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## Wednesday, May 20

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken, rice pilaf, Cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.  
DI Global finals at Knoxville, Tenn.

**Birthdays:** Janice Flihs • Alvina Hiepler • Charles Meister • Michelle Pullan

## Thursday, May 21

**Senior Menu:** Hot roast beef combination, carrots, mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

**Birthdays:** Alex Brandt • Cody Hanson • Joey Harry • Alex Bretsch • Matthew Richards

## Friday, May 22

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Logan Larsen • Jamie Osborne • Gavin Krueger • Duane Kavanaugh • Christopher Scott Larsen

## Saturday, May 23

**Birthdays:** Evan Sperry • Jessica Claussen • Robert Gibbs

## Cats anyone?

Anyone want a cat or two? We have two to give away. Contact Paul 397-7460.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back 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.





## CTE Scholar

Six Groton Area High School students have qualified for the Groton Area High School CTE scholar designation in 2015. Career and Technical Education scholars are students who have completed approved courses in the technical electives, sciences, and mathematics areas and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The GHS 2015 award recipients are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Maryn Howard, Jackson Doeden and Nicole Lewandowski; in front, left to right, are Jacob Milbrandt, Lucas Sternhagen and Kyler Ell.



## Regents' Scholar Diploma

Fifteen seniors from Groton Area High School are recipients of a Regents' Scholar Diploma awarded by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The diplomas recognize students for academic achievement over the course of their high school career. Students earning the award automatically qualify for entry into any of South Dakota's six state-supported universities.

To earn a Regents' Scholar Diploma, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of one modern or classical language and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The diplomas are signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard, the Secretary of State, the Department of Education Secretary, the South Dakota Board of Education President, and the Board of Regents President.

The 2015 GHS recipients are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Kiana Kokales, Rachel Blackmun, Matthew Knecht, Gabriel Dohman, Jacob Milbrandt, Alyssa Sippel, Taylor Gustafson and Haley Unzen; in front, left to right, are Christine Herr, Sydney Thorson, Maddison Colestock, Natalia Dohman, Kaitlin O'Neill, Luke Smith and Kasey Waage.

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## SD Opportunity Scholarship

The South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship was established for Regents Scholar and CTE recipients with an ACT score of 24 or greater. The scholarship provides \$6500 over four years to a qualifying student who attends an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. While in college, students must maintain certain criteria. This scholarship is non-competitive; all students who meet the requirements and complete the application can receive the scholarship.

Thirteen members of the Class of 2015 have qualified for the SD Opportunity Scholarship. They are pictured above. In back, left to right Maryn Howard, Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Maddison Colestock, Alyssa Sippel, Natalia Dohman, Taylor Gustafson, Kasey Waage and Haley Unzen; in front, left to right, are Lucas Sternhagen, Matthew Knecht, Jacob Milbrandt, Luke Smith and Gabriel Dohman



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## American Legion Citizenship Award

Kasey Waage, left, and Gabriel Dohman, right, seniors at Groton Area High School, have been selected to receive the 2015 American Legion Citizenship Award. The basis for the award is honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service. Gabe and Kasey received medals from the Groton American Legion Post #39 by Legion Commander Robert Wegner.

Gabriel and Kasey both plan to attend SDSU next fall. Gabe is the son of Dave and Tammy Dohman of Groton. Kasey is the daughter of Jay and Jonna Waage of Groton.

## Today in Weather History

May 20, 1965: A tornado hit north of Frederick. A barn and all outbuildings were destroyed on one farm. Windows exploded outward at the house. The tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 5 miles.

May 20, 1974: Softball size hail fell in Kennebec, in Lyman County, breaking many windows in the schools and other buildings.

1894: A record late snow of two to eight inches whitened parts of central and eastern Kentucky. Lexington received six inches of snow and Springfield Kentucky received 5 inches.

1916: A tornado struck the town of Codell, Kansas on the 20th in 1916. A tornado struck the town on the same day the following year, and a third tornado hit Cordell on May 20th in 1918. The tornadoes are estimated to be F2, F3 and F4 respectively on the Fujita Scale.

