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The football field is getting a dose of city water after 1.62 inches of rain fell over the weekend.

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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Anniversary: Brad & Brenda Waage **Birthday:** Forrest Cutler.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, Jello-O with fruit, whole wheat bread.

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Mrs. Krause reading at 10 am)

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

6:00pm: T-Ball Black at Columbia

6:00pm: U12 Softball host Sisseton (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Softball host Sisseton

6:30pm: Amateurs host Claremont

7:00pm: U10 Softball host Sisseton

Wednesday, July 8

Birthdays: Kelby Hawkins • Pam Hanson • Ann Gibbs • Katie Groeblinghoff • Avery Schuneman 7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:30pm: Legion hosts Aberdeen (DH) 6:00pm

Dr. Geoffrey Rath - Optometrist

Eye Exams Glaucoma Tests Rx's Filled - All Types Contact Lenses -

Doctor here Mondays Only - Office open Thursdays. 701-349-3223 to make appointments & adjustments

Hours at Ellendale, N.D. are: Monday 9 - 12 & 1 - 5 Thursday 1:00 - 4:00



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It's time to get your house numbers up, or else Last year, the Groton City Council had voted to make it mandatory to have house numbers installed

Last year, the Groton City Council had voted to make it mandatory to have house numbers installed on homes and businesses. Thus far, compliance has been limited as there are many places that still do not have house numbers. The city will be doing a one-call to all Groton residents reminding them of the ordinance. In addition, there will be a notice on this month's utility bill. Residents will have until July 31, 2015, to have their house numbers up or a summons will be issued.

According to city ordinance 9-1-4: 9-1-4: Building Numbering.

a) Addresses for dwelling units and places of business on all public and private streets shall be assigned by the Finance Officer in accordance with the procedures adopted by the City of Groton.

b) Within thirty(30) days of notification of the address by the Finance Officer, the owner, occupant, person, firm, corporation or business in charge of any house or building to which an address has been

assigned must place or construct such numbers as to be easily visible and distinguishable from the street or avenue on which the property is located. Any other numbers must be removed to avoid confusion. These numbers shall not be less than three (3) inches in height and of a contrasting color to the background. The numbers shall be read horizontally from left to right or vertically from top to bottom. The numbers in plain, block, vertical (not slanted) font are preferred. The property owner, occupant, or person in charge of the structure shall pay for all costs and installation of the numbers.

c) In case a principle building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate unit must display a separate unit number.

d) If the building or dwelling is situated in such a way that the address can not be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure, then a sign or address post must be used in front of the structure or at the entrance of the primary driveway and place in such a way that it can easily

HEAD START

Education-Purchasing

Coordinator

The Northeast South Dakota Head Start Program in Aberdeen is seeking a candidate who is highly motivated and will be responsible for supervising/ mentoring teaching staff, developmental screening of children ages 3 to 5, monitoring federal regulations, and purchasing consumable and classroom items for entire program. Must be able to lift 30 lbs, and occasionally heavier items. Extensive driving is required, company vehicle is provided.

<u>Qualifications:</u> A minimum of a BS/BA Degree in Early Childhood Education or a Degree in a related field with a minor in Early Childhood Development. Applicant must possess good leadership/mentoring skills, have a working knowledge of the developmental and

educational needs of children; and be able to work closely as a team with Head Start staff, parents and volunteers; must have adequate computer knowledge

and skills.

Starting date is July 27, 2015. Annual salary is \$29,215 DOQ. Excellent benefits. For a complete job description and an application form, visit: <u>www.nesdhs.org/careers/</u>

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be seen from the roadway.

e) New structures must comply with this ordinance within 30 days of occupancy.

f) In the event that the owner of occupant or person in charge of any dwelling or building refuses, fails, or neglects to comply with the terms of this ordinance by placing the number assigned or replacing the number if necessary, a notice shall be sent to the property owner by first class or certified mail or by personal service giving ten days after date of the notice to comply. Failure to comply with this notice will result in a fine not to exceed \$50 for each offense and each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

Wright & Sudlow is expected to show up this week to do the curb and gutter that needs to be done on the Fifth Avenue West project. That was reported by city supervisor Terry Herron at the city council meeting held Monday night. He also reported that they are toying with the idea of renting a backhoe to move infrastructure in prepration for the 2016 Broadway Project. Councilman Mary Fliehs asked Herron about the cemetery upkeep. Herron said, "Brian (Gravatt) has been doing a good job at the cemetery. He's been basically doing it all by himself."

Electric Superintendent Shawn Lambertz reported on the outage caused by the lightning from Saturday night's storm. Lightning hit the electric pole on the north side of the park. Lambertz said that pole is scheduled to be changed out on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents on the east side of Main Street and the west side of North Third Street north of the park to US Highway 12 will have no power during the pole change-out. Two street lights were also burned out from the bolt of lightning and they were changed out to the new LED lights. Lambertz reported that more LED lights will be installed during the winter months.

