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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Monday, August 17

Senior Menu: Goulash, green and gold beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: James and Linda Stearns

Birthdays: • Raevin Wall-Larson • Carla Kittelson • Lisa Harry • Adam Sippel • Bryce Winther • Lisa Snyder • Kathy Walker 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study 10:00am: Boys Golf at Milbank

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

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

Birthday: • Jason Osterman

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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

Wednesday, August 19

Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, noodles roman, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Sherwin & Christine Nyberg

Birthdays: Michelle Leonhardt • Helen "Pat" Nehls • Blake Anderson

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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

Thursday, August 20 Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes/carrots/





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Getting Your Home Ready to Sell

By Nathaniel Sillin

As the economy improves, today's sellers are facing a very different environment than they were before the housing market stumbled in 2006.

Today's housing market features new procedures and standards, not the least of which are continuing borrowing hurdles for prospective buyers. If you are thinking about a home sale in the coming months, it pays to do a thorough overview of your personal finances and local real estate environment before you put up the "for sale" sign. Here are some general issues to consider:

Make sure you're not underwater. You may want to buy a new home, but can you afford to sell? The term "underwater" refers to the amount of money a seller owes on a house in excess of final sales proceeds. If what you owe on the home – including all selling costs due at closing – exceeds the agreed-upon sale



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price, then you will have to pay the difference out of pocket. If you're not in a situation where you absolutely have to sell now, you may want to wait until your financial circumstances and the real estate market improves.

Evaluate your finances. Before you sell, make sure you are ready to buy or rent. Making sure all three of your credit reports (https://www.annualcreditreport. com/index.action) are accurate is an important part of that process.

Consider "for sale by owner" vs. "for sale by broker." "For Sale by Owner" (FSBO) signs were a common sight in many neighborhoods during the housing crisis. Shrunken home values convinced many sellers to sell their property themselves rather than pay 5-6 percent of profit in broker commission. However, consider what a licensed real estate broker could accomplish in your specific situation. Many experienced brokers have market knowledge and negotiating skills that could potentially get a better price for your property. Deciding which route to

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take shouldn't be an overnight decision. Check leading FSBO and broker sites and talk with knowledgeable friends, attorneys and real estate professionals to learn as much as you can.

Think twice before spending on improvements. Not every home construction project pays off at sale time. Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report (http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2015/) tracks both pricing and cost recovery for leading remodeling projects. Before fixing up a bathroom, kitchen or any other area of your home, research whether the work will actually pay for itself at sale. For many sellers, it might be advantageous to hire a licensed home inspector to identify any structural, mechanical or major appliance repair issues that could delay or compromise a sale.

Don't forget moving costs. According to the American Moving and Storage Association, a leading industry trade group, the average professional interstate move of 1,220 miles costs an average of \$5,630; in state, the average moving cost is \$1,170. After all the costs involved in selling a home, don't forget how much it costs to relocate.

Bottom line: Selling your home requires planning. Before putting it on the market, get solid, qualified advice on how to sell smart in a still-recovering housing market.

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Stump Removal

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Today in Weather History

August 17, 1961: Heavy rain was observed during the overnight hours on the 17th through the early morning hours on the 18th. Some rainfall amounts include, 4.13 inches in Clark, 2.52 inches 1 W of Summit, 2.50 in Andover, 2.20 in Waubay, 2.15 in Wilmot, 2.12 in Wheaton, and 2.10 in Clear Lake.

August 17, 2007: An estimated four to six inches of rain and hail to the size of baseballs caused localized flooding between Piedmont and Tilford in Meade County, especially near poor drainage areas and at a barricade along a frontage road. The water washed over several roads and was several inches deep over Interstate 90, forcing law enforcement officials to close it for a couple of hours. Heavy rain estimated at four to six inches fell west of Hermosa in Custer County between 6 pm and 8 pm MST. Battle and Grace Coolidge Creeks overflowed their banks and several dry canyons filled with water and drained into the creeks. State highways 40 and 36 were flooded in numerous spots. A river gauge on Battle Creek just east of Hermosa crested at 14.91 feet at 9 pm, rising from 2.63 ft at 7:30 pm and above the flood stage of 8.0 feet. About six inches of water covered Highway 79 at the Battle Creek bridge. A railroad bridge about 3/4 mile downstream became clogged with debris and water rose behind the embankment and flooded six homes. At about 8:30 pm MST, a section of the embankment failed, flooding a new subdivision on the other side. All of the approximately 20 houses were damaged; three homes were washed off their foundations, and one of those houses was carried a half a mile east of the subdivision by the flowing water. There were no injuries.