1957: A tornado touched down to the southwest of Kansas City and traveled a distance of seventy-one miles cutting a swath of near total destruction through the southeastern suburbs of Ruskin Heights and Hickman Mills. The tornado claimed the lives of forty-five persons and left hundreds homeless. It was the worst weather disaster of record for Kansas City. About all that remained of one house were a small table and a fish bowl atop, with the fish still swimming inside the bowl. A cancelled check from Hickman Hills was found in Ottumwa, Iowa, 165 miles away. Pilots reported debris at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

1987 - Thunderstorms in southern Texas produced grapefruit size hail, near the town of Dilley ("by dilly"), and produced wind gusts to 73 mph at Lake Amistad. The large hail broke windows, killed small animals, and damaged watermelon. Thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather from Indiana to the Dakotas. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail at Denver IA, and wind gusts to 80 mph in southern Henry County IL. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms in the south central U.S. produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Omaha, NE, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Midland and Dallas, TX. Temperatures in California soared into the 90s and above 100 degrees. San Jose CA reported a record high of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Pre-dawn thunderstorms produced large hail in eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas. Later in the morning thunderstorms in North Carolina produced dime size hail at Hanging Dog. Thunderstorms also produced severe weather from the Lower Mississippi Valley to the Central Plains Region later that day and night, with baseball size hail reported around Lawn, Novice and Eola TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across the southeastern quarter of the nation through the day and night. Severe thunderstorms spawned six tornadoes, including one which injured two persons at Algoma, MS, and another which injured nine persons at Rogersville, MO. There were 119 reports of large hail or damaging winds. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail at Houston MO and damaging winds which killed one person at Toccoa GA. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

## Record Low Temperatures Yesterday

...RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE SET AT PIERRE SD...








A RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE OF 29 DEGREES WAS SET AT PIERRE SD YESTERDAY. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 33 SET IN 2002.

...RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE TIED AT SISSETON SD...

A RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE OF 32 DEGREES WAS TIED AT SISSETON SD YESTERDAY. THIS TIES THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 32 DEGREES SET IN 1954 AND 2002.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Slight Chc Showers	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 63 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 64 °F



## Showers South, Warmer Temps

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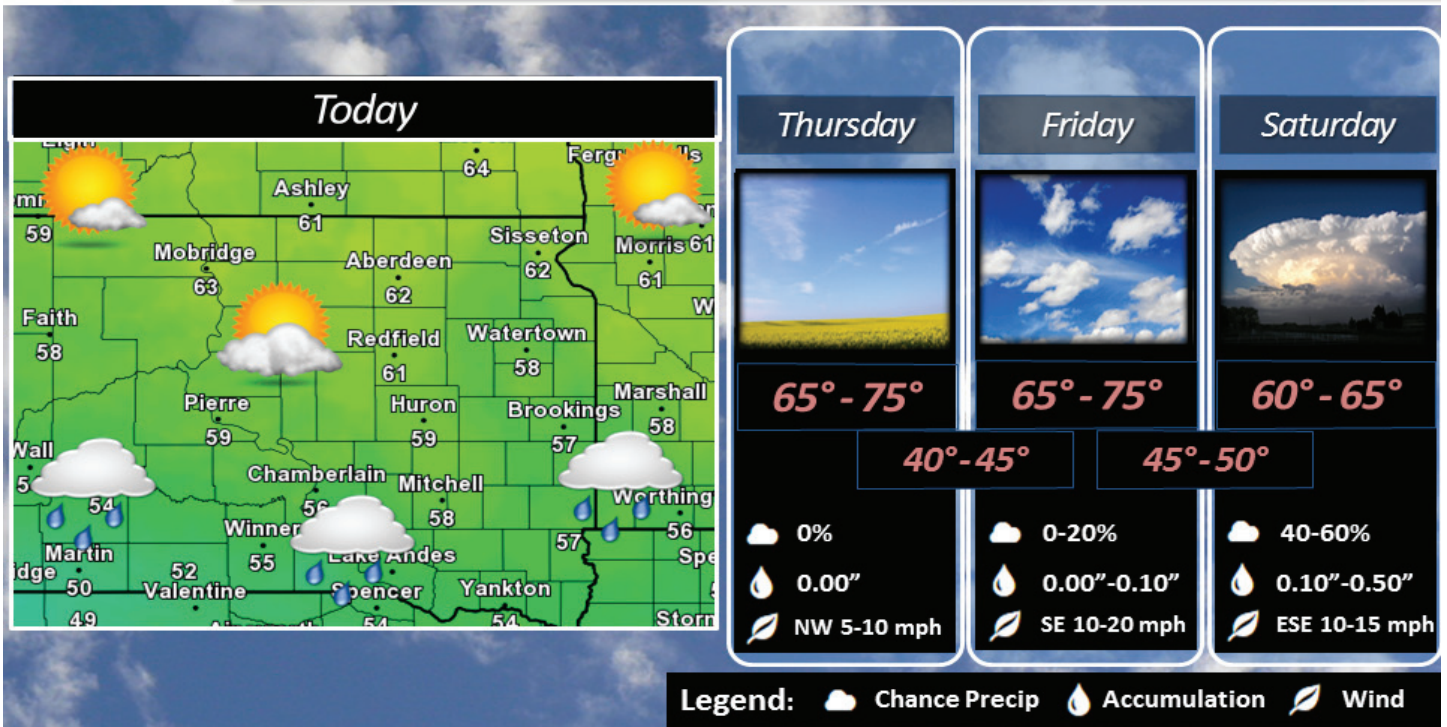
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Light rain showers will continue across parts of southern South Dakota this morning, but will gradually come to an end later this afternoon. Fairly tranquil weather conditions are then expected for the remainder of the workweek, but showers and thunderstorms are again forecast this weekend.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 55.6 at 5:44 PM

