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## 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/onions, gravy, honey dew melon or peaches, dinner roll.

**Anniv:** Bob & Laurie Pray • Doug & Heidi Krueger

**Birthdays:** Marc Sippel • Megan Unzen • Marie Loutsch • Beve Farmen • Kim Evans • Kim Claussen

1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA "DO Day"  
Friday, August 21

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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## SD37 Project is Delayed

There has been a lot of anticipation for the \$5.6 million SD37 project to be done in 2016. It looks like the project is one hold for one year due to issues with railroad easements. The project includes grading, storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, roadway lighting, AC surfacing and new four-way stop lights at the intersection of SD37 and US12.

Meanwhile the city is over its head in debt and will have to go back to the bank to borrow money to pay for the \$241,535.41 in bills that it approved. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said she had to scratch and scrape to find enough money to meet payroll on Friday. "The sales tax is coming in slow this year," she said. "The property taxes are coming in slow this year. I'm open to suggestions."

The council agreed to borrow \$240,000 to meet its obligations. Councilman Burt Glover expressed concern of what will happen in the next three months until the property taxes come in. The city's finances are operating on "hope." "I'm hoping to get enough sales tax and electric revenue to get the city through the

next two months," Lowary said. "I'm hoping to get this refinanced so we can survive," said Councilman David McGannon. The city is paying \$500,000 a year just on debt retirement, which includes sewer improvements, a new substation transformer, curb and gutter projects, water main projects and the swimming pool. The city's total debt is currently about \$2.5 million. And add to that, the general fund is in the hole by about \$500,000 and there is the new \$240,000 bank loan that the city is getting to pay its bills.

Putting all of the city's obligations into one bond (all but two loans that will be paid off in two years and are at a low interest) issue would cut the city's annual payment to \$241,823.04 for two years, then it would drop to \$196,688.18. The big bond would be over 20 years, but time is a problem. The soonest the city would get the bond would be in December. Meanwhile the city may be borrowing even more money to keep afloat. On the bright side, Lowary said it appears that the upcoming electric bills will generate extra funds for the



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city thanks to the hot spell the city recently experienced. Lowary said that she will talk with the banks to see what they may offer for financing rates.

The city's 2015 assessed valuation is \$74,206,402. The city can go into debt up to \$3,710,320.10 for general obligation and up to \$7,420,640.20 for water and sewer debt. The city's current general obligation debt is \$1,086,812.49 and the water and sewer debt is \$420,540.30. The pool is not included in any of those funds as the council used creative financing and called it a lease. There is \$454,667.18 left to pay on the pool. Its normal payoff date is November 20, 2019. Curb and gutter is also not included as those are special assessments being paid in full by the property owners involved with the various projects. The special assessments balance is \$573,013.59.

The council will have a special meeting possibly on August 24 or August 31 to talk with the bonding officer about the city's options.

Then the 2016 budget was discussed. Items cut or reduced include eliminating chip and seal for next year in the amount of \$100,000, eliminate a cemetery mower and a park mower for \$8,200 each, eliminate a ballpark gator for \$8,500, reduce electric line supplies and poles by \$20,000, reduce the new police vehicle by \$3,000, eliminate stump grinding for \$250, eliminate new community center tables and chairs for \$5,000, eliminate a water valve exercising tool for \$8,600, eliminate sewer relining for \$40,000, reducing salaries and overtime from 10 percent to 5 percent; adding in \$40,000 for contingency, \$2,000 for Sixth Street repairs, \$7,000 for tires, \$6,000 for West Nile Prevention chemicals, and \$10,000 for sewer jetting and cameraing. If the city were to refinance everything, the general fund would begin the year at a minus \$173,260 and the end balance would be a surplus of \$113,790. With the surplus, then the city would be able to add in some budget items that were axed.

There was a change order for the West Fifth Avenue project. There was no flush seal put on this time and the street will have chip and seal in two years, so it would be duplication. There was a reduction in \$7,258.27.

There was discussion on the west ditch drainage concerns. The council did not have enough information to form any opinions so the issue was tabled.

There was \$2,000 budgeted for clean-up and the spring clean-up campaign cost the city \$1,600. With only \$400 left in the budget, the council decided not to have a city-wide clean-up this fall. City residents can take their stuff to the Brown County Landfill August 28-September 12 for free. "We had a good spring clean-up," said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

There was a request to have a "Take your dog to the pool" day on the last day of the pool. "Our pool was built for people, not animals," said Councilman Eddy Opp. The council voted 5-1 against having a dog day. Councilman Mary Fliehs said she was in favor of the dog day as it would generate extra money.

There have been complaints on dust on Seventh Avenue West. "Construction is done," Hanlon said. "Use Fifth Avenue."

Labor Day falls on a Monday so the council moved that Monday meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Councilman David Blackmun said he has heard good comments about the baseball program this year. "I heard a lot of comments about how the kids enjoyed the program this year." But the baseball program cost the city \$78,000. "Doesn't that seem enormous?" Lowary asked. "We should trim baseball as much as possible."

## 2016 State DI to be held in Mitchell

Dean Fenenga, Affiliate Director of South Dakota Creativity, Inc., has announced that the 2016 State Destination Imagination event will be held in Mitchell on April 2, 2016. "Mr. Geoff Gross and the rest of the people I have talked to are very excited to have us in the community and have opened the doors to their school for us," Fenenga said. "This is a great opportunity to showcase DI in a growing area of the state."

## Girls Soccer beat Garretson

The Groton Girls Varsity soccer team won their opening game on Saturday against Garretson with a final score of 6-0. This was a great team effort and with the temperatures in the 90's the subs where a vital part of the win. Groton had 22 shots on goal and Devan Howard had 6 saves. For the Tigers Harleigh Stange scored four goals and Emily Locke scored two goals. Marlee Jones and Emily Locke each had three assists and Emily Raap, Jasmine Schaller, and Angela Locke each had one. Heather Lone added great support on defense. The tigers will now take on Belle Fourche on Friday and Saint Thomas Moore on Saturday at home.

