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## Saturday, Aug. 2

Birthdays: David Strom • Marsha Wienk • Peggy Fliehs • Jesse Nierman • Chris Wheeting • Jennifer Keimig • Erin Unzen • Dylan Graf • Spencer Kavanaugh • Morgan Rossow  
4:30 pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

## Sunday, August 3

Anniv: Lance & Kristie Hawkins  
Birthdays: Mike Sundling • Michelle Kramer  
5:00pm: Worship at Historic Trinity Church at Third St. and Third Ave.

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## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

## Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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## Groton Teeners are State Bound

**Region 1A Teener Champions. Back Row: Coach Pat Krause, Turner Webb, Brandon Keith, Bennett Shabazz, Truitt Rogers, Aaron Severson, Joe Groeblichhoff, Brady Keith, Sean Schuring and Coach Justin Hanson. Front Row: Lincoln Krause, Anthony Sippel, Korbin Blackmun, Marshall Lane, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman, Brandyn Anderson, Kelby Hawkins, Jackson Oliver, Wyatt Locke and Treyton Deigel.** (Photo by Stacy Oliver)

It took two games, but Groton walked away with the Region 1A Teener Championship Friday evening against Milbank. Since the tournament is a double elimination tournament, Milbank had to defeat Groton twice. Groton had already defeated Milbank in the first game of the tournament and Milbank won the first game of the championship, forcing a second game.

Bennett Shabazz was the opening pitcher for Groton, and he made short work of Milbank in the first inning, three batters and three outs. Brandon Keith was the leadoff batter for Groton and was walked, but would score on a double by Adam Herman. A single by Kelby Hawkins would also score runners, Trevor Prey and Shabazz, who each had singles. At the end of the first inning, Groton had the lead, 3-0.

Milbank had only one hit in the second inning, a single by Jake Anderson. They had no runs and left Anderson on the field. Groton was unable to keep the momentum going and was out after three batters, with no runs, no hits. Neither team had any errors that inning.

Milbank was in position to score during the third inning, with the bases loaded and Jacob Jackson hitting a single, however the Groton defense was able to stop the runner at home plate for the second out. Shabazz then strake out Nick Jackson end the



**Adam Herman was the closing pitcher in game two, allowing Milbank no hits and no runs.** (Photo #8891 by Char Telkamp)

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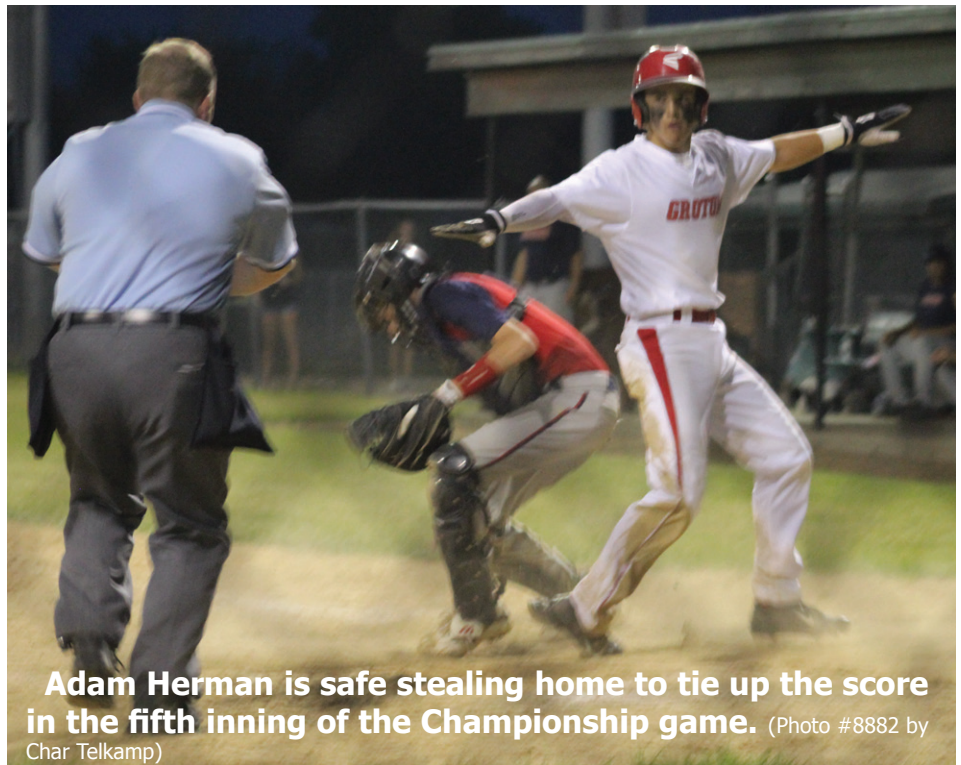
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top of the third inning with three runners left in the field. Groton would double their score during the bottom third inning. Leadoff batter, Brandon Keith would be hit by the pitch and walked to first base. Shabazz had a line drive single and both would be brought home by birthday boy Sean Schuring's double. Groton now leads, 5-0. A single RBI by Hawkins would complete the scoring. Groton had three runs on three hits and left one man in the field. Milbank picked up two errors. Groton leads, 6-0.

Six runs in two hits would tie up the score for Milbank. Groton had one error and Turner Webb came in as the relief pitcher midway through. Groton was unable to answer the challenge, only having one hit, a single by Keith, who was left in the field. Score tied at 6.

Milbank would take the lead in the fifth inning off a bunt by Brady Krause, allowing Logan Hammer to score. Milbank would once again load the bases, but couldn't bring anyone home. Milbank had two hits for one run and left two runners in the field. Groton had one error. Groton would answer with two runs on two hits. Adam Herman scored on a single by Hawkins and Sean Schuring would steal home to regain the lead for Groton, 8-7.

