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## Wednesday, August 5

**Senior Menu:** Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Jim/Linda Bahr

**Birthdays:** Gerald Rix • Rich Zimney • Shelley Merkel • Jacob Harms • Dylan Sweeter • Mathieu LaMee • Barb Grube

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:00pm: Men's Golf League

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

## Thursday, August 6

Elementary New Student Registration

Full Circle Ag Golfing

**Senior Menu:** Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Becky Hunter • Cheri Hein • Alexis Gustafson • David LaMee • Cheri Shabazz • Karen White • Damian Bahr

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

## Friday, August 7

State Teener Tourney

**Senior Menu:** Salmon loaf, creamed peas, watermelon, peanut butter brownie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Kelli Hanson • Sherwin Nyberg • Jessica Grams • Lynda Townsend • Tiffany Unzen

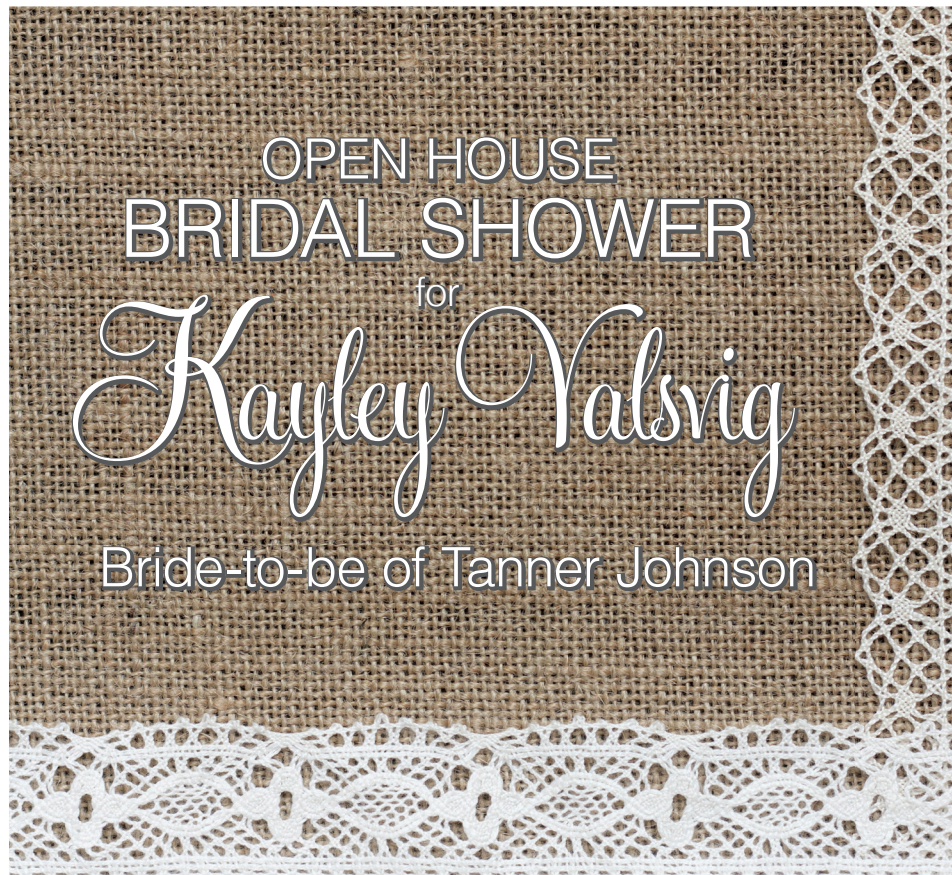
**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

At the Groton United Methodist Church

The couple is registered at Herberger's, Menards and Target

### **Larson Bridal Shower**

Bridal shower for Samantha Larson will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 2-4 at Olive Grove Golf Course. The couple is registered at Target.

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The above photo is an image from Google Earth of the property along Railroad Avenue on the south side. The bottom right is a photo of the cleanup work in progress by Scott Hanlon. The bottom left is the area all cleaned up. Hanlon Brothers have recently purchased the property.



## Treeline Tree Service

**Over 30 Years  
of Combined  
Experience!**

**TJ Sperry:  
380-7915  
Tyler Sperry:  
216-8431**

**Sperry Stump Removal**



## 10th Annual Jan Hinrichs



## Memorial

## 5 X 5



## Softball Tournament



## August 8 & 9, 2015

## Claremont Ballpark



Silent basket auction at the church on Saturday!

## Many fun activities planned:

Poker run

Honker squares

Gun raffles

Full concession stand

Just to name a few!!



If you want to play but do not have a team,  
please call Tom Feser at 294-7346

All proceeds will go to the improvement of  
Claremont City Park.

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## **Bridging the gap** by Beverly Patterson

Moving to a city larger than any place I have ever lived has really opened my eyes. You see and are exposed to so many things living in a small town doesn't offer. I tend to be most amazed by the wide variety of people I meet when I'm at work and the ones I see when I'm out and about.

