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Hi,

I thought you should see this article from the Miles City Star regarding doubling the speed limit through Miles City. I think it is worthwhile to add to the comments for the TRR EIS. I will be compiling more comments to send to you later.

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As the BNSF crew finishes up their upgrades to the Fourth Street crossing, they load up their equipment Monday morning so their work will have time to cool down and be ready for the next train to roll through Miles City. Making sure the trains can stay on schedule has had the crew busy starting and stopping their work as they install improvements on all the crossings across town. Part of the upgrades allow the signals to pick up the trains 1,000 feet down the tracks, a necessity since as of today, the maximum speeds for trains through Miles City will increase from 30 to 60 miles per hour.

Max train speed doubles today

By JESSICA BERGMAN
Star Staff Writer

Burlington Northern Santa Fe will be changing the maximum speed of freight trains from 30 mph to 60 mph on the Forsyth to Miles City route starting today.

Matthew Jones, BNSF Public Affairs Regional Director for Montana and Wyoming, says the purpose of the change is to “improve operations,” which the increased speed is believed to do.

BNSF ran an advertisement in the Miles City Star on July 1 advising of the change to start on July 6.

Custer County Commissioners and Miles City Mayor Butch Grenz, however, had little knowledge on the change in train speed, as they

were informed only a few days before the change went into effect.

“There is always concerns associated with increased speed,” County Commissioner Jason Strouf said, “but safety measures have been added to ensure public safety.”

According to BNSF’s Coordinator of Field Safety Roy Harper, the decision was part of new electronic upgrades that have been made that allow the signal for an oncoming train to be sensed at a much greater distance, thus lowering the crossing gates in conjunction with the speed of the train.

Harper explained that the tracks in Miles City are class four tracks, as regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration, and that the maxi-

mum speed for a class four track is 60 mph.

However, not all trains will operate through town at the maximum speed, Jones said.

New, upgraded signals located at Leighton Boulevard, 10th, 8th, and 4th streets are also designed to look down track from 1,000 feet and have the ability to move at track speed.

“Shorter wait times at public crossings are also a guarantee,” Jones ensures.

He would like to remind people that it is important to obey all crossing laws.

“No matter what speed a train is moving, it’s impossible to stop it quickly for any reason.”

Infrastructure improvements made across Montana and North Dakota in recent years include installation of

Centralized Traffic Control signals. The installation of CTC allows trains to double track, allowing for higher speed passage through towns. CTC signals allow a dispatcher to transfer an oncoming train to a side track, allowing the second train to pass without slowing down. In the past, trains passing through had to slow down, allowing the train to stop in time if there was another train. With the CTC installation, trains are able to pass through at higher speeds.

The Educational Campaign from the America Associated of Railroads and Operation Lifesaver, www.seetracks-thinktrain.com, works alongside BNSF and is a site to get more information on railroad safety.

Nine file for city offices

By ELAINE FORMAN
Star Staff Writer

Filing for the city election closed Thursday, and nine people signed up to run, including three that are running for mayor. Every office has at least one candidate.

The candidates are as follows:

- For mayor: Ward 3 Councilman John Hollowell, Mayor Butch Grenz and Robert Shipley.
- Treasurer: Treasurer John Moorehead.
- Ward 1: Councilwoman Susanne Galbraith.
- Ward 2: Former Councilman John Uden.
- Ward 3: Juvenile Probation Officer Matt Phillips.
- Ward 4: Councilwoman Roxanna Brush and former police officer Jeff Erlenbusch.

If the city chooses to hold a primary, it will be Sept. 15. The general election is Nov. 3.

Saskatchewan to get military help to fight wildfires

REGINA, Saskatchewan (AP) — Close to 1,000 Canadian military personnel are on their way to help fight wildfires in the western Canadian province of Saskatchewan where thousands of residents have been evacuated.

Duane McKay, commissioner of emergency management with the province, said Sunday that he military will bolster their ability to fight the fires. Provincial officials say about 741,000 acres (300,000 hectares) are burning

in Saskatchewan this year — around 10 times what’s normal.

The Alberta government is preparing to receive up to 5,000 people evacuated from La Ronge, Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan officials say 1,136 had registered in La Ronge and were transported to Cold Lake, Alberta, on Saturday night, while thousands of others were traveling out of the community on their own and would likely stay with friends or family.



Fires

Montana woman charged with mailing loaded gun to senator

KALISPELL (AP) — A northwestern Montana woman is charged with mailing a loaded gun, ammunition and other weapons to U.S. Sen. Jon Tester.