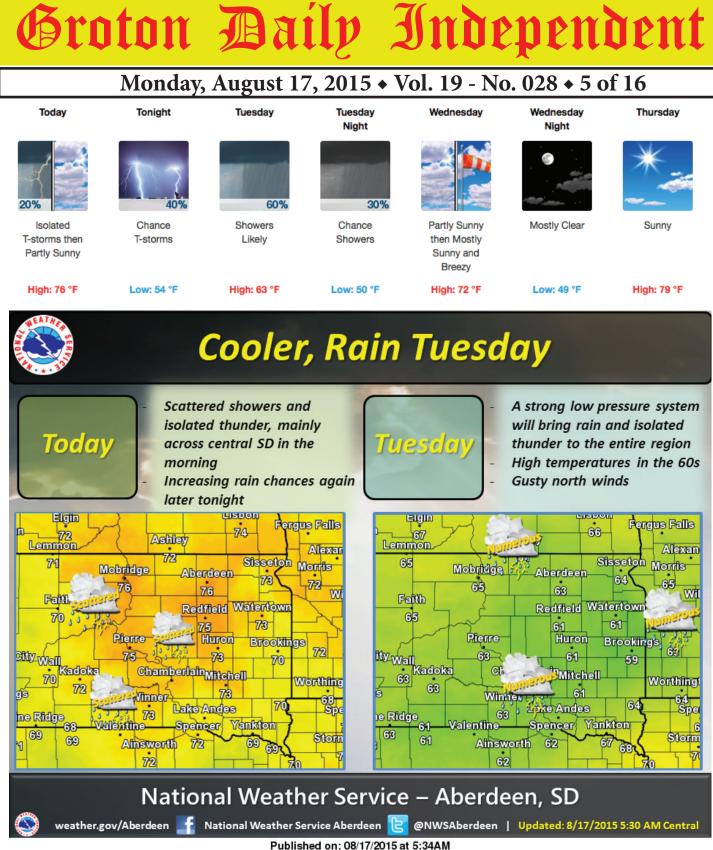
1915 - A hurricane hit Galveston, TX, with wind gusts to 120 mph and a twelve foot storm surge. The storm claimed 275 lives, including forty-two on Galveston Island, with most deaths due to drowning. Of 250 homes built outside the seawall (which was constructed after the catastrophic hurricane of 1900), just ten percent were left standing. (The Weather Channel)

1969 - Camille, the second worst hurricane in U.S. history, smashed into the Mississippi coast. Winds gusted to 172 mph at Main Pass Block LA, and to 190 mph near Bay Saint Louis MS. The hurricane claimed 256 lives, and caused 1.3 billion dollars damage. Several ocean going ships were carried over seven miles inland by the hurricane. The hurricane produced winds to 200 mph, and a storm surge of 24.6 feet. Complete destruction occurred in some coastal areas near the eye of the hurricane. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Northern and Central Plains Region. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado near Fairbury NE, along with baseball size hail and wind gusts to 100 mph, causing severe crop damage west of town. Ten cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Syracuse NY hit 97 degrees for the first time in twenty-two years. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Fifty-five cities, from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the Middle Atlantic Coast Region, reported record high temperatures for the date. Beckley WV reported an all-time record high of 96 degrees, and Baltimore MD hit 104 degrees, marking their thirteenth day of the year with 100 degree heat. Chicago IL equalled a record with 46 days of 90 degree weather for the year. Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin to New Jersey. Thunderstorms in New Jersey produced high winds which gusted to 92 mph at Wrightstown, and blew down a circus tent at Lavallette injuring fourteen persons. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms produced three to six inch rains in Oklahoma, and the Arkalatex area of Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. Tom OK was soaked with 5.98 inches of rain, and Foreman AR received 5.55 inches. Evening thunderstorms produced high winds in the Wasatch Front of northern Utah. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 66 mph at Salt Lake City, and flash flooding caused up to two million dollars damage to a marina on Lake Powell. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)



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Scattered showers, with isolated thunderstorms, are possible mainly across central SD this morning. There should be a break in precipitation before the next system moves in late tonight and Tuesday. More widespread showers, with isolated thunderstorms, are possible Tuesday. Temperatures remain very cool for this time of the year.

