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Death Notice: Ramona Rossow

Ramona Rossow, 75, of Groton passed away Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Monday, October 19

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Super nachos, tater tots, fruit, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice and chow noodles, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Paula Pray • Lorrie Weber • David Anderson • Brian Sundstrom • Larry Cutler

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: Family Night at GHS Arena

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

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

7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

Tuesday, October 20

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

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

Anniversary: Charity and Scott Hinman

Birthdays: Jackie Quiggle, Travis Kurth

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Quilting

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

5:15pm: VB hosts Northwestern (7th/C at 5:15, 8th/JV at 6:30 followed by varsity)

Wednesday, October 21

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, bread stick, fruit, tri potato.

Senior Menu: Hamburger with multigrain bun, coleslaw, baked beans, ice cream sundae.

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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by Beverly Patterson

Bevitized: Our Candid Camera Moment

Have You Ever Wondered What Causes Cracks In Plaster?

Do you remember watching the television show entitled Candid Camera? If you do, you will understand what I mean when I tell you why I was looking for the little light in the dark window hiding the camera that had just taped a new episode of the show while I and several others ate lunch in the break room the other day.

The incident involved a sweet young girl, two women closer to my age and myself. I had just sat down at the table with several coworkers I had just met at my new job. We've been working on getting to know one another so we've talked about all kinds of different things. The sweet young girl that sat down across from me and over one chair tossed a glance at my sandwich and asked if it was peanut butter. I said that it was and she proceeded to tell me that she has an incredibly severe allergy to peanuts and any contact with them would kill her.

Judging by the look on her face I decided to ask if smelling them would put her in any immediate danger. She offered a convincing "no" so I opened the twin zippered bag and began enjoying my first bite. By this time another

woman had positioned herself directly in front of me and there was another beside me. I'm typically never at a loss for words and the women that sat down near me weren't either so we began a friendly chat. The "peanut allergy" was munching on the sandwich she had just prepared and washed each bite down with a rather hefty gulp of Diet Coke. Before long our conversation was interrupted by a belch that would have made the makers of Diet Coke blush. There was a short pause as we waited for the appropriate, "Oh, excuse me." but it never arrived.

We started chatting again when another belch presented itself. The pause happened again but no "excuse me" followed. There were several more loud belches before the last drop of Diet Coke rolled out of the can and into the tunnel that proved capable of producing plaster cracking belches. "Excuse me" never followed. Not only did I call upon every ounce of available control I had within myself but I also witnessed two grown women stifle their desire to burst into knock down, drag out, fall off your chair kind of laughter. We all maintained our composure which was, in my opinion, admirable, but I couldn't help but wonder when the crew from Candid Camera planned to tell us when our episode would air!

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Groton FCCLA

The Groton FCCLA Chapter met on October 6, 2015 in the Facs room. FCCLA President, Hannah Webb, called the meeting to order, there were 35 members present. We opened the meeting with our opening ceremony, minutes of the previous meeting were not read. No corrections were made. The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Lexi Harder. Old business included the Homecoming fundraisers of Kiss the Pig and temporary tattoo sales; both were very successful, proceeds will be donated to new playground equipment in the spring. New business included passing out the FCCLA T-shirt order forms, pink "eyeblocks" will be sold for Pink Night at the football game and volleyball game, fruit sales will start on October 13 and finish on November 3, and our annual Food drive is November 11 T 6:00p.m. The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony. The secretary's record was submitted by Kellyn Fluke. Lexi Harder, officer of the month, provided the snacks.

A *little lady* is on her way!

It's a baby shower honoring
SYDNEY ERICKSON

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Saturday, October 24
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
1104 N 3rd St | Groton, SD
(2 blocks north of the park)

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Sydney is registered at Target



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Today in Weather History

October 19, 1982: An early fall snowstorm dropped 3 to 12 inches of wet snow over the southeastern corner of South Dakota. The wet snow combined with the gusty winds of 20 to 40 mph dropped wind chills to around zero. Numerous trees snapped downing power lines. Power outages were extensive from Vermillion to Mitchell. Thunder rumbled and lightning flashed amidst the height of the snowstorm. Almost a foot of snow fell in northern Union and southern Lincoln counties. High wind gusts knocked out television and radio transmitters in Sioux Falls. The weight of the snow collapsed a panel on the covered stadium at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion.

