

N. Korea Urges Foreigners To Vacate S. Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Scores of North Koreans of all ages planted trees as part of a forestation campaign — armed with shovels, not guns. In the evening, women in traditional dress danced in the plazas to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the late leader Kim Jong Il's appointment to a key defense post.

Despite another round of warnings from their leaders of impending nuclear war, there was no sense of panic in the capital on Tuesday.

Chu Kang Jin, a Pyongyang resident, said everything is calm in the city.

"Everyone, including me, is determined to turn out as one to fight for national reunification ... if the enemies spark a war," he added, using nationalist rhetoric common among many North Koreans when speaking to the media.

The North's latest warning, issued by its Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, urged foreign companies and tourists to leave South Korea.

Al-Qaida Formally Unites With Syrian Group

BEIRUT (AP) — Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq and the most powerful rebel extremist group in Syria have officially joined ranks against President Bashar Assad to forge a potentially formidable militant force in the Middle East.

The merger of the Islamic State in Iraq and Jabhat al-Nusra forms a new entity that could be an even stronger opponent in the fight to topple Assad and become a dominant player in what eventually replaces his regime.

The new group, called the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, underscores the growing confidence and muscle of Islamist radicals fighting on the rebel side in Syria's civil war. It also bolsters the Syrian government's assertions that the regime is battling terrorists and that the uprising is a foreign-backed plot.

While the U.S. and its European and Gulf allies are concerned about the rising prominence of Islamists among the rebels, the merger is unlikely to prompt a shift in the international support. Late last year, Washington declared that Jabhat al-Nusra had ties to al-Qaida and designated it a terrorist organization.

To try to counter the rising influence of Jabhat al-Nusra and other Islamic extremists in the civil war, the U.S. and its allies have boosted their support for rebel factions deemed to be more moderate.

Pilot In Medical Helicopter Crash Was Texting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texting by the pilot of a medical helicopter contributed to a crash that killed four people, federal accident investigators declared Tuesday, and they approved a safety alert cautioning all pilots against using cellphones or other distracting devices during critical operations.

It was the first fatal commercial aircraft accident investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board in which texting has been implicated. And it underscored the board's worries that distractions from electronic devices are a growing factor in incidents across all modes of transportation — planes, trains, cars, trucks and even ships.

The five-member board unanimously agreed that the helicopter crash was caused by a distracted and tired pilot who skipped pre-flight safety checks, which would have revealed his helicopter was low on fuel, and then, after he discovered his situation, decided to proceed with the fatal last leg of the flight.

The case "juxtaposes old issues of pilot decision making with a 21st century twist: distractions from portable electronic devices," said board Chairman Deborah Hersman.

The helicopter ran out of fuel, crashing into a farm field in clear weather early on the evening of Aug. 26, 2011, near Mosby, Mo., a little over a mile short of an airport. The pilot was killed, along with a patient being taken from one hospital to another, a flight nurse and a flight paramedic.

Showdown Gun Control Vote Set In Senate

BY ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat is setting Congress' first showdown vote for Thursday on President Barack Obama's gun control drive as a small but mounting number of Republicans appear willing to buck a conservative effort to prevent debate from even beginning.

Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada announced his decision Tuesday as the White House, congressional Democrats and relatives of the victims of December's mass shooting in Newtown, Conn., amped up pressure on GOP lawmakers to allow debate and votes on gun control proposals. Twenty first-graders and six educators were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School, turning gun control into a top-tier national issue.

"We have a responsibility to safeguard these little kids," Reid said on the Senate floor, pointing to a poster-sized photo of a white picket fence that had slabs bearing the names of the Newtown victims. "And unless we do something more than what's the law today, we have failed."

"We don't have the guts to stand up and vote yes or no? We want to vote maybe? Tell that to the families in Newtown" and other communities where there have been mass shootings, said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

But Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, one of 13 conser-



Reid

Obama was calling senators from both parties Tuesday to push for the gun bill, according to a White House official.

Reid's determination to stage a vote came despite continued inconclusive talks between Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., aimed at finding compromise on expanding background checks to more gun purchasers. Such a compromise would be likely to attract bipartisan support because both lawmakers are among their parties' most conservative members.

The checks, aimed at keeping firearms from criminals and certain other buyers, are the cornerstone of Obama's gun plan, which has been struggling in Congress. Democrats have been buoyed by polls consistently showing more than 8 in 10 Americans support subjecting more buyers to background checks.

A Senate vote to begin debating the guns package would mark a temporary victory for Obama and his allies.

But some Republicans, though eager to

avoid blocking debate on the plan, could well vote against the measure on final passage. Coupled with resistance by leaders of the GOP-run House to main parts of Obama's effort — including bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — the ultimate outcome seems shaky for the Democrats.

Reid said he did not know if he had the 60 votes he will need to defeat the conservatives' roadblock. But at least seven Republicans have said they want to begin debate or have indicated a willingness to consider it: Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, Johnny Isakson of Georgia, Susan Collins of Maine, Roy Blunt of Missouri and Mark Kirk of Illinois.

