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## Several US Posts To Stay Closed

Order Includes 19 Cities In  
The Muslim World; Some  
Other Embassies To Reopen

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WASHINGTON — U.S. diplomatic posts in 19 cities in the Muslim world will be closed at least through the end of this week, the State Department said Sunday, citing “an abundance of caution.”

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the decision to keep the embassies and consulates closed is “not an indication of a new threat.”

■ **“Chatter means conversation among terrorists about the planning that’s going on — very reminiscent of what we saw pre-9/11.”**

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ment Sunday added closures of four African sites, in Madagascar, Burundi, Rwanda and Mauritius.

The U.S. has also decided to reopen some posts on Monday, including those in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Baghdad.

The Obama administration announced Friday that the posts would be closed over the weekend and the State Department announced a global travel alert, warning that al-Qaida or its allies might target either U.S. government or private American interests.

The weekend closure of nearly two dozen U.S. diplomatic posts resulted from the gravest terrorist threat seen in years, the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday.

She said the continued closures are “merely an indication of our commitment to exercise caution and take appropriate steps to protect our employees, including local employees, and visitors to our facilities.”

Diplomatic facilities will remain closed in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries, through Saturday, Aug. 10. The State Department announced

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## Divots In The Rain



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Marc Gubbels kicks up some sand as he battles the rain during the final round of the Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am on Sunday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Rain hampered amateur golfers much of the morning, but the skies cleared for the pros in the afternoon. For more on the tournament, see today's sports section on pages 8-9.

## City Weighs Key-Box Ordinance

Provision Would Require  
Some Properties To have  
Boxes For Emergency Use

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In an effort to improve safety and fire department response times, the Yankton City Commission is considering a requirement for certain properties to have key lock boxes that improve accessibility in case of emergencies.

More than 100 properties within the city, in addition to some outside the community, have voluntarily purchased lock boxes, according to Yankton Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles.

“In 1998, I began pushing on it, and I believe one of the first buildings in town to get a lock box was an apartment complex in the 2500 block of Douglas,” he stated.

The Yankton Fire Department uses the KNOX-BOX Rapid Entry System, which is also utilized by more than 11,500 other fire departments in the United States. The property owner purchases the boxes, which are currently \$215 or more, depend-



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This key lock box being demonstrated by Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles is located at the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center. Similar boxes would be required on buildings with fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems should the Yankton City Commission approve a proposed ordinance being considered Aug. 12.

ing on the model.

With one master key, fire or EMS officials can open the box at the site and have access to keys and, if desired, floor plans to the building.

The proposed ordinance, which would update Yankton to the 2009 International

Fire Code, includes a requirement for lock boxes to be installed in all existing and new commercial, multi-family and educational buildings equipped with, or required to be equipped with, fire protection systems, or where security restricts lifesaving or fire-fighting operations.

A first reading of the ordinance was held last month, and a public hearing is scheduled for the Aug. 12 City Commission meeting.

“We used to have keys that were given to us by the businesses or the school in a cigar box that stayed in one of the engines,” Nickles said. “To me, it wasn’t very secure, and it was a pain because you still had to go to the station to get the key out. As time went on, we got all of the school system, a lot of apartment buildings and quite a few businesses to install lock boxes. Most of the buildings we were targeting were ones that have sprinkler systems and/or fire alarm systems.”

Nickles recalls late-night alarm calls where he would have to wait 45 minutes for a key holder to open a door in cases where there was no obvious evidence of a fire.

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## Rocketry Lifts Off At Achievement Days

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For a small group of Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days participants, Sunday afternoon was a blast.

But don’t worry, no one was hurt. Cade, Colbey and Lizzy Rickford took part in an educational session to make bottle rockets with Andy Jensen, a 4-H program advisor with SDSU Extension who covers Bon Homme, Clay and Yankton counties.

After the event was delayed by rainfall Sunday morning, sunny afternoon skies allowed organizers to proceed with the activity.

Using plastic bottles, cardboard, tape and water, the three youngsters assembled the rockets as their 3-year-old sister, Lily, watched in fascination.

Jensen said that not only is it a fun activity, but it teaches lessons about physics and math.

“Once you get them started and explain what you’re doing, most kids pick it up fast and don’t even need you there,” he stated. “If you scale it up to what NASA does, kids can understand that.”

In the grassy field to the west of the 4-H



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

Andy Jensen, a 4-H program advisor, shows Lizzy Rickford how to make a water bottle rocket during the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days Sunday.

facilities, launch of the three rockets had varying degrees of success — all had air time, but some achieved considerably more altitude than others.

The Rickfords agreed that it was a fun lesson.

In the past, Cade and Colbey have

raised animals on their grandmother’s farm and shown them during Achievement Days, but that didn’t happen this year. They hoped to resume that activity next year.

Meanwhile, Lizzy participated in cook-

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## SD County On The Verge Of Going Broke

By The Associated Press

MARTIN — A county in southwestern South Dakota is about to go broke.

The *Argus Leader* reports that public safety costs are skyrocketing in Bennett County, and property taxes aren’t enough to keep the 101-year-old county afloat.

County Commission Chairman Rolf Kraft said the county is pinning its hopes on a request to raise \$350,000 by increasing property taxes beyond that allowed by law.

Without the so-called opt-out, Kraft said, the county will spend all its reserves by 2015. At that point it will go bankrupt, and there is a real fear Bennett County will cease to exist, he said.

The county’s financial woes are exacerbated because of the county’s high percentage of tax-exempt tribal trust land. The northwestern section of the county lies within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The 2010 U.S. Census lists the county’s population at 3,431. Kraft said only one in four people pay property tax in the county.

Like many counties in the state, Bennett County is up against the property-tax freeze. Sixteen years ago, the Legislature froze county property taxes and limited annual increases to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

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Fox Run Golf Course.....	One 18 Hole Round with Cart & 3 Range Tokens
Summit Activities Center.....	\$50 Gift Certificate
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Xtreme Salon & Spa.....	\$50 Gift Certificate
The Old Lighthouse.....	\$50 Gift Certificate
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce.....	\$50 in Chamber Bucks

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Fox Run Golf Course.....	One 18 Hole Round with Cart & 3 Range Tokens
Summit Activities Center.....	\$50 Gift Certificate
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OF 15TH STREET