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Tuesday, November 17

Oral Interp regions at Aberdeen
Watertown Novice Debate

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Beef stew, biscuits, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: John Gustafson • Virginia Needham • Betty Breck

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

4:00pm: 7th Grade GBB host Leola-Frederick with 8th grade at 5 pm

6:30pm: All School Play at GHS Gym

Wednesday, November 18

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

School Menu: Softshell taco, refried beans, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oat-meal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Jerick Hanson • Patricia Kappes • Luverne Strom • Jordan Zoellner • Julie Schaller

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School (6th grade)

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Groton Youth Rally at GHS Gym

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, November 19

State Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

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

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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Hanlon Brothers
Gravel Hauling
New & Cleaning of
Stockdams with our
60' reach trackhoe
605/395-6531

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Disease Influencing Deer Numbers in Sully County

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has received reports of significant deer loss in western Sully County likely due to hemorrhagic diseases such as Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease and Blue Tongue.

In an effort to be proactive on behalf of both the hunter and the deer population, GFP is offering voluntary refunds to individuals who have already received a deer license for unit 59A.

"It is the hunter's option," said licensing office supervisor Shon Eide. "But it is advised hunters return their license and tags for a refund if they are questioning the potential impact this deer loss may have on hunting opportunities."

Hunters who applied in the first drawing will have preference points reinstated for next year.

Those wishing to take advantage of the option to return a license for a refund, please mail the license/tags to GFP Licensing Office, 20641 SD Hwy 1806, Fort Pierre, SD 57532.

Returned licenses must be post-marked prior to the start date of the East River Deer season, Nov. 21. Refund checks will then be mailed.

Custer State Park to Hold Annual Bison Auction

CUSTER, S.D. – The 2015 Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the park corrals where 201 head will be sold.

This year's offerings include 10 mature bred cows, 14 open mature cows, five two-year-old bred heifers, 15 yearling heifers, 35 heifer calves, 66 bull calves, 42 yearling bulls, five two-year-old grade bulls, nine two-year-old breeding bulls. Burros for sale include five young jacks, two matched five-year-old gelded jacks and a five-year-old roan mammoth jack.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m. MST at the Custer State Park Buffalo corrals, located 15 miles east of Custer on Highway 16A and then nine miles south on the Wildlife Loop Road. Signs will be posted to assist in locating the corrals.

The auction will also be online at www.DVAuction.com.

A buyers' reception will be held prior to the auction on Friday, Nov. 20, from 6-8 p.m. MST at the Creekside Lodge in Custer State Park.

For the past 50 years, the park has made its surplus bison available for sale to the private sector. A significant amount of park revenue comes from the bison sale and goes toward continued operations of the state park system.

For additional information about the upcoming bison auction, contact Custer State Park at 605.255.4515 or email questions to CusterStatePark@state.sd.us.

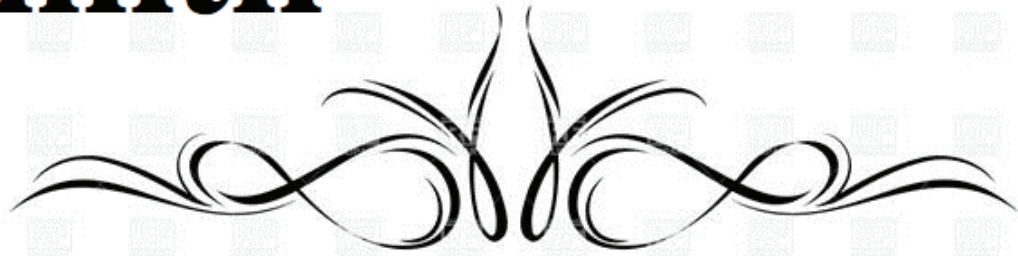
2015 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

December 1, 2015

Parents of children ages 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena . Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

a bridal
SHOWER
for **Marah**
Smith



Come and Go Shower

Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Groton, South Dakota

Shane Van Diest and Marah are registered at
Bed, Bath and Beyond and Amazon

Board holds first public hearing on proposed CTE standards

The South Dakota Board of Education held the first of four public hearings on proposed career and technical education standards in six career clusters earlier today. Proposed standards include Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundational Career & Technical Education, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM).

Standards workgroup members included secondary career and technical education teachers, postsecondary faculty, industry representatives and other stakeholders.

"Through career and technical education, students learn how their interests and abilities align to careers and postsecondary education opportunities," says Tiffany Sanderson, director of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education. "By considering feedback from employers and educators, these proposed standards seek to ensure students will be prepared to meet the needs of today's workforce, no matter what field they ultimately enter."

The proposed standards and links for submitting public comment can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/index.aspx>.

According to state law, the Board of Education must review academic content standards on a cyclical basis. The remaining three hearings on these standards will be held in 2016 at board meetings in Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City.

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**Memorial Mass for Phyllis Haiar
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
7:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton**

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Academic All-State Football

CLASS 11 B

Winner-Chase Watson
Tri-Valley-Tye Klinnert, Alex Gonzales
Elk Point-Jefferson-Andrew Flannery, Alex Hoffman, Cody Kneip, Andrew Teply, Justin Broekemeier, Jared Hueser
Lead-Deadwood-Wade Shoop, AJ Lawver
Custer-Abram Herman, Ben Marchand, Grayson Trandem, Branden Dailey
Wagner-Kylar Kafka, Emily Brunsing, Krista Dvorak, Alt Kura
Chamberlain-Parker Evans, Nathan Powell, Spencer Kirkpatrick
Parkston- Dillan Thuringer, Wes Grenant, Tye Koot
Bennett County-Marcus Heath, Chris Begeman, Sage Alexander, Rhett Fanning
Sisseton-John Meland
McCook Central/Montrose-Keegan Donelan, Kylar Hansen, Cooper Seamer, Samantha Pulse
Groton Area-Adam Herman
Roncalli-Anthony Andrea, Logan Karst
Flandreau Public-Logan Barboza
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan-Jacob Spier, Lucas Miller, Bailee Schultz
Red Cloud Indian School-Justin Mesteth, Kobey O'Rourke, Antoine Morrison
Little Wound-Jeremiah Hopkins, Shilo Tallman

CLASS 9AA

Kimball/White Lake-Todd Kieffer, Blake Kroupa
Baltic-Austin Row
Chester Area-Josh Anderson, Jacob Schoeberl
Deubrook-Coy Skroch, Cordell Wright, Ben Blee
Lyman-Korder Cropsey, Conrad Mohr-Eymer, Cole Schelske
Dakota Hills-Nicholas Buttke, Nathan Buttke
Great Plains Lutheran-Wesley Ott, Andrew Schmidt, Walker Schultz
Britton-Hecla-Jared Rabenberg, Cully Olson, Justin Ringkob, Austin Schlagel
Miller-Devon Gnat, Tate Ketelhut, Lucas Simpson, Kaitlyn Hague, Oliva Knippling
Clark/Willow Lake-Noah Huber, Rory Forest, Angela Young, Maggie Edleman, Jennifer Tonak
Webster Area-Ben Fromelt
Arlington/Lake Preston-Dylan Hageman, Tristan Vedvei, Luke Weber, Dexter Thorsteinson, Nicolas Fuhr
Hill City-Ryan Stremick
Florence/Henry-Wyat Sprung
Bon Homme-Carter Mechan, Alan Haataja, Allison Carda
Herreid-Selby Area-John Begeman, Brady Fiedler, Karsten Goehring, Tyral Ott, Justin Rau
Stanley County- Lukas Chase, Slater Pauly, Shale Kramme, Daniel Slama
Garretson-McKenzie Blossmo, Lara Luke, Peyton Heitkamp
Wolsey-Wessington-Brittany Bergquist, Kallie Carey, Hunter Johnson, Carter Langbehn, Jerret Weber
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central-Jacob Fouberg, Garrett Larson, Rex Schlicht, Brady Teide, Josh Feiner, Dillon Moore, Tucker Kingsbury

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CLASS 9A

Scotland-Josh Vaith

Kadoka Area-Jarrett VanderMay, Kassie Hicks

Parker-Pierce Plucker, Kordell Buyck

Canistota-Jonathan Dick, Shay Jolley, Jerad Nielsen, Drew Seubert

Colman-Egan-Josh Giese

Irene-Wakonda-Gabe King

Eureka-Bowdle-Jake Jundt, Austin Moser

Tri-State-Elijah Christensen, Logan Plath

Platte-Geddes-Parker Boyden

Lemmon-McIntosh-Bleau Hoge, Quint Beer

Hanson-Aaron Wenande, Andrew Arend, Wyatt Kayser, Kameron Olson

Menno-Marion-Jackson Diede, Tyus Ryherd, Andrew Schaeffer

Gayville-Volin-Matthew Buckman, Bailey Gale, Zach Anderson

Waverly-South Shore-Austin Buchholz, Carson Britzman, Ferdinand Ramos

Potter County-Tim Heien, Carson Kirby, Rease Logan

CLASS 9B

Sunshine Bible Academy-Denver Paul

Alcester-Hudson-Grant Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, Zachary Ronning