**Emily Locke**  
kicking a corner  
kick.



**Courtesy Photos by**  
**Mendy Jones**



**Number 10 Angela Locke go-**  
**ing after the ball with number**  
**9 Emily Raap helping out.**



**Harleigh**  
**Stange and Mar-**  
**lee Jones stop**  
**Garretson from**  
**scoring. Devon**  
**Howard is ready**  
**in goal.**

## **SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen Hosts Retirement Open House for Marjorie Zastrow**

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen will host a retirement Open House for Marjorie Zastrow on Sept. 11, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A program begins at 3 p.m.

Zastrow is a native of Long Prairie, MN. In 1982 she received her Bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in Home Economics Education and Extension, and later went on to complete her Master's degree in 1994.

She has spent her entire professional career serving the university, the state and its citizens through SDSU Extension for more than 32 years.

Zastrow started her career as the Extension Home Economist in Union county in 1982. She moved to Brown County in the mid-1980s and served as an Extension Educator in Family and Consumer Sciences until 2011. Zastrow was then appointed as an SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist in the Aberdeen Regional Extension Center, where she has focused on worksite wellness, community-based obesity prevention, and nutrition.

The open house and program are open to the public. SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen is located at 13 2nd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, 57401, (605) 626-2870.



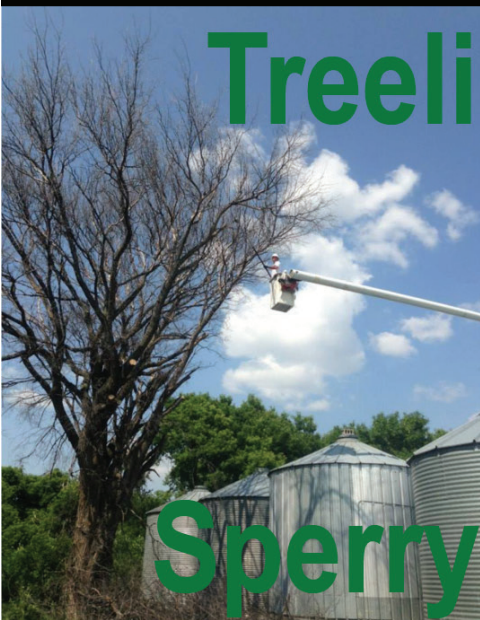
**Marjorie Zastrow**

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## Today in Weather History

August 18, 1936: A tornado moved east, ending southeast of Gettysburg. A farm house and four barns were destroyed near Gorman, in Potter County. Property damage was estimated at \$20,000.

August 18, 1938: A tornado destroyed a barn, unroofed a gym, and damaged other buildings near Stephen, in Hyde County. The funnel moved northeast then curved to the northwest. There were two other tornadoes on this day. One moved northeast from near Worlsey and Broadland in Beadle County producing estimated F3 damage. The other was an estimated F2 and also started off in Beadle County and moved northeast into Kingsbury County. This storm injured three people.

August 18, 1983: High winds up to 80 mph caused extensive damage to trees, structures and cars, in Lyman, Hyde, Faulk, and Brown Counties. In Presho, several homes lost their roofs. Hay bales were scattered, metal siding was ripped from outbuildings, and a ballpark lost three large fence sections. Gusty winds up to 75 mph were recorded at Ordway, in Brown County, causing damage to a mobile home. Two hangers at the Aberdeen airport received extensive damage, with roofs and doors torn off.








August 18, 2009: Numerous thunderstorms developed along a stationary front and trained over the same locations producing very heavy rains along with large hail. Nickel size hail falling for several minutes piled up to 6 to 8 inches deep near Harrold in Hughes County. Very heavy rains of 2 to nearly 5 inches resulted in the flash flooding of numerous roads. Several of the roads were washed out. Some rainfall amounts included, 3.05 inches at Warner, 3.15 inches southwest of Bristol, 4.40 inches in Webster, and 4.50 inches east of Warner.

1925: During the late morning hours a severe hailstorm struck southeastern Iowa completely destroying crops along a path six to ten miles wide and 75 miles long. The hail also injured and killed poultry and livestock, and caused a total of 2.5 million dollars damage. The hailstorm flattened fields of corn to such an extent that many had to leave their farms in search of other work.

1931: The Yangtze River in China peaks during a horrible flood that kills 3.7 million people directly and indirectly over the next several months. This was perhaps the worst natural disaster of the 20th century.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
90%	60%	10%				
Showers and Breezy	Showers Likely and Breezy	Slight Chance Showers then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 59 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 85 °F



## Widespread Rainfall Today and Much Cooler

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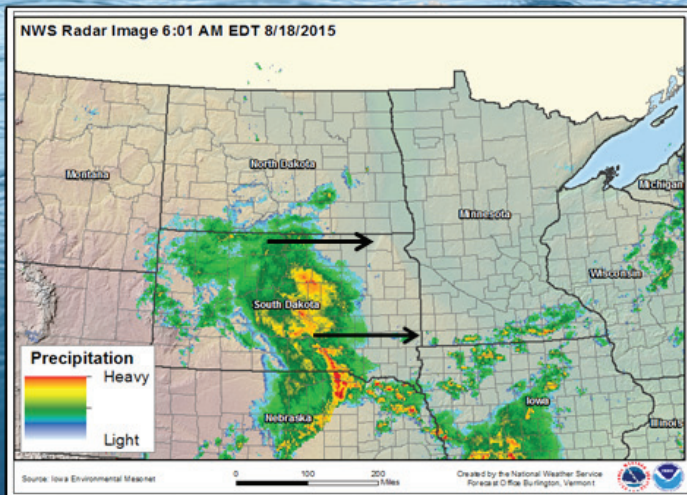


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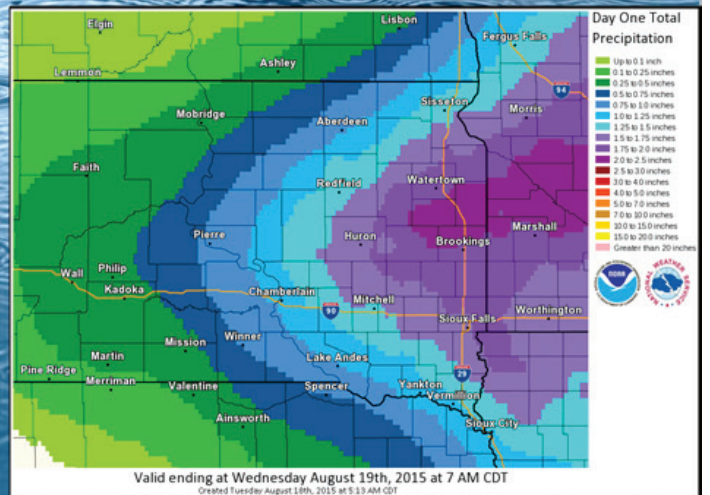
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### Early Morning Radar



