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Tuesday, Aug. 26

Senior Menu: Ham, Baked Potato/S.Cream, Green Beans, Peach Cake, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniversary: Bill & Eileen Schuelke

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

10:00am: Christian Missionary & Alliance Ladies Bible Study

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

12:00pm: Bridge at Olive Grove

4:00pm: Girls Soccer at Huron

5:30pm: Special City Council Meeting

6:00pm: Boys Soccer at Huron

6:15pm: Ladies Night Golf (Potluck)

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Senior Menu: Hot Roast Beef Combination, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Peanut Butter Cookie

Birthdays: Amanda Zimmerman • Paula Dobbins • Kory Anderson

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Men's Golf League

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

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation Kick-off

Thursday, Aug. 28

Senior Menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Noodles Romanoff, Lemon Buttered Broccoli, Pineapple Strawberry Ambrosia, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniversary: Rob & Jeanne Wanous

Birthdays: Kendra Bull • Lester Stearns • Abby Gibbs • Jordan Kjellsen • Ken Tobin • Rhonda Carda

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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

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Soccer Time Changes

Tuesday, August 26th at Huron

Girls Varsity at 4pm (Girls JV at 6pm-1/2 game)

Boys Varsity at 4pm (Boys JV at 6pm)

Saturday, August 30th vs Pierre

Girls Varsity at 1pm (Girls JV at 3pm-1/2 game)

Boys Varsity at 4pm (Boys JV at 6pm or to follow V)



Yard of the Week

Rob and Jeanne Wanous, 201 E 6th Ave., Groton, was chosen as this week's Yard of the Week by the Groton Garden Club. Rob said that now he has Yard of the Week, he will be getting a new lawn mower. Jeanne takes care of the flowers, which you can see in the background. Rob added, "I have to thank Aberdeen Lawn Care, Inman Irrigation and Toro for our lawn!"

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Gonsoir receives Farmers Union Check

Joellen Gonsoir was one of the recipients of the Stanley Moore Scholarships sponsored by the Farmers Union Industries Foundation.

Gonsoir is pictured receiving a check for \$1,500 from Doug Sombke, president of the S.D. Farmers Union. Sombke said that this was the first time he was able to present a check to someone from his home town of Groton in the eight years serving on the Farmers Union.

Gonsoir is attending the University of Minne-

Notice

Sugar Babes/Sweet Sensations dance groups registration is Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Groton Community Center from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instructor Gwen Briscoe from Aberdeen ARCC will be offering a sixth, seventh and eighth grade dance team new this year! Call Gwen at 605/290-0410 or Kim at 605/380-7148 for more information.

Lawson/Vietor Thank You

Going through these difficult times after losing a husband, father, brother, son-in-law, and friend has been made easier by the help and support of so many people. It is hard to articulate the depth of our gratitude to this ever growing list, but heartfelt thanks needs to be given to the SD highway patrol, Groton police, fight crew and ER staff at Avera Hospital, and ICU staff. The Avera team took amazing, personal care not only of Lynn but also of family and friends streaming in and out daily. Professionalism and compassion have never been combined so well.

A special thanks needs to be given to the man who accidently left his keys in his car. Without his unlikely oversight Lynn would not have been able to find help. Also, a sincere thanks to all of the people who searched for our faithful dog, Nelly.

The Gus Lawson and Vietor families

Help Wanted

Wheatcrest Hills - New Wage Scale - is hiring for PT and FT CNA positions. We are looking for caring compassionate individuals to join our team. CNA certification training class to start September 15 and we have benefit packages available. Please stop in for application or contact Kristin at 605/448-2251. (0826.0902)

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE

Project P 0037(129)207; PCN 039K; BROWN COUNTY

SD37 from Aspen Avenue to US12 in Groton

Grading, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, Roadway Lighting, AC Surfacing

Date: September 4, 2014

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT

Place: Groton Community Center
109 N. 3rd Street
Groton, SD 57445

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than **2 business days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Leiferman, Chief Roadway Design Engineer at (605) 773-3433.

Information presented at the Public Meeting/Open House will be posted on the SDDOT web site after the meeting at <http://sddot.com/dot/publicmeetings/default.aspx>.

Notice published twice at a cost of \$ _____.

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Today in Weather History

1983: Heavy rainfall up to four and a half inches fell in the town of Mahto, Corson County, flooding basements. Hail, up to three inches in diameter, caused heavy damage to roofs and broke numerous windows.

1998: Very heavy rainfall of 3 to over 6 inches fell across far eastern Corson, most of Campbell and Walworth counties during the evening hours of the 26th. The heavy rain caused flooding on many roads along with some highways through the night and into the morning hours on the 27th. Near Selby, high winds, heavy rain, and some hail caused damage to sunflowers and moved a barn three feet off the foundation. In Selby, wind driven rain pushed water through some ceilings and into basements. An old barn near Glenham was also blown down by the strong winds. Some rainfall amounts include, 3.50 inches at Herried, 3.80 inches at Java, 4.20 inches at Selby, 4.50 inches 3N of Selby and just southeast of Mclaughlin, 5 inches at Glenham, 5.75 inches 8N of Mobridge, and 6.35 inches 1.5 miles southeast of Glenham.