It was a quick inning for Milbank in the sixth. Four batters would gain no hits, no runs and one runner left in the field. A single RBI by Schuring would



**Adam Herman is safe stealing home to tie up the score in the fifth inning of the Championship game.** (Photo #8882 by Char Telkamp)



**Aaron Severson completes the play and Milbank's Dalton Koch is out on first. Turner Webb backs up the play.** (Photo #8861 by Char Telkamp)

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increase the Groton lead to 9-7. Shabazz would later steal home for a 10-7 lead. Groton had two runs on three hits, but would leave three on the field. Milbank had one error.

Adam Herman would be the closing pitcher for Groton. He had five batters, walking two. Milbank had no runs, no hits and left both runners on the field. The final score was Groton 10, Milbank 7.

Groton now advances to the State Tournament in Volga next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Groton will play Volga on Friday at 7:30.

-Char Telkamp

## Milbank hands Groton first loss in region

Groton had hopes of defeating Milbank in the first game for the championship of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Friday, despite being shut out twice in the regular season. Even though they had beat Milbank in the first game of the tournament, their hopes were dashed as Milbank won 8-1.

Marshall Lane was the opening pitcher for Groton, allowing no hits in the first inning and only one walk before the defense got three quick outs. The first inning ended scoreless with no runs, no hits and no errors by either teams.

At the top of the second inning, Milbank scored on a double by Logan Hammer. A double by Brady Krause brought in two more runners before he was caught in a hotbox between Shortstop Sean Schuring and second baseman Adam Herman and getting tagged at third base ending the inning. They had three runs off of two hits. There were zero errors and no one was left on base. Groton continued to be scoreless in the second inning, having no runs, no hits and leaving two men on the field. Milbank had no errors. Milbank was up by three.



**Brandon Keith scores the first run of the second game for Groton, off a double by Adam Herman in the first inning.**

(Photo #8855 by Char Telkamp)



**Bennett Shabazz was the starting pitcher for Groton in the Championship game of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Friday.** (Photo #8838 by Char Telkamp)

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Milbank had one hit in the third inning, a single by Triston Hill. Groton had one error and no one was left on base. Groton also had had two hits, both singles from Brandon Keith and Trevor Prey. Neither were able to make it home and were left on the field. Score remains Milbank in the lead 3-0.

Two more runs in the fourth inning gave Milbank a 5-0 lead. Jake Anderson had a triple and Logan Hammer had a single. Kelby Hawkins was the lone hitter for Groton with a single. He was left on base at the end of the inning. At the end of the fourth inning, Milbank retains the lead, 5-0.

Milbank had two hits in the fifth inning but no runs. Nick Jackson and Dalton Koch each had singles, but were left in the

field. Adam Herman was the lone hitter for Groton with a single. He was walked to second base on a pitchers balk and was able to score on a ground out by Bennett Shabazz. Milbank still up by four runs.

A double to deep center field by Brady Krause brought home Logan Hammer to increase Milbank's lead, 6-1. Milbank would add one more run during the inning, making the score 7-1. Turner Webb came in for Groton as the closing pitcher. Webb and Jackson Oliver would be the lone hitters for Groton in the sixth inning, each batting singles, neither were able to make it home. Milbank had two runs off one hit and had one error. Groton had two hits, no runs and one error. Milbank still leads, 7-1.

Two more hits in the seventh inning for one run would clinch the win for Milbank. Both Koch and Domenic Beurger hitting singles and Koch scoring. Three straight outs for Groton and the game was over. Milbank winning, 8-1.

-Char Telkamp



**Sean Schuring and Brandon Keith team up to tag Milbank's Brady Krause out at third to end the second inning of the first game on Friday.** (Photo #8788 by Char Telkamp)

**Jackson Oliver makes the catch in right field to end the third inning of the first game on Friday evening.** (Photo #8795 by

Char Telkamp)



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**Adam Herman catches the popfly off Jake Anderson's bat for the third out in the fifth inning of the first game for the championship of the Region 1A Teener Tournament on Friday.** (Photo #8811 by Char Telkamp)

**Right: Coach Justin Hanson holds a time out to confer with pitcher Marshall Lane during the top of the sixth inning in game one of the championship match up against Milbank.** (Photo #8815 by Char Telkamp)



**Marshall Lane was the opening pitcher for Groton in the first game of the championship Region 1A Tournament on Friday.** (Photo #8772 by Char Telkamp)



**Turner Webb was the closing pitcher in game one.** (Photo #8825 by Char Telkamp)

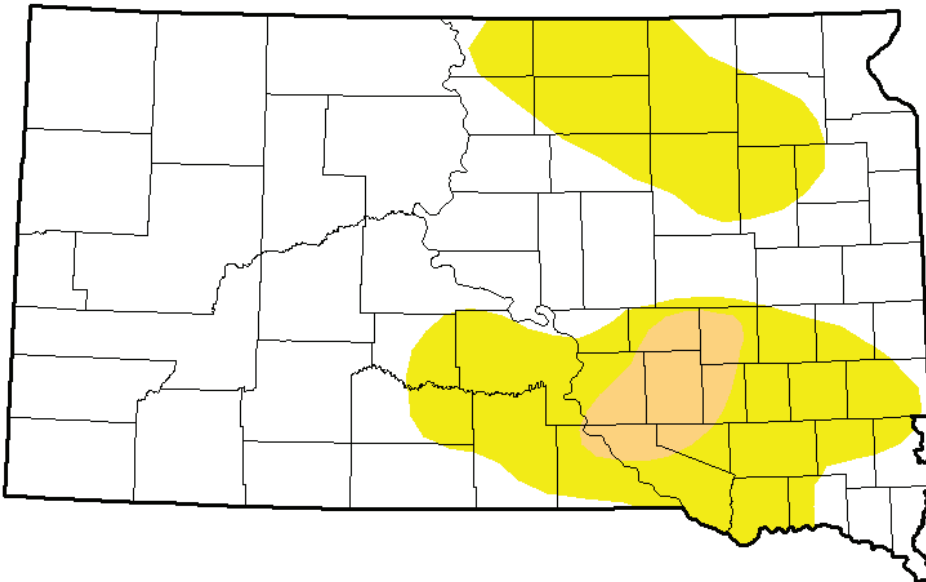


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## Drought creeps back into this region

