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## Thursday, August 13

**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, sherbet.

**Anniv:** Jonathan & Mandilyn Fliehs

**Birthdays:** Logan Nilsson • Sam Furman • Mike Weber • Ralph Merkel • Jennifer Neff • Dee Riley • Don Hepola

## Friday, August 14

**Senior Menu:** Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Doug Bahr • Tammy Voss • Jean Peterson • Annette Helm

6:30am: C&MA Men's Bible Study at Dairy Queen

## Saturday, August 15

**Anniv:** Craig & Jodi Sternhagen • Wayne & Marsha Wienk

**Birthdays:** Mary Fliehs • Margie Washnok • Becky Morris • Elizabeth Gustafson • Nichol Townsend

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

4:00pm: Girls Soccer at Garretson

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

## Sunday, August 16

**Birthdays:** • Jim Jones • Nate Gellhaus • Rose Tewksbury • Jennie Doeden • Merle Harder • Marc Rossow

**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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## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 35th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

### Travis Traphagen

**JobWise what are you doing today?** Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Sioux Falls

**How long have you been working at the current job?** Will be starting my 8th year

**How did you get your current job?** Worked my way up from an Asst coach at Wayne State, Augustana and Know SF

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** Wayne State 2 years and Augustana 6 years

**What year did you graduate from high school?** Groton HS

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** NSU 1 year, Black Hills State 3 years, Degree: Business Administration

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Nothing comes easy anymore. You need to work hard if you want to achieve your goals

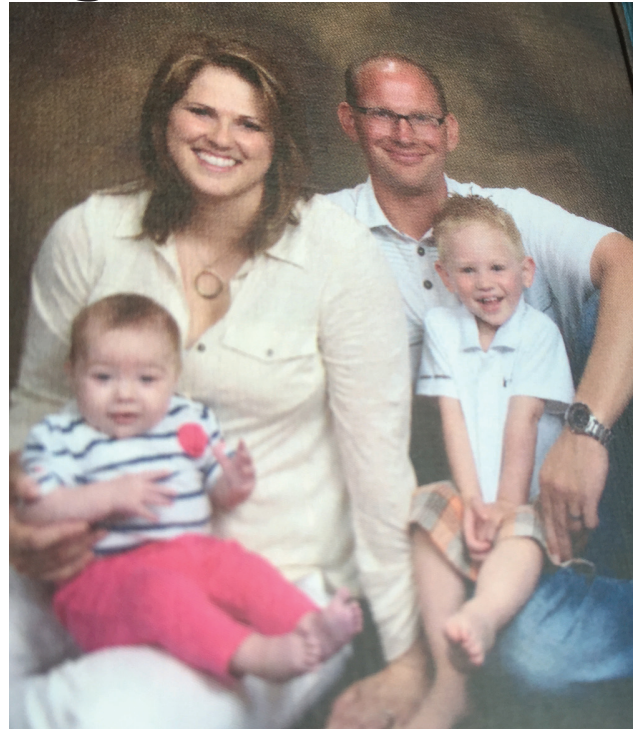
**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** I have a beautiful family with 2 children and a dog!! We are expecting 1 more child in September

**Your wife:** Ann Traphagen (previous Konnechne) Kimball, SD

**How did the two of you meet?** We were both basketball coaches and we new each other when she played at Tech in college and I played at BHSU

**Do you have any children?** Grayson 3 years old and Rylie 1 year old

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** For sure. College taught me how to work hard, balance my time between academics, athletics, and socially. I wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for my time in college. It allowed me to grow as a person



**Ann and Travis Traphagen in back.  
Rylie and Grayson in front**

## Public Universities Seek Tuition Freeze for Coming Year

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents wants to freeze in-state students' tuition for the coming year, with an ultimate goal of bringing the ratio of funding from students and state government back to 50-50 over three years. A \$4.7 million budget request for next year will be forwarded to Gov. Dennis Daugaard to prevent more higher education cost shifting to students, regents said.

In 2014, the public university system received extra funding to hold the line on state-supported tuition and mandatory fees for resident students, as well as program and delivery fees. While a similar request was made in 2015, the governor and legislators did not fund it. "Our goal is clear," said Regents President Randy Schaefer. "An investment in keeping tuition affordable for resident students provides a huge economic return to the state. It means we can educate a more highly skilled workforce to attract high-tech business and industry, build a stronger tax base, and create a better quality of life in South Dakota."

In addition, the regents will request state investments to address deferred maintenance on academic buildings, increase need-based scholarship support, restructure tuition and fees to give National Guard members a bigger tuition reduction, and support new math initiatives to help students succeed in college.

Other ongoing requests seek financial support for new initiatives to move campus research-initiated inventions into the marketplace and create a Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at the University of South Dakota to educate health care and human services professionals about child sexual abuse. The center is a priority for a state-appointed group known as Jolene's Law Task Force.

The budget request overall seeks \$14.2 million in new and ongoing state resources linked to specific priorities of the six public universities and two special schools. The regents have asked Gov. Daugaard to make a tuition freeze for resident students the highest priority when he puts together a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

The board also identified \$14.2 million in one-time budget requests. Those priorities are to create a matching fund for capital construction projects, replace routing equipment for a high-speed telecommunications network that links South Dakota researchers to their colleagues across the globe, and to purchase high-priority research equipment and help support industry-sponsored research on the campuses.