1883 - Krakatoa Volcano exploded in the East Indies. The explosion was heard more than 2500 miles away, and every barograph around the world recorded the passage of the air wave, up to seven times. Giant waves, 125 feet high and traveling 300 mph, devastated everything in their path, hurling ashore coral blocks weighing up to 900 tons, and killing more than 36,000 persons. Volcanic ash was carried around the globe in thirteen days producing blue and green suns in the tropics, and then vivid red sunsets in higher latitudes. The temperature of the earth was lowered one degree for the next two years, finally recovering to normal by 1888. (David Ludlum)

1949 - A hurricane made landfall at Delray Beach. Winds reached 153 mph at the Jupiter Lighthouse before the anemometer failed. The hurricane caused 45 million dollars damage to crops, and also caught the Georgia and South Carolina coast resulting in another two million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1965 - Late night severe thunderstorms associated with an unusually strong late summer cold front produced 100 mph winds straight line winds in the Chicago area and northwest Indiana. In Lake County IND, high winds derailed a train near Crown Point, and left a canoe suspended among telephone

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lines. Two nights later the temperature at Midway Airport in Chicago dipped to 43 degrees, establishing a record for the month of August. (Storm Data) (Hugh Crowther)

1976 - A weak tornado touched down briefly in the Hockley Hills near Kiana, AK, about 29 miles north of the Arctic Circle. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Showers and thunderstorms drenched northern Illinois during the morning and afternoon hours pushing August rainfall totals for Chicago, Moline and Peoria to new all-time highs for any month of the year. By the end of August, Chicago had received 17.10 inches of rain, which easily surpassed the previous record of 14.17 inches established in September 1961. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A dozen cities in Texas, Colorado and California reported record high temperatures for the date, including readings of 100 degrees at Pueblo CO, 106 degrees at Wichita Falls TX, and 109 degrees at Redding CA. Afternoon thunderstorms in Utah deluged the town of Beaver with more than an inch of rain in twenty minutes. (The National Weather Summary)




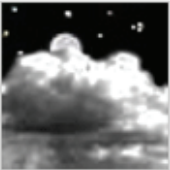



1989 - Anchorage, AK, was soaked with a steady rain, and the 24 hour total of 4.12 inches smashed their previous 24 hour precipitation total of 2.10 inches. It also pushed their rainfall total for the month past their previous record for August. (The National Weather Summary)





Come 'n' Get It!
Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night
Andover Bar & Grill Serving 5-9 p.m.
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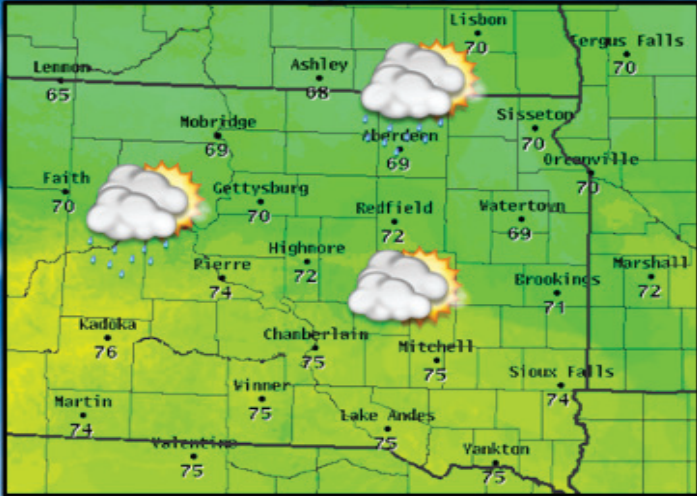
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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
20%	20%					
Slight Chc Showers High: 68 °F	Slight Chc Showers Low: 48 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 75 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 57 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 77 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 59 °F	Sunny High: 82 °F





Continued Cool With Scattered Showers Warmer Temperatures For 2nd Half Of The Work Week

Today's Highs




Wednesday




Highs:
Mid 70s

Thursday



Highs:
Mid 70s East
Mid 80s West




Friday



Highs:
Upper 70s East
Mid 80s West

20-50% Chance
Southern & Eastern SD

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


weather.gov/Aberdeen

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Updated: 8/26/2014 5:07 AM Central

High pressure will keep us cool today & Wednesday before warmer air begins to work back into the region. A few light showers will move across the area today...with a few stray/weak thunderstorms Wednesday & Thursday for mainly southern and eastern South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 69.0°F at 3:55 PM

Low: 50.8°F at 3:49 AM

High Gust: 23 mph 10:40 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1991, 1976

