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The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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SDSU Extension Receives Grant to Plan for Potential Food Hub

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota is one of only a few states that have not developed a food hub as a model for marketing local food. This is about to change thanks to a recent grant the USDA Ag Marketing Services awarded SDSU Extension a grant that will give producers in southeastern South Dakota a chance to plan for their own food hub.

A food hub is a means of aggregating and distributing local foods to restaurants and institutions interested in a constant supply of local foods for their establishments, explained Kari O'Neill, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist.

O'Neill has led a coordinated effort to research food hubs in other states and to assist producers in developing a plan that can work in South Dakota. She applied for the grant after producers in the southeastern quarter of the state indicated a commitment to planning for some way to collectively market fresh foods in a more coordinated effort.

The food hub model O'Neill would like to research further is one developed in Illinois which uses an LLC structure which includes 20-member farmers. The group began with only three member-farmers selling to a local grocer. Today the group sells to many restaurants in the Chicago area, even though they are located two hours from the metro area.

How funds will be used

SDSU Extension's one-year, \$25,000 planning grant is funded through the Local Food Promotion Program. In addition to producers, input for the planning will be gathered from many statewide resource providers, most of whom are part of the South Dakota Local Foods Collaborative.

The money will be allocated to accomplish the following:

Local food producers will host regional meetings this fall for producers interested in learning more about how they can become involved in sales to a food hub.

Local food producers, resource providers and potential clients are offered the chance to participate in a field trip to Fairbury, Ill., to visit the Stewards of the Land Food Hub. The trip is planned for early December and participants are being sought.

The group will undergo a session on strategic planning in January to build their structure. Legal aid will be provided.

A geo-mapping process will be used through the Planning Districts to give producers an idea of where potential aggregation sites could be feasible, and how transportation routes could be developed.

Potential clients (restaurant chefs, food service managers, etc) will be invited to "Meet the Farmer" receptions this spring.

Training will be provided by Dakota Rural Action on using an online marketing tool for listing and ordering food products.

At the end of the year, if the project moves forward, the search will begin for a manager, and the results of the plan will be shared.

Attendees at the South Dakota Local Foods Conference Nov. 15, 2014 in Sioux Falls can join a session detailing more about this project and how to get involved. To learn more about this project, or how to get involved, contact O'Neill at 685-6972 or kari.oneill@sdstate.edu.

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Thune Re-elected Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator John Thune (R-S.D.) was re-elected Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference today by his fellow Republican Senators. Thune was originally elected to the post in December of 2011, but officially assumed the position of Senate Republican Conference Chairman in January of 2012. The Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference is the number three leadership position for Senate Republicans and is tasked with spearheading messaging efforts for the conference.

"It's an honor to be selected by my colleagues to serve as the Chair of the Republican Conference," said Thune. "We will continue to speak directly to the American public about our solutions to create jobs, grow the economy, and strengthen the middle class. The new Republican majority is ready to roll up our sleeves and get the Senate back to work. With the House Republican majority, we will work to pass policies that lead to more jobs, lower energy costs, and a less intrusive, more efficient government."

Prior to being elected Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, Thune previously served as Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference. The Senate Republican Conference helps senators communicate their priorities to the American people through a wide variety of communications resources, including television, radio, and web technology, among other services.

Classifieds Togel Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower for Megan Togel, bride-to-be of Logan Clemensen, November 15, 2014, 10:00-11:30 A.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, SD. The couple is registered at Target and Inspire.

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

House for Rent

Two-bedroom house in Groton. Full basement, breezeway, attached garage, large yard. Wheelchair accessible. Furnished, appliances included. \$700/ month. Less with lease. (941) 525-4515.

Apartment For Rent

One bedroom apartment for rent. Main street ground level. Washer dryer and dishwasher big walk in closet 550 utilities included 400 if you pay your own

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Transportation Commission To Hold Public Hearing On Ditch Mowing Regulations

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Transportation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 at 1 p.m. CST in the Hills meeting room at the RedRossa restaurant in Pierre to take public comments on the current ditch mowing regulations.

The hearing is being held in response to a recommendation from the governor's work group on pheasant habitat for the commission to review the current mowing rules.

People wanting to offer written comments about the topic can send them to the Department of Transportation, 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501 or via email to Kristi.Sandal@state.sd.us. Comments will be accepted for two weeks after the Nov. 20 meeting in Pierre.

Current Administrative Rule:

70:04:06:06. Start of mowing. No mowing of the right-of-way may begin in the west river counties of Gregory, Lyman, or Tripp before June 15 and east of the Missouri River before July 10. All mowing by permit must be completed by September 1 each year.

Mowing of the median by contract may begin on the date the contract is approved and must be performed during the hours between sunrise and sunset. The contractor shall notify the department 24 hours before beginning mowing.

The department may mow medians and areas within the rights-of-way prior to July 10 to control noxious weeds and provide increased safety to the traveling public.



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Today in Weather History

1997: A strong low pressure system produced snow and blowing snow, creating near whiteout conditions at times. Six inches of snow fell in the Sisseton foothills by Friday evening in Roberts and eastern Marshall Counties. Strong north winds gusting to near 35 mph, combined with the snow, caused visibilities to fall below one half mile at times over a large portion of northeast South Dakota during the evening of the 13th and through the 14th. Classes were cancelled around Summit because of nearwhiteout conditions, while classes were delayed for two hours in Britton. Interstate 29 was closed just north of the Grant County line for a time after a semi trailer rolled. Some snowfall amounts include; 6.5 inches in Summit; 6.2 inches in Waubay; 6.0 inches in Roscoe; and 5.0 inches in Sisseton and Wilmot.

1964 - With the help of a fresh three inch cover of snow, the temperature at Ely, NV, dipped to 15 degrees below zero to establish an all-time record low for the month of November. That record of -15 degrees was later equalled on the 19th of November in 1985. (The Weather Channel)

1970: Seventy-five people, including the Marshall University football team, died when a Southern Airways DC-9 crashed in rain and fog near Huntington, WV.

