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Sorry we did not get a paper out yesterday. The only time I actually touched a computer was briefly in the morning to do my church stuff. And yes, the football story will be coming.

Monday, November 9

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

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Lance & JoAnn Flihs

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: 7th GBB host Roncalli, 8th grade at 7 pm: 7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

Debate at Watertown

School Breakfast: French toast, link, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lee Swenson • Sarah Berndt • Wade Millim • Andrew Davies

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

7:00pm: VB Region Championship at Milbank

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council meets

Wednesday, November 11

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM: School Breakfast: Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Veterans Day

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar.

Birthdays: Doug Sippel • Pastor Elizabeth Johnson • Jeff Loutsch • Helen Nehls • Jon Anderson • Eleanor Opp • Sherry Koehler • Susan Kurth

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
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Keeping America's Trains Moving **By Sen. John Thune**

With limited options to efficiently ship materials such as fertilizer, ethanol, or corn and soybeans, railroads play an absolutely critical link to South Dakota's agricultural sector. Thankfully, now that legislation averting an end-of-year railroad service shutdown has been signed into law, farmers, ranchers, businesses, shippers, and municipalities can breathe a sigh of relief. For lawmakers, regulators, and railroads, there is still much work to be done in order to fully implement positive train control (PTC) technology that will make passenger and freight railroads even safer in the coming years.

PTC technology can prevent certain accidents that involve train-on-train collisions and excessive speeds that are caused by operator error. With a new, more achievable deadline, full implementation of this complex rail safety technology will keep the pressure on each freight and passenger railroad to finish the job.

As the chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which has jurisdiction over railroads, I worked with my colleagues in the House and Senate to forge this agreement based on bipartisan legislation that I authored and the Senate passed this summer. Had Congress failed to extend the PTC deadline, customers who depend on railroads would have been hit the hardest. This is especially true in agricultural states like ours that are so dependent on safe and efficient modes of transportation like rail.

In recent weeks, many railroads were preparing to deny traffic because they had no choice due to conflicting federal safety requirements. Just imagine what farmers and grain elevators across the state would have done if they couldn't move any of their corn, wheat, soybeans, or ethanol because of a rail service shutdown.

Although widespread use of PTC on 20,000 locomotives covering over 60,000 miles of rail track has not yet been achieved, railroads are making progress in finishing a system that can change a rail accident into a prevented incident. Even with the economic disaster of a railroad shutdown averted, we must not lose sight of finishing full implementation as soon as possible. I am confident the legislation that the House and Senate passed by voice vote will provide the U.S. Department of Transportation with the necessary oversight and transparency so the public and Congress can ensure that these important safety improvements are made.

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting

November 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of October 12, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of October 26, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
4. Approval of October 2015 School Transportation Report and School Lunch Report.
5. Approval of October Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.
6. Approval of October District bills for payment.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Marty Weismantel, Merle Harder
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with Johnson Controls, Inc. concerning long-term facilities planning.
2. Review of Fire and Life Safety Inspection Reports and Corrective Action Plan.
3. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Scores: 19 19 **25** 22

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

Groton Area

Scores:

#4 Groton Area

Scores: 14 24 **25 25 15**

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

Scores: **25 25** 19 **25**

Groton Area

Scores: **25 26** 23 22 10

#5 Aberdeen Roncalli

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

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#3 Webster Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

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

Webster Area

Scores: 24 **25** 22 13

Scores: 17 21 14

#6 Britton-Hecla

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

Scores:

Milbank Area

#2 Milbank Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

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

Scores: **26 23 25 25**

Milbank Area

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

Serving Those Who Have Served

By Rep. Kristi Noem

We have a fundamental responsibility to care for America's veterans, but time and again, our efforts have fallen short. Recent years, in particular, have seen repeated instances of misunderstanding, mismanagement, and mistreatment when it comes to supporting our veteran community. Veteran suicides, for instance, occur at an average of about 22 per day. Tens of thousands remain homeless. In some areas, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has systematically ignored the urgent medical needs of our veterans.

And in South Dakota, we are caught in a years-long fight to keep the doors open at a Hot Springs VA hospital that veterans want and need. This is a facility that has served veterans for more than 100 years. Its position in the Black Hills provides a level of serenity that aids in the healing process – especially for those facing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, and similar illnesses. Those who receive care there have lobbied hard to make sure it stays open, as has the community. Despite all this, the VA has incrementally depleted the number of services offered in Hot Springs and pushed forward a plan to close the facility altogether. This is not what our veterans want, nor what they deserve.

In late October, the VA released its draft environmental impact statement regarding the closure of the Hot Springs hospital. This is one of the final steps when looking to close a VA facility. The findings once again highlighted the dramatic impact a closure would have. The public now has at least 60 days to review and comment on the report before VA Secretary Robert McDonald issues a final decision. I've urged everyone who will be impacted to take part in this process.

George Washington said after the Revolutionary War had concluded that "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war ... shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation." Closing the hospital in Hot Springs – even reducing its services as the VA is already in the process of doing – does not leave a positive perception.

I've been focused on writing and supporting legislation that better serves our state's veterans and their families. This includes provisions to stop the VA from closing the Hot Springs hospital as well as legislation to make it easier to fire VA employees who are failing to serve our veterans with integrity, efforts to improve mental health services for veterans, and bills to increase post-service job training.

There is a role each of us can play in our communities too. This Veterans Day, I encourage you to touch the life of someone who has served. Bring them and their family a meal. Volunteer at one of the many veterans-centered charities in South Dakota – whether that's your local VFW, the American Legion, or another one. Attend a Veterans Day service. Or just tell them thank you. These women and men have put on our nation's uniform and stepped into danger for the sake of our country and the values we stand for. It's our responsibility to serve them when they return.

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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.



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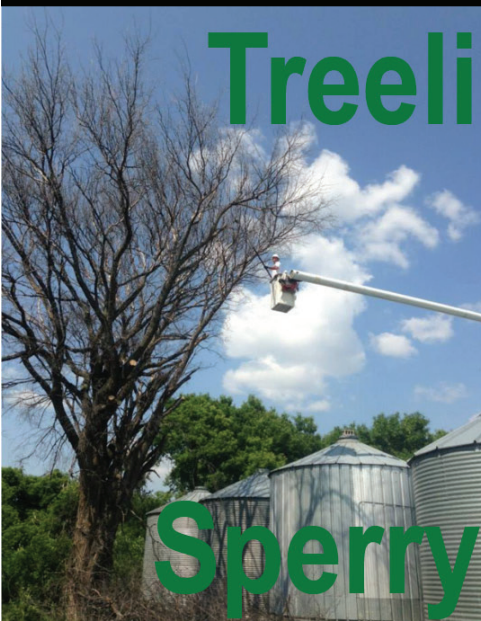
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Today in Weather History