**Low:** 33.4 at 6:20 AM

**High Gust:** 19 at 12:01 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 96° in 1934

**Record Low:** 23° in 1907

**Average High:** 70°F

**Average Low:** 46°F

**Average Precip in May:** 2.06

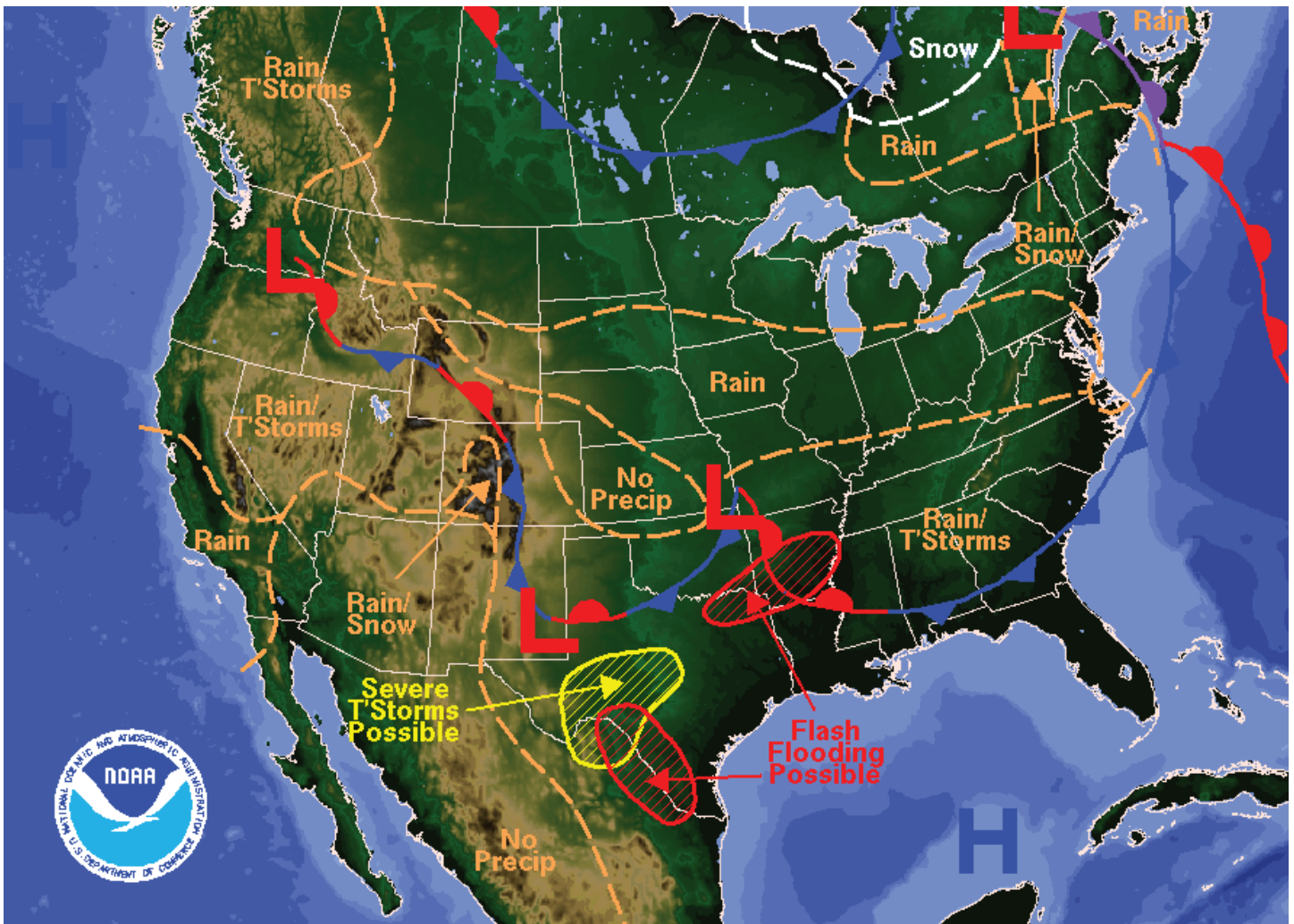
**Precip to date in May:** 3.32

**Average Precip to date:** 6.09

**Precip Year to Date:** 4.96

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:02 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:57 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, May 20, 2015, issued 4:10 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Our feet contain 26 bones and more than 100 muscles, tendons and ligaments. Most of us will walk about 65,000 miles and take about 125 million steps. That's enough to make anyone tired just thinking about such a journey.

We are all concerned about life's journey. Each morning when we awaken, we have no guarantee of what might happen or where we will be when night falls.

The writer of the first Psalm declared, "Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand with sinners or join in with scoffers." Clearly we are urged to avoid friendships or even to associate with those who do not honor God because of the influence they may have on us. Friends who do not encourage us in our walk with God may bring about an indifference to the plan and purpose that God has for our lives. Often the ones we associate with have an enormous influence on our attitudes. And we must always be aware of the fact that our attitudes shape our behavior and influence others.

The author also describes the benefit of those who walk a godly path: the Lord will watch over them. What a comforting thought for the believer to realize that every one of those steps in each of the many miles will have "the Lord watching over them." When we walk with Him, we have the promise of His presence and His power to protect us and provide for our every need.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father to know and obey Your Word so that we may count on strength for the journey. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

### **SD Gov. Daugaard appoints new transportation commissioner**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a Rapid City man to the state Transportation Commission.

Kyle White is the vice president of regulatory affairs at Black Hills Corporation in Rapid City.

White's appointment is effective immediately. He succeeds Edward Seljeskog, whose term expired in April.

The nine-member Transportation Commission determines South Dakota's road construction priorities and advises the state Transportation Department.

### **Wildlife center operator: Fur taken only after natural death**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota woman seeking to open a wildlife education center that would house wolf cubs and fox kits in Deadwood acknowledged in a 2012 court case that her Minnesota property is mainly for agricultural use as a fur farm.

Terri Petter's Deadwood project faces opposition from people concerned that her real purpose there is to raise animals for fur. In an interview Tuesday, Petter maintained that animals at the 17-acre operation wouldn't be used for fur unless they die naturally.