The other day I was approached by a woman that was in need of my help. She was hoping to create the dress of her dreams and wasn't able to find the fabric like the one she had pictured in her mind. Her English was a bit broken and I could tell she was feeling somewhat overwhelmed. At one point when I was attempting to understand what type of fabric she was looking for she apologized for her bad English. I was able to decipher what she had pictured in her mind but it was unfortunately something we didn't have. She eventually tweaked her plan a bit and we were able to find fabric that would work out quite well for her. As our conversation went on I learned that she was from Brazil. She exuded an incredibly kind and pleasant demeanor and I knew she was someone I could easily establish a friendship with and it didn't matter that she wasn't from America and she wasn't from a small town and she wasn't all that easy to understand. There's a chance I will never see her again, which is fine, but if I do I know I'll enjoy hearing about the beautiful dress she created from the fabrics I helped her to choose. There was a bit of a language barrier but we were able to bridge that gap and she left feeling very excited about her new dress.

Tonight I stepped up to the registers to give the cashier a break and while I was there I could see a very innocent young face approaching the check out. I would guess she was around 14 years old. She had beautiful light brown hair swirled into several loose curls that sort of playfully bounced around her pleasant face. At first I was busy entering her items into the register and I have a tendency to visit while I do this. I immediately gathered that she was someone that appeared to be a lot of fun as her voice was so sweet and upbeat. I remembered her being as cute as a button when I saw her approaching the register but when I looked up to give her the receipt I noticed something about her I wasn't expecting. She had scars that covered the entire outer surface of both of her arms. You could tell they were the result of some very deep cuts. I was surprised but I had no desire to make her feel uncomfortable and by the pleasant smile she gave me when she left, I think I did okay. I thought about her after she left and a part of me wanted to sit down and cry. I have no way of knowing what that beautiful young girl has been through and I never will but in my heart I knew those scars led the way to some very painful days that were inevitably a part of her past.

After work I stopped into a store that was open until 11pm to pick up some inserts for the very expensive shoes I have that are just not performing as well as I had hoped. There were two check outs open and they were quite full. I saw a guy pushing some carts back to where the others were. Due to the fact that he had bleach blonde hair in back and on the sides of his head and a tuft of jet black hair on top and a very unusual outfit he caught my eye. I had no plans of staring at him and no intentions of making him feel uncomfortable. For whatever reason he caught my eye and said, "I can help you over here if you'd like." I stepped over and thanked him and he displayed the demeanor of a dog that had been beaten many, many times. He was very timid and shy and he couldn't thank me enough for my purchase. After helping me he left the check outs. I'm not sure why he decided to just help me but I'm glad he did. It got me home a few minutes sooner and after standing on my feet for 9 hours, I was very thankful. There will never be more pages added to his story in my mind but I couldn't help but wonder what they may have revealed.

I realize there's no fix to all the broken in this world and there never will be. There will always be hatred and prejudice no matter what and there will always be voices that fear they will never be heard. Some would say I'm a bit too naive to be a city girl and that there aren't enough hours in a day to address all the issues people have. I won't say they're wrong but the one thing I can do is offer an encouraging word to a lovely woman that struggled with her English when she realized what she had pictured in her mind wasn't available in our store. I can offer a pleasant smile to a very timid young man that most likely had no desire to help one more person that had plans of judging him by his appearance and I can say a prayer for a beautiful young girl that had spent some very agonizing days healing from wounds that may have only healed on the outside. As time goes on I'm becoming more aware of just how truly blessed I am and how blessed I have always been.

## Today in Weather History

August 4, 1987: Six tornadoes touched down in central South Dakota. Five of these tornadoes touched down in Lyman County, including three which did damage near Kennebec within 25 minutes of each other. One of the tornadoes destroyed three farms, downing outbuildings, power lines, granaries, and killing farm animals.

August 5, 2000: A wet microburst with winds estimated at 120 mph caused heavy damage in and around Mitchell. Apartments and several mobile homes were destroyed, vehicles were overturned, and other damage occurred to buildings and vehicles. Widespread tree and power line damage also occurred. Ten people were injured, although the majority of the injuries were minor. The damage path was approximately a mile and a half long and a mile wide, extending over the southwest part of Mitchell.

1843 - A spectacular cloudburst near Philadelphia turned the small creeks and streams entering the Delaware River into raging torrents. As much as sixteen inches of rain fell in just three hours. Flooding destroyed thirty-two county bridges, and caused nineteen deaths. It is believed that several small tornadoes accompanied the torrential rains, one of which upset and sank more than thirty barges on the Schuylkill River. (David Ludlum)

1875: Several tornadoes moved across northern and central Illinois. One of the stronger tornadoes touched down in Warren County. This tornado badly damaged or destroyed 25 homes with 2 people killed and 15 injured. Another in a series of tornadoes touched down near Knoxville and moved east into northern Peoria County. 14 people were hurt and 20 farms destroyed by this family of tornadoes, described by eyewitnesses as looking like a "monstrous haystack".