November 9, 1977: An intense early winter storm center moved northeast from Colorado to north central Iowa during the morning of November 9th, and then to Lake Superior by the morning of November 10th. In most areas, the precipitation began late on the 8th as rain with temperatures in the 50s, changing to snow early on the Wednesday the 9th, with the storm continuing through Thursday the 10th. In west central Minnesota, some freezing rain also occurred before it changed to all snow. As the storm intensified, the winds in the eastern half of South Dakota increased with some gusts as high as 60-70 miles per hour with widespread visibilities reduced to zero in blowing snow. In west central Minnesota, north to northwest winds of 60 to 80 mph reduced visibility to zero and piled snow into eight-foot drifts. The temperature dropped rapidly into the 20s. Many roads throughout the eastern part of South Dakota and west central Minnesota were blocked, and snow plows were immobilized by the heavy wet snow. Many cars and trucks were snowbound on the roads and highways. Approximately 100 cars and trucks were stalled on Interstate 90, east of Murdo. Near Fergus Falls in western Minnesota, two trucks loaded with turkeys became stuck and half the birds were frozen. Many schools were closed on the 9th and 10th. Snowfall amounts in the eastern half of the state were generally greater than four inches. A band of very heavy snow, ten inches or more, extended from Bridgewater to Howard to Clear Lake into parts of west central Minnesota. A 1400-foot TV tower at Garden City was also destroyed by the high winds. There was some loss to the corn crop. Sunflowers comprised the greatest loss, because they had not been completely harvested. Reports of livestock losses were minimal. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 15 inches in Watertown; 14 inches in Sisseton; 12 inches in Clear Lake and Wheaton; 10.5 inches in Castlewood; and 9 inches near Raymond and Bryant.

1913 - The freshwater fury , a rapidly deepening cyclone, caused unpredicted gales on the Great Lakes. Eight large ore carriers on Lake Erie sank drowning 270 sailors. Cleveland OH reported 17.4 inches of snow in 24 hours, and a total of 22.2 inches, both all-time records for that location. During the storm, winds at Cleveland averaged 50 mph, with gusts to 79 mph. The storm produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Buffalo NY, and buried Pickens WV under three feet of snow. (9th-11th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1926 - A tornado in Charles County of southern Maryland killed seventeen persons. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - Seven tornadoes touched down in southern California, three of which began as waterspouts. The waterspouts moved ashore at Point Mugu, Malibu, and Long Beach. The Long Beach tornado traveled inland ten miles causing much damage. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Showers and gusty winds associated with a cold front helped extinguish forest fires in the Appalachian Region and clear out smoke in the eastern U.S. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains from eastern Texas to the Tennessee Valley. Longview TX received 3.12 inches of rain, including two inches in two hours, Tupelo MS was soaked with 2.80 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a strong cold front produced severe weather from eastern Oklahoma to central Indiana. Hail more than two inches in diameter was reported around Tulsa OK. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - High winds prevailed along the eastern slopes of the Rockies from the afternoon of the 8th into the early morning hours of the 9th. Winds of 50 to 80 mph prevailed across the northwest chinook area of Wyoming, with gusts to 100 mph. Winds in Colorado gusted to 97 mph at Fritz Peak (located near Rollinsville) the evening of the 8th, and early in the morning on the 9th, gusted to 78 mph west of Fort Collins. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Veterans Day	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Increasing Clouds	Slight Chance Rain and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny and Windy
High: 59 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 46 °F



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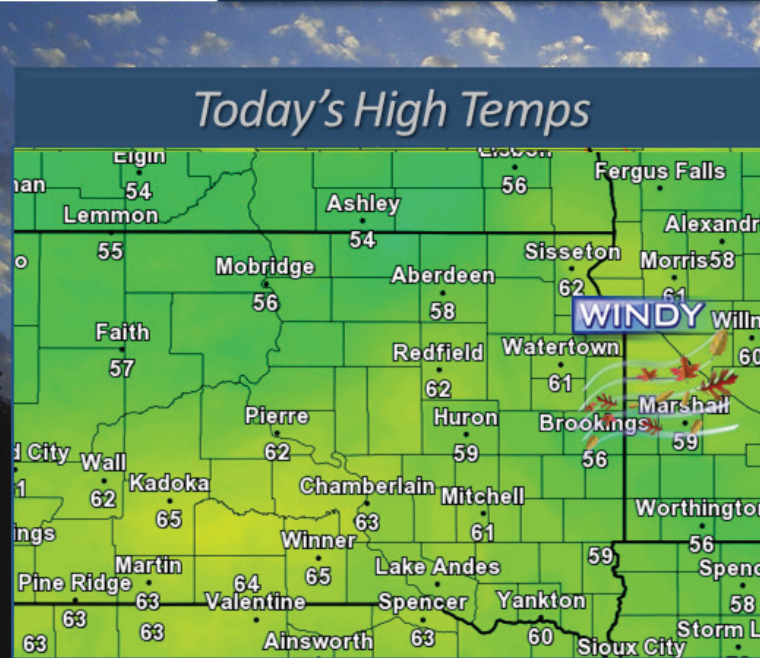
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Weather Headlines



Through Tuesday: Above normal temperatures through Tuesday afternoon



Tuesday: Winds switch to the northwest and cooler air follows a front later in the day Tuesday



Wednesday: Rain chances return, mainly for parts of eastern SD and west central MN, gusty northwest winds

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Another day of warm and dry conditions are expected across the region, with breezy southerly winds across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Tuesday will also feature above normal temperatures, but a front is expected to move across the region later in the day, and cooler air will follow. Light rain chances return to the forecast Wednesday, but for now, the bulk of this storm system will remain south and east of this region.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 60.5 at 3:21 PM

Low: 34.9 at Midnight

High Gust: 33 at 10:05 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 68° in 1930