Patchy July dryness across the northern Plains and Midwest stood in stark contrast to near-record to record-setting June wetness. In one of the more dramatic examples, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, received rainfall totaling 0.80 inch (28% of normal) from July 1-29, following its wettest June and month on record (13.70 inches, or 349%). Due to antecedent wetness and persistently cool conditions, impacts from July dryness have been slow to emerge. However, pockets of abnormal dryness (D0) have begun to develop in a few areas of the western and southwestern Corn Belt. In addition to Sioux Falls, July 1-29 rainfall totaled less than an inch in locations such as Lincoln, Nebraska (0.51 inch); Mobridge, South Dakota (0.53 inch); Aberdeen, South Dakota (0.70 inch); Chesterfield, Missouri (0.70 inch); Valley, Nebraska (0.88 inch); Mason City, Iowa (0.90 inch); and Cahokia, Illinois (0.99 inch). By July 27, about one-sixth of the rangeland and pastures rated in very poor to poor condition Montana and Nebraska (16% in both states). On the same date, topsoil moisture ranged from one-quarter to one-half very short to short in several states across the northern Plains and Midwest, including Montana (48%), Nebraska (41%), Missouri (39%), South Dakota (29%), and Michigan (26%).



**The storms have bypassed Groton during the month of July and as a result, the city has received only 0.15 of rain for the month.**

**July 29, 2014**

(Released Thursday July 31, 2014)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Statistics type:  Traditional (D0-D4, D1-D4, etc.)  Categorical (D0, D1, etc.)

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	7/29/2014	63.28	36.72	21.67	8.60	2.09	0.19
<b>Last Week</b>	7/22/2014	68.33	31.67	20.89	8.60	2.21	0.19
<b>3 Months Ago</b>	4/29/2014	51.87	48.13	32.71	20.10	6.37	0.39
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b>	12/31/2013	45.79	54.21	20.60	12.28	2.44	0.30
<b>Start of Water Year</b>	10/1/2013	29.87	70.13	43.21	19.50	3.01	0.30
<b>One Year Ago</b>	7/30/2013	20.53	79.47	64.24	46.11	22.01	7.79

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## Today in Weather History

August 2, 1960: Hail the size of a hen egg caused from moderate damage to total loss to corn, soybean, and grain crops on 50 to 75 farms in Marshall, Roberts, and Grant Counties. High winds caused damage to buildings and uprooted trees in Britton.

1954 - Severe thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail for thirty minutes in north central Kansas. One drift measured 200 feet long, seventy feet wide and three feet deep. (The Weather Channel)

1975 - Record heat gripped New England. Highs of 104 degrees at Providence, RI, and 107 degrees at Chester and New Bedford, MA, established state records. The heat along the coast of Maine was unprecedented, with afternoon highs of 101 degrees at Bar Harbor and 104 degrees at Jonesboro. (The Weather Channel)

1985: An aircraft accident occurred at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport at approximately 6 p.m. Neither the crew nor air traffic control was aware that below what appeared to be a rather insignificant thunderstorm existed a strong downdraft of cold, dense air. Upon final approach, the pilot of the Lockheed L-1011 ran into the microburst and was unable to lift out of it. He lost control of the aircraft, hitting several objects on the ground before finally crashing into a water tank near the runway. 137 people were killed and 28 were injured. (NWS)

1987 - Hot weather continued in the central U.S. Fifteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Concordia KS with a reading of 106 degrees, and Downtown Kansas City, MO, with a high of 105 degrees. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Ohio Valley and the north central U.S. Thunderstorms in South Dakota produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Philip, and hail two inches in diameter at Faulkton. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Searing heat continued from the Middle and Upper Mississippi Valley to the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast States. Twenty-six cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Chicago IL reported a record seven days of 100 degree heat for the year. (The National Weather Summary)

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1989 - Low pressure representing the remains of Hurricane Chantal deluged north central Texas with heavy rain. Up to 6.50 inches drenched Stephens County, and Wichita Falls reported 2.22 inches of rain in just one hour. Bismarck, ND, reported a record warm morning low of 75 degrees, and record hot afternoon high of 101 degrees, and evening thunderstorms in North Dakota produced wind gusts to 78 mph at Lakota. Early evening thunderstorms in Florida produced high winds which downed trees at Christmas. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

## July Building Permits

Chris Kassube, 23 N Main, new window and A/C unit, \$500

Justin Cleveland, 26 N 4th St, replace tub, sink and flooring, \$2,100.

Perry Blocker, 301 N 6th St., steel roof, \$300

Robert Howard, 13370, 407th Ave, build hoop building, \$16,000.

Roger Rix, 13052 406 Ave, reshingle garage, \$3,000.

Harlan Williams, 204 N Madison, reshingle north side of house, \$1,000.

Michael Ewalt, 230 E. 7th Ave, soffit, fascia and gutter, \$750.

Michael and Emily Wieseler, 308 N Broadway, move in a home, \$150,000.

### FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Kendra at 605/215-4000.

### FOR SALE








Beautiful and spacious townhouse for sale by owners. Three bedrooms, three baths, finished basement with a custom wet bar. Heated 2 car attached garage. Low monthly rural utilities and low rural taxes. Priced to sell. If interested, please call Lisa @ 605 290 2404 or Dennis @ 605 880 4821.

