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**Senior Menu:** Chicken Tetrizzine, Green Peas, Honey Fruit Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Whole Wheat Bread

**Anniv:** Bob & Laurie Pray • Doug & Heidi Krueger

**Birthdays:** Marc Sippel • Megan Unzen • Marie Loutsch • Beve Farmen • Kim Evans • Kim Claussen

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

8:00am: Faculty In-Service

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:30pm: UMW Meeting

2:30pm: UMW Officers and Program Resource Chairs meeting

6:00pm: Men's Golf League

7:00pm: Christian Missionary & Alliance Midweek Family night (kids, youth, adults)

8:00pm: UMC Ad Council

## 21

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Senior Menu:** Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli, Pumpkin Bar/Topping or Carrot Bar, Bread

**Birthdays:** • Tara Carlson • Scott Krueger

10:00am: Boys Golf at Milbank

12:00pm: Dakota Land Feed Golfing - 18 holes

*"From minor scratches to a complete rebuild . . . we can do it all!"*

**NOW OPEN**

**Harrs**  
Auto Body ABDN

225 Brown County Hwy 19 South  
Aberdeen: 605/725-4900

## 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.

**Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**

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Photo by Tina Kosel

## Fritz's Place building is gone

The lot, once occupied by a large brick building, now looks vacant after it was taken down on Tuesday.



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Destination Imagination was well represented at the Groton Area School open house held Tuesday. Clint Fjeldstad was busy handing out brochures at the elementary school.

Jackson Garstecki, Bath, was making a paper airplane with the help of Clint Fjeldstad at the Destination Imagination exhibit at the GES Gym. His mom, Jackie (Thompson) Mulder is watching in the background.



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A good sized crowd was on hand Tuesday afternoon at the Groton Area School Open House event.



Lars Hanson, Steve Smith and Marty Weismantel were the master cooks at the Groton Area School Open House held Tuesday evening. In the left photo, in the background, Merle Harder helped to shuffle the food from the grills to the serving area in the gym.

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**Sweet G's Inflatables by Joel Guthmiller had these up for the children to play on during the Groton Area Open House.**



**Gordon and Dorene Nelson made sure the cups were filled with lemonade.**

**Mickie Padfield, Kelly Kjelden and Superintendent Joe Schwan were the servers at the open house.**

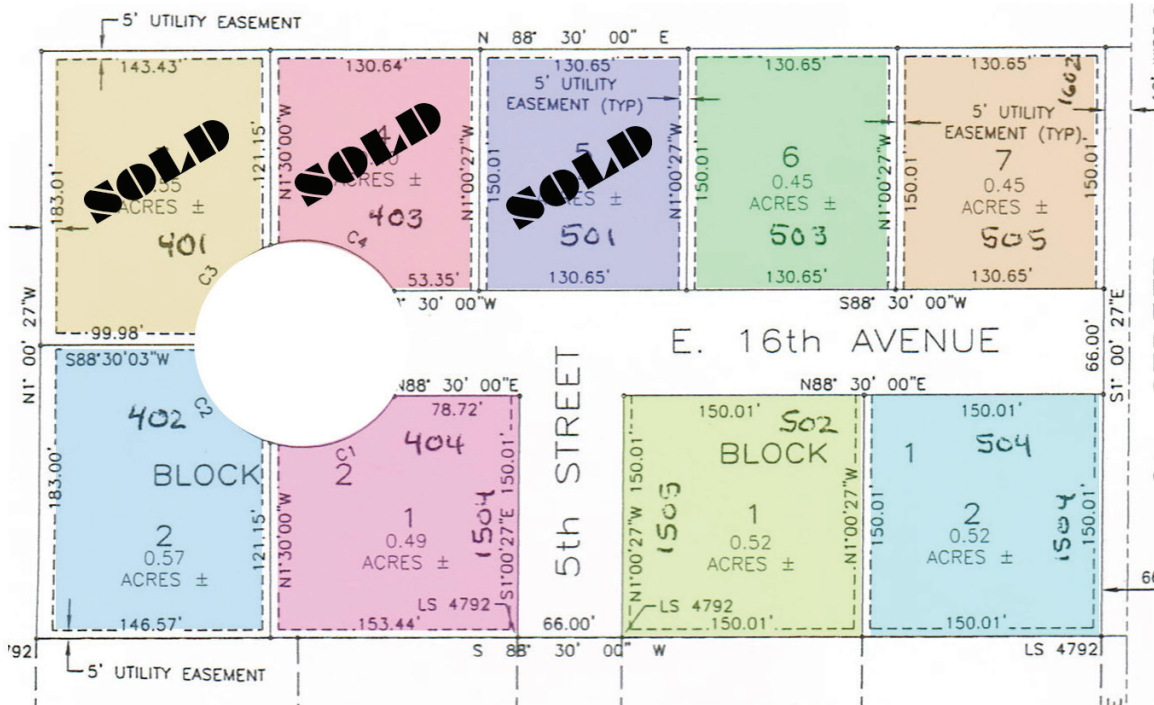


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## Achieving the Dream

**Lots for Sale  
in a  
family  
oriented  
neighborhood**



**Olson Development - North Groton ~ 605/397-8262**

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## Today in Weather History

1904: A destructive, estimated F4 tornado moved ESE from 7 miles WNW of Willow Lake, through the town, and on into Bryant. Most of the damaged occurred in those two towns. All buildings on at least three farms were blown away. One woman died in Bryant, Hamlin County, as the tornado swept across the residential west side of town. Another man was killed just west of Willow Lake, as his farm house was scattered for miles.