Record Low: 0° in 1966

Average High: 45°F

Average Low: 23°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.27

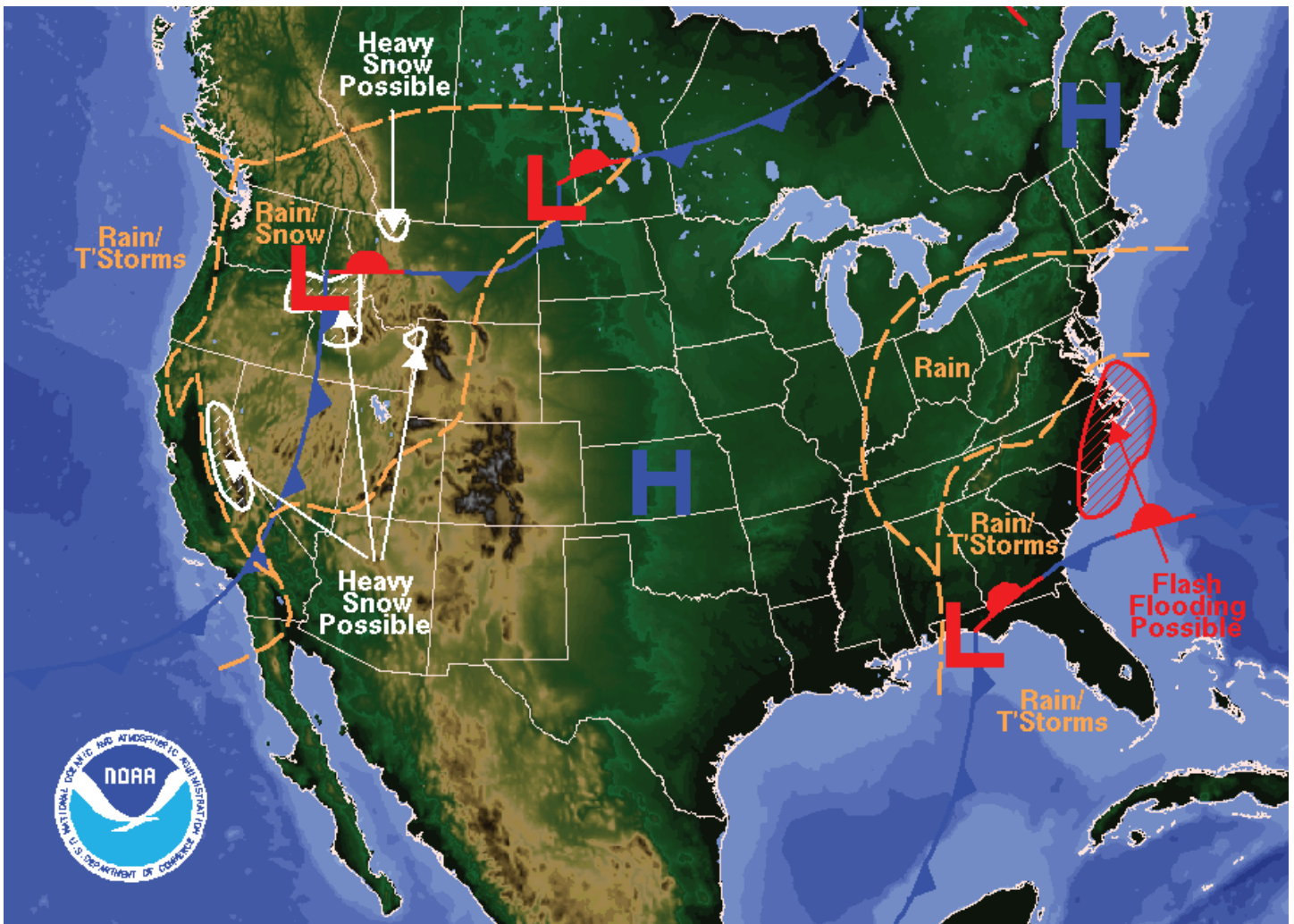
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.39

Average Precip to date: 20.74

Precip Year to Date: 19.50

Sunset Tonight: 5:10 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Nov 09, 2015, issued 4:46 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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FAITH, FACT OR FEELING?

Yesterday a man was sitting across from me in my office. Suddenly he burst into tears and said, "I don't feel saved. And I don't know what to do."

Immediately I replied, "Salvation does not depend upon feelings, it depends on facts and faith!"

God often opens the door to our heart when His Spirit convicts us with feelings of guilt and remorse for the sins we have committed. These feelings may bring an awareness of sin and the consequences of sin but they cannot save anyone from sin.

John's Gospel states it clearly and simply: "But to all who believed Him (fact) and accepted Him (faith) He gave the right to become children of God (salvation)." We find nothing about feelings in this important verse. What we do find is a statement declaring that Jesus Christ Who is Savior and Lord will welcome anyone who will receive Him. Those who do will be reborn spiritually and will receive new life from God Himself.

This new birth changes us from the inside out. It will change what we believe and how we live, our desires and values. Our feelings remain and can bring moments of doubt. Thank God that the facts of our salvation are certain, decreed and declared by God the Creator and Redeemer. And that it is "by grace through faith" that we are saved.

Prayer: Lord, when moments of doubt arise, may we in faith turn to You for hope and help to believe Your Word. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

News from the Associated Press

Charles Mix County deputy injured in crash during chase

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Charles Mix County sheriff's deputy suffered broken bones in a crash during a car chase.

Deputy Neal Moad suffered a fractured back, a broken finger and a broken wrist. He was scheduled for surgery Monday in a Sioux Falls hospital.

Moad and Deputy Tom Simmermon were injured Friday night in a crash during the pursuit. Simmermon was treated at a hospital for minor injuries and released.

Details of the incident were not immediately released.

Analysis: Polarized politics dictated Obama Keystone call

ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent

An AP News Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's decision to block the Keystone XL oil pipeline has exposed an endlessly polarized Washington, and likely hardened its divides.

Obama is now being praised to the skies by environmentalists and most Democrats, and denounced in apocalyptic terms by Republicans and the business community. And although environmental issues once produced bipartisan agreement in Congress, consensus on action to increase energy production or deal with climate change looks farther away than ever.

"This became a tribal issue of bizarre proportion," said Jason Grumet, president of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Grumet said voters support Keystone and infrastructure projects, as well as action on climate change. "And unfortunately rather than recognizing the opportunity to do both, we now have a country that's essentially doing neither," he said.

Seven years in the making, Obama's decision to reject the Keystone pipeline to carry crude oil from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast was not a foregone conclusion, at least not initially. From one perspective the pipeline is merely an infrastructure project, unlikely to cause major lasting impacts on jobs or the environment, according to government analyses. In 2010, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said her department was inclined to sign off on it.

But that same year Democrats lost control of the House after infuriating Republicans by forcing through a bill cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Legislative efforts on climate change were declared dead, and environmentalists began shifting their focus onto the executive branch, seizing on Keystone as a place to make their stand.

As environmentalists staged protests and chained themselves to the White House gates, Keystone transformed into a litmus test for both sides. In the Republican view, opponents of the project were backing environmental extremism over jobs. Ask Democrats, and the project meant environmental destruction and a giveaway to the fossil fuels industry in place of sensible action to curb climate change.

Clinton announced her opposition to the project in September as she campaigned for president, and in the wake of that announcement Obama may have had little choice but to follow suit, given the intense pressures he faced. Those pressures would only have intensified heading into international climate talks in Paris later this month.

In the view of some, the debate became unchained from reality, an election-season wedge issue that forced Republicans and Democrats into their corners, each denouncing the other as extreme. Not so long ago legislation like the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Air Act won bipartisan support on Capitol Hill, but in today's atmosphere such cooperation looks almost unimaginable.

"The polarization is extreme. There was a time when there was a bipartisan consensus on the environment," said Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii. "Our voters want us to work together on these issues,

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but the political ecosystem surrounding the Congress benefits from these issues as litmus tests rather than as urgent problems that require our leadership.”

Despite the corrosive politics, Keystone commanded the support of nine Senate Democrats when it came up for a vote at the beginning of this year. That includes some lawmakers in states on or close to the pipeline route and standing to benefit from construction jobs. Several of them, including Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, will face voters in 2018, when she will have to explain away her support for a president who rejected the project — or use the issue to show her independence from national Democrats.

In an interview, Heitkamp complained about the ability of the environmental movement in successfully converting the issue into a political campaign, which they won.