1961 - The temperature at Ice Harbor Dam, WA, soared to 118 degrees to equal the state record established at Wahluke on the 24th of July in 1928. The afternoon high of 111 degrees at Havre, MT, was an all-time record for that location. (The Weather Channel)



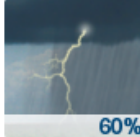




1987 - Severe thunderstorms raked eastern South Dakota. The thunderstorms spawned half a dozen tornadoes, produced softball size hail at Bowdle, and produced wind gusts to 90 mph south of Watertown. Hot weather continued in eastern Texas. Afternoon highs of 100 degrees at Houston and 106 degrees at Waco equalled records for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Indiana and Lower Michigan to Pennsylvania and New York State during the day. Thunderstorms in Michigan produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Ashley, Hastings and Lennon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Oklahoma, and from Iowa to the Upper Ohio Valley, with 216 reports of large hail or damaging winds between early Saturday morning and early Sunday morning. Thunderstorms moving across Iowa around sunrise produced extremely high winds which caused ten million dollars damage to crops in Carroll and Greene Counties. Thunderstorm winds at Jefferson IA reached 102 mph. Afternoon thunderstorms produced tennis ball size hail at Bay Mills, WI. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
 20%	 40%	 60%	 30%		 20%	 20%
Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 85 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 81 °F



Isolated Storms Today, **Better Chances Thursday**

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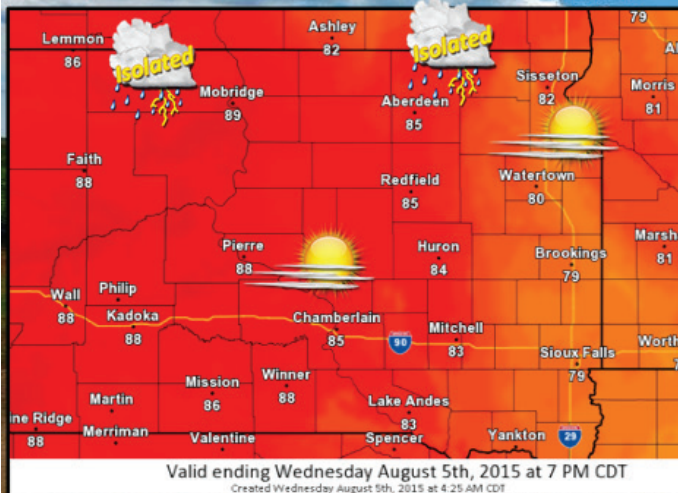


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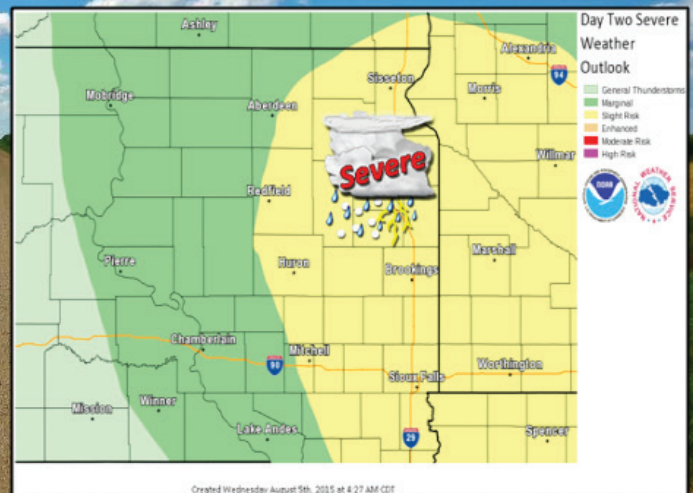
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## Highs Today



**Isolated Storms Along the ND/SD Border**

## Risk for Storms on Thursday



**Severe Storms Possible on Thursday  
Hail, Damaging Winds, Tornadoes Possible**

Published on: 08/05/2015 at 4:41AM

An upper level disturbance moving across the region today will bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly for North Dakota and far northern South Dakota. A stronger system will cross the region tonight and through the day on Thursday. This system will bring widespread showers and thunderstorms to most locations. Some thunderstorms Thursday afternoon could become severe in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 82.5 at 4:04 PM

**Low:** 55.7 at 6:44 AM

**High Gust:** 12 at 2:09 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 107° in 1941

**Record Low:** 41° in 1994

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 0.39

**Precip to date in Aug:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 14.25

**Precip Year to Date:** 11.57

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:56 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:23 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 05, 2015, issued 4:27 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## DON'T STOP NOW!

Sometime ago it was my privilege to be the commencement speaker at a high school graduation. At the end of the service, the students came forward and walked up to the headmaster to receive their diplomas. As he shook their hands, he looked into their eyes and said softly to each one of them, "Don't stop now, keep moving forward!"

Great advice – not only for the graduates but for everyone, every day. Whatever we do, wherever we go, we must keep on keeping on. We must keep forgiving! Keep growing! Keep helping! Keep loving! Keep witnessing! Keep serving! Keep worshiping! Keep working! Keep laughing! Keep moving forward!

If this is important for life in general, it is even more important for the life of a Christian. Paul said that "I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be."

