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School Breakfast: Egg cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes, carrots and onions, gravy, peaches, multi-grain dinner roll.

Anniversary: Charles & Virginia Meister

Birthdays: Derek Carr • Jodi Sternhagen

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

6:00pm: Region VB at Milbank (2 matches)

Friday, November 6

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

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, turkey sandwich, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, coleslaw, orange sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Duane & Rhonda Fliehs

Birthday: Amanda Briggs

Saturday, November 7

Football Semifinals

Anniversary: Chuck and LaVonne Raap

Birthdays: Korbin Blackmun, Marva Gellhaus • Bridget Fliehs • Jami Krueger • Elizabeth Fliehs

9:00am: Robotics at Eureka

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, November 8

Anniversary: Larry & Val Fliehs

Birthdays: Marquelle Albrecht • Doug Hamilton • Ronda Kutter • Sara Merkel • Pam Merkel • Sherry Koehler

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School



50th

Anniversary

Doug and Arlis Doeden will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house. The event will be held Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Olive Grove Clubhouse.

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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Reporting rule violations often depends on integrity of school officials

By Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Wednesday morning Sioux Falls Superintendent Brian Maher joined the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors as its new representative for the state's two largest school districts.

A half-hour into his tenure, Maher was on the hot seat.

At issue was a self-reported violation by Sioux Falls Lincoln. The school's athletic director, Jim Dorman, reported that uniforms meant to be worn by the boys' and girls' basketball teams at four out-of-season events were instead worn during a fall league.

The item was on the board's consent agenda along with a similar self-reported violation from Sioux Falls Roosevelt. Items on the consent agenda are usually passed by the board without discussion. At the request of board member Sandy Klatt of Brandon Valley, the Lincoln violation was removed from the consent agenda for discussion by the board.

"A major reason why we have out-of-season rules is to protect student-athletes from an overzealous coach," Katt said. She said parents of Lincoln players had reported eight violations to her, but the SDHSAA board was only hearing one.

SDHSAA Executive Director Wayne Carney said the violations went back to 2014 and were handled as a local school issue.

Klatt asked if school policy violations from past school years don't count when the board finds out about them.

"We're not going back previous years," Carney said, "unless I'm told differently by the board."

Carney said in cases where a violation is reported to the SDHSAA, it's passed on to the school for investigation.

"You're talking about the integrity of the school," Carney said. "If this incident had not been self-reported, we would not have known."

Board chairman Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen said seeking to investigate violations in past years would "muddy the waters. We just have to trust the ADs to do their due diligence."

The superintendent of the violating school didn't seem happy to be addressing his new board for the first time about an out-of-season violation.

"This issue gives me no delight," Maher said. He said he believed it would be "unwise for this board to step in and handle parent concerns."



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He also advised against looking back at past violations.

"I don't know if going back two years changes our response or the consequences," Maher said.

As a consequence of the violation, both Lincoln and Roosevelt boys' and girls' basketball programs were placed on probation for one year and a letter of reprimand will be sent to the school administrations requesting detailed steps be taken to assure that it doesn't happen again. The schools' responses are to be in the SDHSAA office by Jan. 13, 2016.

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At activities association, exceptions make it tougher to enforce the rules

By Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors held a lengthy discussion Wednesday about the nature of an "emergency" and the worth of the numbers used to define the class in which a team will compete.

During the discussion, officials from two school districts were trying to take the board's temperature to see if their situation would be deemed an emergency so they could form a three-year football and girls' basketball co-op.

The discussion was prompted by a request from Centerville to find out the board's response to its plan to join with Irene-Wakonda in the two sports.

The combined schools don't have a problem with going up to 9AA football. Irene Wakonda has played at the 9A classification and Centerville has played at 9B. The addition of Centerville players will boost the combined team to 9AA.

The sticking point was the addition of Centerville's three girls' basketball players which would raise the combined team to Class A whereas in the past Irene-Wakonda has played in Class B.

"We're not bringing a whole lot of kids" to the co-op, said Centerville Superintendent Chad Conaway. "To bump them up to Class A for a short-term deal" seems unfair to Irene-Wakonda.

Irene-Wakonda Superintendent Dave Hutchison noted that his district's school board did not want the girls' basketball team to move up to Class A for three years and then move back to Class B when the co-op dissolves.

"We are aware that there have been some exemptions for other schools," Conaway said.

Those exceptions led the SDHSAA executive staff to ask the board for guidance in future situations since over the past three years the board has allowed some cooperative agreements that put teams over the classification limits while denying others.

Assistant executive director John Krogstrand said there have been so many co-operative agreements heard on a case-by-case basis that there should almost be a separate board to consider those issues.

"Some schools are playing by the rules, even though it's not the

Men's Fall Dinner
Groton United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 8, 2015
11 am to 1:30 pm
Roast Beef Dinner
Adults: \$8 Children 5-12: \$5
Children 4 and under: Free

best situation for them," Krogstrand said.

Schools that are suffering from low numbers have other options, Krogstrand said. They can forego the playoffs or play a junior varsity schedule.

"Saying no to a cooperative doesn't mean you can't play," Krogstrand said. He noted possible cooperative partners for Centerville with Lennox, Beresford or Vermillion.

Board chairman Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen asked Krogstrand if he wanted the board to bypass all emergencies and just go by the numbers.

"I worry about that term 'emergency' being too broad," Krogstrand said.

"The definition of an 'emergency' will be whatever this board says it is," Uttermark said, adding that if the staff wanted to try to set guidelines for how those emergencies would be determined, he was sure the board would want to look at that.

While the Centerville co-op was a discussion item with no board action taken, both Conaway and Hutchison said they would appreciate any direction they could get from the board.

Hutchison said he has heard from parents in his district who are upset about the possibility of a co-op with Centerville because they think a Centerville player may take playing time away from their child.

"We need to help our neighbor," Hutchison said. "If we don't, we're not very good neighbors."

Uttermark said that since the board wasn't going to take action, the superintendents would have to judge from comments that board members made whether they wanted to proceed with the paperwork for the cooperative. Conaway said they would.