Rain Moving East Through The Day

### Forecast Rainfall Amounts



Heaviest Rain Over East-Central SD

Published on: 08/18/2015 at 5:28AM

A potent low pressure system will move eastward across the region today through Wednesday morning, bringing widespread rainfall to much of the area. Early this morning, widespread rainfall is occurring over central South Dakota. This precipitation will spread eastward through the morning and continue for much of the day as low pressure strengthens just to our south. Several locations could receive over an inch of rain, especially from portions of central to eastern South Dakota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 71.7 at 5:18 PM

**Low:** 54.5 at 3:42 AM

**High Gust:** 14 at 3:28 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 109° in 1959

**Record Low:** 38° in 2002

**Average High:** 82°F

**Average Low:** 56°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 1.40

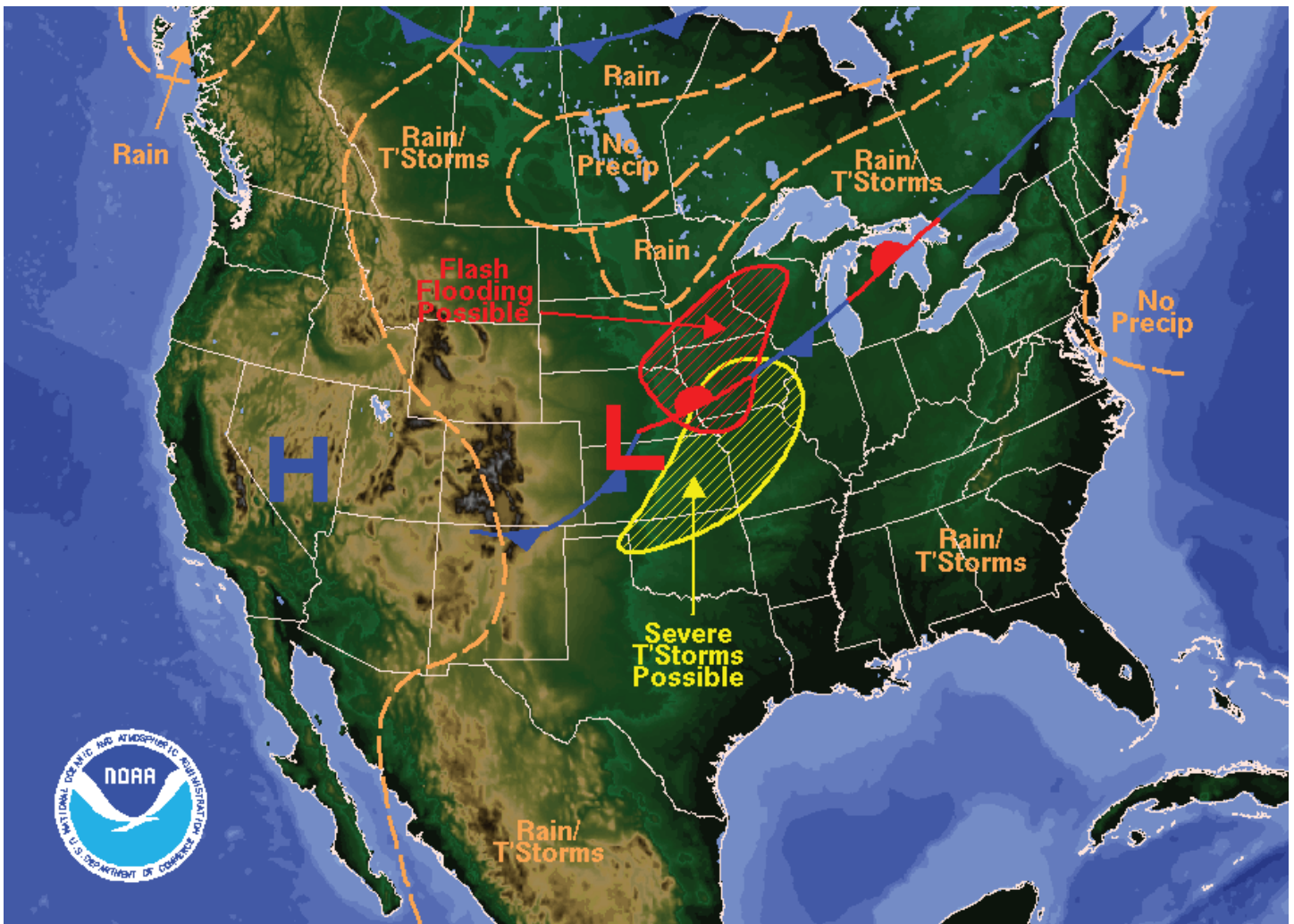
**Precip to date in Aug:** 2.22

**Average Precip to date:** 15.26

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.79

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:36 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:39 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 18, 2015, issued 4:30 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## START IMMEDIATELY!

The great American novelist, Sinclair Lewis, was invited to give a lecture to a group of college students who wanted to become writers. As they sat quietly and waited expectantly, he opened his remarks by asking, "How many of you intend to become successful writers?"

Immediately, everyone in the audience held up a hand to declare their intentions.

"In that case," said Lewis, "my advice to you is to go home and write."

Shortly after creating Adam, God directed him to care for and tend to the Garden that He had created for him. And ever since then man has been responsible to work with God and take care of His creation. Each day we are to take every task and do it as "though we are working for the Lord." Why? Because we care!

"Remember," said Paul, "the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward" if we "work hard and cheerfully." We must accept every task and each responsibility He offers us as an opportunity to worship and serve Christ every day of our lives.