What great advice he offers us. Nothing should ever interfere with nor take our eyes off of knowing Christ. We must focus on Him the same way athletes focus on winning a race because nothing else matters.

**Prayer:** Help us, Heavenly Father, to keep moving forward as we strive to grow into Your likeness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Philippians 3:8-14 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Fatalities tied to Sturgis Motorcycle Rally on record pace**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The number of traffic fatalities tied to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in western South Dakota has risen to nine.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says a two-motorcycle crash on U.S. Highway 385 on Tuesday afternoon killed one person and injured another. They were not immediately identified.

The Rapid City Journal reports that the record for rally-related fatalities is believed to be 11 during the 50th anniversary rally in 1990. This year's event is the 75th anniversary. It runs through Sunday.

### **Rapid City man pleads not guilty to killing 6-year-old girl**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of killing a 6-month-old girl has pleaded not guilty. Twenty-six-year-old Kristopher Houchin faces a second-degree murder charge in the June 26 death of L'Naya White. Preliminary autopsy results indicated she died from brain bleeding as a result of blunt force trauma.

Police say Houchin was baby-sitting the girl. He initially also faced rape and child abuse charges, but authorities said those charges were not supported by the autopsy.

Houchin could face life in prison if convicted of murder.

### **USD receives grant from regents to acquire new supercomputer**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota has been awarded \$200,000 to help it acquire a new campus supercomputer for scientific research.

The Research and Development Innovation grant comes from the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The university will use the award in addition to institutional and federal funds to acquire the new supercomputer. The school says the National Science Foundation recently identified such instruments as necessary for research.

The new system will provide thousands of processing units, specially optimized software and more than 1,000 times the memory of a traditional laptop.

The school's last supercomputer was acquired in 2006.

### **Man says he will plead guilty in 2014 Standing Rock killing**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man says he will plead guilty to killing a woman on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Thirty-year-old Lance Summers, of Fort Yates, is charged with murder in the slaying of 38-year-old Natalie White Lightning of Cannon Ball. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Authorities say Fort Yates police received a call on the night of March 18, 2014, from someone who said there was an unresponsive woman lying in a field. Police searched the field in darkness and were unable to find anyone.

White Lightning's body was discovered more than a month later by people walking through the heavily vegetated area on the reservation, which straddles the North Dakota and South Dakota border.

A change of plea hearing is scheduled Wednesday morning in Bismarck.

### **Deadline approaching for farm and ranch recognition program**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture says the cutoff date is approaching to apply for a farm and ranch recognition program that celebrates families who have had operations for 100 or 125 successive years.

The department said Tuesday that the deadline to apply is Aug. 13.

The program offers honors to farmers and ranchers who have owned 80 acres of farmland or more for 100 years or 125 years. A ceremony to recognize recipients is planned for September at the South Dakota State Fair.

The department says agriculture employs more than 115,000 South Dakota residents and is the state's top industry.

## **Firefighter died of carbon monoxide, smoke inhalation**

ALTURAS, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service says a firefighter whose body was found Friday in the Modoc National Forest died of carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation.

The service announced the cause of death of Engine Captain David Ruhl on Tuesday.

Ruhl, of Rapid City, South Dakota, had been on temporary assignment since June in California, where he was an assistant fire management officer for the Big Valley Ranger District of the Modoc National Forest.

In South Dakota, he was the engine captain on the Mystic Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest.

Ruhl was reported missing Thursday and an initial search had to be halted because of hazardous fire conditions. Efforts resumed Friday, when his body was found.

## **ALDI submits plans to bring first store to South Dakota**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Discount grocery store chain ALDI is expanding to Sioux Falls.

ALDI Inc. has submitted plans to the city to open a location in a space being vacated by Big Lots, which is leaving the market.

ALDI is known for its focus on bulk purchasing and own-brand products.

The Argus Leader reports Aldi's renovation plans in Sioux Falls include using about 23,000 square feet of the former Big Lots space, with about 5,000 square feet on the south end left to lease.

The estimated construction valuation for the renovations is \$800,000.

The company has previously announced plans to open 650 new stores across the country, bringing its total number of U.S. stores to nearly 2,000 by the end of 2018.

ALDI's website does not currently list any South Dakota locations.

## **Man convicted in killing of son-in-law files federal appeal**

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — An Oklahoma man convicted of hiring his handyman to kill his son-in-law in North Dakota nearly six years ago is taking his case to federal court after exhausting his appeals on the state level.

Gene Kirkpatrick is serving a life term in a South Dakota prison for the October 2009 death of Fargo dentist Philip Gattuso. Kirkpatrick's daughter, Valerie, died of a long illness seven months before Gattuso was killed. Authorities said Kirkpatrick was upset with the way Gattuso was raising his granddaughter.

Kirkpatrick, who is from Jones, Oklahoma, said in his handwritten federal court document filed Monday that his lawyers did a poor job of representing him and his statements to police should not have been allowed in court. He said the court should do one of three things: drop the charges against him, grant him a new trial or modify his sentence to make him immediately eligible for parole.