## GFP Asks Anglers to Report Tagged Salmon on Lake Oahe

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) wants to know how stocking salmon in different locations improves their survival. Anglers can help GFP gather information and be entered to win \$100.

GFP is encouraging anglers to turn in heads of tagged Chinook salmon caught on Lake Oahe and the Oahe tail waters.

"Research projects are currently underway to evaluate salmon on Lake Oahe," said GFP fisheries biologist Robert Hanten. "Having anglers who report tagged salmon that they caught is a critical component of the research process."

According to Hanten, thousands of specially-tagged Chinook salmon have been stocked in Lake Oahe. A small, coded-wire tag, only a millimeter long and the diameter of human hair, was implanted in these fish. Although tags cannot be seen by anglers, tagged fish can be identified by the absence of a tiny fin on their back.

"Salmon have a small fleshy-lobed adipose fin directly in front of their tail, but this fin is removed as part of the tagging process," Hanten said.

If anglers catch a salmon missing the adipose fin, Hanten asks that they turn in the fresh or frozen head of that salmon at any of these locations: GFP Fort Pierre District Office, Oahe Marina, Spring Creek Resort and Deep Water Marina, Carl's Bait Shop or West Whitlock Recreation Area.

Information on where and when a salmon was caught along with the angler's address and phone number must be included when submitting salmon heads. In addition, a coded-wire tag must be found in the head of the fish to be entered in the cash drawing.

Ten \$100 rewards will be issued each calendar year with a maximum of three rewards per person, per year. The annual drawing for winners of the \$100 prizes is held by Jan. 1.

For more information, visit: [gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/salmon-tags.aspx](http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/salmon-tags.aspx),

Fort Pierre District Office, 20641 SD Hwy 1806, Fort Pierre, SD 57532 or call 605.223.7681.

## Today in Weather History

1831 - A blue sun was widely observed in the southern states. The phenomena was believed to have pre-staged Nat Turner's slave uprising. (David Ludlum)

1919 - High winds and heavy rain struck the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. In New Jersey, winds gusted to 60 mph at Atlantic City, and nine inches of rain fell at Tuckerton. The wind and rain leveled crops and stripped trees of fruit causing several million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1980 - The afternoon high at New York City was just 89 degrees. But there were fifteen days of 90 degree heat during the month, their hottest August of record. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Hail larger than golf balls, driven by 70 mph winds, moved down crops, stripped trees, and broke windows, near Logan KS. Road graders cleared three foot drifts of hail on Kansas Highway 9 east of Logan. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms deluged the Central Gulf Coast States with torrential rains. Thunderstorms in Mississippi drenched Marion County with up to 15 inches of rain during the morning hours, with 12.2 inches reported at Columbia. Floodwaters swept cars away in the Lakeview subdivision of Columbia when the the Lakeview Dam broke. Flash flooding caused more than three million dollars damage in Marion County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A dozen cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Lansing MI reported a record 35 days of 90 degree weather for the year, Detroit MI reported a record 37 days of 90 degree heat for the year, and Williamsport PA reported a record 38 days of 90 degree weather for the year. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing in a tropical airmass over the northeastern U.S. soaked Connecticut and Massachusetts with four to eight inches of rain over the weekend, between the 11th and 13th of the month. Hartford CT received 7.70 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Hot	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Hot	Mostly Clear	Hot
High: 92 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 91 °F



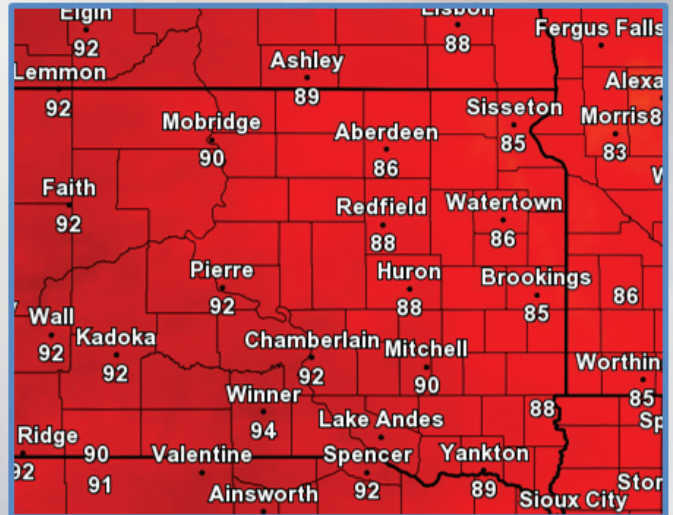
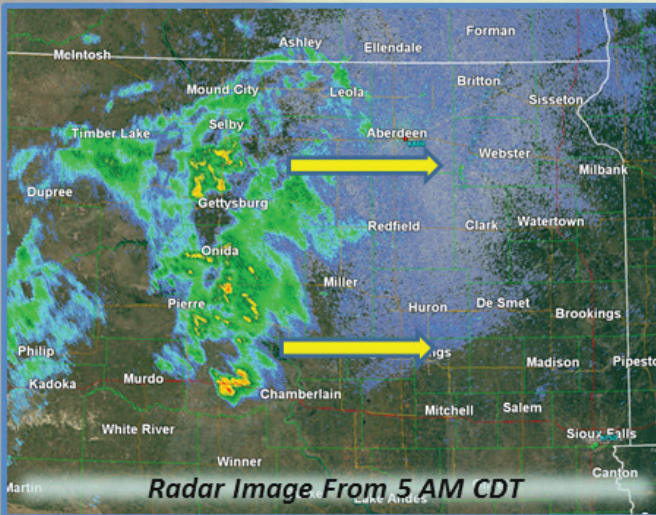
## Showers & T'Storms, Hot Temps