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Policy revision may seek a way out for transgender students

by Dana Hess
for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The board of directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association passed a second reading of a revised transgender procedure policy at its meeting Wednesday.

However, that may not be the last change for the policy.

Wednesday's action revised the policy to add an independent hearing officer who will review the information submitted by a student trying to identify as a sex

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other than the one on the student's birth certificate. The IHO, who will be a member of the State Bar of South Dakota, will make the determination as to whether or not the student should be granted transgender status.

The revised policy states that if the student doesn't agree with the IHO, an appeal will be heard by the activities association board of directors.

While that revision passed on an 8-1 vote, board member Sandy Klatt of Brandon Valley, the dissenting vote, requested staff to consider the language that would be needed to give students a way to rescind their decision to identify as a sex other than the one with which they were born.

Klatt cited a statistic that said 70 percent of children will revert back to identify with their original sex. "We could be in a sticky situation for not allowing any reversion," Klatt said. "I just have a problem with a policy that doesn't have any options."

According to assistant executive director John Krogstrand, the part of the policy that says the student's new sexual identity will be in place for the remainder of the student's high school years was put in place to keep anyone from trying to gain a competitive advantage in sports.

"If you're asking for this," Krogstrand said of the transgender designation, "it's not to be taken lightly." SDHSAA staff will work on the wording that Klatt requested.

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Activities association starts discussion about Native American school mascots

by Dana Hess

for S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — At its meeting in January, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors will vote on the first reading of a resolution asking member schools to consider not using stereotypical Indian imagery and Indian mascots.

The proposal comes from Roger Bordeaux of the Tiospa Zina Tribal School and the Native American at-large representative on the SDHSAA board.

Bordeaux sent a PowerPoint presentation to board members as well as all member schools detailing the negative impact that Indian mascots can have on Native American students.

The resolution cites examples of that harm from the American Psychological Association, the American Sociological Association and the White House Initiative on American Indian/Alaska Native Education.

The resolution concludes "it is very clear that Indian mascots, and any representation of stereotypical Indian imagery not only cause harm to American Indian youth, but moreover, such imagery is not suitable for educational settings which aim to foster healthy psychological development and/or student self-actualization."

Throughout the discussion at their meeting Wednesday, board members emphasized that the resolution is in no way binding on school districts but is meant to start a discussion about the use of Native American school mascots.

"This is a very good discussion for us to be having," said board chairman Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen.

Board member Steve Morford of Spearfish noted that a similar discussion had already taken place in the Winner School District where the school nickname was the Warriors. He said the school district kept the nickname but changed away from a Native American warrior as their symbol.

A search of South Dakota high schools found 16 with mascot names that might be considered offensive according to the SDHSAA resolution. Those schools include the Bennett County Warriors, the Britton-Hecla Braves, the Castlewood Warriors, the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Braves, the Crazy Horse Chiefs, the Crow Creek Chieftains, the Estelline Redmen, the Iroquois Chiefs, the Lower Brule Sioux, the Marty Indian School Braves, the St. Francis Indian School Warriors, the Sisseton Redmen, the Wakpala Sioux, the Sioux Falls Washington Warriors, the Watertown Arrows and the Woonsocket Redmen.

The first reading of the resolution will be on the SDHSAA Board's Jan. 13, 2016, agenda.

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Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Scores:

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 6:00 PM / Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Groton Area

Scores:

Date: 11-10-2015
Time: 7:00
Site: Milbank Armory

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#4 Groton Area

Scores: 14 24 **25 25 15**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 2
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores: **25 26** 23 22 10

#5 Aberdeen Roncalli

#3 Webster Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores: 17 21 14

Webster Area

Scores:

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Milbank Area

Scores:

#6 Britton-Hecla

#2 Milbank Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 4:30 / Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores: 7 8 10

#7 Tiospa Zina

School	Seed Pts.
Sisseton	42.13
Milbank Area	41.92
Webster Area	40.48
Groton Area	40.32
Aberdeen Roncalli	40.00
Britton-Hecla	36.95
Tiospa Zina	36.21

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Groton Area Book Fair

What:

Groton Area Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, November 12, from 1:30 to 8:30 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books for the Elementary Library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

When:

The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 to 3:30, November 9 to November 11 for students and parents to preview books. However, books may only be purchased on November 12 during conferences or online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/grotonareaelementaryschool1> from November 6 to November 26.

Where:

Groton Area Elementary is located at 810 N 1st St.

More:

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program. In addition, the Book Fair will feature the All for Books™ program, where students can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change to purchase books from the Book Fair for our school Library. Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations, such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation. The community may help by donating change to the All for Books container located at the convenience store check-out at Ken's. The container will be there until November 11th.

Fall Annual
Ladies Night

Designer Fashions
50-75% off
with Deb Gengerke &
new fall
fashions showing

Hors d'oeuvre
Wine Tasting

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on regular priced merchandise
- some exclusions apply

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several new markdowns

Friday, November 6th - 5-8 pm

101 N. Main St.
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Veteran's Supper

In honor of our Veterans and their spouses, the American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring a free Veterans Day Supper on November 11 from 6 to 8 at the American Legion hall, Groton. Make your reservation now by calling the Legion at 397-2603 or Jan Seibel at 448-5524.



Great Starter Home! Great Location!

Located right across from the elementary school at 805 N 1st St., this home features a spacious back yard, 2-stall garage, full finished basement with wash room and bathroom. Main floor has two larger bedrooms with walk-in closets and one smaller bedroom, a spacious living/dining room and a cozy kitchen. The home has dual fuel (electric/natural gas) and a newer lifetime warranty water heater. Contact Dick Kolker at 605/397-8464. Asking \$150,000.

