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St. John's Lutheran Church is having its annual soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon (\$2.00 each) on Thursday, September 10th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with crafts and a bake sale. Supplemental funds have been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Tuesday, September 8

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, baked beans, veggie trays, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Russ Claussen • Seth Duncan • Kelly Kjelden

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

4:00pm: Cross Country at Britton

7:00pm: City Council meeting at Groton Community Center

7:00pm: Groton City Council Meeting

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, September 9

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger with multi-grain bun, coleslaw, baked beans, ice cream sundae

Anniv: Clint & Audrey Jacobson

Birthday: Amanda Koens

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, September 10

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Meatballs, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.



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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 38th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Julie (Schaunaman) Milbrandt

Where are you living today? SW of Groton

JobWise what are you doing today? First Grade Teacher at Groton Area Schools

How long have you been working at the current job? This will be my second year in first grade. I taught K/JK for 4 years prior to that and worked as a SPED paraprofessional for 4 years prior.

How did you get your current job? Began subbing at Groton Area Elementary, that turned into a full-time paraprofessional position and then into a classroom teacher.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. NESD HeadStart for 3 years and Bowdle Elementary for 2 years

What year did you graduate from high school? Aberdeen Central class of 1985

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? The last class to graduate from Northern State College (before it changed to NSU) with a BSEd in Elementary Education and a minor in early childhood education.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Use your high school time as a time to explore your interests. As you "grow up" and go to "work" it isn't so much work if you what you are doing is something you enjoy. If you enjoy art - explore art and careers, science - explore science and it's careers. High School really offers you the chance to explore a variety of activities.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Being married (to the same person) for 24 years and raising two sons.

Are you married? Greg -- also graduated from Central in 1985

How did the two of you meet? Technically, our parents introduced us when we were babies. No "romantic interest" until I was in college and Greg was stationed in Germany.

Do you have any children? Two sons - Eric (age 21) and Jacob (age 18) both will be students at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in the fall. Eric is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Jacob plans to major in Chemical Engineering. Both of them plan to be involved in college Soccer at SDSMT.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I do feel that the education I received prepared me for my post education life. When I was in elementary school, I wanted to be a teacher. I continued on and received my teaching degree. I took a few years (12) away from education as a stay-at-home mom and in direct sales. When the opportunity arose, I returned to teaching. Yes, I feel I was well prepared for where my career has taken me.



Left to Right -- Julie, Jacob, Greg & Eric

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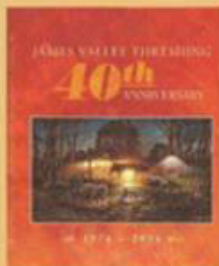


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Girls soccer lose to Tea Area

Groton Area girls soccer team lost to Tea Area on Saturday in a game played in Tea, 4-1. Harleigh Stange scored the lone goal. Tea Area also won the junior varsity game, 1-0.

Schaller places 8th at Redfield-Doland XC Meet

Groton Area opens its cross-country season on Thursday at the Redfield-Doland meet. Jasmine Schaller placed eighth in the girls varsity race with a time of 21:42. Hannah Lewandowski placed 24th with a time of 24:07 and Erin Smith placed 47th with a time of 28:44.

In the girls junior varsity division, Emily Thompson placed 14th with a time of 15:41, AnneMarie Smith was 25th with a time of 17:27, Jenifer Fjelstad was 26th with a time of 17:30 and Summer Smith ran a 17:56 for 27th place.

In the boys junior varsity division, Micah Poor led Groton Area with a ninth place finish and a time of 12:15, Mitchell Koens was 18th with a time of 12:58, Isaac Smith ran a 13:13 for 20th place, Noah Poor was 33rd with a time of 14:25 and Spencer Jacobs was 58th with a time of 18:59.



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Course

Bowlers Needed!

The Groton Coffee Cup League and the Conde National League are looking for regular bowlers and subs for the 2015-16 year. The coffee cup league is an afternoon ladies league that bowls on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm. The conde national league is a mixed league that bowls on Monday nights at 7:30pm.

We start on September 14th and 15th and go through March.

You don't have to be good, you just need to want to have fun.

Please contact Vickie Kramp at 382-7293 or leave your name and contact number at Jungle Lanes.