Petter said it's the same practice she follows in Lakeville, Minnesota, where she has agricultural and educational operations on 100 acres. She said she harvests "very little" fur at her Minnesota facility, which has held wolves, cougars, bobcats and beavers, among other animals, according to court records. She said the law makes her operation a fur farm because she occasionally uses parts of the animals, not because she is routinely skinning them for fur.

"It's not that all the animals come in and are skinned. That's just ludicrous," she said.

But in a 2012 civil court case, Petter acknowledged that the "principal" use of her Minnesota property and the barn she wanted to build was agricultural: "to raise fur-bearing animals for the purpose of selling the animals and their parts."

In a deposition taken in that case, Petter was asked whether she had a schedule for when animals are harvested or whether she waits until an animal dies naturally.

"It depends," she replied, adding: "It depends on the fur market."

If approved by a regulatory board that is hearing Petter's request on Wednesday, the Deadwood operation is expected to initially hold six wolf pups and seven fox kits in part for petting and play. Petter declined to comment on the exchange in the deposition in the interview Tuesday, saying her attorney would address it at the board meeting.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven said the South Dakota Animal Industry Board will consider whether Petter can safely possess the animals.

Petter said her main goal is to teach children about the importance of wildlife and conservation, and she said she only harvests fur from her animals when they naturally die. Animals at the Deadwood location would return to Minnesota for part of the year, and she said they could be harvested for fur "in 12 to 15 years, possibly."

Shari Crouch Kosel, who helped found a South Dakota-based animal advocacy group, has opposed Petter's Deadwood proposal.

"Petting zoo today, fur coat tomorrow," Kosel said. "Essentially, we're supporting her financially for her fur farm."

## **Federal jury finds South Dakota men guilty of tax crimes**

LETCHER, S.D. (AP) — Two South Dakota men accused of trying to hide their ownership of a farm and its income have been found guilty of federal tax crimes.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler on Tuesday announced the verdict against 67-year-old Ted Nelson and his 45-year-old son Steven Nelson.

Prosecutors accuse the Nelsons of creating over 30 trusts, corporations and other entities in 2004 in an effort to hide their ownership of a Letcher farm and its income. Authorities say the Nelsons planted and sold grain, raised cattle, ran hunting and lodging businesses, and leased and sold some of their land.