Howard-Logan Hattervig

Wall-Gabe Sandal

Centerville-Levi Gruschin, Jordan Lokken

Leola-Frederick-Logan Heupel, Jonathan Sumption

Burke-South Central-Clayton Hakin, Zach Sebern, Tyson Serr

Dell Rapids St Mary-Josh Brown, Noah Fiegen, Marryn Brown, Casey Hansen

Avon-John Kopp, Brendan Anderson, Karisa Markel

Faulkton-Lane Melius

Harding County-Riley Jensen

DeSmet-Broderick Poppinga, Adam Aughenbaugh, Tate Munger, Daniel Foley, Matt Larson

Langford Area-Jordan Carson, Brady Wieker

Hamlin-Ryder Grantham, Cody Swenson, Sam Koisti, Dyllan Weelborg

CLASS 11 AAA

Sioux Falls Washington-Ty Smith, Logan Eckhoff, Jack Schelhaas, Matt Farniok, Bridger Irons, Seth Randall, Isaiah Feterl, Josh Freese, Joey Wehrkamp, Jacob Skogstad, Jared Fox, Allison Jensen, Hannah Wheelock

Sioux Falls Roosevelt-Andrew Batt, Trevor Brenneman, Emmanuel Christopher, Justin Mueller, Sean Powell, Cole Schroedermeier, Jett Thune, Tyler VanVoorst

Sioux Falls O'Gorman-Luke Fritsch, Antonio Casiello, Zach Renshaw, Ryan Scholten, Jordan Boone, Sam Carlson, Mark Pals

Sioux Falls Lincoln-Jacob Anderson, Lucas Anderson, Jaydon Hinsch, Lee Ransom, Jimmy Smith

Watertown-Nate Davis, Bailey VanSickle, Michael Turbak, Grant Gonsor, Sierra Vanderzee

Aberdeen Central-Jake Heinert, Thomas Krueger, TJ Allan, Layne Tieszen

Brandon Valley-Riley Bennett, Andrew Holmes

Rapid City Central-Ayden Jones

Rapid City Stevens-James Dethlefs, Noah Diamond, Joe Gibson, Joshua Reeves, Nathan Trotter, Grant Youngblood

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CLASS 11AA

Brookings-Mitchell McKibben, Kurt Reed, Zach Schultz, Preston Tetzlaff
Mitchell-Kannin Nelson, Austin Getty, Myles Szabo, Justin Syring, Landon Pooley, Brandon Krogman
Spearfish-Dylan Reiner
Douglas-Brandon Kneebone, Coltin Hitshe
Huron-Sam Carr, Bailey Schoenfelder, Greg Conrad, Trey Moeding, Nick Nelson, Josh Waagen, Noah Boehrns
Harrisburg-Ben Ostebee, Brody Mouw, Caleb Schneider, Chase Wallace, Dylan Tams, Jacob Headlee, Jacob Klenme, Josh Boraas, Kyle Hill, Matt Pohlmann
Yankton-Reid Sawatzke, Rayden Terca, Sheldon Gant, Syd Boots, Colin Muth, Nathan List, Brock Folkers, Blake Savey
Pierre TF Riggs-Pete Sanchez, Derek Schreiner, Layne Hohn, Max Reinke, Alayna Snyder
Sturgis-Beau Ireland, Colter Williams, Josh Hertel, Blanc Nelson, Tanner Nelson

CLASS 11A

Dakota Valley-Ryan Owens
Canton-Sam Peterson, Logan Ranschau, Jacob Toso, Jake Hult
Dells Rapids-Sam White, Jacob Faux, Sam Prasek, Josh Benda
Belle Fourche-Ryan Nelson, Brady Leverington
Sioux Falls Christian-Jacob Vanhassen, Kenny Twedt, Dylan Burns, Keegan VanEgdon, Connor Huisken, Josh Tornow, Tanner McCarron, Carter VanGorp, Luke DeSautel
Lennox-Jacob Hinker, Collin McEntee, John Oldenkamp, Tyler Leigsinger
Madison-Dylan Williams, Tyler Hare, Leslie Thayer
Hot Springs-Zach Walton
St Thomas More-Alek Keegan
Vermillion-Jon Rosales
Milbank Area-Isaac Snaza
West Central-Jonah Rechtenbaugh, Hunter Hanley, Noah Veltrus, Jordan Lueth, Sam Swier, Dylan Masterson, Nathan Saygili, Alex Klein, Kyle Vockrodt, Dan Skinner
Tea Area-Zach Gors, Nick Eli
Todd County-Austin Hammer, Chris Fast Horse, Ty Herman

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City has to resubmit application for airport

The state dropped the ball on the original application for the Groton Municipal Airport. Everything was fine and the city was assured everything was a go for the airport recertification; however, the person working on the Groton case notified the city that the application has to start all over because the federal government closed the case. Phone calls and emails went unanswered by the state. The council decided to send the original 48-page application to the state again, this time, to someone higher up in the aviation office, to see if this can get corrected.

The newer Tahoe police vehicle is back in service. It was repaired at Groton Ford in quick manor. It had to be taken to Webster to be programed and was put into service Friday night. The council questioned a battery charge at both Carquest and MJ's Sinclair. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said it was for the police department, but no one seems to know which vehicle(s) they were in.

The state requests that the property taxes must be paid before renewing liquor licenses, which are due December 31, 2015. All but the property taxes for the Red Horse Inn were current. City Attorney Drew Johnson said that a deadline should be set so the same thing that happened last year does not happen this year when he paid his taxes on December 30. The council approved the other 2016 liquor licenses and the Red Horse was given an extension until December 15 to get the taxes current before the liquor license can be granted.

Mitigation money from FEMA is available to bury electrical lines; however, a cost analysis needs to be done by an engineer on the 80:20 matching fund with the 20 percent possibly being paid by the state. Councilman Burt Glover said he would like to have Electric Superintendent Shawn Lambertz at a meeting to talk about the proposal. The deadline is March 15, 2016. Lowary will get a couple of quotes from engineers in Aberdeen.

The Groton City bonds are out for sale. With any luck, Mayor Scott Hanlon and Finance Officer Anita Lowary will sign the papers on Monday at 11 a.m. The average interest rate is 3.5 percent. The city should have the money by the end of November and will be able to pay off its loans. It is a 20-year bond issue and the annual payment will be \$205,000, less than half of what the city is paying now.

Delinquent utility customers better get their accounts current. In the past, the city has not been following its ordinance on how to handle delinquent utility customers. That will change and the council directed Lowary to follow the procedure. The ordinance has been on the books for many, many years.

Heartland Consumers Power District is having a meeting Wednesday, 11 a.m., at the Groton Legion. This year seems to be a hot topic among its members, especially with the rates. There are many unanswered questions as to how management is handling the money. In fact, HCPD's bond rating has dropped from AA to B because it has drawn down its reserves. Some customers have been comparing rates and if the city would have been with Missouri River Basin, the city could have saved \$188,000 in one year. The city's contract with HCPD is until 2030.

After an executive session, the city gave first reading to the 2016 salary ordinance, proposing at 2 percent wage increase.

Today in Weather History

November 17, 1971: Snow generally fell off and on from the 16th through the 18th along a line from west central Minnesota to north central Minnesota. A series of weak low pressure waves moving northeast generally along a Sioux City to Rochester line caused heavy snow of more than 4 inches in a narrow band from Morris to Alexandria, then the snow band widened to 100 miles from Park Rapids northeast into Canada. This, being the first heavy snow of the season, caused increased vehicle accidents and also delayed harvesting of some soybeans and corn in west central Minnesota. Milbank, South Dakota received 3 inches of snow, while Wheaton, Minnesota went from no snow on the ground on the 15th to reporting eight inches on the morning of the 17th.

November 17, 1986: Three to six inches of snow fell across eastern South Dakota on the 17th and 18th with the heaviest amount reported in Sisseton. The snow made many roads slippery. Numerous accidents occurred in the southeast part of the state. The slick roads were a factor in the vehicle death of a woman on Interstate 29, near Beresford in Lincoln County. Browns Valley reported four inches of snow, and Milbank reported 7 inches.