Carol and Steve Smith

Steve and Carol Smith receive Rural Dakota Pride Award

Each year, South Dakota Farmers Union recognizes individuals who give back to their communities with the Rural Dakota Pride Award. To meet the 2015 honorees, attend the recognition ceremony held Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. on the Freedom Stage at the S.D. State Fair.

Since 1938, the community of Groton has hosted the Carnival of Silver Skates. The on-ice themed musical performance, featuring school-age children from the community, is the longest running outdoor skating show in South Dakota.

For several years now, Steve and Carol Smith have been actively involved on the event's planning committee and a few years back, when the city's skating rink was moved from the center of town to the edge of town, they worked with other community members to organize fundraising events which raised more than \$60,000 in one year for a new warming house.

"This event is very important to our community," Carol explains. "We knew if the show was going to continue, we needed a new warming house."

Growing up in families where giving back to church and community was a priority, when the Smiths married in 1984, they wanted to make service to others a focus for their own family.

"We both believe that the community is only as good as the people who live in it and give back," Carol says.

Along with the Carnival of Silver Skates, the two professionals (he's a veterinarian, partner and co-owner of Groton Veterinary Clinic and she's a pharmacist) spend their after-hours time volunteering for several church and other community activities together with their six children: Samuel, 22; Marah, 21; Luke, 19; Erin, 16; AnneMarie, 15; and Isaac, 13.

"We were raised to build people up, not tear them down," Steve says. "Anything we can do to further a good cause, we will do."

He points out that because of their busy work schedules, volunteering together is a fun way to spend time together as a couple. "Volunteering gives us an opportunity to get away from work and spend time doing something we both enjoy and believe in."

Today in Weather History

September 8, 1959: High winds and areas of blowing dust occurred across parts of central South Dakota from Walworth to Mellette. During the evening, wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph affected the counties either side of the Missouri River. Low visibility in blowing dust was blamed for a four-car crash near Pierre, injuring five persons, another accident near Mobridge injured one person. Barn buildings were blown over or unroofed near Delmont in Douglas County. Lightning started grass fires and burned several thousand acres of rangeland in Mellette and Lyman counties.

1900 - The greatest weather disaster in U.S. records occurred when a hurricane struck Galveston TX. A tide fifteen feet high washed over the island demolishing or carrying away buildings, and drowning more than 6000 persons. The hurricane destroyed more than 3600 houses, and total damage was more than thirty million dollars. Winds to 120 mph, and a twenty foot storm surge accompanied the hurricane. Following the storm, the surf was three hundred feet inland from the former water line. The hurricane claimed another 1200 lives outside of the Galveston area. (8th-9th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)








1987 - A tropical depression off the coast of South Carolina brought another round of heavy rain to the Middle Atlantic Coast Region and the Upper Ohio Valley. Showers and thunderstorms produced extremely heavy rain in eastern Pennsylvania, where flooding caused more than 55 million dollars across a seven county area. The afternoon high of 97 degrees at Miami FL was a record for the month of September. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Eighteen cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Roanoke VA with a reading of 42 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced very heavy rain in the central U.S. Thunderstorms during the late morning and afternoon produced five to nine inches of rain around Lincoln NE, with an unofficial total of eleven inches near Holmes Park. Up to six and a half inches of rain soaked northern and western Iowa. Eighty to ninety percent of the homes in Shenandoah IA, where 5.89 inches of rain was received, reported basement flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 73 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 68 °F