1844 - The famous "Lower Great Lakes Storm" occurred. Southwesterly winds were at hurricane force for five hours, driving lake waters into downtown Buffalo NY. The storm drowned 200 persons. (David Ludlum)

1961 - Rain changed to a record early season, heavy wet snow over the southern mountains of West Virginia. Leaves were still on trees, resulting in the worst forest disaster since the fires of 1952 and 953. One to two feet of snow fell near Summersville and Richwood. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)

1984 - Thunderstorms deluged the town of Odem, TX (located 15 miles northwest of Corpus Christi) with 25 inches of rain in just three and a half hours. Most businesses in Odem were flooded, as were 1000 homes in nearby Sinton. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought rainshowers to parts of the central U.S., and ushered cool Canadian air into the Great Plains Region. Daytime highs were only in the 30s in North Dakota and eastern Montana. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds in eastern Colorado, with gusts to 63 mph reported at La Junta. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Record breaking snows fell across northern and central Indiana. Totals ranged up to 10.5 inches at Kokomo, and 9.3 inches was reported at Indianapolis. The 8.8 inch total at South Bend was a record for the month as a whole. Up to seven inches of snow fell in extreme southern Lower Michigan, and up to six inches fell in southwestern Ohio. The heavy wet snow downed many trees and power lines. Half the city of Cincinnati OH was without electricity during the morning hours. Temperatures dipped below freezing across much of the Great Plains Region. Twenty cities, including fourteen in Texas, reported record low temperatures for the date. North Platte NE reported a record low of 11 degrees. In Florida, four cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The record high of 92 degrees at Miami also marked a record fourteen days of 90 degree weather in October, and 116 such days for the year.

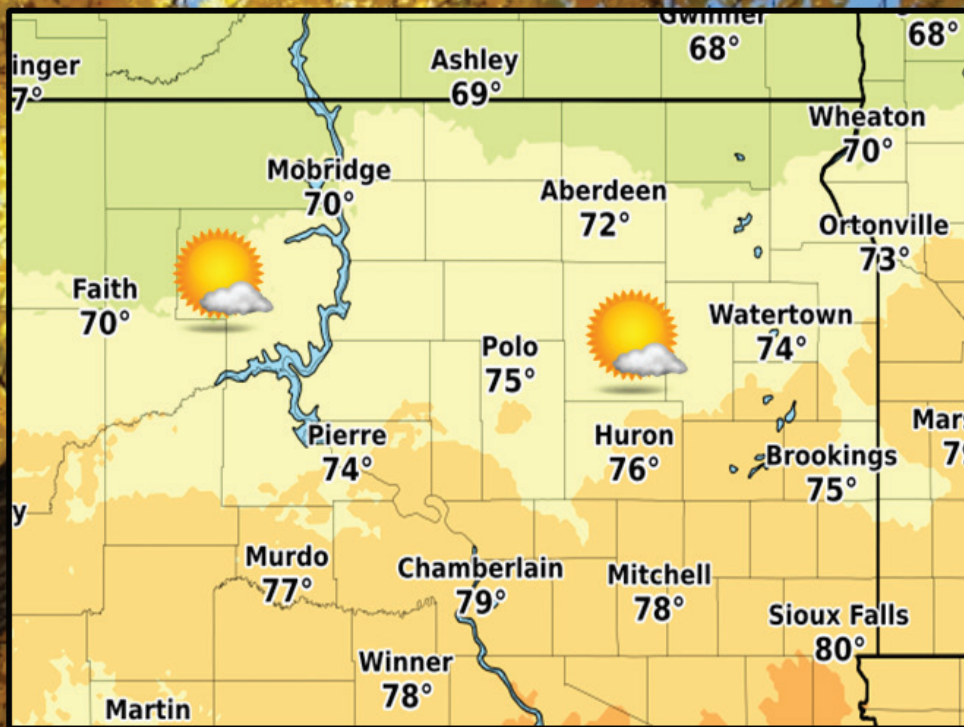
2007: A total of 87 tornadoes were reported in the United States from Oct. 17-19, a new record outbreak for the month, according to NOAA's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. The outbreak also contributed to the monthly total of 105 tornado reports - the second highest for October, behind the 117 tornadoes in October 2001. Records date back to 1950. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the Storm Prediction Center.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 72 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 63 °F

Much Above Normal Temps Today



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 10/19/2015 4:51 AM Central

Published on: 10/19/2015 at 4:54AM

The very mild temperatures will continue today as temperatures are forecast to climb well above normal for this time of year. Most areas will see 70s today under mostly sunny skies. Winds will not be as strong as they were on Sunday, which will make for a more pleasant day.

