to be in North Korea on any day.

North Koreans are accustomed to being told they are on the brink of war with their southern neighbors and U.S. troops, and as talks with South Korea in the truce village of Panmunjom dragged on this weekend one had to look hard in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang to find signs of a brewing crisis.

If anything, the question on people's minds seemed to be why it was taking Seoul so long to do what they assumed it inevitably would — back down.

The negotiations followed North Korea's deadline for the South to dismantle loudspeakers broadcasting propaganda across the border for the first time in 11 years. The South had resumed the broadcasts after two soldiers were maimed by land mines Seoul claimed were placed by the North.

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## **Less-lethal weapons draw new interest amid furor over police shootings**

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) — Police in more than 20 North American cities are testing the latest in less-lethal alternatives to bullets — “blunt impact projectiles” that cause suspects excruciating pain but stop short of killing them. Or at least that's the goal.

Police have long had what they considered “non-lethal” weapons at their disposal, including pepper spray, stun guns and bean bag projectiles. But even those weapons have caused deaths, leading to a search for “less lethal” alternatives. The quest has taken on new urgency in the past year amid furor over a string of high-profile police shootings of black men.

Micron Products Inc., based in Fitchburg, makes the new ammunition, which are much larger than rubber bullets and have silicone heads that expand and flatten on impact, enhancing the pain and incapacitating a suspect. One executive of the company that patented the technology was a guinea pig and described experiencing the business end of a BIP as the “equivalent of being hit by a hockey puck.”

“It was like, ‘Ow!’ I had to shake it off,” said Allen Ezer, executive vice president of Security Devices International, a defense technology company that hired Micron to make the projectiles, which were developed by a ballistics engineering company in Israel.

Sixteen law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and six in Canada have purchased the projectiles, including SWAT units of the Los Angeles County and Sacramento County Sheriff's Departments in California, and police departments in East Hartford, Connecticut; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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## **Obama puts people on notice: He's feeling 'feisty' — and ready to take on the 'crazies'**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — President Barack Obama is putting people on notice: He's back from vacation feeling “refreshed, renewed, recharged” — and “a little feisty.”

He immediately showed his feisty side.

At a Democratic fundraiser Monday night in Nevada, Obama declared himself ready for the challenges he faces this fall in dealing with a Republican Congress that disagrees with him on the budget, energy policy, education and much more.

Obama said that as he'd ridden to the fundraiser with Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, they'd done some reminiscing and spent some time “figuring out how we are going to deal with the crazies in terms of managing some problems.”

He didn't identify exactly who the two of them had defined as “crazies.”

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## **Colorado theater shooting victims, judge speak freely during gunman's sentencing**

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Scores of victims of James Holmes' deadly attack on a Colorado movie theater, now free to vent their feelings before the judge, are denouncing the defense team, the legal process and the single juror who blocked a death sentence.

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Throughout Holmes' three-month trial, if they were called to testify, survivors and family members were stifled by objections and court orders preventing them from veering off topic or saying too much about the searing emotional and physical scars the shooting has left.

But they were finally allowed to speak without interruption when Holmes' formal sentencing opened Monday, offering testimony that was sometimes quiet and reflective, sometimes laced with anger and frustration.

Tom Teves, whose son Alex was killed, called Holmes a pathetic coward and the defense attorneys "agents of evil" who were trying to advance their own careers.

Robert Sullivan, the grandfather of the youngest victim, 6-year-old Veronica Moser-Sullivan, called on Holmes to "do the correct thing for once" and petition the court to be executed by firing squad.

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## Frustrated by recall epidemic, Americans are less satisfied with cars than any time since 2004

DETROIT (AP) — Americans are less happy with their cars and trucks than at any time in more than a decade, and it's largely because they're getting sick of dealing with recalls.

The 2015 American Consumer Satisfaction Index, an annual survey that involved 4,300 consumers, found that satisfaction with automobiles dropped for the third straight year to the lowest level since 2004. High new-car prices also were a factor.

"While it is true that all cars are now much better than they were 10 to 20 years ago, it is alarming that so many of them have quality problems," said Claes Fornell, chairman and founder of the survey.

Last year automakers recalled a record 64 million vehicles for problems such as exploding air bags and ignition switches that can unexpectedly cause engines to stall. The problems can be deadly. So far General Motors has agreed to compensate families of 124 people who died in crashes caused by the faulty switches. Eight more people have died worldwide after being cut by shrapnel from exploding Takata air bag inflators.