1974 - A storm produced 15 inches of snow at the Buffalo, NY, airport, and 30 inches on the south shore of Lake Erie. (David Ludlum)

1977: The "Andhra Cyclone" formed over the Bay of Bengal. The Super Cyclone would strike India on the 19th, killing over 10,000 people, with winds up to 125 mph and a storm surge of 16 feet.

1986 - An early season cold wave set more than 200 records from the northwestern U.S. to the east coast over a seven day period. For some places it proved to be the coldest weather of the winter season. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - The first major snowstorm of the season hit the Southern and Central Rockies, producing 12 inches at the Brian Head ski resort in Utah overnight. Strong and gusty winds associated with the storm reached 52 mph at Ruidoso NM. In the eastern U.S., the temperature at Washington D.C. soared to 68 degrees, just three days after being buried under more than a foot of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A massive storm produced snow and gusty winds in the western U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. Winds gusted to 66 mph at Show Low AZ, and Donner Summit, located in the Sierra Nevada Range of California, was buried under 23 inches of snow. Heavy rain soaked parts of California, with 3.19 inches reported at Blue Canyon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed east of the Rockies. Temperatures reached 70 degrees as far north as New England, and readings in the 80s were reported across the southeast quarter of the nation. Nineteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. For the second time in the month Dallas/Fort Worth TX equalled their record for November with an afternoon high of 89 degrees. The high of 91 degrees at Waco TX was their warmest of record for so late in the season. Heavy snow blanketed parts of Wyoming overnight, with a foot of snow reported at Cody, and ten inches at Yellowstone Park. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999: Hurricane Lenny formed in the Caribbean and began moving in an unusual direction: eastward. Forecasters nicknamed the storm "left-handed Lenny".



Valid ending at Sunday November 16th, 2014 at 6 PM CST Created Friday November 14th, 2014 at 5:29 AM CST

A weather system will bring light to moderate snowfall across southwest and south central South Dakota late tonight. Snow will spread east across the region Saturday morning. The highest accumulations will be across southern South Dakota where 2 to 5 inches are likely. Lesser amounts are expected further north in the forecast area. Winter Weather Advisories have been posted for southern South Dakota, effective late tonight through Saturday afternoon.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 17.7°F at Midnight Low: -5.9°F at 10:34 PM Wind Chill: -8.0°F at 8:12 PM High Gust: 26 mph at 5:48 AM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 68° in 1905

Record Low: -15° in 1959 Average High: 40°F Average Low: 20°F Average Precip in Nov.: 0.37 Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56 Average Precip to date: 20.84 Precip Year to Date: 13.79 Sunset Tonight: 5:05 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:33 a.m.



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RICHES AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

"I need to come talk with you," he said nervously. "I have everything anyone could ask for, but I'm miserable. I think you are the only hope I have. As soon as I get back from this trip I'm taking, I'll be in to see you."

"Well," I said, "I don't have any answers for your problems, but I believe strongly that God does. And if you seek Him sincerely and honestly, He'll give you the right answer for any problem. We have His Word on that."

The trip is over, he returned safely and had a "good time," but has found no time to look for God's answers to his miserable condition. Perhaps the trip was so enjoyable that it has relieved him, temporarily, of his distress. It may also have been a "gentle" forewarning from God that, when his misery returns, he will not escape His wrath.

God does everything He can to bring people to a place while they still have time to make things "right" with Him. Our God is not only gracious, He is patient and inviting. But, as Solomon wrote, "Wealth is worthless in the day of God's wrath."

When that "day of wrath" arrives, no amount of this world's wealth will make any difference. In support of this David wrote a warning to the wealthy who have no time for God: "The foolish and the senseless also perish. People, despite their wealth, do not endure."

Righteousness and right living has its own rewards. It is a life with God's presence, power and protection now, and a life with Him in eternity forever. He promised us that He will deliver us from destruction and death

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for Your eternal Word, the gift of eternal life with You and a hope that comes with it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:4 Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

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News from the App Associated Press

Burn permits now available for winter season

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Burn permits are now being issued for the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District for the winter season.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture says the permits are free and are effective from the day they are obtained through March 31. The permits are only valid during conditions of continuous snow cover, which is defined as a minimum of two inches of snow and when winds are less than 15 mph. Individuals residing within the Black Hills district can apply for a burn permit online.

Oil and politics: A senator scraps for survival DAVID ESPO, Associated Press DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a blend of crude oil and raw politics, Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu scrapped on Thursday for converts among fellow Democrats for legislation to approve the Keystone XL pipeline before a runoff election that threatens to end her career in Congress.

The White House said President Barack Obama took a "dim view" of the bill but did not explicitly threaten a veto.

Obama, questioned about the issue while on the other side of the globe, said the administration's long-stalled review of the project cannot be completed before knowing the outcome of a legal challenge to the pipeline's route through Nebraska.

"I don't think we should short-circuit that process," he said at a news conference in Myanmar.

Even so, Senate Democratic officials said the party's leadership agreed to give Landrieu room to try to pass the measure only after receiving assurances that Obama would not sign it.

The maneuvering took place as House Republicans readied a vote for Friday on their own identical pipeline bill — advanced by Rep. Bill Cassidy, who is Landrieu's rival in the Dec. 6 runoff. Landrieu led in a first round of voting last week, but Cassidy is favored to win the runoff, leaving Landrieu in urgent need of a way to shake up the race.

Landrieu sought to cast herself as an independent-minded lawmaker as she maneuvered for supporters for her bill in the Senate and for votes back home. "My leadership didn't give me permission to do this. Nobody asked me to do it," she said in remarks on the Senate floor.