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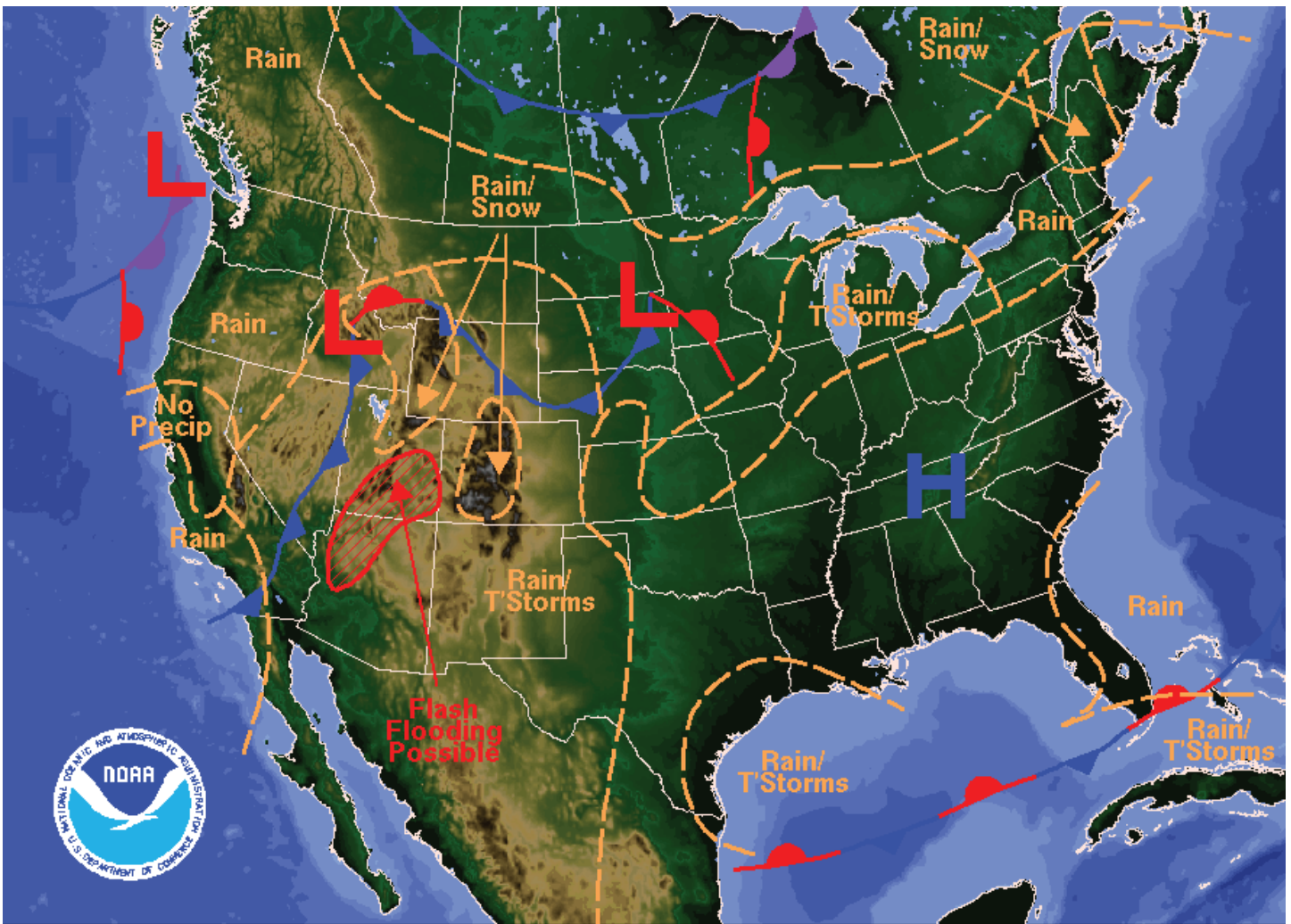
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 69.2
Low: 45.3
High Gust: 34
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 86° in 1947
Record Low: 10° in 1917
Average High: 56°F
Average Low: 32°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.37
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 19.85
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 6:41 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:56 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Oct 19, 2015, issued 4:51 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Lord Moynihan was a brilliant, skillful and world famous British surgeon. On one occasion after completing an operation before a gallery of doctors, a reporter asked, "How can you work so calmly with such a famous crowd of surgeons present?"

Thoughtfully he replied, "There are just three people in the operating room when I operate: the patient, myself and God."

As he concluded his farewell speech, Moses told Joshua that the Lord would be with him: "Do not be afraid or discouraged, I will go ahead of you and be with you and never abandon you." We often forget that wherever we are, God is: He is the one Who created us, has a plan for us and will purposefully work through us.

The opposite of being "discouraged" is to be "encouraged." "En" means "to give courage to!" And this is what God will do for us constantly and continually. He will give us courage to face every challenge in life because He will never forget us, forsake us or fail us.