Rising prices also contributed to the consumer frustration. Car prices are up 11 percent since 2010 and hit records all year, rising to an average \$32,932 in July, according to the Edmunds.com auto website.

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## IndyCar driver Justin Wilson dies of head injury suffered at Pocono

IndyCar driver Justin Wilson died Monday night from a head injury suffered when a piece of debris struck him at Pocono Raceway. He was 37.

IndyCar made the announcement at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Wilson, a British driver who lived outside Denver in Longmont, Colorado, was hit in the head during Sunday's race by piece of debris that had broken off another car. Wilson's car veered into an interior wall at the track, and he was swiftly taken by helicopter to a hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

"Can't even begin to describe the loss I feel right now. He was my Brother, my best friend, my role model and mentor. He was a champion!" his younger brother, Stefan, also an IndyCar driver, tweeted. Stefan Wilson said his brother's organs would be donated.

The last IndyCar driver to die from an on-track incident was Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon, who was killed in the 2011 season finale at Las Vegas after his head hit a post in the fence when his car went airborne.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 25, the 237th day of 2015. There are 128 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 25, 1985, Samantha Smith, 13, the schoolgirl whose letter to Yuri V. Andropov resulted in her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, died with her father, Arthur, and six other people in a commuter plane crash in Auburn, Maine.

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## On this date:

In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation. Romania declared war on former ally Germany.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure providing pensions for former U.S. presidents and their widows.

In 1965, former baseball player-turned-doctor Archibald "Moonlight" Graham, who'd briefly played in only one major league game (for the New York Giants), died in Chisholm, Minnesota, at age 87.

In 1975, the Bruce Springsteen album "Born to Run" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1980, the Broadway musical "42nd Street" opened. (Producer David Merrick stunned the cast and audience during the curtain call by announcing that the show's director, Gower Champion, had died earlier that day.)

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 1989, Voyager 2 made its closest approach to Neptune, its final planetary target.

In 2009, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, died at age 77 in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, after a battle with a brain tumor.

**Ten years ago:** Hurricane Katrina hit Florida with 80 mph winds and headed into the Gulf of Mexico. The base closing commission voted to shut down the Army's historic Walter Reed hospital and move much of its staff and services to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The Miss America pageant announced it was leaving Atlantic City, New Jersey, its home for 84 years. (The pageant ended up moving to Las Vegas, but moved back to Atlantic City in 2013.)

**Five years ago:** North Korea welcomed Jimmy Carter back to Pyongyang as the former U.S. president arrived to bring home Aijalon Mahli Gomes (EYE'-jah-lahn MAH'-lee gohms), an American jailed in the communist country since January 2010 for entering the country illegally from China.

**One year ago:** A funeral was held in St. Louis for Michael Brown, the unarmed 18-year-old shot to death by a police officer in suburban Ferguson on August 9. At the Emmy Awards, ABC's "Modern Family" won best comedy series for the fifth time, while the final season of AMC's "Breaking Bad" captured the top drama award and a trio of acting honors for its stars, including Bryan Cranston.

**Today's Birthdays:** Game show host Monty Hall is 94. Actor Sean Connery is 85. Actor Page Johnson is 85. TV personality Regis Philbin is 84. Actor Tom Skerritt is 82. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 82. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 79. Author Frederick Forsyth is 77. Actor David Canary is 77. Movie director John Badham is 76. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 76. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 72. Actor Anthony Heald is 71. Rock musician Danny Smythe is 67. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 66. Actor John Savage is 66. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Outlaws; Blackhawk) is 66. Rock singer Rob Halford is 64. Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 63. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 61. Movie director Tim Burton is 57. Actor Christian LeBlanc is 57. Actress Ashley Crow is 55. Actress Ally Walker is 54. Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is 54. Actress Joanne Whalley is 54. Rock musician Vivian Campbell (Def Leppard) is 53. Actor Blair Underwood is 51. Actor Robert Maschio is 49. Rap DJ Terminator X (Public Enemy) is 49. Alternative country singer Jeff Tweedy (Wilco) is 48. Actor David Alan Basche (BAYSH) is 47. Television chef Rachael Ray is 47. Actor Cameron Mathison is 46. Country singer Jo Dee Messina is 45. Model Claudia Schiffer is 45. Country singer Brice Long is 44. Actor Eric Millegan is 41. Actor Jonathan Togo is 38. Actor Kel Mitchell is 37. Actress Rachel Bilson is 34. Actress Blake Lively is 28. Actor Josh Flitter is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "Tradition is what you resort to when you don't have the time or the money to do it right." - Kurt Herbert Adler, Austrian-born conductor (1905-1988).