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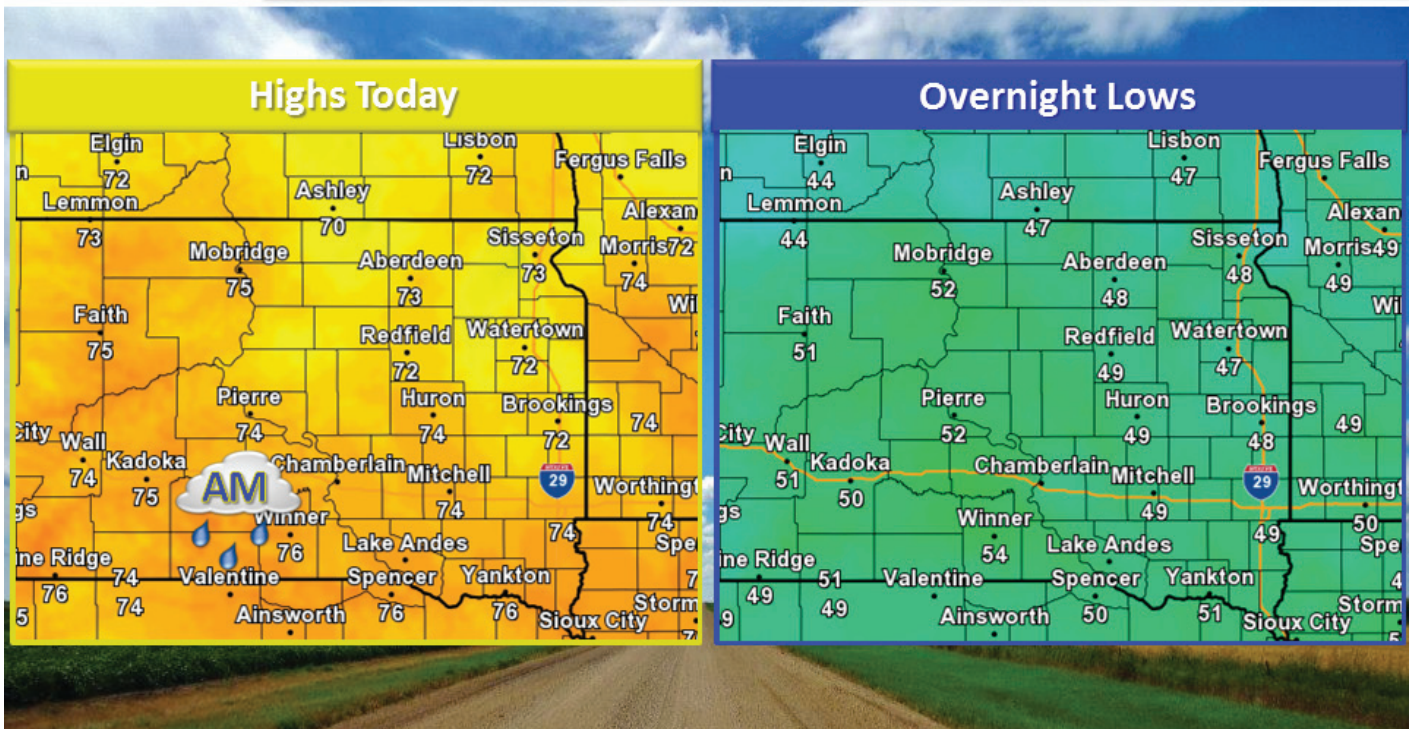
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Besides an isolated shower or sprinkle over parts of central SD early this morning, dry and mild conditions are expected. A cold front will move across the region later Wednesday into Thursday. This will bring the next precipitation chances, mainly for eastern SD and west central MN.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 75.9 at 5:19 PM

Low: 48.3 at 6:41 AM

High Gust: 17 at 2:19 PM

Precip: 0.02

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1933

Record Low: 32° in 1992

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 49°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.60