“If in fact the model now is that you exert a tremendous amount of pressure in ways that are factually incorrect to stop any development of critical infrastructure for energy in this country, this is a bad, bad, bad decision,” Heitkamp said. “I don’t think this is a decision based on facts. I think it’s a decision based on politics.”

On the other side, Republicans who might be inclined to cross the aisle and support Democrats on environmental issues risk accusations they are throwing their lot in with extremists. GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, up for re-election in a swing state next year, has drawn criticism and talk of a primary challenge since breaking ranks last month to back the Obama administration’s plans to reduce emissions from power plants, although her positioning could help her in the general election.

Other vulnerable GOP senators from states including Illinois and Wisconsin will face similar considerations when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brings up legislation aimed at blocking the power plant plan, as he’s promised to do. There may also be renewed legislative attempts to undermine Obama’s action on Keystone. Democrats insist most such votes will only help them, given polling data showing the majority of voters wants to see action to reduce greenhouse gases. But Republicans led by McConnell from coal-dependent Kentucky intend to press their attacks on administration environmental regulations — in the absence of any agreement on positive steps to take on energy and the environment.

Said McConnell: “Republicans have no intention of giving up on common-sense jobs ideas like Keystone.”

Commission finalizes several spring hunting seasons.

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Game, Fish and Parks Commission has finalized several spring hunting seasons.

This year’s spring light goose conservation order runs Feb. 15 through May 4, beginning the day after the regular dark goose season closes. The spring light goose conservation order is a statewide season with no daily or possession limits.

The commission also finalized the 2016 spring turkey hunting seasons. They are: Archery, April 2-May 22; Black Hills and prairie units, April 9- May 22; split-season early prairie units, April 9-30; Split-season late prairie units and Black Hills late season, May 1-22 and Custer State Park, April 9-May 22.

Access permits are valid from April 2-30.

A mosque grows slowly amid opposition in New Hampshire

RIK STEVENS, Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The same financial difficulties that face houses of worship across the country have stalled a 10-year effort by New Hampshire’s small Muslim community to construct their first mosque — and build a bridge to the non-Muslim neighbors who never wanted it there in the first place.

A decade after the still-unfinished red brick structure began rising out of a stony hillside overlooking the Merrimack Valley, the Islamic Society of New Hampshire says it has raised about \$2 million for the project, less than half of what it needs to complete construction.

Now the society, which relies on donations from its very small local Muslim community, is casting a wider net — to Muslims around the world — hoping to raise enough to finish the building before it deteriorates past the point of saving.

“Everywhere else mosques are being built, the Muslim population itself is pretty dense and much higher

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compared to what we have in New Hampshire," said Mohammad Islam, chairman of the mosque's building committee. "And within that, the percentage of affluent Muslims, professionals in the space of doctors, engineers and businessmen, is much higher. Over here, we're hitting the same group of people again and again for donations."

The number of mosques in the United States rose from 1,209 in 2000 to 2,106 in 2011, the latest year that data is available, according a report issued by the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Over roughly the same period, the number of Muslims fell in New Hampshire, from an estimated 3,782 adherents in 2000 to 1,616 in 2010, ranking the state 46th, according to the Association of Religion Data Archives.

The numbers of Muslims — like estimates of any faith group — need to be viewed cautiously: Because the U.S. Census doesn't ask about religion, counts rely on self-reporting, institutional estimates and, often, extrapolation.

New Hampshire Muslims have three Islamic centers — usually in rented office space — where they can pray, the same number found in states including Alaska, North Dakota and Wyoming. But New Hampshire lags behind other sparsely populated states such as Maine and South Dakota with five each, Idaho (6) and Nevada (7). Those numbers pale compared to states like New York with 257 centers and mosques and California with 246.

The small centers can't handle major festivals like Eid al-Fitr or Eid al-Adha, so the New Hampshire society has rented out stadiums and university gymnasiums for bigger events. The 17,000-square-foot-mosque would provide a central gathering place and realize a goal dating to 1987, when a student at then-New Hampshire College rented a Manchester apartment to serve as a temporary mosque.

In 1998, the society bought 2.75 acres to build a true mosque, a dome-topped, three-story octagonal structure with plenty of prayer and meeting space. Construction started eight years later and, beyond fundraising, there were hurdles from the start.

Zoning challenges came from neighbors who worried their quiet way of life would come to an end, ruined by cars spilling out of the parking lot and lining the street. In 2013, some kids smashed windows, causing more than \$30,000 in damage.

There were strong — sometimes harsh — words. In 2006, Douglas Lambert, a Gilford businessman, wrote an op-ed in which he mused: "How many mosques have been used throughout the Moslem (sic) world as ammo dumps and hideouts for murderous thugs?"

Now 51, Lambert said he has spent a lot of time "agonizing" about whether he still feels the same.

"And I do," he said, while acknowledging there are "no doubt good and moderate Muslims."

"There's a new player in the mix with ISIS and I take very seriously their very public threats that they're coming to get us," he said.

Islam, the building project leader, wants people to look at the society's record.

"Given the current geopolitical situation, I can understand someone saying 'What could happen?'" he said. "But we've been operating since 1998, and nothing has happened. It's not just because we got lucky."

"We're here for peaceful purposes," he said.

New Hampshire's Muslims aren't the first to encounter resistance, said CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper.

"Generally you find opposition that is often couched in the form of parking or property values," Hooper said. "But when you scratch the surface, you find some level of Islamophobia there as well."

New Hampshire Muslim leaders say they hope to build a bridge by building the mosque.

"Our own place will give us the opportunity to introduce to them our faith," said Dr. Shuja Saleem, a member of the board. "We want to promote a dialogue. We don't want people to judge us on other people's perceptions."

Dakotas health care systems seek to engage millennials

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two of the largest health care systems in the Dakotas are looking for ways to engage the millennial generation.

A health care marketing class at Augustana University led by assistant professor Jaciel Keltgen teamed up with Avera Health Plans last year on a study looking at Sioux Falls residents ages 26 to 35 who are no longer able to stay on their parents' health insurance. The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1Sp10Yg>)

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reports that the study, called MilliCare, found that situational factors like financial stability and starting a family often prompt millennials to purchase insurance.

Keltgen says millennials also seek health care systems that are quick, easy and not too expensive.

Avera Health and Sanford Health are responding to those preferences with same-day scheduling, blogs and other online resources.

Operator sought for Roy Lake State Park in northeastern SD

LAKE CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials are now accepting concessionaire proposals to operate Roy Lake State Park located in the northeast corner of the state.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is offering a 10-year lease after the current operator, who owns the facilities and equipment for the resort, notified the state of the intent to sell.

A department summary shows interested operators would have to make a required investment of \$975,000. The summary put gross revenue for 2014 at over \$358,000.

The 509-acre Roy Lake State Park is located 3 miles southwest of Lake City off South Dakota Highway 10. It consists of a multi-lane boat ramp, two campgrounds with 100 campsites, a swimming beach and many other amenities.

Proposal must be submitted by Jan. 13.

Historical Society hosts webcast on New Deal program

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is hosting a webcast that focuses on the Federal Writer's Project of the 1930s.