The Senate Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, offered a different view. "We never would have gotten to this point without the tireless leadership of Senator Hoeven in the Senate and Congressman Cassidy in the House, he said. Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota is the bill's leading Republican supporter in the Senate.

Adding another layer of political complexity, Republicans said if the bill doesn't become law in the next several days, they will make it a priority after a new Congress convenes in January, when they will have a majority in both houses and increased leverage over Obama.

"We aren't finished. We'll pass it as either part of broader energy legislation or as an amendment to another must-pass bill, either in the lame duck or in the new Congress," said Hoeven.

The GOP-controlled House has voted several times to approve the pipeline, which would move oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast of the U.S. Legislation on the issue has always fallen victim to gridlock in the Senate, where Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has worked to prevent its passage.

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If the political maneuvering was thick, the issue itself was relatively straightforward.

Supporters say construction of the pipeline is critical if the United States is to achieve energy security after decades of relying on oil imports that can fluctuate unpredictably in price. They also cite estimates that the pipeline would create thousands of jobs

But the project divides Democrats, with environmentalists in opposition while some unions as well as energy-state and business-minded lawmakers support it.

The Sierra Cub issued a statement opposing the measure, as did Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., who urged Obama to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

The administration has put off announcing any decision pending a Supreme Court ruling in Nebraska on a challenge to the law that allowed the route of the pipeline to be set. Obama has long said his administration would make a final decision based on the pipeline's estimated impact on climate change.

Supporters of the measure appeared to have at least 58 of the 60 votes they would need for approval next week. That included all 45 Republicans as well as 13 Democrats, among them Delaware Sen. Tom Carper, whose office confirmed his support during the day.

Other officials said Landrieu had a commitment from one more Democrat, whom they declined to name. Democrats who are leaving the Senate at year's end appear to offer Landrieu the most hope in her search for 60 votes. But Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota confirmed his opposition during the day, and a spokesman for Sen. Mark Udall said the Colorado lawmaker "continues to believe Congress should not be injecting politics into the ongoing review."

The White House stopped short of directly threatening a veto of the legislation. But spokesman Josh Earnest, traveling in Asia with Obama, said the president takes a "dim view" of legislative efforts to force action on the project. Earnest reiterated Obama's preference for evaluating the pipeline through a long-stalled State Department review.

The Nebraska Supreme Court's decision is expected before the end of the year.

That case involves a lawsuit filed by landowners and activists opposed to the project who are seeking to overturn a 2012 state law that allowed Republican Gov. Dave Heineman to approve the pipeline's route through the state.

White House efforts to tiptoe around the issue weren't good enough for several Senate Republicans, who sent the White House a letter asking Obama to make his position known.

Dell Rapids beats Madison 12-7 for 11A title

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Riley Schmidt scored two long touchdowns Thursday as Dell Rapids beat Madison 12-7 in the South Dakota 11A championship game.

Schmidt returned the opening kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown and had a 54-yard run in the third guarter as the Quarriers (11-1) won their fifth state title. They also won in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Schmidt had 20 carries for 112 yards to lead Dell Rapids. His second score came after Madison (10-2) fumbled away the ball in the third quarter.

Madison scored on Mitch Hansen's 71-yard TD pass to Carter Kasuske in the third quarter. But Hansen was hurt in the third quarter and replaced by freshman Josh Giles.

Hansen was 13-for-25 for 170 yards and rushed 24 times for 83 yards.

Madison's Brayden Gilbert missed a 37-yard field goal and had a 29-yarder blocked by Austin Eulberg, leaving Dell Rapids up 6-0 at the break.

Early in the third quarter, on the first play following a Madison turnover, Schmidt ran 54 yards for a touchdown and a 12-0 lead.

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Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 9AA Championship: Gregory 31, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 8 Class 9A Championship: Howard 32, Wolsey-Wessington 20 Class 11A Championship: Dell Rapids 12, Madison 7

Volleyball

Region 1AA Semifinal Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Brandon Valley, 25-17, 25-14, 25-15 Watertown def. Yankton, 25-23, 25-16, 25-22 Region 2AA Semifinal Huron def. Rapid City Central, 25-16, 25-16, 25-19 Pierre def. Spearfish, 25-22, 25-21, 24-26, 25-21

Howard wins state 9A crown over Wolsey-Wessington

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Luke Loudenburg ran for 227 yards and three touchdowns and Gunner Gilbertson caught two touchdown passes as Howard beat Wolsey-Wessington 32-20 Thursday in the South Dakota 9A championship football game.

Gilbertson intercepted Lorenzo Williams' pass with 1:40 left and Loudenburg scored his third TD with 1:25 to play to seal the win for the Tigers (11-0).

Loudenburg finished the season with 2,685 yards rushing and 52 touchdowns.

Gilbertson hauled in TD passes of 12 and 9 yards and Loudenburg scored on a 39-yard run as the Tigers scored on their first three possessions.

But Williams rallied the Warbirds (10-1). He ran for 242 yards and touchdowns of 59, 18 and 18 yards. His season ends with 2,775 yards and 41 touchdowns.

Howard adds the 9A title to its 9AA from 2009 and 11B from 2004.

Gregory wins 9AA state championship 31-8

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Robert Vomacka scored two touchdowns and Gregory held Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central to just 198 yards as the Gorillas capped a perfect season with a 31-8 win in the South Dakota 9AA championship game on Thursday.

Vomacka scored on a 5-yard run and a 46-yard interception return as Gregory improved to 12-0. Gregory was the 1998 11B state champion.

Dual-threat quarterback Kurt Braun rushed for 96 yards and passed for 93 for Gregory. Jonah Beck and Jayd VanDerWerff also scored and Lukas Kirkely kicked a 36-yard field goal.

Austin Messmer ran for 95 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown, for the Blackhawks (10-2). WWS, which was the 9A title in 1992, had just eight first downs.

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WWS quarterback Tucker Kingsbury completed 12 of 22 passes for 68 yards.