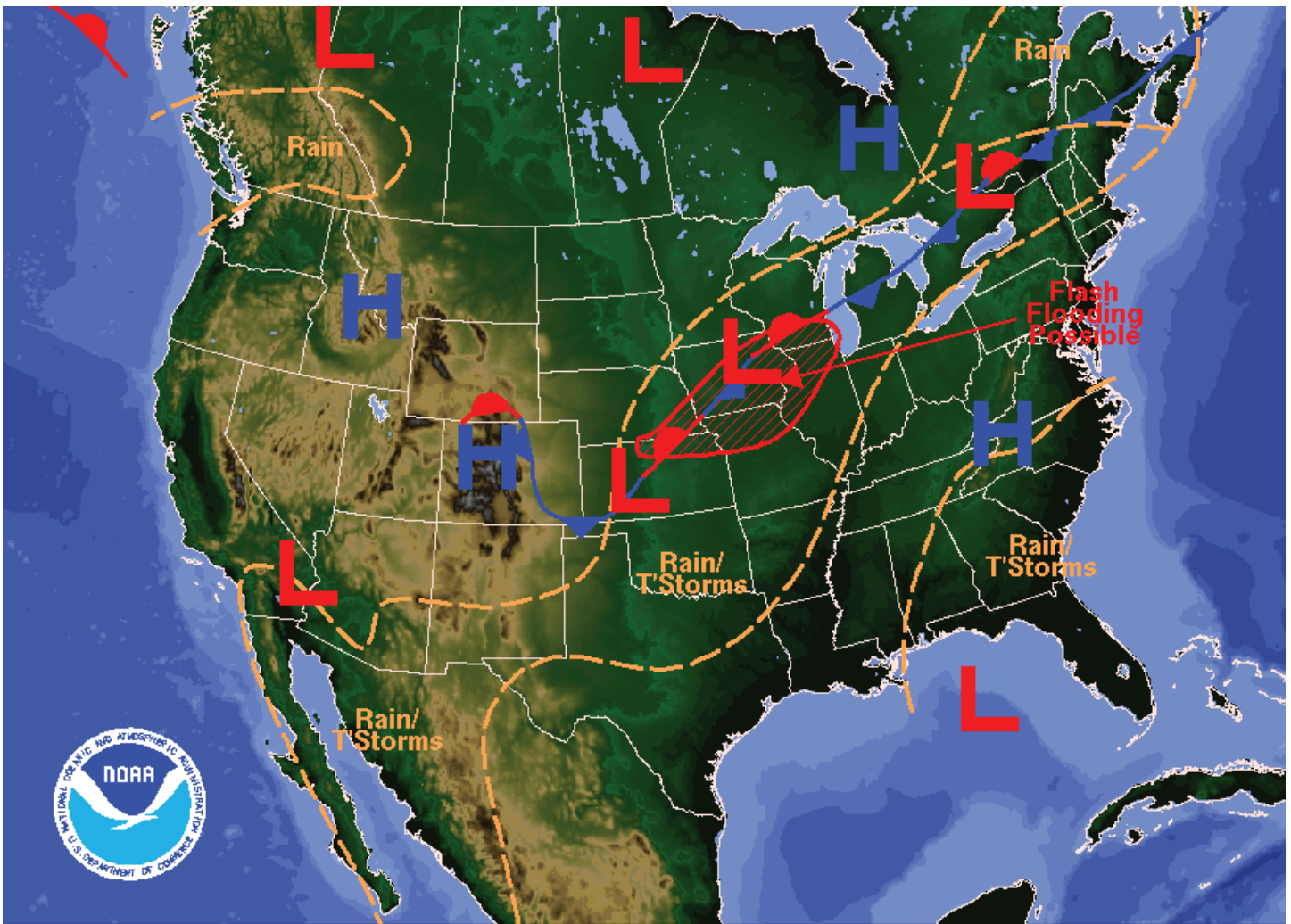
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16

Average Precip to date: 16.89

Precip Year to Date: 16.72

Sunset Tonight: 7:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 08, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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"GRACE"

In 1918 a salesman traveling from door to door selling "foot scrappers" stopped at the door of Eric Enstrom, a Minnesota photographer. He looked into the eyes of the salesman and noticed their kindness and was so impressed by the gentleness of the man that he invited him in to eat.

"Come in," said Enstrom, "I'm ready to sit down to dinner. Join me." As he walked to the table, an idea struck the photographer. He asked, "Will you please pose for a picture for me?"

"Yes," answered the salesman and sat down at the table. There was a pair of glasses on a Bible, a bowl of food and a piece of bread. "Would you please bow your head," and as he did, the peddler, without giving thought to what he was doing, immediately began to thank God for what he had been given.

The photograph was taken in 1918 during World War I. Enstrom said he wanted to take the picture to remind people that even though they had to do without many things, they still had much to be thankful for. Enstrom wrote: "Though poor in earthly goods he has more than most." He called the picture Grace.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to always be thankful for all that we have because of Your goodness and grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota State Fair draws to a close

HURON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Fair has drawn to a close.