Record Low: 34° in 1914

Average High: 80°F

Average Low: 54°F

Average Precip in Aug.: 1.96

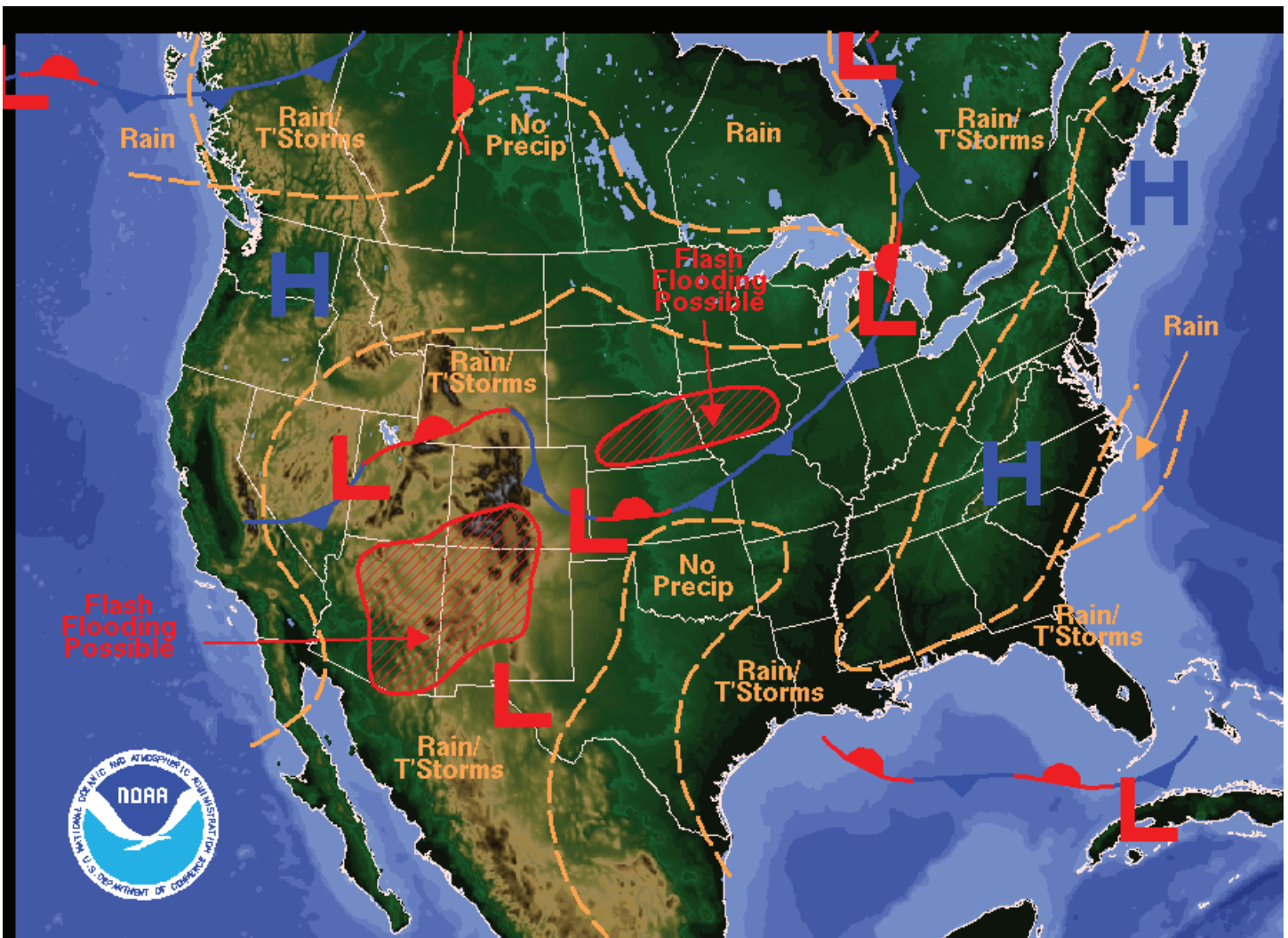
Precip to date in Aug.: 2.95

Average Precip to date: 15.82

Precip Year to Date: 11.93

Sunset Tonight: 8:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 26, 2014, issued 2:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHEN WHAT IS - IS NOT ENOUGH

Many doubt that our God is the creator of all that is and in control of what we see as well as what we cannot see. The Psalmist is not one who has any doubt about this fact. Yet, he goes far beyond the majestic statement that we hold dear: "In the beginning God created..." In simple words he acknowledged that "Your hands," (God) "have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding that I may learn Your commands." In other words, he realized that he was more than a creature that began in the mud. He was the most important part of God's creation and needed God to give him His understanding of things.

"God," he declared, "You not only took time to make me, but You actually fashioned me for a specific purpose in this, Your universe. I need You, God, to tell me what that purpose is!"