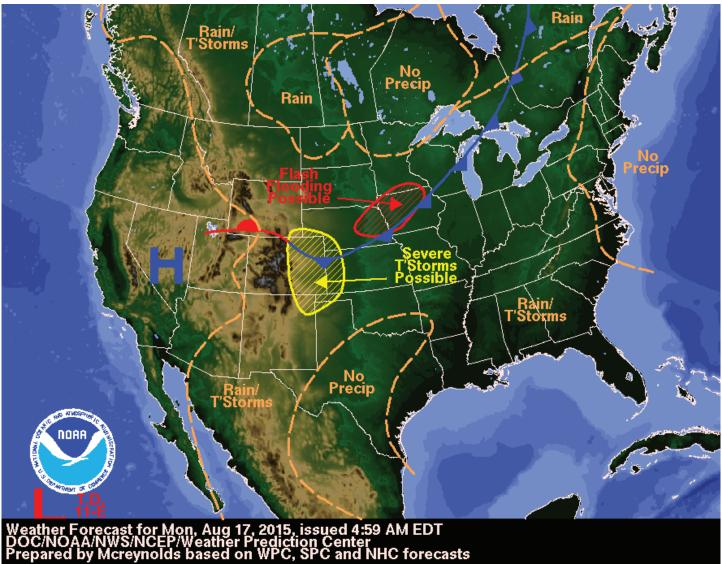
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Yesterday's Weather High: 80.1 at Midnight

Low: 56.9 at 11:42 PM High Gust: 24 at 2:09 PM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 104° in 1976

Record Low: 39° in 2012 Average High: 82°F Average Low: 56°F Average Precip in Aug: 1.33 Precip to date in Aug: 2.22 Average Precip to date: 15.19 Precip Year to Date: 13.79 Sunset Tonight: 8:38 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:37 a.m.





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PREPARING FOR TEMPTATION

It was a very hot summer day. All the boys in the neighborhood decided to go swimming but there was no adult to go with them. Recognizing the danger that might occur, Johnny's mother forbade him to go with them. Later that day, he came home with wet hair.

"What happened?" asked his mother.

"I fell in the pond," came his reply.

"Well, why aren't your clothes wet?" she asked.

"I had a feeling I was going to fall in," he explained, "so I took them off."

The world has been and is full of temptations and pressures. So, Paul gave us a warning and an escape route. First, he said that we would all be tempted, and second, that God would always provide a way for us to escape and to be victorious. But we must do our part if we do not want to fall and fail. We must first prepare ourselves to recognize and avoid people, places and things that would lead us to sin. Then, if we are tempted, look to Him for strength to resist the temptation before we are overpowered and fall into sin.

Prayer: Grant us, Father, the desire to trust You for strength and power to turn from sin in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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News from the

Alert dispatcher helps nab suspect in cab driver robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An alert dispatcher is being credited with helping nab a man suspected of robbing a Sioux Falls taxi cab driver at gunpoint.

Police say a dispatcher at Yellow Cab Taxi late Saturday recognized the phone number of a potential fare as the same number used by a man who robbed a cab about 1 a.m. Thursday.

The dispatcher alerted police, who arrested the man near a restaurant. They say he had a BB gun that resembled a semi-automatic handgun.

The 20-year-old was arrested on charges of armed robbery and attempted armed robbery.

The driver who was robbed Thursday was not hurt in the incident.

Authorities ID woman missing after Pactola boat crash

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Rapid City woman missing in Pactola Reservoir after a boat crash.