**Prayer:** Father, may we remember that whatever we do, in word or deed, we are to do to the glory of God whom we love and trust. In Christ's Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Colossians 3:23-24 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Body of missing woman recovered from Pactola Reservoir**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Searchers have recovered the body of a Rapid City woman who went missing after a boat crash on Pactola Reservoir.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says searchers on Monday used a remotely operated underwater vehicle to locate the body of 33-year-old Gabrielle Fisher.

The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department and the Bismarck Rural Fire Department in North Dakota sent personnel and equipment to the scene to help in the search.

Fisher was one of two people on a boat that collided with a personal watercraft Friday. The personal watercraft driver is facing charges of boating under the influence and manslaughter.

KEVN-TV reports Jody Kreycik pleaded not guilty during a court appearance Monday. He faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted.

### **Highway 11 closed south of Sioux Falls for flood project**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation says Highway 11 is closed south of Sioux Falls.

The agency says work on the highway between Cody Road and Julie Drive is expected to be completed by the middle of September.

Local access to residences will be maintained, but through traffic must find a different route.

Workers are replacing drainage structures for a Lincoln County led flood mitigation effort. The project is the final phase of the effort, which is set for completion in October.

### **Jewel Cave in SD hosting Junior Ranger Day focusing on bats**

JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.D. (AP) — Jewel Cave National Monument in western South Dakota is hosting a Junior Ranger Day this weekend as part of a series of events in celebration of the 99th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Saturday's Junior Ranger Day will focus on bats and some of their unique characteristics. Children will learn about the species of bats that inhabit Jewel Cave and take part in some hands-on activities.

The Explore the World of Bats program is geared toward children ages 3 through 12. Youth participants will receive a 2015 Junior Ranger Badge and certificate.

The Park Service turns 99 years old Aug. 25. That day, Jewel Cave will offer guided cave tours for free.

### **South Dakota nurse embeds in colony life to transform care**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

OLIVET, S.D. (AP) — A spaghetti dinner with people in prairie dress and a church service in German is all in a day's work for Kerri Lutjens.

The 33-year-old nurse, who doesn't speak German, has spent the past few years gaining the trust of several communities of Hutterites, a deeply religious people with ancestral ties to the Amish who live in insular farming communities in the Plains, Upper Midwest and Canada.

Although she provides a broad range of care to the eight South Dakota Hutterite colonies she serves, Lutjens has paid particular attention to vaccinating children in these communities and preventing outbreaks like one in Ohio last year in which 383 people, most of them unvaccinated Amish, got the measles.

In the first seven colonies that welcomed Lutjens, the combined rate of children with up-to-date vaccinations has gone from about 13 percent since she started administering vaccines in 2011 to well over 90 percent today. Her work hasn't gone unnoticed: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently lauded Lutjens' vaccination success, noting the cultural sensitivity she has shown along the way.

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"They're their future. They're going to keep their colony going," Lutjens said of the children she treats. "So if we can instill those values as little people, we're going to have a much healthier colony in 20 years."

In traditional Hutterite colonies, the women wear ankle-length dresses and black head scarves and the men serve as the providers, working mostly in agriculture or building homes on the colonies. Like the Amish, the Hutterites aren't averse to vaccinations, but because they live in remote areas and go into town infrequently, getting their children vaccinated hasn't been routine.

"They're not anti anything," Lutjens said. "They just have a different way of going about things."

Hutterite colonies are spread across the Great Plains of the U.S. and southern Canada and the majority of American colonies are centered in Montana and South Dakota. Along with the Mennonites and Amish, the Hutterites are descended from Anabaptists and trace their roots back to the Radical Reformation of the 16th century.

Unlike the Amish, those in the Hutterian Brethren Church embrace technology, using cellphones, cars and trucks — and modern medicine. Residents of Lutjens' colonies still seek medical treatment at local hospitals and clinics, but she provides much of their initial care.

Lutjens said her personal interactions are the key to earning these communities' trust.

Hoping to establish ties with an eighth colony, she attended a communal dinner this spring to explain what she could offer to residents. She then joined them for their nightly church service in German, which is the primary language in many colonies and which many Hutterites learn before learning English.

"That's what makes it work," she said. "It's a very personable relationship. Each person has a name, and you try to figure that out, and you try to figure out the connections between the colonies."

With the help of a physician's assistant, Lutjens sets up shop in a different one of the eight colonies she treats nearly every day.

At the Tschetter Colony, a remote outpost of single-story homes and communal buildings surrounded by acres of farmland about 70 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, Lutjens' makeshift clinic is housed in an empty room, sandwiched between the colony's church and usual dining hall. Lutjens uses the colony's speaker system here to let patients know she has arrived and is seeing patients; she'll also use a phone in the nearby church to call families and ask them to come in.

Lutjens treats hundreds of patients in the eight colonies, and she greets each with a warm familiarity.

On a recent day, Karen Hofer brought her son to Lutjens' clinic for an ear infection. She said Lutjen's presence has helped families by making health care more accessible. In Hutterite colonies, mothers are the primary caretakers, but in many they don't drive.

"It's ... just easier, and she stresses (vaccinations) a lot," said Hofer, who wore a long purple dress and black head scarf and spoke in a thick German accent.

Larry Decker, 64, said Lutjen's presence helps the entire colony be healthier, particularly him, who has a lengthy medical history and is generally apprehensive of leaving the colony to seek medical attention.

"Like today, I wouldn't have seen anybody. I would have pushed it off five years if I had to go see somebody, but if I can go see her I will," said Decker, who farms and keeps honeybees.

## 20 years added to inmate's prison term in cellmate's killing

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota inmate already serving a 75-year sentence must spend an additional 20 years in prison for strangling his cellmate to death with a homemade rope last year at the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

The sentence against 29-year-old Douglas Ipsen on a first-degree manslaughter charge in the death of convicted killer Kent Davidson came Monday in Sioux Falls. Judge Susan Sabers ordered the sentence after an emotional Ipsen explained that he assisted Davidson in killing himself at his request.

"When Kent asked me to kill him, I was very hesitant," Ipsen said. "I spent months pushing him off, telling him that I didn't want to do it."

But Ipsen said he also had been suicidal from a young age, and he eventually relented and agreed to

help Davidson die. State law does not allow for assisted suicide.