Prosecutors also accuse the Nelsons of opening bank accounts with themselves or another person as signors using false information.

The Nelsons are scheduled to be sentenced in August. Neither Ted Nelson, who represented himself, nor Steven Nelson's attorney could immediately be reached.

## **Law enforcement groups team up to curb loud vehicle exhausts**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement agencies in Sioux Falls are teaming up to curb loud vehicle exhausts during the summer.

Sioux Falls Police Lt. Troy Lubbers says four agencies will be strictly enforcing the motor vehicle codes pertaining to motorcycles, scooters and all-terrain vehicles.

Lubbers says the enforcement efforts will include the decibel reading of the exhaust, proper lights and taillights, eye protection and all other vehicle laws.

He says the police department has already been getting a lot of complaints about reckless drivers and the loud noises caused by motorcycles and ATVs.

The sheriff's offices in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties, as well as the South Dakota Highway Patrol will work with the police department in Sioux Falls to find code violators.

## **State, federal officials assess Delmont-area tornado damage**

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — State and federal officials on Tuesday were assessing tornado damage to homes and businesses in Charles Mix and Douglas counties, including the town of Delmont.

Officials say the preliminary assessment is the first step to determining whether aid will be made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration.

The May 10 tornado damaged or destroyed 84 structures in and around Delmont and also injured nine people.

State Public Safety officials say volunteers are still needed for the cleanup.

As far as donations, clothing is no longer needed. Items still needed are paper plates, plastic forks, Styrofoam cups, can openers, pots and pans, brooms, mops, coffee pots, food storage containers and food storage bags.

## **New technical center set to open in Aberdeen in the fall**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A new regional career and technical education facility in Aberdeen is scheduled to open in the fall.

The Aberdeen School District received a \$2 million career and technical education grant from the state last year to build the Aberdeen Technical Education Center and expand course offerings.

The facility is on the campus of Central High School. Students from Aberdeen and from the Northwestern Area, Frederick Area and Warner school districts will begin taking classes there in the fall.

Members of the South Dakota Board of Education toured the center on Monday.

## **South Dakota Stockgrowers support country-of-origin labeling**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Congress should not hastily act on repealing country-of-origin meat labeling in the wake of a World Trade Organization ruling against the labels, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association President Bob Fortune said.

The WTO ruled Monday against U.S. labels on certain cuts of red meat that say where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered, saying the labels put Canadian and Mexican livestock at a disadvantage.

Some groups including the North Dakota Stockmen's Association are now calling for Congress to repeal the law, saying they fear retaliation from Mexico and Canada in the form of tariffs.

Fortune said those countries would have to prove damages before imposing retaliatory tariffs, and Congress shouldn't get ahead of that process.

"Tariffs will only take effect if the arbitration process fails to reach any resolution, and we feel that there is a real opportunity for the United States to find a way for Canada and Mexico (to) join us in providing information to all our consumers about the source of their food," Fortune said in a statement Tuesday.

The National Farmers Union, which has urged the Obama administration to negotiate with Mexico and Canada on a solution, said for Congress to repeal the labeling law would be "premature and reactionary."

"The best thing Congress could do is to step aside while the WTO process continues," said NFU President Roger Johnson, a North Dakota farmer and former state agriculture commissioner.

Sixty Farmers Union members from 27 states are in Washington, D.C., this week, urging Congress to hold off on repealing country-of-origin labeling.

"We need thoughtful leadership, not reactionary legislation," Johnson said.

## **New science standards include climate change instruction**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Board of Education has adopted new science education standards that include instruction on climate change.

The board made the move during its meeting Monday in Aberdeen. It also adopted new content standards in fine arts and educational technology.

The new science standards were applauded by the group Climate Parents, which circulated a petition in support of the standards. Spokesman John Friedrich issued a statement saying, "All kids have a right to learn about the scientific evidence for human-caused climate change, which is the largest challenge facing their generation."

Not everyone believes that. The American News reports that the board added a paragraph to the standards introduction acknowledging the dispute.

## Jury seated in Bosworth election law violation trial

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A jury has been chosen for the election law violation trial of former South Dakota political candidate Annette Bosworth.

KCCR radio reports that nine women and five men will hear the case of Bosworth, a Sioux Falls physician who unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for the 2014 U.S. Senate race. The jury seated on Monday includes two alternates.

The 43-year-old Bosworth is accused of election law violations, including allegedly being out of the country during a time when her petitions to get on the ballot say she was gathering signatures.