### EMPLOYMENT

**MAINTENANCE WORKER:** The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email [ctyconde@nvc.net](mailto:ctyconde@nvc.net). The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

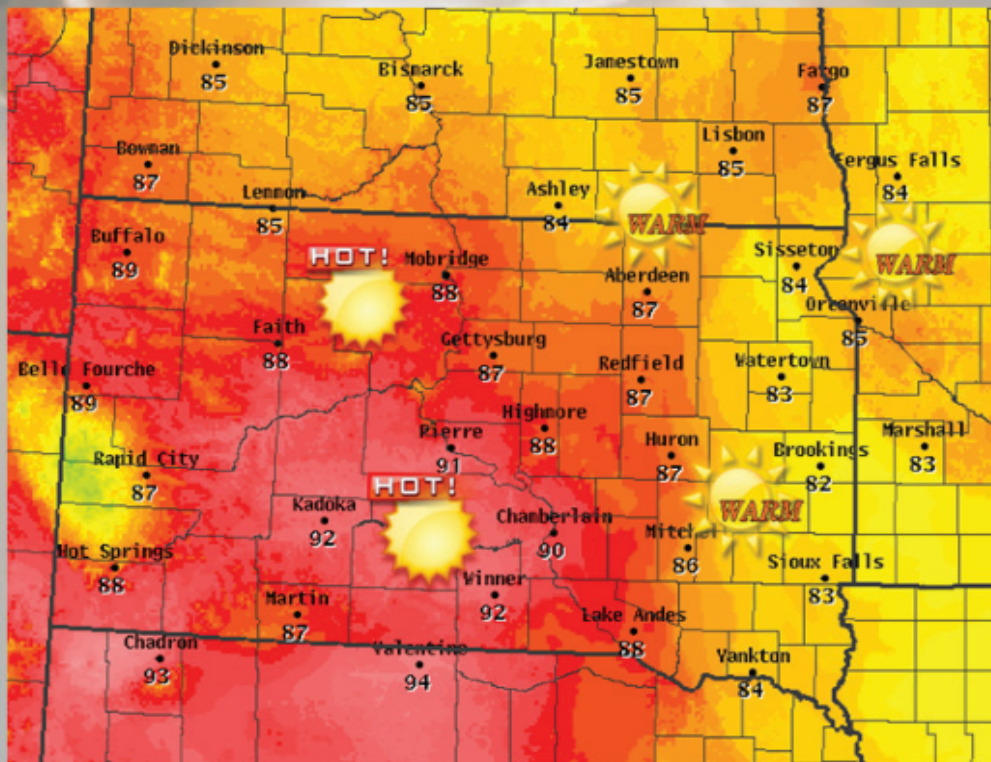
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Mostly Sunny High: 86 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 59 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 86 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 60 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 86 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 63 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 81 °F



## Warm Today Isolated Showers or Storms Possible Late



### National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 8/2/2014 4:38 AM Central

Warm temperatures will continue through the weekend, with highs generally in the 80s to lower 90s. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible tonight and Sunday. No severe weather is expected.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 87.5°F at 3:35 PM

Heat Index: 88.0°F at 3:35 PM

**Low:** 54.2°F at 5:49 AM

**High Gust:** 10 mph at 4:09 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 105° in 1938, 1930

**Record Low:** 40° in 1971

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in Aug.:** 0.08

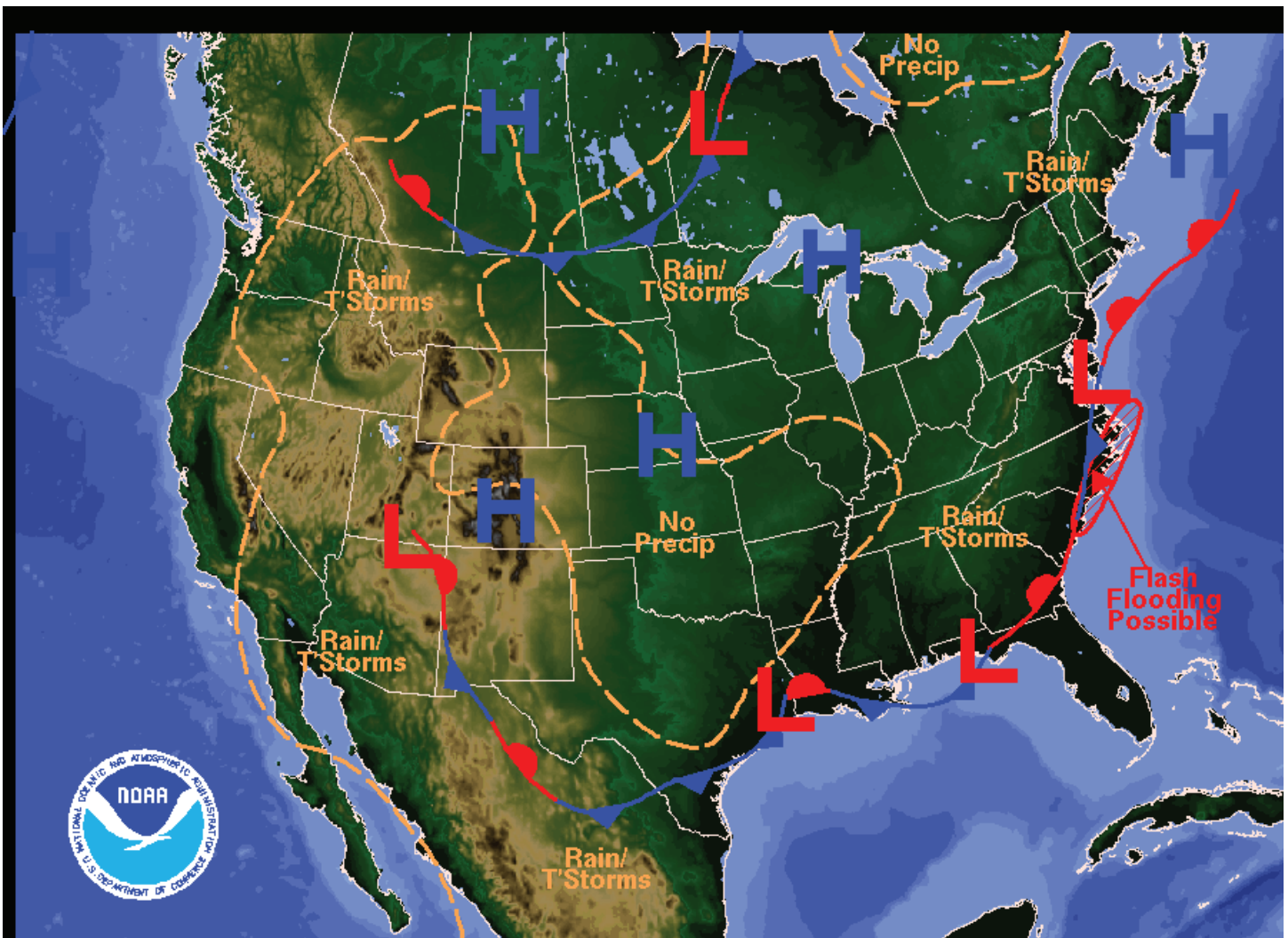
**Precip to date in Aug.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 13.94

**Precip Year to Date:** 9.28

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:00 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Aug 02, 2014, issued 4:09 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Monarski based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## THE BOOK!