The program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution will be broadcast Nov. 17 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The 90-minute "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story" highlights one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs during the Great Depression. The Federal Writer's Project was created to provide employment for historians, teachers, writers, librarians and other white-collar workers.

Jay Smith is museum director for the South Dakota State Historical Society. He says this is a "must-see program" for anyone interested in studying American history.

There is no fee to view the program, but visitors wanting to go into the museum's galleries must pay standard admission.

Powerful new GOP House chairman had early Democratic roots

ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House's newest and perhaps most powerful committee chairman is a 60-year-old Texas Republican who began life in a family of stalwart Democrats from South Dakota and lost his father at age 12 in a courtroom shooting.

Rep. Kevin Brady, whose bulldog-looks belie a softer manner, took the helm of the Ways and Means Committee last week. That puts the 19-year House veteran at the forefront of key issues Congress will tackle heading into the 2016 election year, including taxes, trade and benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

Brady's Chamber of Commerce career before entering Congress molded a mainstream conservative viewpoint, yet he is well regarded by harder-line conservatives. But he has a tough act to follow: the popular Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who led the committee until becoming speaker last month after a revolt by hard-line conservatives pushed former Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to resign.

Brady, who falls short of the oratory spark and reputation for generating ideas that Ryan enjoys, has latched himself to the 45-year-old.

"We're going to follow the speaker's lead," Brady said in an interview last week. He said House Republicans "want us to tackle the big issues, and they want to be involved."

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Involvement has been a major demand of the House Freedom Caucus, around 40 hard-core conservatives whose frustration with being muscled aside by Boehner fueled their antipathy for him. Ryan, R-Wis., is working with conservatives on giving lawmakers more say on legislation and other decisions.

Brady says he, too, is willing to accommodate them, though no Freedom Caucus members serve on Ways and Means. So far, he has won praise from members of the group.

"Very, very positive," Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., said of Brady, adding that several conservatives floated Brady's name as a potential speaker in the chaotic days after Boehner resigned.

"I don't think the chairman will come under pressure" from the Freedom Caucus "because we'll have the opportunity to offer amendments," said another member, Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa.

Some conservatives remain wary.

Adam Brandon, CEO of FreedomWorks, complimented Brady but said his group of anti-regulation conservatives wants to make sure he does not pursue a narrow agenda "dreamed up by some lobbyists."

Democrats consider him someone they can work with.

"Kevin and I don't agree probably on any public policy. But he's not an unpleasant person," said Ways and Means veteran Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.

Brady, from a solidly Republican district north of Houston, headed the trade subcommittee until 2013. That's when he took over the health subcommittee and helped lead many of the House's GOP's repeated, unsuccessful efforts to roll back President Barack Obama's health care law.

As chairman, Brady's portfolio is much wider.

Measures he hopes will get Obama's signature include legislation making dozens of expiring tax breaks permanent, altering taxation of U.S. companies that operate abroad and easing trade barriers with Pacific Rim countries, though Brady said he has taken no final position on that recently negotiated treaty.

Another goal will be longer range — broadly rewriting tax laws with lower rates for individuals and businesses, and fewer loopholes. The issue has gridlocked Washington for decades.

"He's coming to this job at a time of expectations, but the expectations have always been there" for Ways and Means chairmen, said former Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, who led the committee in the 1990s.

Brady calls Ryan coach of the House Republicans and himself "the quarterback of the Ways and Means team." Sports analogies seem fitting for Brady, a star athlete in baseball and other sports while growing up in Rapid City, South Dakota.

As a 12-year-old at football practice one day, Brady's coach tapped his shoulder and guided him to a policeman nearby. That's when he learned his father, Bill, an attorney representing a woman in a divorce trial, had been shot to death in the courtroom by her husband. That left Brady's mother, Nancy, with five children to raise.

The family purchased and ran a campground, and Brady threw himself into various sports.

His high school wrestling coach recalls that Brady, injured and out of shape, spent one night sweating off pounds in the gym when a teammate was hurt and Brady was too heavy to compete in his 132-pound weight class. He lost the necessary weight — Brady says 12 pounds — and wrestled, losing his match but preventing his team from forfeiting.

"They were tough kids," the now-retired coach, David Ploof, said about Brady, his two brothers and two sisters. "They had to be."

Brady worked his way through the University of South Dakota with odds jobs including maintenance worker and bartender. He took a job at the local Chamber of Commerce, then started working for Chambers of Commerce in Texas.

Brady's parents were active Democrats in South Dakota and an uncle was a Democratic state senator. Brady said he became a Republican while working for the chambers, where he spent time helping businesses.

"You can't help but know how government burdens those job creators," he said. "So that is where the light bulb went off for me."

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Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

District 1AA

Third Place

Watertown def. Brookings, 21-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-19, 15-7

Championship

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 12-25, 18-25, 25-15, 25-18, 15-13

District 2AA

Third Place

Sioux Falls Washington def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 27-25, 25-23, 25-20

Championship

Brandon Valley def. Harrisburg, 25-23, 21-25, 25-17, 25-22

District 3AA

Third Place

Pierre def. Mitchell, 23-25, 26-24, 25-21, 26-28, 15-7

Championship

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-16, 25-20, 25-16

District 4AA

Third Place

Douglas def. Sturgis, 25-12, 26-24, 25-6

Championship

Rapid City Stevens def. Rapid City Central, 25-17, 25-7, 25-16

Region 7A

Semifinal

Red Cloud def. Little Wound, 20-25, 28-26, 27-25, 25-19

Winner def. Pine Ridge, 25-22, 25-22, 25-21

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 9AA

Semifinal

Wolsey-Wessington 52, Webster 14

Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 40, Stanley County 34

Class 9A

Semifinal

Canistota 52, Waverly-South Shore 14

Sully Buttes 22, Scotland 12

Class 9B

Semifinal

Harding County 28, Colome 22

Langford 35, Corsica/Stickney 24

Class 11B

Semifinal

Tri-Valley 36, Sioux Valley 20

Winner 39, Groton Area 0

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Lawyer: South Dakota tribe destroying marijuana crop

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An American Indian tribe slated to open the nation's first marijuana resort is destroying its crop and temporarily suspending the project in South Dakota while leaders seek clarification from the federal government, according to the tribe's attorney.

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, which planned to open a lounge selling marijuana on New Year's Eve, was the first tribe in South Dakota to legalize the drug following the U.S. Department of Justice's decision last year to allow tribes to do so on tribal land.

Seth Pearman, the tribe's lawyer, said in a statement Saturday to the Argus Leader newspaper (<http://argusne.ws/1HzRdIH>) that the tribe was destroying its existing crop and temporarily suspending its marijuana cultivation and disturbing facilities. He said tribal leaders were confident that the venture would succeed after seeking clarification on regulations from the Justice Department.

"The tribe will continue to consult with the federal and state government and hopes to be granted parity with states that have legalized marijuana," Pearman said.