Bosworth has said she's the target of "political persecution" and has pleaded not guilty to six counts each of perjury and filing false documents.

Attorneys on both sides are scheduled to give opening statements on Wednesday.

## 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. OVER 430 MIGRANTS RESCUED BY FISHERMAN ARE TAKEN TO INDONESIA AFTER MONTHS AT SEA

Meanwhile, Indonesian and Malaysian authorities agree to provide temporary shelter to thousands of stranded people, a potential breakthrough in the humanitarian crisis confronting Southeast Asia.

2. ISRAELI PREMIER CANCELS PROPOSED WEST BANK BUS SEGREGATION

Benjamin Netanyahu finds the defense minister's proposal to segregate Palestinians from Israelis on West Bank buses "unacceptable" and the two decide to freeze the plan.

3. WHY ACTIVISTS ARE UNHAPPY WITH RESPONSES TO WACO, BALTIMORE

Some are complaining that there appears to be little societal concern about the gunplay at a restaurant in Texas, whereas politicians describe violent looters in Baltimore as "thugs."

4. WHO IS FACING COMPETING PRESSURES

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is confronting a balancing act over trade legislation, a top priority for Obama that's overwhelmingly opposed by House Democrats.

5. ISLAMIC STATE GROUP TRIGGERS PARADIGM SHIFT

Fearful of an extremist threat, countries that for years have relied heavily on U.S. intelligence are quickly building up their own capabilities.

6. WHAT DEFINES CLINTON'S EARLY CAMPAIGN

The presidential hopeful sticks to a low-key start to her second presidential race amid criticism that she is dodging tough issues.

7. USE OF VIDEO VISITS FOR INMATES GROWS

Prisoners' rights advocates worry the trend is an effort to eliminate traditional in-person meetings, but officials say they improve security while extending visiting hours.

8. NEW UNDERSTANDING OF MARTYR

The upcoming beatification of El Salvador Archbishop Oscar Romero helps redefine the Catholic Church's concept of martyrdom.

9. LOS ANGELES ON TRACK TO RAISE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR

If the law gets final approval, it would eventually require annual pay of about \$31,200.

10. CRITICS SLAM 'GAME OF THRONES'

Sen. Claire McCaskill describes a rape scene on the HBO drama as “gratuitous” and “disgusting,” saying she is done with the show.

## AP News in Brief

### **Indonesia, Malaysia to help boat people as more migrants come ashore**

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — In a potential breakthrough in Southeast Asia’s humanitarian crisis, Indonesia and Malaysia offered Wednesday to provide temporary shelter to thousands of migrants stranded at sea after weeks of saying they weren’t welcome.

But they appealed for international help, saying the crisis was a global, not a regional, problem.

“Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those 7,000 irregular migrants at sea,” Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said after a three-way meeting with counterparts from Indonesia and Thailand. The two countries “also agreed to provide them temporary shelter provided that the resettlement and repatriation process will be done in one year by the international community.”

“This is not an ASEAN problem,” Anifah said, referring to the 10-nation grouping of Southeast Asian countries. “This is a problem for the international community. We are talking about a humanitarian crisis.”

Thailand would not offer shelter but would provide humanitarian assistance, he said. Thailand has previously said it cannot afford to take any more migrants since it is already overburdened by tens of thousands of refugees from Myanmar.

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### **The Latest on Rohingya: Myanmar likely to attend regional meeting on migrant crisis**

4:30 p.m. (0930 GMT)

Myanmar is likely to attend a regional meeting next week on addressing the crisis involving thousands of minority Muslims fleeing the Southeast Asian nation by boat.

The Myanmar government was initially reluctant to send a representative to the May 29 meeting in neighboring Thailand. Last week, Maj. Zaw Htay, director of the office of Myanmar’s president, says his government will not accept that it is the source of the problem.

Thailand’s Deputy Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai confirmed Wednesday that Myanmar has accepted the invitation.

Myanmar’s Deputy Foreign Minister Thant Kyaw told reporters that “we all have to sit down and we all have to consider how to tackle this problem.”

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### **Israeli prime minister overrules defense minister, cancels proposed West Bank bus segregation**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel’s prime minister has overruled his defense minister and called off a proposed plan to segregate Palestinians from Israelis on West Bank buses.

An official in the prime minister’s office said Benjamin Netanyahu called Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon Wednesday to tell him he found the proposal “unacceptable” and the two decided to freeze the plan.

Earlier on Wednesday, Yaalon launched the three-month pilot program following repeated complaints from Jewish settlers who ride the buses and say the Palestinian workers constitute a security threat and

frequently engage in sexual harassment of female Jewish riders.