1988: More than 150,000 acres were consumed during one of many fires in Yellowstone. This was the single worst day of the fires and was later dubbed Black Saturday. More Yellowstone land burned on this day, than all other fires combined since the establishment of the park in 1872. Ash from the fires drifted as far away as Billings, Montana. 1886 - The town of Indianola, TX, was completely destroyed by a hurricane, and never rebuilt. (David Ludlum)

1910 - The big blow up of forest fires finally came to an end in Idaho. A record dry August fueled 1736 fires which burned three million acres destroying six billion board feet of timber. The fires claimed the lives of 85 persons, 78 of which were fire fighters, and consumed the entire town of Wallace. The smoke spread a third of the way around the world producing some dark days in the U.S. and Canada. The forest fires prompted federal fire protection laws. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Half a dozen cities in the Central Plains Region reported record high temperatures for the date, including Pueblo CO with a reading of 102 degrees, and Goodland KS with a high of 104 degrees. Hill City KS reached 106 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Sheridan, WY, reported a record hot temperature reading of 100 degrees. Evening thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail near Fortuna ND, and wind gusts to 70 mph near Webster SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in southeast Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma, with up to six inches reported around Tulsa OK. Some roads in the Tulsa area were closed by water 10 to 12 feet deep. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas. Thunderstorms produced winds gusts to 75 mph in Major County OK, and hail two inches in diameter at Jennings KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

## One of Groton's finest homes looking for a new family



**403 E. 15th Ave.**

**Over 7,000 sq. ft. of living area. Six bedrooms, six baths, two kitchens, living room, dining room, study room, two family rooms, theater room, oversized three-stall garage, irrigation system.**

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1886: A hurricane completely destroyed the town of Indianola, TX. After being wiped out, the town was not rebuilt.

1971: Heavy rains caused severe flooding in North Vietnam, killing 100,000.

## 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.


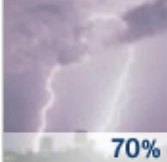







**Come 'n' Get It!**  
**Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night**  
**Andover Bar & Grill** Serving 5-9 p.m.  
120 S Main St. • 298-5252



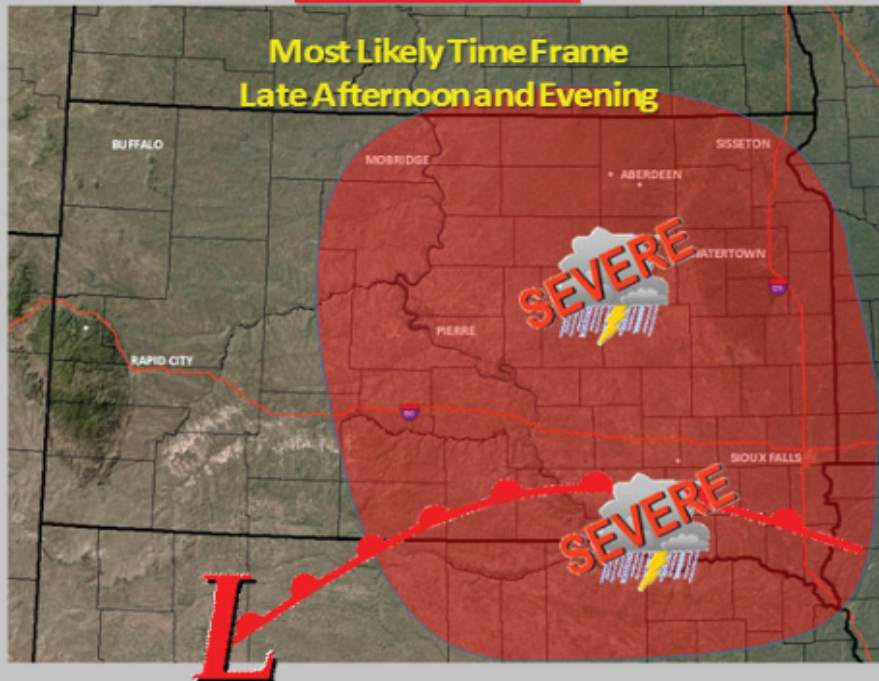
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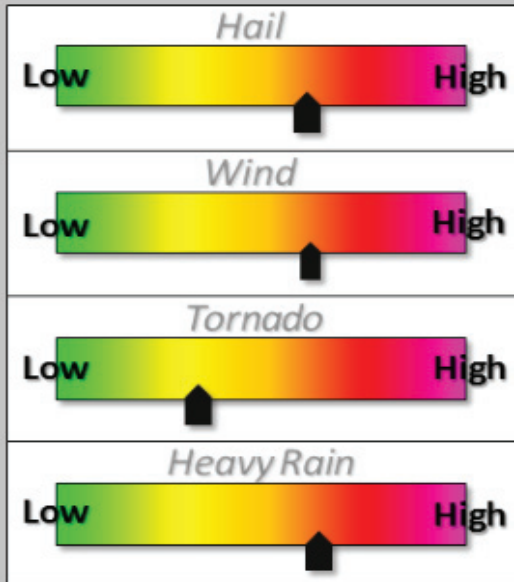
TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
 30%	 70%	 High: 84 °F	 20%	 50%	 50%	 50%
Chance Thunderstorms High: 84 °F	Severe Thunderstorms Low: 63 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 84 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 63 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 81 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 62 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 76 °F