Kirkpatrick's federal petition repeats many of the same arguments presented in several previous unsuccessful appeals to state district court and the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Cass County State's Attorney Birch Burdick said Tuesday that the state courts made the right decision.

"If Kirkpatrick has a right to the habeas corpus process in federal court, then it will run its course and I trust the federal court system will reach similar conclusions," Burdick said.

In the federal court filing, Kirkpatrick criticized his lead attorney, Mack Martin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for telling the jury that Kirkpatrick would take the stand and then talking him out of it. That was unfair

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because "I alone could explain incriminating statements I made to law enforcement," Kirkpatrick wrote. Martin testified during an appeal hearing in state court that he was afraid Kirkpatrick would talk too much in front of the jury.

Kirkpatrick added that Martin and a local attorney, the late Steven Light, told him to reject a plea deal of 25 years in prison because they wrongly told him he would not be eligible for parole.

Burdick said Tuesday that he believed Kirkpatrick's attorneys represented him well and that he received a fair trial and appropriate sentence.

The centerpiece of the trial was a nearly three-hour police interview in which Kirkpatrick admitted asking Michael Nakvinda how much it would take to kill Gattuso and said he thought his granddaughter's welfare was more important than Gattuso's life. Kirkpatrick said in an earlier appeal that the interview exonerates him because he never agreed to close the deal and said so many times.

Kirkpatrick wrote in the federal document that police lied when they said he was implicated by Nakvinda, who is serving life in prison without parole for murder.

"They used interrogation techniques which overcame my free will by talking about my deceased daughter and custody of my granddaughter, and made appeals to my conscience," Kirkpatrick wrote.

Kirkpatrick also blames the judge for failing to instruct the jury he was suffering from "extreme emotional disturbance at the time of the alleged crimes."

## **Officials: 8 traffic fatalities in western SD over past week**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — State officials say eight people have died in traffic accidents in western South Dakota over the past week as bikers have flooded the state for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

The Department of Public Safety says four people have died in the city of Sturgis and four have died in western South Dakota since July 28.

Last year at this time, the patrol reported only one traffic fatality.

The most recent deaths include riders from North Dakota and Kansas.

Sixty-three-year-old Rose Ann Richard was thrown from her motorcycle near Sturgis on Interstate 90. The Belfield, North Dakota, woman died Monday of her injuries.

Forty-two-year-old John Rowlett, Jr., of Wichita, Kansas, lost control of his motorcycle Monday while on state Highway 87. He collided with a rock and died of his injuries.

## **Texas man accused of deceptive practices in paving operation**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A 30-year-old Texas man has been indicted in South Dakota for allegedly violating the state's deceptive trade practice laws.

Ricky Fite has been indicted on two counts of failure to inform a buyer of their right to cancel and two counts of failure to furnish a cancellation form. Both are class 6 felonies and punishable by up to two years in prison.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the charges stem from an asphalt paving job Fite was conducting in Stanley County.

Fite was operating under the business names Tri-state Paving, American Paving, JLB Young Paving, Young Paving, JLB Construction, American Asphalt and Ricky, Rickey & Ricky Asphalt.

The attorney general's Consumer Protection Division is working with local authorities to determine if there are additional people affected.

## **Park Service names manager for new Indian Affairs office**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The National Park Service has announced creation of a new Midwest Region Office of American Indian Affairs and has named a program manager for it.

A Park Service news release says Reed Robinson has been given the job and will be leaving his post as deputy superintendent at Badlands National Park, which is near Interior, South Dakota.

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Park Service spokesman Mike Johnson said Tuesday that the new regional office will be administered from the Midwest Regional Office of the Park Service in Omaha, but Robinson will remain based in Rapid City. Johnson says Robinson's primary role will be serving as a liaison between tribes and the park service.

## Gunshot fired in Sioux Falls motel robbery; no one hurt

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say no one was injured in a robbery at a Sioux Falls motel in which a shot was fired.

Authorities say four people went into a room at the Cloud 9 Motel shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday and demanded money from the room's occupants. One of the suspects was armed with a gun.

A shot was fired before the suspects fled from the scene. Police are continuing to investigate.

## Search suspended for Nebraska man missing in South Dakota

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have suspended the search for a Nebraska man missing for nearly a month in Badlands National Park in southwestern South Dakota.

Thirty-nine-year-old Joshua Jacobsen, of Laurel, Nebraska, is believed to have entered the park on July 12. His vehicle was found in a campground on July 17.

Dozens of officials from several agencies including the South Dakota National Guard have since searched for Jacobsen in a helicopter and on the ground, using dogs.

Chief Ranger Casey Osback says no signs of Jacobsen have been found. He says the search has been suspended but the investigation remains open.

## South Dakota chief justice elected head of 2 national groups

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Chief Justice David Gilbertson has been elected president of the Conference of Chief Justices and chairman of the National Center for State Courts.

The one-year positions became effective this week during meetings in Omaha, Nebraska. Gilbertson is the first chief justice from South Dakota to be selected.

The Conference of Chief Justices develops policies and educational programs aimed at improving court operations. It also represents state courts before Congress and federal executive agencies.

