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Today

Citizenship Day

Constitution Day

National Apple Dumpling Day

Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA hosts fall workshop

Anniversaries: • Bary & Tricia Keith • Lauren & Jean Harrison

Birthdays: • Jackson Strom • Kyler Ell • Kathy Holm

1:00pm: Boys Soccer at Freeman Academy

1:00pm: Girls soccer at Garretson

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

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National Cheeseburger Day

National Women's Friendship Day

Wife Appreciation Day

Anniversary: Eddy & Virginia Nehls

Birthdays: Teresa Davies • Bret Flieds

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:30am: Presbyterian Bible Study

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Bible Study and School

10:15am: Emmanuel S. School

11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (School serves)

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**Bates Township
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Weed Notice**

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2016 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors

Betty Geist

Township Clerk

The Life of Florence Joyce Miles



Florence Joyce Miles, age 93, passed away peacefully on Wed., Sept. 15, 2016 in Denver. She was born to Clara and George Wegner in Groton on Jan. 1, 1923, and she was raised on a farm outside town with her brother, Robert and her sister, Margaret. She married Clenten Miles from Britton, on Oct. 26, 1941. After Clenten returned from World War II and the Korean conflict, the young family moved to Aurora, Colorado where she would reside the rest of her life. She is preceded in death by her husband, her brother, and sister.

She is survived by her three children (Patrick, Claudia, and Daniel) and 3 grandchildren (Brian, Nicholas, and Audrey). She was one of the first women appointed to senior positions in banking in the Denver area, and became a Vice President of Colfax National Bank.

She enjoyed good health most of her life and was known to exercise on daily basis. She did not slow down with advancing age as she tap danced well into her 70's in a senior troupe out of the Aurora Senior Center.

She was committed to her church, Burns United Memorial Methodist, and was an active member.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Burns United Memorial United Methodist Church, 1095 Newark St, Aurora, Co. A reception will follow at the church. An interment for family only will be held on Wed., Sept. 21 at Fort Logan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name can be sent to: Burns United Methodist Church, 1095 Newark St, Aurora, Co 80010.

2016 Groton Area Elementary

Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

September 19 and 22

Parents of children age 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 either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 6. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school.

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

Tomato Christmas and rural health

By Richard P. Holm MD

Our eldest son, who now lives in Brooklyn, New York, recently came home to South Dakota on "he loves how he can see the stars and the Milky Way in the night sky, the morning tangerine sun rising in the east, and the space and lack of congestion in shelter-belted houses surrounded by fields of abundant crops, separating the miles between small towns. Home-grown tomatoes here have even prompted him to deem August in South Dakota as "Tomato Christmas."

"It is so different than life in the city," he says. The tall buildings, with city lights on all night long wash out the stars; usually the sun is up for hours before it is seen; sidewalks are full of people rushing to and fro at almost every hour; towns have filled and merged such that there are no open spaces between them; and aside from parks, there are too few growing places in the city. He told me, "The beauty and wonder of rural life becomes more apparent only when you have been away from it for a while."

But rural more remote living can result in increased health risks because, when there is an emergency, extensive travel can be required, even to the closest hospital. Then, that small-town hospital with its limited resources may lack the necessary tools and experience to help you. Even with helicopters flying to the rescue, rural living may still result in delay in care when minutes can matter. And when a medical problem is not so urgent, rural people often still have to travel long distances to obtain outpatient medical, subspecialty, dental, and pharmaceutical care.

The result, as outlined by the National Institutes of Health, is that too often rural residents delay care, problems become more serious, and higher rates of chronic disease occur. In addition, with farmers' potential exposure to chemicals, excessive dust, and dangerous, motorized farming equipment, farming is rated the fourth most dangerous profession, behind industrial fishing, logging, and piloting.

But technology has helped the rural health condition. With (e) electronic connectivity, like the e-Intensive Care Unit and e-Emergency Room, communicating health information between small rural hospitals and more urban specialty centers, has helped reduce the risks. Additionally, your Prairie Doc television program endeavors to reduce rural risk by bringing science-based health information to the people of this rural region.

Although living in a rural area carries some health disadvantages, the risks have been reduced. This makes living here even more worth it, especially during Tomato Christmas.

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Sunday, September 18, 2016, 5:00pm

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2016 Brown County Fair 4-H Results

Part 2 - R through S

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Raap, Sadie: Music/Dance - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Wood Science - Purple.

Raap, Samson: Wood Science - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Music/Dance - Purple; Home Environment - Purple.

Raap, Sydney: Home Environment - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Wood Science - Purple.

Rathert, Becca: Market Sheep - red; Prospect Calf Show - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (5), Blue; Photography - Purple (3), Blue (2).

Rather, MaKayla: Photography - Purple, Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2); Prospect Calf Show - Blue; Market Sheep - Red (2); Wood Science - Purple (2).

Ringgenberg, Kaitlyn: Photography - Purple (2); Market Beef - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple.

Ringgenberg, Logan: Breeding Beef - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; market Beef - Purple.

Robinson, Hunter: Visual Arts - Purple; Citizenship - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (3).

Rozell, Emma: Photography - Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple (5), Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Rally - Blue; Obedience - Blue; Showmanship - Purple.

Rozell, Morgan: Market Beef - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple.

Rozell, Tucker: Visual Arts - Purple.

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Sawatzky, Keyli: Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Purple, Blue; Wood Science - Purple.

Schaunaman, Adrienne: Market Beef - Purple.

Schaunaman, Karly: Market Beef - Reserve Champion Market Beef, Purple (2); Photography - Purple (3), Blue; Breeding Beef - Purple.

Schultz, Cassandra: Agility - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Wood Science - Purple; Obedience - Blue; Rally - Blue; Showmanship - Purple.

Schultz, Garrett: Visual Arts - Purple (2).

Sealey, Emma: Dairy Cattle - Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer, Purple; Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Beginner Champion Showman, Purple.

Sharp, Dan: Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Senior Champion Showman, Purple; Market Goat: Blue; Obedience - Purple; Showmanship - Purple; Rally - Blue; Dairy Cattle - Purple (3); Breeding Meat Goat: Purple; Photography - Blue; Music/Dance - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple.

Sharp, Isaiah: Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines - Blue; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Visual Arts - Blue; First Aid (Health) - Purple; Music/Dance - Purple; Dairy Cattle - Purple (2); Market Goat - Blue; Meat Goat Showmanship - Beginner Reserve Champion Showman, Purple.

Sharp, Jessemy: Meat Goat Showmanship - Junior Reserve Champion Showman, Purple; Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Junior Reserve Champion Showman, Purple; Market Goat - Purple; Dairy Cattle - Purple (3); Breeding Meat Goat - Blue; First Aid (Health) - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines - Purple.

Sharp, Travis: Computers & Technology - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Breeding Meat Goat - Blue; Dairy Cattle - Purple (3); Agility - Purple; Market Goat - Purple (2); Obedience - Purple; Rally - Red; Showmanship - Purple.

Simon, Alexis: Home Environment - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple.

Simon, Carter: Home Environment - Blue; Hobbies & Collections - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2);

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Rabbit - Purple.

Simon, Cole: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Rabbit - Best of Breed, Purple; Photography - Purple (2), Blue.

Simon, Lucas: Visual Arts - Purple; Wood Science - Purple, Blue (2).

Skoglund, Brooke: Market Sheep - Reserve Champion Market Sheep, Purple (3); Home Environment - Blue; Breeding Beef - Reserve Champion Breeding Beef, Purple.

Skoglund, Trey: Market Sheep - Champion Market Sheep, Purple, Blue.

Smith, Letitia: Market Beef - Purple (2); Obedience - Purple (2); Showmanship - Purple; Rally - Blue; Market Swine - Grand Champion Purebred Male, Purple (2); Dairy Goat - Reserve Champion Dairy Goat, Purple (5); Agility - Purple.

Sombke, Brody: Dairy Goat - Champion Dairy Goat - Purple (2).

Sperry, Ashlyn: Home Environment - Purple (4), Blue (3), Red; Visual Arts - Purple, Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Market Goat - Blue (2).

Sperry, Matthew: Workforce Preparation (Career Exploration) - Purple; Plant Science, Crops & Weeds - Purple; Computers & Technology - Purple; Conservation, Soils & Stewardship - Purple; Consumer Education - Purple; Geospatial - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2); Videography - Purple; Photography - Purple (6), Blue (2), Red; Home Environment - Purple.

Stange, Alexandra: Dairy Goat - Purple (2); Photography - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Photography - Purple.

Stange, Jamesen: Plant Science, Crops & Weeds - Purple; Prospect Calf Show - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple (2).

Stange, Kayde: Breeding Beef - Purple; Wood Science - Purple.

Stearns, Stetson: Market Goat - Purple, Blue; Market Sheep - Purple (3); Market Swine - Reserve Champion Commercial Female, Purple (4); Home Environment - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple.

Sumption, Hannah: Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Home Environment - Blue; Market Swine - Purple (3); Prospect Calf Show - Purple (2).

Sumption, Jakob: Prospect Calf Show - Purple (2); Market Swine - Purple (4).

Summation, Jonathan: Market Swine - Purple (3); Breeding Beef - Purple (2).

Sumption, Laura: Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple (5), Blue, Red; Photography - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (3); Market Swine - Purple; Prospect Calf Show - Purple; Market Swine - Purple; Wood Science - Purple.

Sumption, Madelyne: Market Swine - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple.

Sumption, Milo: Visual Arts - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Blue; Home Environment - Purple; Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Wood Science - Purple; Market Swine - Purple (2); Prospect Calf Show - Purple.

Sumption, Morgan: Rally - Purple; Obedience - Purple; Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Agility - Purple.

Groton Area has thriller OT win over Milbank Area

The first half marathon turned into a second defensive contest that resulted in a tie game at the end of regulation with Groton Area scoring at the end. The Tigers won a key Northeast Conference battle over Milbank Area, 34-28, in overtime.

The first three possessions of the game were four plays and a punt. On the fourth possession, Milbank had the ball and on second and 11, Bennett Shabazz intercepted the ball and dashed 35 yards for the touchdown with 5:56 left in the first quarter. The PAT kick was no good and Groton Area took a 6-0 lead.

Then on Milbank's first play after the kick-off, Tanner Gauer was sprint for 76 yards to score for the Bulldogs. Jonny Ash would kick the PAT and Milbank Area now took a 7-6 lead.

Groton's next possession had another big run. On second and 10, Trevon Tuggles ran for 62 yards. The PAT run attempt failed and Groton Area took a 12-7 lead with 4:29 left in the first quarter.

The scoring continued. Milbank had a big run as Gauer was taken down by Trevor Pray at the 20 yard line, but the Bulldogs would score as Cole Doctor would score from 20 yards out. Ash kicked the PAT and Milbank was back on top, 14-12, with 3:08 left in the first quarter.



Lucas Hinman tackles Milbank Area's Riley Wollschlager. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Lucas Hinman and Jackson Oliver each had big catches on Groton's next drive, putting the Tigers at Milbank 11 yard line. On the final play of the first quarter, Groton fumbled the ball in the endzone, but Jackson Oliver pounced on it to score for the Tigers. The PAT was good on a pass from Bennett Shabazz to Trevor Pray and Groton now took a 20-14 lead as the first quarter ended.

Milbank Area had two first downs to start out the second quarter, but the Tiger defense pushed the Bulldogs back and Milbank had to punt on fourth and 19. Groton had a first down but fumbled the ball, putting Milbank at the Groton 15 yard line with 7:51 left in the first half. After getting a first down, Milbank would score on a Jonny Ash one yard run. Ash also kicked the PAT and Milbank was back on top, 21-20, with 6:45 left in the half.

Groton Area had a first down, but ended up punting on fourth and seven. Put during the punt play, Milbank fumbled the ball and it was recovered by McClain Lone as Groton now had the ball at the Milbank 40 yard line. Groton had two first downs and was down to the Milbank 15 yard line. The Tigers scored, but the touchdown was recalled because of a penalty. So instead of scoring, the Tigers got sacked on the next play and were fourth

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and 25. "In the heat of the battle," said Coach Shaun Wanner, "you try not to make any mistakes - sometimes you get caught. That's where the kids have to come back after something like that and we've always responded well."