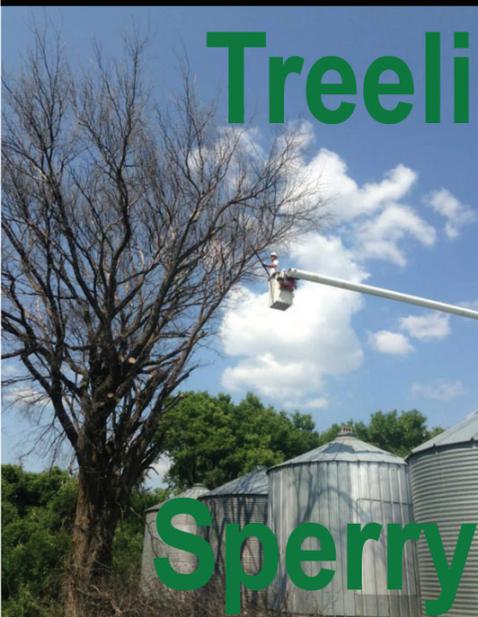
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5-7 pm

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Carnival Games

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**Bring a non-perishable donation for
the Needs Anonymous Food Bank
and you will be entered to win a
door prize.**

Today in Weather History

November 5, 1959: A strong cold front brought near blizzard conditions and bitter cold temperatures. High temperatures in many locations only reached the upper teens. Some daytime highs include; 19 degrees in Pierre and Waubay; 18 degrees in Aberdeen, Faulkton, Kennebec, Pollock and Roscoe; 17 degree in Eureka, Gettysburg, Mobridge and Watertown; and 15 degrees in Timber Lake and near McIntosh. Some record or near record lows also occurred near midnight on the 5th. Some lows include; 2 degrees in Aberdeen; 1 degree near McIntosh; 0 degrees in Timber Lake and Pollock; and 2 degree below zero in Kennebec.

1991: Nearly 3,000 individuals were killed in the Philippines when Tropical Storm Thelma produced massive flooding on this day. This was the second major disaster of the year as Mount Pinatubo violently erupted on June 12th.

1894 - The famous Election Day snowstorm occurred in Connecticut. As much as a foot of wet snow fell, and the snow and high winds caused great damage to wires and trees. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Block Island RI. (David Ludlum)

1961 - Strong Santa Ana winds fanned the flames of the Bel Air and Brentwood fires in southern California destroying many homes. At 10 PM the Los Angeles Civic Center reported a temperature of 74 degrees along with a dew point of 5 degrees. On the 6th, Burbank reported a relative humidity of three percent. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - A slow moving storm produced five to nine inch rains across northern Georgia causing the Toccoa Dam to burst. As the earthen dam collapsed the waters rushed through the Toccoa Falls Bible College killing three persons in the dorms. Thirty-eight persons perished at a trailer park along the stream. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Low pressure off the California coast produced stormy weather in the southwestern U.S. Flash flooding stranded 8000 persons in the Death Valley National Park of southern California. Thunderstorms over southern Nevada produced dime size hail and wind gusts to 68 mph around Las Vegas. Unseasonably mild weather in the northeastern U.S. was replaced with snow and gale force winds. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A powerful low pressure system produced high winds from the Great Plains to New England, and produced heavy snow in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Winds gusted to 64 mph at Knoxville TN, and reached 80 mph at Pleasant Valley VT. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Temperatures warmed into the 80s across much of Texas. Highs of 86 degrees at Abilene, Fort Worth and San Angelo were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

2002 - Severe thunderstorms moved across southeastern Alabama and the Florida panhandle, producing wind damage and several tornadoes. A tornado struck the Alabama town of Abbeville killing 2 people and injuring 25 (Associated Press).

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Decreasing Clouds	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 41 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 46 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 49 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 58 °F



Cold November Rain

Rain

- Most intense rain showers expected this morning
- Lingering light rain through the afternoon, a few flakes of snow possibly mixed in
- Conditions dry out tonight

Temps

- Cooler
- Temps steady or slowly falling
- Breezy northwest winds

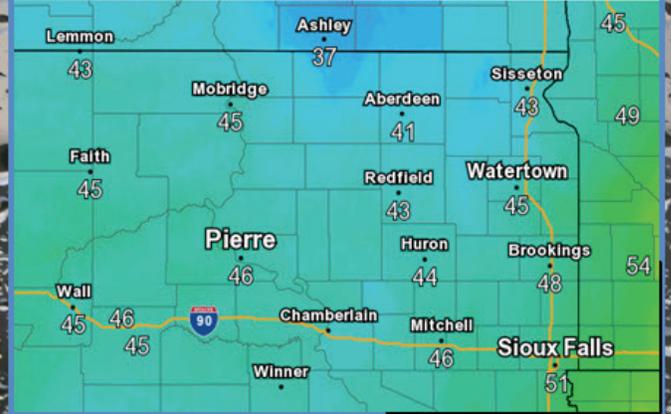
Radar Reflectivity

Valid Thursday November 5th, 2015 at 5:04 AM CST



High Temperature Forecast

Valid Ending Thursday November 5th, 2015 at 6 PM CST



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 11/5/2015 5:09 AM Central

Published on: 11/05/2015 at 5:11AM

Cold November rains are expected through the morning, gradually decreasing in coverage this afternoon. A few flakes of snow may even be mixed in for parts of northwest and north central South Dakota, but little to no accumulation is expected. Conditions dry out tonight, and a dry forecast is expected through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 52.1 at 1:05 PM

Low: 38.5 at 7:10 AM

High Gust: 14 at 3:35 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 79° in 1904