## Severe T'storms Possible This Afternoon and Tonight

Best Chances of Severe Weather in Red Hatched Area!



### Threat Forecast



 [weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 8/20/2014 5:32 AM Central

Thunderstorms are expected to develop across the region this afternoon and evening with severe storms possible. The biggest threats are large hail and strong winds, but a couple tornadoes cannot be ruled out as well. Stay tuned to the latest weather information and forecasts throughout the day.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 86.2°F at 5:32 PM

**Low:** 56.3°F at 6:53 AM

**High Gust:** 9 mph 5:10 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 103° in 1976

**Record Low:** 34° in 2004

**Average High:** 82°F

**Average Low:** 56°F

**Average Precip in Aug.:** 1.40

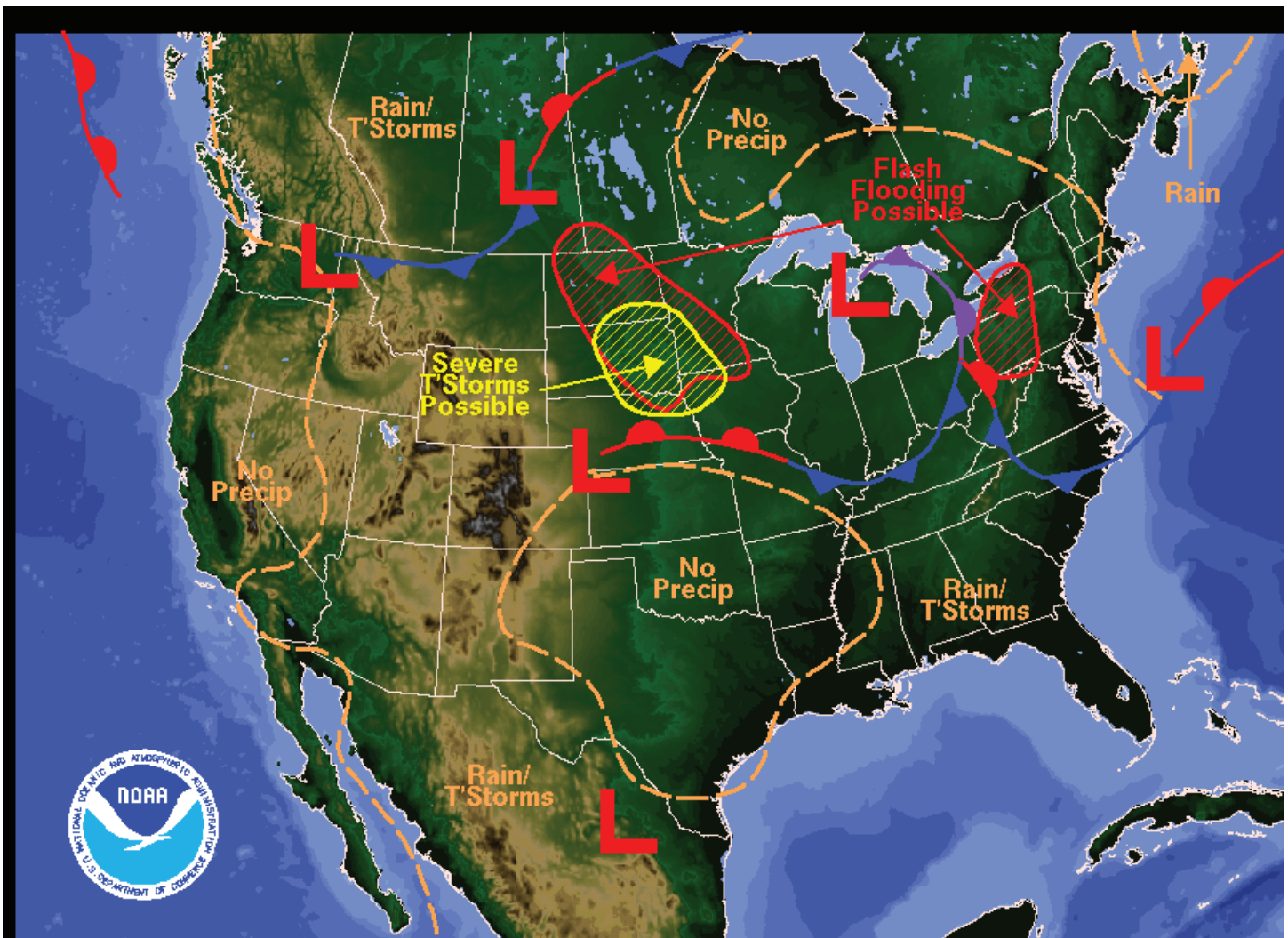
**Precip to date in Aug.:** 1.64

**Average Precip to date:** 15.26

**Precip Year to Date:** 10.62

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:34 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:41 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 20, 2014, issued 2:36 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## SEARCHING, EVERYONE IS SEARCHING