But some moderate Democrats are remaining noncommittal and might oppose opening the gun debate, including Sens. Mark Begich of Alaska and Mark Pryor of Arkansas, who are seeking re-election next year.

Begich declined to directly state his position and said of Alaskans, "We like our guns."

There are 53 Senate Democrats and two independents who lean Democratic.

In a written statement, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said conservatives want to prevent Obama from rushing the legislation through Congress "because he knows that as Americans begin to find out what is in the bill, they will oppose it."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he will join the conservatives in their attempt to block debate.

Lone Star College

Network of seven community college sites around Houston



Stabbings rampage, April 9

• 11:12 a.m. local time

Male suspect "running loose, stabbing people," according to incoming 911 calls; Harris County Sheriffs Dept., other agencies, respond

• Injuries At least 14 hurt; two critically, four in fair condition; four victims airlifted

• Suspect One male in custody; buildings searched

Shooting, Jan. 21

• Gunfire exchanged between two suspects at North Harris campus; two injured

Source: ESRI, AP

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Student Arrested In College Stabbing Attack

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CYPRESS, Texas — A student went on a building-to-building stabbing attack at a Texas community college Tuesday, wounding at least 14 people before being subdued and arrested, authorities said.

The attack about 11:20 a.m. on the Lone Star Community College System's campus in Cypress sent at least 12 people to area hospitals, including four taken by helicopter, according to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Robert Rasa. He said several people refused treatment at the scene.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said officers responded to the campus after receiving a call about a male "on the loose" stabbing people. He said it was not immediately clear what type of weapon was used.

"Some of the details in the call slip did indicate that students or faculty were actively responding to

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MICHAEL CHALFAN

work to subdue this individual," Garcia said, describing the man as being about 21 years old and enrolled at the college. "So we're proud of those folks, but we're glad no one else is injured any more severely than they are."

Student Michael Chalfan said he was walking to class when he saw a group of police officers running after the suspect. He said one of the officers used a stun gun to help subdue the man, who Chalfan said he recognized from a drama class last year.

Chalfan described the man as "eccentric," saying he often wore gloves and was known to carry stuffed animals. He said although the man was teased by fellow students, he remained friendly.

"I'm surprised because he didn't look like he was hateful to the world," Chalfan said.

Lone Star officials initially urged people on campus, about 25 miles northwest of downtown Houston, to take shelter and be on alert for a second suspect. But the sheriff's department said authorities believe just one person was responsible.

"It was the same suspect going from building to building," department spokesman Thomas Gilliland said.

Michelle Alvarez told the *Houston Chronicle* she saw the attacker running toward other students and tried to back out of the way. She said she didn't even feel it as he swiped at her neck.

"He came running and swinging at my neck, as I tried to get out of the way," she said.

Garcia said buildings still were being searched Tuesday afternoon. Long lines of vehicles carrying students and staff streamed off campus as law enforcement directed traffic away from the school.



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- ☒ = CANNED
- ☐ = CALIFORNIA
- ☒ = PODS
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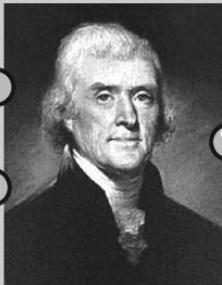
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HARVEST OF THE MONTH

PEAS

Did you know...

- ☐ is the leading producer of snow peas the United States.
- Only 5% of peas are sold ☒. Over half are ☒ and most of the rest are ☐.



Founding Father Loved His Peas!

Peas were one of the favorite vegetables of our third U.S. president. He grew more than 30 varieties in his garden at Monticello. Can you unscramble his name?

SAMHOT FREESONFJ

Replace the missing words.

We grow on a _____ plant which produces _____ containing seeds or peas (that's us). We're _____ in the pod and either eaten _____ (pod and peas), or we're removed from the pod before eating (shelled peas).

Snow peas can be eaten pod and all. Edible-pod peas, like the snow pea, were _____ so that the pods' fibers go in one _____, allowing them to be chewed.

DIRECTION SOLD WHOLE PODS BRED CLIMBING

A 1/2 cup of cooked peas provides: an excellent source of vitamin K, vitamin A, vitamin C, fiber, folate, thiamin, protein and iron.

Why Thiamin?

Thiamin is also called vitamin B1. It helps keep the body's nerves healthy. It also helps the body convert food into energy.

If a person doesn't have enough thiamin, he or she can be weak and tired. Low levels of thiamin can also cause nerve damage.