The word "fashioned" is a term that refers to the work of a potter making an object out of clay. Although the same clay may be used for different vessels or objects, each one has been "fashioned" for a specific purpose. The size, shape and purpose of each vessel the potter makes are always determined in the mind of the potter before he begins to form it on his wheel.

So it is with God. His Word tells us that "Before I formed you in your mother's womb I knew you...I set you apart...I appointed you..." Although God has a plan for us, the Psalmist says we must look to Him and His Word to understand it. He has made us in His image but we must allow Him to fashion us for the purpose He has for us.

Prayer: Father, give us an understanding of Your will and a willingness to follow it all the days of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

No bond reduction for Rapid City murder suspect

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge in Rapid City has refused to lower bond for a man accused of killing another man in an alley last month.

Eighteen-year-old Michael Hand is being held on \$500,000 bond in the death of 47-year-old Myron Rock, whose body was found on July 6. An autopsy concluded that Rock died from blunt force trauma and strangulation.

Hand has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to a murder charge. Defense attorney Eric Whitcher on Monday unsuccessfully argued for a bond reduction to \$25,000, saying his client was having a difficult time in jail.

Prosecutor Tracey Decker objected to the request, citing Hand's criminal history.

Judge Janine Kern ruled that Hand could be a danger to the community if released.

Members of explosives disposal group to meet in SD

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A national association that unites people who have served in explosives disposal units will meet in South Dakota in September.

Members of the National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Association will gather in Rapid City starting Sept. 2.

Members of the organization have worked in units that are tasked with disposing of conventional explosive weapons, chemical weapons, biological weapons, pyrotechnics, mines and booby traps, and nuclear weapons and materials.

The association says more than 300 members of the explosive ordnance community have died during missions, in combat and noncombat operations, since the earliest days of bomb disposal in World War II.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared Sept. 2-6 as Explosive Ordnance Disposal Week.

Railcar backlog topic of town hall in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A backlog of railcars in the Midwest is one of the issues Sen. John Thune plans to seek input for on Thursday at a town hall in Rapid City.

With the harvest looming, farmers are worried about getting what's expected to be a bumper crop to market.

Thune also plans to discuss the Department of Veterans Affairs, border issues and other topics.

The town hall starts at 4 p.m. Monday at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

South Dakota tourism secretary wins national award

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — South Dakota Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen has been named State Tourism Director of the Year.

The U.S. Travel Association announced the award Monday.

Roger Dow is the association's president and CEO. He says the tourism marketplace requires states to invest in effective, efficient promotion, and Hagen is running a respected program.

Hagen began his tenure as tourism secretary in 2011. He previously served as the national campaign

director and public relations director for the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says Hagen has "an enthusiasm for South Dakota that is contagious."

Mizzou QB Mauk set to become full-time starter

JAKE KREINBERG, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Maty Mauk begins his tenure as the full-time starter at quarterback when No. 24 Missouri opens its season against South Dakota State on Saturday.

The 6-foot, 195-pound sophomore went 3-1 as a starter last season in relief of an injured James Franklin, who graduated and was released by the Detroit Lions on Monday. Mauk played in 13 of 14 games, completing 51.1 percent of his passes for 1,071 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also threw two interceptions.

Coach Gary Pinkel praised Mauk on Monday, calling his leadership style "non-threatening."

Mauk will have to contend without the Tigers' top three receivers from a year ago, as L'Damian Washington, Dorial Green-Beckham and Marcus Lucas have all departed. Bud Sasser, who caught 26 passes for 361 yards, returns as the top wideout.

Ex-USD football player pleads guilty in fraud case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former University of South Dakota football player has pleaded guilty to a federal charge in connection with a scheme that used stolen identities to fraudulently collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax refunds.

Christopher Lundy on Monday entered his guilty plea to aggravated identity theft. He now faces a mandatory sentence of two years in prison.

Authorities say the Tampa, Florida, man was among 11 people, including other USD athletes, who were part of a ring that filed bogus income tax returns showing about \$1.1 million in refunds due.

Two other men involved in the scheme were sentenced last month. Twenty-five-year-old Raunta Ellison was ordered to serve over five years in prison, while 23-year-old Dametrius Turner, a former cornerback for the Coyotes, was sentenced to 3 ½ years.

Spotlight on Mariota for the No. 3 Ducks

ANNE M. PETERSON, AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Marcus Mariota takes a lot of ribbing over his course load this semester: yoga and golf.

For those joking that Mariota need only add underwater basketweaving, the reality is that the quarterback for No. 3 Oregon finished his degree requirements in just three years.

Oh, and opponents should also take note that those easy A's mean Mariota is going to be able to spend a lot more time focusing on football this season.

"With the amount of free time I'll have, it will mean being early in the treatment room, remaining healthy and doing recovery stuff, and along with that film work and being around the building more to do that kind of thing. To be able to have a little more time for football it will really be beneficial to me," he said.