Not everyone knows what they are searching for. Most people seem to have an "emptiness" that they can't fill. Search as they do and try as many different things as they can, travel to far distant places and ask one person after another for help, the emptiness lingers on and there seems to be no solution.

We all have this "built-in-thirst" that the world cannot quench. It begins at birth and for many, it is still there at death. It comes from our Creator and was placed in us by Him for a reason. He put his "built-in-unquenchable-thirst" within us to cause us to seek Him with all of our heart.

But most people do not understand what they are looking for or why. All they know is "it" is not there: that life is empty and meaningless and purposeless. There is a feeling deep inside that there is more to life than what they have discovered. So, the search is on.

When a person begins this search, it grows until the emptiness, hopefully, is filled and the "right" thing found. A certain king describes his search like this: "I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land!"

And God made this promise to the searcher: "When you seek Me, you will find Me if you search for Me with all your heart."

God will fill every longing in every heart if we turn to Him in faith believing. And when we find Him, we are obligated to Him to help others fill their needs with Him.

**Prayer:** Father, You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts will be restless until we open them to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 143:6 I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Rapid City arena plan might include fire stations**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A consultant is recommending that Rapid City include two new fire stations in a \$180 million project to expand the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The addition would push the cost of the project to \$200 million. With interest, the amount would nearly double over 30 years.

City Attorney Joel Landeen says the city has talked about new fire stations for a while, but funding has always been in limbo. He says bonding is likely the only way to pay for them.

City Councilwoman Charity Doyle says she's surprised that fire stations have been thrown into the mix.

Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne says packaging the projects together might make the bonds more appealing to investors.

### **Rapid City teacher faces child porn charges**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A middle school teacher in Rapid City has been charged with possessing child pornography and fired from his job.

Police say 26-year-old Andrew Hiipakka was arrested on eight counts after detectives with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force received a tip last week that led to a search of his home. Authorities allege that Hiipakka had child porn on his personal computer, and they're investigating other electronic devices he owns.

Hiipakka was arrested Tuesday afternoon and was being held in the Pennington County Jail. It was not immediately clear if he had obtained an attorney.

Hiipakka taught at St. Thomas More Middle School. Police say they contacted the Rapid City Catholic School System last Thursday about the investigation, and Hiipakka was immediately fired.

### **Uranium mine hearings continue in Rapid City**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A three-judge licensing board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will discuss Wednesday whether a uranium mining company must release information its opponents say could reveal flaws with a proposed mine in western South Dakota.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will meet for its second day of hearings in Rapid City. It's meeting this week to hear challenges to the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mine. Powertech Uranium Corp. is proposing the mine.

Opponents of the mine say the results of a geological survey could show threats to local aquifers if the company starts mining.

The company plans to use a method that would pump groundwater into the underground ore deposits to dissolve the uranium. The water would be pumped back out, where the uranium would be extracted.

### **Howes man fined \$10,000 for killing bald eagle**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A western South Dakota man avoided jail time but must pay more than \$10,000 for killing an eagle.

Federal prosecutors say 42-year-old Cody Weyer, of Howes, pleaded guilty to unlawful taking of a bald eagle and was sentenced to a year of probation, a \$500 fine, \$10,000 in restitution and \$25 to the

Federal Crime Victims Fund.

The case started Jan. 21 when a South Dakota Game Fish and Parks officer responded to a complaint of dead deer in Meade County. While looking for the carcass, the officer found a dead adult bald eagle in a bull pasture leased by Weyer, who acknowledged killing the bird.

## Democrats call for subpoenas in beef plant case

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Democratic lawmakers are calling on a legislative committee to issue subpoenas for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, former Gov. Mike Rounds and others involved in the state's program that administered an investment-for-green-card program.

Lawmakers on Tuesday said the Government Operations and Audit Committee should issue the subpoenas to seek answers regarding allegations of financial misconduct at the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"The state legislature has a responsibility to the taxpayers to hold the executive branch accountable as part of our democratic system of checks and balances," Rep. Bernie Hunhoff said from prepared remarks at a press event.

A state audit found that before Richard Benda left his job as head of economic development in 2010, he tacked on an extra \$550,000 to a grant agreement to help the struggling Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen. A report from Attorney General Marty Jackley showed the same amount was improperly diverted to SDRC Inc., Benda's new employer.

SDRC, managed by businessman Joop Bollen, administered the EB-5 visa program in the state, which allows people to seek U.S. residency if they invest at least \$500,000 in approved projects. The failed Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen was funded in part through that program and was also the project through which Benda arranged the transfer.