Thirty-three-year-old Gabrielle Fisher was one of two people on a boat that collided with a personal watercraft on Friday night. The search for her was unsuccessful over the weekend. It was to resume Monday. Authorities describe the effort as a body recovery operation.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the driver of the personal watercraft was treated at a hospital after the crash and then taken to jail on charges of boating under the influence and manslaughter. The driver of the boat was not hurt.

Authorities ID Rapid City man killed in weekend rollover RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Rapid City man who died in a one-vehicle crash

near the Angustora Reservoir.

The Highway Patrol says 42-year-old Scott Brost died Saturday afternoon when he lost control of his Suburban. The vehicle went into the ditch and rolled.

Brost was thrown from the Suburban and pronounced dead at the scene. He was alone in the vehicle.

Man, 19, goes missing while swimming in Missouri River

ELK POINT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say they are searching for a 19-year-old man who went missing while swimming with friends in the Missouri River in southeastern South Dakota.

The Union County Sheriff's Office says the man went missing around 3 p.m. Sunday near Elk Point. Authorities assisting in the search included crews from South Dakota and Nebraska.

The man's name was not released pending notification of his family.

Historical Society Foundation having fundraiser in Brookings

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is having a fundraiser in Brookings with craft beer and coffee.

The South Dakota State Historical Society says the fundraiser will take place on Aug. 26 at Wooden Legs Brewing Company.

The foundation is a nonprofit fundraising arm of the historical society. Foundation President Michael Lewis says the event is a fun learning experience about the foundation.

The event will include beer and coffee tastings, a silent auction and drawings. The public is welcome to attend the fundraiser.

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Onida district gets new high school amid \$9M in construction

ONIDA, S.D. (AP) — The school year is starting about a week later than usual at a central South Dakota school district as crews work to complete a nearly \$9 million construction project.

Classes are scheduled to begin Aug. 27 at Agar-Blunt-Onida School District amid the construction, the Pierre Capital Journal (http://bit.ly/1hBJeEr) reported. Work includes a new high school, renovations to heating and air conditioning at the elementary school, construction of a bus barn and demolition of an old school wing that dated back more than 90 years.

"Things will be ready enough to hold class (by the end of the month)," Superintendent Kevin Pickner said. "They'll be here finishing up with odds and ends I'd say through September."

The new building complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, he said.

"It's a great investment for our kids, for our teachers - a better teaching environment - and for our community," Pickner said.

Improving a school district's facilities also gives educators and students a reason to feel more proud of where they are teaching or learning, said elementary school Principal Shana Davis.

The district currently has 260 students, down from roughly 285 students a few years ago.

But a company called Ringneck Energy is working to build an ethanol plant on the outskirts of Onida. The company expects to employ 40 people at the plant, so if those workers have families and live within the school district, it could cause the student population to grow.

Man charged with boating under the influence in lake crash

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man involved in a crash on Lake Pectola that left one woman missing is accused of driving a jet ski while intoxicated.

Twenty-nine-year-old Jody Kreycik is charged with boating while intoxicated.

Authorities were called to the lake shortly before 8 p.m. on Friday after a boat and jet ski collided. A woman who was a passenger on the boat disappeared after the collision and has not been found.

Kreycik was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital after the incident where he was treated and released. He was then transported to the Pennington County Jail.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says he's currently out on bond.

It's unclear if Kreycik has an attorney. No one answered at a phone number listed for him.

South Dakota advocates for hiring people with disabilities

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials and a state retailer group are making a push for businesses to hire people with disabilities.

Officials with the state Department of Human Services and the South Dakota Retailers Association see people with disabilities as being an untapped labor market, the Argus Leader (http://argusne.ws/1h9oa8v) reported. Since the state has such dramatic workforce needs, hiring people with disabilities seems like a no-brainer, according to Shawn Lyons, executive director of the Retailers Association.

Because one in four jobs in South Dakota is tied to the retail and hospitality industries, here's no question that we have a demand for workers right now," Lyons said. "It seems like that's a labor market we would want to tap into."

Kevin Olinger, who is disabled, previously worked on parts assembly at the old Sioux Vocational Services, but he wanted to be out in the working world, mingling with the public and conversing with people on a regular basis. For the past 31 years, he has worked at an Ace Hardware location in Sioux Falls, where he sweeps floors, cleans the bathrooms and stocks the shelves.