"It really was the hardest thing that I ever had to do," Ipsen said.

The 37-year-old Davidson, whose body was found in his cell, died from strangulation and asphyxia, according to his death certificate. He was hurt late on Sept. 7 and died early on Sept. 8. Authorities said a bedsheet was used in the slaying.

Davidson was serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in the 2013 shooting death of his former fiancée, 26-year-old Crystal Schulz.

Prosecutor Doug Barnett rejected the possibility of an assisted suicide and asked Sabers to sentence Ipsen to the maximum penalty of 50 years for the manslaughter charge. But Sabers handed Ipsen a 30-year sentence with 10 years suspended after explaining that the case did not have aggravating facts that would grant the maximum sentence.

Sabers explained the evidence did not show that Davidson fought back when Ipsen strangled him and did leave a handwritten note addressed to South Dakota Department of Corrections employees stating that he was "suicidal," had been denied help many times, and had decided to take matters into his own hands.

"Mr. Davidson himself was suicidal, you struggle with that as well, and perhaps this will shine some light on the concept of putting two suicidal individuals together in a jail cell and perhaps that's part of what went wrong here," Sabers said.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections had deemed Ipsen a "low moderate" risk, while Davidson was assessed as a "moderate" risk. The men became cellmates April 30, 2014.

Ipsen is serving 60 years for first-degree rape of a child and an additional 15 years for sexual contact with a child under the age of 16, both in Butte County. He arrived at the penitentiary on September, 2010.

## **Study suggests link between nitrates, uranium contamination**

**JOSH FUNK, Associated Press**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new study suggests that nitrates may play a key role in increasing uranium contamination in groundwater.

The researchers from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln estimate that nearly 2 million people in California and the Great Plains live over groundwater that has been contaminated with uranium, which can cause health problems.

The study found that 78 percent of the groundwater samples that showed unsafe levels of uranium were from areas with high levels of nitrates, which typically come from nitrogen fertilizers and animal waste.

"If the problem is this widespread, more research needs to be done," said UNL assistant professor Karrie Weber, who led the research.

Environmental Protection Agency rules say that uranium shouldn't exceed 30 micrograms per liter in drinking water. Weber's research found examples in California well above that threshold.

Prolonged exposure to high levels of uranium in water has been linked to kidney problems and increased cancer risk.

Some studies have also suggested that uranium might accumulate in certain crops if they are irrigated with contaminated water.

Weber said groundwater samples aren't always tested for uranium making it harder to study. She said the lack of testing also raises safety concerns because smaller communities and rural families often use well water without treating it.

Weber said the nitrates moving through the soil can convert uranium from a solid state to a soluble form that can contaminate groundwater.

"As nitrates come into the system, they are increasing the concentration of uranium in the water," Weber said.

Data from roughly 275,000 samples from two of the nation's largest aquifers — the High Plains aquifer and the Central Valley aquifer in California — were examined for the study. Those two underground stockpiles supply water for irrigation and many communities rely on the aquifers for drinking water.

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The High Plains Aquifer stretches underneath some 174,000 square miles in parts of South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

The study was published in the August edition of the journal Environmental Science and Technology Letters.

## ND first responders to assist in recovery of woman's body

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in western South Dakota say first responders from North Dakota will assist in the recovery of the body of a woman who went missing in a reservoir after a boat crash.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the North Dakota first responders are bringing an underwater inspection system with a variety of capabilities to help find the body of 33-year-old Gabrielle Fisher. Authorities are describing the effort as a body recovery operation.

The Rapid City woman was one of two people on a boat that collided with a personal watercraft Friday in Pactola Reservoir.

The sheriff's office says the personal watercraft driver is facing boating under the influence and manslaughter charges.

The North Dakota first responders are from the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department and the Bismarck Rural Fire Department.

## Powerball changes improve prize odds; longer shot at jackpot

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — New rules for Powerball in South Dakota mean players have a better chance of winning a prize at the expense of a longer shot at the jackpot.

The Legislative Rules Review Committee approved changes to the game Monday. The rules were first authorized by the state Lottery Commission and are set to take effect in October.

The new rules mean the overall odds of winning a prize will be one in about 25 instead of one in about 32. But a shot at winning the jackpot will increase to one in 292 million. That's up from one in 175 million.

The \$10,000 third prize is jumping to \$50,000. The changes also mean players can buy up to 10-times multipliers applicable to many prizes.

The initial jackpot stays at \$40 million.

## States raising taxes, fees and debt to pay for road repairs

DAVID A. LIEB, Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — While Congress remains stalled on a long-term plan for funding highways, state lawmakers and governors aren't waiting around.

Nearly one-third of the states have approved measures this year that could collectively raise billions of dollars through higher fuel taxes, vehicle fees and bonds to repair old bridges and roads and relieve traffic congestion, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

The surge of activity means at least half of the states — from coast to coast, in both Republican and Democratic areas — now have passed transportation funding measures since 2013.

And the movement may not be done yet.

Tennessee's governor is in the midst of a 15-city tour highlighting the state's transportation needs. North Carolina lawmakers are debating a road-bonding proposal. And legislators are returning to work this week in California and Michigan with transportation funding on the agenda.

"I don't know of a state that's not having the conversation" about raising revenue for transportation, said Iowa Transportation Director Paul Trombino III, who is vice president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and whose home state recently raised fuel taxes by 10 cents a gallon.

The widespread focus on transportation funding comes as state officials are becoming frustrated by federal inaction in helping to repair roads and bridges described as crumbling, aging and unsafe.

About 20 percent of the nation's 900,000 miles of interstates and major roads need resurfacing or re-

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construction, according to one analysis of federal data. A quarter of the 600,000 bridges are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. That doesn't necessarily mean they are about to fall; it means they are showing worrisome problems or are no longer adequate for today's traffic.

"There's a lot of voices that say let's push this off," said Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, whose call for more transportation funding has been opposed by some fellow Republicans. "But the need is not going to go away. We're going to have to do something to address this."

In many states, the new money is going primarily toward repairing old infrastructure, though some projects — such as a new four-lane U.S. 20 across Iowa — are designed to ease congestion so that commerce can flow more freely.