The question is not "Can we count on God to be faithful to us?" The question is "Can God count on us to be faithful and obedient to Him in all He asks of us?"

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we sense Your presence and power wherever we are and whatever we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

News from the Associated Press

Dakotas ranch owned by Florida man fails to sell at auction

MOBRIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A ranch in the Dakotas that has been a source of frustration for area ranchers failed to sell at auction over the weekend.

The Bismarck Tribune reports the Saturday auction of the 20,000-acre ranch owned by Florida real estate tycoon Maurice Wilder drew a total of about \$17 million in bids from two buyers. But Wilder nixed the deals, saying the amounts weren't high enough.

Wilder had told the Capital Journal last month he wouldn't sell the ranch if it didn't bring what he wanted, though he didn't give a figure.

The ranch straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border. Neighbors for years have complained about Wilder's bison getting out of fences, damaging hay stacks and pastures and creating road hazards. Wilder told the Journal that he's tired of the hassles.

2 boys missing from youth correctional facility near Custer

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are searching for two teenagers who ran away from a youth correctional facility in western South Dakota.

Corrections officials say the 15- and 16-year-old boys went missing from the State Treatment and Rehabilitation Academy near Custer early Sunday.

Authorities are asking anyone who knows of the boys' whereabouts to contact law enforcement.

Authorities identify man killed in crash near Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a 28-year-old man who died after the pickup he was driving collided with semi-truck near Bridgewater.

According to the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Benjamin Tollefson of Parkston was driving along Highway 42 on Friday afternoon when his pickup crossed the center line and hit the truck, which was carrying a harvesting combine on its trailer.

The 26-year-old driver of the truck tractor wasn't injured. The two drivers were the only people involved in the crash. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

Sturgis trademark dispute trial set to begin on Monday

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The trial for a four-year-old trademark dispute between Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Inc. and Rushmore Photo and Gifts and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is set to begin on Monday.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Inc. is suing Rushmore Photo and Gifts and Wal-Mart over its Sturgis trademark. The group says the trademark is needed to protect the quality of products connected with the rally that draws hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Rushmore Photo contends Sturgis is geographically descriptive and shouldn't be trademarked.

The trademark infringement lawsuit was initially scheduled for trial in July, but the opposing sides asked U.S. Chief District Judge Jeffrey Viken to delay the trial because it would come too close to the annual motorcycle rally's 75th anniversary in early August.

About 70 Wind Cave bison to be transferred to preserves

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Bison from Wind Cave National Park are scheduled to be transferred to preserves in South Dakota and other states to help form new or boost existing herds.

The National Park Service says about 70 bison are part of this year's relocation effort. The bison transferred out of state are going to Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois.

The transfers are allowed under an agreement between the Park Service and The Nature Conservancy.

Wind Cave's bison herd is known for its high levels of genetic purity and diversity.

The approximately 70 animals set to be transferred will be among the dozens of bison that will be blood tested Tuesday. The park tests the bison every year. The animals also get an ear tag and are weighed and measured.

NDSU researchers trying to track bats hibernating in region

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — As a fungal disease that has wiped out millions of bats in the United States moves closer to North Dakota and South Dakota, a college researcher from Fargo is asking residents and business owners if they have any uninvited guests.

North Dakota State University biological sciences professor Erin Gillam, known to some as the "Bat Lady," is heading a research project that focuses on the spread of white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that strikes bats when they are hibernating and that has wiped out bat colonies in some areas of the country. It was first discovered in upstate New York in 2006 and has spread west, reaching as far as eastern Minnesota.

"Up until a couple of years ago, we didn't even know there were hibernating bats in the state," Gillam said. "There were these predictive models that estimated how the disease would move, and North Dakota was absent from those models."

Gillam first began researching bats in 2009, when the North Dakota Game and Fish Department realized there was little information on the mammals and funded the first statewide survey. Gillam's team has discovered 11 species.

Until now, the investigation has focused on natural habitats in western North Dakota, like caves, crevices and trees. Now, Gillam and her students want to find out how many of them are spending winters in homes and buildings in eastern North Dakota and whether the conditions are right for white-nose syndrome to survive.

"The idea is we want to know if we have bats overwintering in the eastern part of the state," said J.J. Nelson, a graduate student researcher. "Because if we don't and they are migrating away, it will be that much harder for white-nose syndrome to make that jump from Minnesota and into western North Dakota."

Scientists believe the disease arrived from Europe, where bats are more resilient to it, and was then transported on the shoes of cavers. The fungus penetrates the tissue of bats' noses, mouths and wings, compromising their ability to stay hydrated and to maintain their body temperature.