Johnson says process should play out on Keystone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retiring Sen. Tim Johnson says he currently believes the review process should play out before construction begins on the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The Senate is expected to vote next week on legislation that would allow construction on the Canadato-Texas oil pipeline to move forward. But Johnson, a Democrat leaving office in January, says there's still significant uncertainty at the state and federal level.

The Obama administration is doing an extended review of Keystone. Johnson says any project that big must be dealt with carefully because of environmental, economic and public safety concerns.

But he says a decision shouldn't take too long, either.

Sen.-elect Mike Rounds, who will take Johnson's seat, says he supports the Senate bill.

Wilder autobiography to be released Monday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Laura Ingalls Wilder's autobiography that will give fans a more realistic view of frontier living will be released Monday.

"Prairie Girl: The Annotated Autobiography" is being released nationwide by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. Wilder wrote the autobiography before the "Little House on the Prairie" series but couldn't get it published. Accounts from the memoir served as inspiration for her more familyoriented books.

The autobiography was edited by Pamela Smith Hill. It includes annotations, images, appendices and maps showing the difficulties of frontier living. The tales include stark scenes of domestic abuse, love triangles gone awry and a man who lit himself on fire while drunk.

The book is priced at \$39.95. It will be available in bookstores, online and directly from the historical society.

Rounds working on finding his way in Washington HENRY C. JACKSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elected a little more than a week ago, incoming Sen. Mike Rounds is in the middle of a whirlwind orientation: He's meeting dozens of new colleagues, finding his way around the labyrinth hallways of the U.S. Capitol, moving quickly to build out a Senate staff.

Not that it's anything he didn't expect it.

"It's a lot of information — a lot of information," Rounds said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But there are no surprises at this point. Just a lot of people who have been very interested in helping."

Rounds and other newly elected Senate colleagues arrived this week for new member orientation. Coming just a week after Election Day, it is a rapid-fire mix of matters big and small, from photo ops to tutorials about rules for senators and Senate staff to tours of Senate committee rooms and offices to meeting new colleagues. There are personal matters, too — Rounds is trying to figure out where he and his wife, Jean, will live in Washington.

The week's activities also included one of Rounds' first substantive acts as a Senator-elect. He joined Republican colleagues in a closed meeting on Thursday, unanimously electing Kentucky Sen. Mitch Mc-Connell as the next Senate majority leader and also voting for his South Dakota colleague, Sen. John

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Thune, who was re-elected to the no. 3 role in Senate Republican leadership.

After an at-times uncomfortable Senate campaign, Rounds ultimately easily won a four-way Senate race to succeed outgoing Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson. Now, Rounds told the AP, he's looking to dig in to the issues like energy policy, the budget and providing more robust congressional oversight.

"There has been a sense that Washington really does have to change and we're getting that discussion both on the Republican side and with a number of Democrats," Rounds said. "So I think there's a breath of fresh air here in the Capitol halls."

Rounds' new colleagues expect him to settle in quickly.

North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, who served as that state's governor at the same time Rounds was leading South Dakota, said he'd enjoyed catching up with Rounds and that he seemed to barely need any help.

"He already knows a lot of the senators already. He is fitting well," Hoeven said.

Thune said Rounds was handling "all the hoops" that new senators must jump through. He said he'd given Rounds some suggestions on where to live in the city and would continue to help him with the process. He joked about Rounds' arrival making him the senior senator in South Dakota.

"I never wanted to be the senior anything," he said with a laugh.

For the next few weeks, Rounds will be shuttling back and forth to Washington as he adds staff for constituent services in the state and a new office in Washington. He said he will lean on his experience as governor as he goes through the process.

"It's very similar to the transition team with a governor, except that we weren't switching locations from the middle of the country to Washington," he said. "So we're doing things a bit remotely."

Rounds said the process was frantic, but ultimately fulfilling.

"The biggest challenge is simply keeping track of all the moving parts," he said. Lots of things that have to be done and done quickly, but we'll make it work."

Disaster aid for June storms in SD tops \$10M

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The disaster aid for the mid-June storms in South Dakota including the Wessington Springs tornado has topped \$10 million.

Officials on Thursday said the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved \$9.08 million and the state of South Dakota has approved an additional \$1.21 million as part of the state's 10 percent cost share.

The money is meant to be used for a variety of disaster recovery costs such as removal of debris, road and bridge repair, and restoration of electrical utilities.

Officials say the process of identifying and documenting eligible damages and costs is nearly finished. Funds have been made available to Butte, Clay, Corson, Dewey, Hanson, Jerauld, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Perkins, Turner, Union and Ziebach counties, as well as the Cheyenne River Sioux and Standing Rock Sioux tribal nations.

Rapid City industrial fire creates toxic smoke

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City firefighters had to battle bitter cold and toxic smoke when they fought a blaze in a large building in an industrial park.

No injuries were reported from the Wednesday afternoon blaze. Firefighters had protective gear, and no one without the proper equipment was allowed near the scene. Traffic was rerouted for about three hours, according to Fire Department spokesman Oliver White.

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An auto shop, a landscaping company and a basement repair business rent space in the building, owner Scott Totten told the Rapid City Journal. He did not know which businesses were operating Wednesday.

The toxic smoke was created by used oil, petroleum products and cleaning agents that were inside the building, according to White. Firefighters reported several small explosions inside the building as they fought the flames.

Firefighters also had to deal with frigid cold during the 2 ¹/₂ hours that it took them to contain the fire. The air temperature was 12 degrees at the time the call came in, with a wind chill of minus 10 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

One fire truck had unspecified equipment problems caused by the cold, and firefighters on the hose line had to be rotated to ensure their uniforms didn't become too wet.

"Anytime when it's cold and windy out, it makes it even tougher," White said.

The cause of the fire wasn't immediately determined. The building likely is destroyed, White said.