Attorney General Marty Jackley told The Associated Press that the tribe's attorney and local law enforcement informed him Saturday about the decision, which he said was "in the best interest of both tribal and non-tribal members." Jackley acknowledged that he and tribal officials haven't always agreed, but said their discussions about the issue have been good and promised to help the tribe as it moved forward. He said he planned to meet with tribal officials Monday or Tuesday.

Tribal President Anthony Reider didn't immediately return voicemail and text messages from the AP seeking comment Saturday evening. Jonathan Hunt, vice present of Monarch America, a Denver-based marijuana consulting firm hired by the tribe, said a reported fire Saturday was caused by wood and not marijuana, but he declined further comment.

The tribe has said the project could generate up to \$2 million a month in profit. But some state officials have questioned the plan, including Jackley, who has said any changes in tribal laws wouldn't affect non-tribal land or anyone who wasn't a tribal member.

The tribe's executive committee voted in June to make the sale and use of marijuana legal on its reservation in Moody County, about 45 miles north of Sioux Falls.

South Dakota State with 25-20 win over Illinois State

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Taryn Christian accounted for three touchdowns to lead the Jackrabbits to a 25-20 upset of second-ranked Illinois State on Saturday.

Christian threw for 307 yards and two touchdowns and added 65 yards rushing and another score.

Former starting quarterback Zach Lujan came on for an injured Christian late in the second quarter and promptly completed a 14-yard TD pass to Jake Wieneke to put SDSU on top for good.

Christian was 15-for-30 for 307 yards and Lujan was 1-for-3 for 14 yards.

SDSU (7-2, 4-2 Missouri Valley Football Conference) held ISU running back Marshaun Coprich to 55 yards on the ground, ending his streak of 100-yard rushing games at seven.

"Our defense really stepped up," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said.

ISU quarterback Tre Roberson threw for 327 yards and three touchdown passes to Anthony Warrum.

Warrum caught eight passes for 241 yards. His touchdowns covered 5, 70 and 14 yards.

"They're not a passing offense. They want to run the football," Stiegelmeier said. "Warrum is a really great player. But when the defense took the run away from them and they had to rely on the pass, it was advantage Jackrabbits."

Roberson rushed for 80 of the Redbirds' 135 yards.

A Lujan interception led to Illinois State's first score. Three plays later, Warrum fought off a defender to haul in Roberson's 5-yard TD pass with 9:23 left in the first quarter.

But Roberson was picked off late in the second quarter by Jesse Bobbit, leading to a three-play, 35-yard TD drive by the Jackrabbits.

Christian went around the right end and scored on a 10-yard run to tie it 7-7 with 3:38 left in the half.

With 18 seconds left in the half, Christian was injured and replaced by Lujan. On the first snap, Lujan

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lobbed a 14-yard TD pass to Wieneke for a 31-7 SDSU lead at the break.

"Talk about the definition of a winner," Stiegelmeier said of Lujan. "Here's a guy who got bumped out of his playing time and he gets one shot and throws a perfect pass. I love him."

The Jackrabbits added to their lead with 9:02 left in the third quarter on Christian's 14-yard TD pass to Brandon Andrews.

The Redbirds got within a touchdown when Warrum caught his second TD pass, racing 70 yards to make it 19-14 with 8:40 left in the third quarter.

But Christian threw a 74-yard touchdown pass to Wieneke early in the fourth quarter to keep the Jackrabbits in front and they held on for the win.

"We beat a good football team, a really good football team," Stiegelmeier said. "I'm proud of our guys."

South Dakota outlasts Southern Illinois, 34-31

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Drew Iddings forced a fumble that led to the go-ahead touchdown and blocked the game-tying field goal attempt in the closing seconds as South Dakota beat Southern Illinois 34-31 on Saturday.

With the win, the Coyotes (5-4, 3-3 Missouri Valley Conference) handed head coach Joe Glenn his 200th career win.

"That's wonderful, but honestly it pales to this game," Glenn said. "This game goes to the Coyotes and only the Coyotes, not to a coach that's coached perhaps a thousand games."

Iddings' sack of Southern Illinois quarterback Mark Iannotti with 5:29 left led to a fumble on the SIU 19-yard line. Ryan Saeger's 5-yard TD pass to Brandon Andrews on fourth down with 3:09 left gave the Coyotes the lead.

After the Salukis (3-6, 2-4) drove into field goal range, Iddings blocked Austin Johnson's 51-yard field goal attempt with 46 seconds left.

The Coyotes scored 17 points off Salukis turnovers.

"They were fabulous. What can you say," Glenn said. "They all took turns making big plays. Man, the defense had to hang in there."

South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger was 26-for-39 for 269 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for 64 yards and another touchdown.

Iannotti ran for two touchdowns and threw for 251 yards and two scores. But he also lost two fumbles under pressure from the USD defense and threw two interceptions.

"He's second today to Ryan Saeger," Glenn said of the two quarterbacks. "The winning pitcher today was Ryan Saeger. I don't want to hear Iannotti."

Iannotti led the Salukis on a 16-play, 80-yard drive for a 7-0 lead with 8:48 left in the first quarter. Iannotti capped the drive with a 1-yard run.

But back-to-back Iannotti turnovers in the first quarter helped South Dakota take the lead.

First, an Iannotti fumble led to the Coyotes' game-tying touchdown. The Coyotes moved 44 yards in 11 plays and scored on quarterback Ryan Saeger's 1-yard run.

On Southern Illinois' next possession, Tyson Graham intercepted a pass that led to a 30-yard Mile Bergner field goal and a 10-7 lead.

Iannotti responded quickly, throwing a 2-yard TD pass to Isra Lamprakes.

But with 3:34 left in the half, Saeger hit Brandt Van Roekel down the right side for an 80-yard TD pass.

Saeger's 11-yard TD pass to Drew Potter staked South Dakota to a 27-21 lead early in the third quarter. The lead lasted just 45 seconds before Iannotti threw a 79-yard TD pass to Billy Reed and the Salukis were back on top 28-27.

Salukis' kicker Austin Johnson kicked a 50-yard field goal with 10:21 to play to extend their lead to 31-27.

Reed caught five passes for 142 yards with a touchdown.

Southern Illinois has lost six games by a total of 17 points.

"It was a fabulous game. One of the best games I've ever seen," Glenn said. "In the end, our defense

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really turned it up and took the ball away from them.”

Uber files application to operate in Montana

MATT VOLZ, Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The ride-hailing company Uber has filed an application with Montana regulators for a license to operate in the state, starting a protest period for any motor carrier or member of the public to comment before the Public Service Commission makes its decision.

Montana is one of the few states, along with Wyoming, South Dakota and West Virginia, where the company does not have a presence. In August, Montana’s PSC approved a new class of license for firms that use smartphone apps to hail rides.

The company doesn’t have any immediate plans for a launch date, Uber spokeswoman Kate Downen said. “Right now we’re focused on going through the application process to make sure we’re compliant with Montana law,” Downen said in an email.

Uber subsidiary Rasier-MT LLC filed the Montana application on Oct. 20 after the PSC advised the company that its original application in July was incomplete, PSC spokesman Eric Sell said.