The National Center for State Courts provides education, training, technology, management and research services to state courts.

Gilbertson was first elected South Dakota's chief justice in 2001. He's serving his fourth term and is the longest-serving chief justice in state history.

## 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. DEBRIS OF MISSING FLIGHT 370 MAY STILL BE AFLOAT

"I'm certain other bits floated. But whether they've washed up anywhere is another question," says John Page, an aircraft design expert at the University of New South Wales in Australia.

### 2. HOW OBAMA INTENDS TO CAST IRAN VOTE

In a speech Wednesday at American University, the president will argue that the congressional decision on the nuclear deal is the nation's most consequential foreign policy debate since the authorization of the Iraq war.

### 3. WHOSE CAMPAIGN PROMISE FAILS SCRUTINY

Donald Trump vows to bring back the millions of American jobs lost to China and other foreign competitors, but economists say he wouldn't stand a chance in the face of global economic dynamics.

### 4. WHO'S SELECTED FOR FIRST GOP DEBATE

Trump, Bush and Walker will join seven other Republicans on the stage. Perry, Santorum and Fiorina are

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among those who didn't make the cut.

## 5. CHINESE OFFICIALS CRACK DOWN ON CROSSES

The move triggers outrage even from semi-official Christian organizations formed to ensure Communist Party control.

## 6. BLAZE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REMAINS A THREAT

More than 13,000 people are required or urged to leave their homes, vacation cabins and campsites.

## 7. EGYPT TO UNVEIL SUEZ CANAL EXTENSION

The mega-project emerges as a cornerstone of President el-Sissi's efforts to restore national pride and revive the economy, harking back to President Nasser's post-colonial push in the 1950s.

## 8. HALF OF BLACKS SAY TREATED UNFAIRLY BY POLICE

A majority of African-Americans in the United States — more than 3 out of 5 — say their race is the reason why, an AP-NORC poll suggests.

## 9. STAND-ALONE GADGETS TRUMP ALL-IN-ONE DEVICES

There are times a stand-alone iPod works better than a jack-of-all-trades like a smartphone.

## 10. BOSTON MAYOR WANTS BAN ON CHEWING TOBACCO AT BALLPARKS

"Our baseball parks are places for creating healthy futures, and this ordinance is about doing the right thing as a community for our young people," Martin J. Walsh says.

## AP News in Brief

### Obama to cast Iran vote in Congress as most important foreign policy debate since Iraq war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is casting a looming congressional vote on the Iran nuclear deal as the nation's most consequential foreign policy debate since the authorization of the Iraq war, a now unpopular decision that still reverberates through American politics.

In a bid to discredit criticism of the deal, Obama will also argue in a speech Wednesday at American University that the people who supported the Iraq war now oppose the diplomatic deal with Iran.

The backdrop for Obama's speech is meant to link the nuclear accord to a long tradition of American diplomacy, often conducted with unfriendly nations. He'll speak at the same university where President John F. Kennedy made a famous call for Cold War diplomacy and nuclear disarmament. His address also coincides with the anniversary of the nuclear test ban treaty, the landmark 1963 agreement Kennedy and leaders from the Soviet Union and Britain finalized shortly after the president's well-known speech.

The White House has encouraged comparisons between Kennedy's treaty with the Soviets and Obama's nuclear accord with Iran. Spokesman Josh Earnest said both diplomatic deals underscore "the effectiveness of principled, smart, tough diplomacy, even with our adversaries, to advance the national security interests of the United States."

Obama's address is part of an intense summer lobbying campaign by both supporters and opponents of the nuclear deal. Congressional lawmakers will vote next month on a resolution either approving or disapproving of the pact.

### Experts say pieces of missing Flight 370 may still be afloat, but finding them is tough part

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — If a wing fragment found in the western Indian Ocean turns out to be part of missing Flight 370, experts say, there are probably other pieces of the aircraft that floated off rather than sinking to the bottom of the ocean. Finding them remains the hard part.

John Page, an aircraft design expert at the University of New South Wales in Australia, said the discovery of the fragment last week on Reunion Island leads him to conclude the missing Boeing 777 broke up, most likely when it hit the water nearly 17 months ago.

He said that while the main body of the plane is likely to have sunk, he thinks other small, lightweight parts attached to the wings and tail may have floated free and could still be afloat — pieces like the flaps, elevators, ailerons and rudders.

"I'm certain other bits floated," he said. "But whether they've washed up anywhere is another question. The chances of hitting an island are pretty low."

He said there's plenty of trash in the ocean, and even if somebody sailing past spotted something in the water, he or she may have no clue it was from the plane.

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## **Retake millions of jobs from China? Unlikely: Trump's deal-making no match for economic forces**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump vows to bring back the millions of American jobs lost to China and other foreign competitors if voters put him in the White House.

Economists say he wouldn't stand a chance: Trump's boundless self-confidence is no match for the global economic forces that took those jobs away.