Appeal denied in Pierre taxi driver death case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Supreme Court has declined to reduce the sentence of a man serving 261 years for his role in the 1996 shooting death of a Pierre taxi driver.

Shawn Springer is now 35 years old. He was 16 at the time of the robbery and killing of cab driver Michael Hare. He appealed his sentence after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2012 that prohibits mandatory sentences of life in prison without parole for juveniles.

Springer's attorney argued in his appeal that his client was given what amounts to a life sentence, which is too harsh.

Justices said in their decision that Springer's sentence does carry the possibility of parole when Springer turns 49. The decision affirms a lower court's ruling that Springer didn't receive an illegal sentence.

Waldorf joining North Star Athletic Association

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (AP) — Waldorf College in Iowa is joining the Dakotas-based North Star Athletic Association.

The Warriors football team was an associate member of the NAIA conference this fall. The other 13 Waldorf sports programs will begin conference play next fall, moving from the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The North Star Athletic Association was formed last year by six schools in the Dakotas — Dakota State, Jamestown College, Mayville State, Presentation, Valley City State and Dickinson State.

Greater sage grouse marks next conservation battle DAN ELLIOTT, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Federal officials say their decision to protect dwindling Gunnison sage grouse populations in Colorado and Utah has no bearing on next year's highly anticipated ruling on the far more widespread species of greater sage grouse — but advocates on both sides already are placing their bets.

"I think that this does not bode well for the greater sage grouse," said Amy Atwood, an attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity. Atwood said she hopes the greater sage grouse will be protected, but she fears the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will succumb to pressure from industries that oppose the land-use restrictions such protections would bring.

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U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings, the Republican chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, came to the opposite conclusion. He called the wildlife agency's decision to protect Gunnison grouse drastic and wrong. It "foreshadows the intentions of the Obama administration" as it considers protections for greater sage grouse in portions of 11 Western states, Hastings said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's announcement Wednesday that it was designating the Gunnison sage grouse a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act means that it could impose limits on oil and gas drilling and other activities, although officials say the potential for energy development in the Gunnison grouse range is limited. About 2,200 square miles will be labeled as critical habitat for the bird.

Federal officials decided to protect it as a "threatened" species, a less restrictive category than "endangered."

The Fish and Wildlife Service faces a court-ordered deadline of September 2015 to rule on the greater sage grouse. That decision could affect development, energy exploration, hunting and ranching across the bird's vast range, which covers 290,000 square miles in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The greater sage grouse also is found in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Scientists say both types of grouse are related but separate species. About 5,000 Gunnison sage grouse remain in southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah. The agency estimates the greater sage grouse population at 200,000 to 500,000.

Dan Ashe, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, cautioned against viewing Wednesday's decision on the Gunnison grouse as a clue to the ruling on the greater sage grouse.

"These are separate species and a much different fact pattern," he said. "I think the Fish and Wildlife Service makes decisions on the facts and the science as we see it in each case."

Atwood, of the environmental group, said the agency routinely gives in to political pressure and provides less protection than imperiled species need. Her Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit to force the Fish and Wildlife Service to make a decision on whether to protect the greater sage grouse.

Hastings, from Washington state, said the Obama administration is more interested in meeting arbitrary court deadlines than making rulings based on science.

Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Theo Stein declined to respond directly to Atwood's and Hastings' criticism, but he noted stark differences between the two grouse populations, including their numbers and distribution.

Brian Rutledge, a vice president of the National Audubon Society, a bird-focused conservation group, said the wildlife agency makes its decisions based on science, not pressure.

"Are they always right? I can't answer that," he said. "But I have high expectations. I know the people involved, and I think they will do the very best they can."

College prices continue to creep up KIMBERLY HEFLING, AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time to stock up on the ramen noodles. The average cost of attending college crept up again this year, the College Board said Thursday.

The average sticker price, with room and board included, for undergraduate students attending a four-year college or university in their home state was \$18,943. Out-of-state students at those schools paid, on average, \$32,762. At two-year public schools, in-state students paid an average \$11,052.

The cost to attend a private, four-year nonprofit college: \$42,419, on average, including housing and

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meal plan.

For-profit schools cost about \$15,230, but housing figures weren't available.

Books and transportation costs can add more than \$2,000 to the cost of attending college, and that rises even more for commuters.

The highest rate of increase of 3.7 percent was among private, nonprofit colleges. And even though the increases across higher education outpaced inflation, the rates of increase were lower than those students saw five, 10 or 30 years ago, the College Board said.

When adjusted for inflation, students are paying more than triple what students paid 30 years ago to attend a public, four-year institution and about 2.5 times more to attend a private nonprofit or two-year public one.

"The price increases are actually quite moderate this year, but still, what people are paying, and this is before financial aid, is the accumulation of many years of price increases," said Sandy Baum, a coauthor of the nonprofit College Board's annual college pricing report. "So, if the price goes up just a little bit this year, people aren't really going to breathe a sigh of relief because the price is already high from their perspective."

Baum said during tough economic times, college costs tend to go up because public institutions receive less in state dollars and private ones see a decrease in endowments and in giving. Other contributing factors are wide ranging from the increasing costs of technology to health insurance for university employees.

Only the wealthiest of Americans are seeing their incomes rise, so most students feel the tuition upticks more, Baum said.

The number of full--time undergraduate students increased by 16 percent in the three years leading up to fall 2010 to 13.7 million, but then declined to 13 million in fall 2013. The number of students taking out student loans and the amount taken out, on average, by students has been declining, the College Board said. It said about 60 percent of students who earned a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013 from public or private, nonprofit schools from which they began their studies graduated with debt, borrowing an average of \$27,300.

The breakdown in pricing:

—Sticker prices, on average, for in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools increased to \$9,139 this school year — a 2.9 percent increase over the 2013-2014 school year. The average out-of-state price tag was \$22,958, an increase of 3.3 percent increase. Room and board was \$9,804.