Monday's activities were themed around Poultry Party Day, though all live bird exhibitions were suspended due to the Avian Influenza outbreak earlier this year. The Dakota Provisions plant hosted a turkey sandwich feed, and those dressing up as Colonel Sanders received free gate admission.

Although many of the activities focused on fun and games, growers were invited to attend a more serious session on biosecurity and poultry health related to the influenza outbreak.

Early morning fire engulfs popular Sturgis saloon

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Flames early Tuesday morning engulfed a popular Sturgis saloon that bills itself as the "world's largest biker bar."

KEVN-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1itXUWG>) that the Full Throttle Saloon appeared to be a total loss as crews battled the blaze throughout the morning.

The bar on South Dakota Highway 34 has been the subject of a reality television series. Its amenities include zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins.

The fire remains under investigation.

Police report assault, shots fired at Sioux Falls house

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say someone fired shots at a house and a man was assaulted outside the residence early Tuesday morning.

Officers responded just after 12:30 a.m. to a report of gunshots in the area of West 16th Street and South Summit Avenue and found that multiple rounds were fired and one round hit a house.

Police say they also encountered a person in the area who was jumped and assaulted while outside of their residence. They say the victim was able to make it back inside of the house and just after the person made entry, about five shots were fired.

Police say the suspects are not known and the investigation is continuing.

Students in Sioux Falls public schools return to classrooms

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Public school students in South Dakota's largest city return to their classrooms Tuesday after an extended summer break.

In April, Sioux Falls residents voted to begin the school year after Labor Day as opposed to the region's more typical mid-August start date. It was a close decision, with 52 percent of voters in favor of changing the school calendar.

The initiative was backed by the Wild Water West water park, a local attraction, and the South Dakota Visitor Industry Alliance, which initiated a failed statewide late-start effort in 2006.

The typical mid-May end date also gets pushed back. Sioux Falls students aren't scheduled to finish the 2015-2016 school year until June 2.

Sioux Falls police investigating armed robbery at casino

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls are investigating an armed robbery at a casino.

Officers responded to the Easy Dough Casino on West 12th Street just before 10 a.m. Sunday on a report that a man entered the business displaying a handgun and demanded money from an employee.

The suspect left the business with an undisclosed amount of cash and ran off in an unknown direction. There were no shots fired or injuries.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Police looking for man who stole truck, swerved at officer

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are looking for a man they say drove a pickup truck at an officer who was investigating whether the vehicle was stolen.

The victim had been delivering newspapers early Monday morning and left his truck running outside a grocery store. When he returned, the truck was pulling away.

Police say an officer spotted the truck on South Elmwood Avenue a short time later with a suspect rummaging through the contents. When the officer ordered the man away from the vehicle, he jumped in and drove at the officer, forcing the officer to jump out of the way.

The officer got into his squad car and chased after truck but later found it abandoned after striking two parked vehicles. The suspect ran off.

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. GREECE PICKS UP NEARLY 500 MIGRANTS OVERNIGHT

Meanwhile, leaders of Germany and Sweden, two of the top destinations for the masses of people seeking new homes in Europe, will meet to discuss solutions to the crisis.

2. WHO CALLS FOR 'GLOBAL EFFORT' TO HELP REFUGEES IN EUROPE

In an interview with The AP, Hillary Rodham Clinton says that "everyone should be asked to do more" to assist the thousands on the move.

3. CONGRESS PLUNGING INTO DEBATE ON IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Now the question is whether Democrats can spare Obama the embarrassment of losing and then winning by veto.

4. WHICH ISSUE MAY BE SIDELINED BY U.S.-ISRAEL SPAT OVER IRAN

After a confrontation with the Israeli prime minister over the Iranian nuclear deal, the White House seems to have little appetite for a new round of tensions over the terms of Palestinian statehood.

5. DRILLING BOOM'S GROWING TOLL

An AP analysis in leading oil- and gas-producing states finds more than 180 million gallons of wastewater spilled from 2009 to 2014.