The first half ended with Milbank Area leading Groton Area, 21-20.

"We talked about defense then it was a shootout in the first half," Wanner said. "We had to do a few things better defensively in the second half."

The run and gun, touchdown scoring spree that happened in the first half was tamed down by the defense of both teams in the second half. The Bulldogs started out the second half



Trevon Tuggles gets ready to gain some yards. Tuggles is from Washington State and is staying at the Brian and Brenda Harder home. His mom is Brenda's sister. (Photo lifted from video at GDILIVE.COM)



Trevor Pray caught the ball and made a nice gain.

(Photo lifted from video at GDILIVE.COM)

Milbank Area started out on its own 32 yard line. The Bulldogs took nearly four minutes off the clock on the drive and had three first downs before Doctor would score on a three-yard pass from Ash. The PAT kick by Ash was good and Milbank now took a 28-20 lead with 8:09 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers started out their drive from their own 26 yard line. Starting out the drive with a penalty, Groton was first and 15, but got a first down on third and 14. Groton Area got another first down before Trevor Pray would have a catch from Bennett Shabazz and would dash in to the endzone on a 50-yard pass play. Bennett

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Shabazz ran in the PAT and the game was tied at 28.

Both teams had the ball one more time before the third quarter expired with the game tied at 28 going into the fourth quarter.

Milbank started out the fourth quarter from its own 44 yard line and ended up punting on fourth and 19. Groton would score next, but that touchdown was recalled with a penalty and the Tigers ended up punting on fourth and 10.

The game turned more defensive as neither team could move forward. Groton did break free and was down to the 10 yard line, but the big play was recalled due to a Groton Area penalty, putting the Tigers on their own 35 yard line instead.

Milbank threatened to score as it started its drive with 4:57 left in the fourth quarter from its own three yard line. Milbank Area had three first downs and was just inside Groton territory with 1:47 left. On third and 13, Seric Shabazz would intercept the ball, stopping the drive. Groton ended up punting on fourth and 11 with 15 seconds left in

McClain Lone holds up the ball after recovering it from an apparent fumble during the play. However, the officials were undecided as to what really happend. The end result - the play was redone.

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Trevor Pray sees the loose ball and gets there first to recover it. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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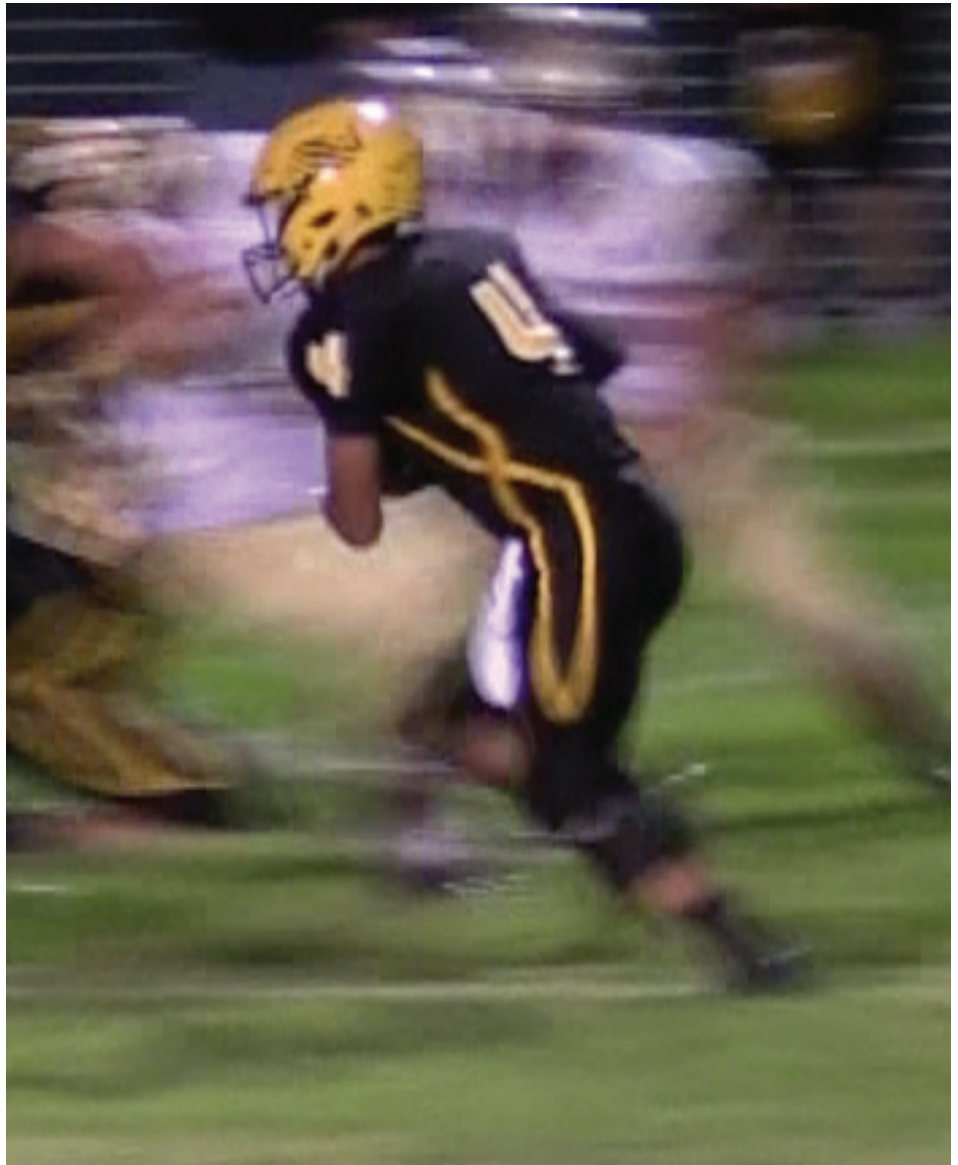
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the fourth quarter. Milbank took a knee as the fourth quarter ended tied up at 28.

Now the game went into over-time where each team would be given a chance to score. "We won the coin toss and we took the option to play second," Wanner said. "I figured whoever had the ball last would win the game."

The teams would start from the 20 yard line and would have four opportunities to try and score. Milbank had the ball first, kicking a field goal, but it was recalled due to a penalty. The second attempt was no good. Groton Area would score on its third and goal from the five yard line as Bennett Shabazz would find an opening in the Milbank defense to score; thus, ending the game with Groton Area winning, 34-28.

"Milbank has a lot of speed and a lot of size," Wanner said. "They play a lot of guys and I thought that would hurt us down the stretch. We have a lot of guys who play both ways, and I'm proud of how our kids responded. Milbank is a good football team."



Bennett Shabazz finds an opening and darts up the middle.

(Photo lifted from video at GDILIVE.COM)

Milbank Area had more first downs, 17-12, more yards rushing, 237-111, and Groton had more yards passing, 183-141, and more penalties, seven for 56 yards to Milbank's six for 47 yards.

Groton Area had 34 carries for 111 yards. Trevan Tuggles had nine carries for 79 yards, Bennett Shabazz had 20 for 47 yards, Seric Shabazz had three carries for no gain and Trevor Pray had two for a minus 13 yards. Milbank Area had 36 carries for 237 yards. Tanner Gauer had three carries for 76 yards and Jacob Karges had 13 for 61 yards.

The air show featured 47 passes on the night between the two teams. Bennett Shabazz completed 13 of 26 passes for 183 yards. Receivers were Trevor Pray with five catches for 101 yards, Lucas Hinman with five catches for 35 yards, Jackson Oliver with one catch for 49 yards and Seric Shabazz had two catches for a minus two yards. Jonny Ash completed 10 of 21 passes for the Bulldogs for 141 yards with two interceptions (one each by Bennett and Seric Shabazz). Tanner Gauer had one catch for 55 yards

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and Nate Bien had one catch for 35 yards.

Groton Area had three fumbles and lost one. Milbank Area had two fumbles and lost one.

Tacklers were Patrick Gengerke with 11, Brandon Keith with 10 and Bennett Shabazz with nine. Milbank had Jacob Karges with 10, Jake Anderson with eight and Ethan Paysen with seven.

Groton Area, now 4-0 on the season, will travel to Aberdeen on Friday to take on the Cavaliers. Milbank Area, now 3-1, will travel to Sioux Valley.

"The Cavaliers are a very good football team," Wanner said. "They have played some very good football teams. It's going to be a battle."

The game is part of the Hub City Bowl with Aberdeen Central playing Sioux Falls Lincoln at 5 p.m. and the Groton Area/Roncalli game to take place 45 minutes after the completion of the first game.

- Paul Kosel

Bennett Shabazz would have to do some fancy foot work to cross the goal line for the winning touchdown. (Photo lifted from

video at GDILIVE.COM)



Thomas Cranford jumps into the air to celebrate after Bennett Shabazz crosses the goal and the official gives the touchdown signal. (Photo lifted from

video at GDILIVE.COM)

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Living History Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2016

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Granary Rural Cultural Center

40161 128th St., Groton, SD

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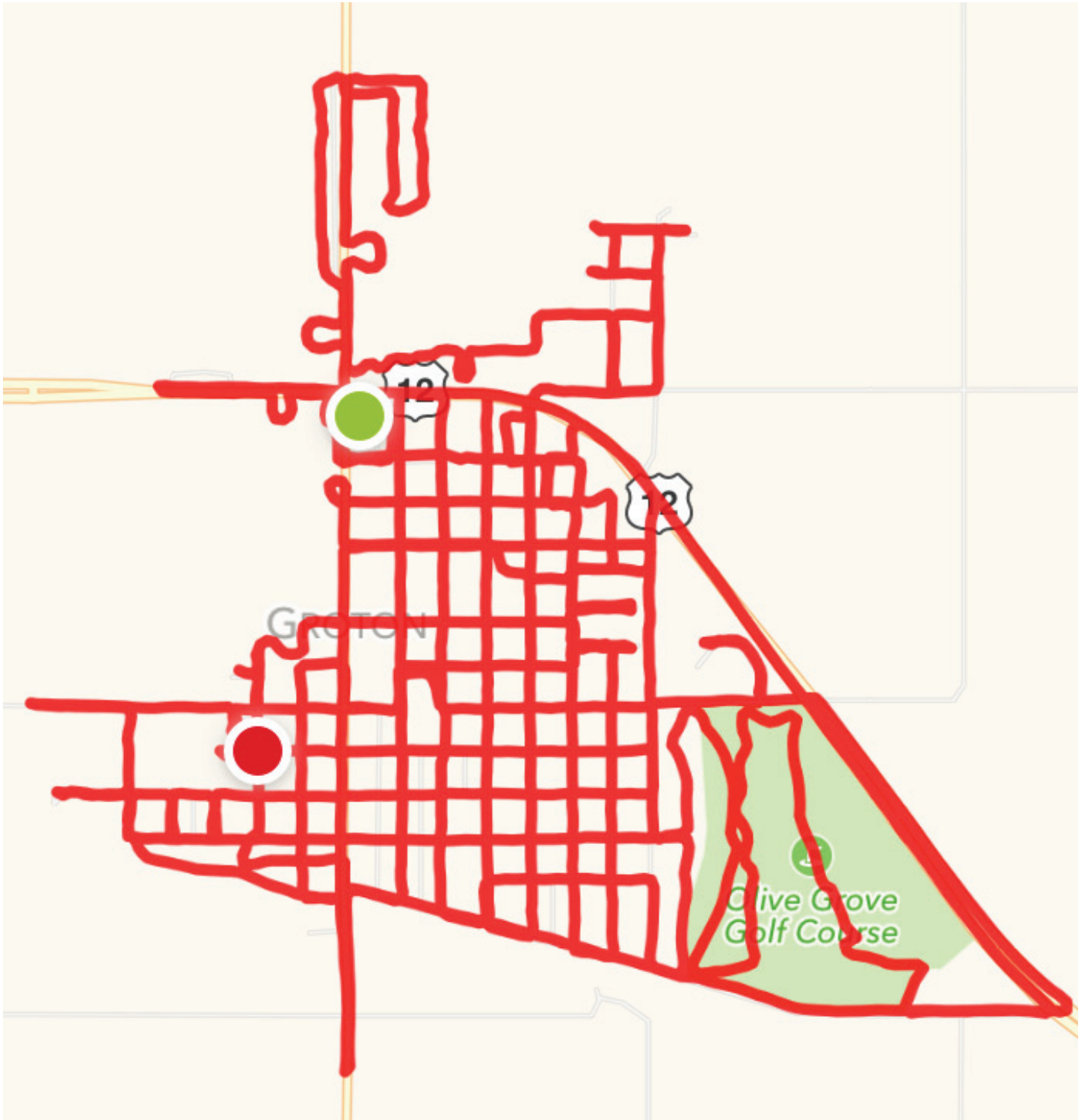


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Mosquito Control did on Thursday night

The City of Groton did a mosquito control Thursday night. The temperature at 63 degrees. The wind was light and variable. 8.7 gallons of Evolver 4x4 was used in the control.