Record Low: -6° in 2003

Average High: 46°F

Average Low: 24°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.15

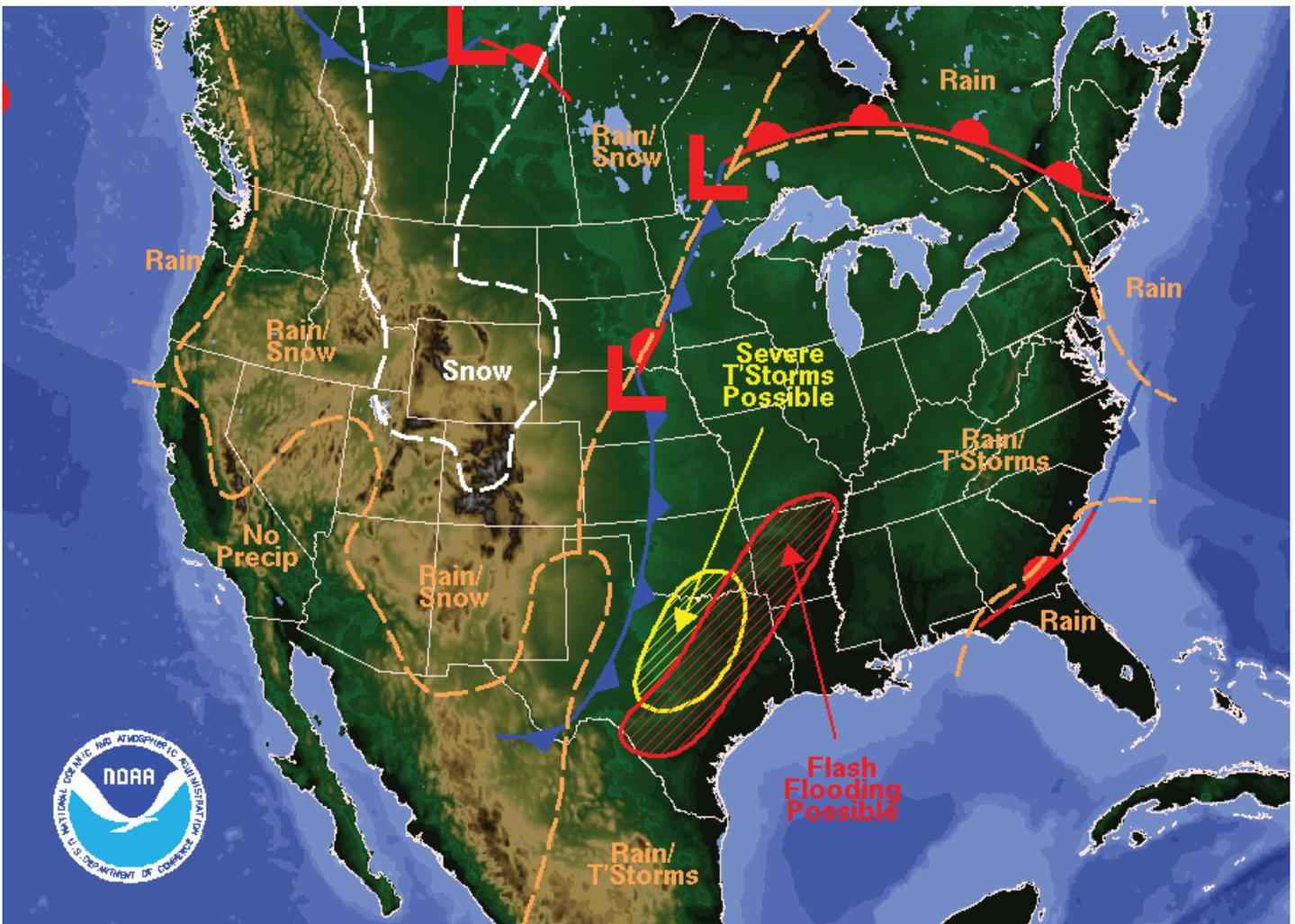
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.62

Precip Year to Date: 19.11

Sunset Tonight: 5:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Nov 05, 2015, issued 4:39 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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READY, AIM...

D. L. Moody, the founder of Moody Bible Institute, was known to be a man of action. One day he was talking to a church leader about an idea he had for his church. He described it in great detail and wanted to know if it had any merit. So he asked, "What do you think?"

After a moment's thought, the man replied, "We've been aiming to do that for two years."

"Well," said Mr. Moody, "don't you think it's time to fire?"

God speaks to us in various ways. Sometimes it is when we read His Word or listen to a sermon. His Spirit may even give us a nudge while we are meditating. He often speaks through a friend who tells us of one who needs a word of encouragement. We may learn of someone who is suffering or doing without the necessities of life.

Although it is important to hear God speak to us, it is more important to obey His voice by doing what His Spirit prompts us to do. Our love for God is measured by obeying His commandments and serving others in need.

God "readies" us to serve others with the skills, talents and abilities He has given us. When we see an opportunity to serve Him, we need to take "aim." And then at the right time, "fire."

Prayer: Help us, Father, to do more than see the needs of others. May we be anxious to reach out and make a difference. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

News from the Associated Press

Man accused of stealing South Dakota flag put on leave

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A former Secretary of State employee accused of stealing an original, handmade South Dakota flag has been put on leave by the Washington, D.C.-area Republican research company where he works.

Twenty-six-year-old Garrett DeVries has been working for Arlington, Virginia-based America Rising LLC. Company spokesman Jeff Bechdel tells the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/1I9bdx>) that DeVries is on leave pending the outcome of his appearance in state court in Pierre on Nov. 23.

DeVries has been charged with one count of theft having a value in excess of \$400.

DeVries' attorney didn't immediately respond to requests for comment from the Capital Journal and The Associated Press.

The circa-1909 flag dates back to Deadwood's Old West days. State investigators recovered it on Oct. 8 in Washington.

Hot Springs man sought in 3 casino robberies in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has issued an arrest warrant for a suspect in three recent armed robberies of casinos in Rapid City.

Forty-nine-year old Ronald Swallow, of Hot Springs, is wanted in the Aug. 10 robbery of the St. Pat Casino, the Aug. 14 robbery of Joker's Casino and the Sept. 21 robbery of Uncle Sam's Casino.

Only one man took part in the first two robberies, but two people were involved in the holdup at Uncle Sam's Casino. A 53-year-old Rapid City man was arrested on Oct. 8.

Jewel Cave in SD offering free tours on Veterans Day

JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.D. (AP) — Jewel Cave National Monument will be offering free tours to all visitors Wednesday in honor of Veterans Day.

A limited number of tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and visitors will have to choose one of two tours.