6. PROTESTERS DEMAND KENTUCKY CLERK'S RELEASE

Presidential candidate and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will join activists at a rally outside the jail where Kim Davis is locked over her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

7. REFLECTIONS ON POPE FROM 35,000 FEET

Francis has an almost sinister sense of humor, is candid to a fault and has a bit of street thug in him, says an AP reporter who has crossed the globe with him.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA LIT UP BY FIREFIGHTERS' PICS OF THE WEST ABLAZE

Officials, who have seen an uptick in such postings, warn that the act of focusing on a handheld screen can be deadly when crews are surrounded by danger.

9. 'LONG TO REIGN OVER US'

Queen Elizabeth II is set to become the longest reigning monarch in British history, beating the record set by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria.

10. ANDY MURRAY IS DEFEATED IN U.S. OPEN FOURTH ROUND

The third-seeded Briton loses to South Africa's Kevin Anderson in four sets.

AP News in Brief

Hungary's Viktor Orban wants to speed up building of fence on Serbian border to stop migrants

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungary's prime minister says he wants to speed up construction of a fence meant to stop migrants on the southern border with Serbia — project which has missed two previous deadlines.

Viktor Orban was quoted Tuesday's edition of the pro-government Magyar Idok (Hungarian Times) daily newspaper as saying that he was persuaded of the need for more workers on the project after an unannounced inspection of the barrier on Monday with his chief of staff, Janos Lazar.

Hungary initially said that a 4-meter (13-foot) high fence would be built on the 174-kilometer (109-mile) border with Serbia by the end of November, but in July Orban called for it to be completed by Aug. 31.

A government statement implied that Defense Minister Csaba Hende resigned Monday because of the unsatisfactory pace of construction by the military.

In Greece, the coast guard said Tuesday its patrol vessels picked up nearly 500 migrants in 11 search and rescue missions over the past 24 hours in the eastern Aegean Sea.

In AP interview, Clinton says a 'concerted global effort' is needed to help refugees in Europe

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton is calling for a "concerted global effort" to assist the hundreds of thousands of refugees from the Middle East, Africa and Asia seeking refuge in Europe.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination said Monday that "everyone should be asked to do more" to help the migrants, many of whom are fleeing the civil war in Syria and from areas in that country and in Iraq under the control of Islamic State militants.

"I think we need to have a broad-based global response," Clinton said before spending Labor Day campaigning in eastern Iowa and parts of Illinois. "The United States certainly should be at the table, but so should everybody else."

"And if countries are not able to do more physically in taking in these refugees, they should do more financially," she said.

Clinton, the former secretary of state, said she was speaking most particularly about the oil-rich states of the Persian Gulf.

Congressional lawmakers returning to Washington to plunge into debate on Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers returning to Washington from their summer recess are plunging immediately into bitter, partisan debate over the Iran nuclear accord.

The deal struck by Iran, the U.S. and five world powers in July is aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program in exchange for hundreds of billions of dollars in relief from economic sanctions.

Republicans who control the House and Senate strongly oppose the pact, saying it makes dangerous concessions to Iran. They hope to push through a resolution of disapproval this week.

If they succeed, President Barack Obama would veto the resolution, and Democrats have already lined up enough votes to uphold his veto.

The question as Congress reconvenes Tuesday from a five-week break is whether the disapproval resolution will get through the Senate — or whether Democrats will have the votes to block it with a filibuster.

US-Israeli spat over Iran nuclear deal threatens to sideline Palestinian issue

JERUSALEM (AP) — In recent months, many in the Middle East had assumed — some in hope, others with concern — that once the Iranian nuclear issue was resolved, the United States would make another push for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. But the opposite seems more likely.

After a drawn-out confrontation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the Iranian nuclear deal, the White House seems to have little appetite for what would almost certainly be a new round of tensions with the Israeli leader over the terms of Palestinian statehood. With the odds of success slim and U.S. elections approaching, President Barack Obama seems more interested in repairing his tattered relationship with Israel, leaving the Palestinian issue to his successor.

In recent comments, Obama has spoken of boosting security cooperation and providing upgraded military hardware to make up for Israeli misgivings over the nuclear deal. Speaking to the Jewish newspaper *The Forward* last week, he likened his differences with Israel to a disagreement inside a family and predicted relations would survive the test. "I think it is important for everybody to just take a breath for a moment and recognize that people on both sides of the debate love the United States and also love Israel," Obama said. He made no mention of the Palestinian issue.