1869 - Southwest winds of hurricane force swept the Berkshire and Green Mountains of New England causing extensive forest and structural damage. (David Ludlum)

1927 - A tornado cut a seventeen mile path across Alexandria and southeastern Washington, DC, injuring 31 persons. The tornado struck the Naval Air Station where a wind gust of 93 mph was recorded. A waterspout was seen over the Potomac River ninety minutes later. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1953 - The temperature at Minneapolis, MN, reached 71 degrees, their warmest reading of record for so late in the autumn. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - A storm in the Rockies produced 21 inches of snow at the Monarch ski resort in Colorado, with 14 inches reported at Steamboat Springs CO. Early morning thunderstorms in the southeastern U.S. drenched Mary Esther FL with 4.43 inches of rain. Gale force winds over the Great Lakes Region gusted to 49 mph at Johnstown PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1988 - Another in a series of storms brought heavy snow to the mountains of the western U.S. Totals ranged up to 17 inches at Bob Scott Summit in Nevada. Winds around Reno NV gusted to 80 mph. The Alta and Sundance ski resorts in Utah received 14 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Freezing temperatures overspread the southeastern U.S. in the wake of the severe weather outbreak of the previous two days. Eight cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Gilbert AR with a reading of 8 degrees. A fast moving storm blanketed the Great Lakes Region and Upper Ohio Valley with snow during the night. Totals ranged up to 12 inches at Pellston MI and Little Valley NY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
80% → 30%	30% → 90%	60% → 40%				
Breezy. Rain then Chance Rain	Chance Rain/Snow then Snow	Rain/Snow Likely then Chance Rain and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Blustery	Mostly Sunny and Windy	Mostly Clear and Blustery then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 45 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 33 °F



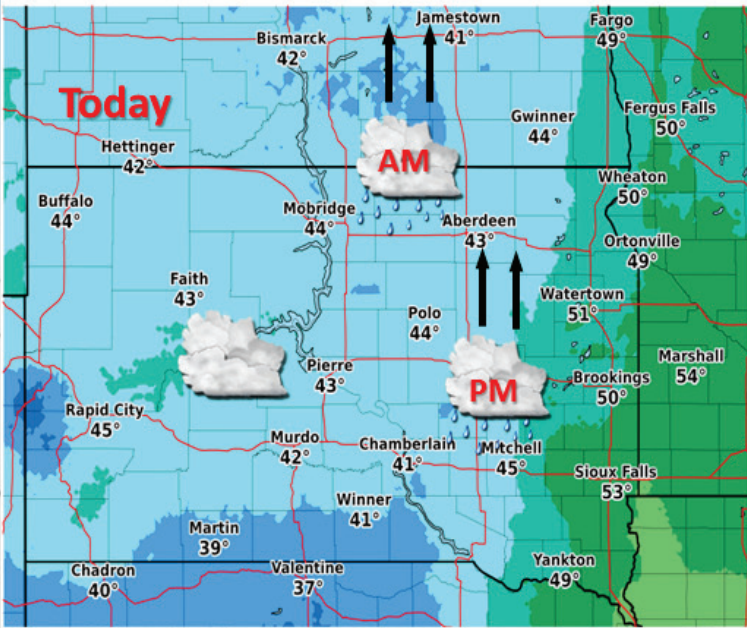
Rain Early – Showers Through The Day

Rain Again This Evening. A Change to Snow Tonight?

Strong Winds Mid Day Wednesday

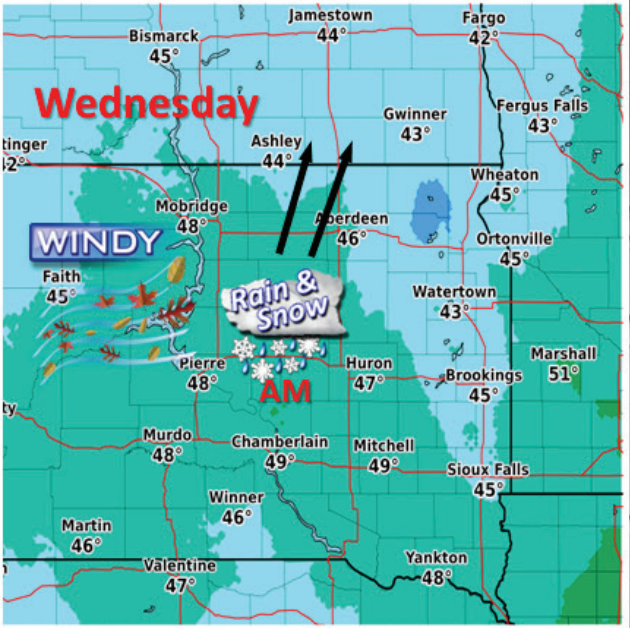


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Today


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Wednesday



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Published on: 11/17/2015 at 5:29AM

Rain in north central South Dakota will lift into North Dakota this morning with a break in widespread precipitation that will last into the afternoon. Later today, another broad area of rainfall will lift northwards into the forecast area. As temperatures cool tonight, rain could change into snow - with the potential for some light accumulations between highways 83 and 281. Strong winds will follow this system - beginning mid-day Wednesday west river and pressing east through the afternoon and over-night. Winds will gradually subside during the day Thursday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 56.0 at 2:36 PM

Low: 49.6 at Midnight

High Gust: 31 at 12:35 PM

Precip: 0.24

Today's Info

Record High: 72° in 1953

Record Low: -8° in 1959

Average High: 39°F

Average Low: 18°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.46

Precip to date in Nov.: 0.63

Average Precip to date: 20.93

Precip Year to Date: 19.74

Sunset Tonight: 5:01 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Nov 17, 2015, issued 4:40 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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FREE FROM FEAR

The word "freedom" carries with it the idea of being free from any restraints or not being bound by any regulations, rules or requirements. Many long to live a life with no obligations, no opposition or no oppression.

Yet all of life is wrapped with boundaries of one nature or another. Highways are divided by traffic lanes, stop signs, caution signs, turning lanes and many other constraints. Every athletic contest or sporting event has specific lines, certain types of equipment or clothing and regulations to control the activities of the participants. Even something as simple as boiling water has specific requirements.

Rarely, if ever, do we pause to consider all of life's limits. We take for granted the ability to move about at will, make independent choices and manage our own affairs. But does moving and choosing and managing make us free? Not really. They still involve constraints in the final analysis. Where, then, do we find freedom?

Paul said, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." God, through Christ, offers us the priceless gift of living each day free from destroying ourselves and free for being who He wants us to be and doing what He has created us to do. But we must allow His Spirit to direct us along the path He has laid out for us. We can only be free if we have accepted the forgiveness of God through Christ and are obedient to His teachings.

Prayer: Lord, may we not fool ourselves into thinking we are free if we are enslaved by sin and have not been forgiven. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

News from the Associated Press

Winter clothing for homeless allowed on Rapid City statues

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender says scarves, hats and gloves can be placed on presidential statues in the city's downtown, a reversal of previous city policy.

Church activists last week had placed such items on the statues, with the goal of having people in need take the items to get through the winter months. The accessories were removed after a city official explained the policy prohibiting such placements.

The policy adopted in 2013 was designed to prevent people from using the statues as platforms for political messages or advertising.

Allender on Monday announced that winter accessories will be exempt from Nov. 15 to March 15.

2 arrests made in fake lottery tickets probe in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police have arrested two women in connection with forged lottery tickets in Sioux Falls, and more arrests are expected.

The 27-year-old and 60-year-old women were arrested last week after a search of their home. Authorities say they found four forged lottery tickets in the home, along with drugs.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says surveillance footage from several businesses affected by the nine fake lottery tickets helped lead police to the women's address.

The Secret Service, Sioux Falls Police Department and the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office are involved in the investigation.

Missouri would likely be alone with 10 percent black faculty

CAROLYN THOMPSON, Associated Press

GEORGE M. WALSH, Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — If the University of Missouri succeeds in meeting a student demand for a faculty that's 10 percent black in two years, it will likely be alone among its peers.

No state's "flagship" public university campus had a black faculty population approaching that level, and only a handful topped even the 5 percent mark, an Associated Press analysis of 2013 federal data found.

The norm on most of the main campuses was a faculty that was between 2 percent and 4 percent black, the data showed.

Universities are well aware that staff and student bodies often don't match, administrators and experts say, and demonstrations and discussions around the country in recent days have driven home the point.

Fresh from a two-hour "listening session" Friday, University of Massachusetts Senior Vice Provost John McCarthy said students made clear the need for change.

"It was the biggest auditorium we have and undergraduates of color were standing up and talking about the fact that they need to see more faculty of color in the classroom, they need to see more faculty that look like them, they need to see faculty who are more familiar with their experiences as students of color," McCarthy said.

It's the difference between feeling understood and the pressure of being seen as representing a race, students and others said.

"There's a difference in the learning experience that you have when you're learning from someone you believe you can identify with more closely," said Micah Oliver, 21, president of the Black Student Association at the University at Buffalo.

Oliver, a senior, added, "The injustices that are happening in society aside, police brutality aside, those matters aside, I feel like I can learn from you better because you seem like somebody I can connect with on a personal level or on an experiential level."