### Storms

Scattered showers & thunderstorms will move from west to east across the region this morning and afternoon

### Temps

Temperatures will again be in the upper 80s and low 90s across the region today



## National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 8/13/2015 5:14 AM Central

Published on: 08/13/2015 at 5:17AM

Showers and thunderstorms will move from west to east across the region this morning and into the afternoon hours. Severe storms are not anticipated, although an isolated stronger storm is possible across parts of northeast South Dakota late in the afternoon. Otherwise, expect hot temperatures through the end of the workweek and into the weekend.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 90.6 at 5:09 PM

**Low:** 64.7 at 3:44 AM

**High Gust:** 29 at 4:31 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 112° in 1965

**Record Low:** 35° in 1964

**Average High:** 83°F

**Average Low:** 57°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 1.02

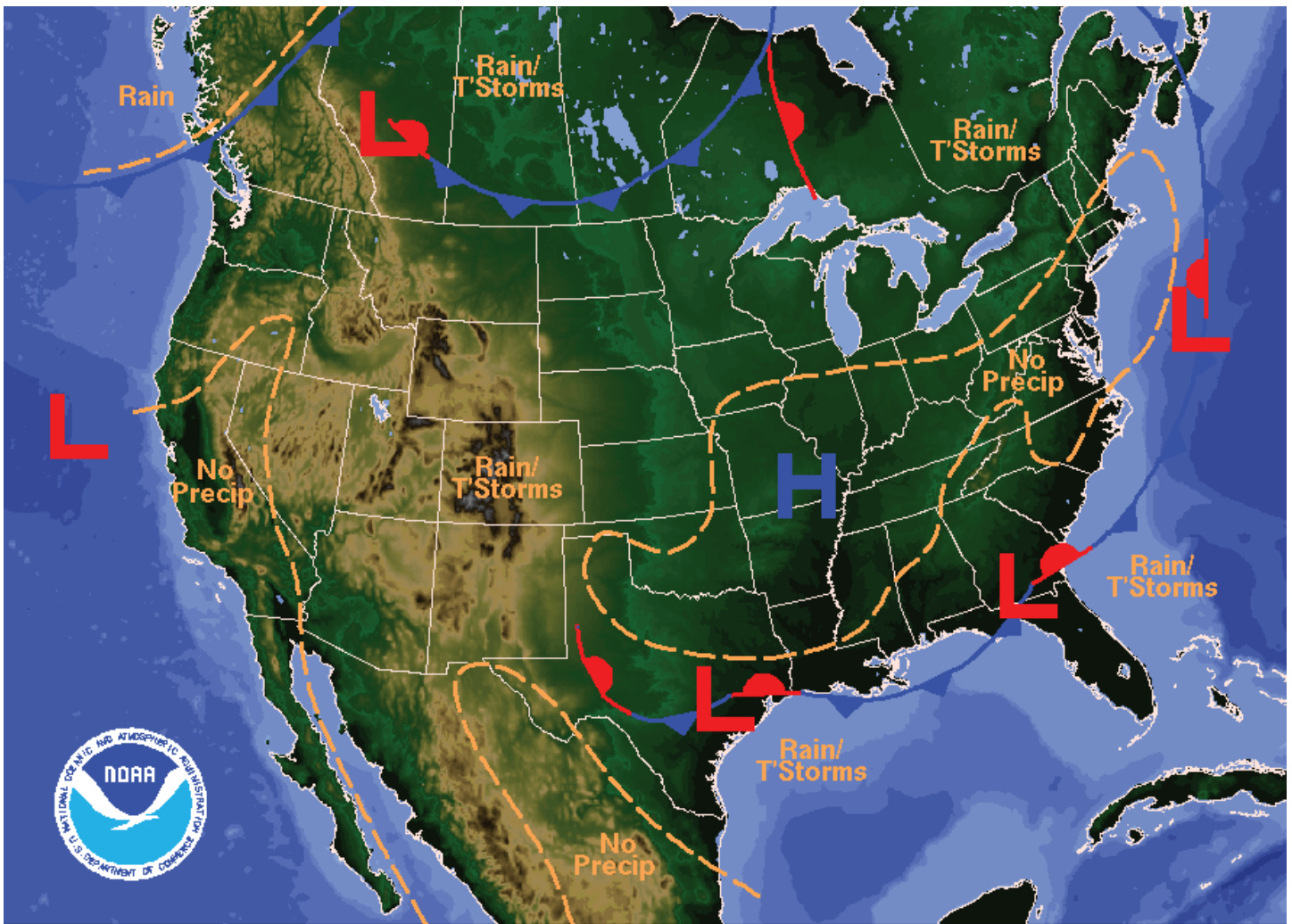
**Precip to date in Aug:** 2.22

**Average Precip to date:** 14.88

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.79

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:44 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:32 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Aug 13, 2015, issued 4:15 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## KNOWING AND DOING

In 1927 many businesses had difficulties that forced them to close. One was an insurance company in Savannah, Georgia. There were more than 500 stockholders who lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The owner, a man named Mercer and his son, promised to repay each one of them.