The Daily Inter Lake reports 56-year-old Cathleen Roselyn Cantlon of Troy appeared in federal court in Missoula on July 1 and pleaded not guilty to interstate mailing of a firearm and ammunition and possession of a firearm after being committed to a mental health institution.

Court records say two pack-

ages believed mailed by Cantlon arrived at the U.S. Senate mail facility in Landover, Maryland in May. One contained a .22-caliber handgun, ammunition, a knife, pepper spray and a five-page letter that mentions mental health and banking issues. A second package included an envelope with the words “hazard contaminated/dirty bomb” written on it.

An investigation found that the mailed gun had been seized from Cantlon in October 2014 and later returned.

South Carolina lamakers return for Confederate flag debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The depth of support for bringing down the Confederate flag gets its first test in the South Carolina Legislature this week as lawmakers return to Columbia to come up with a specific plan.

The General Assembly returns Monday to discuss Gov. Nikki Haley’s budget vetoes and what to do with the rebel flag that has flown over some part of the Statehouse for more than 50 years.

Several bills have been filed, but details such as when to bring down the flag, whether to put another flag in its place and what kind of ceremony should mark the removal are not specified.

And if South Carolina takes any lesson from the 2000 debate that brought the Confederate flag off the Statehouse dome to its current location at a nearby monument to Confederate soldiers, it is that minor details can trip things up.

The Senate will debate the flag bill first, and Sen. Larry Martin expects several amendments discussing whether to keep the flagpole and put a different flag on it. Suggestions have included the U.S. flag, the South Carolina flag and a flag that may have been flown by Confederate troops but doesn’t have the same connections as the red banner with the blue cross and white stars.

“We’re going to be about as thorough listening to folks as we can be,” said Martin, a Republican, after walking out of the governor’s office Monday morning. “But we need to get to a vote today.”

The Senate opened its discussions on the flag with an amendment to put the rebel banner’s future up to a public vote. Debate was expected to last several hours.

The governor, business leaders, the Legislative Black Caucus and civil rights leaders are against flying any flag that flew over the Confederacy.

“There is no good-looking Confederate flag. It all stands for the same thing — secession,” said Lonnie Randolph, president of the South Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Outside the Statehouse, dozens of protesters began to arrive Monday morning. Some called for the flag to come down. Others, such as Nelson Waller in his rebel flag tie, said the state was giving in to Northern liberals and civil rights activists.

Waller carried a sign that read “Keep the flag. Dump Nikki!” Two decades ago, he carried a “Dump Beasley” sign after then-Gov. David Beasley made an unsuccessful attempt to get the Confederate flag off the Statehouse dome.

Congress back with looming fall funding deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress return Tuesday from July Fourth fireworks and parades facing a daunting summer workload and an impending deadline to fund the government or risk a shutdown in the fall.

The funding fight is shaping up as a major partisan brawl against the backdrop of an intensifying campaign season, with Republicans eager to avoid another Capitol Hill mess as they struggle to hang onto control of Congress and take back the White House next year. Already they are deep into the blame game with Democrats over who would be responsible if a shutdown does happen, with House Speaker John Boehner denouncing Democrats’ “dangerously misguided strategy” and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi accusing Boehner and his Republicans of pursuing “manufactured crises.”

The funding deadline does not even arrive until Sept. 30, but lawmakers face more immediate tests, too. Near the top of the list is renewing highway funding before the government loses authority July 31 to send much-needed transportation money to the states right in the middle of summer driving season.

Legislative maneuvering over the highway bill may also create an opening to renew the disputed federal Export-Import Bank, which makes and underwrites loans to help foreign companies buy U.S. products. The bank’s charter expired June 30 due to congressional inaction, a defeat for business and a victory for conservative activists who turned killing the obscure agency into an anti-government cause celebre.

Depending on the progress of the Obama administration’s nuclear negotiations with Iran, lawmakers could face debate on that issue, too. Lead-

ing Republicans have made clear that they are prepared to reject any deal the administration comes up with.

Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said Sunday: “Well, we have gone from dismantling their program to managing proliferation. That’s the biggest concern. That’s already done.”

Corker, R-Tenn., said on CBS’s “Face the Nation” that he has told Secretary of State John Kerry: “Look, you create just as much of a legacy walking away from a bad deal as you do headlong rushing into bad deal.”

weather forecast

TUESDAY



87/57

Mostly sunny skies.
A stray shower or thunderstorm possible.

Blaze burns homes, forces evacuations in Idaho area

BAYVIEW, Idaho (AP) — A wildfire in northern Idaho has destroyed at least six homes and forced about 200 residents in an upscale lakeside community to evacuate as it ballooned to more than 3 square miles Monday.