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Today in Weather History

September 17, 1911: Pipestone, Minnesota is hit with baseball-sized hail that smashes numerous windows at the Calumet Hotel and high school. The local observer measured hail three inches deep.

September 17, 1969: In the late afternoon 16 miles east of Pierre in Hughes County, 60 mph wind driven penny size hail damaged crops and buildings in the area. Unofficial amounts of 5 to 6 inches of rain also occurred with the storms.

September 17, 1975: Heavy rain and hail fell in the Pierre area during the night flooding streets and some basements. The high winds downed power lines. The damage estimate was more than 100,000 dollars.

September 17, 1975: Lightning started a grass fire in western Stanley County in the early morning hours of the 17th. With the extremely dry and windy conditions, the fire quickly spread and consumed 25,000 acres of grassland before it was under control. Smoke from the fire was seen from 40 miles away. The fire also destroyed six outbuildings and an old unoccupied farmhouse. Some roads had to be closed due to the fire and smoke. Several electrical poles were also burned. Many residents were notified of possible evacuations. The fire was finally put out in the early morning hours of the 18th.








1829: A typhoon, Japan's most catastrophic storm, inflicts widespread damage over much of the country. On the southern island of Kyushu, the storm surge off the Ariake Sea kills over 10,000. The German physician Philipp Franz von Siebold was present during this storm and succeeded in taking barometric pressure readings around Nagasaki at the risk of drowning.

1923: A devastating fire threatens the University of California at Berkeley on this day. This fire killed two and caused \$10 million in damages. While the exact cause is unknown, the fire began in the dry forest northeast of Berkeley. Strong northeasterly winds blew cinders into the air which lead to the rapid fire growth.

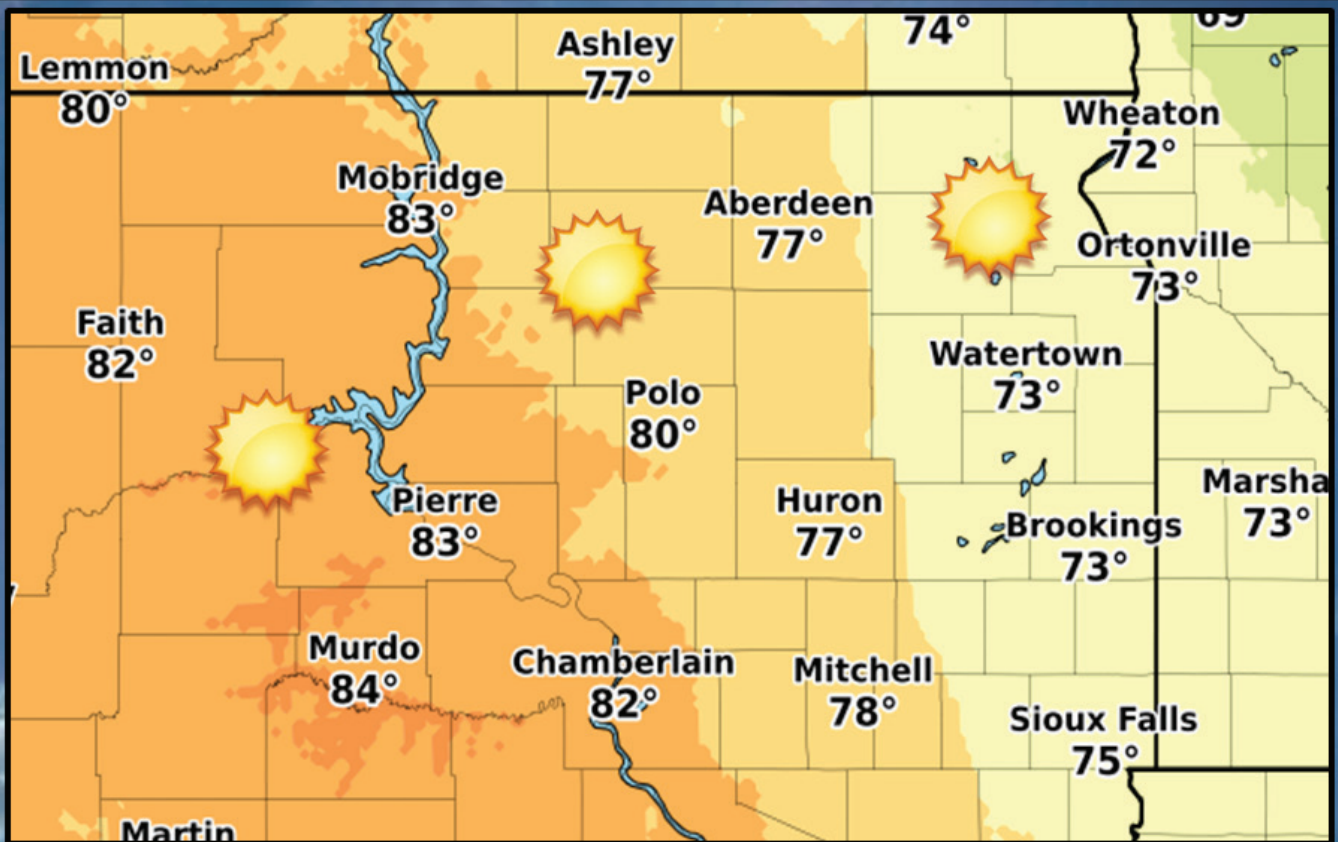
1989: Hurricane Hugo hit the Virgin Islands, producing wind gusts to 97 mph at Saint Croix. Hurricane Hugo passed directly over the island of Saint Croix causing complete devastation and essentially cutting off the island from communications. A storm surge of five to seven feet occurred at Saint Croix. The only rain gauge left operating, at Caneel Bay, indicated 9.40 inches in 24 hours. Hurricane Hugo claimed the lives of three persons at Saint Croix and caused more than 500 million dollars damage.

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This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear then Slight Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 77 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 77 °F

Warmer Temperatures Today!



 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 9/17/2016 5:29 AM Central

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Warmer air will overspread the region this weekend, with highs in the 70s and 80s. Dry conditions can be expected as well.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 65.5 F at 4:47 PM

Low Outside Temp: 57.8 F at 11:47 PM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 11:02 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1955

Record Low: 28° in 1903

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 45°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.27

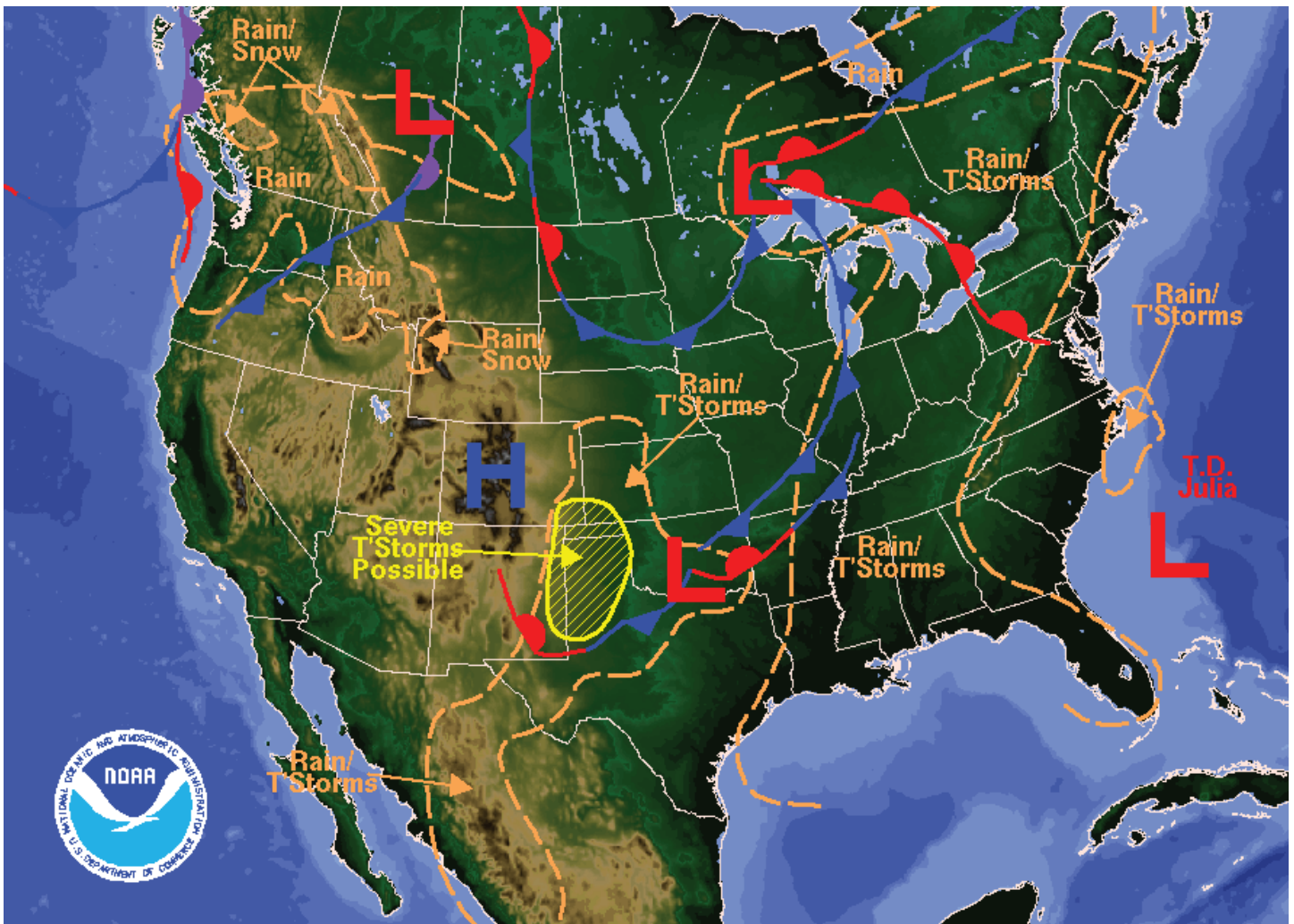
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.44

Average Precip to date: 17.56

Precip Year to Date: 13.10

Sunset Tonight: 7:39 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:16 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Sep 17, 2016, issued 4:48 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE GENERAL'S LAST REQUEST

As General Grant lay dying, his heart was troubled and he desired to make things right with God. Turning to someone nearby he asked for a minister to come visit him.

"General," said the minister, "'The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.' If you'll sincerely call upon Him from your heart, you'll receive mercy from Him and abundant pardon."

The minister then fell to his knees and prayed for the general and General Grant received Jesus as His Savior. At that moment, he was wonderfully converted.

Thrilled, the minister said, "God's Kingdom has received a great acquisition in your conversion, General." General Grant, thinking for a moment responded, "God doesn't need great men, but great men need God."

On the cross of Christ, God leveled the playing field. No one stands above the crowd. Each time we are reminded of the death of Jesus we must also remind ourselves that the "Son of man has come to seek and to save those who are lost."

No one is saved as a result of a great heritage or popularity. Our background or previous lifestyle does not matter. God saves us by "His special favor when we believe...in Him...because salvation is a gift from God."