Sir Walter Scott was a prominent novelist and poet whose writings were well known, respected and read throughout the world. As he approached death he called for his son-in-law and said, "Bring me the Book!"

Knowing that he had a massive library, he was thoroughly puzzled by the request and had no idea what the title of "the Book" might be. Realizing that there were more than 20,000 volumes in Scott's library, he asked, "What book?"

"Need you ask?" replied the literary genius. "There is only one Book, the Bible!" Sir Walter Scott, author of many books and owner of thousands of books spoke wisely because he knew personally the Author of the Book of books and the message it contained.

In this psalm the writer declares convincingly that "The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul." Perfect because it contains God's message of love, forgiveness and redemption and in it we find everything that is necessary for our salvation.

The author also wants us to know that it can be trusted - that its contents are reliable and dependable. So, he adds that "the decrees - or teachings - of the Lord can be trusted...to revive the soul." Only God's Word can bring joy to our hearts, give accurate guidance for our journey through life, provide light for our path, give wisdom for our decisions and eternal life through Christ.

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, we stand in awe before You, rejoicing in Your Word and the hope we have in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. On the left, a large taco is shown. In the center, the text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a bold, red, stylized font. Below that, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. At the bottom, "Andover Bar &amp; Grill" is written in a large, bold, black font. To the right of the restaurant name, "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom center, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a smaller black font. On the right side, another taco is shown.

## News from the Associated Press

### State to test telehealth drug treatment program

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — In an effort to get more treatment services to rural South Dakota, the Department of Social Services is exploring using telemedicine to help drug and alcohol abusers in remote parts of the state stay sober and out of prison, state officials said this week.

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the department to figure out how to implement new so-called telehealth services with treatment providers in the state as part of its rural pilot program, said Jim Seward, general counsel for the state.

Judges have often told state officials that treatment centers are too far from some rural parts of the state, leaving drug and alcohol abusers without help, Seward said. And if treatment isn't an option, judges said they're often forced to send offenders to prison instead of keeping on them on probation.

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, deputy secretary of the Department of Social Services, said the state has already used telehealth services in areas like psychiatry.

"So we thought, 'Boy, maybe we need to explore this application for substance abuse treatment as a viable model to get services to people in those very rural areas where it's just not practical to have a provider there, not cost-effective,'" she said.

The approach will likely be similar to how health care and psychiatry professionals use telemedicine, Iversen-Pollreisz said, in which the individual uses a computer to receive outpatient services they'd normally receive in person.

In early July, the department awarded contracts to two providers that will serve rural areas of three circuit court districts across the state.

Lutheran Social Services will serve rural parts of the 1st judicial circuit, which stretches from Buffalo to Union County, and the 5th, which covers the northwest counties of the state. Volunteers of America will provide services to rural areas in the 6th district, which makes up several of the state's central and south-central counties.

The initiative is part of South Dakota's Public Safety Improvement Act of 2013, which brought about sweeping reforms by changing the state's focus on nonviolent drug offenders and authorizing the Supreme Court to set up drug courts throughout South Dakota. Drug and drunken driving courts allow people with nonviolent drug offenses to opt for treatment and probation rather than prison.

A few other states have explored using telehealth services to provide substance abuse treatment, but Iversen-Pollreisz said it's not yet very common.

The funding awarded this week will allow the department to begin exploring how the two providers can implement their telehealth services, Iversen-Pollreisz said.

The department hopes to have services in place by this fall.

### GFP commissioners to set turkey, waterfowl seasons

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission plans to finalize the fall turkey and waterfowl hunting seasons next week.

Commissioners hold their monthly meeting Thursday and Friday in Fort Pierre.

Details of the proposed changes are posted on the agency's website: <http://www.gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission>. Comments can be sent to [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us). Testimony will be taken for the proposals

during the public hearing at 2 p.m., Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Pierre.

## **SD pine beetle initiative removes 441,000 trees**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — More than 441,000 trees infested with mountain pine beetles have been cut down since South Dakota launched its Black Hills Forest Initiative three years ago this month.

"I am very pleased with the progress we've made in treating mountain pine beetle infestations since we began in 2011," Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a statement Friday. "Though there is still more work to do, we've come a long way."

There has been major progress in Custer State Park, where the number of infested trees decreased from 100,000 in 2012 to 30,000 last year.

"The governor's goal was to remove all beetle-infested trees in Custer State Park, and those efforts have paid off," State Forester Greg Josten said.

However, state officials remain concerned about high tree mortality rates at Sylvan Lake, where 23,000 trees were recently infested.

On private land, more than 186,000 acres have been surveyed and about 364,000 infested trees marked.

The state has spent about \$8 million since 2011 fighting the beetle epidemic on state, private, and county lands.

Infested trees are cut and then either used in sawmills, chipped for disposal, or put through a bark peeling process to kill beetle larvae.

## **South Dakota police find missing VA patient**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say they located a man who walked away from the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Police say 61-year-old Loren Roy Eckmann was walked away from the hospital Thursday and was found unharmed on Friday.

Authorities say Eckmann has several medical conditions and did not have medication with him.

Eckmann is originally from Britton.