The Ducks open at home on Saturday night against South Dakota.

Mariota averaged nearly 282 yards passing per game and threw for 31 touchdowns with only four interceptions last season. He also rushed for 715 yards and nine scores. His 4,380 yards of total offense

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set a school record.

All the while he was also taking 20 units. Toward a science degree, no less. He graduates (early) in December.

"He was taking all these upper division biology, upper division science. He had 20 credits and aiming to get done in time to graduate. It was just impressive. He's managed his media obligations and still doing everything he has in the community, which is substantial by anyone's measure," coach Mark Helfrich said.

There was speculation last season that he'd jump at opportunities in the NFL, but Mariota announced early on that he was sticking with the Ducks.

Mariota, a redshirt junior, said his decision didn't have all that much to do with "unfinished business" after Oregon lost two games last season to fall out of national championship contention. It had more to do with finishing school and the Ducks. He said he's interested — someday — in pursuing a career in sports medicine.

"For me I wanted to come back and get my degree, come back and enjoy another year with the guys and experience college for another year," he said.

In large part because of Mariota's return, the Ducks enter the season at No. 3 in the AP Top 25. Oregon has been picked in the annual poll of reporters who cover the conference to finish this season atop the Pac-12 North and claim the league's championship.

Mariota has never led the Ducks to the Pac-12 title; Darron Thomas was the quarterback when Oregon won in 2011.

Mariota was a Heisman contender last season before struggling with a left knee injury. The Ducks had climbed to No. 2 in the AP rankings but Mariota tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee against UCLA and the next week Oregon fell to Stanford 26-20.

The Ducks also lost 42-16 to Arizona in Tucson, dropping Oregon to No. 12 and out of the running for a national championship bid.

The Cardinal went on to claim the Pac-12 North and beat Arizona State in the league championship to earn a spot in the Rose Bowl. Oregon wrapped up the season ranked No. 10 at 11-2 after defeating Texas 30-7 in the Alamo Bowl.

"Too many times we were relying on Marcus, especially in the Arizona game or Stanford. We were relying on Marcus to make big plays and that shouldn't ever happen again," center Hroniss Grasu said when Oregon opened fall camp. "A lot of that comes down on the offensive line. We just gotta take the slack off his shoulders."

The Ducks' primary concern at the position this season is who will be Mariota's backup.

Sophomore Jeff Lockie appeared most likely to earn the job, but Oregon's practices are closed so it's uncertain if anyone else has emerged during fall camp. Lockie came off the bench in nine games last season, completing eight of 13 passes with an interception and no touchdowns.

Jake Rodrigues and Damion Hobbs transferred, so the team has Taylor Alie and promising incoming freshman Morgan Mahalak competing for second-team reps with Lockie.

Backups aside, Helfrich said Mariota's decision to return for the season made a major statement for the entire team.

"If I'm the backup guard and I see that guy forgo what he could have made, it's not some lip service dream, this is a reality of a ton of money. It's like, 'That guy turned down how much? OK, I'll watch him.' That's huge," Helfrich said. "I think it speaks to the type of guy he is, the type of team we are, and certainly, hopefully, to the type of program that we have."

Nonprofit provides supplies to students in SD Rez

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — A nonprofit group has provided school supplies to more than 500 children on South Dakota's Cheyenne River Reservation.

The supplies given by the organization Cheyenne River Youth Project include backpacks, compasses, calculators and mechanical pencils.

The organization says many of the donations came from the group Running Strong for American Indian Youth, which is based in Alexandria, Virginia, and numerous individual donors

Families on the reservation give \$30 to the Youth Project organization every year, which allows them to participate in annual distributions including school supplies, winter clothing, a Christmas toy drive, household supplies and baby items.

Dakotas endure weekend of storms, heavy rain

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A stormy weekend in the Dakotas led to flash flooding, power outages and damage to homes, cars and trees.

A storm that blew through Sioux Falls early Sunday with heavy rain and 60 mph winds uprooted trees, some of which hit vehicles and homes. Trees also took out electrical lines, knocking out power to about 5,200 people for several hours.

"It just sounded like a jet taking off all night," resident Rob Loe told the Argus Leader newspaper.

Street flooding was reported in Aberdeen on Saturday night after nearly 3 inches of rain fell, stranding vehicles. Stan Heier told the American News that he had half a foot of water in his garage.

"That's a lot of rain. Holy buckets," he said.

Sunday rainfall set records for the date at both recording stations in Grand Forks, according to the National Weather Service. The airport station had 1.15 inches and the University of North Dakota station 1.83 inches. The previous records at both stations had stood for more than three decades.

The heavy weekend rain resulted in the cancellation of a soccer game in Grand Forks between the University of North Dakota and South Dakota State because the field was flooded. The rain also disrupted other events, including a downtown Minot festival and street dance, and Bismarck State College's 75th anniversary celebration. An outdoor concert in Medora on Saturday by Kat Perkins, a North Dakota native and top-five finalist on the TV program "The Voice" earlier this year, had to be postponed.