Prayer: We thank You, Lord, for making it possible for all men everywhere to have equal access to Your grace and salvation and that there are no requirements. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.



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News from the Associated Press

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, Sept. 15, 2016

Campaign finance reform finally gets a look

A proposal by a bipartisan panel has the potential to shed more light on campaign contributions in South Dakota while cutting out the middleman.

Now, businesses, labor unions and other organizations that want to contribute to a candidate for a statewide office can only do so by funneling money through a political action committee, or PAC, which then makes the contribution to the candidate.

It is a system that seems to mostly favor PACs and their officers, who can use the funds as a way to curry favor with the candidates. It also makes it difficult for the public to learn what organization is contributing to a candidate unless one has experience at finding and translating campaign-finance reports.

The system also allows businesses, labor unions and others to donate as much as \$10,000 apiece to as many PACs as they please or can establish for the candidate.

It appears the proposal would allow the same organizations to contribute directly to the candidates but not limit them to what individuals can contribute, which is \$4,000 a year to a gubernatorial candidate and a \$1,000 a year to a legislative candidate.

This possible proposal and others are the result of a panel assembled by Secretary of State Shantel Krebs that has three Democrats, including Linda Lea Viken of Rapid City, and Tony Venhuizen, the chief of staff for Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard. It is charged with looking at the state's campaign-finance laws and introducing legislation in the upcoming session.

The panel also discussed changing reporting requirements, especially as they concern lawmakers who contribute to their peers, establishing an independent review board to rule on campaign-finance complaints, and whether lawmakers can use campaign contributions for personal reasons once they leave office.

The panel will continue to fine-tune its proposals before they are considered by the Legislature and other state government entities like the Board Of Elections.

So while there is a long road ahead for campaign reform and those who will ultimately decide on it could be among the beneficiaries of the current system, it is nonetheless gratifying to see that Krebs is leading an effort to hopefully make the process more transparent and the candidates and their contributors more accountable.

As we all know, money talks in politics. The problem is that the public rarely hears about it until after the election if at all.

The Daily Republic, Mitchell, Sept. 15, 2016

Amendment V good choice for South Dakota

Now here's something conservatives, moderates and liberals can agree on.

This November, South Dakotans will head to polling places with chance to step away from the partisan bickering that pervades our federal and state government at every turn.

With that in mind, we believe Amendment V is good for South Dakotans. Amendment V, which is backed by various Republicans, independents and Democrats, would remove a candidate's political party affiliation from the ballot, forcing candidates to depend on their qualifications and ideas rather

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than relying on the political machine to propel them into office.

We know South Dakotans are capable of making intelligent choices whether a political party is listed on the ballot or not. But removing the party label — a designation that pigeonholes our legislators into a rigid set of ideas they feel they must stick to in an effort to avoid backlash from their fellow party members — lawmakers would be beholden to the voters of South Dakota, not their political party.

Perhaps more importantly, Amendment V would remove the partisan primaries restricting political participation in our great state.

If you're one of 113,156 registered independents in South Dakota, and you happen to lean to the ideological right, you'll find yourself barred from voting in the state's Republican primary. Fortunately for the 21 percent of South Dakotans who choose not to affiliate with a political party, Amendment V would wipe the primary slate clean.

No longer would the state's 531,584 registered voters be restricted from one primary or the other. Each South Dakotan of voting age would be free to support whichever candidate they choose.

We believe South Dakota's political leaders should be advocating measures that make participation in the political process more accessible, and Amendment V does just that.

If approved, Amendment V would create one primary, open to all voters, where the most popular candidates — regardless of their political affiliation — would advance to the general election in November. This could mean two Republicans advance and square off in a gubernatorial race, or two Democrats could battle for a seat in the state Senate. But, if that's the will of the voters, so be it.

So we encourage South Dakotans to take the time to review Amendment V and all of the other measures on the ballot in November.

And with Amendment V, we believe voters tired of partisan gridlock and ballot restrictions will join us in support of the amendment.

Aberdeen American News, Aberdeen, Sept. 13, 2016

Pipeline protesters missed chanced two years ago

Often, it is easier to get outraged than to get involved.

That is the thought we are left with as protests at the Dakota Access Pipeline's North Dakota construction site continue.

The right to assemble, and peacefully but passionately state a case is to be applauded.

But where were those voices — in the Dakotas, around the nation — for the two preceding years that the Dakota Access Pipeline was being planned and permitted?

We can only muster some guesses.

In 2014 and 2015, the national conversation was dominated by the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline, moving oil across international borders.

The Dakota Access line, by contrast, was simpler, smaller — originating at the Bakken oil field of North Dakota, through this region of South Dakota and then on to Illinois and beyond.

As far as oil pipeline outrage goes, Dakota Access was under the radar for most.

But not all. Readers of this newspaper, for instance, have been seeing the words "Dakota Access" and "Energy Transfer Partners" since 2014.

In fact, American News correspondent Bob Mercer in Pierre wrote, on Dec. 19, 2014, "The state Public Utilities Commission will have meetings in four South Dakota communities next month regarding a proposed crude oil pipeline.

"A company called Dakota Access, based in Houston, applied this week to the PUC for a permit to build and operate the 271.6-mile segment through eastern South Dakota. . The PUC plans meetings on Jan. 21 in Bowdle at the school gymnasium . and in Redfield at the school auditorium ."

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More hearings were slated during 2015, too.

On Jan. 4, 2015, this editorial board offered a piece headlined "Bakken oil pipeline could come through our area; make your voice heard."

And on, and on.

None of these meetings was a secret. At no time, to the best of our knowledge, were any voices silenced during these lead-up to permitting Dakota Access.

In fact, we spoke with landowners who were concerned about the 900-mile pipeline, cutting through Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk and Spink counties.

Were any players left out of those conversations?

Maybe it is the national media that feels left out. They have turned their attention to Cannon Ball, N.D., and surrounding environs. There has been solid reporting, but the timing is awful; national media has shown up to the football game after the halftime show.

Then there are the opportunists, such as Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. She has been absent from any significant conversation on this topic, but very willing to deface private property (in this case, spray-painting construction equipment) in an effort to get some name recognition.

And though this pipeline has gone through every approval process, now the federal government makes the politically expedient move of trying to slow progress.

Unacceptable.

Do not read this editorial as an endorsement of the pipeline but, rather, an endorsement of a process — a process that, again, did not sneak up on the Department of Justice, the Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior, etc.

We deplore any violence from either party. Video released over the weekend purporting to show Energy Transfer Partners security using dogs to intimidate and possibly attack protesters is disturbing. If that is the reason the federal government is getting involved, where Morton County, N.D., law enforcement isn't, then that is to be commended.

There are the sincere protesters at the site, who are deeply concerned about the environment and traditional and sacred lands. They should be allowed to protest, as long as they remain peaceful, and off of private land.

Maybe the lesson here for businesses and state government is that some groups do need a more proactive invitation to the conversation. Early buy-in and cooperation would have been critical to getting this pipeline in progress today.

But getting involved in those meetings and conversations at the conceptual stage is hard; sharing videos and expressing outrage behind a keyboard is easy.

Native American candidates hope for pipeline protest boost

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Henry Red Cloud's recent trip to the Dakota Access pipeline protest camp near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation filled him with conviction, compelling the South Dakota Democratic candidate to dance, sing — and campaign.

The 56-year-old Oglala Sioux green energy entrepreneur hopes the vigor focused on defeating the \$3.8 billion, four-state Dakota Access pipeline will help win his longshot bid for election to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, which regulates oil pipelines.

Red Cloud, a direct descendent of famous Lakota warrior and leader Red Cloud, is applying a new approach among tribal members working to stop oil development: become a regulator instead of having

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to ask for their help. He is one of at least two Native Americans nationwide running for such a post.

"A whole lot of people are going to start voting here in the state of South Dakota," Red Cloud, who lives near Oglala, told The Associated Press. "I'm also bringing the awareness out on what the PUC regulates, and it's all about currently what's happening in Standing Rock camp."

Since April, there's been a tribal protest at the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri rivers in southern North Dakota, and it has grown considerably. Owned by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, the \$3.8 billion, 1,172-mile project would carry nearly a half-million barrels of crude oil daily from North Dakota's oil fields through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois,

The Republican-controlled Public Utilities Commission, which approved the Dakota Access pipeline project last year, is leading South Dakota in a "downward spiral" rather than toward its huge potential for leadership in renewable energy, said Red Cloud, who is running as a Democrat. He is running on a green energy platform for a six-year term against Chris Nelson, a Republican former secretary of state who has served on the three-member commission since 2011.

Nelson, 52, has been campaigning on keeping electricity rates low and expanding broadband internet access in rural areas. He said he has a record of making decisions absent a political agenda or personal whims.

"What I think of an oil pipeline is absolutely irrelevant in the job that I do as a Public Utilities commissioner," Nelson said, adding that he has to make judgments on each case based on the facts presented and the law that applies.

It will be hard for Red Cloud to get elected in the strongly Republican state. The first-time candidate recently told a group of about 20 aging Democrats in Fort Pierre that he's looking for strong turnout by Native American voters.

Dallas Goldtooth, an organizer with the Minnesota-based Indigenous Environmental Network, said Red Cloud's bid is exciting because pipeline opponents have spent so much time and energy struggling from the outside against the commission in the permitting process.

It was the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, and the efforts to thwart them before state regulators, that helped illuminate for many people the power the Public Utilities Commission holds, he said.

"It's nice to see Native folks get the motivation to run for office like this, but it's the content of his character and the qualities that he brings that really send it over the top as far as my support for him," Goldtooth said.

Red Cloud owns a solar air heating system company and co-manages the Red Cloud Renewable Energy Center, which offers green jobs training. He plans to return this month to deliver a mobile solar power plant to the North Dakota protest camp hundreds of miles from the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe member Marlo Hunte-Beaubrun said the protest south of her home in Bismarck, North Dakota, has propelled her Public Service Commission campaign "into insanity."

Hunte-Beaubrun, a Democrat, opposes the Dakota Access project, but she's taken a pragmatic position on pipelines in general, recognizing the role oil production plays in North Dakota's economy.

Still, Hunte-Beaubrun wants to make sure that tribes in North Dakota are represented on the commission, so she's challenging Republican Julie Fedorchak. So far, voters have seemed receptive about her work, said Fedorchak, who was appointed in 2012 and elected in 2014.

"It is 2016, and there is no reason why we shouldn't have a room of speckled people instead of a solid sheet of paper," Hunte-Beaubrun said.

Rare black rhino born at Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A rare eastern black rhino was born earlier this week at a Sioux Falls zoo. The male calf is the third rhino born at the Great Plains Zoo and the first eastern black rhino born under an endangered species breeding program. The calf weighed 103 pounds at birth and will be viewable to the public in several weeks.

With the calf and his parents, Jubba and Imara, the zoo now holds three of only 57 eastern black rhinos in North America. It is estimated that fewer than 740 eastern black rhinos are left in the wild, and they are considered to be a critically endangered species.

While the animals do not have natural predators, their numbers are low due in large part to illegal poaching for their valuable horns.

Man sentenced to federal prison on robbery, assault charges

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to 3½ years in prison on separate robbery and assault charges.

Thirty-four-year-old Chad Lara, of Eagle Butte, pleaded guilty in June to robbery and assault by striking, beating and wounding.

Federal authorities say Lara entered the Mini Mart in Eagle Butte on March 9. He wore a black ski mask over his face and brandished a knife. One of the clerks prevented Lara from grabbing the cash register, so he threw down the knife, took a case of Hurricane beer and fled the store. He was apprehended by customers who held him until police arrived.

The assault charge stems from an April 7 incident when he punched another inmate after a bail review hearing.

Rapid City man sentenced to 3 years in prison on sex charge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has been sentenced to three years in prison for engaging in sexual contact with a woman who was unable to give consent.

Twenty-five-year-old Silas Hawk, of Rapid City, pleaded guilty in June to abusive sexual contact.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken ordered Hawk to serve five years of supervised release when he finishes his prison term.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Lawsuit settled over 2008 hunting accident in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The wife of a South Dakota man who was killed in a 2008 hunting accident has settled her lawsuit against Remington Arms Co.