Congress has yet to agree on long-term funding to supplement the states' efforts. Instead, it recently passed its 34th short-term extension of the nation's transportation program since 2009, ensuring only that states will continue to receive federal highway funding through Oct. 29.

Federal dollars, on average, cover about half of a state's capital expenditures for roads and bridges, according to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association. But the money available from the Federal Highway Trust Fund declined 3.5 percent during the five-year period ending in 2013, the latest year for which numbers are available, because of improved fuel economy and other factors. The fund receives money from federal taxes on gasoline and diesel.

Regardless of what Congress ultimately does, some state officials say more taxpayer money will be required to update their aging infrastructure for the modern economy. The newly passed measures put only a dent in a backlog of projects.

In Connecticut, for example, legislators recently approved \$2.8 billion of additional transportation bonding over the next five years. But that's just the start of what Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy hopes will be a 30-year, \$100 billion overhaul of the state's transportation system.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a Republican, signed a law this spring raising the fuel tax by 7 cents a gallon and increasing vehicle registration fees. That's projected to raise \$95 million a year, barely a third of the \$262 million annual shortfall in the transportation system.

Legislators in Kentucky and North Carolina— where tax rates are linked to the price of fuel — passed measures to avert large cuts caused by falling fuel prices. But those bills didn't generate any additional money.

Though politicians often talk about coming up with creative ways of funding roads, many states have resorted to the traditional means of taxing and borrowing. That's caused consternation for some Republicans who have campaigned against such things. But it helps that 2015 isn't an election year.

Nebraska's single-house legislature, which is dominated by Republicans, overrode Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts' veto to enact a 6-cent-a-gallon fuel tax increase.

"I had to do a great deal of soul-searching" on a fuel tax increase, said sponsor Sen. Jim Smith, a conservative Republican. But he added: "The magnitude of the (transportation) backlog was so large that we would not be able to tackle that with gains and efficiencies alone."

Transportation economist George Hoffer of the University of Richmond in Virginia said many politicians find it more palatable to raise the fuel tax than other taxes because "it's considered equitable — the more you use, the more you pay."

Also, because fuel prices regularly fluctuate, it's sometimes harder for motorists to notice the added tax.

"If it's infrastructure-related, that's a legitimate reason to raise it," said motorist Lauren Sharkey of Spokane, Washington, where the state gasoline tax increased by 7 cents on Aug. 1 as part of a new 16-year, \$16 billion transportation plan.

In states that haven't raised road taxes, some local governments are forging ahead on their own. A new 4-cent-a-gallon gas tax took effect in July in Normal, Illinois. A 5-cent hike is to kick in Jan. 1 in Osceola County, Florida, just south of Orlando.

Some transportation tax plans have been rejected by voters. Missouri and Michigan, where measures were defeated, are now pondering alternatives.

Frustrated that others have acted while his home state has not, Missouri transportation commission

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chairman Stephen Miller has been distributing newsletters warning that his agency has "a huge problem" and "no ready solution." Within a decade, he says, 75 percent of Missouri's secondary roads could be in poor condition.

"At both the federal level and the state level, everyone says transportation is incredibly important, we have a need, we are underfunded, and then nobody can agree on how to do that," Miller said.

## **Kmart workers in Spearfish should be able to find new jobs**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Economic development officials in Spearfish say plenty of job openings exist for Kmart employees who will soon be out of work.

The retailer announced earlier this month that it plans to close the Kmart store in Spearfish, putting 51 employees out of work.

The store will begin a liquidation sale on Aug. 30 and likely shut down in mid-November. Workers will get severance pay and the opportunity to apply at other Kmart or Sears stores.

Spearfish Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Bryan Walker says workers who want to stay in Spearfish should be able to find work. He says the state Labor Department lists 801 jobs in the Spearfish market.

## **Disaster unemployment assistance available for Oglala Sioux**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who became unemployed due to severe storms on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in May are eligible for disaster assistance.

South Dakota's Department of Labor and Regulation announced the availability of disaster unemployment assistance on Monday for tribal members whose employment, self-employment or prospective employment was lost or interrupted as a direct result of straight-line winds and flooding.

Claims must be filed by Sept. 16.

Free re-employment assistance also is available through local offices of the Labor and Regulation Department.

## **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. THAI PM SAYS VIDEO SHOWS 'SOME SUSPECTS' IN SHRINE BLAST**

Prayuth Chan-ocha promises to track down those responsible for what he describes as the "worst incident" in the country's history, which killed at least 20 people and injured 140.

### **2. MISSING INDONESIAN PLANE 'TOTALLY DESTROYED'**

The flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder, the plane's "black boxes," are found in good condition.

### **3. WHAT PROBE OF CLINTON'S SERVER COULD FIND**

Investigators could examine files on her private machine that would be more revelatory than the emails themselves.

### **4. HOW AMERICAN CHARITY HELPS AFRICA'S ALBINO CHILDREN**

Brought from Tanzania, where they were hunted by the superstitious who wanted to sell their body parts on the black market, they find fake limbs and new hope in the U.S.

### **5. WHO SEEKS TO BAN BOLLYWOOD ACTION FILM**

A Pakistani militant leader with a \$10 million bounty on his head over his alleged involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks is arguing the upcoming film "Phantom" is Indian propaganda meant to hurt the image of Pakistan abroad.

### **6. FEW OPTIONS FOR ACTIVISTS AFTER COLLEGE LABOR UNION BLOCKED**

Although they vow not to abandon their fight to organize college sports teams, it's not clear where the

battle might head next.

## 7. THUNDERSTORMS COMPLICATE RECOVERY FROM TIANJIN BLASTS

Experts are concerned that rain could spread some of the vast quantities of hazardous material at the site.

## 8. TOURISM SUFFERS AS WILDFIRE RAGES IN WASHINGTON

A lakeside town in the Cascade Mountains counts on money from summer visitors, but many of them fled after blazes burned homes.

## 9. ASIA'S 'INFRASTRUCTURE GAP' IMPERILS GROWTH

Developing economies face a shortage of basic facilities so severe that it threatens to hold back economic development and living standards.