Storms spawned two tornadoes Saturday evening in northeastern South Dakota, one of which caused damage.

A tornado about 4 miles northeast of Ipswich damaged several buildings at a farmstead, the weather service reported. The twister had a preliminary rating of EF-1 on the enhanced Fujita scale, which is the second-weakest rating with top wind speeds of 110 mph.

The other confirmed tornado touched down about 7 miles west of Cresbard but did no apparent damage.

Drivers told to stay out of Highway 34 work zone

HOWES, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota transportation officials are warning motorists about driving around barricades on closed highway sections.

Officials say motorists have been moving barricades and driving through a construction zone on Highway 34 east of Howes. A semitrailer got stuck in the mud over the weekend after heavy rain moved through the area.

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Officials say people who drive in work zones risk safety and also can damage roads. Tampering with traffic control devices and driving around barricades also are misdemeanor offenses.

Highway 34 is closed for a 2 1/2 mile stretch so workers can repair erosion on dams for Howes Lake and Lake Buffalo. Traffic is being detoured. The Highway Patrol is monitoring the area.

Hot Lotto ticket sold in Sturgis worth \$9,000

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A Hot Lotto ticket sold in Sturgis is worth \$9,000 in the latest drawing.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Hot Ball to win the game's third prize of \$3,000 in the Saturday drawing. The ticket holder also bought an option for a dollar that tripled the winnings.

The odds of winning the game's third prize are 1 in about 139,000. The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Hot Lotto is played in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The jackpot sits at about \$11.2 million for Wednesday's drawing.

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. OBAMA ADDRESSES VETERANS' MEETING

The president is speaking at the American Legion National Convention months after a VA hospital crisis rocked his administration.

2. ISRAEL TARGETS MORE HIGH-RISES IN GAZA

The Israeli military is destroying multi-story buildings in an apparent new tactic aimed at increasing pressure on Hamas.

3. WHY US NUCLEAR EXPERT IS CALLING FOR PLANT CLOSURE

Regulators are being urged to shut down California's last operating nuclear facility until they can determine whether the twin reactors can withstand powerful shaking from nearby earthquake faults.

4. WHO LEFT THE EMMYS EMPTY-HANDED

Movie stars did not win any trophies at the awards show that honored such favorites as "Breaking Bad" and "Modern Family."

5. AP SOURCE: WHITE HOUSE BACKS SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS OVER SYRIA

The administration wants to gather intelligence on the Islamic State militant group from the air.

6. HOW MOURNERS DEPICTED MICHAEL BROWN'S DEATH

Speakers at Brown's emotional funeral service sought to consecrate his death as another in the long history of the civil rights movement, and implored black people to change their protest chants into legislation and law.

7. CHINA COURTS DOCUMENTARIES BUT LIMITS TOPICS

Beijing wants serious content to replace reality shows on television -- but the films need to comply with the Communist Party line or else they are confiscated.

8. BAY-AREA QUAKE CAUSES \$1B IN DAMAGE, OFFICIALS ESTIMATE

But Napa County Supervisor Bill Dodd says 80 percent of the valley's 500 or so wineries were unaffected, and encourages tourists to visit.

9. FIRST SUPERMAN COMIC BOOK FETCHES HEROIC BID

A rare, nearly flawless copy of the Man of Steel's comic-book debut nets \$3.2 million in an online auction.

10. ANDY MURRAY ADVANCES AT THE US OPEN

The eighth-seed gritted his way through head-to-toe cramps to outlast Robin Haase 6-3, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 7-5 in the first round.

AP News in Brief

Obama addresses American Legionnaires in NC trip laden with politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three months after a veterans' health care scandal rocked his administration, President Barack Obama is addressing the American Legion National Convention in an appearance that is also fraught with midterm politics.

The president's speech to the Legion convention Tuesday in Charlotte, North Carolina, aims to draw attention to administration initiatives to care for veterans once they come home.

For Obama, the visit to North Carolina has a heavy political subtext. The state's Democratic senator, Kay Hagan, is in a difficult re-election race and Obama is not popular in the state. Hagan was scheduled to speak to the American Legion too, but her spokeswoman declined to say whether she would appear on stage with the president.

The campaign of Hagan's Republican opponent, Thom Tillis, accused Hagan of being a "rubber stamp" for Obama and "compliant with the administration's failure to provide our veterans with the health care that they deserve."

Obama could also face a skeptical audience. In a July Associated Press-GfK poll, his approval rating among veterans and veterans' households lagged behind his overall approval rating at just 33 percent, with 66 percent disapproving.

Mourners fill huge church for Michael Brown's funeral, urge black Americans to take action

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The mourners filled an enormous church to remember Michael Brown — recalling him as a "gentle giant," aspiring rapper and recent high school graduate on his way to a technical college.