Carol O'Neal filed the complaint in 2011 over the death of her husband, Lanny, who was killed while deer hunting with friends and family near Eagle Butte in 2008. The case centered on a faulty trigger mechanism, which Remington has been defending in cases across the country.

The Sioux Falls Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/2ck1liv>) that terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Trial in the case was scheduled to begin Monday.

One of O'Neal's attorneys confirmed that the case had settled, but would not comment further. Two lawyers representing Remington did not return phone messages seeking comment.

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area to hold fall celebration

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is celebrating fall by hosting an event at the park near Yankton.

Fall in the Park is scheduled for Saturday. The event is set to include crafts, games, archery and an obstacle course, among other activities.

There will also be music by the Public Domain Tune Band.

Event organizer Jeanne Schroeder says Game, Fish and Parks personnel will provide an afternoon of entertainment and educational experiences for all ages.

Man tackled by rodeo clown ordered to pay \$100 fine

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man who was tackled by a rodeo clown after he ran into the ring during an event in Rapid City has been fined \$100.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/2cslhgL>) that 35-year-old Edward Mashburn, of Quinn, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He was also ordered to pay \$66 in court costs.

Authorities say Mashburn dashed into the rodeo ring twice during the Aug. 25 performance of the outdoor Range Days Rodeo. The first time he ran around the dirt during a break in the action and hopped over the fence to evade security. Mashburn jumped in the second time at the end of a saddle bronc ride only to be blindsided by a sprinting rodeo clown.

A phone number for Mashburn could not be found.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Jury convicts Sioux Falls man in accidental shooting death

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A jury has convicted a Sioux Falls man in the accidental shooting death of another man.

Minnehaha County prosecutors say that David Randle Jr. was found guilty Friday of manslaughter, unauthorized ingestion of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. A sentencing date has not been set.

Authorities say the 21-year-old Randle was behaving recklessly with the AK-47 rifle before it accidentally discharged. Nineteen-year-old Mikael Ashame was struck by gunshot and died at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Witnesses say Randle had been drinking and using drugs before the accident.

Randle's attorney could not be immediately reached for comment.

Attorney General: Court upholds South Dakota's smoking ban

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says a state court has upheld South Dakota's smoking ban.

Jackley's office said Friday that Circuit Court Judge John Pekas granted the state's motion for summary judgment in the case.

The smoking ban challenge was brought in 2011 by video lottery operators, who argued the ban violated the state constitution.

The state Legislature in 2009 passed the law banning smoking in almost all public places, including video lottery establishments. Voters supported the ban in 2010.

The court decision can be appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court.

USD trying to attract more Native Americans to law school

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota has joined an initiative that is trying to attract more Native Americans to law school.

The university in Vermillion is now part of the the Pipeline to Law Initiative, which encourages Native Americans to pursue a law degree, providing financial support for courses to prepare for the admission test, workshops, mentorship and outreach to elementary, middle and high schools with large Native American enrollment, The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2cw2p2K>) reported. At least three other law schools participate in the program.

“This gives a resource and gives mentorship to people considering law school or those who never considered that as an option because they didn’t have a role model,” said Nicholas McInerney, the law school’s director of admissions. The newspaper reported Native Americans make up 0.3 percent of U.S. attorneys and less than one percent of the South Dakota bar membership.

Mato Standing High, the state’s director of Indian education, said it is uncommon for Native Americans to graduate from college, which in turn, makes the challenge of graduating with a post-secondary even more difficult.

“It’s really something that we need to take note of and acknowledge the statistical difficulty in achieving something like that,” Standing High said.

People associated with the initiative will be offering a free workshop at USD this weekend.

Seth Pearman attended high school on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation, graduated from USD’s School of Law in 2012 and is now the attorney for Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. He said he has talked about the legal profession to high school students at reservations across the state, sharing his story and how he’s been in their shoes.

He said having a mentor when students are considering going into law school is “a benefit that can’t be measured.”

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Prairie grouse numbers rise ahead of Friday opener

By JAKE SHAMA, The Daily Republic

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Prairie grouse hunting season opens Friday, and finding the game birds may be a bit easier this year.

Prairie grouse is a general term applied to two species of South Dakota game birds, prairie chickens and short-tailed grouse. And according to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, the number of both species is higher than recent averages.

The prairie chicken in particular is thriving with 1.5 males found per square mile this year by GF&P surveyors. That’s more than double the 2015 number, when surveyors found 0.7 males per square mile, and it’s the highest the population has ever been in South Dakota since 1952, the earliest year for which GF&P provided statistics.

Sharp-tail grouse populations have also seen a boost at 1.2 males per square mile, the highest since 2011.

GF&P Upland Game Biologist Travis Runia attributed the rise to wet weather, which led to strong reproduction rates.

“We had decent production last year for reproduction, and we also, over most of the prairie grouse range, had another mild winter, which can help that over-winter survival of those birds,” Runia told The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2cwgOMk>). “If we look at last year, we basically had no drought conditions

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throughout South Dakota.”

Conditions haven't been as favorable this summer, Runia said, as western South Dakota has faced drought conditions, though the driest weather has been in the far-western portion of the state, where prairie chickens particularly are mostly absent.

Runia said the weather has caused some concern regarding population numbers next year, but hunting may not necessarily be poor as prairie grouse can typically withstand poor conditions.

“They're a resident game bird, and they're able to cope pretty well with the tough winters or maybe unfavorable weather conditions, maybe a little bit more easily than pheasants,” Runia said. “Just because we have a drought this year doesn't mean hunting will be necessarily poor next year, but it could have an influence.”

The birds are closely related but can be distinguished by their tail design, pointed for the short-tailed grouse and rounded for the prairie chicken, Runia said. Male chickens also have tall, ear-like feathers atop their heads and yellow cheeks, while grouse have reddish cheeks.

But harvesting either bird will contribute to a hunter's daily limit. Any license holder is allowed to harvest three grouse per day and hold a maximum of 15 birds in possession.

Ruffed grouse are included in this count as well, but Runia said the birds are restricted to the Black Hills, and finding one on the prairies of central South Dakota would be “infeasible.”

According to GF&P reports, short-tailed grouse are most heavily distributed in central and western South Dakota, while prairie chickens are more likely to be found in counties near the Missouri River.

In 2015, the most productive county for grouse was Stanley County, where 1,147 hunters harvested 4,985 birds. Perkins followed, where 711 hunters harvested 3,382 birds.

Lyman and Corson counties were next on the list with 2,934 birds and 2,589 birds harvested, respectively.

Runia said western South Dakota is the typical destination for grouse hunters, but counties just east of the river and counties in the state's northeast corner also serve as home to grouse populations.

“Starting in the central part of the state, we have good abundance and throughout all of western South Dakota,” Runia said. “There are pockets of them in eastern South Dakota where large tracts of grassland occur, but most of the hunting pressure occurs in central or western South Dakota.”

Friday also marks the beginning of the two-day sage grouse season, but only 40 limited draw licenses were available, and the birds can only be harvested on public lands in Harding County and a portion of Butte County in the state's northwest corner.

Shooting hours for prairie grouse season are from sunrise to sunset, and the season will remain open until Jan. 1.

While grouse numbers may be rising, Runia said the number of grouse hunters has consistently fallen over the past 30 years. Since the 1970s, the number of hunters has fallen from about 27,000 to about 13,000 in 2015, but Runia said the number of hunters likely has not affected the population.

“I doubt hunter numbers have any influence on the prairie grouse population given the relatively light amount of hunting pressure at the statewide level,” he said.

Hunters harvested almost 50,000 birds last year, while more than 175,000 prairie grouse were harvested at its highest point on record in the early '70s. Harvest numbers have hovered between 25,000 and 60,000 for the past decade.

Instead, many hunters tend to focus solely on pheasant hunting, as pheasants are often easier to find and appear in larger groups, making harvesting the daily limit a simpler task. Additionally, pheasants can be found in a variety of habitats, and everyone can take plenty of shots, even in a large group.

“Prairie grouse hunting is a little bit different than pheasants,” Runia said. “These birds are in wide

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open grasslands, and their actual location is a bit unpredictable at times, and it just takes a lot of walking to find some birds.”

But for anyone with a South Dakota small game or combination hunting and fishing license, the birds are out there. While prairie grouse may come onto farmland to feed, they’re more likely to be found on prairie land with tall grasses, though with only 1.2 or 1.5 males per square mile, it may be a trek just to find them.

“The best tip I can give you for hunting grouse is to put on some miles and just to start walking,” Runia said.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Central 24, Yankton 20
Baltic 56, Hanson 20
Beresford 26, Elk Point-Jefferson 23
Bison 16, Timber Lake 12
Brandon Valley 49, Rapid City Stevens 20
Canistota 46, Elkton-Lake Benton 0
Canton 24, Tri-Valley 8
Castlewood/Estelline 38, Dell Rapids St. Mary 22
Chamberlain 62, Red Cloud 12
Chester 37, Howard 20
Colman-Egan 44, Deubrook 12
Colome 46, Burke/South Central 8
Corsica/Stickney 50, Avon 0
Dakota Valley 48, Vermillion 20
Deuel 56, Tri-State 16
Eureka/Bowdle 22, Faith 16
Garretson 12, Viborg-Hurley 6
Gayville-Volin 53, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 22
Gordon/Rushville, Neb. 36, Bennett County 0
Gregory 40, Miller 13
Groton Area 34, Milbank Area 28, OT
Hamlin 35, Great Plains Lutheran 6
Hot Springs 53, Pine Ridge 2
Kimball/White Lake 30, Bon Homme 23
Langford 40, DeSmet 12
Little Wound 46, Crow Creek 0
Lyman 36, Rapid City Christian 18
Madison 53, Lennox 7
McCook Central/Montrose 26, Flandreau 7
Mitchell 62, Sturgis 8

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Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 64, Irene-Wakonda 14
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 50, Menno-Marion 0
Parker 40, Alcester-Hudson 36
Parkston 46, Redfield/Doland 0
Philip 62, Hill City 26
Pierre 34, Huron 33, OT
Platte-Geddes 42, Kadoka Area 14
Potter County 26, Faulkton 8
Scotland 50, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0
Sioux Falls Christian 26, Sioux Valley 13
Sioux Falls Lincoln 27, Brookings 7
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 41, Harrisburg 21
Sioux Falls Washington 35, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 14
Spearfish 20, Douglas 0
St. Francis Indian 7, Todd County 0
Stanley County 21, Wall 13
Sully Buttes 48, Sunshine Bible Academy 7
Tea Area 19, Dell Rapids 0
Tiospa Zina Tribal 27, McLaughlin 12
Wagner 40, Jones County/White River 16
Warner 55, Northwestern 6
Watertown 18, Rapid City Central 14
Waverly-South Shore 40, Florence/Henry 26
West Central 20, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 7
Winner 48, Valentine, Neb. 0
Wolsey-Wessington 54, Hitchcock-Tulare 0

Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

James Valley Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-10, 25-6, 25-14

Sioux Falls Washington Tournament

Rapid City Stevens def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-23, 25-22, 17-25, 25-17

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Rapid City Central, 25-21, 25-18, 29-27

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-20, 17-25, 25-23, 25-11

Sioux Falls Washington def. Rapid City Central, 25-14, 25-21, 25-20

Doctor declares Trump running mate Pence to be healthy

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Pence has released a letter from his doctor vouching for his "excellent" health. The letter summarizes the medical history of the Republican vice presidential nominee and says he can maintain his high level of work and exercise routines "without limitations."

The letter about Pence, the 57-year-old governor of Indiana, was dated Thursday and came after

Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and her running mate, Tim Kaine, also provided some details of their medical history. The health of the candidates has become an issue since Clinton stumbled at a 9/11 memorial event and revealed afterward that she had been diagnosed with pneumonia.

Pence's letter is written by Dr. Michael Busk with the St. Vincent Health, Wellness and Preventive Care Institute in Indianapolis. He summarizes Pence's medical history and results of a physical examination from July 6.