Twenty eight years later the final debt was paid. Even though the father had died, the son paid each debt in full.

The son had become a famous songwriter and it was one of the songs he wrote that enabled him to pay the debts. The songwriter was Johnny Mercer and the song was "Accentuate the Positive."

Choosing to do the right thing is often difficult, sometimes painful. There are times when it may mean the loss of money or some valued object. It may even cost a friendship with someone who is destroying our walk with the Lord. It may mean giving up a job that would cause us to compromise our honor. Honoring God always forces us to choose to do what He has asked us to do: obey His teachings. Knowing what is right is rarely the problem. Doing what is right, however, is. However, greater is He who is within us than he who is in the world.

**Prayer:** Lord, may we always honor You by honoring our word and living open and honest lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 1 Chronicles 29:17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness.

## News from the Associated Press

### **South Dakota corn, soybean crops to be smaller this year**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The latest estimates from the federal Agriculture Department predict smaller corn and soybean crops in South Dakota this year.

Corn production is forecast at 760 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2014. Soybean production is pegged at 228 million bushels, down 1 percent from last year's record

Winter wheat is forecast to be down 32 percent, to 40.3 million bushels.

Production of spring wheat and dry beans also is expected to be down in the state. But production increases are forecast for oats, sorghum and alfalfa hay.

### **Sioux Falls cab driver reports being robbed at gunpoint**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating a taxi cab driver's report of being robbed at gunpoint.

Authorities say the driver reported that a male got into his cab about 1 a.m. Thursday, put a semi-automatic handgun to his neck and demanded money. The driver said he gave an undetermined amount of cash to the suspect, who then fled on foot.

The driver wasn't hurt.

### **Annual women's business conference to be held in Deadwood**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity at Black Hills State University is hosting this year's annual Women's Business Conference in Deadwood.

The center said Wednesday that the conference is set to be held in late October.

This year's featured speaker at the conference JJ DiGeronimo, who is president of Purposeful Woman and Tech Savvy Women.

Those organizations connect, celebrate and empower women.

Rapid City Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Linda Rabe is also expected to make a presentation.

South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity CEO Helen Merriman says the conference the organization's signature event each year.

### **Patrol, tribal police work together at Dakota Nation powwow**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Troopers from the South Dakota Highway Patrol are working with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe again this year to help provide additional law enforcement for the Dakota Nation powwow this weekend.

This is the third year the Highway Patrol has been invited by the tribe to work with tribal officers during the powwow. Troopers, some of whom have drug detection dogs, will assist tribal officers during the event that runs from Aug. 14 to Aug. 16.

The tribe and the state have signed a memorandum of understanding for the operation.

Troopers involved in the operation will be sworn in Thursday after a training and orientation program.

Highway Patrol superintendent Col. Craig Price says all troopers involved volunteer for the assignment.

### **Suspect found in throat slashing of pregnant St. Paul woman**

MILBANK, S.D. (AP) — Police say a 30-year-old man accused of slashing his pregnant girlfriend's throat in St. Paul has been found in northeastern South Dakota.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press (<http://bit.ly/1MIHf2y>) reports Steven Gutierrez was charged Aug. 5 with attempted murder and first-degree assault in the July 31 attack. Boyd VanVooren, the police chief in Milbank,



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South Dakota, says Gutierrez was arrested Wednesday at a woman's apartment in the city.

A criminal complaint says Gutierrez's girlfriend was found "in a pool of blood" in the couple's home and needed life-saving surgery. Authorities say the 24-year-old St. Paul woman is about 12 weeks pregnant with Gutierrez's child.

Gutierrez was being held Wednesday in South Dakota. It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney.

## Regents want governor to freeze tuition for college students

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents is asking the governor to freeze tuition for in-state college students in the coming year.

The regents voted Wednesday to ask Gov. Dennis Daugaard for \$4.7 million to prevent the cost of higher education from further shifting onto students. Their hope is that they can bring the funding ratio between students and the state back to even over three years.

The overall budget asks for \$14.2 million more for new and ongoing funding for the state's six public universities and two special schools. The board is also seeking \$14.2 million in one-time spending.

The regents are asking Daugaard to make a tuition freeze for resident students the highest priority when he puts together his recommended budget for fiscal year 2017.

## Operative pushing victims' rights constitutional amendment

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An experienced Republican political operative is pushing a ballot measure to expand the rights of crime victims during court proceedings and criminal trials and enshrine those rights in the South Dakota Constitution.