Scenic Tours provide an opportunity to view a variety colorful and rare cave formations for which Jewel Cave is famous. This one-half mile tour involves over 700 stairs and lasts about 80 minutes.

The Discovery Tour is a 20-minute introduction to the cultural and natural heritage of Jewel Cave. This program is conducted in one large room of the cave and is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

The park is encouraging visitors to bring sturdy walking shoes and a light coat as the cave is 49 degrees.

Glacial Lakes Rubber and Plastics to move into new location

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Glacial Lakes Rubber and Plastics is getting ready to move into a 30,000-square-foot building within Watertown's Pheasant Ridge Industrial Park.

The state Board of Economic Development business last month approved a Revolving Economic Development and Initiative Fund loan to help the company relocate from its former location, which it has outgrown.

Company president and CEO Robb Peterson says expansion into a bigger facility will allow the company to grow and add up to 50 full-time employees over the next several years.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says Peterson stepped up to the plate after Minnesota Rubber closed in 2014.

Glacial Lakes Rubber and Plastics will transition into the new facility over the next few weeks.

Libertarians from Dakotas to endorse candidates in Mandan

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Libertarian Party members from the Dakotas have slated a joint convention in Mandan to endorse candidates and elect party officers.

The meeting is slated for Saturday afternoon at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Mandan.

The Libertarian Party is eligible to place candidates on the 2016 North Dakota ballot after one of its candidates got more than 5 percent of the vote in the race for secretary of state.

Roland Riemers (RYM'-urs) got 5.3 percent of the vote last November in the race that was won by incumbent Al Jaeger.

Officials say it was the first time in at least 20 years that a third party could automatically be placed on the statewide North Dakota ballot for exceeding the 5 percent requirement.

State Dept. rejects TransCanada request for Keystone delay

MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration said Wednesday it is continuing a review of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline, despite a request by the project's developer to suspend the review.

If granted, a delay could have put off a decision on the high-profile project until the next U.S. president takes office in 2017. President Barack Obama has yet to say whether he would approve or reject the pipeline, but the Democrats running for president have all said they oppose it while Republican candidates support it.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said the department advised TransCanada on Wednesday of its decision to continue the review. The State Department has jurisdiction over the pipeline because it crosses a U.S. border.

Kirby said there was no legal requirement for officials to suspend the review, adding that "a lot of inter-agency work" has gone into the evaluation so far. Secretary of State John Kerry "believes that it's most appropriate to keep the process in place," Kirby said.

Calgary-based TransCanada asked the U.S. on Monday to delay consideration of the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline, the latest wrinkle in a seven-year quest for the project.

TransCanada said it respects the U.S. decision and will continue its efforts to demonstrate that the long-delayed pipeline — a flashpoint in the global debate over climate change — is in the U.S. national interest.

Five reports and 17,000 pages of State Department review have shown the project's benefits over the past seven-plus years, said TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper.

"The fundamental question remains: Do Americans want to continue to import millions of barrels of oil every day from the Middle East and Venezuela or do they want to get their oil from North Dakota and Canada through Keystone XL?" Cooper said. "We believe the answer is clear and the choice is Keystone XL."

The 1,179-mile pipeline would run from Canada through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day from tar sands in western Canada to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Opponents say the project requires huge amounts of energy and water and increases greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming. They also warn that pipeline leaks could potentially pollute underground aquifers that are a critical source of water for farmers in the Great Plains.

Supporters say the project will create jobs and reduce U.S. reliance on Middle Eastern oil. They argue that pipelines are a safer method of transporting oil than trains, pointing to recent derailments on both sides of the border, including a 2013 disaster in Canada that killed 47 people.

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said Wednesday that Obama should reject the Keystone project before heading to Paris next month to finalize a global climate agreement,

The Vermont independent senator said rejecting the pipeline now would show "bold leadership" and signal to the world that the United States was serious about addressing climate change, which Sanders called "a major, major, major planetary crisis."

Sanders said he had "zero doubt" that if a Republican wins the presidential election, "on Day One the Keystone people will be back pushing for that pipeline. I think their hope is that Republicans win, and when they do the path will be open for that pipeline and other disastrous environmental legislation."

Environmental groups hailed the decision to continue the review and urged Obama to act swiftly to reject the pipeline.

The American Petroleum Institute, the oil and gas industry's top lobbying group, said polls consistently show a strong majority of Americans support the project.

Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in wages and investment "that could be made building Keystone remain out of reach because this president refuses to make the right decision," said Louis Finkel, the group's executive vice president.

Audit department examining grants, contracts beyond GEAR UP

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state is reviewing roughly \$3 million in government grants and contracts to an educational cooperative that managed a program currently involved in an investigation by state and federal authorities after two employees of the cooperative died in a murder-suicide.

The nearly two dozen grants and contracts between the state and Mid-Central Educational Cooperative under assessment by the Department of Legislative Audit include a mix of state and federal funds, the auditor's office said in a letter to state lawmakers on Tuesday.

The dive into the state's full relationship with Mid-Central, thrust into the spotlight because of the murder-suicide involving its employees, expands the audit department's gaze beyond the federal GEAR UP grant program, which was managed by the cooperative until September.

"Given the situation at Mid-Central, the governor believes that it's prudent to review all of the grants and contracts that they hold beyond the GEAR UP grant," said Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

An attorney for Mid-Central didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

An assessment previously flagged GEAR UP as a program with a high risk of noncompliance with federal requirements expected to be met as a condition of receiving a grant, which is a reason why it was audited, Auditor General Martin Guindon told lawmakers at a legislative oversight committee last week.

Audits of that program discovered financial problems and accounting failures that contributed to the state's decision not to renew its most recent \$4.3 million contract with the cooperative for management of GEAR UP.

Hours after the education department informed Mid-Central that it was losing its contract, Mid-Central's business manager Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and four children and then set the family home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself. His wife Nicole Westerhuis was assistant business manager.