Busk said that Pence had basal cell carcinomas — skin cancer — removed from his face in 2002 and 2010. He also had surgery in August 2015 to repair a hernia. Pence last had a colonoscopy in 2009 and no polyps were found. Busk said the only medication Pence takes is Claritin for seasonal allergies, he does not smoke or drink alcohol, has diet-controlled heartburn and exercises four times a week.

Pence also has a condition known as "left bundle branch block," which causes the heart's left ventricle to contract later than the right ventricle. Pence had "extensive evaluations" at the hospital in 2014 following the discovery of that condition, and Busk said "the cardiologists feel you have a very good and strong heart."

Pence's main form of exercising is bicycling, and the doctor said he also walks and climbs stairs extensively. Pence is 5-feet, 10-inches tall and weighs 208 pounds. His blood pressure at the July exam was 116/81 and his cholesterol was 216.

"Overall you are in excellent general and cardiovascular health," the doctor wrote. "You are medically able to maintain your high level of professional work and your physical activity programs without limitations."

Police: Anti-cop note found at scene of deadly rampage

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A "rambling" note expressing hatred for police was found after a man opened fire on a Philadelphia police officer then went on a shooting spree, injuring a second officer, killing a woman and wounding three other people before he was shot and killed by police in an alley, authorities said Saturday.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross said police found a note at the scene of the Friday overnight rampage that police believe was written by the gunman and that expressed hatred toward law enforcement and named a probation officer.

"This rambling suggests that he clearly was trying to target a police officer, as he did ... so it just kind of makes it very clear to us what he was out there to do," Ross said.

He said police believe the gunman acted alone in the violent events, which he described as "completely bizarre."

The wild chase and shootout through the streets of Philadelphia began about 11:20 p.m. Friday when Sgt. Sylvia Young, a 19-year police veteran, was ambushed while sitting in her patrol car in west Philadelphia; she was shot a number of times in the arm and protective vest, Ross said.

"She didn't hear him say a word, just walked up on her and started firing," Ross said. "She did hear about 15 shots or so, and that's consistent with the scene, where we believe she was struck at least eight times."

Officers hearing the shots pursued the gunman, who then fired into a nearby bar, hitting a security guard in the leg, then grabbed a woman and used her as a shield before shooting her in the leg, Ross said. Moments later, the suspect shot into in a car, hitting a man and a woman in the chest. The woman, who was hit seven times, was pronounced dead just before 2 a.m. Saturday, police said.

Ross said two police officers and University of Pennsylvania police officer Ed Miller chased the man

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into an alley, where the suspect was shot and killed. Miller was wounded.

Both Miller, 56, and Young, 46, were in stable condition Saturday at Penn Presbyterian Hospital, as were the three other civilians hit by gunfire. Police said Miller was shot in the pelvis and right ankle.

Ross referred to the Jan. 7 ambush shooting of Officer Jesse Hartnett, who was ambushed as he sat in his cruiser at an intersection by a man who investigators said told them he was "following Allah."

"(Young) had to do something very similar ... that Officer Hartnett did, and that is pretty much lean over in the passenger seat to try to shield herself from as many as those rounds as possible," Ross said.

Aside from the officers, the identities of the other people injured in the spree were not immediately released. The suspect remained unidentified.

Mayor Jim Kenney praised officers and urged them to follow Young's example and wear their protective vests.

"Thank you for what you do for us every day, and please, please, please, every shift, please wear your vest," he said. "They will save your life, as we saw tonight."

Tulsa, Oklahoma, police shoot and kill black man in street

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, say an officer shot and killed a black man who they say ignored repeated requests to put up his hands before reaching into an SUV stalled in the middle of a street.

Police say in a news release that 40-year-old Terrence Crutcher died at the hospital where he was taken after the officer shot him once just before 8 p.m. Friday.

Department spokeswoman Jeanne MacKenzie earlier told reporters that the two officers were walking toward the stalled SUV when Crutcher approached them from the side of the road. She said an officer first used a stun gun on Crutcher before the other shot him with his gun.

MacKenzie said that as of 9 p.m., police hadn't searched the SUV and didn't know if there was a weapon inside.

The officers' names and races weren't released.

In April, a white reserve Tulsa County sheriff's deputy was convicted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting last year of an unarmed black suspect who was on the ground being restrained by officers. The deputy said he mistook his handgun for a stun gun.

US agency orders corrective action after gas pipeline spill

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Fuel supplies in at least five states are threatened by a gasoline pipeline spill in Alabama, and the U.S. Department of Transportation has ordered the company responsible to take corrective action before the fuel starts flowing again.

Colonial Pipeline Co. must conduct testing and analysis on the failed section of the pipeline, according to the department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Agency, which is investigating the spill in rural Alabama.

The company has acknowledged that between 252,000 gallons and 336,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from a pipeline near Helena, Alabama, since the spill was first detected Sept. 9. It's unclear when the spill actually started. The pipeline section that failed runs from Mississippi to Atlanta.

The agency said the spill is "within an unusually sensitive ecological area" and it ordered Colonial to

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take action "to protect the public, property and the environment from potential hazards."

"The department will remain on site to carry out its investigation, and make sure the operator is taking the necessary steps to prevent any future incidents," agency administrator Marie Therese Dominguez said in a statement.

The Alpharetta, Georgia-based Colonial said it doesn't expect to fully reopen the pipeline until next week.

In response to the shutdown, the governors of three Southern states announced they would lift restrictions on the number of hours that truck drivers delivering fuel can work, in hopes of preventing fuel shortages.

Governors can suspend federal transportation regulations during emergencies.

Colonial has said most of the leaked gasoline is contained in a retention pond near the city of Helena and there's no public safety concern.

The pipeline runs from Texas to New Jersey, supplying fuel to states in the Southeast and on the East Coast. Colonial said that supply disruptions would be felt first in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

A spokeswoman for Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley said Friday that he's in communication with pipeline company officials along with state and federal officials assisting at the spill location.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said he was confident his order lifting restrictions for drivers would help.

"We are confident these measures will help ensure Georgians' uninterrupted access to motor fuel until Alabama's pipeline is fixed," Deal said in a statement.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam said his order was a precautionary measure.

"We are not currently seeing any widespread unavailability of petroleum in Tennessee," Haslam said in a statement. "We urge Tennesseans to maintain their normal fuel purchasing and driving patterns to help prevent any potential impacts on our fuel supply while the pipeline undergoes repairs."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency waived requirements this week that metro areas with air quality issues in Georgia and Tennessee use a cleaner-burning type of gasoline during the summer months. That requirement of the Clean Air Act expired at midnight Thursday.

Associated Press writers Kathleen Foody in Atlanta; Kim Chandler in Montgomery, Alabama; and Erik Schelzig in Nashville, Tennessee contributed.

Robbery suspect, handcuffed behind back, steals police car

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Authorities say a robbery suspect somehow made off with a Terre Haute police car despite being handcuffed behind his back.

The Tribune Star reports (<http://bit.ly/2cFbeX2>) that officers had placed 28-year-old Cody Tryon of Terre Haute in the back of the patrol car.

Police say that while unattended, Tyron kicked out the metal screen separating the front and back seats, slid through the opening and drove away.

Police using GPS caught up with him elsewhere in Terre Haute. They say Tyron rammed several squad cars that tried to block the stolen vehicle before he was again taken into custody.

Police say his hands were still restrained behind his back.

Tryon was taken to Vigo County Jail and booked on charges including motor vehicle theft and battery on a law enforcement officer.

Information from: Tribune-Star, <http://www.tribstar.com>

Court halts construction of another section of pipeline

By DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A federal appeals court has ordered a halt to construction of another section of the Dakota Access oil pipeline in North Dakota.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said in a ruling late Friday that it needs more time to consider the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's request for an emergency injunction. It said it will issue another order setting a date for oral arguments on the motion.

The order "should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits of that motion," the panel said.

The ruling stops construction within 20 miles on either side of Lake Oahe. The federal government on Sept. 9 ordered a halt to construction on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land under and around the lake after a U.S. District Judge James Boasberg rejected the tribe's request for a preliminary injunction to halt construction of the \$3.8 billion four-state pipeline. That led the tribe to ask for an emergency injunction.

Vicki Granado, spokeswoman for Dakota Access LLC, said the company does not comment on pending litigation. Craig Stevens, spokesman for the MAIN Coalition, Midwest Alliance for Infrastructure Now, called the ruling disappointing but said his group respects the panel's decision.

"Judge Boasberg, in his thoughtful and thorough opinion last week, confirmed that the Army Corps of Engineers did their jobs expertly and in accordance with the law," Stevens said in a statement. "We are confident that another fair review of the corps' work will render the same decision."

The corps also issued a ruling on Friday granting the tribes a temporary permit that allows demonstrators to legally protest on federal lands managed by the agency. In turn, the tribe assumes responsibility for maintenance, damage and restoration costs, the security and safety of protesters, and liability insurance.

Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer, North Dakota's lone member of the U.S. House, called the special permit a good compromise.

"It protects the protesters' right to assemble and free speech, while at the same time protecting legal commerce to go forward," Cramer said. "It sets up parameters and certainly puts liability where liability belongs, with the protesters and the leaders of the protest movement."

Thousands of people from around the country have gathered at the encampment north of the reservation. It has been called the largest gathering of Native Americans in a century.

Historic recognition: Washington's family tree is biracial

By MATTHEW BARAKAT, Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — George Washington's adopted son was a bit of a ne'er-do-well by most accounts, including those of Washington himself, who wrote about his frustrations with the boy they called "Wash."

"From his infancy, I have discovered an almost unconquerable disposition to indolence in everything that did not tend to his amusements," the founding father wrote.

At the time, George Washington Parke Custis was 16 and attending Princeton, one of several schools

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he bounced in and out of. Before long, he was back home at Mount Vernon, where he would be accused of fathering children with slaves.

Two centuries later, the National Park Service and the nonprofit that runs Washington's Mount Vernon estate are concluding that the rumors were true: In separate exhibits, they show that the first family's family tree has been biracial from its earliest branches.

"There is no more pushing this history to the side," said Matthew Penrod, a National Park Service ranger and programs manager at Arlington House, where the lives of the Washingtons, their slaves and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee all converged.

President George Washington had no direct descendants, and his wife Martha Custis was a widow when they married, but he adopted Martha's grandchildren — "Wash" and his sister "Nellie" — and raised them on his Mount Vernon estate.

Parke Custis married Mary Fitzhugh in 1804, and they had one daughter who survived into adulthood, Mary Anna Randolph Custis. In 1831, she married her third cousin — Lee, who then served as a U.S. Army lieutenant.

Outside the marriage, Parke Custis likely fathered children with two of his stepfather's slaves: Arianna Carter, and Caroline Branham, according to the exhibits at Arlington House and Mount Vernon.

The first official acknowledgment came in June when the Park Service re-enacted the 1821 wedding of Maria Carter to Charles Syphax at Arlington House, the hilltop mansion overlooking the capital that Custis built (and Lee later managed) as a shrine to his adoptive stepfather. A new family tree, unveiled at the re-enactment, lists the bride's parents as Parke Custis and Arianna Carter.

"We fully recognize that the first family of this country was much more than what it appeared on the surface," Penrod said at the ceremony.

The privately run Mount Vernon estate explores this slave history in "Lives Bound Together," an exhibition opening this year that acknowledges that Parke Custis also likely fathered a girl named Lucy with slave Caroline Branham.

Tour guides were hardly this frank when Penrod started at Arlington House 26 years ago. Staffers were told to describe slave dwellings as "servants' quarters," and "the focus was on Lee, to honor him and show him in the most positive light," Penrod said.

He said no new, definitive evidence has surfaced to prove Parke Custis fathered girls with slaves; rather, the recognition reflects a growing sense that African-American history cannot be disregarded and that Arlington House represents more than Lee's legacy, he said.

Scientific proof would require matching the DNA of Carter and Branham descendants to the progeny of his daughter and the Confederate general, because the Parke Custis line runs exclusively through the offspring of his daughter and Robert E. Lee.