Hunhoff said the Democratic lawmakers hope that mounting pressure from newspaper editorials and the public lead the committee to force Rounds and Daugaard to explain "what they know and when they knew it" regarding the program.

Hunhoff and others said Daugaard, Rounds and Bollen must explain where the \$550,000 in question is, whether Benda was working alone when the money was diverted and what they categorized as finger-pointing between the Rounds and Daugaard administrations.

"The governor is also frustrated that we cannot learn more about what state and federal investigators have found involving the EB-5 program, but he understands that is how the process works," Tony Venhuizen, Daugaard's spokesman, said in a statement.

Venhuizen said that although Jackley may have learned more information about the fate of the \$550,000, "state officials do not know what happened to those funds once they were received" by Northern Beef.

A spokesman for Rounds said the former governor "has fully cooperated with the state's investigation and he will continue to do so."

Daugaard and Rounds are Republican. Daugaard is running for re-election in November and Rounds is seeking a U.S. Senate seat.

The Democratic lawmakers on Tuesday asked for a subpoena against Bollen. In July, lawmakers on the committee rejected a motion by member Democratic Rep. Susan Wismer to subpoena Bollen. The Governor's Office of Economic Development ended its contract with SDRC in September.

Bollen could not be reached Tuesday.

Jackley last month said he was ready to file felony theft charges and seek an indictment against Benda before he committed suicide last fall.

A draft of the complaint against Benda showed that Jackley would have charged Benda with three alternate felony counts alleging he illegally obtained \$550,000 in economic development money intended for the Northern Beef Packers plant and double-billing the state \$5,559.80 for three flights to China and Las Vegas.

## **SD: 90 percent of students finished high school**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Department of Education has put out this year's report card on school performance.

It found that 90 percent of eligible students finished high school, with just under 83 percent doing so in four years. Both of those figures are about the same as last year.

The report also found that just over 67 percent of students who took the ACT met the South Dakota Board of Regents' benchmark in math and just over 75 percent met the benchmark in English. The state says those figures showing college readiness are slightly lower than last year.

Report card results for school districts are online at <http://doe.sd.gov/reportcard> .

## **Police: Day care provider charged for injuring boy**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say a day care provider is facing a felony charge after injuring a 4-month-old boy while under her supervision.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 59-year-old Karen Leraas has been charged with abuse or cruelty to a minor under 7. She is expected to appear in court Tuesday afternoon.

Clemens says Leraas injured the boy at her in-home day care Aug.7. Doctors contacted authorities after deeming the boy's injuries suspicious. He is still at a local hospital.

Clemens says the boy is "doing better."

Leeras' day care license has been suspended.

## **2 teens plead guilty in Sioux Falls drug slaying**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two Watertown teenagers involved in a December slaying in Sioux Falls have pleaded guilty to assault and manslaughter.

Nineteen-year-old Brian Anderson and 18-year-old Trevor Kruthoff entered their pleas on Tuesday. They could face life in prison in the death of 20-year-old Jordan LeBeau.

Authorities say LeBeau was killed when Anderson and Kruthoff broke into the marijuana dealer's home to steal what they thought would be \$100,000 in drug money. Kruthoff on Tuesday admitted firing the shots that killed LeBeau and injured LeBeau's father.

In July, 21-year-old Kevin Rice pleaded guilty to manslaughter. He admitted showing the teens where LeBeau lived and giving them the loaded handgun. Authorities say Rice and LeBeau were partners in the drug trade.

## **Tribal officer's stun gun use under investigation**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Federal investigators are looking into whether an Oglala Sioux police officer improperly used a stun gun on a man who was apparently passed-out on the ground.

The officer probably used the stun gun on the drunk man between five and 10 times, trying to get him "to wake up and stand up," Tribal Public Safety Chief Ron Duke told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/VCilok>).

The man was "lying on the ground, probably passed out, clearly intoxicated," Duke said.

A video shot by a passer-by that purports to show the Friday incident in Manderson shows onlookers eventually helping the female officer put the man in a police vehicle, after some of the onlookers challenged her actions. The Associated Press did not immediately get a response from the person who posted the video online, and FBI spokesman Kyle Loven said the agency could not speak to the legitimacy of the video.

There is more than one video of the incident, Duke said. The officer had a camera on her uniform, and that will give a different view than the one captured by the passer-by, he said.

The man who was shot with the stun gun ultimately was arrested for disorderly conduct, trespassing and resisting an officer. He was checked at a hospital after asking for medical attention the next day, and "the hospital determined he was OK," Duke said. The chief did not name him.

The officer, who has been on the force for about 2½ years, is on paid leave while the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs investigate the use of force, Duke said. The Associated Press was unable to immediately find a telephone number for the officer or determine if she had an attorney.

## 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. U.S. HAS NO GOOD OPTION TO PROTECT SECOND JOURNALIST HOSTAGE

After the Islamic State beheaded reporter James Foley, the White House must decide how it will tackle the terrorist group bearing in mind it's holding another American citizen.