The blaze started Sunday afternoon and burned through a mix of year-round residences and seasonal homes near the southern shore of Lake Pend Oreille, the state’s largest lake and a recreation and fishing destination. The flames have destroyed other buildings such as boat houses and pump houses in the Bayview area that includes expensive

homes, especially next to the water.

About 100 firefighters on the ground put in a fire line between the fire and homes, but another 200 residents have been told to be ready to evacuate if needed, fire spokesman Jim Lyon said.

“We’re dealing with some extremely steep terrain,” he said.

The fight included four aircraft and a U.S. Navy boat that was dousing homes, but crews faced temperatures expected around 90 degrees Monday, with winds picking up in the afternoon. Those are the same conditions as on Sunday when the fire grew,

Lyon said.

The blaze started near the lake shore and burned upslope through timber, Lyon said. He said a team of investigators planned to examine where the fire started to try to determine a cause.

“We have a good idea of where it started,” he said. “There were people out on a boat that saw it. It started down low at lake level, or near the edge of the lake, and traveled up and southwesterly.”

No injuries have been reported from the fire burning through a mix of private, state and federal land.



OPINION

BNSF speeds by safety, notice issues

Not long ago the Star published its annual Summer Kids Calendar, full of info about summer activities in this area. As usual, a large part of the information has to do with safety, e.g. bicycle, swimming, drivers watching for children, etc.

With that in mind, the residents of Miles City - with minimal warning (a small ad at the bottom of page 12 in the Miles City Star on July 1) and no community involvement or input - are faced with maybe the most menacing, alarming threat to public safety in recent years.

Our Opinion

Effective today, trains traveling the Miles City to Forsyth route will be allowed to travel twice as fast through the community.

Picture a loaded coal train with an average of 115 to 120 cars, each with 140 tons of coal per car, pulled by four diesel engines each weighing over 200 tons, a combined weight of roughly 18,400 tons - yes 36,000,000 million pounds - coming through our community numerous times a day; yes those same trains that have been rolling through eastern Montana communities for years. Now try to understand the decision to double their speed to 60 mph, from the usual 30 mph.

According to BNSF's Coordinator of Field Safety Roy Harper, the decision was part of new electronic upgrades that have been made that allow the signal for an oncoming train to be sensed at a much greater distance, thus lowering the crossing gates in conjunction with the speed of the train.

Harper explained that the tracks in Miles City are class four tracks, as regulated by the FRA, Federal Railroad Administration, and that the maximum speed for a class four track is 60 mph.

The decision seems logical on the surface, based on what the FRA rules allow, and based on the necessary upgrades to comply with the rules, but there are a number of flaws in this decision.

We find it extremely shortsighted of BNSF to make such a decision without any type of community involvement, without public hearings, and with only a week to 10 days' notification to public officials and the citizens of the communities prior to implementation of the policy.

Practically on a daily basis the news is filled with stories of train derailments and safety issues regarding our railroad systems. With that in mind, shouldn't BNSF be somewhat cognizant of the public's grave concerns about these issues and the necessity to involve community members in such drastic changes.

The assumption that the potential additional safety issues which might be caused by doubling the speed of the trains should be of no concern to community members is absurd. New technology that relays the speed and time factor to lower the crossing guards doesn't deal with a number of issues. First and foremost, unfortunately our children have and will continue to move across railroad tracks at places other than the crossings. As always, the shortest distance between two points is always a straight line. Within a couple of blocks of the train tracks in Miles City, there are numerous venues which involve our children: Spotted Eagle Recreation Area, Denton Field, Jaycees Field, Tedesco Field, The Oasis, Riverside Park, and Custer County District High School all have the potential for a disaster with the doubling of the speed.

The residents of Miles City only have to go back in history 10 years to remember what a train derailment looks like. On July 1, 2005 at 3:40 p.m., a coal train derailed at the Tenth Street crossing, sending 12 coal cars careening off the tracks onto Tenth Street and the vacant lot adjacent to the crash site. Fortunately, a car stopped at the crossing was alone and had time to back up and avoid being crushed by a multi-ton load. Had there been more than one car at the crossing, this derailment may very well have ended in loss of life. Now, double the speed of that train, and it would very likely have been a much different conclusion.

We urge Montana's Senate and House representatives, plus local city and county elected officials to get involved and make BNSF rethink this very irresponsible decision before we are reporting about a tragedy that could have been avoided.

- Dan Killoy, Star Publisher

Trump does have a point

You are hardly a name-brand company if you haven't dumped Donald Trump during the past seven days.