CRUNCHY PEA SALAD

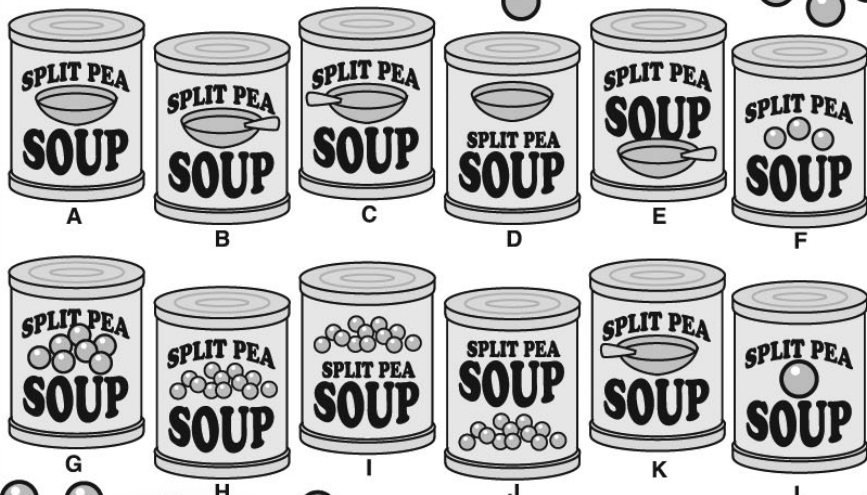
½ cup plain yogurt or low-fat mayonnaise
1 tbsp vinegar
1 tsp sugar
1 10-ounce box of frozen peas
1 cup salted peanuts
¼ cup grated red onion

Mix yogurt, vinegar, sugar and grated onion.

Gently stir in the peas and nuts.

Chill for about an hour. Then, munch with friends!

Can you find the two identical cans of split pea soup?



ANSWER: Cans C and K match.

Race a friend! Who can find the most peas on this page in 3 minutes?

Colorful News

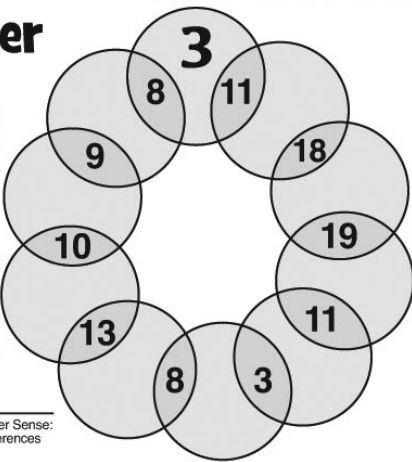
Look through the newspaper for words that describe color. Can you find 10 or more?

Standards Link: Language: Understand the functions of adjectives.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Number Peas

The numbers on the intersections of these peas are the sums of the numbers in the two peas on each side. Write the correct number from 1 to 10 on each pea. One is done for you.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences to 20.

Double Double Word Search

MONTICELLO

CRUNCHY

THIAMIN

MARKET

SOURCE

DAMAGE

POUNDS

EDIBLE

SUGAR

PLANT

WHOLE

SNOW

STIR

POD

PEA

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A	P	S	D	N	U	O	P	R	C
I	N	E	D	I	B	L	E	R	C
E	E	G	A	M	A	D	U	S	S
T	E	K	R	A	M	N	A	P	S
M	O	N	T	I	C	E	L	L	O
N	E	L	O	H	W	A	D	W	U
P	O	D	Y	T	N	A	O	P	R
E	E	A	S	T	T	N	O	R	C
Y	R	A	G	U	S	T	I	R	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Market Math

Look through the grocery advertisements in the newspaper. Make a shopping list that includes things listed in the ads. Add up the cost of purchasing everything on your list.

Standards Link: Number Base Ten: Solve problems with addition.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

Tell other kids about a book you think they should read during the summer.

Deadline: May 5 Published: Week of June 2
Please include your school and grade.

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan
C/o Noelle Schlechter
319 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-7811, ext 112

Weekly Writing Corner

Pea Pod Surprise

One day I was shelling peas and out of the pod popped a ... Students finish the story.

Out of the pod popped a black and white soccer ball. First the soccer ball jumped to my foot. It wanted me to kick it. The soccer ball liked to make a big goal. So I kicked the ball to the goal and I made a big, giant goal. I was so excited and surprised too!

Brayan, 2nd grade

One day I was shelling peas and out of a pod popped a ghost.

Enzo, 1st grade

Out of the pod popped a hamster and his name was Pipsqueak. I wasn't going to let it leave so I invited it inside. I talked to the hamster. I talk hamster, so that's how I talked to Pipsqueak. He was cold so I gave him some hot chocolate and a muffin. Pipsqueak was homeless so I asked him if he wanted to live with me and his answer was yes. So I went to the shops and got him a cage and we lived happily ever after.

Sophia, 2nd grade

One day I was shelling peas and out of a pod popped a plane. It flew 10,000 feet high with me in it. Then an alien shot me down. That is when I fell out of the plane and found out that I could fly.

Adison, 3rd grade

I was shelling peas and out of a pod popped a sunflower seed. How it got there I don't know. I guess the people who make them mixed up the seeds. In fact, I found a flower seed in every pod I opened after that.

Nathan, 4th grade

One day I was shelling peas and out of a pod popped an elephant. We fed the elephant peanuts and water.

Carson, 1st grade