Stephen Hammond of Reston, a Syphax descendant, has researched his family tree extensively. He said the Park Service's recognition of the Custis' paternity is gratifying. "It's become a passion of mine, figuring out where we fit in American history," Hammond said.

Hammond said he and his cousins have yet to approach the Lee descendants to gauge their interest in genetic tests, and it's not clear how they feel about the official recognition — several didn't respond to Associated Press requests for comment.

Some family records are kept at Robert E. Lee's birthplace, Stratford Hall, but research director Judy Hynson said she knows of none that acknowledge Parke Custis fathered slaves.

"That's not something you would write down in your family Bible," Hynson said.

The circumstantial evidence includes the Carter-Syphax wedding in Arlington House — an unusual honor for slaves — and the fact that Parke Custis not only freed Maria Syphax and her sons before the Civil War, but set aside 17 acres on the estate for her.

Indeed, after Mount Vernon was seized by Union forces, an act of Congress ensured that land was returned to Maria Syphax's family. New York Sen. Ira Harris said then that Washington's adopted son had a special interest in her -- "something perhaps akin to a paternal instinct."

Oral histories also argue for shared bloodlines.

Maria Carter's descendants know, for example, that her name was pronounced "Ma-RYE-eh," not "Ma-REE-uh," said Donna Kunkel of Los Angeles, who portrayed her ancestor at the re-enactment.

"As a kid I would always tell people I was related to George Washington, but no one would believe me," she said.

Branham descendants include ZSun-nee Miller-Matema of Hagerstown, Md., who said "my aunt old me that if the truth of our family was known, it would topple the first families of Virginia."

She said she discovered her truth by happenstance in the 1990s, when she spotted a portrait with a family resemblance while researching at the Alexandria Black History Museum for a stage production. A museum staffer soon sat her down with records. Eventually, she traced her ancestry to Caroline Branham, who appears in documents written in the first president's own hand.

"I just couldn't believe it," she said. "Gen. Washington was taking notes on my Caroline?"

As slaves, the women could not consent to the sexual advances of the plantation owner's adopted son, but Kunkel said she tries not to think of the acts as rape.

"I try to focus on the outcome. He treated Maria with respect after the fact," she said.

Incorporating these family histories into the nation's shared story is particularly important at a time of renewed racial tension, Miller-Matema said.

"We're all so much a part of each other," she said. "It just makes no sense any more to be a house divided."

Couple investigated in 3 states facing neglect case in Texas

By BETSY BLANEY, Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Neighbors said filthy children regularly climbed into trash bins and scavenged for food behind the West Texas house where 11 children lived with their parents. Other residents heard screaming at night — one described "shrieks of terror" — that were quickly followed by loud music to cover the sounds.

"It never stopped whenever they were living there," neighbor Paige Figge told a judge last week, after the children were taken into state custody.

The testimony came during a court hearing for William and Claire Rembis, who have faced child welfare investigations in at least three states since 2001. The couple is now accused of neglect in Lubbock, where one investigator suggested the family may be moving to avoid such investigations, which are difficult to track across states.

The couple denies the allegations, saying they move for jobs and that Texas officials are targeting them because they choose to homeschool their family, oppose vaccinations and simply have so many children.

"They don't eat out of the trash," 36-year-old Claire Rembis told The Associated Press outside the courtroom in Lubbock. Her 48-year-old husband called the allegations "ridiculous."

The couple hasn't been criminally charged, but they face a host of problems in Texas: Their children, who range in age from 16 months to 17 years old, were taken into state custody in late August, after child welfare workers discovered 10 of them had been taken to Colorado amid the Lubbock investigation. The family was evicted from their rental home on Tuesday, and the parents' custody hearing continues next week.

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Two of the children also were briefly removed from the family's home in Plano, about 300 miles east, in 2013, and all were removed in a separate case there last year. In Michigan, child welfare officials received five complaints between 2007 and 2012, including one about unsupervised children eating out of garbage cans. In New Jersey, the couple was investigated after their oldest son, who was about 2 at the time, was found wandering alone in 2001, according to testimony in the Lubbock case.

No national database exists to track such cases across states. The Rembises disclosed their past addresses to Texas officials, but if families don't divulge that information, case workers have to find it, said Texas Department of Family and Protective Services spokesman Paul Zimmerman. Even then, a lot of digging must be done.

"It's easier to track a stolen car," said child welfare consultant Timothy Turner, who has worked for state welfare agencies in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

"It's very tedious and piecemeal," Turner said, noting it can take a long time, letters and phone calls to find cases in another state. "And by the time that all occurs, a lot of times they disappear."

State agencies often can't release details in such cases, especially if no action was taken. In New Jersey, where most family court records are confidential, state law bars the Department of Children and Families from even confirming whether the agency was involved with the Rembis family, spokesman Ernest Landante said. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services spokesman Bob Wheaton said records in such cases are also closed in Michigan.

Those cases were briefly cited during last week's custody hearing, where child welfare investigator Kristin Stecklein said some of the children didn't have beds when she visited the home earlier this year, including a 5-year-old girl who another child told her slept in a box in a closet. The couple home-schooled their children, but Stecklein said she didn't "see any signs" of school material — a point William Rembis disputed on Friday.

Texas Tech University students who lived next door to the family testified that children were in the alley scavenging in trash bins six days a week. One student, Madison Burnham, said she saw a child eating food from a box she'd recently thrown out.

"I don't think children should be allowed to do that," Burnham told the judge.

Other neighbors testified that after screaming began inside the house, loud heavy-metal music was played to cover the sounds.

Claire Rembis denied the noise allegation. She also said her children wear hand-me-down clothing and doesn't mind them going barefoot.

"It's just being natural," she said. "To us, it's just normal."

Stecklein said the family's home had a "strong foul odor" and not enough food to feed 11 children and two adults when she visited. William Rembis also disputed that allegation in testimony, noting his family received about \$1,100 a month in food stamps.

"We've never had a problem with having enough food," he told the judge. "My kids are well fed."

Rembis said he wanted to move to Colorado for "better jobs" after losing two jobs since April in Lubbock. Lubbock County Child Protective Services attorney Kacey Harvey suggested another motivation, telling the judge that moving "is a pattern with this family." The judge upheld an objection from William Rembis' attorney about keeping testimony focused on the Lubbock case.

Rembis said he simply wants to get his children back, and "we'll go to whatever lengths are necessary."

Yelp warns California lawsuit could scrub critical reviews

By SUDHIN THANAWALA, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yelp.com is warning that a California lawsuit targeting critical posts about a law firm could lead to the removal of negative reviews and leave consumers with a skewed assessment of restaurants and other businesses.

Lawyer Dawn Hassell said the business review website is exaggerating the stakes of her legal effort, which aims only to remove from Yelp lies, not just negative statements, that damaged the reputation of her law firm.

Though its impact is in dispute, the case is getting attention from some of the biggest Internet companies in the world, which say a ruling against Yelp could stifle free speech online and effectively gut other websites whose main function is offering consumers reviews of services and businesses.

A San Francisco judge determined the posts were defamatory and ordered the company to remove them two years ago, which a second judge and a state appeals court upheld.

Yelp is asking the state Supreme Court to overturn the order. The high court faces an Oct. 14 deadline to decide whether to hear the case or let the lower-court ruling stand. Experts expect Yelp to prevail.

"There were a lot of people who were unhappy about this opinion," said Eric Goldman, co-director of the High Tech Law Institute at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Internet giants Facebook, Twitter and Microsoft said in a letter to the California Supreme Court last month that the ruling "radically departs from a large, unanimous and settled body of federal and state court precedent" and could be used to "silence a vast quantity of protected and important speech."

Yelp said it would give businesses unhappy about negative reviews a new legal pathway for getting them removed. They could sue the person who posted the content and then get a court order demanding the Internet company remove it.

But Hassell disputes the ruling would do anything that drastic.

Her 2013 lawsuit accused a client she briefly represented in a personal injury case of defaming her on Yelp by falsely claiming that her firm failed to communicate with the client, among other things.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Donald Sullivan ordered the client and Yelp to remove the statements. Hassell said the client failed to answer her lawsuit or remove the posts, so she had to seek a court order demanding that Yelp do it.

"We have an impeccable reputation," she said of her firm, Hassell Law Group. "We have a right to protect it."

Yelp says the judge's order violates a 1996 federal law that courts have widely interpreted as protecting Internet companies from liability for posts by third-party users.

A federal appeals court cited the law in a Monday ruling saying Yelp's star rating system did not make it responsible for a negative review of a Washington state locksmith business because the overall rating is based on user reviews.

In Hassell's case, a three-judge appeals panel has said the order requiring Yelp to remove the defamatory statements did not violate the 1996 Communications Decency Act because the company was not facing liability. That's because Hassell's lawsuit named her former client and not Yelp, the appellate court said.

The review site says the law is broader and prevents the courts from treating the company as the speaker or publisher of users' posts regardless of whether it's named in a lawsuit.

The ruling "would really inhibit a website's ability to provide a balanced spectrum of views online and make it more doubtful that people would get the information they need to make informed decisions," said Aaron Schur, Yelp's senior director of litigation.

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Yelp uses an algorithm to weed out biased and malicious reviews and encourages users to contact the company if they receive a final determination from a court that a review is defamatory.

In Hassell's case, Yelp has questioned the court's finding that the posts were defamatory.

Hassell said her lawsuit will not affect negative reviews on Yelp. She said she was the victim of lies and spent a considerable amount of effort and money to get a court to rule that the former client's comments were defamatory.

"You can give critical reviews about people on the Internet," she said. "It doesn't mean it's going to be defamation. You can't write untruthful content to hurt somebody."

Goldman of the Santa Clara University School of Law didn't think the courts treated Hassell differently because her business is a law firm, as opposed to a restaurant or other business in the service industry.

Daphne Keller, an Internet law expert at Stanford Law School and former attorney at Google, said prior court decisions favor Yelp and she would be surprised if the California Supreme Court didn't reverse the ruling.

"It should be a no-brainer for Yelp to win," she said.

BET Hip-Hop Awards holds taping of show in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — Snoop Dogg hosted the BET Hip-Hop Awards for three straight years.

Now, the ultra-smooth West Coast rapper will be honored with the "I Am Hip Hop" award during BET's 11th annual award show Saturday. The event will be videotaped at the Cobb Energy Performing Centre near Atlanta. The show will air on BET on Oct. 4.

DJ Khaled will host the awards with performances by T.I., Gucci Mane, Young Thug and Desiigner.

Snoop Dogg broke through under the guidance of hitmaker Dr. Dre, releasing his 1993 debut album "Doggystyle," which featured the songs "Gin and Juice" and "What's My Name?"

For the third straight year, rapper Drake dominated the nominees with 14 nominations. There are 18 categories in total. Other nominees include Future, Jay Z, Kendrick Lamar and Dr. Dre.

Guantanamo prisoner says Saudi 'royal' involved in terrorism

By BEN FOX, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — An accused al-Qaida bomb-maker who went to college in Arizona told military officials at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that he believed an unnamed member of the Saudi royal family was part of an effort to recruit him for violent extremist acts before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, according to a newly released transcript.

Ghassan Abdallah al-Sharbi said a religious figure in Saudi Arabia used the term "your highness" during a telephone conversation with a man, just before urging al-Sharbi to return to the U.S. and take part in a plot against the U.S. that would involve learning to fly a plane.

The Sept. 11 commission found there was no evidence to indicate that the Saudi government as an institution or Saudi senior officials individually had supported the attacks, and the kingdom's government has consistently denied it had any role in the plot.

It was early 2001, and al-Sharbi had only recently returned from the United States, where he had taken some flight school courses in Phoenix with two men who would become hijackers in the 9/11 attacks.

Al-Sharbi described the conversation in June to the Periodic Review Board, which assesses whether Guantanamo prisoners can be released. The Pentagon on Thursday posted a transcript, with parts

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blacked out, on the website of the board, which includes representatives from six U.S. agencies and departments.

The statement is convoluted and lacks important details, such as whether the "religious figure" might be close to any Saudi officials. It does not indicate who the Saudi royal might be. The term can be used for thousands of members of the Saudi royal family; al-Sharbi did not say he met the man.