Gillam says many of the bats that spend the summers in this area migrate out to Minnesota and South Dakota in the winter, but she wants to study the ones that stay. She will record sounds and gauge other factors like temperature and humidity. She won't be removing the bats.

"I basically can't do it without the public's help," Gillam said. "I lack the time and the resources to drive around North Dakota and look for places myself."

It is, Gillam and Nelson say, a labor of love. Gillam drives a gray pickup truck with a license plate that reads "I love bats." Nelson said he fell in love with bats during his first summer of research in western North Dakota.

"You would be surprised how they kind of grow on you," Nelson said. "All the myths and preconceived notions people have about them, as you work with them you start to realize that most of them aren't true or they're misunderstood."

He added, "I would even go as far as to say they are pretty cute."

SD man convicted of 2nd-degree burglary gets 41 months

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of not returning a borrowed vehicle to its owner and using it during a burglary has been sentenced.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 34-year-old Markus Daniel Knight has been sentenced to more than three years in prison. The Eagle Butte man, who pleaded guilty to second-degree burglary earlier this year, was also ordered to pay over \$2,000 in restitution.

Federal authorities say Knight failed to return a borrowed vehicle to its owner on Dec. 4, and the owner reported it as stolen. Authorities say Knight drove the vehicle to a Timber Lake home, where he stole items worth more than \$4,000.

Knight is under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Iowa group seeks more permit oversight for pipeline

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A group that opposes a proposed oil pipeline across Iowa is asking a federal agency's regional office to be more stringent in issuing permits to a private company seeking access to waterways in the path of the project, and members say the request highlights their concern over varied oversight in the approval process.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement members say they want the Army Corps of Engineers' district office in Rock Island, Illinois, to change how it is reviewing permit applications submitted by Dakota Access LLC, a unit of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners. The company plans to build a pipeline that also runs through parts of North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois.

The Army Corps of Engineers helps maintain the country's infrastructure, including waterways, and its district offices around the country issue permits for waterway access. In the Rock Island office, that includes the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, which border Iowa and are along the part of the pipeline. Other regional offices are in charge of permits along different parts of the 1,134-mile pipeline.

Nathan Malachowski, a community organizer for Iowa CCI, said his group is focusing on the Rock Island office because it oversees affected waterways in Iowa. He hopes that when officials are considering this project, they will not focus on waterways as individual permit applications but one large application for the section that involves Iowa. The group believes that would better show the scope and impact of the pipeline.

"This is people's farmland, this is the water that people drink, that they are putting into jeopardy by not doing more stringent permitting," he said.

Donna Jones, head of the Illinois and Missouri sections under the Rock Island office, said the office is following the policies in place for reviewing the applications. She said changes to those rules are outside of the office's authority.

"We have very specific guidance about linear projects. A pipeline is a linear project," she said.

Malachowski said he expected that type of response from Army Corps officials, and Iowa CCI will continue to push for the change. Both sides will meet in several weeks to discuss the issue. Jones said the Rock Island office plans to explain its regulatory process.

The pipeline would move at least 450,000 barrels of North Dakota crude oil daily through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois. Opponents say the project could have a negative environmental impact. Dakota Access says the project's construction will bring thousands of jobs.

Groups across the region said they've turned to each other to build momentum for organizing people in their respective communities against the pipeline. But some said there are limitations because of the varied oversight, with different boards and commissions in each state tasked with approving parts of the pipeline. The regulatory process for each state is at different stages and has different requirements.

"It's a segmented project and it's by design that it's segmented," said Tabitha Tripp, founder of Shawnee Forest Sentinels, an Illinois-based group that is involved in opposing the pipeline. "Therefore groups across the state lines, this multi-state coalition if we can call it that, it can't move together in unison and we can't build strength in numbers."

Malachowski said Iowa CCI's effort with the Army Corps is critical in fighting against the segmented system. He said if they can convince the federal agency to rethink its permit process, it would be a "game changer."

Vicki Grando, a spokeswoman for Dakota Access, said in an email that individual state regulatory groups approve crude oil pipelines and the company is following the rules "as they have been set."

The Iowa Utilities Board, which is tasked with approving Dakota Access' pipeline in Iowa through a separate permit application, has scheduled a public hearing in November.

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. CLASH OF NARRATIVES DRIVES EVENTS IN HOLY LAND

Israelis and Palestinians cannot agree on what they see, how they got here, who is to blame or where they should go.