It was also mentioned that lightning hit a tree at the BJ Clocksene place on West Third Avenue, causing some damage in the area including an air conditioner and garage door opener.

There was discussion on the garage at the baseball complex and possibly moving it to the pool area for storage for pool and park equipment and miscellaneous stuff. Councilman David Blackmun said the baseball committee will be meeting Sunday night to discuss the garage. They are looking to have a twostall garage for storage as the baseball complex.

The lights on Locke-Karst Field will all be relamped. Lambertz reported that Musco will be coming on July 13th to do the work. The city has budgeted \$3,000 for repairs to the baseball lights for this year. Lambertz said that Jerry Locke has said they will come up with the rest of the money to relamp the lights. Groton will be hosting the regional Legion Tourney and they want the field in top condition.

The council approved \$294,000 worth of bills with just \$211,000 in the bank. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported that about \$37,000 worth of loan payments will be paid on the 15th of July in anticipation of revenue from the city utility money coming in.

The fee for paying midget umpires for league games was discussed. The rate is \$20 behind home plate and \$15 for the umpire. The council authorized the fees.

The Groton Independent had the low quote for the official newspaper status. The Dakota Press was also designated and agreed to charge the same rate as the Independent, which is \$.24 for the line rate, \$3 per column inch for display advertising and free classifieds.

The official banks will be First State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Dacotah Bank and SD Public Funds Investment Trust.

The council granted approval to move the one basketball hoop at the pool to the north side of the big slide. Currently the hoop has been taken down as the slide was installed in that area.

The budget for the first six months of 2015 was reviewed. As Councilman Burt Glover said after the discussion, "You could have saved the ink and said we're still broke." So far, the council has overspent the budget by \$50,441.09. Lowary said a lot of that came from paying off the note at the First State Bank, which was not ancipated for 2015 as it was scheduled to be paid off in 2014. One up note is the revenue for the baseball program. "We have to give credit to April. She has nearly doubled the sales of signs for the ballpark and the pool." Year-to-date revenue for the baseball program is \$25,025.88 while expenses are \$28,946.99.



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Groton Police Report

June 22-28, 2015 City miles driven: 658 County miles driven: 155

2 to assist other law enfordement agencies, 3 bad driving complaints, 4 citizen assistance, 1 dog complaint, 1 funeral traffic, 1 individual ride home, 2 medical/rescue/ambulance, 4 motorist assist, 1 911 misdial/hangup, 1 suicide threat, 2 serve papers, 1 storm watch, 2 county vehicle accidents, 12 warnings issued, 3 summons issued, 10 speeding tickets, 1 driving under suspension, 1 mover over law, 2 equipment and 1 lane driving.

June 29 through July 5 City miles driven: 357 County miles driven: 88

1 assist other law enforcement agencies, 2 bad driving complaints, 1 business disturbance, 6 citizen assistance, 1 dog complaint, 1 fire assistance, 1 lost/found item, 2 locked vehicle assistance, 1 medical/ rescue/ambulance, 2 motorist assist, 1 suicide, 1 finger print person, 1 serve papers, 1 storm watch, 1 suspicious activity, 1 theft/burglary/shoplifting, 14 warnings issued, 6 summons issued, 9 speeding tickets, 5 insurance violation, 1 license violation, 1 DWI, 2 exhibition driving, 1 driving under suspension, 1 texting and driving.





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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 25th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Rebecca Schultze

JobWise what are you doing today? I am the Communications and Public Relations Manager for the College of Business Administration at the University of Northern Iowa. Most of my time is spent writing, editing and managing print publications, social media, video production, website development and special events.

How long have you been working at the current job? Coming up on 5 years.



From left to right: Andrea Heinz, TJ Heinz, Cole Heinz, Jeremiah Hughes, Teresa Hughes, Rebecca Schultze, Ben Schultze, Taya Schultze, Lukas Schultze, Cindy Schultze, Nora Schultze and Bill Schultze.

How did you get your current job? I worked in UNI's Office of University Relations when the position opened and was asked to serve in the role on an interim basis. I went through the formal application process and was then hired for the permanent position.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.

Public relations specialist for UNI Office of University Relations - 5 years Communications director for Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce - 1 year Reporter for Iowa City Area Press-Citizen - 1 year

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Groton High School 1997

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? South Dakota State University, graduating with bachelor's degrees in biology and journalism

What advice would you give the high school students today? Don't let your education start and end in the classroom. Experience is the best way to learn, so take chances, talk to strangers, hang out with different generations and people with different backgrounds from yours, try something that would surprise your friends to learn that you did, and get outside your comfort zone on a regular basis.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I've had some cool things happen in my life and some amazing experiences, but none of them would have been possible without learning to silence the critics in my head. So I'd have to say that learning to risk failure and accepting that I don't

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Megan Hannam and Rebecca Schultze on our two-day Rim to Rim to Rim trek across the Grand Canyon and back in May 2013. have anyone's expectations to live up to except my own have been my biggest accomplishments.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I feel quite fortunate to have received a solid education at Groton High School and at SDSU. But I'll refer back to my advice to high school students above: no matter how good your teachers and school are, don't rely on the classroom and books for all of your education!