#### 2. BLACK LEADERS CALM FERGUSON CROWDS

Many of the volunteers trying to ease tensions in the St. Louis suburb tell angry protesters that looting and violence will overshadow Michael Brown's killing.

#### 3. GAZA TRUCE TALKS COLLAPSE INTO VIOLENCE

An Egyptian effort to end the monthlong war between Israel and Hamas failed once again as Palestinian militants fire dozens of rockets and Israel responds with airstrikes, killing 10.

#### 4. U.S. CHANGING NO-FLY LIST RULES

AP's Eileen Sullivan reports that the Obama administration vows to change the way air travelers can ask to be removed from the catalog of suspected terrorists.

#### 5. HOW THE EDUCATION LANDSCAPE IN NEW ORLEANS IS CHANGING

Some are hailing the rising number of charter schools as a grand experiment but others say they are out of poorer and minority families' reach.

#### 6. NORMALITY ELUSIVE FOR UKRAINE'S BESIEGED EAST

Donetsk, which is the region's industrial center, is craving a return to normal life but is held captive to the ongoing war between Kiev and pro-Moscow rebels.

#### 7. NFL'S VETERAN STARS DEFY AGE LABEL

Many players who are in their thirties shrug off jokes and gray hairs to stay in the game.

#### 8. WHERE FLOODING IS STUNNING RESIDENTS

Dramatic scenes of submerged roads and rescue operations are stunning communities in Phoenix which is seeing record rainfall.

## 9. LIBERIA IMPOSES CURFEW IN EBOLA-STRICKEN SLUM

The country's president also ordered security forces to quarantine the neighborhood, home to at least 50,000 people.

## 10. WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE LATEST NORTH KOREAN INSULT

Pyongyang is calling John Kerry a wolf with a "hideous lantern jaw" in the latest slur targeted at American officials by the hostile nation.

## AP News in Brief

### **No good option for US to protect hostage as it confronts Islamic State after revenge killing**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a horrifying act of revenge for U.S. airstrikes in northern Iraq, militants with the Islamic State extremist group have beheaded American journalist James Foley — and are threatening to kill another hostage, U.S. officials say.

The White House must now weigh the risks of adopting an aggressive policy to destroy the Islamic State against resisting any action that could result in the death of another American.

It will also confront the potentially necessary step of pursuing the Islamic State in Syria, where President Barack Obama has resisted launching airstrikes or deploying significant American firepower.

Obama was expected to make a statement Wednesday about Foley's killing.

U.S. officials confirmed a grisly video released Tuesday showing Islamic State militants beheading Foley. Separately, Foley's family confirmed his death in a statement posted on a Facebook page that was created to rally support for his release, saying they "have never been prouder of him."

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### **American journalist killed in Syria gave life trying to expose 'suffering' of Syrian people**

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Journalist James Foley had worked in a number of conflict zones in the Middle East, but the danger didn't stop him from doing the job he loved.

Captured and held for six weeks while covering the uprising in Libya, he knew the risks when he went to Syria two years ago to cover the escalating violence there.

Foley was snatched again in Syria in November 2012 when the car he was riding in was stopped by four militants in a battle zone that Sunni rebel fighters and government forces were trying to control.

On Tuesday, two U.S. officials said they believe Foley was the person executed by Islamic State militants in a video posted online. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the video by name.

Foley's family confirmed his death on a webpage created to rally support for him. His mother, Diane Foley, said in a statement on the webpage he "gave his life trying to expose the world to the suffering of the Syrian people."

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### **Volunteers trying to help ease tensions, urging protesters to keep it peaceful**

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — The tall black man walked up and down West Florissant Avenue in Ferguson, Missouri, working a bullhorn, imploring protesters to behave themselves.



"All right, y'all doing good!" Malik Zulu Shabazz told one group of young men. "Just keep it peaceful. Keep it peaceful, black man!"

Shabazz isn't a police officer. He is president of Black Lawyers for Justice and former chairman of the New Black Panther Party. Those organizations and others, made up mostly of black volunteers, have taken it upon themselves to help ease tensions in Ferguson, confident the protesters are more likely to listen to them than police.

In many cases, they're right. Shabazz was gentle with some, firm with others on a recent night as he urged them to get off the streets at night, and to stay away from looting. One young man wearing a bandanna around his neck seemed primed for trouble standing near a closed restaurant until Shabazz put a hand on his shoulder and had a quiet talk. Soon, the young man nodded and walked away.

The shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown by a white police officer on Aug. 9 has created a volatile situation in the St. Louis suburb. Officer Darren Wilson is on paid administrative leave pending an investigation. It could be weeks before a decision is made on whether the officer will face charges.

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## **Latest Ferguson protests are smaller, more subdued ahead of visit by attorney general**

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Police and protesters in Ferguson were finally able to share the streets again at night, putting aside for at least a few hours some of the hostility that had filled those hours with tear gas and smoke.

The St. Louis suburb still had plenty of lively protest Tuesday over the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown. And tensions rose briefly when someone hurled a bottle at officers.

But the overall scene was more subdued than the past five nights, with smaller crowds, fewer confrontations and no tear gas. Police said they still made 47 arrests, mainly of people who defied orders to disperse.