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced the final conclusions of the death investigation on Tuesday. Jackley said the investigation found no evidence that Nicole Westerhuis or any other party was responsible for the deaths. No soot was found in the airways of any of the six bodies, meaning all died before the fire engulfed the house, he said.

Jackley also disclosed an ongoing state-federal financial investigation, which he said was related to GEAR UP.

A judge in October granted the Department of Legislative Audit access to files and financial documents held by the state Division of Criminal Investigation for an inquiry into the GEAR UP program. Access to investigatory information will help inform the risk assessment of the other grants and programs, Guindon said.

The six federal grants for the 2014-2015 school year under assessment went to the state Department of Education before going to Mid-Central as a sub-recipient. The largest is a nearly \$1.3 million grant for college-readiness program called the College Access Challenge Grant Program.

The 16 contracts with Mid-Central range from about \$212,000 for delivering professional development to \$120,000 for providing access to online college readiness coursework.

An inquiry into organizations that managed grant money as part of GEAR UP is also being accelerated, Guindon said last week. Previous audits did not look at organizations that received GEAR UP funding from Mid-Central through the agreement.

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Crazy Horse Memorial to host code talker medal exhibit

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Bronze replicas of the Congressional Gold Medals honoring the service of American Indians who used their native language to outwit the enemy during World Wars I and II will be displayed at Crazy Horse Memorial this Veterans Day.

The memorial will be the last stop of the touring "Oceti Sakowin (oh-CHAY'-tee shaw-KOE'-ween) Code Talker Congressional Medallion" exhibit, which also includes a display of tribal flags.

Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, will be the featured speaker during a ceremony that will highlight the service of code talkers and their families from local tribes.

Code talkers used their native language as a means of secret communication during wartime.

Various South Dakota cities hosted the exhibit in October in observance of Native American Heritage Month.

Fake video lottery tickets being passed in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say fake video lottery tickets are again being passed in the city.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says a number of fraudulent tickets have been reported by businesses over the past couple of months. The most recent incident happened Tuesday night at the Ramada hotel by the airport, where a \$1 ticket was made to look like it was worth \$600.

Clemens says the phony tickets, which typically claim between \$200 and \$600, are rarely discovered at the moment they are passed. He says the fraudulent tickets are usually discovered at the end of the night, when tickets can be closely inspected.

Clemens says no one has been arrested in connection with the fake tickets.

Man charged with child porn possession wanted in SD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in South Dakota are looking for a man charged with possession of child pornography who failed to appear in court this week.

Sgt. Mike Walsh of the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department says a warrant has been issued for 50-year-old Kevin Harty, of Sioux Falls. Walsh says Harty was out on bail and scheduled for trial on Wednesday.

Walsh says Harty was arrested on December 2013 after police found child pornography at his home. Walsh says Harty was "identified as a downloader," and authorities don't believe he produced child pornography or was a direct danger to children.

Walsh says deputies have received tips about Harty's location but haven't made an arrest.

It wasn't immediately clear if Harty has an attorney who could comment on the case.

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: Updates first item.

1. RUSSIA, EGYPT DISMISS BOMB THEORY AS PREMATURE

The two countries brush off suggestions by Britain and the U.S. that an explosive device was likely to have brought down a Metrojet flight packed with Russian vacationers coming home from an Egyptian resort.

2. AMERICANS SOURING ON OBAMA'S ISLAMIC STATE PLAN

An Associated Press-GfK poll also found pessimism about U.S. prospects for success in Afghanistan and uncertainty about his initiative to leave thousands of troops there when he leaves office.

3. PROTESTS AGAINST TRUMP HOSTING 'SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE' GROW

A coalition of advocacy groups call on NBC to drop the Republican front-runner because of his anti-immigration stance.

4. GEORGE H.W. BUSH SLAMS SON'S ADMINISTRATION

A biography of the nation's 41st president to be published next week reportedly criticizes the actions of former Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

5. JEB BUSH GOES 'PG13' ON STUMP

The Republican presidential hopeful is punctuating his points more often with a well-placed expletive, part of ratcheting up the intensity of his faltering campaign.

6. CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR HAD STATE RESEARCH OIL ON RANCH

AP's Ellen Knickmeyer, citing records, finds that Jerry Brown directed regulators to report back on any mining and oil drilling potential and history on his family's private land.

7. KNIFE-WIELDING STUDENT HORRIFIES CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

Authorities have not named the male student who stabbed four people at UC-Merced nor have they revealed a motive.

8. ILLINOIS VILLAGE REELING OVER NEWS ABOUT OFFICER

Fox Lake struggles to make sense of authorities' announcement that Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz allegedly stole funds and staged his suicide to make it look like he died in the line of duty.

9. HOW PRO-RUSSIAN INSURGENCY IMPACTED EASTERN UKRAINE

The fighting has subsided, but Donetsk is sinking into the past — a shabby Soviet-like state of empty streets and deprivation.

10. WHO WON COUNTRY MUSIC'S TOP PRIZE

Luke Bryan captures his second Country Music Association Award for entertainer of the year, besting Garth Brooks, Miranda Lambert, Kenny Chesney and Eric Church.

AP News in Brief

The Latest: Egypt minister says country's airports comply with international standards

CAIRO (AP) — The latest on the crash of a Russian plane in Egypt that killed all 224 people onboard last Saturday. (All times local.)

12:50 p.m.

Egypt's Minister of Civil Aviation Hossam Kamal says Egyptian airports comply with international standards and apply airport security measures.

His remarks on Thursday come as multiple major carriers have cancelled flights to the Red Sea beach resort of Sharm el-Sheikh following last weekend's Russian plane crash.

European Union predicts 3 million more migrants could arrive by end of 2016

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union is predicting that 3 million more migrants could arrive in the 28-nation bloc by the end of next year, with the refugee emergency already providing a stern test of EU capacities to provide shelter and welcome.

More than 700,000 people have come to Europe seeking sanctuary or jobs so far this year, overwhelming reception centers and border authorities.

EU autumn economic forecasts released on Thursday show that based on current migrant entries and a "technical assumption" about future flows, arrival rates are unlikely to slow before 2017.