Thousands of Palestinians enter Israel for work each day from the West Bank and often ride alongside Jewish settlers.

Opposition leader Isaac Herzog attacked the decision, saying it marked a "stain on the face of the country."

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## **Wife of biker inmate held in Waco after deadly brawl says some are innocent**

WACO, Texas (AP) — Bullets ricocheted around the parking lot of Twin Peaks, the Waco restaurant where a motorcycle gang shootout left nine dead, minutes after Theron Rhoten pulled in on his vintage Harley chopper for a regional motorcycle club meeting, according to Rhoten's wife.

Katie Rhoten told The Associated Press that her husband, a mechanic from Austin, called her from jail and said that he and two other members of a motorcycle club called Vise Grip ducked and ran for cover amid the violence that also left 18 injured.

The three were arrested along with about 170 others at the scene and are each being held on \$1 million bonds.

Officers took into custody all sorts of "nonviolent, noncriminal people," Katie Rhoten said.

"He's good to his family," she said. "He doesn't drink; he doesn't do drugs; he doesn't party. He's just got a passion for motorcycles."

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## **Civil rights activists see differences between responses to violence in Waco and Baltimore**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prevailing images of protests in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, over police killings of black men were of police in riot gear, handcuffed protesters, tear gas and mass arrests. The main images of a fatal gun battle between armed bikers and police in Waco, Texas, also showed mass arrests — carried out by nonchalant-looking officers sitting around calm bikers on cell phones.

The firefight in Waco is raising questions about perceptions and portrayals of crime in America, considering the vehement reaction that the earlier protests got from police, politicians and some members of the public.

Media critics, columnists and civil rights activists are complaining that there appears to be little societal concern about the gunplay at a restaurant in Texas, whereas politicians — including President Barack Obama — described violent looters in Baltimore as "thugs," and the media devoted hours of television and radio airtime to dissecting social ills that affect the black community.

On Twitter, (hash)wacothugs and (hash)whiteonwhitecrime were trending, with columnists around the nation debating the differences. "So the mainstream media refuses to talk

The shootout at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco left nine people dead and 18 injured. About 170 bikers have been charged with engaging in organized crime, with bond at \$1 million for each suspect. Mugshots show an array of suspects: white, Hispanic, a white woman and a man who looked black.

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## **House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi confronting competing pressures, balancing act on trade**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi delivered the signature achievement of President Barack Obama's first term: his health care bill. Now Obama's top second-term goal, a major trade



deal, hangs in the balance on Capitol Hill and Pelosi is again on the spot.

But this time, the California Democrat, now minority leader, finds herself out of step with her party's president — caught between his ambitions and the overwhelming opposition of her Democratic caucus to a free-trade deal many fear could harm American workers.

And it remains to be seen whether the 75-year-old Pelosi, in her 15th term and perhaps approaching the end of her congressional career, will help Obama get his trade bill over the finish line — or side with the labor unions and liberal constituencies who oppose the legislation, even though its failure would constitute a humiliating defeat for Obama.

"I really want a path to 'yes,' desperately," Pelosi told The Associated Press in an interview in her office. "I would hope that we could come together on something that we're in agreement on, but this is a vote that people will very much be voting their districts and there's a lot of, shall we say, opinion on this in people's districts."

Democratic lawmakers point out that there's little political upside for Democrats to grant Obama "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that Congress can approve or reject but not amend. The bill, which would pave the way for a landmark trade pact with Pacific Rim nations, is fiercely opposed by core Democratic constituencies, and strongly backed by business groups that overwhelmingly support Republicans and would be unlikely to reward a Democrat for a trade vote.

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## **As more jails turn to video visits for inmates, advocates worry about end to in-person visits**

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Four-year-old William Cole saw his father's face and reached out to touch it during a jail visit. But he could only feel a video screen.

The facility in Fort Bend County, southwest of Houston, is among a growing number of jails and prison systems across the U.S. in which video visitation has replaced the more familiar in-person visits, where people are in the same room but separated by thick glass.

William's mother found it jarring to have to communicate with her husband through pixels rather than face to face. In video visitation, inmates and their visitors are not in the same room but see each other on computer or television screens.

"This was a very big shock for me," said Edna Cole, 24, as her son talked with his dad from one of 34 screens in the jail's visitation area. "I'm used to actually being able to see them in person, and here I can't do that."

Officials who run the facilities say video visits have improved security and increased visitation hours. However, prisoners' rights advocates worry the trend is to eliminate free in-person visits for a system they say is full of technical glitches and could eventually require families to pay a fee.