The slight easing of tensions came the day before Attorney General Eric Holder was to visit Ferguson to meet with FBI and other officials carrying out an independent federal investigation into Brown's death.

In a letter published late Tuesday on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch website, Holder promised a thorough investigation while calling for an end to the violence in Ferguson. He said the bond of trust between law enforcement and the public is "all-important" but also "fragile."

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## **Liberian security forces deploy to quarantine a capital slum to stop Ebola's spread**

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Security forces deployed Wednesday to enforce a quarantine around a slum in the Liberian capital, stepping up the government's fight to stop the spread of Ebola and unnerving residents.

Liberia has the highest death toll of the four West African countries affected by the dreaded disease, and its number of cases is rising the fastest. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf ordered the quarantine and imposed a nighttime curfew that begins Wednesday, saying that authorities have not been able to curtail the spread of Ebola in the face of defiance of their recommendations. She also ordered entertain "These measures are meant to save lives," she said in an address Tuesday night.

Ebola is spread through contact with bodily fluids, but relatives have been caring for the sick at home in some cases and burial practices that involve touching the body have continued. There is no cure and

no licensed treatment for the disease; health workers can only separate the sick from the healthy.

During the raid this weekend in West Point slum, bloody items were stolen and potential Ebola patients fled, raising fears the disease would spread out of control in a densely populated area. It was not clear why people would steal items that might spread infection, but there are still many misconceptions about how dangerous the disease is and how it is spread.

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## **Palestinian rocket attacks, Israeli airstrikes after collapse of Gaza cease-fire talks**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian militants launched dozens of rockets and Israel responded with airstrikes on Wednesday after Egyptian efforts to mediate a lasting truce in the monthlong Gaza war collapsed in a hail of fire a day earlier.

One of the Israeli airstrikes appeared to have targeted the home of Mohammed Deif, the Islamic militant group's elusive military chief, who has escaped numerous Israeli assassination attempts in the past. It was not immediately clear whether he was there at the time of the attack.

The fighting resumed Tuesday when Gaza militants fired rockets at Israeli cities just hours before a temporary cease-fire was set to expire, prompting Israel to withdraw its delegation from Cairo and launch retaliatory airstrikes. Since then at least 10 Palestinians have been killed and 68 wounded, Gaza Health Ministry official Ashraf al-Kidra said.

The Israeli military said it carried out some 60 airstrikes on Gaza targets, and that Palestinians had fired at least 80 rockets at Israel since the temporary truce collapsed. About 2,000 reserve soldiers who had been sent home two weeks ago when fighting seemed to have simmered down were called up for duty again Wednesday, the military said.

The breakdown in talks and the resumption of violence marked a bitter ending to nearly a week of Egyptian-led diplomacy meant to end the war, which has reduced entire Gaza neighborhoods to rubble and claimed more than 2,000 lives, mainly Palestinians.

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## **Chinese, Russian state media seize on Ferguson shooting to turn criticisms back on US**

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese and Russian state media have seized on the U.S. police shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old and ensuing protests to fire back at Washington's criticisms of their own governments, portraying the United States as a land of inequality and brutal police tactics.

The violence in the St. Louis, Missouri, suburb of Ferguson comes amid tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Ukraine, as well as friction between Washington and Beijing over what China sees as a campaign to thwart its rise as a global power.

Both countries have chafed under American criticism of their autocratic political systems — China and Russia tightly control protests and jail dissidents and demonstrators — and the events in Ferguson provided a welcome opportunity to dish some back.

"China gets criticized so much by the West that when something like this happens, it's convenient to offer a counter-criticism," said Ding Xueliang, an expert on Chinese politics at Hong Kong's University of Science and Technology.

The death of 18-year-old Michael Brown on Aug. 9 at the hands of a white police officer has inflamed racial tensions in the predominantly black suburb of Ferguson, where the police force is mostly white. Violent confrontations between police and protesters followed, in which tear gas, flash grenades and

Molotov cocktails were exchanged.

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## Global cruise lines set sail for China in pursuit of booming leisure market

HONG KONG (AP) — Royal Caribbean's newest ship has attractions not usually seen on cruise liners, including bumper cars, a skydiving simulator and a glass observation capsule on a mechanical arm that lifts its passengers high into the air.

What's also a surprise is the vessel's intended home port: Shanghai.

After floating out of a German shipyard last week, the \$935 million Quantum of the Seas will spend the winter running between New York and the Caribbean before moving to its new base next summer in mainland China's financial center.

It's a gutsy move for the world's second biggest cruise company. Cruise operators have traditionally sent older vessels to developing countries while saving their most advanced ships for U.S. and European customers. But surging growth in China means it's a market operators can no longer ignore.

Carnival Corp., the No. 1 cruise company, will become the first global cruise operator to have four ships based in China when it deploys its Costa Serena to Shanghai in April.

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## Pakistan lawmakers meet as tens of thousands of anti-government protesters throng outside

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani lawmakers met Wednesday as tens of thousands of protesters thronged outside the assembly calling for the resignation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif over alleged voting fraud.