2. WHO COULD BECOME CANADA'S NEXT PRIME MINISTER

Justin Trudeau, the son of a man who championed liberal politics and brought glamor and excitement to Canadian politics in the late 1960s, is favored to win the elections.

3. WHAT NEW BENGHAZI EMAILS SHOW

The chairman of a panel investigating the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Libya, which took the lives of four Americans including Ambassador Stevens, is describing Stevens' pleas for security assistance — and Washington's response — as a "total disconnect."

4. MANY URUGUAYANS ARE FED UP WITH COMPLAINTS FROM SYRIAN REFUGEES

The refugee families say that life in Uruguay is expensive and authorities aren't doing enough to support them, which earns them the reputation of rude and ungrateful guests.

5. CHINA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH DECLINES TO 6-YEAR LOW

However, stronger spending by consumers helps to avert a deeper downturn.

6. WHEN STATE'S CYBERSECURITY SUFFERED

The State Department was among the worst government agencies at protecting its computer networks while Hillary Clinton was secretary from 2009 to 2013, The AP finds.

7. TYPHOON LEAVES 2 DEAD IN THE PHILIPPINES

Army, police and civilian volunteers scramble to rescue hundreds of villagers trapped in their flooded homes and on rooftops in a northern Philippine province.

8. SAVING 'SANG'

Backers of a new labeling program are encouraging forest landowners in the eastern U.S. to cultivate ginseng in hopes of helping conserve the medicinal plant.

9. EDDIE MURPHY IS TRADING PLACES WITH MARK TWAIN

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts honors the comedian, film star, producer and director with the nation's top prize for humor.

10. BALLOT BOX SCORE

While the Blue Jays are hosting Kansas City on Monday night, voters will be casting their ballots in Canada's 42nd federal election.

AP News in Brief

Narratives clashing: Israelis, Palestinians cannot agree on anything in Holy Land

The clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in the Holy Land are not just physical; the two sides cannot agree on what they see, how they got here, who is to blame or where they should go.

To many Israelis, the wave of knifings betrays a hatred of Jews by a Palestinian populace that is easily incited to violence by fanatics dreaming up conspiracy theories about Zionist plots to take over their sacred Jerusalem mosque.

To Palestinians, the violent rage of lone-wolf attackers is an inevitable consequence, a last resort, and just desserts given almost a half-century of Israeli occupation in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, after peace talks collapsed last year and Israelis then re-elected a prime minister who seems wedded to the status quo.

Where Israelis see attackers killed in self-defense against what headlines call the "wave of terrorism,"

Palestinians tend to see martyrs sacrificing themselves to fight the unacceptable predicament of their oppressed and humiliated people.

The clashing narratives share a deep-rooted sense of vulnerability.

Eritrean mistaken for assailant dies after Israeli guard shoots him and mob attacks him

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Eritrean migrant shot by an Israeli security guard and then attacked by bystanders who mistook him for an assailant in a deadly bus station attack has died of his wounds, Israeli hospital officials said Monday.

The mistaken shooting of the migrant, for reasons that remain unclear, reflected the shattered nerves among Israelis after months of seemingly random lone-wolf attacks by Palestinians.

"It's terrible," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon. "It shows you what a terrible situation we are in."

The daily newspaper Yediot Ahronot left no ambiguity as to exactly why the man, identified as Mulu Habtom Zerhom, was shot. Monday's headline read: "Just because of his skin color."

Dr. Nitza Neuman-Heiman, deputy general director of Soroka Medical Center, told Army Radio that Zerhom arrived at the hospital in "very serious condition" and died late Sunday from both gunshot wounds and the injuries sustained during attacks by bystanders. The hospital said he suffered gunshot wounds to the abdomen.

Canadians vote in an election that could see the son of Pierre Trudeau become prime minister

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian voters cast their ballots Monday to decide whether to extend Conservative leader Stephen Harper's near-decade in power or return Canada to its more liberal roots.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is trailing Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, the son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, in the polls.

Pierre Trudeau led Canada for almost all of a 16-year stretch from 1968-84 and is a storied name in Canadian history. He is responsible for the country's version of the bill of rights and open door to immigration.

Harper got into politics to destroy Pierre Trudeau's legacy and is seeking a rare fourth term in the hopes of safeguarding his goal of shattering Canada's reputation as a liberal haven.

"We have a chance to bring real change to Canada and bring an end to the Harper decade," Justin Trudeau said in Harper's adopted home province of Alberta, traditionally a Conservative stronghold.

Gowdy: Stevens emails show 'total disconnect' between security needs in Benghazi, Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. ambassador in a dangerous country asks the State Department for more security. Washington sends the ambassador a request for advice on talking points. Maybe, the ambassador jokes, he should seek help from another country.