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## **Clinton sticks to early campaign strategy, despite criticism from the GOP — and some Democrats**

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — During two days of campaigning this week in Iowa, Hillary Rodham Clinton didn't make a formal speech. She answered questions from reporters, but only for five minutes. Pressed by a moderator at her own event to say where she stood on a trade pact that's dividing her party, she steered clear.

It was the kind of trip that infuriates her Republican critics, yet gives them fodder to keep up their argument she's a candidate dodging tough issues and avoiding taking positions that could haunt her

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politically. That's started to worry some Democrats, who are publicly prodding Clinton to wade deeper into the political fray and pick a side on the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal.

Clinton and her team are unmoved. They're sticking to their plans for a low-key start to her second presidential campaign, displaying an early level of discipline that was lacking when Clinton sought the White House in 2008 and struggled with campaign infighting over strategy.

It's an approach they've crafted to show voters Clinton isn't taking the Democratic nomination for granted. Yet by not taking a stand on issues of the day and dismissing some of the traditional trappings of presidential campaigns, some political operatives say Clinton risks appearing as if she's doing just that.

"There is a demand if you are a candidate to signify a lack of entitlement by submitting yourself to questions from the news media on a regular basis," said David Axelrod, a longtime adviser to President Barack Obama. "There is risk to that, but it is a risk that comes along with the task of running for president."

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 20, the 140th day of 2015. There are 225 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 20, 1915, Israeli soldier-statesman Moshe Dayan was born at Deganya Alef Kibbutz.

### On this date:

In 1712, the original version of Alexander Pope's satirical mock-heroic poem "The Rape of the Lock" was published anonymously in Lintot's Miscellany.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, which was intended to encourage settlements west of the Mississippi River by making federal land available for farming.

In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

In 1925, the newly built headquarters of the United States Chamber of Commerce was formally dedicated in Washington D.C.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, New York, aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

In 1942, during World War II, the Office of Civilian Defense was established.

In 1959, nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans had their U.S. citizenships restored after choosing to renounce them during World War II.

In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Alabama, prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1970, some 100,000 people demonstrated in New York's Wall Street district in support of U.S. policy in Vietnam and Cambodia.

In 1985, Radio Marti, operated by the U.S. government, began broadcasting; Cuba responded by attempting to jam its signal.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton announced that the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House would be permanently closed to motor vehicles as a security measure.

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**Ten years ago:** The U.S. military condemned the publication of photographs showing an imprisoned Saddam Hussein clad only in his white underwear after the pictures were leaked to a British tabloid. President George W. Bush said he would veto legislation intended to loosen restrictions on embryonic stem cell studies, and he expressed deep concern about human cloning research in South Korea, research that was later discredited.

**Five years ago:** Under pressure following security lapses, retired Navy Adm. Dennis Blair resigned as national intelligence director. Mexican President Felipe Calderon took his opposition to a new Arizona immigration law to the U.S. Congress, telling lawmakers it ignored "a reality that cannot be erased by decree." A masked intruder stole a Picasso, a Matisse and three other masterpieces from a Paris museum. Floyd Landis admitted for the first time that he was guilty of doping for several years before being stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title.

**One year ago:** In Kentucky's primary, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell dispatched his tea party challenger, Matt Bevin, with ease; Democrats chose Alison Lundergan Graines to oppose McConnell in the fall (McConnell went on to win). Pennsylvania's ban on gay marriage was overturned by a federal judge. A group of retired professional football players filed suit against the NFL, accusing the league of cynically supplying them with powerful painkillers and other drugs that kept them in the game but led to serious complications later in life. Two car bombs hit a busy bus terminal and a market in the central Nigerian city of Jos, killing at least 118 people.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-author James McEachin is 85. Actor Anthony Zerbe is 79. Actor David Proval is 73. Singer-actress Cher is 69. Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 67. Rock musician Warren Cann is 63. Former New York Gov. David Paterson is 61. Actor Dean Butler is 59. TV-radio personality Ron Reagan is 57. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 57. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 56. Singer Susan Cowsill is 56. Actor John Billingsley is 55. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 55. Singer Nick Heyward is 54. TV personality Ted Allen is 50. Actress Mindy Cohn is 49. Rock musician Tom Gorman (Belly) is 49. Actress Gina Ravera is 49. Actor Timothy Olyphant is 47. Rapper Busta Rhymes is 43. Actress Daya Vaidya is 42. Rock musician Ryan Martinie is 40. Actor Matt Czuchry is 38. Actress Angela Goethals is 38. Actress-singer Naturi Naughton is 31.

**Thought for Today:** "If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies." - Moshe Dayan (1915-1981).