NBC, Univision and Macy's all have thrown The Donald under the bus, in the heaviest blow to schlock culture in this country since the cancellation of "Jersey Shore."

The carnage ranges across media, encompassing reality TV ("Celebrity Apprentice"), entertainment properties (the Miss USA Pageant), fashion (the Donald J. Trump Signature Collection) and even fragrance (Success by Trump).

Yes, the 2016 Republican field is so wide and diverse, it includes perhaps the nation's first presidential candidate with his own fragrance, "a masculine combination of rich vetiver, tonka bean, birchwood and musk."

To imagine that Abraham Lincoln's marketing was focused on posing for photographs for Mathew Brady. Poor old Abe - he could never think big.

The shunning of Trump is in response to his, uh, memorable presidential announcement that included comments about the alleged rampant criminality of Mexican immigrants - they're drug runners, rapists, etc. - that were typically crude. Trump could make a statement about



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arcane tax policy - and still make you want to take a shower afterward.

Although this isn't anything new. The companies fleeing him are acting on what has become one of the foremost principles of American public life: It's not enough to be offended; you must punish the offender.

As it happens, Trump's new enemies are doing him an enormous political favor, at least in the short term. There are few things that benefit a Republican candidate in the current environment of left-wing bullying more than getting fired and boycotted for something he's said.

Trump's instantly notorious Mexico comments did more to insult than to illuminate, yet a kernel in them hit on an important truth that typical politicians either don't know or simply fear to speak. "When Mexico sends its people," Trump said, "they're not sending their best."

This is obviously correct. We aren't raiding the top 1 percent of Mexicans and importing them to this country. Instead, we are getting representative Mexicans, who - through no fault of their own - come from a poorly educated country at a time when education is essential to success in an advanced economy.

Trump's comments made it sound as though Mexico is sending us moral defectives. But immigrants are willing to work. Immigrant men ages 18-65 are in the labor force at a higher rate than native men.

It's just that a lack of education hampers even hard-working people. This is illustrated in an exhaustive report by Steven Camarota of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors a lower level of immigration.

Immigrants here from Mexico - which has sent more immigrants than any other country for decades - have the lowest levels of education. Nearly 60 percent of them haven't graduated from high school.

This puts Mexican immigrants at a disadvantage, and it shows. Nearly 35 percent of immigrants from Mexico and their U.S.-born children are in poverty; nearly 68 percent are

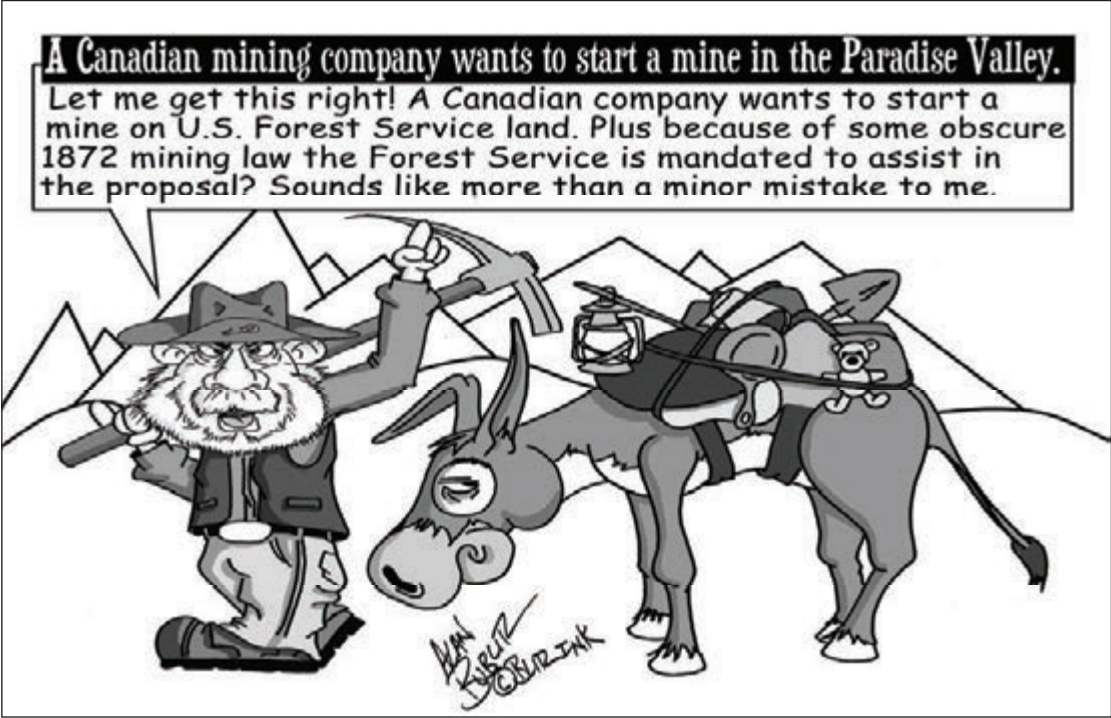
in or near poverty. This is the highest level for immigrants from any country.