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Today in Weather History

July 7, 1959: A very strong and widespread windstorm began near Kadoka and moved northeastward across the state at a speed of 60 to 65 mph. Airplane hangers were damaged or destroyed at Murdo, Redfield, and Watertown. Fourteen barns were destroyed or seriously damaged. Five trailer homes were overturned.

July 7, 1990: A teenager was injured by softball size hail while working in a field near Herreid. Numerous cattle in the area were also injured by the large hail. Most homes and vehicles in town suffered damage. The Herreid School had 120 broken panes of glass.

July 7, 1994: Widespread rainfall of over 6 inches fell in Dewey, Potter, and Faulk Counties, causing damage to roads and flooded basements and fields. A teenage girl escaped injury when her car was washed away by the waters of a swollen creek about 5 miles east of Gettysburg. Some storm total amounts include; 6.80 inches in Orient; 6.70 at Faulkton; 5.80 in Milbank; 5.48 in Big Stone City; 5.02 in Ipswich; 4.50 in Gettysburg; 4.17 in Webster; 4.12 near Onaka; 4.02 in Leola; and 3.97 in Britton.

1905 - The mercury soared to 127 degrees at Parker, AZ, to tie the state record established at Fort Mohave on the 15th of June in 1896. (The Weather Channel)

1915 - A severe wind and thunderstorm caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and near Cincinnati, OH. Many older buildings were demolished. The steamship Dick Fulton was overturned. (The Weather Channel)

1981 - Montana was in the midst of a snowstorm that dumped ten inches at Glacier National Park, and produced winds to 90 mph. Meanwhile, Denver, CO, set a record high with a reading of 101 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms spawned eight tornadoes in Colorado, and three in West Texas. Thunderstorms also produced softball size hail at Bula, TX. In the midst of a record thirty-nine day string of 100 degree days, the temperature at Tucson, AZ, dipped to 66 degrees, marking their third straight record low for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty-eight cities in the north central and northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Youngstown, OH, hit 100 degrees, and for the second day in a row, Flint, MI, reached 101 degrees, equalling all-time records for those two cities. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather during the day, with more than 100 reports of large hail and damaging winds from Ohio to Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Thunderstorm winds reached 90 mph in Sullivan County, NH, and golf ball size hail was reported in Pennsylvania. Twenty-four cities, mostly in the southwestern U.S., reported record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 105 degrees at Cedar City, UT, and 114 degrees at Moab, UT, were all-time records for those locations. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Showers

High: 73 °F

Today



Smoke

Low: 49 °F

Tonight

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Sunny

High: 72 °F

Tuesday



Partly

Cloudy

Low: 54 °F

Tuesday

Thunderstorms

High: 76 °F

Wednesday





Partly

Cloudy

Wednesday



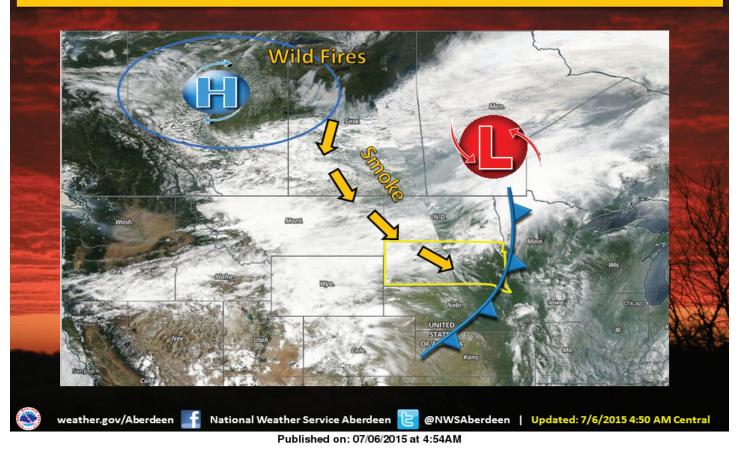
Thursday

Mostly Sunny

Low: 58 °F

High: 80 °F

More Smoke Headed This Way



Low pressure will continue to move away from the Dakotas, replaced with Canadian high pressure. While usually associated with cool - clean air; the fires in Canada and Alaska, clearly visible in the satellite image from July 5th, will end up moving into the Dakotas today. Temperatures will top out in the 70s today across the forecast area.