## 10. BEATLES' FIRST RECORDING CONTRACT TO BE AUCTIONED NEXT MONTH

It's being sold by the estate of Uwe Blaschke, a German graphic designer and noted Beatles historian who died in 2010.

### AP News in Brief

## Thai PM: Video shows 'some suspects' in blast that killed 20, country's 'worst incident ever'

BANGKOK (AP) — This city rocked by a bombing that killed at least 20 people was rattled further Tuesday when another explosive device blew up at a ferry pier — this time harmlessly. As police investigated Monday's deadly attack, the prime minister said they were looking for "some suspects" spotted in security video.

Police Senior Sgt. Maj. Worapong Boonthawee said an explosive device was thrown from the Taksin Bridge and blew up at Sathorn Pier after falling into the Chao Phraya River below. "There is no injury," he said. Security camera footage shows a sudden blast of water over a walkway at the pier as bystanders run for safety.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha called Monday's explosion at a shrine at a busy central Bangkok intersection "the worst incident that has ever happened in Thailand," and he promised to track down those responsible.

"There have been minor bombs or just noise, but this time they aimed for innocent lives," Prayuth said. "They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."

Well over 100 people were injured by the improvised explosive device, which scattered body parts, spattered blood, blasted windows and burned motorbikes to the metal. The explosion went off around 7 p.m. in an upscale area filled with tourists, office workers and shoppers.

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## Thai prime minister vows to bring perpetrators of bombing to justice in national TV address

BANGKOK (AP) — The latest on Monday night's bombing at a shrine next to a busy central Bangkok intersection:

3:20 p.m.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha told the nation in his first televised address since the blast that the government will expedite "all investigative efforts to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice," but said nothing specific about suspects or the status of the investigation.

He urged the nation to be united and called on the media, traditional and social, to provide constructive news rather than coverage or commentary that would be contentious or have a misleading effect on the investigation.

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## **Indonesian official says rescuers have reached crash site and plane is 'totally destroyed'**

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian passenger plane that went missing two days ago was destroyed when it slammed into a mountain, killing all 54 people on board, the country's top rescue official said.

More than 70 rescuers reached the crash site only on Tuesday after being hindered by rugged, forested terrain and bad weather.

The flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder, the plane's "black boxes," were found in good condition, said Henry Bambang Soelistyo, the National Search and Rescue Agency chief. The data they contain could help explain what caused the crash.

"The plane was totally destroyed and all the bodies were burned and difficult to identify," Soelistyo told The Associated Press.

He said all 54 bodies had been recovered and will be taken to Jayapura, the capital of Papua province, so they can be identified.

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## **Probe of Clinton's private server could find more than just emails, including hints of hacking**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that federal investigators have Hillary Rodham Clinton's homebrew email server, they could examine files on her machine that would be more revelatory than the emails themselves.

Clinton last week handed over to the FBI her private server, which she used to send, receive and store emails during her four years while secretary of state. The bureau is holding the machine in protective custody after the intelligence community's inspector general raised concerns that classified information had traversed the system.

Questions about her use of the server have shadowed her campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. Clinton again this weekend repeated a carefully constructed defense of her actions, in that she did not send or receive emails marked classified at the time.

But her emails show some messages she wrote were censored by the State Department for national security reasons before they were publicly released. The government blacked out those messages under a provision of the Freedom of Information Act intended to protect material that had been deemed and properly classified for purposes of national defense or foreign policy.

What hasn't been released: data that could show how secure her system was, whether someone tried to break in, and who else had accounts on her system. A lawyer for Platte River Networks, a Colorado-based technology services company that began managing the Clinton server in 2013, said the server was provided to the FBI last week.

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## **Wanted Pakistani militant seeks to ban Bollywood film about fictional spy raid targeting him**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A Pakistani militant leader with a \$10 million bounty on his head over his alleged involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks now has a new target: a Bollywood film that imagines him being assassinated.

In a twist worthy of a movie itself, a lawyer for Hafiz Mohammed Saeed wants to ban the upcoming film "Phantom" from being shown, arguing it is Indian propaganda meant to hurt the image of Pakistan abroad.

But beyond the choreographed mayhem of the film's imagined, perfectly coiffed Indian spies, the movie's premise lays bare the anger still felt over the Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people, including six Americans, as well as tensions between the two nuclear-armed rival countries.

"I am surprised and amused that a wanted terrorist has gone and filed a petition," film director Kabir Khan recently said, according to the Press Trust of India news agency. "He is the one who is spreading hate agenda and he is opposing the film, without even knowing what the film is about."

Spy revenge films are nothing new, like "Zero Dark Thirty" focusing on the U.S. special forces raid in Pakistan that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden or "Munich," the Stephen Spielberg film on Israel's retaliatory assassinations of Palestinians over the 1972 Olympic Games attack by Black September.

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## **Few options for union activists after US board blocks bid to unionize college athletes**

CHICAGO (AP) — Labor activists vowed not to abandon their fight to organize college sports teams after the National Labor Relations Board blocked a historic bid by Northwestern University football players to become the first in the nation to unionize.

It's not clear, however, where the battle might head next.

"It's a setback, but I don't see it as a body blow," Tim Waters, of the United Steelworkers union, said about the ruling. The Steelworkers bankrolled the Wildcats' union drive and advised them on strategy.

Labor agency rules offer no avenue for an appeal of Monday's unanimous decision by the five-member board, which overturned a ruling last year by a regional NLRB director in Chicago that gave the Northwestern players the go-head to unionize.

Asked if one option would be for activists to file a new request to unionize on behalf of a team in another region, Waters said, "That is absolutely a possibility. ... In no way, shape or form is this at an end."

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## **For Africa's hunted albino children, US charity offers them false limbs and true hope**

NEW YORK (AP) — Like other little boys, Baraka Cosmas Lusambo loves to play soccer. When he hears music, his feet tap and his face breaks out into a wide smile. During summer pool time recently, he used his left hand to toss a ball through a basketball hoop while red arm floaties keep him above water.

The joy vanished, though, when he was reminded of the night men armed with torches and knives burst into his family's home in western Tanzania, knocked his mother unconscious and sliced off his other hand.

"We were simply sleeping when someone just arrived," Baraka said. "They came to me with machetes."