Recent racist incidents, and the perceived lack of response by administrators, led to protests, a student

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hunger strike and a threatened boycott by the football team at the University of Missouri, where student demands now include a call for increasing the percentage of black faculty and staff to 10 percent by the 2017-18 school year.

A group of former minority faculty members sent a letter Monday to President Michael Middleton supporting the students. It cited their "experience related to being racial and ethnic minorities on a predominantly white campus."

Like Missouri, the percentage of black faculty members at the vast majority of main campuses in each state's public university system was generally well below the percentage of black students enrolled, the AP review found.

At a number of schools, the percentage of black faculty was close to or below half the percentage of black students, notably at schools in the South with both relatively large proportions of black students and faculty.

The school with the largest percentage of black faculty, the University of Mississippi at 6.29 percent, also had the largest percentage of black students, 15.26 percent. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a faculty that's 6 percent black, compared to 8 percent of the student body. The University of Alabama's faculty is also 6 percent black, but the proportion of black students is higher at 11.46 percent.

The University of Georgia had the next highest percentage of black faculty at 5.76 percent with a 7.83 percent black enrollment while the University of South Carolina-Columbia's faculty was 5.18 black compared to 10.56 percent of the students.

At no other school was the percentage of black faculty above 5 percent.

"Studies show that students normally do better if they're taught by people that can relate to them, not only economically or socially, but racially because naturally we face similar struggles, being adults, students, staff," said Deidree Golbourne, 20, an African-American studies major at Buffalo, New York's flagship university, where 2.5 percent of the faculty and 5.7 percent of the student body are black, according to the data.

Experts say the pool of candidates is traditionally small for positions that often require PhDs. UMass, the State University of New York and others have funded programs meant to boost minority numbers.

"It's very competitive to get faculty of color simply because a lot of schools want them. There are a lot of programs out there," McCarthy said.

But the problem also may be in how schools define who is qualified, said Stella Smith, president of the Black Faculty Staff Association at the University of Texas at Austin. She said it may be time, she said, "to open up the definition of what is academy worthy and also to understand that there are different ways to be exceptional, so there's not just this one route to being the best kind of faculty member."

The disparities were less pronounced when the numbers of all non-white faculty were compared with non-white students.

The school with the largest percentage of non-white faculty at 38 percent was the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where 72 percent of the student is also non-white. Many students and faculty members are Asian.

The University of California-Berkeley was one of eight main campus public universities with a greater percentage of black faculty members than black students. But the overall percentage of non-white staff — 29 percent — at Berkeley compared to a student body that is 53 percent non-white. The school has relatively large populations of Asian and Hispanic students.

At South Dakota State University, the percentage of non-white faculty outstripped the student body, 13 percent to 9 percent because of a relatively large number of Asian faculty.

The numbers don't make for ready role models, said Beth Olivares, dean for diversity initiatives at the University of Rochester.

"At the root of it is not just encouraging but ensuring that high school students and undergraduate students are aware of that as a career path," Olivares said. "Many students are not."

Yankton man dies in weekend hunting accident on reservation

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A Yankton man who died while hunting on the Yankton Sioux Reservation is believed to have accidentally shot himself.

Yankton Sioux Law Enforcement Police Chief Chris Saunsoci says the 54-year-old man was found unre-

sponsive behind his truck Saturday morning by other hunters passing through.

Those hunters attempted first aid but were unsuccessful, and the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Saunsoci says authorities believe the man accidentally fired his gun, and his death does not appear to be suspicious. He was not immediately identified.

Former Rapid City teacher gets 25 years in child porn case

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A former middle school teacher in Rapid City has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison in a child pornography case.

Twenty-eight-year-old Andrew Hiipakka (HEE-pick-uh) pleaded guilty in April to attempting to entice underage boys into performing sex acts over Internet webcam connections.

Prosecutors allege Hiipakka, who taught at St. Thomas More Middle School, engaged in more than 1,000 sexual webcam conversations with underage boys and possessed more than 100,000 sexually explicit images and videos of children as young as 3 months old.

The judge who handed down the 25-year sentence Monday also ordered Hiipakka to serve life under federal supervised release, to register as a sex offender and to pay a \$100 fine.

Hiipakka isn't able to appeal the decision.

USDA awards \$300K to help build 12 homes on Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded \$300,000 to a development corporation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to help people build 12 homes over the next two years.

The grant was given to the Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, which earlier this year broke ground on a housing community on the western half of the reservation.

Under the grant's terms, participants provide at least 65 percent of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project. The USDA says this reduces the total cost of buying a home, allowing many people to own houses that otherwise would've been out of reach.

The housing community is expected to include over 30 single-family homes, a grocery store, powwow grounds and other features.

Flags at Capitol to fly at half-staff to honor chief

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has ordered the Capitol's flags lowered to half-staff Tuesday to honor the late Crow Creek Sioux tribal elder and chief Vernon Ashley.

Ashley died Nov. 10 at the age of 99.

Ashley served as Crow Creek tribal chairman in the mid-1900s and is credited with helping author the tribe's constitution and bylaws. He also served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and worked for three South Dakota governors during his lifetime.

The tribe honored him last July by naming him chief.

Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pierre.

Percentages of black faculty, students at state universities

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Here is a list of the public university flagship schools across the country reviewed by The Associated Press and the percentages of faculty and students who are black. The information is from 2013 federal records.

State	School	Percentage black faculty	Percentage black students
ALASKA	University of Alaska Fairbanks	0.72	1.89
ALABAMA	The University of Alabama	5.99	11.46
ARKANSAS	University of Arkansas	3.38	5.07
ARIZONA	University of Arizona	1.4	3.12

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CALIFORNIA	University of California-Berkeley	2.91	2.45		
COLORADO	University of Colorado Boulder	1.91	1.61		
CONNECTICUT	University of Connecticut	2.95	5.09		
DELAWARE	University of Delaware	4.14	5.26		
FLORIDA	Florida State University	4.56	8.52		
GEORGIA	University of Georgia	5.76	7.83		
HAWAII	University of Hawaii at Manoa	1.25	1.11		
IOWA	University of Iowa	2.38	2.75		
IDAHO	University of Idaho	0.91	1.07		
ILLINOIS	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign			4.46	4.98
INDIANA	Indiana University-Bloomington	4.07	3.98		
KANSAS	University of Kansas	3.05	3.82		
KENTUCKY	University of Kentucky	3.73	6.98		
LOUISIANA	Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College			4.27	10.89
MAINE	University of Maine	0.82	1.71		
MICHIGAN	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	3.33	4.15		
MARYLAND	University of Maryland-College Park		4.66	11.01	
MASSACHUSETTS	University of Massachusetts-Amherst		4.13	3.64	
MINNESOTA	University Minnesota-Twin Cities	2.01	3.4		
MISSISSIPPI	University of Mississippi	6.28	15.26		
MISSOURI	University of Missouri-Columbia	3.08	7.12		
MONTANA	University of Montana	0.35	0.71		
NEBRASKA	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2.51	2.43		
NEVADA	University of Nevada-Reno	1.68	3.25		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus			1.87	1.15
NEW JERSEY	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	4.23	8.1		
NEW MEXICO	University of New Mexico-Main Campus	2.04	2.46		
NEW YORK	University at Buffalo	2.54	5.65		
NORTH CAROLINA	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill			8.01	
NORTH DAKOTA	University of North Dakota	0.8	2.17		
OHIO	Ohio State University-Main Campus	3.66	5.64		
OKLAHOMA	University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	2.51	5.6		
OREGON	University of Oregon	1.28	1.91		
PENNSYLVANIA	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus			3.58	4.14
RHODE ISLAND	University of Rhode Island	2.46	4.71		
SOUTH CAROLINA	University of South Carolina-Columbia		5.18	10.56	
SOUTH DAKOTA	South Dakota State University	0.7	1.72		
TENNESSEE	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	4.11	7.19		
TEXAS	The University of Texas at Austin	3.74	3.96		
UTAH	University of Utah	0.92	1.19		
VERMONT	University of Vermont	2.46	1.29		
VIRGINIA	University of Virginia-Main Campus	3.66	5.7		
WASHINGTON	University of Washington-Seattle Campus	1.61	2.5		
WEST VIRGINIA	West Virginia University	2.82	4.09		
WISCONSIN	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1.97	2.32		
WYOMING	University of Wyoming	0.92	1.08		

SOURCE: AP analysis of data from the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education

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Marshall, Parks lead South Dakota St. past Weber State 85-68

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — George Marshall scored 17 points and Deondre Parks added 16 to help South Dakota State beat Weber State 85-68 Monday night.

Reed Tellinghausen finished with 14 points while Mike Daum and Jake Bittle scored 10 apiece for South Dakota State (2-0).