But the funeral that unfolded Monday was about much more than the black 18-year-old who lay in the closed casket after being shot to death by a white police officer. The emotional service sought to consecrate Brown's death as another in the long history of the civil rights movement and implored black Americans to change their protest chants into legislation and law.

"Show up at the voting booths. Let your voices be heard, and let everyone know that we have had enough of all of this," said Eric Davis, one of Brown's cousins.

The Rev. Al Sharpton called for a movement to clean up police forces and the communities they serve. "We're not anti-police. We respect police. But those police that are wrong need to be dealt with just like those in our community that are wrong need to be dealt with," Sharpton said.

Liberian president fires ministers who defied order to stay in country to fight Ebola outbreak

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Liberia's president has fired all Cabinet ministers and other top officials who defied her order to return to the country as it struggles with an unprecedented Ebola outbreak.

A statement from Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's office late Monday did not say how many officials or which ones had been fired. The order to return and remain in Liberia came a few weeks ago as part of a state of emergency.

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has killed more than 1,400 people in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria. Liberia has been hardest hit and has the most severe measures, including sealing off an entire neighborhood of the capital.

The World Health Organization says 240 health care workers have been infected with Ebola, half of whom died.

'Breaking Bad' and 'Modern Family' clean up at Emmy Awards, with Robin Williams memorialized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Modern Family" and "Breaking Bad" triumphed at Monday's Emmy Awards, proving that established broadcast and cable fare retains the power to fend off challenges from upstart online series such as "Orange Is the New Black."

The ceremony's emotional high point came with Billy Crystal's restrained and graceful remembrance of Robin Williams, who was found dead Aug. 11, an apparent suicide.

"He made us laugh. Hard. Every time you saw him," Crystal said of Williams at the conclusion of a tribute to industry members who died within the past 12 months. "Robin Williams, what a concept."

ABC's "Modern Family" won a fifth best comedy series Emmy, tying the record set by "Frasier," while the final season of AMC's "Breaking Bad" captured the top drama award and a trio of acting honors for its stars.

Netflix's freshman "Orange Is the New Black," which competed for best comedy series despite its dark prison setting, failed to sway Emmy voters, as did Netflix's sophomore series "House of Cards."

Families of victims in recent airline crashes could seek compensation above normal limits

Families of passengers who were on the Malaysia Airlines plane shot down over Ukraine are starting to sort through the long process of gaining compensation for their loss.

Officials in the Netherlands, where the majority of Flight 17 victims lived, say that Malaysia Airlines has been making \$50,000 payments to the families without admitting any wrongdoing in the crash.

Such payments may create goodwill, lawyers say, but they are not likely to discourage some families from seeking more than the amount promised under an international treaty — about \$174,000.

Since the early days of commercial aviation, international agreements have governed compensation for crash victims. It is a no-fault system — the airline pays a standard compensation even if is blameless. Under a treaty called the Montreal Convention, families can sue for more if the airline or another party was negligent.

Aviation-accident lawyers say it would be almost impossible to collect damages from Russia or the pro-Russian rebels accused of shooting down the plane with a far-reaching surface-to-air missile. Ma-

laysia Airlines will be left as the prime — maybe the only — defendant, and lawsuits are likely to hinge on the plane's planned route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on July 17.

Wisconsin, Indiana set to defend gay marriage bans before federal appeals court in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The legal skirmish over same-sex marriage shifted Tuesday to a federal appeals court in Chicago as attorneys for Wisconsin and Indiana sought to reinstate bans on gay weddings ruled unconstitutional two months earlier.

The outcome of the case also could directly affect hundreds of couples who were married in June after federal judges overturned the bans but before their rulings were put on hold pending appeal.

Gay marriage is currently legal in 19 states as well as the District of Columbia, and momentum is building for more states to recognize it. Advocates have won more than 20 court victories around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act that prohibited the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage in 2013.

A voter-approved constitutional amendment bans gay marriage in Wisconsin. State law prohibits it in Indiana. Neither state recognizes same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

Lawyers representing Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller were due to make oral arguments Tuesday morning to a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal, a national organization working for gay rights, also were scheduled to appear. Each side was allotted 20 minutes for arguments.

Syrian government warns against unilateral US airstrikes on Islamic militants inside Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria said Monday it was ready to help confront the rising threat from the Islamic State group, but warned the United States against carrying out airstrikes without Damascus' consent, saying any such attack would be considered an aggression.

In seeking to portray itself as a partner for the international community, Syria seemed intent on capitalizing on the growing clamor among some U.S. officials, including military leaders, to expand the current American air campaign against the Islamic extremists in Iraq and to hit them in Syria as well.

President Barack Obama has long been wary of getting dragged into the bloody and complex Syrian civil war that the United Nations says has killed more than 190,000 people. He has resisted intervening militarily in the conflict, even after a deadly chemical weapons attack a year ago that Washington blamed on President Bashar Assad's government.