Jason Glodt, who has worked on South Dakota political campaigns for two decades, said Wednesday that the amendment is necessary because crime victims in South Dakota deserve rights equal to offenders in the criminal justice system. Supporters of the measure must secure nearly 28,000 signatures by Nov. 9 to get the proposed amendment on the 2016 ballot.

Glodt is state director of the political organization that's pushing the measure patterned after "Marsy's Law," which California voters approved in 2008 after the murder of college student Marsalee Nicholas. Nearly 80 percent of Illinois voters approved a "Marsy's Law" amendment to the state Constitution in 2014.

He said the proposal guarantees that a victim can be present in court and ensures victims are heard in all stages of criminal proceedings including plea agreements, which otherwise might be offered without their consultation.

The amendment would also guarantee for crime victims that an offender's trial would occur without unreasonable delay, he said. And the proposal would ensure victims are first in line for restitution from an offender ahead of the government, which might pursue costs such as court fees.

Solidifying those rights in the state Constitution also means that they could only be altered by a vote of the people, he said.

"It's very important to send the message that victims and their families should have a voice in the process," said Krista Heeren-Graber, executive director of the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault.

Attorney general Marty Jackley, who is required by law to offer an explanation of the proposed amendment, said current South Dakota statutes provide rights to crime victims. But Jackley said the amendment "clarifies and expands" rights for victims and places them in the state Constitution.

## Regents give SDSU green light to develop new ag major

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved a request from South Dakota State University to develop plans for an undergraduate agricultural degree that officials say isn't offered anywhere else in the country.

The regents gave SDSU the green light Tuesday to start developing plans for an undergraduate degree

in precision agriculture.

University officials say the program would prepare students for careers involving diverse work in agronomy, agricultural machinery management and data sciences.

In their planning request, SDSU officials say precision agriculture is a "quickly growing field," but add that no other university currently offers the major.

SDSU officials will return to the regents later for official approval of the B.S. degree in precision agriculture. If approved, the university estimates it will graduate about a dozen students a year.

## **AG: State law prohibits exchanging gifts for signatures**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Attorney General is reminding the public that state law prohibits gifts or promises in exchange for signing initiative petitions.

So far, the Secretary of State's office has approved five initiated ballot measures and three initiated constitutional amendments for circulation.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says under South Dakota law it's illegal to exchange signature petitions for gifts, promise or loans.

Jackley says the state's former attorneys general have issued similar cautionary statements in past election cycles.

Groups collecting signatures for initiated measures, which would change state law, have until Nov. 9 to collect at least 13,871 signatures.

Those wanting to put a constitutional amendment onto the 2016 ballot must collect at least 27,741 signatures by Nov. 9.

## **AG: Deputy justified in using lethal force in Salem shooting**

SALEM, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says a sheriff's deputy who shot a drunken bar patron in southeastern South Dakota last month was justified in using lethal force.

Jackley says the state Division of Criminal Investigation looked into whether McCook County sheriff's deputy Randy Schwader was justified in shooting Cornelius Milk on July 19 in Salem.

Schwader shot the 38-year-old Milk after deputies responded to a call from the Brewery Bar about an unruly man.

Schwader told investigators he feared that Milk would run him over with his vehicle, so he fired into the vehicle's hood. Schwader says he saw Milk reach for something in his car and believed Milk was going to shoot him.

Schwader then fired at milk. He fired 12 times in all, striking Milk seven times.

## **4 arrested for sex trafficking crimes at Sturgis Rally**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Investigations into sex trafficking at this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally resulted in felony charges against men from four states.

The investigation was handled by the state Division of Criminal Investigation and the South Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Authorities arrested a 44-year-old man from South Dakota, a 35-year-old man from Nebraska, a 27-year-old man from Nevada and a 21-year-old man from Iowa. They all could face 10 years in prison if convicted.

## **CHS Inc. pulls plug on planned \$3 billion fertilizer plant**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Minnesota-based CHS Inc. said Wednesday it will not move forward with a planned \$3 billion fertilizer plant in southeastern North Dakota.

The farmer-owned cooperative instead is buying a minority interest in CF Industries Nitrogen LLC for \$2.8 billion. The deal includes a supply agreement under which CHS can buy up to 1.7 million tons of

fertilizer annually.

"Entering nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing through the purchase of a minority ownership in CF Nitrogen is the single-largest investment in CHS history," CHS President and CEO Carl Casale said in a statement. "This positions CHS and our owners for long-term dependable fertilizer supply, supply chain efficiency and economic value."

Plans for the fertilizer plant near Spiritwood had been in the works for more than three years. CHS Inc., based in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, announced about a year ago that its board of directors had given final approval for the factory, with plans to use abundant natural gas from the western North Dakota oil patch as a feedstock.

CHS said at the time that it would be the largest project in its history and the biggest single private sector investment in North Dakota. The plant was to begin operating in 2018, employing up to 180 workers and supplying fertilizer to farmers and agricultural products retailers in North Dakota and the surrounding states.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple and other officials at the time lauded the decision as good news for farmers and the state's energy industry.

"Of course we're disappointed that CHS has decided not to go forward with the fertilizer project," Dalrymple spokesman Jeff Zent told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "But we also understand that in business, all investments have to prove themselves financially, and sometimes, inevitably, some projects do not move forward."