Tellinghuisen opened the game with a 3-pointer before Marshall came up with a steal and a 3 to put South Dakota State 6-0 fewer than 60 seconds in and the Jackrabbits never trailed.

Weber State (0-2) twice cut its deficit to eight in the second half, but could get no closer.

Jeremy Senglin's jumper with 14:49 left made it 53-45 but South Dakota State responded with a 10-0 run over the next three minutes and pushed its lead as high as 20, 79-59, in the final minutes.

Both teams shot at least 50 percent from the field but Weber State committed 22 turnovers, which led to 27 Jackrabbit points.

Senglin led the Wildcats with 20 points.

Rapid City officials identify man who died in house fire

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The victim of a weekend house fire in Rapid City has been identified.

The Rapid City Fire Department says the victim was 34-year-old Reggie WhiteBull, a quadriplegic who lived in the back bedroom of the mobile home that caught on fire.

Officials have said WhiteBull died from smoke inhalation and burns. Six people made it out of the home and were treated and released from a local hospital.

The department received a report of the blaze around 5 a.m. Saturday. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Joshua Vanderploeg, who lives on the trailer park where the fire occurred, tells the Rapid City Journal that he and two other people tried to break the home's windows to reach WhiteBull, but couldn't go inside because of the smoke and flames.

Lawmaker doesn't want Syrian refugees in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Republican state representative doesn't want Syrian refugees in South Dakota in the wake of the terrorist attacks that occurred last week.

State Rep. Elizabeth May on Monday sent a letter to Gov. Dennis Daugaard asking him "not to accept" refugees from Syria or other Middle East countries through the nation's refugee resettlement program.

The Obama administration has pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees. Daugaard's office says South Dakota has not received any Syrian refugees and doesn't believe any will be sent to the state.

A terrorist rampage across Paris Friday killed at least 129 people and wounded hundreds more.

May says that accepting refugees "places the citizens of South Dakota in harm's way."

However, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration says under the Refugee Act of 1980 governors cannot legally block refugees from settling in their communities.

As Vikings prep for Pack, Zimmer tries to keep team grounded

DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — One of coach Mike Zimmer's favorite warnings for the Minnesota Vikings is this: "Don't take the cheese."

The advice to stay hungry and avoid complacency, analogous to a mouse sniffing a trap set with a tasty snack, will be especially pertinent now that they've moved past the Green Bay Packers in the NFC North.

"I'm sure you're all aware, all right, that we're in first place," Zimmer told the players after a 30-14 victory Sunday at Oakland in a video posted on the team website. "You know what that means? It means nothing. It's not where we are. It's where we finish at the end of the year."

If the Vikings beat the Packers for the first time since Dec. 30, 2012, they'll have a two-game lead in the

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race that would be more like three with six to play because of the tiebreaker edge.

Considering how Zimmer has consistently pushed his players to disprove whatever external doubts about them exist, an attitude he has acknowledged is rooted in his own personality and experience, the Vikings might as well be in last place.

"We have to continue to stay motivated and continue to play with that chip on our shoulders," quarterback Teddy Bridgewater said. "Don't believe everything you hear. Don't believe everything you see."

The Vikings would actually like to take down the cheese this week, with the Packers and their fans from the dairy state due to arrive.

Their biggest rival, winners of four straight division titles plus the Super Bowl after the 2010 season, is reeling. Despite the predictable attempts by the Vikings to temper the significance of this game, there was a palpable buzz in the building Monday.

Hanging in each player's cubicle in the locker room was a new black T-shirt, with the NFC North and Vikings logos printed on the front and "Beat Green Bay" in all capital letters on the back. The entrepreneur? Zimmer himself.

"We're making way too big a deal out of that," Zimmer said, when asked to elaborate on his idea. "It's just a T-shirt. It's a T-shirt. You go down to the store and print them up."

The Vikings, who have won five straight games for a 7-2 record, are 1-9-1 in their past 11 matchups with the Packers.

"It's more about understanding who we are, how we got here, what we have to continue to do," Zimmer said. "I understand the heightened part of this game, but you know it's still about us and how we play."

Zimmer added: "I think that our players will know that this is a big game. I don't think that I'm going to have to pull out any magic wands or anything like that."

There's little magic in the formula the Vikings have been using to win.

"Everything hasn't been smooth sailing, but this group, we fight. We are a team of fighters. It's not one game we've been in where I've seen guys hanging their heads, or where you feel the vibe that guys have quit," running back Adrian Peterson said. "With that, anything is possible."

Success starts with the aggressive defense that now leads the NFL with an average of just 17.1 points allowed per game. Zimmer has taught the scheme for decades, and the Vikings have taken to it quickly.

"He's brought a different mentality in here the last two years. Everything is about being more physical, outworking our opponent. I think that's what you're seeing on the field," defensive end Brian Robison said.

The special teams have been superb, and Cordarrelle Patterson added to the list with a kickoff return for a touchdown late in the second quarter against the Raiders. Bridgewater played a turnover-free game, returning from a concussion. Then there's Peterson, who posted his sixth career 200-yard rushing performance.

The best current record of the teams the Vikings have beaten this season is 4-5, but that's not their problem.

"If we're not impressive and we keep winning," Zimmer said, "more power to us."

Sioux Falls man accused of raping girl to appear in court

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man accused of raping a 14-year-old girl in a cargo van is expected to appear in court this week.

The 41-year-old Frederick McAbee, of Sioux Falls, faces several charges including attempted first-degree murder and rape. He was arrested in Pipestone, Minnesota, Friday and remains in custody on a \$2 million bond.

McAbee will appear in court in Pipestone County and attorneys will determine whether he'll be extradited to South Dakota.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the girl reported the man threatened her with a gun as they traveled in the van Thursday. Clemens says she jumped from the moving vehicle after she was raped and heard a gunshot.

McAbee didn't immediately return a message left through an inmate messaging system. It's unclear if he has an attorney.

Study: Over-tapping of High Plains Aquifer peaked in 2006

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Over-pumping of the High Plains Aquifer beyond its recharge rate peaked overall in 2006, while aquifer's rate of depletion in the portion underlying Kansas reached its high point in 2010, a study released Monday shows.

The Kansas State University study also projected the aquifer's use would decrease by about half over the next 100 years.

Researchers studied the water depletion in 3,200 Kansas wells and 11,000 wells from the other seven states where the aquifer is located, looking at historic and projected future groundwater use rates.

The High Plains Aquifer — which underlies parts of Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas — provides 30 percent of the irrigation water for those key agricultural states.

"We tried to understand how aquifer depletion has manifested itself across the aquifer as well as that has changed over time and how aquifer depletion would be extended into the future," said David Steward, a civil engineering professor and a researcher on the project.

Steward and doctoral student Andrew Allen found that the aquifer's depletion followed a south to north progression, and that some portions of the aquifer are depleting, while others are not.

In Texas, the depletion peaked in 1999. In New Mexico, that point was reached in 2002. In Oklahoma, it was 2012. Depletion of the portion of the aquifer underlying Colorado is projected to peak in 2023. Three states — Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming — are not projected to reach their depletion peaks before 2110.

Group sues South Dakota over Common Core group membership

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Michigan-based conservative Christian advocacy group has filed another lawsuit over states' membership in an organization supporting federally backed Common Core education standards.

The Thomas More Law Center sued South Dakota and several state officials in Hughes County over South Dakota's membership in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, which developed the standardized tests.

The suit filed on behalf of three South Dakota plaintiffs claims that the state's participation violates a part of the U.S. Constitution preventing states from entering into agreements or compacts with other states. Similar lawsuits were filed in North Dakota and West Virginia.

Common Core outlines skills students need to be ready for college and careers. South Dakota offered new Smarter Balanced standardized tests this year.

A governor's spokesman said the state doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Augustana, Sioux Falls make Division II football playoffs

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two South Dakota schools have made the NCAA Division II football playoffs. Augustana (9-2) is the No. 5 seed in Super Region Three and will travel to Humboldt State (9-1) in the first round Saturday.

Sioux Falls (9-2) is the No. 6 seed and will be on the road against Henderson State (10-01) in the first round.

It's the first playoff berth for Augustana since 2010, and the first ever for Sioux Falls in Division II.

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American Eagle flight makes emergency landing in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An American Eagle flight bound for Chicago was forced to make an emergency landing at Sioux Falls Regional Airport within 20 minutes of taking off from the facility.

American Eagle is a regional branch of American Airlines. An American Airlines official says the plane took off shortly after 12:30 p.m. Sunday and was back on the ground by 12:50 p.m. after the pilot reported an engine issue and decided to head back to the airport. No injuries were reported.

The plane was carrying more than 50 passengers.

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident.