The EU's executive Commission said that "overall, an additional 3 million persons is assumed to arrive in the EU over the forecast period."

The Commission says the refugee crisis has resulted in additional government spending but that it could have a small, positive impact on European economies within a few years.

Details of contentious Pacific trade deal are released, setting stage for congressional debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Details of a sweeping Pacific Rim trade deal released Thursday set the stage for a raucous debate in the U.S. Congress but also may provide reassurances to those who worried the agreement could gut protections for the environment, public health and labor.

The text of the Trans Pacific Partnership agreement between the U.S. and 11 other countries including Japan and Mexico runs to 30 chapters and hundreds of pages. It is mind-boggling in its detail, laying out plans for the handling of trade in everything from zinc dust to railway sleepers and live eels.

Governments of the 12 member countries released the complete text online Thursday, making public the specifics of an agreement that critics complain was forged in secrecy.

The documents show the pact reached Oct. 5 in Atlanta after several years of talks is chock full of good intentions. Negotiators agreed to promote environmental sustainability, respect the rights and needs of indigenous peoples, and temper protections for drug patents with safeguards for public health and access to medicines.

It also emphasizes the intention of the trading bloc to abide by earlier commitments made under the World Trade Organization and other international treaties.

Illinois community dismayed over officer's suicide, alleged theft from police program

FOX LAKE, Ill. (AP) — Public works employees were pulling down the blue ribbons residents had tied to trees and poles as a tribute to their slain hero. Signs around the small town that had praised the cop known as "G.I. Joe" suddenly disappeared, replaced in one case by another that labeled him "G.I. Joke."

The friends and neighbors of police Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz reacted with disbelief and dismay to authorities' announcement Wednesday that the popular Fox Lake, Illinois, officer not only meticulously staged his own suicide to make it look like he died in the line of duty, but had been stealing for years from a police club for youth that he oversaw.

"It's breaking my heart," said Mark Weihofen, a 41-year-old school bus mechanic. "There is a 'We love you, Joe' sign that I pass by every day. ... It was already down."

Investigators said they believed the 30-year police veteran — whose death prompted a weeklong manhunt and whose funeral drew thousands of mourners — killed himself because his criminal activity was about to be exposed.

Recovered text messages and other records now show the 52-year-old Gliniewicz embezzled from the village's Police Explorer program for seven years, spending the money on mortgage payments, travel expenses, gym memberships, adult websites and loans to friends, Lake County Major Crimes Task Force Commander George Filenko said.

Many Taiwanese wary of summit with China, fearful their president has already gone too far

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou is running into skepticism at home over his impending historic meeting with China's president, aimed at locking in the dialogue that he has built — from zero — with Beijing during his nearly eight years in office.

No deals will be signed when Ma meets Xi Jinping on Saturday in Singapore, his government assures, and the first-ever Taiwan-China presidential summit will simply "consolidate" peace. But hopes of peace and partnerships are clashing with fears the island democracy is getting sucked too deeply into the orbit of the Communist mainland it split from in 1949.

Ma hopes to prove the benefits of tight relations with an old political rival before he is term-limited out of office next year, yet many Taiwanese opposed his outreach even before Wednesday's surprise announce-

ment of the meeting. Opposition to a trade deal with Beijing last year sparked a rally that drew more than 200,000 protesters and the 24-day occupation of Taiwan's Parliament by students.

There has been no similar reaction to the Ma-Xi meeting: Protesters have numbered in the dozens, not thousands. But holding the meeting is still "tricky politically in Taiwan," said Alan Romberg, East Asia Program director with Washington think tank the Stimson Center.

"The opposition will obviously use this to charge Ma and the Nationalist Party with kowtowing to Beijing," Romberg said.

AP-GfK Poll: Americans sour on Obama's Islamic State plan, pessimistic about Afghan prospects

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are souring on President Barack Obama's approach to fighting the Islamic State, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that also found deep pessimism about U.S. prospects for success in Afghanistan and uncertainty about Obama's plan to leave thousands of troops there when he leaves office.

More than 6 in 10 now reject Obama's handling of the threat posed by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, where Obama has been escalating the U.S. military's involvement in a bid to break a vexing stalemate. Support for his approach has followed a downward trajectory since the U.S. formed its coalition to fight the group in late 2014. Last September, Americans were roughly split, yet disapproval has jumped 8 percentage points just since January.

Those concerns mirror broader trepidation about Obama's management of foreign policy, which garnered approval from just 40 percent of Americans in the AP-GfK poll. They come as Obama struggles to demonstrate progress advancing U.S. interests in the Middle East, where Obama hoped to disentangle the U.S. military after a decade-plus of war but will likely leave three military conflicts ongoing when his presidency ends in 2017.

Complicating Obama's efforts to strike the right balance, his critics include both those who feel he's betrayed his pledge to keep U.S. troops out of combat in Iraq and Syria and those who argue exactly the opposite: that Obama is pursuing half-measures that put U.S. troops at risk but are too paltry to make a decisive difference.

"ISIS is literally laughing at our president," said Donald Hammond, a retired police officer and Republican from Brooklyn, Ohio. He accused Obama of tying the military's hands out of concern about potential U.S. casualties. "If we're going to be committed to the fight, he needs to commit seriously and stop playing patty-cake."

Regime controls, inexperience challenge Myanmar's muscle-flexing press during elections

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Their predecessors suffered torture, imprisonment and death at the hands of a die-hard military regime for more than half a century. Now, Myanmar's journalists — newly fledged, muscle-flexing but also still apprehensive — are challenged with the first general election since 1960 to be covered with relative freedom.

The independent press for months has been girding itself with training and strategy sessions, figuring out how to breach barriers to polling access and expose cheating and other irregularities — both widely anticipated during what is heralded as a historic showdown Nov. 8 between the ruling party, backed by the still-powerful military, and one headed by pro-democracy opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"It's a milestone in my career and that of everyone here," says Kyaw Zwa Moe, editor of The Irrawaddy, earlier imprisoned for eight years for publishing a political journal and participating in the pro-democracy movement. "I told my reporters, 'You have to have passion to cover these elections. You are not only doing your duty as journalists but serving your country. You are opening people's eyes.'"