Sharif and other lawmakers were able to enter the building through a back exit connected to the premier's office after the protesters late Tuesday had torn down barricades and entered the so-called Red Zone housing Parliament and other key government buildings.

The twin protests led by the famous cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan and fiery cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri have virtually shut down Islamabad, raising fears of unrest in the nuclear-armed U.S. ally with a history of military coups and dictatorship.

Despite the mounting pressure, Sharif has refused to step down, while the country's powerful army has called for a negotiated settlement.

"Situation requires patience, wisdom and sagacity from all stakeholders to resolve prevailing impasse," army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa said on Twitter. He said the government buildings in the so-called Red Zone were a "symbol of state" and were being protected by the army.

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## Ukraine's dying rebel capital seeks normal life against the soundscape of war

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — It has been weeks since Donetsk last had a traffic jam.

The regular rumble on the edge of this besieged city in eastern Ukraine is a constant reminder of the government's effort to shell armed pro-Russian separatists out of their stronghold. Rebels give as good as they get, blindly lobbing shells back at an unseen foe.

As fighting edges closer to the center, hundreds of thousands have fled a city once home to 1 million people. The bustle of a major industrial center has given way to the stillness of fear.

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College teacher Nataliya Badibina said she would have left to stay with relatives in Russia were it not for her mother and father.

"My parents are ill. They live nearby and I am not going to leave them," said Badibina, whose apartment block in Donetsk's western Petrovsky district had its windows blown out by shrapnel from a Grad rocket that landed in her courtyard.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, August 20, the 232nd day of 2014. There are 133 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlights in History:

On August 20, 1914, German forces occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.

#### On this date:

In 1833, Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend, Ohio.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

In 1882, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" had its premiere in Moscow.

In 1910, a series of forest fires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force before the House of Commons, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive.

In 1972, the Wattstax concert took place at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

In 1977, the U.S. launched Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

In 1989, entertainment executive Jose Menendez and his wife, Kitty, were shot to death in their Beverly Hills mansion by their sons, Lyle and Erik. Fifty-one people died when a pleasure boat sank in the River Thames (tehms) in London after colliding with a dredger. British conservationist George Adamson, 83, was shot and killed by bandits in Kenya. The situation comedy "Saved by the Bell" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1994, Benjamin Chavis Jr. was fired as head of the NAACP after a turbulent 16-month tenure.

**Ten years ago:** Democrats labored to deflect attacks on presidential nominee John Kerry's war record with fresh television ads touting his fitness for national command. In Athens, Michael Phelps matched Mark Spitz's record of four individual gold medals in the Olympic pool with a stirring comeback in the 100-meter butterfly, then removed himself from further competition.

**Five years ago:** The only man convicted in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 returned home to Libya after his release on compassionate grounds from a Scottish prison. (Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, said to have only months to live because of prostate cancer, died nearly three years later, claiming his innocence.) Afghans voted for a president for the second time ever, but Taliban threats dampened turnout in the militant south. Ryan Alexander Jenkins, a contestant on the VH1 reality show "Megan Wants a

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Millionaire," was charged with murdering his wife, Jasmine Fiore, whose body was found in Buena Park, California (Jenkins was found dead three days later, an apparent suicide). One-time Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress (PLEK'-sih-koh BUR'-ihs) accepted a plea bargain with a two-year prison sentence for accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub.

**One year ago:** A Pakistani court indicted former president and army chief Pervez Musharraf on murder charges stemming from the assassination of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Qatar-based Al-Jazeera Media Network launched its U.S. cable news outlet, Al-Jazeera America. Crime novelist Elmore Leonard, 87, died in Bloomfield Township, Michigan. Jazz pianist Marian McPartland, 95, died in Port Washington, New York, of natural causes.

**Today's Birthdays:** Writer-producer-director Walter Bernstein is 95. Boxing promoter Don King is 83. Former Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, is 81. U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, is 79. Former MLB All-Star Graig Nettles is 70. Broadcast journalist Connie Chung is 68. Musician Jimmy Pankow (Chicago) is 67. Actor John Noble is 66. Rock singer Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin) is 66. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 62. Singer-songwriter John Hiatt is 62. Actor-director Peter Horton is 61. TV weatherman Al Roker is 60. Actor Jay Acovone is 59. Actress Joan Allen is 58. Movie director David O. Russell (Film: "American Hustle") is 56. TV personality Asha Blake is 53. Actor James Marsters is 52. Rapper KRS-One is 49. Actor Colin Cunningham is 48. Actor Billy Gardell is 45. Rock singer Fred Durst (Limp Bizkit) is 44. Rock musician Brad Avery is 43. Actor Jonathan Ke Quan is 43. Actor Misha Collins is 40. Rock singer Monique Powell (Save Ferris) is 39. Actor Ben Barnes is 33. Actress Meghan Ory is 32. Actor Andrew Garfield is 31. Actor Brant Daugherty (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 29. Actress-singer Demi Lovato is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "To the eye of failure success is an accident." - Ambrose Bierce, American author-journalist (1842-1914?).