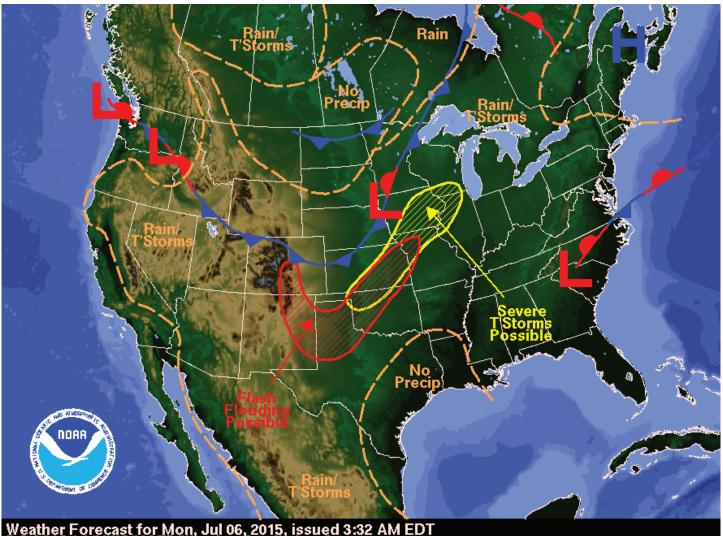
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 72.0 at 4:29 PM Low: 56.4 at 11:56 PM High Gust: 22 at 1:59 PM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 106° in 1936

Record High: 106° in 1936 Record Low: 43° in 1922 Average High: 83°F Average Low: 59°F Average Precip in July: 0.75 Precip to date in July: 1.77 Average Precip to date: 11.59 Precip Year to Date: 9.17 Sunset Tonight: 9:23 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:53 a.m.



Veather Forecast for Mon, Jul 06, 2015, issued 3:32 AM EDT OC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center repared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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DOES PRAYER ALWAYS WORK?

An avid baseball fan was sitting next to a priest during a baseball game. Aware of the need to speak religiously, the fan did his best to speak of Godly things.

A player came to bat, and before stepping to the plate, bowed his head in prayer and made the sign of the cross. On the first pitch he hit the ball over the bleachers and out of the park.

On his next trip to the plate, he followed the same routine: he bowed his head and made the sign of the cross. On the first pitch he hit another home run. Amazed, the man turned to the priest and asked, "Does prayer always work like that?"

"It does," said the priest, "if you can hit!"

We must always remember that God has given each of us unique skills, talents and abilities. And we must also remember that we are responsible to develop our gifts to the best of our ability. Then ask God to bless them as we seek to honor Him.

Prayer: May we always remember, Lord, that You will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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News from the Associated Press

Some in Dakotas struggle with forest fire smoke from Canada

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Smoke from Canadian forest fires is causing problems for some people in the Dakotas. Health officials are urging people to limit exposure to the smoke.

The haze from wildfires in Saskatchewan has blanketed the region since last week. Napoleon, North Dakota couple David and Kelly Andrews both have asthma, and tell KXMC-TV the smoke is making it harder for them to breathe.

Chuck Hyatt with the North Dakota Health Department's air quality division says the smoke won't affect most people but can be bad for those with asthma or allergies. And he says it's a good idea for anyone to avoid strenuous outside activity.

Mitchell, South Dakota, Fire Marshal Marius Laursen tells The Daily Republic that people sensitive to smoke should consider staying indoors or wearing a mask while outdoors.

Rapid City officials deny request to keep goats for therapy

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The City Council in Rapid City has denied a couple's appeal to keep two pygmy fainting goats as therapy animals.

KEVN-TV and KOTA-TV report the City Council voted Monday against keeping the goats in city limits. Justina and Scot Glassgow have had the goats named Athena and Venus at their Rapid City home since April.

The Rapid City Journal reports livestock are permitted in the city only under certain conditions. Justina Glassgow says the goats provide mental health therapy, and that she has a doctor's note recommending she keep them.

A neighbor had complained about the goats, and the council allowed a brief stay in code enforcement until it made a decision.

Justina Glassgow has said she would move the goats outside city limits and still visit them if their request was rejected.

State education task force meeting to discuss school funding

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students is meeting to discuss problems in South Dakota's education system.

The task force is set to meet on Tuesday in Pierre, beginning with a welcome from Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Daugaard and Republican legislative leaders in February announced the creation of the task force following calls from Democratic legislators and education officials to boost teacher pay.

The task force is meeting to consider public input, analyze data and discuss how to reform aspects of the state's education system.

The group is expected to report recommendations to the 2016 Legislature.

Display in Pierre shows history of baseball in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (ÅP) — As Major League Baseball's All-Star Game approaches, the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre is reminding fans of its ongoing exhibit that traces the history of baseball in South Dakota.

"Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota" explores the sport from South Dakota's territorial era to the present through artifacts, images, video and hands-on activities geared for people of every age.

Among the items on display are materials from a collection of Northern League paraphernalia donated

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by Aberdeen native Paul Gertsen.

Two South Dakota women who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League are also featured in the exhibit, as well as Hall of Fame players James "Cool Papa" Bell and Jim Palmer. The exhibit runs through April 2016.