## **Daycare owner charged in SD baby death**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A woman faces a misdemeanor charge in connection with the death of a 3-month-old baby at her daycare in Sioux Falls.

KELO-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/UQH8EF>) that 41-year-old Cindy Jo Hanisch of Tea is charged with contributing to the abuse or neglect of a child. The charge is punishable by up to one year in prison.

Capt. Paul Niedringhaus of the Minnehaha County Sheriff's office says the May incident could be classified as an accident but Hanisch was ultimately responsible for the care of the child at her daycare.

Niedringhaus says Hanisch put the boy in a "sleeping position" and was unresponsive when she checked on him. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Court documents say the cause death was asphyxia due to being in a face down sleep position.

## SDSU men's basketball team heading to Brazil

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University men's basketball team is heading to Brazil on Sunday for a 10-day, four-game trip.

The team will play its first game Monday night. That will be followed by games Tuesday and Wednesday, and a fourth game on Aug. 9.

The games will be played under International Basketball Federation rules, with one notable change being that the shot clock is 24 seconds instead of 35 seconds.

The players also will have an opportunity to sightsee, mostly in Rio de Janeiro.

## Report: Midwest economic index declines in July

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly economic survey index for nine Midwestern and Plains states remained in positive territory despite dropping from a three-year high point a month earlier, a report released Friday said.

The overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index dropped more than 3½ percentage points in July, to 57.0. The index had risen slightly in June, to 60.6 — the three-year high.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers at Creighton University say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

"Supply managers indicated anecdotally that a weaker housing market is restraining growth while the region's energy sector, including alternative energy, is a source of positive growth," said Ernie Goss, a Creighton University economist who oversees the survey.

Almost a quarter of the supply managers who responded reported expanding global sales have been the biggest driver of company sales over the past year. Sixteen percent said expansion in the farm sector was the major factor in pushing their company sales higher for the year.

Looking ahead six months, the business confidence index dipped to 60.0 from 63.6 in June.

"Despite growing global tensions, improvements in the national and regional job market supported supply managers' business outlook," Goss said.

The index on new export orders index slipped to a still-healthy 57.5 in July from 60.2 in June. The import index for July jumped to 57.7 from June's 53.4.

"It is a very encouraging signal to track very healthy export readings and an eighth straight month of expanding export orders," Goss said. "Exports remain an important source of growth for the region. At the same time, firms in the region continued to expand purchasing from abroad in expectations of upturns in company sales in the weeks and months ahead," he said.

## Preparations being made for Sturgis rally

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — As officials wrap up preparations for this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota's Black Hills, many also are looking forward to next year's 75th Diamond Jubilee.

"A lot of the comments we do see on our social media site are: 'Can't wait for the 75th.' That's the chat," Sturgis Rally Director Brenda Vasknetz told the Rapid City Journal.

This year's rally starts Monday, and motorcycle enthusiasts have been flocking to Sturgis this week. The state Highway Patrol issued a statement urging bikers and motorists to "share the road." Last year six fatalities were recorded in the Rapid City district during the rally.

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Office of Highway Safety statistics show that about one-third of motorcycle fatalities in the state each year occur in western counties during a two-week period around the annual rally.

"Summer always brings heavier traffic, and the rally means thousands more motorcycles traveling the highways in our state," Lee Axdahl, director of the office, said in statement. "If everyone pays attention and makes safe choices, bikers, tourists and everyone else on the highways can have a good and safe time."

Florida biker James Bakalich told KELO-TV that he arrived more than a week before the rally "so I can see the whole thing unfold. How it comes together is amazing.

"I always like to be the first one in and the last one out," Bakalich said.

Reservations and visitor inquiries indicate attendance at this year rally, which runs through Aug. 10, might match last year's event, which drew more than 467,000 people. Some officials estimate that next year's 75th annual rally might draw close to a million people.

"I know we can handle it," Vasknetz said.

## Harley-Davidson resumes production of touring bike

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Harley-Davidson plans to resume sales of its most popular model.

The company says it will start selling two Road Glide touring models on Aug. 26 when its full 2015 lineup is released.

It's previewing the Road Glide and Road Glide Special on Friday at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota and the National Bikers Roundup in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson Motor Company spokeswoman Maripat Blankenheim says the Road Glide was taken out of the lineup for a year to focus on its new platform of touring cycles called Project Rushmore.

She says the focus is to improve the touring bikes so they're more comfortable for both rider and passenger.

## Teen killed, man injured in crash in SE Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A 16-year-old South Dakota boy was killed and a Washington state man was injured in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 212 in southeastern Montana, near the town of Alzada.

The Montana Highway Patrol says a Chevy Cruze driven by a 31-year-old man from Tacoma, Washington, struck farm equipment being pulled by a Chevy Silverado at about noon Thursday.

The Cruze swerved into the opposite lane, hitting another pickup head-on, killing the teen, who is from Belle Fourche (bel-FOOSH'), South Dakota. His name has not been released.

The driver of the Cruze was injured and taken to a hospital in South Dakota.

The driver of the Silverado, a 43-year-old man from Belle Fourche, South Dakota, was not injured.

## Stolen credit card scam operating in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for two women who are believed to have used stolen credit cards to buy \$66,000 in gift cards from numerous businesses.

Police say the women are working with at least six men, hitting stores around the region, including in Madison and Flandreau.

Police say they have received several fraud reports from people outside of South Dakota saying their



credit cards have been used in Sioux Falls.

## **AP News in Brief at 5:58 a.m. EDT**

### **Israel bombards Gaza as it searches for missing officer believed seized by Hamas**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel bombarded the southern Gaza town of Rafah on Saturday as troops searched for an officer they believe was captured by Hamas in an ambush that shattered a humanitarian cease-fire and set the stage for a major escalation of the 26-day-old war.