Casale said Wednesday that investing in CF Nitrogen will provide more immediate benefits to CHS owners and customers than a four-year plant construction window.

"Ultimately, we determined that the construction cost, water supply challenges, overall risk profile and time required for the Spiritwood project had changed significantly since it was first considered," he said. "As a result, we concluded we couldn't achieve the level of returns needed to justify the increased costs and risks."

North Dakota Farmers Union President Mark Watne said he was disappointed the plant wouldn't be built but happy about the deal between CHS and CF Nitrogen.

"This step will ultimately help producers and will allow CHS to get their products to patrons on a timely basis," he said.

## **Governor's plan for Capitol-area park draws criticism**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Dozens of people oppose Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to change the look of Hilger's Gulch park in South Dakota's capital.

The Pierre park has a mile-long lighted walking trail, flower gardens and a scenic view of the Capitol building. Daugaard last month announced an initiative to replace Kentucky bluegrass with native grasses, trees and shrubs. The move will require less maintenance, reduce the use of chemical herbicides and save the state money, he said.

About 40 people criticized the plan during an hour-long meeting in Pierre on Tuesday, saying they like the park as it is and that changing it to a more native landscape also could attract pests such as snakes and skunks, the Capital Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1IG39ej>).

"People are passionate about this issue and really felt like they wanted to be heard," said Laura Schoen Carbonneau, who lives near the park and is leading opposition.

Recently retired state Bureau of Administration Commissioner Paul Kinsman attended the meeting to help explain Daugaard's proposal. He said Daugaard might be receptive to a suggested smaller pilot project as a compromise but that the governor is committed to change in the park.

"If we say, 'We just want the Gulch the way it's been' ... that's not going to fly," Kinsman said.

The park is named for John D. Hilger, one of Pierre's founders. He came from Bismarck, North Dakota, in 1880 and pushed for the city to be named for a famous French fur trader.

## Jackley explains proposed elections constitutional amendment

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley has released an explanation for a proposed constitutional amendment dealing with elections. <http://atg.sd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=4iP1eFfktCk%3d&tabid=442>

The amendment would establish nonpartisan elections in South Dakota. Candidates would not be identified by party affiliation on either the primary or general election ballot. It would not apply to elections for U.S. president.

The amendment also would require secret ballot elections for certain legislative officers.

Jackley's explanation is required by law. His filing with the secretary of state's office is another step in the process for proposal supporters to get the proposals on the November 2016 ballot.

Once they file required paperwork with the secretary of state's office, supporters can begin pursuing the necessary 27,741 signatures by Nov. 9.

## 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. DEATH TOLL IN NORTHEASTERN CHINA CLIMBS TO AT LEAST 44

Hundreds are injured in the port city of Tianjin after blasts at a warehouse for dangerous materials sent up massive fireballs, turning the night sky into day.

#### 2. TRUCK BOMB IN BAGHDAD MARKET KILLS 62

Islamic State Sunni extremists claim responsibility for the explosion which wounded at least 125 people in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood. IRAQ

#### 3. WHO NABS CARGO SHIP LOADED WITH SLAVE-CAUGHT FISH

The Indonesian navy seizes it and brings to shore after an AP report alerted authorities about its presence in the country's waters.

#### 4. FAIR TIME IN IOWA

A presidential candidate's visit to the Iowa State Fair may be the purest distillation of the campaign experience in the state that starts the voting in the race for the White House.

#### 5. WHY U.S. LAWMAKERS SLAM CHINA CURRENCY DROP

They see it as damaging for American businesses and workers, but the Obama administration takes a more sanguine approach.

#### 6. JIMMY CARTER SAYS HE HAS CANCER

Determining what treatment to pursue for the former president's tumor will depend on its type, its origin and other factors, doctors say.

#### 7. EXPERTS SEE LONG-TERM RISKS FROM COLORADO MINE SPILL

It will almost certainly cost untold millions in economic disruption and environmental damage in three states — to rafting companies, Native American farmers and municipal water systems.

#### 8. U.S. CULTURE ALREADY WIDESPREAD IN CUBA

Cuban music, literature and fashion are steeped in American influence that has survived a half-century of official hostility.

#### 9. WHAT JAPANESE WORLD OF SUSHI CHEFS HIGHLIGHTS

The almost exclusively male domain betrays a gender gap based on stereotypes and belief women's warmer body temperature leads to inferior taste.

#### 10. SAN FRANCISCO TRIES TO FIGHT PUBLIC URINATION

The city paints nine walls with a repellent paint that makes urine spray back on the offender.

## AP News in Brief

### **At least 44 dead, hundreds injured as huge warehouse blasts strike Chinese port of Tianjin**

TIANJIN, China (AP) — Huge explosions in a warehouse district sent up massive fireballs that turned the night sky into day, killing at least 44 people and injuring hundreds in the Chinese port city of Tianjin, officials and witnesses said Thursday.

Twelve of the dead were from among the more than 1,000 firefighters sent to fight the blaze set off by the explosions shortly before midnight, the Tianjin municipal government said. It said 520 people were being treated in hospitals, 66 of them with serious injuries. It gave no figure for the missing.