The company’s proposed areas of service are “between all points and places within the state of Montana” and it has \$100,000 in operating capital, according to the application.

Its insurance coverage will include \$1 million for death, injury or property damage while a driver is providing a ride to a fare. The coverage is \$100,000 for death or injury per incident or \$25,000 for property damage when the driver is logged into the Uber app but not engaged in a ride.

The PSC will take comments during the protest period until Nov. 24. If no protests are received, the commission could issue a final order on the application without a public hearing.

A public hearing will be set if a protest is received.

A state law passed this year took away the ability of taxi and limousine operators to block new competitors, opening the door for firms like Uber and Lyft to operate.

Earlier this month, city leaders in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, approved rules to allow ride-hailing services. West Virginia lawmakers rejected a bill earlier this year that would have allowed Uber to operate in the state.

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. SUU KYI’S PARTY PROJECTS LANDSLIDE IN HISTORIC MYANMAR VOTE

The democracy icon urges supporters not to provoke vanquished rivals who mostly represent the former junta that ruled the Southeast Asian nation for a half-century.

2. MIGRANTS BRACING FOR COLD IN CALAIS

Residents of France’s biggest refugee camp near this English Channel port must combat hunger, filth and illness in a tent village that is transforming into a hard-roofed shantytown for winter.

3. BY MIDDAY, 23,000 RUSSIANS HOME FROM EGYPT

Their returns come after last week’s announcement that Russia was suspending new passenger flights to the Middle Eastern country because of security concerns in the aftermath of the Oct. 31 plane crash.

4. WHO LOOKS TO MEND FRAYED TIES

Obama and Netanyahu are trying to improve their fractured relationship, starting with Monday’s White House meeting, the first time they have talked face to face in more than a year.

5. WHAT DICTATED OBAMA KEYSTONE CALL

The president’s decision to block the oil pipeline exposes an endlessly polarized Washington, and likely hardens its divides.

6. PROTESTS ESCALATE OVER UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RACE, DISCRIMINATION ISSUES

Demonstrations get a boost when at least 30 black football players announce they will not participate

in team activities until the university system's president is removed.

7. WHY HAWAII'S IMAGE OF PARADISE IS MARRED

Homelessness is on the rise in the state, which has 487 homeless per 100,000 people — the nation's highest rate per capita, according to federal statistics.

8. CARSON WANTS TO MOVE ON FROM QUESTIONS ABOUT BIOGRAPHY

However, Tuesday's GOP debate makes that unlikely as the scrutiny reflects the candidate's shift from political outsider to the top of the polls in the nomination fight.

9. LUFTHANSA STRIKE AFFECTS 113,000 PASSENGERS

Some 929 domestic and international flights are canceled due to all-day walkouts at three German airports staged by a union representing cabin crew.

10. MURRAY'S RETURN TO DALLAS ENDS WITH EAGLES' WIN

The team sends the Dallas Cowboys to their longest losing streak in 26 years with a 33-27 victory in overtime.

AP News in Brief

Suu Kyi party projects landslide win in Myanmar, she tells supporters not to gloat

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party was confident Monday that it was headed for a landslide victory in Myanmar's historic elections, as the democracy icon urged supporters not to provoke losing rivals who mostly represent the former junta that ruled this Southeast Asian nation for a half-century.

The opposition National League of Democracy had won about 70 percent of the votes counted by mid-day Monday, party spokesman Win Htein said. The comments, if confirmed by official results that began trickling in, indicate that Suu Kyi's party would not only dominate Parliament but could also secure the presidency despite handicaps built into the constitution.

"We will win a landslide," Nyan Win, another party spokesman, told The Associated Press.

"I want Mother Suu to win in this election," said Ma Khine, a street vendor, referring to the 70-year-old Suu Kyi with an affectionate term many here use. "She has the skill to lead the country. I respect her so much. I love her. She will change our country in a very good way."

The government's Election Commission started announcing official results late Monday afternoon, saying that the NLD had won 12 lower house seats from the main city of Yangon. The announcement elicited raucous cheers outside the opposition party's headquarters.

Glimmers of civilization amid squalor in Calais camp as 6,000 migrants gird for French winter

CALAIS, France (AP) — Residents of France's biggest refugee camp near the English Channel port of Calais must combat hunger, filth and illness in a tent village as they scramble to build hard roofs for the winter.

Many of the estimated 6,000 residents spend hours queuing for six-minute showers and one daily meal at a government-funded facility on the camp's Atlantic-facing edge. Elsewhere, campers stand in mud to collect cold water from batteries of hose-fed taps and burn tree branches to cook and boil water, turning the air acrid with smoke.

Dozens of wooden-framed shops and restaurants, mostly Afghan, stock shelves with supplies bought at Calais supermarkets. Aromas of cardamom and aniseed, cumin and ginger waft from the tarpaulin-covered shacks advertising fire-blackened chicken. Diesel generators and gas canisters keep lights burning and curries sizzling.

More are built daily as aid workers and migrants work together, hammers and saws in hand, constructing hard roofs with tarps and insulation over tents.

Shops offer power top-ups from extension cords overloaded with smartphones. Some campers use stationary bikes to charge phones, taking turns pedaling for two hours or more per device. A new WiFi signal boosts campers' connections.

The Latest: Number of Russians brought home from Egypt to reach 23,000 by midday

CAIRO (AP) — The latest on the crash of a Russian plane in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula over a week ago that killed all 224 people onboard. (All times local.)

11:30 a.m.

Russian news agencies are quoting Dmitry Gorin, vice president of the Russian Travel Agencies Association, as saying the number of Russian tourists brought home from Egypt is likely to reach 23,000 by mid-day.

Their returns come after last week's announcement that Russia was suspending new passenger flights to Egypt because of security concerns in the aftermath of the Oct. 31 plane crash. Dozens of airliners have been bringing Russian tourists back home, carrying only cabin baggage, while Russian cargo planes are hauling back the rest of their luggage.

Obama, Netanyahu try to heal fractured relationship, beginning with White House meeting Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will seek to mend their fractured relationship when they meet at the White House Monday, the first time they have talked face to face in more than a year.

Tensions over the U.S.-backed nuclear deal with Iran continue to strain ties between the longtime allies. But there's also little hope of progress on other matters, with U.S. officials downplaying the chance of a breakthrough in ongoing security talks and ruling out the prospect of a peace deal between Israelis and Palestinians before Obama leaves office in 14 months.

"The president has reached that conclusion that right now — barring a major shift — that the parties are not going to be in a position to negotiate a final status agreement," White House Middle East adviser Rob Malley said ahead of Netanyahu's arrival in Washington.

Monday's meeting will also be clouded by the controversy following Netanyahu's appointment of a new spokesman who has spoken derisively about Obama. Ran Baratz, a conservative commentator, has suggested in Facebook posts that Obama is anti-Semitic and Secretary of State John Kerry cannot be taken seriously.

Even with the low expectations, the fact that Obama and Netanyahu are meeting at all is seen as an important step. While the two leaders have long had a chilly relationship, tensions boiled over earlier this year amid Obama's pursuit of the Iranian nuclear deal.