A U.S. State Department official told *The Associated Press* that the U.S. is not planning any bold new diplomatic initiatives after the Iran deal makes its way through Congress. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

In Israel, there had been speculation that Obama might act otherwise. "Now that President Barack Obama has got his Iran deal ... he will likely also try, in the year and four months until the presidential elections, to turn his attention to other urgent regional issues, such as Syria, and the talks or lack thereof between Israel and the Palestinian Authority," Israeli commentator Avi Issacharoff wrote in the *Times of Israel* in July.

Huckabee to join rally for jailed clerk who refused to issue marriage licenses to gay couples

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Presidential candidate and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will join protesters at a Tuesday rally outside the jail where a Kentucky clerk is locked in a cell over her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

Huckabee plans a private meeting with Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis, who was jailed by a federal judge Thursday after defying several court orders. Her lawyers spent Labor Day weekend filing appeals in an effort to force her release, but she remains there on a contempt charge.

Huckabee, a former Baptist minister who often reaches out to religious conservatives, says Davis is simply exercising her religious freedom by denying the marriage licenses.

Davis' jailing offers the many Republican presidential candidates an opportunity to appeal to the GOP's evangelical Christian wing, which opposes same-sex marriage and casts Davis' imprisonment as an issue of religious freedom. Not all the Republican White House hopefuls see it Huckabee's way, however.

Huckabee's visit comes a day after Davis filed yet another appeal in the hopes of being released. Her attorneys asked for an order to have Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear accommodate Davis' "religious conviction," and not force her to grant licenses to gay couples.

Drilling boom's growing toll: scarred land, threatened water from thousands of waste spills

CROSSROADS, N.M. (AP) — Carl Johnson and son Justin, who have complained for years about spills of oilfield wastewater where they raise cattle in the high plains of New Mexico, stroll across a 1 1/2-acre patch of sandy soil — lifeless, save for a scattering of stunted weeds.

Five years ago, a broken pipe soaked the land with as much as 420,000 gallons of wastewater, a salty

drilling byproduct that killed the shrubs and grass. It was among dozens of spills that have damaged the Johnsons' grazing lands and made them worry about their groundwater.

"If we lose our water," Justin Johnson said, "that ruins our ranch."

Their plight illustrates a side effect of oil and gas production that has worsened with the past decade's drilling boom: spills of wastewater that foul the land, kill wildlife and threaten freshwater supplies.

An Associated Press analysis of data from leading oil- and gas-producing states found more than 180 million gallons of wastewater spilled from 2009 to 2014 in incidents involving ruptured pipes, overflowing storage tanks and even deliberate dumping. There were some 21,651 individual spills. The numbers are incomplete because many releases go unreported.

Photos from the fire lines: Firefighters capture and post stunning images of the West ablaze

Firefighter Stephanie Preheim had only just arrived at the storage facility she was assigned to protect from a massive wildfire near the tourist town of Chelan, Washington, when the winds shifted, pushing the blaze back her way.

Told to stand down, the suddenly sidelined Preheim did what any idled 19-year-old would do — she got out her cellphone, snapped a photo of the smoke-filled scene and posted it on Instagram.

"People always ask 'How was it?' and it's impossible to describe what it's like fighting a fire," said Preheim, a volunteer with the Cashmere Fire Department. "If you have a quick second, why not snap a quick photo and be able to share it with people you love and let them know what you're doing?"

Preheim, and other firefighters like her, are capturing some of the most stunning images of wildfires in the West this season. And that has fire officials grappling with how to approach the digital landscape — even contemplating banning cellphones — as they balance a young workforce's desire to share with their safety in a hazardous environment.

Hotshot Ian Schlake, who was also battling the fire near Chelan, said in an email from the fire lines that firefighters are like everyone else looking to stay connected in an increasingly digital world.

Andy Murray's Grand Slam quarterfinals streak ends with 4th-round US Open loss to Anderson

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Murray watched a 130 mph ace zoom by to create a two-set deficit at the U.S. Open, and then sat in his changeover chair and cursed at himself, over and over and over.

A little later, Murray cracked his racket against the court once, breaking the frame, and went to the sideline and mangled his equipment even more, before meandering over to hand it to someone in the stands.