'Indian Education Summit' slated at Capitol in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's second Indian Education Summit is slated at the state Capitol in Bismarck.

The two-day event begins Tuesday.

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler says the summit will feature students from a Lakota language immersion class and keynote speeches from top federal Indian education officials.

A group of high school and college students from Bismarck, Selfridge and Fort Yates in North Dakota and McLaughlin and Little Eagle in South Dakota will hold a panel discussion on Tuesday.

South Dakota regulators hold hearing on Keystone XL pipeline JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota residents were split Monday over the merits of allowing the Keystone XL oil pipeline through the state, with some telling regulators the project would be an economic engine but others calling it a grave threat to the environment.

More than 50 people offered their opinions on the state's portion of the pipeline during the three-hour South Dakota Public Utilities Commission session. The commission will make its decision after holding a final evidentiary hearing starting in late July.

South Dakota is one of several fronts where TransCanada Corp. is stalled in attempting to get approval for the long-delayed oil pipeline that would cut through South Dakota and other states to move Canadian oil to the Gulf Coast.

South Dakota initially authorized the project in 2010, but regulations dictate permits must be revisited if the construction of the project doesn't start within four years of their issuance. The Public Utilities Commission is now considering TransCanada's guarantee that it can complete the project while meeting the conditions of the 2010 approval.

The pipeline, first proposed in 2008, still requires presidential approval because it crosses an international border. It is also wrapped up in an ongoing Nebraska court case from landowners who oppose it.

The public hearing in South Dakota isn't a part of the official legal record of the state Public Utilities Commission's proceedings on the permit, but Chairman Chris Nelson said the testimony would help the panel form questions during the pipeline project process.

Opponents argued the pipeline has potential to ruin ground water and exacerbate climate change. Others also said the benefits of the proposed pipeline have been overstated.

"I believe that the tar sand oil ... should remain the ground in Canada," said Hazel Bonner of Rapid City. "For myself, my children and my grandchildren, I oppose the Keystone 'tar sands' XL pipeline."

Some Native American tribes, landowners and environmental groups are actively working against the pipeline through the Public Utilities Commission process.

The pipeline would go from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Gulf Coast. It could also transport some crude from the Bakken oil field.

Supporters said the pipeline would help create jobs and bring in needed tax revenues in South Dakota.

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They also said pipelines are a safer transportation method than rail service. Representatives of South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds spoke in favor of the pipeline.

Tom Wilson, who lives in Buffalo, South Dakota, and owns a business that operates in Dickinson, North Dakota, will have a work camp on his property for the construction of the pipeline.

"They do hire locals. It will affect our local economy," said Wilson, 62. "Aren't we better off pulling in fuel from Canada?"

The utilities commission plans to hold the final hearings on the issue between July 27 and August 4.

SD man charged in fatal stabbing on Indian Reservation

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been charged with first-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of a man on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

Federal authorities are accusing Corbyn Big Eagle, of Eagle Butte, of stabbing Austin Miner on June 16.

Federal court records show tribal officers found Miner lying on the ground at Big Eagle's apartment bleeding from a chest wound. He was later pronounced dead at the local Indian Health Services hospital.

Authorities say a witness saw Miner acting "unruly, aggressive and trying to fight" before Big Eagle stabbed him.

Tribal officials found what appeared to be a bloody knife and a recently washed knife in a dish drying rack at the apartment.

Big Eagle was arrested at the scene. His attorney couldn't immediately be reached Monday to comment on the case.

SD Highway Patrol offering \$3K bonus to some who join force

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol is offering a \$3,000 bonus to current certified law enforcement officers who choose to become troopers.

The Highway Patrol is in the process of adding troopers to its force and is hoping the bonus attracts current officers from in and outside South Dakota.

Those who aren't law enforcement officers, but would like to join the High Patrol must score 70 percent or higher on the new South Dakota Law Enforcement written test that was introduced in May 2012.

All interested applicants also must pass a physical test, which depending on the applicant's age requires the minimum completion of between 15 and 35 sit-ups in a minute, 11 to 20 consecutive pushups, jumping and running.

The deadline to apply for the job is Aug. 14.

South Dakota man, 101, competes in National Senior Games

HIGHMORE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota centenarian taking part in this year's National Senior Games is playing to win.

KSFY-TV (http://bit.ly/1H9RTWL) reports that John Zilverberg of Highmore is the oldest athlete in the competition that is being held through July 15 in the Minneapolis area. The South Dakota Senior Games association says Zilverberg will be 102 next month.

The retired rancher is competing in discus, shot put, javelin and softball throw events in the 100-plus age group. Zilverberg says he always tries to bring home gold medals.

Zilverberg says he took part in his first Senior Games in 1985. He says he can't do any running and

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jumping events because one of his legs gave out, but he exercises to keep his arms in shape.