An explosion in the number of mobile telephone users — now up to about 20 million out of a population

of 52 million — has allowed public access to news through the Internet. Facebook is the overwhelming social media vehicle.

Censorship was lifted in 2012, a year after a military junta gave way to a nominally elected government. Though broadcast media continues under firm government control, other independent outlets have mushroomed, and some feature outstanding journalists who have pushed the restrictive envelope the regime still maintains.

AP Exclusive: California governor had state workers research oil potential of family ranch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Jerry Brown last year directed state oil and gas regulators to research, map and report back on any mining and oil drilling potential and history at the Brown family's private land in Northern California.

After a phone call from the governor and follow-up requests from his aides, senior staffers in the state's oil and gas regulatory agency over at least two days produced a 51-page historical report and geological assessment, plus a personalized satellite-imaged geological and oil and gas drilling map for the area around Brown's family ranchland near the town of Williams.

Ultimately, the regulators told the governor, prospects were "very low" for any commercial drilling or mining at the 2,700-acre property, which has been in Brown's family for more than a century.

Through the state's open records law, The Associated Press obtained the research that state regulators carried out for Brown, and the emails among senior oil and gas regulators scrambling to fulfill the governor's request.

Brown spokesman Evan Westrup declined to discuss the work for the governor, referring the AP to California's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources. That agency said the work was a legal and proper use of public resources — and no more than the general public would get. But oil industry experts said they could not recall a similar example of anyone getting that kind of state work done for private property.

Powered by a newfound enthusiasm, Jeb Bush sticks with basic pitch as he reboots his campaign

WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — Jeb Bush has a new rasp in his voice, thanks to a little more shouting on the stump. And he's punctuating his points a little more often with a well-placed, PG-rated curse word.

The former Florida governor is trying to reboot a campaign for president mocked by his most notable rival as "low-energy" by providing a new burst of enthusiasm. But as he pounded across New Hampshire this week, Bush was working even harder at something beyond a zestier stage presence.

It's having the patience to wait out the anger among voters that's boosted billionaire Donald Trump to the head of the Republican race for president. It's keeping his faith that the anger will evolve into clear-eyed decision-making in less than three months, when the voting gets started in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"You've got to give people a chance to make a point about what they feel, their frustrations," Bush said aboard his campaign bus on Wednesday. "They're making their point right now. But ultimately they're going to elect a president."

And that's why, despite the higher volume and somewhat more colorful language, Bush's much-touted campaign reset finds him sticking with the fundamentals of his pitch.

Rock your body: Justin Timberlake has top moment at CMAs; Little Big Town, Stapleton shine

Taylor Swift may have left country for pop, but after his top notch night at the CMA Awards, Justin Timberlake could easily trade pop for country.

Timberlake had one of the brightest moments at the 2015 Country Music Association Awards with his

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performance co-starring singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton on Wednesday in Nashville, Tennessee.

Here's a look at Mr. SexyBack's memorable performance and other moments that dominated at the Bridgestone Arena, which included Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton and Little Big Town, who won two awards thanks to the hit, "Girl Crush."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2015. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

On this date:

In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1781, the Continental Congress elected John Hanson of Maryland its chairman, giving him the title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled."

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by attempting to cast a vote for President Ulysses S. Grant. (Anthony was convicted by a judge and fined \$100, but she never paid the penalty.)

In 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt, incumbent Republican William Howard Taft and Socialist Eugene V. Debs.

In 1935, Parker Brothers began marketing the board game "Monopoly."

In 1942, American showman George M. Cohan died in New York at age 64.

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1985, Spencer W. Kimball, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at age 90; he was succeeded by Ezra Taft Benson.

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1994, former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Ten years ago: Leaders from across the Americas ended their two-day summit in Argentina without agreeing on whether to restart talks on a free trade zone stretching from Alaska to Chile. Pirates attacked a cruise ship off the coast of Somalia, but the ship changed course and sped away to escape. British author John Fowles died in Lyme Regis, Dorset, England, at age 79. Guitar master Link Wray died in Copenhagen at age 76.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, boarded Air Force One to fly to Mumbai, India, the first stop of a 10-day tour through India, Indonesia, South Korea and Japan. A judge in Los Angeles sentenced Johannes Mehserle (yoh-HAH'-nes MEZ'-ur-lee), a white former transit officer, to two years in prison in the shooting death of Oscar Grant, an unarmed black man, on an Oakland train platform; the minimal sentence provoked angry protests. (Mehserle ended up serving 11 months.) Cable channel MSNBC suspended host Keith Olbermann for two shows for making unapproved political donations. Actress Jill Clayburgh died in Lakeville, Connecticut, at age 66. Opera singer Shirley Verrett, 79, died in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

One year ago: A day after sweeping Republican election gains, President Barack Obama and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged to try to turn divided government into a force for good

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rather than gridlock, yet warned of veto showdowns as well.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 77. Actress Elke Sommer is 75. Singer Art Garfunkel is 74. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 72. Singer Peter Noone is 68. TV personality Kris Jenner is 60. Actor Nestor Serrano is 60. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 57. Actor Robert Patrick is 57. Singer Bryan Adams is 56. Actress Tilda Swinton is 55. Actor Michael Gaston is 53. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 52. Actress Andrea McArdle is 52. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 50. Actress Judy Reyes is 48. Actor Seth Gilliam is 47. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 47. Actor Sam Rockwell is 47. Country singers Heather and Jennifer Kinley (The Kinleys) are 45. Actor Corin Nemec is 44. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 44. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 41. Actor Sam Page is 39. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 33. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-droo) is 30. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 28. Actor Landon Gimenez is 12.

Thought for Today: "Imagination is the only key to the future. Without it none exists - with it all things are possible." - Ida M. Tarbell, American journalist (1857-1944).