Analysis: Polarized politics meant little suspense in the end on Obama's Keystone decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's decision to block the Keystone XL oil pipeline has exposed an endlessly polarized Washington, and likely hardened its divides.

Obama is now being praised to the skies by environmentalists and most Democrats, and denounced in apocalyptic terms by Republicans and the business community. And although environmental issues once produced bipartisan agreement in Congress, consensus on action to increase energy production or deal with climate change looks farther away than ever.

"This became a tribal issue of bizarre proportion," said Jason Grumet, president of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Grumet said voters support Keystone and infrastructure projects, as well as action on climate change.

"And unfortunately rather than recognizing the opportunity to do both, we now have a country that's essentially doing neither," he said.

Seven years in the making, Obama's decision to reject the Keystone pipeline to carry crude oil from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast was not a foregone conclusion, at least not initially. From one perspective the pipeline is merely an infrastructure project, unlikely to cause major lasting impacts on jobs or the environment, according to government analyses. In 2010, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said her department was inclined to sign off on it.

University of Missouri sees renewed calls for president's ouster after football team weighs in

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Long-simmering protests at the University of Missouri over matters of race and discrimination got a boost over the weekend when at least 30 black football players announced they will not participate in team activities until the university system's president is removed.

For months, black student groups have complained of racial slurs and other slights on the overwhelmingly white, 35,000-student flagship campus of the four-college system. Frustrations flared during a homecoming parade Oct. 10 when black protesters blocked system President Tim Wolfe's car and he would not get out and talk to them. They were removed by police.

On Saturday night, black members of the football team joined the outcry. By Sunday, a campus sit-in had grown in size, graduate student groups planned walk outs, politicians began to weigh in, and a special meeting of the university system's governing body was set for Monday morning in Columbia.

Wolfe hasn't indicated he has any intention of stepping down, but agreed in a statement Sunday that "change is needed" and said the university is working to draw up a plan by April to promote diversity and tolerance.

The athletes did not say explicitly whether they would boycott the team's three remaining games this season. The Tigers' next game is Saturday against Brigham Young University at Arrowhead Stadium, the home of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, and canceling it could cost the school more than \$1 million.

Carson wants to move on from questions about biography but Tuesday's GOP debate looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP presidential hopeful Ben Carson says it's time to move on from questions about the accuracy of his life story. But Tuesday's GOP debate makes that unlikely.

The retired neurosurgeon said Sunday that questions about discrepancies in his autobiography are distractions from "much more important" matters facing the country and that he'd discuss any "real" scandal uncovered about his past. He strongly disputed any dishonesty or wrongdoing.

"Every single day, every other day or every week, you know, they're going to come out with, 'Well, you said this when you were 13,'" Carson said on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday.

"The whole point is to distract the populace, to distract me," he added. "If you've got a real scandal, if you've got something that's really important, let's talk about that."

Moving on, at least in the short term, is unlikely. The accuracy of Carson's autobiography has dominated his campaign in the past few days, and more questions are likely during the GOP presidential debate on Tuesday. The scrutiny reflects Carson's transformation from political outsider to the top of the polls in the unsettled nomination fight, second only to billionaire developer Donald Trump. And in early-voting Iowa, some polls show Carson leading.

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Lufthansa says cabin crew strike at 3 German airports affects 113,000 passengers

BERLIN (AP) — Lufthansa says some 113,000 passengers will be affected by 929 domestic and international flight cancellations due to all-day walkouts at three German airports staged by a union representing cabin crew.

The UFO union has called on all members to walk out Monday from 4.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (0330 GMT to 2200 GMT) in Frankfurt and Duesseldorf and until midnight (2300 GMT) in Munich.

UFO embarked Friday on walkouts expected to continue for a week, rotating around different airports, though it took a break Sunday.

The union wants to secure transition payments for its 19,000 members if they retire early as part of its contract dispute with Lufthansa, which is trying to cut costs.

The strikes don't affect Lufthansa subsidiaries such as Eurowings, Germanwings, Swiss and Austrian Airlines.

Murray's return to Dallas ends with Eagles' 33-27 OT win for Cowboys' 6th straight loss

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — DeMarco Murray shared a hug with Dallas owner Jerry Jones before the Philadelphia running back's first game on his old home field, and with coach Jason Garrett afterward.

In between, Sam Bradford threw a winning 41-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Matthews in overtime. So the normally stoic Murray had to admit it was a special night.

Murray put the Eagles in position with a 20-yard run on the first possession of the extra period, and Matthews' score sent the Cowboys to their longest losing streak in 26 years with a 33-27 Philadelphia victory Sunday night.

"It was electrifying," said Murray, who broke Emmitt Smith's Dallas franchise record with an NFL-best 1,845 yards rushing last season and is starting to churn out yardage after a slow start this year. "They're like family to me. I wish those guys nothing but the best.

"This one's special. A lot of emotion."

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2015. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1965, the great Northeast blackout began as a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

On this date:

In 1620, the passengers and crew of the Mayflower sighted Cape Cod.

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate; he then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization (later renamed the Congress of Industrial Organizations).

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in a pogrom that became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, Welsh author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

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In 1970, former French President Charles de Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1988, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a major figure in the Watergate scandal, died in Washington at age 75.

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

In 1999, with fireworks, concerts and a huge party at the landmark Brandenburg Gate, Germany celebrated the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Ten years ago: Three suicide bombers carried out nearly simultaneous attacks on three U.S.-based hotels in Amman, Jordan, killing 60 victims, and wounding hundreds. Oil executives testified before Congress that their huge profits were justified, but got a skeptical reaction from lawmakers. Carolina's Erik Cole became the first player in NHL history to be awarded two penalty shots in one game. (Cole scored on the first, helping the Hurricanes defeat Buffalo 5-3.)

Five years ago: Continuing his Asia tour, President Barack Obama flew from India to Indonesia, his home for four years of his youth. Former President George W. Bush officially kicked off the release of his memoir, "Decision Points," with a book-signing in Dallas. A special prosecutor cleared the CIA's former top clandestine officer and others of any charges for destroying agency videotapes showing waterboarding of terror suspects, but continued an investigation into whether the harsh questioning went beyond legal boundaries. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki won his 10th straight Gold Glove, tying the AL record for Gold Gloves by an outfielder shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Al Kaline.

One year ago: The citizens of Berlin released almost 7,000 balloons into the night sky, many carrying messages of hope to mark the 25th anniversary since the fall of the wall that had once divided their city.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Whitey Herzog is 84. Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson is 80. Actor Charlie Robinson is 70. Movie director Bille August is 67. Actor Robert David Hall is 67. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 64. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 63. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 56. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 55. Actress Ion Overman is 46. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 46. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 45. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DEHS'-kee) is 45. Actor Jason Antoon is 44. Actor Eric Dane is 43. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 37. Country singer Corey Smith is 36. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 27. Actress-model Analeigh (AH'-nuh-lee) Tipton is 27.

Thought for Today: "We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." - William Faulkner, American author (1897-1962).