But the extremist group's rampage across wide swaths of Iraq, declaration of a state governed by their harsh interpretation of Islamic law in territory spanning the Iraq-Syria border, and grisly beheading of an American journalist, have injected a new dynamic into those calculations. Now, Obama faces pressure from his own military leaders to go after the extremists inside Syria.

On Monday, a senior administration official said Obama authorized surveillance flights over Syria, a move that could pave the way for U.S. airstrikes. The official who confirmed the decision was not authorized to discuss Obama's decision publicly by name, and insisted on anonymity.

AP sources: US surveillance flights underway over Syria to gather intelligence on militants

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. has begun surveillance flights over Syria after President Barack Obama gave the OK, U.S. officials said, a move that could pave the way for airstrikes against Islamic State militant targets there.

While the White House says Obama has not approved military action inside Syria, additional intelligence on the militants would likely be necessary before he could take that step. Pentagon officials have been drafting potential options for the president, including airstrikes.

One official said the administration has a need for reliable intelligence from Syria and called the surveillance flights an important avenue for obtaining data.

Two U.S. officials said Monday that Obama had approved the flights, while another U.S. official said early Tuesday that they had begun. The officials were not authorized to discuss the matter by name, and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday that the U.S. wants more clarity on the militants in Syria, but declined to comment on the surveillance flights.

Weapons convoys seen rolling in eastern Ukraine from the direction of Russia

KRASNODON, Ukraine (AP) — For several evenings this month, convoys of military weaponry passed with clockwork-like regularity through Krasnodon, a rebel-held town in eastern Ukraine near the porous border with Russia.

The convoys were seen three times last week by Associated Press reporters, and one of them carried about 30 units of weaponry and supplies. All were coming from the direction of Russia and heading west to where pro-Moscow separatists were fighting Ukrainian troops.

One rebel fighter described how easy it was to cross into Ukraine through a Russian-controlled frontier post in a convoy that included a tank, adding that the border officer appeared unfazed at the deadly cargo.

NATO and Ukraine have accused Moscow of covertly shuttling heavy artillery and other weapons to the separatists — allegations that Russia routinely denies. NATO says since mid-August, those weapons have been fired from both inside Ukraine and from Russian territory.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, August 26, the 238th day of 2014. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On August 26, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Kinks' single "You Really Got Me" was released in the United States by Reprise (rih-PREEZ') Records, three weeks after its British release.

On this date:

In 1789, France's National Assembly adopted its Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

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In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh - the first man to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic - died at his home in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani (al-BEE'-noh loo-CHYAH'-nee) of Venice was elected pope following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I. (However, he died just over a month later.)

In 1986, in the so-called "preppie murder case," 18-year-old Jennifer Levin was found strangled in New York's Central Park; Robert Chambers later pleaded guilty to manslaughter and served 15 years in prison.

In 1996, Democrats opened their 42nd national convention in Chicago.

Ten years ago: The nation's supply of vaccine for the impending flu season took a big hit when Chiron Corp. announced it had found tainted doses in its factory, and would hold up shipment of about 50 million shots. At the Athens Olympics, the U.S. women's soccer team won the gold medal by beating Brazil, 2-1, in overtime; Shawn Crawford led a U.S. sweep of the 200 meters. Pop singer Laura Branigan died in East Quogue, New York, at age 47.

Five years ago: Authorities in California solved the 18-year-old disappearance of Jaycee Lee Dugard after she appeared at a parole office with her children and the Antioch couple accused of kidnapping her when she was 11. A giant wildfire erupted north of Los Angeles; the blaze went on to destroy more than five dozen homes, kill two firefighters and force thousands of people from their homes. Death claimed crime story author Dominick Dunne, 83, in New York City; Ellie Greenwich, 68, who'd co-written songs like "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby" and "Leader of the Pack," in New York City; Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, one of Iraq's most influential politicians, at a Tehran hospital.

One year ago: President Barack Obama bestowed the Medal of Honor on Army Staff Sgt. Ty Carter, who'd risked his life to save an injured soldier, resupply ammunition to his comrades and render first aid during intense fighting in a remote mountain outpost in Afghanistan.

Today's Birthdays: Former Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 93. Actress Francine York is 78. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 68. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 65. Broadcast journalist Bill Whitaker is 63. Actor Brett Cullen is 58. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 55. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 54. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 53. Actor Chris Burke is 49. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 48. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 48. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 48. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 45. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 44. Latin pop singer Thalia is 43. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 39. Actor Mike Colter is 38. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 34. Actor Chris Pine is 34. Country singer Brian Kelley (Florida Georgia Line) is 29.

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Rhythm-and-blues singer Cassie Ventura is 28. Actor Dylan O'Brien (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 23. Actress Keke Palmer is 21.

Thought for Today: "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." - Mother Teresa (born this date in 1910, died 1997).