"He started out with our manager having to draw stick men to have him understand what we needed to have done in his job," store owner Kevin Nyberg said. "Now I would tell you that he has performed for us many times more than a lot of people without a disability."

Nyberg said he now sees Olinger as an employee who "is proficient in many areas and has developed over the years the confidence to do the job well and take on more responsibilities."

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Olinger is street smart, understands what it takes for a business to be profitable and "wants to perform so greatly to meet the employer's expectation," Nyberg said.

The Department of Human Services and the Retailers Association were scheduled to hold a webinar Aug. 11 to help employers find and hire people with disabilities. The webinar was set to provide information about diagnoses that are disabilities and how to make reasonable accommodations, and what to avoid asking during job interviews.

"My mother had polio," Lyons said as he recalled how difficult it was for her to find employment after she graduated from school in the late 1960s. "I think of how far we have come for a variety of all kinds of the right reasons."

Sioux Falls city council assesses landowners for lawn upkeep

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls City Council is assessing about 100 landowners a total of roughly \$12,800 for landscaping costs from cleaning up unkempt lawns.

The Argus Leader (http://argusne.ws/1hee0TY) reports that the city last year found about 1,600 properties that had low-hanging trees and overgrown grass. About 235 people were cited.

The city council put the nearly \$13,000 in assessments on landowners who still hadn't paid the city for last year's upkeep.

The unpaid costs from 2014 will be included in 2016 tax bills.

Kelly Boysen is chief property maintenance inspector for Sioux Falls. He says annoyed neighbors or onlookers prompt nearly all inspections.

Sioux Falls Planning Director Mike Cooper says the city has been aggressive with enforcement.

He says the city has put out more information about calling in violations.

Fort Pierre City Council votes to settle cat odor lawsuit

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Fort Pierre City Council has voted to settle a lawsuit against a resident over long-lived odor complaints from cats living at his former home.

The Capital Journal (http://bit.ly/1MqAk8I) reports that the council voted to approve the settlement about a week before trial in the lawsuit against Fort Pierre resident Jackie Hoftiezer.

Fort Pierre Mayor Gloria Hanson says neighbors have complained about the cat smell on the property for two years or more.

Hoftiezer moved out of the home in the past several years, and he is selling the property. He says he lives elsewhere in Fort Pierre.

The city would receive \$7,500 under the settlement for the costs of cleanup that would be due once the property is sold.

Hoftiezer says the cats came "from other people."

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. \$470,000 IN CASH ABOARD INDONESIAN PLANE THAT CRASHED

The money was intended for poor families to help offset a spike in fuel prices. It remains unknown whether anyone on board survived the crash.

2. WHO FAVORS DEPORTING CHILDREN OF PEOPLE ILLEGALLY IN U.S.

GOP candidate Donald Trump says he would push to end "birthright citizenship" for the babies of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. GOP 2016-TRUMP

3. AS SEAS RISE, SALTWATER PLANTS OFFER HOPE TO FARMS

Indian scientists are testing naturally salt-tolerant plants as one of the solutions to what they see as a fast-approaching agricultural crisis which threatens millions of poor subsistence farmers across Asia.

4. HOW 2016 HOPEFULS TRY TO STAY HEALTHY ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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Scott Walker is counting steps on his FitBit. Jeb Bush swears by the Paleo diet. Bobby Jindal is a "gym rat." 5. RESIDENTS DEMAND COMPENSATION IN TIANJIN BLASTS

The explosions claim the lives of at least 114 people, with 70 still missing, including 64 firefighters and six policemen.

6. FORMER NAACP CHAIRMAN JULIAN BOND DIES AT 75

Through the tough struggles of the civil rights movement, he always kept his sense of humor, and it was his steady demeanor that helped him persist, the activist's wife recalls.

7. CALIFORNIA MEASURE FAILS TO CREATE GREEN JOBS

The state has no comprehensive list to show how much work has been done or how much energy has been saved, the AP learns.

8. WHY AMERICANS WAITING LONGER THAN EVER TO BUY FIRST HOMES

They are struggling to save for down payments and facing delays in some key landmarks of adulthood, from marriage and children to a stable career.