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. FRANCE LAUNCHES NEW AIRSTRIKES ON SYRIA'S RAQQA

The strikes destroy the Islamic State group's command post and training camp and come a day after President Hollande vowed to forge a united coalition to defeat the jihadists.

2. METROJET PLANE BROUGHT DOWN BY HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

"I can certainly say that this was a terrorist act," says the head of Russia's FSB security service.

3. RISK LOWER, BUT PARIS ATTACKS COULD HAPPEN STATESIDE

Analysts note that the U.S. is better positioned to thwart such an effort but point out to the spontaneous nature of the Islamic State group's plotting.

4. WHAT PUTS GOP OUTSIDERS ON THE SPOT

They have been getting a pass on their limited grasp of foreign policy in the presidential campaign. That may be ending in the wake of the Paris attacks.

5. WHO CONDEMNS PARIS ATTACKS

Leaders of the 21-member APEC forum, which convened in the Philippines, say in a draft statement that the events in France "demand a united voice from the global community."

6. MISSOURI WOULD LIKELY BE ALONE WITH 10 PERCENT BLACK FACULTY

No state's "flagship" public university campus has a black faculty population approaching that level, and only a handful tops even the 5 percent mark.

7. GOP LAWMAKERS TAKE AIM AT SYRIAN REFUGEE PLAN

The assault on Paris sparks calls from congressional Republicans to end or limit U.S. refugee admissions from Syria, with some threatening to use critical spending legislation as leverage.

8. 51 ARRESTED IN MINNESOTA DURING 2ND DAY OF SHOOTING PROTESTS

Hundreds of people protesting 24-year-old Jamar Clark's death block Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

9. BLIZZARD BLANKETS ROCKIES WITH SEVERAL INCHES OF SNOW

It forces the cancellation of more than 200 flights in Denver and sets up what could be a dicey Tuesday morning commute in some areas.

10. WHY CANADA MISS WORLD IS UNHAPPY

Anastasia Lin believes that China, the host country for the Miss World pageant, is stalling over her visa application because of her human rights advocacy.

Paris attacks put GOP outsiders on the spot

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The Republican outsiders have been getting a pass on their limited grasp of foreign policy in the presidential campaign. That may be ending.

Republicans favored Donald Trump even after he acknowledged not knowing the difference between Hamas and Hezbollah. And they didn't fret over Ben Carson's mistaken belief that the Chinese are involved in the Syrian conflict.

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Yet Friday's brutal attack in Paris sparked an urgent focus on national security that will test the appeal of the outsiders like nothing they've faced so far. Their lack of governing experience — an asset for much of the year as people rebelled against the establishment — now represents a question mark for Americans suddenly anxious about the nation's security and the prospect of another war.

"This is real life, a real crisis situation, and it reminds people of the importance of having a serious person as commander in chief," said Dan Senor, a foreign policy adviser for 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney and unaligned in 2016. "In a race where there are some serious candidates and some less-than-serious candidates, one would think that a distinction would be made."

Senor declined to name the "less-than-serious" candidates, but the inference was clear.

Trump, a real estate mogul-turned reality television star, has talked tough on foreign policy but struggled at times to demonstrate fluency on international issues. Carson, a retired neurosurgeon, is still getting up to speed on the world's many conflicts. When repeatedly pressed in a weekend Fox News interview to name an ally he'd contact to combat the Islamic State group, he said he'd call "all of the Arab states."

Carson campaign manager Barry Bennett said the campaign was looking to add foreign policy advisers, even before the Paris attack that left at least 129 people dead. Carson had a three-hour lunch last week with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, for example.

Bennett says Carson is hardly alone in his lack of foreign policy experience.

"Who has experience on the international stage?" he asked of the 2016 Republican field. "There is nobody. Jeb Bush doesn't have any. Ben Carson's been to more countries than Marco Rubio."

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, an Air Force veteran, has made national security the primary focus of his campaign. The rest of the GOP field, however, has limited experience with foreign affairs.

Bush is among a half dozen governors or former governors in the contest who led their states' National Guard apparatus and sometimes traveled abroad for trade missions. Among the four senators in the race, Rubio and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul often examine complicated international issues as members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, while Graham and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz focus on military issues on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Trump has repeatedly refused to answer direct questions about who's been advising him, other than mentioning 79-year-old business magnate Carl Icahn. In August, he suggested he gets foreign policy advice from watching television.

"I have a good team and I have a team also that's forming," Trump told radio host Hugh Hewitt in November without naming names.

Yet Trump has made an aggressive foreign policy a central part of his platform.

He's long vowed to make the country's military so strong "that nobody will mess with us." He's also focused on choking off money to Islamic State militants by calling for "bombing the hell out of" the oil fields they control.

Such policy prescriptions don't necessarily show preparation for being commander in chief, said John Bolton, ambassador to the United Nations under Republican President George W. Bush.

"The first job of the president is to keep our country safe," Bolton said. "The candidates have to show they can think this through. Just throwing out tactics doesn't show that you're qualified to be anything more than a second lieutenant."

Despite skepticism from some establishment Republicans, Trump was among the most trusted GOP candidates on international affairs before the Paris attacks.

A September CNN poll found that 22 percent of Republican and Republican-leaning independents thought he would best handle foreign policy, the most of any candidate. Trump was followed by Rubio (17 percent) and Bush (11 percent), while just 7 percent of Republicans thought Carson would be best on foreign policy.

There was little sign of concern about the outsiders' inexperience at a Trump rally Monday night in Knoxville, Tenn.

"People out there understand that a Ben Carson or a Donald Trump is far more superior, intelligence-wise, than any politician out there," said Terry Armstrong, who owns a local convenience and pizza delivery store.

Now, some of the more experienced candidates are working to promote their foreign policy chops.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who served on the House Armed Services Committee for nearly two decades while in Congress, is scheduled to outline his national security strategy on Tuesday in Washington. Bush will address U.S. military needs in light of the Paris attacks in an address Wednesday at The Citadel military college in South Carolina.

Bush, who had previously deflected questions about how many U.S. troops would be needed to defeat the Islamic State group, remained unwilling to offer a ballpark figure on Monday. Spokesman Tim Miller said the former Florida governor doesn't have a national security adviser or access to intelligence reports that would inform such a decision.

That didn't stop Trump, who has been reticent about putting more troops in harm's way, from declaring Monday that he would support devoting 10,000 troops to the effort.

"Instead of just pussyfooting around, that man's got a set of cojones," Melissa Justice of LaFollette, who lives about an hour north of Knoxville, said of Trump.

Who needs Peyton Manning when you have Brock Osweiler

ROB MAADDI, AP Pro Football Writer

Grab a clipboard, Peyton Manning. It's Brock Osweiler's time.

The Denver Broncos are a better team now that coach Gary Kubiak benched Manning in favor of Osweiler. A five-time NFL MVP who holds many of the league's passing records or a guy who has thrown 54 career passes? Take the backup every time in a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately business.

Yep, you guessed it. We're overreacting.

Manning played the worst game of his career on the same day he became the NFL's all-time yards passing leader. But he's injured. He's not the player he used to be but he didn't turn into Joey Harrington overnight for no reason.

Manning has a torn plantar fascia in his right foot, a ribcage injury and a lingering sore throwing shoulder. When he's healthy, he gives the Broncos (7-2) the best chance to win.

Here are other overreactions from Week 10:

OVERREACTION: Sam Bradford has played his last game with the Eagles. Bradford, who is in the final year of a contract, injured his shoulder and sustained a concussion in a loss to the Dolphins. Mark Sanchez replaced him and moved the offense well, but threw a crucial interception in the end zone.

REALISTIC REACTION: Sanchez is too prone to turnovers. Once Bradford is healthy, Chip Kelly will play him. He already knows what Sanchez can do; 4-4 last year filling in for Nick Foles.

OVERREACTION: If the Giants couldn't beat the Patriots, nobody will. New England improved to 9-0 after Stephen Gostkowski hit a 54-yard field goal with 1 second left.

REALISTIC REACTION: Rex Ryan's Bills will be a tough game next Monday. They had an extra three days to prepare for the rematch. And if they already have home-field advantage secured, road games at the Jets and Dolphins to finish the regular season won't be easy.

OVERREACTION: Seven wins will win the NFC East. The Giants lead the division at 5-5.

REALISTIC REACTION: The Giants play the Eagles in Week 17. They both could be 7-8 going into a winner-take-all finale. And don't count the Redskins out. They have an outside chance to go 8-8.

OVERREACTION: The Jaguars are playoff contenders. A 22-20 win at Baltimore has Jacksonville (3-6) only one game behind Indianapolis in the AFC South and the Colts won't have Andrew Luck for a while.

REALISTIC REACTION: It took a mistake by the referees followed by a 53-yard field goal for the Jaguars to beat the Ravens. The Colts might only win seven games, but the Jaguars aren't going 5-2.