But the escalating situation on the ground in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012 was no joke, and on Sept. 11, the ambassador, Chris Stevens, was dead along with three other Americans. Rep. Trey Gowdy, the chairman of a panel investigating the terrorist attacks there, is describing Stevens' pleas, and Washington's response, as a "total disconnect" that left the U.S. consulate vulnerable to attack.

"He didn't need help with (public relations), and he was asking for more security," Gowdy said on CBS' "Face the Nation." At about the same time, Gowdy said, a Clinton aide asked Stevens to read and respond to an email by a confidant of then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

At one point, according to Gowdy, Stevens joked in an email: "Maybe we should ask another government to pay for our security upgrades because our government isn't willing to do it."

Gowdy refused to release the emails on Sunday.

Once eager to receive Syrian refugees, Uruguayans turned off by complaints, demands, protests

JUAN LACAZE, Uruguay (AP) — When Uruguay announced last year that it would be taking in five families fleeing Syria's devastating civil war, residents of this small town pulled together and lobbied to host one.

Then in November, locals welcomed a newly arrived Merhi Alshebli, his wife and their 15 children with food and seeds to plant vegetables. People in Juan Lacaze, a coastal city of fishermen and paper factory workers in southwestern Uruguay, wanted to do their part to help a country where more than 200,000 have been killed in the fighting.

But after months of the Syrians' complaints about their living conditions and demands to be sent to another country, many Uruguayans in this town and elsewhere have come to see the refugees more as rude, ungrateful guests. This month the 51-year-old Alshebli shocked locals by dousing himself in gasoline in protest, furthering Uruguayans' indignation and sense that this South American nation's humanitarian gesture has gone off the rails.

"I'm outraged," said Monica Benitez, who works at a shoe store in Juan Lacaze's tiny downtown. "What they are doing is offensive."

The Syrians' discontent is playing out as hundreds of thousands of their compatriots are risking their lives to migrate to Europe and world leaders from German Chancellor Angela Merkel to Pope Francis have urged nations to open their doors to the flood. The administration of U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged to take in 10,000 Syrians over the next year.

AP Exclusive: Years of poor network security at State predated a hack linked to Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department was among the worst agencies in the federal government at protecting its computer networks while Hillary Rodham Clinton was secretary from 2009 to 2013, a situation that continued to deteriorate as John Kerry took office and Russian hackers breached the department's email system, according to independent audits and interviews.

The State Department's compliance with federal cybersecurity standards was below average when Clinton took over but grew worse in each year of her tenure, according to an annual report card compiled by the White House based on audits by agency watchdogs. Network security continued to slip after Kerry replaced Clinton in February 2013, and remains substandard, according to the State Department inspector general.

In each year from 2011 to 2014, the State Department's poor cybersecurity was identified by the inspector general as a "significant deficiency" that put the department's information at risk. The latest assessment is due to be published in a few weeks.

Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, has been criticized for her use of a private email server for official business while she was secretary of state. Her private email address also was the recipient of malware linked to Russia, and her server was hit with malware from China, South Korea and Germany. The FBI is investigating whether her home server was breached.

State Department officials don't dispute the compliance shortcomings identified in years of internal audits, but argue that the audits paint a distorted picture of their cybersecurity, which they depict as solid and improving. They strongly disagree with the White House ranking that puts them behind most other government agencies. Senior department officials in charge of cybersecurity would speak only on condition of anonymity.

China's economic growth dips to 6-year low but consumer spending helps avert deeper downturn

BEIJING (AP) — China's economy decelerated in the latest quarter but stronger spending by consumers who are emerging as an important pillar of growth helped to avert a deeper downturn.

The world's second-largest economy grew by 6.9 percent in the three months ended in September, the slowest since early 2009 in the aftermath of the global financial crisis, data showed Monday. That was down from the previous quarter's 7 percent.

Weakening trade and manufacturing have fueled concern about possible job losses and unrest. The communist government has cut interest rates five times since last November in an effort to shore up growth.

The latest data highlight the two-speed nature of China's economy in the midst of a marathon effort by the Communist Party to nurture self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption and reduce reliance on trade and investment. Manufacturers are shrinking and shedding millions of jobs while consumer-oriented businesses expand.

In September, growth in factory output slowed to 5.7 percent from August's 6.1 percent. At the same time, retail sales growth rose to 10.9 percent from July's 10.5 percent. E-commerce spending leaped ahead, rising 36 percent in the third quarter over a year earlier.