9. MORGAN FREEMAN'S STEP-GRANDDAUGHTER FATALLY STABBED

A 30-year-old man who police say was in a relationship with Edena Hines is taken into custody at the scene — in front of her apartment on West 162nd Street in New York.

10. IT'S JASON'S DAY!

Jason Day delivers a record-setting performance at Whistling Straits that brought him a major championship he started to wonder might never happen.

AP News in Brief

Indonesian passenger plane that crashed was carrying \$470,000 in government cash

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP) — A passenger plane with 54 people on board that crashed in the mountains of eastern Indonesia was carrying nearly half a million dollars in government cash for poor families to help offset a spike in fuel prices, a local postal official said Monday.

Smoldering wreckage of the Trigana Air Service turboprop plane was spotted from the air Monday morning in a rugged area of the easternmost province of Papua, rescue officials said. There was no immediate word if there were any survivors from Sunday's crash, which happened in bad weather.

Four postal workers aboard the plane were escorting four bags of cash totaling \$468,750 in government fuel aid money, Haryono, the head of the post office in Jayapura, the provincial capital, told The Associated Press.

The ATR42-300 twin turboprop plane was flying from Jayapura to the city of Oksibil when it lost contact. Transportation Ministry spokesman Julius Barata said there was no indication that the pilot had made a distress call.

The cash from the Social Affairs Ministry was to be distributed among poor people in remote areas to cushion the jump in fuel costs, said Haryono, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

Trump proposes finishing wall, denying citizenship to babies of immigrants in US illegally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump wants to deny citizenship to the babies of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally as part of an immigration plan that emphasizes border security and deportation for millions.

He would also rescind Obama administration executive orders on immigration.

Trump described his expanded vision of how to secure American borders during a wide-ranging interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press," saying that he would push to end the constitutionally protected citizenship rights of children of any family living illegally inside the U.S.

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"They have to go," Trump said, adding: "What they're doing, they're having a baby. And then all of a sudden, nobody knows ... the baby's here."

Native-born children of immigrants — even those living illegally in the U.S. — have been automatically considered American citizens since the adoption of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution in 1868.

As sea rise threatens Indian farmlands, scientists study saltwater plants as crops for future

VEDARANYAM, India (AP) — On a sun-scorched wasteland near India's southern tip, an unlikely garden filled with spiky shrubs and spindly greens is growing, seemingly against all odds.

The plants are living on saltwater, coping with drought and possibly offering viable farming alternatives for a future in which rising seas have inundated countless coastal farmlands.

Sea rise, one of the consequences of climate change, now threatens millions of poor subsistence farmers across Asia. As ocean water swamps low-lying plots, experts say many could be forced to flee inland.

"It's hard to imagine how farmers will live," said Tapas Paul, who as a World Bank official helped channel about \$100,000 to help build the small garden a decade ago in a swampy, seaside town dominated by salt flats in southern Tamil Nadu state. "In the places subject to inundation and sea level rise, there are few options."

A team of Indian scientists is searching for solutions to what they describe as a fast-approaching agricultural crisis. Their neatly plotted rows of naturally salt-tolerant plants, known as halophytes, could be a part of the answer. The scientists from the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation are also trying other approaches: tweaking genes and cross-breeding plants by conventional means to discover which might grow and even flourish.

Residents whose homes damaged in Tianjin blasts demand compensation; death toll at 114

TIANJIN, China (AP) — About a hundred people whose residences were damaged in the massive Tianjin blasts gathered Monday for a protest to demand compensation from the government as the death toll from the disaster rose to 114 with 70 still missing.

The blasts on Wednesday night originated at a warehouse for hazardous material, where 700 tons of sodium cyanide — a toxic chemical that can form combustible substances on contact with water — were being stored in amounts that violated safety rules. That has prompted contamination fears and a major cleanup of a 3-kilometer (1.8-mile) -radius, cordoned-off area in this Chinese port city southeast of Beijing.

Chinese work safety rules require such facilities to be at least 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) away from residences, public buildings and highways. But online map searches show the Ruihai International Logistics warehouse was within 500 meters of both an expressway and a 100,000-square-meter (1-million-squarefoot) apartment complex. Those apartments had walls singed and windows shattered, and all the residents have been evacuated.