—Public two-year schools had a \$3,347 published price on average for tuition and fees— an increase of 3.3 percent. Room and board was \$7,705.

—Tuition and fees at private, nonprofit schools rose 3.7 percent to an average of \$31,231. Room and board was \$11,188.

-For-profit schools saw a 1.3 percent increase in tuition and fees.

Published prices don't necessarily reflect what students actually pay because they don't include grant dollars provided by institutions or government aid such as Pell Grants, the GI Bill and tax credits. This school year, full-time students received an average of about \$6,110 in aid at public four-year schools, \$5,090 at public two-year ones, and \$18,870 at private colleges.

The average in-state prices at four-year schools ranged from \$4,646 in Wyoming to \$14,712 in New Hampshire.

For out-of-state students, the most affordable tuition of \$9,910 was in South Dakota. On the other end, the most expensive was \$34,331 in Vermont.

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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. HAGEL SEEKING CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT OF NUKES

The defense secretary's action follows stories by the AP that revealed problems in management, morale, security and safety in America's nuclear force.

2. OBAMA GIVES BLUNT ASSESSMENT OF REFORMS IN MYANMAR

The president weighs into controversies over the treatment of religious minorities and a constitutional rule keeping opposition leader Suu Kyi from running for president.

3. DOCTOR WITH EBOLA COMING TO U.S. FOR CARE

AP's Mike Stobbe reports Dr. Martin Salia, a 44-year-old surgeon working in Sierra Leone, has been diagnosed with the virus and will be flown to Nebraska for treatment.

4. G-20 SUMMIT PRESSED FOR RESULTS

The annual gathering that groups democrats with authoritarians and rich nations with poor has suffered from a perception that it's all talk and no action.

5. SHIITE HOLY MONTH SEES SHOW OF STRENGTH IN BAGHDAD

Muharram emboldens Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority, underscoring its domination of the fractured capital and the vulnerability of the once-dominant Sunnis as fears rise of more sectarian bloodletting while the battle against Sunni extremists IS goes on elsewhere in the country.

6. OBAMA GOES IT ALONE ON IMMIGRATION

The president is poised to unveil executive actions that will shield possibly 5 million immigrants living in the country illegally from deportation, advocates say.

7. PARENTS OF MISSING MEXICAN STUDENTS CLING TO HOPE

The government says 43 missing students were slain and incinerated, yet many of the poor families distrust the authorities and don't believe the report.

8. WHAT HAS PRIVACY ADVOCATES CONCERNED

The LAPD is relying on technology that tells officers where crime is most likely to occur and keeps track of bad guys they believe are most likely to commit them.

9. FACEBOOK AGAIN TRIES TO SIMPLIFY PRIVACY POLICY

With illustration and short subsections, the world's largest online social network explains what types of information it collects and how it uses the data.

10. WHO WON A WIN KEY AFC EAST TILT

Ryan Tannehill throws two second-half touchdown passes and Miami's defense holds Buffalo without a TD in a 22-9 win over the Bills.

AP News in Brief at 5:58 a.m. EST

After lengthy review, Hagel to promise shakeup in how nuke force is managed, plus more money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is ordering top-to-bottom changes in how the nation's nuclear arsenal is managed, vowing to invest billions of dollars more to fix what ails a force beset by leadership lapses, security flaws and sagging morale.

Hagel is scheduled to announce Friday the results of two reviews — one by Pentagon officials and a second by outside experts — and to spell out actions he has ordered to improve nuclear force man-

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agement. Two senior defense officials discussed the Hagel plan Thursday on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to be cited by name.

Hagel's moves, while not dramatic, are designed to get at the core of the problem, the officials said. Hagel's reviews concluded that the structure of U.S. nuclear forces is so incoherent that it cannot be properly managed in its current form, and that this problem explains why top-level officials often are unaware of trouble below them. The senior defense officials said the reviews found a "disconnect" between what nuclear force leaders say and what they deliver to lower-level troops who execute the missions in the field.

To illustrate the degree of decay in the intercontinental ballistic missile force, the reviews found that maintenance crews had access to only one tool set required to tighten bolts on the warhead end of the Minuteman 3 missile, and that this single tool set was being used by crews at all three ICBM bases in North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. They had to share it via Federal Express delivery, the defense officials said. The crews now have one at each of the three bases.

In Myanmar, Obama oozes support for pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — President Barack Obama mounted a warm show of support Friday for Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, voicing opposition to a constitutional rule that's keeping the pro-democracy icon off next year's ballot. While crediting Myanmar for progress in its transition to democracy, he offered a blunt assessment of the distressing shortcomings that have called that transition into question.

In his joint appearance with Suu Kyi, on the back porch of her lakeside home, Obama stopped short of an explicit endorsement for her potential campaign for president. But his affection and deep admiration for Suu Kyi was clear, from his praise for her efforts to liberalize the government to the ease with which he whispered in her ear as they walked arm in arm into the home where she was once confined as a political prisoner.

Although Obama was quick to caution he didn't want to dictate how Myanmar should pick its next president, he said told President Thein Sein the night before that he saw little wisdom in a rule barring the 69-year-old Suu Kyi from running next year because her children hold British citizenship.

"I don't understand a provision that would bar somebody from running for president because of who their children are," Obama said. "That doesn't make much sense to me."

Suu Kyi, a member of Parliament demure in her support for changing that provision, said it was flattering to have a constitution written with her in mind. But she said that wasn't how it should be done in a democracy, urging supporters not to get too caught up in whether she wins next year's pivotal elections.

AP source: Doctor sick with Ebola in West Africa coming to US for treatment in Nebraska

NEW YORK (AP) — A surgeon working in West Africa's Sierra Leone has been diagnosed with Ebola and will be flown to the United States for treatment on Saturday, according to a person in the federal government with direct knowledge of the case.