Baraka has albinism, a condition that leaves its afflicted with little or no pigment in their skin or eyes. In some traditional communities of Tanzania and other countries in Africa, albinos, as they're often called, are thought to have magical properties, and their body parts can fetch thousands of dollars on the black market as ingredients in witch doctors' potions said to give the user wealth and good luck.

Baraka and four other children with his condition have escaped the threat, at least temporarily, brought to the United States by the Global Medical Relief Fund, a charity started by Elissa Montanti in 1997 that helps children from crisis zones get custom prostheses.

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## **Thunderstorms complicate recovery effort following huge explosions at China's Tianjin port**

TIANJIN, China (AP) — Thunderstorms Tuesday complicated recovery efforts from last week's massive explosions at a warehouse in China's Tianjin port that killed at least 114 people, left 57 missing and exposed dangerous chemicals — including some that could become flammable on contact with water.

Experts have expressed concern that rain could spread some of the vast quantities of hazardous material at the site or set off chemical reactions sparking further explosions. Rain began falling mid-morning, but there was no immediate word of new blasts.

The storms began shortly after residents, firefighters, police, medical staff and officials held a moment of silence marking the sixth day since the disaster, the first observance in the 49-day traditional Chinese mourning cycle. Sirens wailed and car and boat horns blared while assembled groups bowed in respect for the dead.

At the now-evacuated Seaport City housing complex, 33-year-old Fan Jie joined other residents in lighting candles for first-responders killed in the explosions.

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"There were many firefighters who went into the blast and sacrificed themselves. So we're here today for them, to give thanks to them and grieve for them," Fan said.

## 'Infrastructure gap' in developing Asian economies threatens to hamper growth

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Looking out at bumper-to-bumper Monday morning traffic crawling along the Philippine capital's main avenue, taxi driver Ranilo Banez shook his head in frustration.

Congestion has gotten so bad as the economy grew, he said, that a 10-kilometer (six-mile) trip that once took 30 minutes can stretch to two hours.

"We lose so much," said Banez, 64. "We waste a lot of gasoline and time."

The Philippines is far from alone. The outpouring of support for a Chinese-led bank to finance infrastructure highlights a gap in Asia's success story: From power-starved India to Thailand's overburdened railways, developing economies face a shortage of basic facilities so severe that it threatens to hold back growth and living standards.

Manila and other cities are choked with construction sites for office and apartment towers. But spending on roads, railways and other unglamorous but essential infrastructure collapsed after the 1997 financial crisis and has yet to recover.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On August 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, the Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.)

### On this date:

In 1838, the first marine expedition sponsored by the U.S. government set sail from Hampton Roads, Virginia; the crews traveled the southern Pacific Ocean, gathering scientific information.

In 1846, U.S. forces led by General Stephen W. Kearny captured Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.

In 1955, the romantic drama "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing," starring William Holden and Jennifer Jones, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1963, James Meredith became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to a close after three nights with a mid-morning set by Jimi Hendrix.

In 1976, two U.S. Army officers were killed in Korea's demilitarized zone as a group of North Korean soldiers wielding axes and metal pikes attacked U.S. and South Korean soldiers.

In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than a billion dollars' worth of damage. The Kansas City Royals defeated the New York Yankees, 5-4, in the completion of the "pine-tar" game in just 12 minutes.

In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush accepted the presidential nomination of his party at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

In 1995, Shannon Faulkner, who'd won a 2 1/2-year legal battle to become the first female cadet at The Citadel, quit the South Carolina military college after less than a week, most of it spent in the infirmary.

**Ten years ago:** Cindy Sheehan, who'd started an anti-war demonstration near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch nearly two weeks earlier, left the camp after learning her mother had suffered a stroke,

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but told supporters the protest would go on. A judge in Wichita, Kansas, sentenced BTK serial killer Dennis Rader to 10 consecutive life terms, the maximum the law would allow. Pope Benedict XVI began his first foreign trip as pontiff in low-key style, returning to his "beloved" German homeland.

**Five years ago:** General Motors filed the first batch of paperwork to sell stock to the public again, a significant step toward shedding U.S. government ownership a year after the automaker had filed for bankruptcy. A bull leapt into the packed grandstands of a bullring in northern Spain and ran amok, charging and trampling spectators and leaving dozens of people injured. (The bull was brought under control by handlers and was later killed.)

**One year ago:** Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon ordered the National Guard to Ferguson, a suburb of St. Louis convulsed by protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teen. Former Vermont U.S. Sen. James Jeffords, who in 2001 tipped control of the Senate when he quit the Republican Party to become an independent, died in Washington; he was 80. Don Pardo, 96, a durable radio and television announcer whose booming baritone became as much a part of the U.S. cultural landscape as the shows and products he touted, died in Tucson, Arizona.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former first lady Rosalynn Carter is 88. Movie director Roman Polanski is 82. Olympic gold medal decathlete Rafer Johnson is 80. Actor-director Robert Redford is 79. Actor Henry G. Sanders is 73. Actor-comedian Martin Mull is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sarah Dash (LaBelle) is 70. Rock musician Dennis Elliott is 65. Comedian Elayne Boosler is 63. Country singer Steve Wilkinson (The Wilkinsons) is 60. Actor Denis Leary is 58. Actress Madeleine Stowe is 57. Former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner (GYT'-nur) is 54. ABC News reporter Bob Woodruff is 54. The former president of Mexico, Felipe Calderon, is 53. Bluegrass musician Jimmy Mattingly is 53. Actor Adam Storke is 53. Actor Craig Bierko (BEER'-koh) is 51. Rock singer-musician Zac Maloy (The Nixons) is 47. Rock singer and hip-hop artist Everlast is 46. Rapper Masta Killa (Wu-Tang Clan) is 46. Actor Christian Slater is 46. Actor Edward Norton is 46. Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner is 45. Actress Kaitlin Olson is 40. Actor-writer-director Hadji is 39. Rock musician Dirk Lance is 39. Actor-comedian Andy Samberg (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 37. Actress Mika Boorem is 28. Actress Maia Mitchell is 22. Actress Parker McKenna Posey is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Memory is more indelible than ink." - Anita Loos, American author and screenwriter (1888-1981).