Since the beginning of 2000, the U.S. economy has lost 5 million manufacturing jobs. A study published last year by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that between 2 million and 2.4 million jobs were lost to competition from China from 1999 to 2011.

Announcing his presidential bid June 16, Trump declared: "I'll bring back our jobs from China, from Mexico, from Japan, from so many places. I'll bring back our jobs, and I'll bring back our money."

Economists were unimpressed. "It's completely implausible," says former Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist who has studied the offshoring of American jobs.

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## **Chinese officials crack down on crosses, alienating even state-sanctioned Christian groups**

LOWER DAFEI VILLAGE, China (AP) — About a dozen Catholics wept and sang hymns outside their church as a man climbed to the top of the building and sliced off its steel cross with a cutting torch. It toppled with a thud.

"Aren't you ashamed of what you have done?" a teary woman yelled at the more than 100 security guards, who along with police and government workers kept the parishioners of Lower Dafei Catholic Church from protecting the symbol of their faith. The guards, who stood with shields and batons in the sun for nearly two hours, looked indifferent.

"Doesn't the government give us the right to religious freedom? Why are they taking down our symbol without any explanation?" another parishioner said hours earlier, as government workers arrived to build the scaffolding to reach the cross.

"We have violated no law. We do not oppose the government," said the parishioner, who gave his name only as Chen for fear of retaliation from authorities. "We have been good, law-abiding citizens."

Authorities in southeastern Zhejiang province are believed to be under a two-month deadline to remove crosses from the spires, vaults, roofs and wall arches of the 4,000 or so churches that dot the landscape of this economically thriving region.

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## **Crews report progress against California fire that has burned across 100 square miles of land**

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters are reporting some progress against a Northern California wildfire that has charred more than 100 square miles of terrain, destroying buildings, threatening many others and sending thousands of residents fleeing.

As firefighters and equipment from outside the state poured in to battle the blaze burning about 100 miles north of San Francisco, more than 13,000 people were required or urged to leave their homes, va-

cation cabins and campsites.

Firefighting officials said crews made some progress Tuesday with some help from light rain. The blaze was 20 percent contained, but it was not expected to be corralled until at least Monday.

Teams were able to build a buffer between the flames and some of the estimated 6,900 homes it threatens. Despite the fire's growth, no additional homes were consumed outside the two dozen already destroyed.

The fire, by far the largest of 11 burning in Northern California, started on July 29 in drought-withered brush that has not burned in years in the Lower Lake area. A cause has not been determined.

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## **Egypt prepares to unveil Suez Canal extension billed as start of new era after years of unrest**

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt is to unveil a major extension of the Suez Canal on Thursday, a mega-project that has emerged as a cornerstone of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's efforts to restore national pride and revive the economy after years of unrest.

The 1869 inauguration of the canal linking the Red Sea to the Mediterranean was hailed as a leap into the modern age, and President Gamal Abdel-Nasser's nationalization of the British and French-run waterway in 1956 was seen as marking Egypt's decisive break with its colonial past. That sparked the second of four wars with Israel, including a 1973 offensive launched across the canal that Egyptians celebrate as their greatest military victory.

The government hopes for another historic moment Thursday, when it unveils an \$8.5 billion extension of the waterway funded entirely by Egyptians, without foreign aid. The media and government supporters across the board have breathlessly repeated the same message — after four years of strife and the overthrow of two presidents, Egypt is back.

"Our culture can be very sentimental, and this was the first time Egyptians have been so galvanized," said Adel Beshai, professor of economics at the American University in Cairo. "It was a brilliant idea by el-Sissi — the Egyptians now own the canal."

He views the expansion as the first step in a new area of development, free of the public sector's notoriously crippling bureaucracy. The key global trade route is already one of Egypt's top foreign currency earners, and is run by a semi-independent authority with 25,000 employees that is considered one of the country's most competent bodies.

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## **At least 24 killed, 300 survive after trains derail on rain-flooded tracks in central India**

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two passenger trains jumped off slippery tracks on a bridge near a rain-swollen river in central India, killing at least 24 people as two coaches hurled through mud and rested on one side at an embankment, officials said Wednesday.

The Kamayani Express was on its way to Mumbai when it derailed late Tuesday night near the town of Harda in Madhya Pradesh state, while the Janata Express was traveling in the opposite direction when it slid off the tracks soon after.

The trains were crossing a small bridge near the Machak River, about 950 kilometers (590 miles) south of New Delhi. Another train had passed the same culvert 10 minutes before the first derailment without any problem, but then a flash flood caused part of the track to sink into the rain-soaked ground, said A.K. Mittal, a senior railway officer.

Six coaches from the Kamayani Express and the engine and four coaches from the Janata Express derailed just before midnight. Although rescue workers soon reached the site, they were slowed by darkness.

At least two coaches were partially submerged in the mud, said railway official Anil Saksena. While most people had been pulled to safety, rescue workers were still searching for passengers likely trapped.

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## **Paper: FBI investigating security of private email server, thumb drive used by Hillary Clinton**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is looking into the security of the private email server that Hillary Rodham Clinton used when she was secretary of state, The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

The newspaper also said the FBI has asked Clinton lawyer David Kendall about the security of a thumb drive, containing copies of Clinton's emails, that Kendall possesses.