The surgeon, Dr. Martin Salia, will be treated at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, the person said. A Sierra Leone citizen, the 44-year-old Salia lives in Maryland and is a legal permanent U.S. resi-

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dent, according to the person, who was not authorized to release the information and spoke on condition of anonymity

The doctor will be the third Ebola patient at the Omaha hospital and the 10th person with Ebola to be treated in the U.S. The last, Dr. Craig Spencer, was released from a New York hospital on Tuesday In a statement Thursday, the Nebraska Medical Center said it had no official confirmation that it would be treating another patient, but that an Ebola patient in Sierra Leone would be evaluated for possible transport to the hospital. The patient would arrive Saturday afternoon.

Salia is a general surgeon who had been working at Kissy United Methodist Hospital in the Sierra Leone capital of Freetown, according to the person familiar with the case. He came down with symptoms of Ebola on Nov. 6 but test results were negative for the virus. He was tested again on Monday, and he tested positive. Salia is in stable condition at an Ebola treatment center in Freetown. It wasn't clear whether he had been involved in the care of Ebola patients.

Shiite domination of Iraqi capital on display during holy month, fueling tensions

BAGHDAD (AP) — Red and green Shiite banners line the streets of Baghdad, portraits of religious figures and slain "martyrs" stare down from billboards, hymns blare from shops and cafes, and grim-faced militiamen prowl the streets in pickup trucks.

The holy month of Muharram has brought an unprecedented show of strength by Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority, underscoring its domination of the bitterly fractured capital and the vulnerability of the oncedominant Sunnis, while raising fears of a new round of sectarian cleansing by Shiite militias allied with the government.

"They want to turn Baghdad into a purely Shiite city," said Abu Abdullah, a community leader in Baghdad's Sunni enclave of Azamiyah, who asked that his full name not be published for fear of retribution.

Muharram — a period of mourning over the death of Imam Hussein in a 7th century battle that cemented Islam's Sunni-Shiite divide — is observed with grieving and fasting by Shiites across the region.

But this year in Iraq the traditional Muharram banners are being unfurled at a time when large numbers of Shiite militiamen are battling alongside the army against the Sunni extremists of the Islamic State group, which has seized a third of the county and massacred hundreds of Shiites, whom it views as apostates.

Parents of 43 missing Mexican students cling to hope, reject official view their sons are dead

TIXTLA, Mexico (AP) — Maria Telumbre knows fire. She spends her days making tortillas over hot coals, and experience tells her a small goat takes at least four hours to cook. So she refuses to believe the government's explanation that gang thugs incinerated her son and 42 other missing college students in a giant pyre in less than a day, leaving almost nothing to identify the dead.

The discovery of charred teeth and bone fragments offer Telumbre no more proof of her son's death than the many graves unearthed in Guerrero state since the students disappeared Sept. 26. She simply does not accept that the ashes belong to her 19-year-old son and his classmates.

"How is it possible that in 15 hours they burned so many boys, put them in a bag and threw them into the river?" Telumbre says. "This is impossible. As parents, we don't believe it's them."

For the government of President Enrique Pena Nieto, the account, delivered by the attorney general

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and based on the confessions of detained gang members, begins to solve the mystery of the missing students. But for Telumbre, her husband, Clemente Rodriguez, and other parents, it is merely the latest lie from an administration that wants to quiet the poor and put this mess behind it. Their demands for the truth are fueling a pent-up national outrage at the government's inability to confront the brutality of drug cartels, corruption and impunity.

The Rodriguez family's chronicle of disbelief is rooted in collusion between Mexican officials and organized crime. The students of the Rural Normal School of Ayotzinapa were last seen in the custody of police in the city of Iguala, allegedly at the behest of the mayor. Soldiers and federal police didn't respond to the parents' urgent appeals for help. Federal officials waited 10 days before intervening. And when they did, parents say, authorities focused on finding graves rather than live students, so graves were all they found.

House set to pass 9th bill clearing way for Keystone pipeline - and this time Senate may join

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled House is on track to easily pass a bill Friday to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and this time, the Senate may follow.

The bill marks the ninth attempt by the House to secure approval of the pipeline, which has been repeatedly delayed by environmental reviews, legal challenges to its route and politics. Prior votes in the Senate on the issue have failed to get enough votes, but supporters said Thursday they were close to reaching that threshold.

Both the GOP and Senate Democrats hope the votes will give an edge to their party's candidate in the Louisiana Senate race, where Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy and Sen. Mary Landrieu are headed for a runoff and both touting their energy credentials in an oil and gas-producing state.

While Landrieu pushed for the vote planned in the Senate next week, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky credited the Republican sponsor, Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, for the progress Thursday.

"We never would have gotten to this point without the tireless leadership of Sen. Hoeven in the Senate, and Congressman Cassidy in the House," said McConnell. "Like the experts, Sen. Hoeven also knows that Keystone would also have almost zero net effect on our climate."

G-20 summit to be test of staying power for global forum seen as having lost its way

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — The annual G-20 leadership summit that groups democrats with authoritarians and rich nations with poor has long suffered from a perception it's all talk and no action. This year, leaders are under extra pressure to produce something tangible.

The global forum is regarded as having been at its most successful during its first summit in 2008 when an alarming financial crisis that was nursed into being on Wall Street rippled around the world, toppling giant banks and casting tens of millions out of work.

Since then, the gathering has been criticized as having produced a lot of lofty goals, but little followthrough despite its member countries representing about 85 percent of the global economy.

Prompting pressure for tangible results at the Group of 20's Brisbane summit this weekend, experts say, are comments from the International Monetary Fund warning about a "new mediocre" for the global economy, with Europe teetering on the brink of recession, China's growth slowing and Japan in

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a malaise.

"What the world really needs is a little burst of confidence," said Mike Callaghan, Program Director of the G20 Studies Center at the Lowy Institute, an Australian think-tank. "There is the pressure on the G-20 to provide signs of confidence that the countries are cooperating together."