Al-Sharbi also appears to be struggling with illness. He tells the board he had just come from the detainee hospital, is "really exhausted, and nauseous and lethargic," and uses what is described as a "manual breathing device."

His statement adds to a list of suggestive but hardly definitive clues about possible involvement by members of the Saudi establishment in the Sept. 11 attacks, in which 17 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi.

The Saudi Embassy in Washington declined to comment on the al-Sharbi transcript. In the past, the Saudis have pointed to the 9/11 Commission, FBI investigations and other probes that found no Saudi government or royal family involvement in the attacks.

Those denials have not ended speculation about possible Saudi involvement. Congress recently approved legislation that would allow 9/11 families to sue the kingdom for any role in the plot.

Al-Sharbi says he listened as the "religious figure" spoke to the man — whom al-Sharbi believes was a royal — as they discussed al-Sharbi's qualifications for returning to the U.S. for jihad. "I remember, 'yes, your highness, yes your highness,' and he was talking to him about me," al-Sharbi said.

Saudi Arabia has battled with al-Qaida over the years, but there have been consistent allegations, including by Guantanamo prisoners, of financial and other support by officials and members of the royal family for al-Qaida-linked charities, said terrorism consultant Evan Kohlmann, who reviewed the 28-page transcript at the request of The Associated Press.

"The Saudi royal family is quite large and diverse, and it is no secret that various members were once reputed for their patronage of Islamist causes and charities," Kohlmann said. "In that light, it is hardly ridiculous that al-Sharbi would have encountered a Saudi royal who sympathized with al-Qaida and Osama Bin Laden." Bin Laden was a Saudi citizen.

The prisoner's candor about his health also may add to what is otherwise a plausible allegation, said Max Abrahms, an assistant political science professor at Northeastern University who studies terrorism. Abrahms also reviewed the transcript.

"He is very open that he is really struggling physically, that he's exhausted, that he has been under serious medication," Abrahms said. "But on the other hand it lends additional credibility to his statement because it's not very deliberate and not memorized."

A Guantanamo spokesman, Navy Capt. John Filostrat, said the military does not disclose details about detainees' health. "Overall, the general health of detainees is good," he said.

Al-Sharbi attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, from 1999-2000, according to the review board website.

In the transcript, the prisoner described living with various Americans, including a Phoenix police officer, in Arizona and California before returning to Saudi Arabia in the summer of 2000.

After telling the "religious figure" that he had some practice on a flight simulator and could learn to fly more easily than others, al-Sharbi says he agreed to return to the U.S. and they began to discuss details. But al-Sharbi never went, for reasons that are unclear in the transcript.

The review board profile says al-Sharbi went to Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, trained with al-Qaida and then went to Pakistan, where he learned how to make remote-controlled explosive devices and teach the skill to others. He was captured there in a house with Abu Zubaydah, whom the U.S. has

called an al-Qaida "facilitator." He, too, is confined at Guantanamo.

When captured, the FBI found a buried cache of documents nearby, including an envelope from the Saudi Embassy in Washington that contained al-Sharbi's flight certificate, according to a document known as File 17, which was declassified earlier this year and names people the hijackers were in contact with in the United States before the attacks, including diplomats of the kingdom.

In July, the review board declined to approve his release from Guantanamo, where he is among 61 prisoners still held.

Associated Press writer Deb Riechmann in Washington contributed to this report.

APNewsBreak: Docs detail government damage of Trail of Tears

By TRAVIS LOLLER and ERIK SCHELZIG, Associated Press

COKER CREEK, Tenn. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has ripped up a portion of the Trail of Tears in the Appalachian Mountains, reopening wounds for Native Americans who consider sacred the land where thousands of their ancestors died during their forced migration westward.

The man-made trenches and berms were discovered last summer but the details about how it happened and those responsible hadn't been publicly identified. In documents obtained recently by The Associated Press, the Forest Service acknowledged that an employee approved construction along a ¾-mile section of the trail in eastern Tennessee without authorization, an embarrassing blunder for an agency that was supposed to be protecting the trail for future generations.

The \$28,500 in contracting work done in 2014 involved using heavy equipment to dig three deep trenches called "tank traps" and a series of 35 berms. It was meant to keep out all-terrain vehicles and prevent erosion, but agency officials now say it was done in violation of federal laws.

Sheila Bird of the Cherokee Nation said she cried when she was asked at a meeting with Forest Service officials to talk about the impact of the damage.

"The trail is part of our history, of why we are here in Oklahoma," said Bird, who is the special projects officer for the nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The portion of the damaged trail lies near Fort Armistead, one of the stops where Cherokees were held during their forced migration West in the 1830s. This part of the trail follows the first commercial road across the mountains in that region, the Unicoi Turnpike, which in turn followed the course of an ancient Native American trail.

The Forest Service has apologized to the tribes for the damage, both physical and emotional, and is consulting with them over how to repair it. No plan has been finalized, and Forest Service spokeswoman Stephanie Johnson said the agency does not yet know what the restoration work will cost.

When the Forest Service dug up portions of the trail on the edge of the Cherokee National Forest in March and June 2014, it didn't even own the land, although it was planning to purchase it, according to Forest Service documents obtained by The Associated Press. The documents were provided to AP by the environmental group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and authenticated by the Forest Service.

The documents outline the extensive process the Forest Service employees should have gone through before doing the work but didn't.

For instance, the ranger who approved the project told another employee they didn't have to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act because they did not own the land.

"Despite the lack of compliance with our own policies for the National Environmental Policy Act and federal laws like the ESA (Endangered Species Act), NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act), and the

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purchase option's requirements, the project was orally approved," the documents state.

It's not clear what, if anything, happened to the employees who ignored the law. The local ranger who gave the approval for the construction had been with Forest Service for more than 35 years before she retired in February 2015. The Forest Service said it won't discuss personnel matters.

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility executive director Jeff Ruch said that's not good enough.

"This is one the most blatant official desecrations of a sacred site in modern American history," Ruch said in a statement. "Jaw-dropping incompetence mixed with abject dereliction of duty coated in an impenetrable mantle of bureaucratic self-preservation spawned this debacle."

The group is asking the U.S. Agriculture Department for a thorough review by independent investigators and appropriate disciplinary action.

Months after the damage, Forest Service officials who were still unaware of the work extolled the pristine nature and historical significance of the parcel.

"Protecting the Trail of Tears and other significant sites in this area has been and will continue to be a priority for us," Cherokee National Forest Supervisor JaSal Morris said in an Oct. 2014 news release announcing its purchase.

Many Forest Service officials didn't realize the land had been disturbed until July 2015, when the agency hosted representatives of the Cherokee tribes and the National Parks Service to develop an interpretive plan for the trail and Fort Armistead.

Susan Abram, president of the North Carolina chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, was among a group that hiked out to the trail and discovered the damage.

"Everybody was just kind of shocked," said the Western Carolina University history professor. "This is a national historic trail ... part of our national heritage."

The trail stretches for thousands of miles through nine states. Aaron Mahr, the National Parks Service superintendent for the trail, said his agency works with private landowners and government agencies to protect the portions of the trail that cross their properties. Mahr said seeing photos of the damage done by the Forest Service left him shaking his head.

Jack Baker, National Trail of Tears Association president and a member of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, also learned of the destruction by seeing photos.

"I thought it was done deliberately and intentionally to destroy part of the trail. ... Other trail segments are identical and erosion is not really a concern," he said.

Marvin Harper, who lives near the trail and is president of the Coker Creek Heritage Group, took an AP reporter to see the damage Thursday. Clambering over one of the berms and dropping into a trench on the other side, only his head was visible.

"This is an embarrassment and a great loss to all of us who take pride in this part of East Tennessee," he said.

Since the destruction, Forest Service officials are halting all work within a half-mile of either side of the trail in four southern states.

Bird said she still has questions about how the damage came about, but she appreciates that the Forest Service is trying to make it right.

"They came to us with an enormous amount of humility," Bird said.

Police end lock down of Denver hospital amid gun report

DENVER (AP) — Police locked down a Denver hospital complex Friday amid reports that gunshots were fired and a man was seen carrying a rifle on the grounds.

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Officer Tyrone Campbell said a room-by-room search of Rose Medical Center was completed Friday night, and everyone who was told to shelter in place has been allowed to go home.

Police are still looking for a man who was seen with a gun earlier in the day. He was described as white, in his mid-30s and wearing a flannel shirt and hat.

No injuries were reported, and investigators did not confirm if any shots had been fired.

During the lockdown, police officers carrying long guns surrounded the facility east of downtown, and several roads were closed and blocked by patrol cars.

Armed officers climbed to the roofs of buildings, and an adjacent Veterans Administration hospital also was locked down as a precaution.

Campbell said authorities received multiple telephone calls reporting shots had been fired in the area surrounding the medical center shortly after 4:15 p.m.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

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Today is Saturday, Sept. 17, the 261st day of 2016. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam (an-TEE'-tum) in Maryland.

In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside Washington D.C.

In 1937, the likeness of President Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

In 1955, Tennessee Ernie Ford recorded "Sixteen Tons" by Merle Travis for Capitol Records in Hollywood.

In 1966, "Mission: Impossible" premiered on CBS.

In 1971, citing health reasons, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, 85, retired. (Black, who was succeeded by Lewis F. Powell Jr., died eight days after making his announcement.)

In 1984, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

In 1986, the Senate confirmed the nomination of William H. Rehnquist to become the 16th chief justice of the United States.

In 1996, Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew died in Berlin, Maryland, at age 77.

Ten years ago: Pope Benedict XVI said he was "deeply sorry" his recent remarks on Islam and violence had offended Muslims, but the unusual expression of papal regret drew a mixed reaction from Islamic leaders, some of whom said it wasn't enough. Five Duquesne (doo-KAYN') basketball players were shot

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and wounded during an apparent act of random violence on the Pittsburgh campus. (Four people later pleaded guilty in connection with the shootings; the two who wielded guns received prison sentences.) Patricia Kennedy Lawford, the sister of President John F. Kennedy and ex-wife of actor Peter Lawford, died in New York City at age 82.

Five years ago: A demonstration calling itself Occupy Wall Street began in New York, prompting similar protests around the U.S. and the world. Charles H. Percy, 91, a Chicago businessman who became a U.S. senator and was once widely viewed as a top presidential contender, died in Washington.

One year ago: General Motors agreed to pay \$900 million to fend off criminal prosecution over the deadly ignition-switch scandal, striking a deal that brought criticism down on the Justice Department for not bringing charges against individual employees; GM also announced it would spend \$575 million to settle the majority of the civil lawsuits filed over the scandal. The Federal Reserve kept U.S. interest rates at record lows in the face of threats from a weak global economy, persistently low inflation and unstable financial markets.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 83. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 77. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 81. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 73. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is 71. Singer Fee Waybill is 66. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 65. Comedian Rita Rudner is 63. Muppeteer Kevin Clash (former voice of Elmo on "Sesame Street") is 56. Director-actor Paul Feig is 54. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 54. Singer BeBe Winans is 54. TV personality /businessman Robert Herjavec (TV: "Shark Tank") is 53. Actor Kyle Chandler is 51. Director-producer Bryan Singer is 51. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 50. Actor Malik Yoba is 49. Rock singer Anastacia is 48. Rock musician Keith Flint (Prodigy) is 47. Actor Matthew Settle is 47. Rapper Vinnie (Naughty By Nature) is 46. Actor Felix Solis is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 43. Actress-singer Nona Gaye is 42. Singer-actor Constantine Maroulis is 41. NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson is 41. Pop singer Maile (MY'-lee) Misajon (Eden's Crush) is 40. Country singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran is 37. Rock musician Chuck Comeau (Simple Plan) is 37. Actor Billy Miller is 37. Country singer Desi Wasdin (3 of Hearts) is 33. Rock musician Jon Walker is 31. Actress Danielle Brooks is 27. Actress-singer Denyse Tontz is 22.

Thought for Today: "Governments exist to protect the rights of minorities. The loved and the rich need no protection — they have many friends and few enemies." — Wendell Phillips, American abolitionist (1811-1884).