The Israeli military has said it believes the soldier was grabbed in a Hamas ambush about an hour after an internationally brokered cease-fire took effect Friday morning. The Hamas military wing on Saturday tried to distance itself from the soldier's alleged capture, which has prompted widespread international condemnation. President Barack Obama, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon and others have accused Hamas of violating the cease-fire and have called for the soldier's immediate and unconditional release.

At least 35 Palestinians were killed in the bombardment and shelling in and around the city of Rafah early Saturday, said Palestinian health official Ashraf al-Kidra, adding that the area's main hospital was evacuated because of the strikes, which killed dozens of people on Friday.

Elsewhere in Gaza, Palestinian officials reported more than 150 airstrikes including one against the Hamas-linked Islamic University in Gaza City. Heavy shelling continued along the border areas.

The fiercest battles took place near the site of Friday's attack and purported abduction, near Rafah, about 3 kilometers inside the strip and close to the borders with Israel and Egypt. Officials have reported that dozens of houses have been damaged or destroyed in airstrikes.

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### **After cease-fire's failure, Netanyahu tells US: Don't ever 'second guess me again' on Hamas**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following the quick collapse of the cease-fire in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the White House not to force a truce with Palestinian militants on Israel.

Sources familiar with conversations between Netanyahu and senior U.S. officials, including Secretary of State John Kerry, say the Israeli leader advised the Obama administration "not to ever second guess me again" on the matter. The officials also said Netanyahu said he should be "trusted" on the issue and about the unwillingness of Hamas to enter into and follow through on cease-fire talks.

The Obama administration on Friday condemned "outrageous" violations of an internationally brokered Gaza cease-fire by Palestinian militants and called the apparent abduction of an Israeli soldier a "barbaric" action.

The strong reaction came as top Israeli officials questioned the effort to forge the truce, accusing the U.S. and the United Nations of being naive in assuming the radical Hamas movement would adhere with its terms. The officials also blamed the Gulf state of Qatar for not forcing the militants to comply.

With the cease-fire in tatters fewer than two hours after it took effect with an attack that killed two Israeli troops and left a third missing, President Barack Obama demanded that those responsible release the soldier.

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## **Even without help from Congress, Obama has room to maneuver on immigration changes**

WASHINGTON (AP) — What can President Barack Obama actually do without Congress to change U.S. immigration policies? A lot, it turns out.

There are some limits under federal law, and anything the White House ultimately decides to do may be challenged in court as unconstitutional. But leading legal experts say the White House almost certainly could delay indefinitely efforts to deport millions of immigrants already in the U.S. illegally, and it could give them official work permits that would allow them to legally find jobs, obtain driver's licenses and pay income taxes.

Here is what Obama could not do without approval from Congress: He couldn't generally give large groups of immigrants permission to remain permanently in the United States, and he couldn't grant them American citizenship. And he couldn't generally make them eligible for federal or state social benefit programs, such as welfare payments, food stamps or the administration's health care plans.

"There is prosecutorial discretion which can be exercised in these sorts of situations," said Leon Rodriguez, a former Justice Department lawyer and the newly confirmed director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. "In most enforcement realms, generally there is pretty broad discretion." Rodriguez spoke earlier this week on Capitol Hill during an oversight hearing for the House Judiciary Committee.

With Congress declining to approve significant changes to immigration laws, the White House is hinting that Obama is considering broadening a program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals to temporarily shield from deportation many young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and allow them to get a work permit. Immigration reform advocates have been pushing to include parents of U.S. citizens and the parents of young immigrants already protected under the earlier program, which covers more than 700,000 immigrants so far.

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## **US aid workers sick with Ebola leaving Africa; going to Atlanta hospital for treatment**

NEW YORK (AP) — When two U.S. aid workers infected with Ebola arrive in Atlanta from Africa, they will be whisked into one of the most sophisticated hospital isolation units in the country.

The specialized unit at Emory University Hospital was opened a dozen years ago to care for federal health workers exposed to some of the world's most dangerous germs.

Now it's being pressed into service for the two seriously ill Americans who worked at a hospital in Liberia, one of the three West Africa countries hit by the largest Ebola outbreak in history.

One of the aid workers is due to arrive Saturday, and the second a few days later, according to officials at the hospital. They are traveling in a private jet outfitted with a special, portable tent designed for patients with highly infectious diseases.

It will be the first time anyone infected with Ebola is brought into the country. U.S. officials are confident they can be treated without putting the public in any danger.

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## **Ebola treatments, vaccines still in development; should they be tried now during outbreak?**

LONDON (AP) — In the four decades since the Ebola virus was first identified in Africa, treatment hasn't changed much. There are no licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease.

Some are being developed, but none have been rigorously tested in humans. One experimental treatment, though, was tried this week in an American aid worker sick with Ebola, according to the U.S.-based group that she works for in Liberia.

Without a specific treatment, doctors and nurses focus on easing the disease's symptoms — fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhea — and on keeping patients hydrated and comfortable.

The outbreak in three West African countries — Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — has sickened more than 1,300 people and more than 700 have died since March.

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## **Explosion at car parts factory in eastern China kills 65 people, injures over 100**

BEIJING (AP) — Sixty-five people were killed and dozens seriously burned Saturday by an explosion at an eastern Chinese automotive parts factory that says it supplies General Motors, state media reported.

The blast at the factory in an industrial zone of the city of Kunshan also left more than 100 people injured, with many suffering severe burns, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Kunshan, in Jiangsu province, is about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southeast of Beijing. Authorities have taken away two company executives

State broadcaster CCTV showed footage shot by residents of large plumes of thick, black smoke rising from the plant. Several firefighting trucks were shown in the factory compound. News websites posted photos showing survivors or victims being lifted onto the back of large trucks, their bodies black presumably from burns or being covered in soot.

Some survivors were seen sitting on wooden cargo platforms on the road outside the factory, their clothes apparently burned off and skin exposed or being carried into ambulances.

The explosion occurred at 7:37 a.m. at a workshop in the factory that polishes wheel hubs. There were more than 200 workers at the site when the blast occurred, Xinhua cited the city government as saying. Rescuers pulled out more than 40 bodies while another 20 or so other people died in hospital, Xinhua said.