Health woes abound in Nepal village that was stalked by kidney traffickers for years

HOKSHE, Nepal (AP) — Under crushing financial strain, Kumar Budathoki sold one of his kidneys to organ traffickers for \$5,000, a sum he hoped would help set him up for a lifetime free of money problems.

Instead, he got a lifetime of health problems — and only a fraction of the money promised to him by a shady broker in Hokshe, a village of tiny farms and mud huts that has been the center of the illegal organ trade in Nepal for more than a decade.

Only about 4,000 people live here, yet at least 121 of them have sold their kidneys, said Krishna Pyari Nakarmi, who has been leading the campaign against the kidney trade in Hokshe. Those are only the cases she has been able to document, and she believes the number could be much higher. The scars are easily hidden under a shirt, and many villagers have moved away — possibly after going through the surgery.

Despite a recent clampdown on the trade, authorities warn that the promise of easy money could easily erase any gains made against the organ traffickers. And villagers who already sold their kidneys continue to suffer the health consequences.

"I sold my kidney because I wanted to buy some land to give my family a good life," said Budathoki, 37, outside the two-story mud home where he lives with his mother, his wife and two teenage children.

Facebook's privacy update: 5 things to know about how your data are tracked and used

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is once again trying to simplify its privacy policy, largely to address criticisms that it's too complex and lengthy for the average user.

Laid out with illustrations into short subsections, the new policy explains what types of information Facebook collects and how it uses the data. The new policy is 70 percent shorter than the old one.

Many of the changes are cosmetic, designed to make the policy easier to digest. Still, it helps to go through it to get an idea of all the things Facebook knows about you.

Users have until Nov. 20 to comment on the proposed changes or ask questions. A finalized version will take effect soon after that.

Here are five things to remember about Facebook's data policies.

Dolphins finally get a breakthrough against Buffalo, beat Bills 22-9 to help playoff chances

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Put simply, the Miami Dolphins were due.

They had been on a disastrous stretch against the Buffalo Bills, with one touchdown in a span of 33 possessions overlapping four games — three of which they lost, the fourth one looking like it would have the same outcome.

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"I wasn't aware of that statistic," Miami coach Joe Philbin said. "Certainly didn't pass it along to the team."

Then came a breakthrough, and just like that the Dolphins' playoff chances look a whole lot more realistic.

Ryan Tannehill threw touchdown passes on back-to-back drives in a five minute span in the second half, Miami's defense held Buffalo without a touchdown and the Dolphins beat the Bills 22-9 on Thursday night.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2014. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by the Jules Verne novel "Around the World in Eighty Days," New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to make the trip in less time than the fictional Phileas Fogg. (She completed the journey in 72 days.) Jawarharlal Nehru (juh-wah-hahr-LAHL' NAY-roo), the first prime minister of India, was born.

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was first published in the United States. In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Virginia. In 1922, the British Broadcasting Co. began its domestic radio service.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1954, the president of Egypt, Muhammad Naguib, was deposed by the Revolutionary Command Council, leaving Gamal Abdel Nasser fully in charge as acting head of state.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a \$100 million penalty against insidetrader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

In 1990, it was revealed that the pop duo Milli Vanilli (Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan) had done none of the singing on their Grammy-winning debut album "Girl You Know It's True."

In 1997, a jury in Fairfax, Virginia, decided that Pakistani national Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) should get the death penalty for gunning down two CIA employees outside agency headquarters. Five years later on this date, Aimal Khan Kasi was executed.

Ten years ago: Mahmoud Abbas, successor to Yasser Arafat, escaped unharmed when militants firing assault rifles burst into a mourning tent for the deceased Palestinian leader in Gaza, killing two security guards. Usher was honored with four trophies at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles: favorite male soul-R&B artist, best pop-rock album, best pop-rock artist and best soul-R&B album.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, on a mission to repair America's global standing, told Asian countries during a speech in Tokyo that he was determined to engage them as equal partners in the economy, diplomacy and security.

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One year ago: Reversing course, President Barack Obama said millions of Americans should be allowed to renew individual coverage plans ticketed for cancellation under the health care law. During a confirmation hearing before the Senate Banking Committee, Janet Yellen made clear she would be prepared to stand by the Federal Reserve's low-interest policies, if she were confirmed as Fed chair. Former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was led off to prison to begin serving a life sentence at 84 for his murderous reign in the 1970s and '80s. Pittsburgh Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen and Detroit Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera won baseball's Most Valuable Player awards.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is 92. Actress Kathleen Hughes is 86. Former MLB All-Star Jimmy Piersall is 85. Former NASA astronaut Fred Haise is 81. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 80. Composer Wendy Carlos is 75. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 67. Zydeco singermusician Buckwheat Zydeco is 67. Britain's Prince Charles is 66. Rock singer-musician James Young (Styx) is 65. Singer Stephen Bishop is 63. Blues musician Anson Funderburgh is 60. Pianist Yanni is 60. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is 60. Presidential adviser Valerie Jarrett is 58. Actress Laura San Giacomo (JEE'-ah-koh-moh) is 53. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 53. Rapper Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is 50. Actor Patrick Warburton is 50. Rock musician Nic Dalton is 50. Country singer Rockie Lynne is 50. Pop singer Jeanette Jurado (Expose) is 49. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Curt Schilling is 48. Rock musician Travis Barker is 39. Contemporary Christian musician Robby Shaffer is 39. Actor Brian Dietzen (TV: "NCIS") is 37. Rapper Shyheim is 37. Rock musician Tobin Esperance (Papa Roach) is 35. Actress Olga Kurylenko is 35. Actress/comedian Vanessa Bayer (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 33. Actor Graham Patrick Martin is 23.

Thought for Today: "Adventure is not outside man; it is within." - George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).