Thousands of migrants left waiting in rain in the Balkans amid border control backlogs

TRNOVEC, Slovenia (AP) — Thousands of beleaguered migrants, including many women and children, have spent a night in rain and cold in the Balkans as the countries quarrel over how to handle the large influx of people.

Many were stranded at Croatia's border with Slovenia after Croatia sent a train there despite Slovenia's refusal to take the people into the country. The train carrying some 1,800 people arrived in the early hours of the morning Monday.

Croatian police ordered the migrants off the train, but Slovenian police were deployed to the border and put up iron fences to prevent a mass entry. For hours, the migrants sought ways to sneak into Slovenia on foot while Croatian police on the other side prevented them from turning back.

Slovenian police said they would first register women and children from the train and let them into the country, while the rest remained stranded out in the open on a field amid driving rain.

The border incident has caused a diplomatic spat between Croatia and Slovenia, with Slovenia accusing Croatia of breaching an earlier agreement that only 2,500 people can be transported into the country each day. That figure appeared to have been reduced by the Slovenes to 1,500 a day because they said that's how many neighboring Austria allow across its border each day.

Ballot box score: Game 3 of ALCS in Toronto goes head-to-head with Canadian federal election

TORONTO (AP) — Besides runs, hits and errors, Toronto Blue Jays fans might have other numbers on their minds as they watch Game 3 of the AL Championship Series.

While the Blue Jays are hosting Kansas City on Monday night, voters will be casting their ballots in Canada's 42nd federal election.

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, the son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is leading in the polls and the outcome could spell the end of a decade of Conservative rule under Stephen Harper.

Polls are open in Ontario from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Blue Jays right-hander Marcus Stroman, who'll start Game 3 at 8:07 p.m., has encouraged fans to vote before coming to the game.

"Get up at 8, 9 a.m., go vote, get that out of the way and start getting ready for the game by noon," Stroman told Canadian TV station Sportsnet on Friday. "I'm going to need the city as rowdy and crazy as possible."

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, October 19, the 292nd day of 2015. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 19, 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, adopted a declaration of rights and liberties which the British Parliament ignored.

On this date:

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the United States.

In 1814, the first documented public performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" took place at the Holiday Street Theater in Baltimore.

In 1864, Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early's soldiers attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Virginia; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1914, the U.S. Post Office began delivering mail with government-owned cars, as opposed to using contracted vehicles. The First Battle of Ypres (EE'-pruh) began during World War I.

In 1935, the Council of the League of Nations imposed sanctions against Italy for invading Abyssinia.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting black women into WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The play "I Remember Mama" by John Van Druten opened at the Music Box Theater on Broadway.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States began a limited embargo against Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value, to close at 1,738.74.

In 1990, Kevin Costner's Western epic "Dances with Wolves" had its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

Ten years ago: A defiant Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder and torture as his trial opened under heavy security in the former headquarters of his Baath Party in Baghdad. The Houston Astros clinched their first World Series berth with a 5-1 win over St. Louis in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series.

Five years ago: The Pentagon directed the military to accept openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation's history. Hosam Smadi, a Jordanian man caught in an FBI sting trying to blow up a Dallas skyscraper, was sentenced to 24 years in prison after telling the court he was ashamed of his actions and renouncing al-Qaida. "Happy Days" patriarch Tom Bosley died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 83.

One year ago: Pope Francis beatified Pope Paul VI, concluding a remarkable meeting of bishops debating family issues that drew parallels to the tumultuous reforms of the Second Vatican Council which Paul oversaw and implemented. An Associated Press investigation found that dozens of Nazis war criminals and SS guards had collected millions in U.S. Social Security pension payments after being forced out of the United States. Peyton Manning broke Brett Favre's NFL record of 508 touchdown career passes as he threw four TD passes in Denver's 42-17 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Today's Birthdays: Author John le Carre (luh kah-RAY') is 84. Artist Peter Max is 78. Author and critic Renata Adler is 78. Actor Michael Gambon is 75. Actor John Lithgow (LIH-th'-goh) is 70. Feminist activist Patricia Ireland is 70. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 70. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 67. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 63. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 58. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 57. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 55. Boxer Evander Holyfield is 53. Host Ty Pennington (TV: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 51. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 50. Actor Jon Favreau is 49. Amy Carter is 48. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 46. Comedian Chris Kattan is 45. Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 43. Actor Omar Gooding is 39. Country singer Cyndi Thomson is 39. Writer-director Jason Reitman is 38. Actor Benjamin Salisbury is 35. Actress Gillian Jacobs is 33. Rock singer Zac Barnett (American Authors) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Dream in a pragmatic way." - Aldous Huxley, English author (1894-1963).