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. GREEK PREMIER RACES TO RESTART TALKS AFTER VOTE WIN

Alexis Tsipras faces intense pressure from creditors abroad and banks at home who all demand what Greece lacks: money. GREECE BAILOUT

2. WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM COSBY'S DRUGS-SEX ADMISSION

Defamation claims lodged by his accusers could be bolstered, lawyers say, after it emerges the comedian admitted, in a 2005 deposition the AP went to court to get released, that he obtained Quaaludes to give young women for sex. BILL COSBY

3. WHAT POPE PLANS TO DO ON FINAL ECUADOR DAY

The pontiff's agenda features a Mass in the capital sandwiched between meetings with bishops, indigenous groups and students and a visit to a Jesuit church. POPE-SOUTH AMERICA

4. SOUTH CAROLINA MOVES TO PULL DOWN CONFEDERATE FLAG

The state Senate votes to remove the divisive banner from the Capitol grounds. Now it's up the House to consider the matter. CONFEDERATE FLAG

5. WHY ISRAEL IS ALARMED OVER ACTIVISTS

The BDS movement, calling for a global boycott campaign against the Jewish state, is gaining momentum and has been identified by the country as a threat on a par with the Iranian nuclear program. ISRAEL-BOYCOTT SCARE

6. @POTUS UNSCRIPTED

Obama is taking to Twitter to muse about sports, pop culture, even Supreme Court rulings — at all hours of the day. OBAMA-TWITTER

7. BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF BREAST MILK INDUSTRY

States are now seeking to regulate it amid a struggle for control between nonprofit and for-profit banks that supply hospital neonatal units. REGULATING BREAST MILK

8. YOUNG INDIANS EMBRACE DATING APPS

The trend signals a break with India's centuries-old traditions governing marriage and social conduct. INDIA-SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

9. WORLD'S OLDEST MAN DIES

Sakari Momoi, a retired educator from Japan, passes away from kidney failure at the age of 112. OBIT-JAPAN-OLDEST MAN

10. FANS PREPARING FOR TESTY ENCOUNTER IN WIMBLEDON QUARTERFINALS

Serena Williams takes on Victoria Azarenka again, hoping to keep up her dominance against a player she considers a friend off the court. WIMBLEDON-LOOKAHEAD

AP News in Brief

Greek Prime Minister Tsipras races to restart talks with creditors after big referendum win

BRUSSELS (AP) — With his country struggling to stave off financial collapse, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras will try to convince European creditors to agree on a new bailout program when they meet Tuesday for an emergency eurozone summit.

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Tsipras is set to offer a new plan of economic measures to creditors that he hopes will restart negotiations on getting new loans for his country. The situation is urgent — without a deal, Greece's banks could go bust within days, the first step in the country's potential exit from the euro currency union.

Greece's financial distress became more acute late Monday when the European Central Bank refused to increase assistance for Greek banks, which are not due to reopen until Thursday.

A hastily arranged meeting of eurozone finance ministers, which will be Euclid Tsakalotos' first as Greek finance minister, is slated for the afternoon in Brussels. A full summit of leaders will then follow. There were few signs of movement in the run-up to Tuesday's meeting.

The Latest: As summit of leaders looms, big euro sign in Frankfurt getting a big overhaul

BRUSSELS (AP) — The latest on the Greek financial crisis (all times local):

12:30 p.m.

As Europe's leaders gear up for an emergency summit on Greece, the big euro sculpture euro in front of the former European Central Bank headquarters in Frankfurt is being given its first overhaul after 13 years.

The blue euro sign surrounded by yellow stars has become a popular photo motif for visitors.

Lawyers: Cosby's sedatives-before-sex admission could bolster women's claims, defamation suit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby's admission that he obtained quaaludes to give young women he was pursuing for sex could bolster defamation claims lodged by his accusers, the women's lawyers said after The Associated Press reported on newly released court documents.

Cosby in sworn testimony unsealed Monday admitted that he gave the now-banned sedative to at least one of his accusers and to unnamed others. His lawyer interfered before he could answer deposition questions in 2005 about how many women were given drugs and whether they knew about it.

"If today's report is true, Mr. Cosby admitted under oath 10 years ago sedating women for sexual purposes," said Lisa Bloom, attorney for model Janice Dickinson, who contends she was drugged and raped. "Given that, how dare he publicly vilify Ms. Dickinson and accuse her of lying when she tells a very similar story?"

The AP had gone to court to compel the release of a deposition in a sexual abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of lawsuits against Cosby that have severely damaged his image as doting TV dad Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" from 1984 to 1992.

His lawyers objected to the release of the material, arguing it would embarrass him. Ultimately, a judge seized on Cosby's public moralizing as he unsealed portions of the deposition that had been filed in court.

Pope has packed final day in Ecuador, seemingly energized by the crowds despite heat, altitude

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Pope Francis has a whirlwind final full day in Ecuador on Tuesday, with an open-air Mass in the capital sandwiched between meetings with bishops, indigenous groups and stu-

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dents and capped by a visit to a famed Jesuit church.