"We victims demand: Government, buy back our houses," said a banner carried by the residents at a protest outside the Tianjin hotel where officials have held daily news conferences about the disaster. "Kids are asking: How can we grow up healthy?" read another banner.

Tianjin officials have been hard-pressed to answer how the warehouse was allowed to operate in its location. Questions also have been raised about management of the warehouse, and the country's top prosecuting office announced Sunday that it was setting up a team to investigate possible offenses related to the massive blasts, including dereliction of duty and abuse of power. Ruihai's general manager is in hospital under police watch.

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2016 hopefuls hit the gym and skip the pie — most of the time — on the campaign trail

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Scott Walker is counting steps on his FitBit. Jeb Bush swears by the Paleo diet. Bobby Jindal is a "gym rat."

With long travel days and a fresh slab of cherry pie never far away, the campaign trail is notoriously unhealthy. But many 2016 presidential candidates are striving to make smart lifestyle choices as they tour the small town diners and pizza places of the early voting states.

"I try to do at least 10,000 steps a day," said Walker, the Wisconsin governor.

He said he got the step-counting wristband for Christmas and competes with his family and staff to see who moves the most in a day. He added, "The FitBit's got me obsessed."

Walker isn't the only candidate trying to get exercise on the road. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio does an early morning workout in hotel gyms. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz also wears a FitBit and likes to take phone calls while walking. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum does at least 50 pushups a day and former executive Carly Fiorina works out on the elliptical most mornings, aides said.

AP EXCLUSIVE: California measure fails to create promised green jobs, energy savings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Three years after California voters passed a ballot measure to raise taxes on corporations and generate clean energy jobs by funding energy-efficiency projects in schools, barely one-tenth of the promised jobs have been created, and the state has no comprehensive list to show how much work has been done or how much energy has been saved.

Money is trickling in at a slower-than-anticipated rate, and more than half of the \$297 million given to schools so far has gone to consultants and energy auditors. The board created to oversee the project and submit annual progress reports to the Legislature has never met, according to a review by The Associated Press.

Voters in 2012 approved the Clean Energy Jobs Act by a large margin, closing a tax loophole for multistate corporations. The Legislature decided to send half the money to fund clean energy projects in schools, promising to generate more than 11,000 jobs each year.

Instead, only 1,700 jobs have been created in three years, raising concerns about whether the money is accomplishing what voters were promised.

"Accountability boards that are rubber stamps are fairly common, but accountability boards that don't meet at all are a big problem," said Douglas Johnson, a state government expert at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California.

Former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond remember for a lifetime of civil rights work

ATLANTA (AP) — Through the tough struggles of the civil rights movement, Julian Bond always kept his sense of humor, and it was his steady demeanor that helped him persist despite the inevitable difficulties involved, his wife recalled.

Bond "never took his eyes off the prize and that was always racial equality," Pamela Horowitz told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Bond died Saturday in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Horowitz said. He was 75. Horowitz said she did not yet know the exact cause of death, but that her husband had circulatory problems.

Bond's life traced the arc of the civil rights movement, from his efforts as a militant young man to start a student protest group, through a long career in politics and his leadership of the NAACP almost four decades later.

Year after year, the calm, telegenic Bond was one of the nation's most poetic voices for equality, inspiring

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fellow activists with his words in the 1960s and sharing the movement's vision with succeeding generations as a speaker and academic.

Americans are now renting 6 years before buying their first home, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Short of cash and unsettled in their careers, young Americans are waiting longer than ever to buy their first homes.

The typical first-timer now rents for six years before buying a home, up from 2.6 years in the early 1970s, according to a new analysis by the real estate data firm Zillow. The median first-time buyer is age 33 — in the upper range of the millennial generation, which roughly spans ages 18 to 34. A generation ago, the median first-timer was about three years younger.

The delay reflects a trend that cuts to the heart of the financial challenges facing millennials: Renters are struggling to save for down payments. Increasingly, too, they're facing delays in some key landmarks of adulthood, from marriage and children to a stable career, according to industry and government reports.