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OVERREACTION: The Vikings will win the NFC North. They're a game ahead of Green Bay following an impressive 30-14 win at Oakland.

REALISTIC REACTION: Teddy Bridgewater and company have a tough road ahead. They host the Packers next week and still have road games at Atlanta, Arizona and Green Bay. Home games vs. Seattle, the Bears and Giants won't be easy, either.

OVERREACTION: The Packers won't make the playoffs. An 18-16 loss to Detroit was Green Bay's third in a row.

REALISTIC REACTION: They're only one game behind Minnesota with two games left against the Vikings. They're two games up in the wild-card standings. And, Aaron Rodgers is better than he has played recently.

OVERREACTION: Kirk Cousins is the long-term answer for Washington at quarterback. He threw four touchdown passes in a rout over New Orleans.

REALISTIC REACTION: Everyone piles up big numbers against the Saints' defense.

OVERREACTION: The Bungles finally showed up. A 10-6 loss to Houston on Monday night was the first this season for the Bengals.

REALISTIC REACTION: They weren't going 16-0 so they had to lose sometime.

AP NFL website: www.pro32.ap.org and www.twitter.com/AP_NFL

Western US hit with blast of winter-like weather **CHRISTOPHER WEBER, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A wintry blast of air brought blizzard-like conditions Monday to parts of the West after whipping up a damaging tornado in Central California and buffeting the Los Angeles area with gusts topping 70 mph, forecasters said.

Drivers in Southern California mountain areas were urged to use caution as light snow and hail fell at elevations as low as 4,000 feet. Powerful winds knocked down branches and caused scattered power outages.

Blowing snow and ice also slowed traffic on mountain highways in northern Arizona and New Mexico as the weather system moved east.

As much as 18 inches of snow was possible when Colorado gets hit later Monday, the National Weather Service said. The worst conditions were expected early Tuesday in areas south and east of Denver and on the Eastern Plains.

The storm that originated in the Gulf of Alaska could be a harbinger of El Nino, the ocean-warming phenomenon that's predicted to bring heavy rain to the West in the coming months, said Kathy Hoxsie of the National Weather Service.

"It's the beginning of the winter season," she said. "We want storms. We want rain. We've been projecting that we're going to have a wet winter and this is a sign that it's going to happen."

California in particular is anxiously awaiting winter rains as it seeks relief from its record, four-year drought. Heavy rain will bring some drought relief, but it is not expected to erase the state's water deficit.

In Central California, a twister Sunday swept through the small town of Denair near Modesto, damaging 21 homes, including one that shifted on its foundation. The tornado toppled trees and fences, broke windows and ripped off part of a church roof.

Wind speeds exceeded 110 mph, said Eric Kurth of the National Weather Service in Sacramento. There were no reports of injuries.

Sabina Woodard said she took refuge with her husband under a hospital bed in their home as their television set and furnishings flew about.

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"What I thought was a bunch of birds was a bunch of debris" being carried by the funnel cloud heading their way, she told the Modesto Bee (<http://bit.ly/1j2QoSsk>). "It looked like a remake of that Alfred Hitchcock movie 'The Birds.'"

Thunderstorms brought hail to parts of Northern California and Sierra Nevada foothills. Rain and strong wind hit the San Francisco Bay Area.

Four kayakers and a dog were rescued after being dumped into 4-foot waves during windy, high-surf conditions Sunday in Marin County. They were treated for hypothermia and released.

Nearby, a 14-foot aluminum boat capsized with five people aboard. They were not seriously injured

Forecasters said up to 8 inches of snow could fall in California mountains at the 5,000-foot level, with a foot possible at the highest peaks.

A warm front was expected to drop light rain Monday in western Washington, with wetter, windier weather forecast in the days ahead across the Northwest.

The National Weather Service in Seattle said the harsher weather will likely begin on Tuesday and last into Thursday. The conditions prompted several ski resorts to set their openings.

In the Midwest, severe weather spawned reports of more than a dozen tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

One twister that hit the Texas Panhandle damaged a home and multiple businesses, including Halliburton plant in the town of Pampa, according to the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

A statement from the office said the storm caused the leak of an unknown chemical or chemicals at the plant. Two deputies were exposed to the leak but refused transportation to a hospital. The complex was deemed safe, and crews were searching it late Monday night.

A message seeking comment from the oilfield services provider wasn't immediately returned.

Minneapolis mayor seeks federal investigation into shooting

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

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Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

Experts say states lack legal authority to block refugees

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DETROIT (AP) — Governors across the U.S. have threatened to stop accepting Syrian refugees following last week's attacks in Paris, even as experts counter they lack legal authority to block the relocations.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama, whose administration recently pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees, argued Monday that the United States needs to allow them because many are fleeing terrorism.

Some state leaders disagree with Obama's assertion the country can simultaneously welcome refugees seeking safety and ensure citizens' security. Several have called for a complete halt to resettlement, others for temporary delays and a few seek more information from federal officials on the vetting process.

The Homeland Security Department says refugees face the highest level of security screening of anybody

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entering the U.S., but officials will work to allay states' concerns.

Here's a look at why some states are balking, what federal officials and refugee experts are saying and how the refugee resettlement process works.

WHAT ARE THE STATES' PRIMARY CONCERNS AND WHAT ARE THEY CALLING FOR?

Governors in many states, mainly Republicans, are responding to heightened concerns terrorists might use the refugees as cover to sneak across borders. Authorities said a Syrian passport was found near one of the attackers in Friday's deadly attacks, and the Paris prosecutors' office says fingerprints from the attacker match those of someone who passed through Greece in October.

The governors of several states are calling for the temporary suspension of accepting new refugees. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texas' refugee resettlement program not to accept any more Syrians and in a letter to Obama, the Republican also urged scrapping federal plans to accept more Syrian refugees into the country as a whole. He said the federal government can't perform "proper security checks" on Syrians.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey called for an immediate halt and wrote he was "invoking our state's right ... to receive immediate consultation by federal authorities" to address the state's concerns. Iowa GOP Gov. Terry Branstad acknowledged governors might lack authority but added he wants more information about refugee placement and the vetting process.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Muslim civil rights group, called the governors' comments and recommendations "un-American," adding that rejecting refugees projects "our fears to the world."

WHAT DO REFUGEE EXPERTS SAY?

Lavinia Limon, president and CEO of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration, said under the Refugee Act of 1980 governors cannot legally block refugees. Each state has a refugee coordinator, a post created as part of that law, she said. Funded by the federal government, the post coordinates resettlement efforts with agencies such as hers and directs federal funds for refugees.

Westy Egmont, director of Boston College's Immigrant Integration Lab, said the law previously withstood state challenges partly because the federal government has worked to equally distribute refugees being resettled. Some states have worked with resettlement agencies to limit new refugee arrivals to those with family ties to the community while families or individuals with no ties to a specific state have been sent to other locations with better prospects for jobs, housing and integration programs.

WHAT EXACTLY HAS OBAMA PROPOSED AND HOW DOES THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM WORK?

The Obama administration has pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next 12 months. The State Department said the refugees would be spread nationwide, though many go on to places where they have family or cultural connections, such as Detroit, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles.

According to government statistics, the U.S. has taken about 2,150 Syrians since Oct. 1, 2011 — most in the last year.

Obama said Monday the U.S. needs to continue to accept refugees from Syria because many are fleeing terrorism: "Our nations can welcome refugees who are desperately seeking safety and ensure our own security. We can and must do both."

Refugees are generally invited to move to the United States after being referred to a State Department Resettlement Support Center by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In some cases they can be referred by a U.S. embassy or non-governmental agency.

In other cases, potential refugees who are close relatives of people granted asylum in the U.S. or other refugees already in the country can apply directly with the U.S. government. The average wait time for a refugee to be cleared to enter the U.S. is about two years, but often longer for people from Syria and elsewhere.

The Homeland Security Department said refugees being accepted into the United States are subject to the highest level of security screening of anyone coming to the U.S. It added officials will continue to consult with states to allay concerns they have about security.

HOW ARE LAWMAKERS AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES REACTING?

Republican members of Congress called for suspending the Syrian refugee program and threatened to

try to stop it. New House Speaker Paul Ryan neither endorsed nor rejected that course.

Many GOP candidates, already skeptical if not hostile to welcoming refugees, came out even stronger. Donald Trump said the U.S. should increase surveillance of mosques, consider closing any tied to radicals and be prepared to suspend some civil liberties.

Ben Carson said, "Until we can sort out the bad guys, we must not be foolish," and of Syrians already in the U.S., he added: "I would watch them very carefully."

Calls by GOP rivals Ted Cruz and Jeb Bush to give preference to Christian refugees prompted a sharp rebuke from Obama.