Often able to spur himself by letting out some anger, the two-time Grand Slam title winner only briefly managed to get into this match. The third-seeded Murray lost before the quarterfinals at a major for the first time since 2010, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0) by 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

"Disappointing to lose because of that," Murray said about his earlier-than-usual exit. "Obviously that's many years' work that's gone into building that sort of consistency."

For the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Anderson, known mainly for a booming serve but terrific off the ground in this 4-hour, 18-minute victory, it marked a real breakthrough: He entered with an 0-7 record in fourth-round matches at majors, including when he had a two-set lead against Novak Djokovic before losing at Wimbledon two months ago.

US dentist who killed Cecil the lion set to return to work, says his patients want him back

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota dentist who experienced a global backlash after killing Cecil the lion is expected to return to work after more than a month out of the public eye.

Walter Palmer was named in late July as the hunter who killed Cecil. In following days, he received threats, was vilified online and his office was the site of protests.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press and Minneapolis Star Tribune, Palmer said he feels safe enough to return to work Tuesday. He said his staff and patients want him back.

Palmer says he believes he acted legally and was stunned to learn his hunting party had killed a treasured animal.

Cecil was a fixture in the Hwange National Park and had a GPS collar as part of Oxford University research.

Today in History

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2015. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, D-La., was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Florida.

In 1761, Britain's King George III married Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz a few hours after meeting her for the first time.

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman, 16, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America" in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1934, more than 130 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner SS Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast.

In 1945, Bess Myerson of New York was crowned Miss America in Atlantic City, New Jersey, becoming the first Jewish contestant to win the title.

In 1954, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) was founded in Manila by the United States, France, Britain, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan.

In 1966, the science-fiction TV series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC; the situation comedy "That Girl," starring Marlo Thomas, premiered on ABC.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits, singling for hit number 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.

In 1994, USAir Flight 427, a Boeing 737, crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: Congress hastened to provide an additional \$51.8 billion for relief and recovery from Hurricane Katrina; President George W. Bush pledged to make it "easy and simple as possible" for uncounted, uprooted storm victims to collect food stamps and other government benefits. Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened into a hurricane as it stalled 70 miles off the northeast Florida coast. (Ophelia ended up brushing the North Carolina Outer Banks.)

Five years ago: BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report, acknowledging

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among other things that it had misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well, but also assigned responsibility to its partners on the doomed rig. Israel Tal, a decorated war hero and creator of Israel's renowned "Merkava" tank, died at age 86. Allen Dale June, one of the 29 original Navajo code talkers of World War II, died in Prescott, Arizona, at age 91.

One year ago: The European Union shied away from slapping new economic sanctions on Russia right away over its actions in eastern Ukraine, saying the punitive measures would come into force "in the next few days" depending on how well a cease-fire agreement in eastern Ukraine held. Croatia's Marin Cilic (CHIHl'-ihch) won his first Grand Slam title by beating Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 at the U.S. Open. Ray Rice was let go by the Baltimore Ravens and suspended indefinitely by the NFL after a video was released showing the running back striking his then-fiancee, Janay Palmer, in an elevator in February 2014. S. Truett Cathy, the billionaire founder of the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain, died in suburban Atlanta at age 93.

Today's Birthdays: Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 75. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is 74. Actor Alan Feinstein is 74. Pop singer Sal Valentino (The Beau Brummels) is 73. Author Ann Beattie is 68. Cajun singer Zachary Richard (ree-SHARD') is 65. Musician Will Lee is 63. Actress Heather Thomas is 58. Singer Aimee Mann is 55. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 55. Actor Thomas Kretschmann is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 51. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech (chehk) is 50. Alternative country singer Neko (NEE'-koh) Case is 45. TV personality Brooke Burke-Charvet is 44. Actor Martin Freeman is 44. Actor David Arquette is 44. TV-radio personality Kennedy is 43. Rock musician Richard Hughes (Keane) is 40. Actor Larenz Tate is 40. Actor Nathan Corrdry is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 36. Singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson is 35. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is 34. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 28. Dance music artist AVICII is 26.

Thought for Today: "We shall seek the truth and endure the consequences." - Charles Seymour, American educator and historian (1884-1963).