These shifts help explain why homeownership, long a source of middle class identity and economic opportunity, has started to decline. The share of the U.S. population who own homes has slid to 63.4 percent, a 48-year low, according to the Census Bureau.

And when young adults do sign the deed, their purchase price is now substantially more, relative to their income, than it was decades ago. First-time buyers are paying a median price of \$140,238, nearly 2.6 times their income. In the early 1970s, the starter home was just 1.7 times income.

AP PHOTOS: Egypt's banned ultras take hardcore soccer fandom to new heights, political rallies

CAIRO (AP) — Chanting slogans, carrying signs and waving flares, these eager young men who gather in Egypt could be mistaken for Arab Spring demonstrators.

And in this country, the recently-banned hardcore soccer fans known as ultras have played a political role. Ultras, whose name comes from the Latin word for "beyond," started in Latin America and Europe in the 1950s before coming to Arab countries. The first to form in Egypt, Ultras White Knights, emerged in 2007 to support the Zamalek team. Groups backing archrival al-Ahly and others followed.

Security forces and the media criticize ultras as being little more than violence-prone thugs. It was during Egypt's 2011 revolt that ousted longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak that ultras first took on a political role.

Often providing muscle at protests, ultras also directed demonstrators and led chants. They were considered one of the most organized movements in Egypt after the Muslim Brotherhood, which the government outlawed as a terrorist organization following the 2013 military overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Today in History

Today is Monday, August 17, the 229th day of 2015. There are 136 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight in History:**

On August 17, 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

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In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands. The George Orwell novel "Animal Farm," an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker & Warburg.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and killed 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

In 1985, more than 1,400 meatpackers walked off the job at the Geo. A. Hormel and Co.'s main plant in Austin, Minnesota, in a bitter strike that lasted just over a year.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television from the White House concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he denied previously committing perjury, admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong," and criticized Kenneth Starr's investigation.

In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

Ten years ago: Israeli security forces poured into four Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, beginning the forcible removal of protesters who'd refused orders to leave the area ahead of a deadline. Three car bombs exploded in Baghdad, killing up to 43 people. Hundreds of anti-war vigils were held nationwide, part of an effort spurred by Cindy Sheehan's protest near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch in memory of her son Casey, who was killed in Iraq.

Five years ago: A mistrial was declared on 23 corruption charges against ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich), who was accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's old Senate seat; the jury convicted him on one charge, that of lying to the FBI. (Blagojevich was convicted of 17 counts of corruption in a retrial and sentenced to 14 years in prison, but a federal appeals court dismissed five of the counts in July 2015.) A suicide bomber in Iraq detonated nail-packed explosives strapped to his body, killing 61 people, many of them army recruits.

One year ago: U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder ordered a federal medical examiner to perform another autopsy on the remains of Michael Brown, a black Missouri teenager whose fatal shooting by a white police officer spurred a week of rancorous and sometimes violent protests in suburban St. Louis. Inbee Park of South Korea successfully defended her title in the LPGA Championship, beating Brittany Lincicome with a par on the first hole of a playoff to end the United States' major streak at three.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 95. Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') is 89. Author V.S. Naipaul is 83. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 74. Actor Robert DeNiro is 72. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 69. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 68. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 66. Actor Robert Joy is 64. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 63. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 62. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 60. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 60. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 58. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 57. Author Jonathan Franzen is 56. Actor Sean Penn is 55. Jazz musician Everette Harp is 54. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 53. Singer Maria McKee is 51. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 50. Rock musician Jill Cunniff (kuh-NIHF') is 49. Actor David Conrad is 48. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 46. College Basketball Hall of Famer and retired NBA All-Star Christian Laettner is 46. Rapper Posdnuos (PAHS'-deh-noos) is 46. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jim Courier is 45. Retired MLB All-Star Jorge Posada is 44. TV personality Giuliana Rancic is 41. Actor Mark Salling is 33. Actor Bryton James is 29. Actor



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Brady Corbet (kohr-BAY') is 27. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Gracie Gold is 20. **Thought for Today:** "It is not love that is blind, but jealousy." - Lawrence Durrell, British-born author (1912-1990).