The blasts, originating at a warehouse for hazardous material, turned buildings in the immediate vicinity into charred, skeletal shells while shattering windows up to several kilometers (miles) away.

"I thought it was an earthquake, so I rushed downstairs without my shoes on," said Tianjin resident Zhang Siyu, whose home is several kilometers from the blast site. "Only once I was outside did I realize it was an explosion. There was the huge fireball in the sky with thick clouds. Everybody could see it."

Zhang said she could see wounded people weeping. She said she did not see anyone who had been killed, but "I could feel death."

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### **Massive truck bomb at Baghdad market kills 62, wounds 125; Islamic State claims responsibility**

BAGHDAD (AP) — A massive truck bomb ripped through a popular Baghdad food market in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood early Thursday morning, killing at least 62 people, police officials said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the blast, saying it targeted a gathering place of Shiites and vowed more attacks.

The truck detonated in the Jameela market in the Iraqi capital's crowded Sadr City neighborhood shortly after dawn, according to two local police officers. They also said that at least 125 people were wounded in the attack. The market is the main center for produce and food sales in the Iraqi capital.

Residents of the Shiite community rushed to help the victims, carrying corpses in garbage bags and blankets, and sent the wounded to local hospitals in ambulances or personal cars. The blast incinerated much of the market, leaving charred wooden market stalls and scattering fruits and vegetables far around it.

Fire trucks and ambulances were at the scene and fire men were dousing the still-smoldering complex with water long after the explosion.

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### **A look at the deadliest attacks to strike Iraq since the 2011 US troop pullout**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Here is a look at the deadliest attacks in Iraq since the withdrawal of U.S. troops on Dec. 18, 2011:

— Dec. 22, 2011: Attackers hit markets, cafes and government buildings in mostly Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, killing 69 people.

— Jan. 5, 2012: Coordinated bombings target Shiite Muslims, killing 78 people in Baghdad and near the southern city of Nasiriyah, just days before a Shiite holy day.

— Jan. 14, 2012: A bomb tears through a procession of Shiite pilgrims in southern Iraq, killing at least 53 people.

— Feb. 23, 2012: Attackers kill at least 55 people as car bombs go off near an elementary school in the town of Musayyib, a restaurant in a Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad and various checkpoints and secure areas.

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## **AP satellite tracking helps Indonesian navy find, seize Thai ship carrying slave-caught fish**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A massive refrigerated cargo ship believed to be loaded with slave-caught fish was seized by Indonesia's navy and brought to shore after The Associated Press informed authorities that it had entered the country's waters, officials said Thursday.

The Thai-owned Silver Sea 2 was located late Wednesday and escorted about 80 miles (130 kilometers) to a naval base in Sabang on the Indonesian archipelago's northwestern tip, said Col. Sujatmiko, the local naval chief.

The AP used a satellite beacon signal to trace its path from Papua New Guinea waters, where it was also being sought, into neighboring Indonesia. The navy then spent a week trying to catch it. The ship was close to leaving Indonesian waters by the time it was finally seized.

"I'm so overwhelmed with happiness," said Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti. "It was almost impossible, but we did it."

The Silver Sea 2 is the same 2,285-ton vessel captured in a high-resolution satellite photo last month in Papua New Guinea showing its hold open and two fishing trawlers tethered to each side, loading fish. The smaller wooden vessels were identified by analysts as the ones that fled a remote Indonesian island earlier this year, crewed by enslaved men from poor Southeast Asian countries who are routinely beaten and forced to work nearly nonstop with little or no pay.

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## **Fair time in Iowa! Corndogs, a butter cow and a chance to heckle those who would be president**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Sampling the pork chop on a stick. Snapping a selfie with the butter cow. Taking questions about foreign policy from hecklers.

For those who would be president, a visit to the Iowa State Fair may be the purest distillation of the campaign experience in the state that starts the voting in the race for the White House.

The 10-day event starts Thursday and most of the 2016 hopefuls will pass through, pausing to chomp on deep-fried snack foods, visit with locals out for a day of fun and spending some time on the political "soapbox" to talk with voters.

If all goes well, the fair provides an opportunity for candid interaction with voters and shows off a side not often seen on TV. People fondly remember Barack Obama's ride on the bumper cars with his family in 2007.

But in the increasingly stage-managed world of presidential politics, awkward moments and ill-timed soundbites can flow from this unscripted setting.

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## **Multiple factors will dictate former US President Jimmy Carter's cancer treatment, doctors say**

ATLANTA (AP) — Determining what treatment to pursue for former President Jimmy Carter's cancer will depend on its type, its origin and factors such as age and health, doctors said.

Carter, 90, announced Wednesday that recent liver surgery found cancer that has spread to other parts of his body.

"I will be rearranging my schedule as necessary so I can undergo treatment by physicians at Emory Healthcare," Carter said in the statement released by the Carter Center in Atlanta.

The statement indicates that the 39th president's cancer is widespread but not where it originated, or even whether that is known at this point. The liver is often a place where cancer spreads and less commonly is the primary source of it.

Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said "there's a lot we don't know," but the first task likely will be determining where the cancer originated, which can help de-

termine what treatment Carter may be eligible for. Sometimes the primary site can't be determined, so genetic analysis of the tumor might be done to see what mutations are driving it and what drugs might target those mutations.

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## **US lawmakers criticize China on currency depreciation, reviving old source of tension**

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. lawmakers have been quick to condemn the sudden drop in the value of Chinese currency as damaging for American businesses and workers, reviving an issue that was once one of the biggest sources of tension between the two world powers.

Yet the initial response from the Obama administration officials has been mild, even positive. They say Beijing has indicated it is taking steps toward market-determined exchange rate —something that even China's biggest critics in Washington have been demanding for years.

While China's currency policy has been a perennial sore spot in the relationship, it has dropped in the pecking order of priority concerns during President Barack Obama's tenure, as the yuan has appreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar since 2010.

China's territorial ambitions in the seas of East Asia and alleged cyber spying on a massive scale against U.S. government and businesses are likely to dominate the agenda when Chinese President Xi Jinping makes his first state visit to the United States in September.

But a continued drop in the value of the yuan against the dollar could become an issue of growing contention and give ammunition to critics of China and fuel long-running resentment over the trade imbalance between the U.S. and Asia's largest economy, which totaled \$343.1 billion last year.

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## **China tries to dampen fears of more big devaluations as companies face more uncertain era**

BEIJING (AP) — China tried Thursday to ease fears of more big declines for the yuan as companies from global automakers to Chinese clothing exporters faced a new era of uncertain exchange rates.

There is "no basis for persistent and substantial devaluation," said a deputy central bank governor, Zhang Xiaohui, at a news conference. Zhang said the yuan is close to "market levels" after two days of sharp declines.

By midday on Thursday, the yuan was down 2.9 percent since Tuesday's surprise announcement of a more flexible exchange rate. The People's Bank of China said the change was aimed at making the tightly controlled yuan more market-oriented.

Many economists said the decline was too small to help Chinese exports due to weak global demand. But the change fueled concern the yuan might fall further, giving Chinese traders a price advantage over foreign rivals and possibly igniting a "currency war" if other governments fight back by depressing their own exchange rates.

"The impact on foreign exporters is only beginning," said Evan Lucas, a financial market strategist for the Australian firm IG Markets, in a report.

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## **Hold it! San Francisco tests pee-repellant paint as it battles back boost in public urination**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Public urination has gotten so bad in San Francisco that the city has painted nine walls with a repellent paint that makes pee spray back on the offender.

It's the latest effort to address a chronic problem in a city where the public works director calls himself Mr. Clean: Walls are coated with a clear, liquid repellent material that goes on much like paint. Hit with urine, it splashes back on a person's shoes and pants.

Mohammed Nuru, director of San Francisco's public works department, says offenders will need to make

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the mistake only once to get the idea.

"If you have to go," he said, "go in the right place."

Nuru got the idea from Germany, where walls in Hamburg's St. Pauli quarter are painted with the material to encourage late-night beer drinkers to find a bathroom rather than an alleyway.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, August 13, the 225th day of 2015. There are 140 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 13, 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors; within days, the Communist authorities began building a wall that would stand for the next 28 years.

### On this date:

In 1624, King Louis XIII of France appointed Cardinal Richelieu (ree-shuh-LYOO') his first minister.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90.

In 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was again elected Speaker of Turkey's Grand Assembly.

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1946, author H.G. Wells, 79, died in London.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1979, Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals became the 14th player in major league baseball history to reach the 3,000th career hit plateau as his team defeated the Chicago Cubs, 3-2.

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

In 1989, searchers in Ethiopia found the wreckage of a plane which had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 other people - there were no survivors.

In 1995, Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.

**Ten years ago:** The Pentagon said for the second time since the Iraq war began that it was replacing body armor for U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, citing a need for better protection. Former New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange died in Auckland at age 63.

**Five years ago:** Weighing in for the first time on a controversy gripping New York City and the nation, President Barack Obama endorsed allowing a mosque near ground zero, telling a White House dinner celebrating the Islamic holy month of Ramadan that the country's founding principles demanded no less. Veteran NBC newsman Edwin Newman died in Oxford, England, at age 91.

**One year ago:** Six people - including Associated Press video journalist Simone Camilli - were killed when leftover ordnance believed to have been dropped in an Israeli airstrike blew up in the Gaza Strip. Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos died when the small plane that was carrying him and several campaign officials plunged into a residential neighborhood in the port city of Santos.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Cuban President Fidel Castro is 89. Actor Pat Harrington is 86. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 82. Actor Kevin Tighe is 71. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is 69. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 67. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 66. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 66. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 60. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 60. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 56. TV weatherman Sam Champion is 54. Actress Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 54. Actor John Slattery is 53. Actress Debi Mazar is 51. Actress Quinn Cummings is 48. Actress Seana Kofoed is 45. Country singer Andy Griggs is 42. Actor Gregory Fitoussi is 39. Country musician Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive) is 37. Actress Kathryn Fiore is 36. Pop-rock singer James Morrison is 31. Actress Lennon Stella is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges." - Joseph Fort Newton, American clergyman (1876-1950).