The Post report cited two anonymous government officials, but said Kendall confirmed that the government was investigating the security of the devices.

Clinton's emails have been under scrutiny since it was revealed she used a private server in her Chappaqua, New York, home while she was the top U.S. diplomat. Government and congressional investigators have been trying to determine whether she sent or received classified information on unsecured email.

Last month, the inspector general of the U.S. intelligence community alerted the Justice Department about classified information included improperly on email that went through Clinton's home server. The referral to the Justice Department did not seek a criminal probe and did not specifically target Clinton.

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## **AP WAS THERE: Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalizes Suez Canal to build Aswan Dam**

CAIRO (AP) — EDITOR'S NOTE: In July 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal, marking Egypt's decisive break with its colonial past.

Before that, the canal, built in 1869 by French engineers, had largely been under British and French control. It served as a vital link to ship oil, as well as other goods between British colonies around the world. Nasser made the decision to nationalize the canal to help fund construction of the Aswan Dam, which was completed in 1970 to control the flow of the Nile River.

But Nasser's move angered France and England, and the two, with the help of Israel, invaded and took over the waterway. They ultimately withdrew under diplomatic pressure and Egypt was able to reopen it in March 1957.

Now, 59 years later, The Associated Press is making two stories about the nationalization of the Suez Canal available, along with historic photos of the passage, ahead of Egypt's unveiling of a major extension of the waterway.

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, August 5, the 217th day of 2015. There are 148 days left in the year.

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

On August 5, 1965, during the Vietnam War, "The CBS Evening News" sparked controversy as it aired a report by correspondent Morley Safer showing a group of U.S. Marines torching huts in the village of Cam Ne, considered a Viet Cong stronghold, using flamethrowers and Zippo cigarette lighters.

### **On this date:**

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, what's believed to be the first electric traffic light system was installed in Cleveland, Ohio, at the intersection of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue. Montenegro declared war on Austria-Hungary at the start of World War I.

In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" by Harold Gray made its debut.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

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In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as remaining prisoners taken during the Korean War were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1957, the teenage dance show "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its network debut on ABC-TV.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning." South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

In 1969, the U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

In 1974, the White House released transcripts of subpoenaed tape recordings showing that President Richard Nixon and his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, had discussed a plan in June 1972 to use the CIA to thwart the FBI's Watergate investigation; revelation of the tape sparked Nixon's resignation.

In 1984, actor Richard Burton died in Geneva, Switzerland, at age 58.

In 1994, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington chose Kenneth W. Starr to take over the Whitewater investigation from Robert Fiske.

**Ten years ago:** British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced new deportation measures against people who fostered hatred and advocated violence. The NCAA announced it would shut American Indian nicknames and images out of postseason tournaments. Hunter Kelly, whose battle with a nervous system disease inspired fundraising crusade by his father, Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly, died in Orchard Park, New York, at age eight.

**Five years ago:** The Senate confirmed Elena Kagan, 63-37, as the Supreme Court's 112th justice and the fourth woman in its history. BP finished pumping cement into the blown Deepwater Horizon oil well in the Gulf of Mexico. Thirty-three workers were trapped in a copper mine in northern Chile after a tunnel caved in (all were rescued after being entombed for 69 days). Ten members of a Christian medical team from the International Assistance Mission were gunned down in Afghanistan by unknown attackers.

**One year ago:** U.S. Maj. Gen. Harold Greene was shot to death near Kabul in one of the bloodiest insider attacks in the long Afghanistan war; the gunman, dressed as an Afghan soldier, turned on allied troops, wounding about 15, including a German general and two Afghan generals. American aid worker Nancy Writebol, infected with Ebola while in Liberia, arrived in Atlanta, joining Dr. Kent Brantly, a fellow patient being given an experimental treatment. (Both recovered.) Actress Marilyn Burns, 65, best known as the heroine of the 1974 horror classic "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," was found dead at her home in Houston. Former U.S. Surgeon General Jesse Steinfeld, 87, died in Pomona, California. The San Antonio Spurs hired WNBA star Becky Hammon as an assistant coach, making her the first woman to join an NBA coaching staff.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor John Saxon is 79. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Roman Gabriel is 75. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 75. Actress Loni Anderson is 70. Actress Erika Slezak is 69. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 68. Actress Holly Palance is 65. Singer Samantha Sang is 62. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 59. Rock musician Pat Smear is 56. Author David Baldacci is 55. Actress Tawney Kitaen is 54. Actress Janet McTeer is 54. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 54. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Patrick Ewing is 53. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 49. Country singer Terri Clark is 47. Retired MLB All-Star John Olerud is 47. Rock musician Eicca Toppinen (EYE'-kah TAH'-pihn-neh) (Apocalyptica) is 40. Actor Jesse Williams (TV: "Grey's Anatomy") is 35. Actor Brendon Ryan Barrett is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." - Gen. George S. Patton (1885-1945).