The 78-year-old pontiff, who has only one full lung, appears to be holding up well at the start of his eight-day, three-nation South American tour despite the 2,800-meter (nearly 9,200-feet) altitude of Quito and a day spent in the scorching sun of coastal Guayaquil. He had so much energy he slipped out again for a second night Monday to greet well-wishers who gathered outside the Vatican ambassador's residence where he is staying.

"It's always surprising what the pope can do at his age," said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi. He noted that several people in the Vatican entourage awoke Monday with headaches due to altitude sickness, but not the pope.

"He has said it's God's way of helping him do his ministry, his service," Lombardi said.

Francis received a hero's welcome Monday in Guayaquil, Ecuador's biggest city, as he celebrated the first public Mass of a South American tour that will later take him to Bolivia and Paraguay. He told hundreds of thousands of faithful their families are the bedrock of society but need to be supported better and strengthened.

A test of diplomatic process with Iran, and US resolve to leave talks, as nuke deadline nears

VIENNA (AP) — Iran nuclear talks are in danger of busting through their second deadline in a week, raising questions about whether world powers can cut off all Iranian pathways to a bomb through diplomacy — and testing the resolve of U.S. negotiators to walk away from negotiations.

With a Tuesday target date set for a deal setting a decade of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and other top diplomats were huddling in Vienna looking for a breakthrough.

All have spoken of differences remaining, despite 11 days of discussions. And for Kerry and his team, pressure is increasing from skeptical U.S. allies and Congress.

Diplomats had sought agreement by June 30, after missing previous deadlines in July 2014 and last November.

South Carolina Senate votes to remove Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds; House to vote

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The push to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse is about to clear its first hurdle.

But even if a bill to bring down the rebel banner passes the state Senate as expected Tuesday, it faces a less certain future in the House.

Senators voted 37-3 on Monday to take down the flag and the pole it flies on, both of which were erected in 2000 as part of a compromise that involved removing the flag from atop the Statehouse dome. The vote was well over the two-thirds majority that will be needed Tuesday to send the bill on to the House.

But while that means debate would begin Wednesday in the House, it is far from clear whether a vote will take place the same day — or what the vote will be. House members appear to be less unified.

Republicans met behind closed doors Monday and struggled to reach a consensus on what to do next. Some, including Speaker Jay Lucas, have not said how they will vote.

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Boycott Israel movement gains steam, causing alarm but little economic damage in Jewish state

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ten years ago, a small group of Palestinian activists had a novel idea: inspired by the anti-apartheid movement, they called for a global boycott campaign against Israel as a nonviolent method to promote the Palestinian struggle for independence.

Long confined to the sidelines, the so-called BDS campaign appears to be gaining momentum — so much so that Israel has identified it as a strategic threat on a par with Palestinian militant groups and the Iranian nuclear program. While Israel says the movement is rooted in anti-Semitism, its decentralized organization and language calling for universal human rights have proven difficult to counter, resulting in a string of recent victories that have alarmed Israeli leaders.

"We are now beginning to harvest the fruits of 10 years of strategic, morally consistent and undeniably effective BDS campaigning," said Omar Barghouti, one of the group's co-founders. "BDS is winning the battles for hearts and minds across the world, despite Israel's still hegemonic influence among governments in the U.S. and Europe."

The BDS campaign — named for its call for boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel — began as an idea by 170 Palestinian civil society groups in the West Bank in 2005. It has grown into a worldwide network of thousands of volunteers lobbying corporations, artists and academic institutions to sever ties with Israel.

Its members include campus activists, church groups and even liberal American Jews disillusioned by Israeli policies.

@POTUS unscripted: Obama weighing in on pop culture, sports on personal Twitter account

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget the primetime interviews or the formal, choreographed news conferences. President Barack Obama is taking to Twitter to muse about sports, pop culture, even Supreme Court rulings — at all hours of the day.

The White House has used Twitter to promote the president's views for years, but mostly in a highly scripted manner, with tweets composed by press aides and released at strategic times. Only occasionally would Obama post to Twitter himself, identifying a bona fide presidential tweet by appending his initials.

Now Obama is composing his own tweets almost daily, weighing in on issues of the day from any location, without the filter of his press office. He's been tweeting with increased frequency since inaugurating his personal twitter account, (at)POTUS, earlier this summer.

"Hello, Twitter! It's Barack. Really!" Obama wrote in May. "Six years in, they're finally giving me my own account."

So how, exactly, does a president tweet? Obama, who has been known to use an iPad and a Blackberry, can send tweets from a variety of secure devices, according to the White House. Obama gives his team a heads up before he tweets, and his staff says he sometimes agrees to tweet about topics his aides suggests.

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Nonprofits and for-profits battle for control of the human breast milk industry

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — It could trade for 400 times more than t7/8he price of crude oil and 2,000 times more than iron ore. If sold off the shelf, it could cost more than 150 times the price of a gallon of cow's milk and 15 times more than coffee.