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## **Push for charges after medical examiner says police officer's chokehold caused NYC man's death**

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers enraged by a man's death in police custody see a medical examiner's ruling that blames a prohibited chokehold as a clear indication the officers involved should face criminal charges.

"They killed somebody," neighbor Charlene Thomas said after the city's medical examiner deemed Eric Garner's death a homicide. "Why? Because they're cops, they gotta get away with this?"

Garner was killed by neck compressions from the chokehold and "the compression of his chest and prone positioning during physical restraint by police," city medical examiner spokeswoman Julie Bolcer said Friday.

Ramsey Orta, a friend of Garner's who videotaped his struggle with police, said the medical examiner's

ruling wasn't surprising.

"I knew that was the cause because I saw it," he said. "Now somebody should get charged."

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## For Kentucky's Senate race, picnic mixes politics and barbecue in a free-for-all atmosphere

MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) — The annual picnic at Fancy Farm always serves up a main dish of politics along with a side of delicious barbecue. And this year voters will get a rare glimpse of Kentucky's U.S. Senate candidates standing side by side as they face armies of hecklers trying to move them off their talking points.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Democratic challenger, Alison Lundergan Grimes, will share the same stage for only the second time. One of the most-watched races in the country, it could weigh heavily on which party controls the Senate for the final two years of President Barack Obama's term.

Their scripted, crowd-controlled campaigns could go anywhere during their appearances Saturday along with other political speakers at the 134th annual picnic, a major draw for political types. McConnell is in the toughest re-election race of his career, making this year's event even bigger than usual.

Nominally a fundraiser for a small Roman Catholic church in western Kentucky, the two-day picnic in the tiny town of Fancy Farm is a throwback to the days before television, when stump speeches were the candidates' main vehicle to reach voters.

"There used to be actual voters in the audience you could persuade to be for you. But in the last 20 years or so, it's just turned into who can bring the most people and scream the loudest and come up with the craziest antics," said veteran Kentucky Democratic political consultant Danny Briscoe said. "It's turned into, I think, a circus."

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## Ahead of landmark verdict, Cambodians of 2 generations ponder justice for Khmer Rouge crimes

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A U.N.-assisted genocide tribunal will deliver a verdict this coming Thursday in the trial of the two top leaders of the communist Khmer Rouge, whose extremist policies in the late 1970s are blamed for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians through starvation, medical neglect, overwork and execution.

Khieu Samphan, 83, the regime's head of state, and Nuon Chea, 88, right-hand man of the group's late leader, Pol Pot, were tried for crimes against humanity. They will face a second trial this year on additional charges of genocide. The tribunal's first trial sent to prison the commander of the group's notorious Tuol Sleng torture center, but the upcoming verdict will mark the first time the Khmer Rouge policymakers will be judged.

What interest do Cambodians have in the prospect of justice finally being rendered, more than three decades after the Khmer Rouge were kicked out of power by an invasion from neighboring Vietnam? Those who lived through the holocaust have good reason to remember, but most Cambodians alive today were not even born when terror reigned.

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SOK SAMBOUR, 25, a hotel receptionist: "One of my uncles was killed because of a very small offense. A pair of his trousers was torn, and he asked my mom to sew it, but the Khmer Rouge found out and accused him of violating their rules, and he was taken away to be killed."

## **Pacers' Paul George suffers serious leg injury in shortened US basketball exhibition**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Indiana Pacers All-Star Paul George suffered a gruesome right leg injury late in the U.S. national team's intrasquad scrimmage Friday night.

George leaped to contest a fast-break layup by James Harden with 9:33 left in the fourth quarter and his leg smashed against the bottom of the backboard stanchion and crumpled.

Trainers immediately ran onto the floor and after roughly 10 minutes of stoppage, George was taken out of the arena on a stretcher. With players looking visibly upset, coach Mike Krzyzewski then announced to the crowd that the scrimmage would not be finished out of respect to George and his family.

"This is a first for us in USA Basketball, to have something like this take place," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said. "It's a tough situation for our entire organization, the coaches, the players. Very, very emotional. There's no way the game could have gone on under the circumstances."

The White team led George's Blue team 81-71.

## **Today in History**

### **The Associated Press**

Today is Saturday, August 2, the 214th day of 2014. There are 151 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On August 2, 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox suffered light damage during a skirmish with North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. (This and an alleged second incident two days later led to congressional approval of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that propelled America deep into war.)

### **On this date:**

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie (HAH'-lih-day) successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the "Indian Head" cent.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program. President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement At-

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tee concluded the Potsdam conference.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 135 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush urged creation of a national intelligence director to coordinate the war on terrorism but without the sweeping powers for hiring, firing and spending recommended by the September 11 commission. Turkish truckers stopped hauling goods for U.S. forces in Iraq after the shooting of a Turkish hostage was shown on the Internet. Police in Salt Lake City arrested Mark Hacking, whose wife, Lori, had disappeared. (Hacking later pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.)

**Five years ago:** A mystery from the 1991 Gulf War was finally solved as the Pentagon announced that the remains of missing Navy pilot Michael "Scott" Speicher (SPY'-kur) had been found. Catriona Matthew won the Women's British Open for her first major title, beating Karrie Webb by three strokes.

**One year ago:** The United States issued an extraordinary global travel warning to Americans about the threat of an al-Qaida attack and closed down 21 embassies and consulates across the Muslim world for the weekend.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 92. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 77. Movie director Wes Craven is 75. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 71. Actor Max Wright is 71. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 69. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 64. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 61. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig (Garbage) is 59. Singer Mojo Nixon is 57. Actress Victoria Jackson is 55. Actress Apollonia is 55. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 52. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 50. Rock musician John Stanier is 46. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 44. Actor Sam Worthington is 38. Figure skater Michael Weiss is 38. Actor Edward Furlong is 37. Rock musician Devon Glenn is 34. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "A beautiful soul has no other merit than its own existence." - Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805).