Vast forest fires in Indonesia spawn ecological disaster

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KAMPAR, Indonesia (AP) — For farmer Achmad Rusli, it was a season of smoke: Ten weeks without sunlight for his oranges, guavas and durians, thanks to deliberately set forest fires that burned a chunk of Indonesia the size of New Jersey.

The fires have finally died down with the arrival of monsoon rains, but too late for his crops, which are far too measly to sell.

"We had not seen the sun in a two-and-a-half months," said Rusli, 34, from Riau province, in eastern Sumatra, among the six hardest-hit provinces. "How can we harvest the fruit?"

The ecological disaster has inflicted a staggering toll on the region's environment, economy and human health: 2.1 million hectares (8,063 square miles) of forests and other land burned, 21 deaths, more than half a million people sickened with respiratory problems and \$9 billion in economic losses, from damaged crops to hundreds of cancelled flights.

Palm oil and paper pulp companies illegally set fire to forests to clear land to plant more trees in the cheapest and fastest way possible. Authorities are investigating more than 300 plantation companies and 83 suspects have been arrested, according to national police chief Gen. Badrodin Haiti. The licenses of three plantation companies have been revoked and those of 11 others have been suspended.

The fires have been an annual problem since the mid-1990s, but this was the worst year since 1997, when blazes spread across nearly 10 million hectares.

Greed is the cause. Herry Purnomo, a scientist at Center for International Forestry Research, said it costs just \$7 to clear a hectare of land by burning, compared to \$150 to do so with tractors. Indonesian law bans clearing land by burning, except by small-scale farmers who are allowed up to 2 hectares.

All told, nearly 50,000 fires were detected since July, according to satellite data, with most on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo. An absence of rain from the El Nino effect made them worse.

The thick haze forced schools to close in neighboring Singapore and Malaysia, and for the first time it reached communities in southern Thailand, where the air pollution index rose to record levels of unhealthiness.

Indonesia's neighbors have grown increasingly critical, though many of the palm-oil companies operating in the country are Singaporean- and Malaysian-owned. And Indonesians endured the worst of the effects.

Syarif, a 46-year-old who like many Indonesians uses a single name, failed to harvest any of his chili peppers and tomatoes, which withered and shriveled on the vine.

"I lost everything... drought and smog has ruined our vegetables," Syarif said. "I have to start again from scratch."

Visibility fell below 50 meters (yards) in some areas, forcing 13 airports around the country to close.

Drone footage taken over smoldering forests showed the charred remains of trees poking through billowing smoke and haze that extended as far as the eye could see. Gray and white patches of ash covered the forest floor.

The haze, resembling a wintry fog, is laced with tiny particles of ash that are particularly harmful to the elderly, children and those with chronic heart and lung conditions. It can lead to respiratory tract infec-

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tions and pneumonia.

In the six most affected provinces, home to more than 26 million people, hospitals were overwhelmed with 556,945 cases of people with smoke-related respiratory tract issues between July and the end of October — nearly three times the normal rate, according to the health ministry.

In late October, the Pollution Standards Index hit a record high of 3,300 in Central Kalimantan province in Borneo, the giant island Indonesia shares with Malaysia and Brunei. Anything above 300 is deemed hazardous.

Rosita Rossie, a coordinator at Riau's provincial health office, said that when pollution index rose above 300, many clinics and hospitals in the province of 6 million provided 24-hour service, with some sending health workers into remote areas to meet needs there.

The National Disaster Mitigation Agency recorded 21 fire-related fatalities, including burns, pneumonia, asthma and meningitis aggravated by upper respiratory tract infections.

Nearly 20,000 schools had to close in the worst-hit provinces, affecting about 2.4 million students.

The fires also likely killed many endangered or threatened species, including orangutans and Sumatran rhinos, said Rosichon Ubaidilla, an animal taxonomy expert who heads the Zoology Center for Biological Research at the Indonesia Institute of Science.

Researchers and local residents are scrambling to protect the estimated 50,000 wild orangutans that live only on Borneo and Sumatra. The apes must cope with not only the destruction of their habitat but also respiratory problems, said Raffles B. Panjaitan, the Forestry Ministry's director of forest fire control.

The fires have also sent enormous amounts of greenhouse-gas emissions into the air. Much of the forests lost were peatland, which stores a particularly large amount of carbon.

Research by the Center for International Forestry Research, or CIFOR, found that in 2012, forest fires in Riau province alone released between 1.5 billion and 2 billion tons of carbon emissions in just one week — up to 10 percent of Indonesia's total annual emissions, said Sofyan Kurnianto, a scientist with the group and the lead author of the study.

Indonesia's \$9 billion estimate of the damage caused by the fires excludes emissions. Willem Rampangilei, head of the disaster mitigation agency, said tentative number is based on World Bank data from 2013 that focused only on Riau province. The vast majority of the financial losses were in forestry, agriculture and manufacturing.

To fight the fires, Indonesia used everything from helicopters to elephants outfitted with water pumps and hoses. Russia leased two amphibious jets, and Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and Japan also sent aircraft, firefighters or chemicals and experts to help out. More than 30,000 soldiers and firefighting personnel were deployed, and the disaster agency spent \$36.5 million. Ultimately, it was seasonal rains that ended this year's crisis.

President Joko Widodo said he was "ashamed" that authorities failed to prevent the fires. He ordered law-enforcement agencies to punish perpetrators, including revoking forest concessions and blacklisting those responsible.

The government is drafting new regulations to stiffen penalties, reduce haze pollution and avoid forest fires. But the president has also asked for patience in tackling the problem for good, saying Indonesia needs three years to solve it. Malaysia has said that is not fast enough.

New Jersey mall requires payment if kids want to visit Santa

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Children wanting to see Santa Claus at a southern New Jersey mall will now have to pay.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports (<http://bit.ly/1lr9zXQ>) admission to the Cherry Hill Mall's Adventure to Santa costs between \$35 and \$50. The packages come with photos or video of the visit.

The move has sparked anger from many parents, some of whom say the charge inherently pushes away low-income families, which they say runs counter to the spirit of the holiday.

Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, which manages the mall, says the exhibit is one of only 12 Adventure to Santa attractions in the country. The attraction was free last year.

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The display features characters from the Shrek movies as well as a virtual sleigh ride, a concert performed by elves, and various games.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2015. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.

On this date:

In 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin (roh-DAN') died in Meudon at age 77.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress, called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved the following month.)

In 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin the TV special "Heidi" on schedule. (After being taken off the air, the Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. (Both men later died in prison.)

In 1994, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Sunset Boulevard" opened on Broadway with Glenn Close as faded movie star Norma Desmond.

Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats, called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. A jury in Sarasota, Florida, convicted auto mechanic Joseph Smith of kidnapping, raping and strangling 11-year-old Carlie Brucia (BROO'-shuh), whose abduction had been captured by a car-wash security camera. (Smith remains on death row.)

Five years ago: House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi to remain as their leader despite massive party losses in midterm elections. Republicans voted to keep John Boehner as their top House leader, making him speaker in the new Congress. A hand-count of votes affirmed the re-election of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, the first Senate candidate in over 50 years to win a write-in campaign. The first Guantanamo detainee to face civilian trial, Ahmed Ghailani (guh-LAHN'-ee), was convicted by federal jury in New York on one charge of conspiracy, among over 280 counts related to 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Ghailani's native Tanzania. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: Pope Francis confirmed that he would be attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in Sept. 2015. Dr. Martin Salia, a surgeon who'd contracted Ebola in his native Sierra Leone, died at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, two days after being admitted. John T. Downey, 84, a former CIA agent who survived more than 20 years in Chinese prisons during the Cold War before becoming a Connecticut judge, died in Hartford. Jimmy Ruffin, 78, the Motown singer whose hits included "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted," died in Las Vegas.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., is 81. Rock musician Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 78. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 77. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio is 74. Movie director Martin Scorsese

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(skor-SEH'-see) is 73. Actress Lauren Hutton is 72. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 71. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 71. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 71. Movie director Roland Joffe is 70. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 67. Former House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) is 66. Actor Stephen Root is 64. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 58. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 57. Actor William Moses is 56. Entertainer RuPaul is 55. Actor Dylan Walsh is 52. National Security Adviser Susan Rice is 51. Actress Sophie Marceau is 49. Actress-model Daisy Fuentes is 49. Blues singer/musician Tab Benoit (behn-WAH') is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 48. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 48. Actor David Ramsey is 44. Actor Leonard Roberts is 43. Actress Leslie Bibb is 42. Actor Brandon Call is 39. Country singer Aaron Lines is 38. Actress Rachel McAdams is 37. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 35. Actor Justin Cooper is 27. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 27. Actress Raquel Castro is 21.

Thought for Today: "Since others have to tolerate my weaknesses, it is only fair that I should tolerate theirs." - William Allen White, American journalist (1868-1944).