Going for as much as \$4 per ounce, human breast milk is a hot commodity that is emerging as a surprisingly cutthroat industry, one that states are now seeking to regulate amid a battle for control between nonprofit and for-profit banks that supply hospital neonatal units.

The debate among the for-profit and nonprofit organizations can be sharp-elbowed. It centers on whose processes result in the safest milk for premature babies in neonatal intensive care units, which need the milk if a mother has difficulty producing enough or the child has trouble latching. Each side claims the moral high ground, with nonprofits generally saying milk distribution should be altruistic and for-profit companies arguing mothers deserve to be compensated.

In the United States, there are two for-profit companies and soon to be three, and one nonprofit that oversees 15 milk banks in the U.S. in addition to three in Canada. Ten nonprofit banks are in development. Against this backdrop, lawmakers in New Jersey and Michigan are considering legislation to license banks, while legislators in California, Maryland, New York and Texas already have regulations.

Mothers have long had far from a monolithic view on the question of milk banking, but what's changing is the availability of more options as the industry matures. For some, the work involved in cleaning bottle parts and in pumping and storing their milk warrants being paid. Others view donating their milk, considered superior to formula in nutrition and immunity-building qualities, as a charitable service.

Dutch peacekeepers still suffer guilt, stigma 20 years after Srebrenica massacre

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Rob Zomer has heard the comments many times over: You're cowards, killers. How could you stand there and do nothing?

A stream of insults to add to the mental injuries they suffered 20 years ago when they were part of a vastly outgunned and outnumbered Dutch battalion of United Nations peacekeepers who failed to halt the slaughter by Bosnian Serb forces of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica, eastern Bosnia.

"When you hear — for 20 years now — only bad things that you do," said Zomer, "that makes you stressed, crazy."

Zomer is quick to acknowledge that the main victims of the worst massacre on European soil since World War II are the mothers, wives and daughters of Srebrenica who lost their men and boys in July 1995. But the lives of the small contingent of lightly armed Dutch troops who were powerless to intervene also changed forever. Many suffer post-traumatic stress disorder, and some have taken their own lives.

The Srebrenica massacre also had a profound effect on the Dutch nation. The government resigned seven years later after a damning report criticized authorities for failing to adequately prepare, arm and support the troops, sending them to Bosnia with a vague mandate to protect lives but insufficient weaponry to shield civilians from Bosnian Serb forces led by Gen. Ratko Mladic.

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Today is Tuesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2015. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on September 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy. In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1975, the daytime drama "Ryan's Hope" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran- Contra hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

In 1990, the first "Three Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

Ten years ago: Suicide terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II. Al-Qaida's wing in Iraq claimed to have killed Egypt's top envoy, Ihab al-Sherif, who'd been abducted by gunmen.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama bypassed the Senate and appointed Dr. Donald Berwick to run Medicare and Medicaid. In Philadelphia, a disabled sightseeing "duck boat" adrift in the Delaware River was struck by a barge and capsized; two Hungarian tourists died. Los Angeles police charged Lonnie Franklin Jr. in the city's "Grim Sleeper" serial killings.

One year ago: Washington state issued its first retail marijuana licenses. Pope Francis begged forgiveness in his first meeting with Catholics sexually abused by members of the clergy and vowed to hold bishops responsible for their handling of pedophile priests. Eduard Shevardnadze, 86, the Soviet Union's foreign minister who helped end the Cold War but then as Georgia's president was forced into retirement by parliament, died in Tbilisi. Actor Dick Jones, 87, the voice of Pinocchio in the classic 1940 Walt Disney cartoon, died in Los Angeles.

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Today's Birthdays: Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 88. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 82. Rock star Ringo Starr is 75. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 74. Comedian Bill Oddie is 74. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 72. Actor Joe Spano is 69. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 68. Country singer Linda Williams is 68. Actress Shelley Duvall is 66. Actress Roz Ryan is 64. Actor Billy Campbell is 56. Actor Robert Taylor is 55. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 53. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 52. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 49. Actress Amy Carlson is 47. Actress Jorja Fox is 47. Actress Cree Summer is 46. Actress Robin Weigert is 46. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 43. Actor Troy Garity is 42. Actress Berenice Bejo (BEH'-ruh-nees BAY'-hoh) is 39. Actor Hamish Linklater is 39. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 35. Rapper Cassidy is 33. Country singer Gabbie Nolen is 33. Actor Ross Malinger is 31. Pop singer Ally Hernandez (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 22. Pop musician Ashton Irwin (5 Seconds to Summer) is 21.

Thought for Today: "Memory depends very much on the perspicuity, regularity, and order of our thoughts. Many complain of the want of memory, when the defect is in their judgment; and others, by grasping at all, retain nothing." - Margaret Fuller, American critic and social reformer (1810-1850).