Fifty-four percent of immigrants from Mexico lack health insurance. A higher proportion of Mexican immigrants uses means-tested government programs than immigrants from any other country - more than 57 percent. Immigrants make progress on almost every indicator over time, but are still far behind natives after two decades.

For all its crassness, Trump's rant on immigration is closer to reality than the gauzy cliches of immigration romantics, who are unwilling to acknowledge that there might be an issue welcoming large numbers of high-school dropouts into a 21st-century economy. If we don't want to add to the ranks of the poor, the uninsured and the welfare-dependent, we should have fewer low-skilled immigrants - assuming saying that is not yet officially considered a hate crime.

The point could be made much more deftly and accurately by anyone not named Donald J. Trump. In the meantime, he fills the vacuum, and enjoys the whirlwind.

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Stardust

People and Perspectives from Miles City's past

25 YEARS AGO (1990)
He may not be ready for prime time, but Custer County's sheriff has had his first taste of the limelight. Tony Harbaugh will be featured on a fall episode of NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries." Harbaugh and Deputy Mark Lester spent Saturday, June 30, with a film crew, re-enacting scenes and giving interviews. "It was really a unique and intriguing experience for me," said Harbaugh. Cody Turnquist, Paula Schieffer, and Kami Finneman, seniors at Custer County District High School, were among the 1,800 student council leaders and faculty advisors attending the 54th National Association of Student Councils Conference, in Milwaukie, Ore.

The Miles City Veterans Affairs Medical Center switched over to a new telephone system this weekend, nearly completing a project started in September 1988. The cost for equipment and installation was about \$900,000. A new building was constructed on the VAMC grounds to house the system.

Dee Dee Annette Davis and Mary Beth Willems, both of Miles City, are recipients of two, \$225 scholarships awarded by First Security Bank and Trust. The scholarships are for tuition at Miles Community College.

Ten women attended the Thursday meeting of the Miles City Piecemakers

Quilting Club at the home of Mollie Lentz. Clara Pering furnished refreshments.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)
Rev. Marion J. Vreugdenhil, pastor of the local Wesleyan Methodist Church for the past three years, will be leaving Miles City in the next few days. He and his family will be going to Sierra Leone, West Africa. Rev. Vreugdenhil has accepted a position on the staff of Kamakwie Secondary School, a high school operated by the American Wesleyan Mission of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mrs. Vreugdenhil will be serving as a part-time nurse in the Kamakie Hospital, which is also run by the mission.

Pvt. and Mrs. Gary Kuchynka have arrived in Miles City for visits with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuchynka and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Greenslit. Pvt. Kuchynka is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Dolores Irene Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christensen, was married at the First Lutheran Church to Frederick William Aye, son of Mr. Willis Aye and Mrs. John Grunther of Coalwood.

Mr. and Mrs. William Niklas have as house guests three of their children and three of their families: Mr. and Mrs. Don Niklas, Karen, Denise, Don, Joe, Mary and John are here from Redondo Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Remily, the former

Betty Sue Niklas, Janet and Gregg, of Madison, Wis.; and Mrs. Jack Mee, the former Maureen Niklas and son Michael, from Butte.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)
A reward of \$10 has been offered to the person who locates the body of the 12 year old boy who was drowned at Forsyth on June 15 while attending the Old Timers Picnic in Forsyth with his parents, said Sheriff Allen. The Yellowstone has been dragged twice and another effort is to be made again soon.

The first full week of training under the Civilian Pilots training program of the Civil Aeronautics Authority began Monday night, when the fifteen applicants met at the high school for a two-hour ground school session. Students taking the course are Harold Luke, James Barron, Edelle Rolfe, Lucius Hurlburt, Don Coe, Glenn Ingersoll, Stan Lee Warren, Walter Marino, Rod McKay, Walt Martin, Lyle West, Selmar Thorsen and Mike Minkoff.

Five Miles City youths and one from Broadus left for Fort Missoula where they will spend a month training under the Civilian Military Training Corps, it was announced by E. W. Winter, who is in charge of the program in Miles City. Those attending the camp include Richard Dyba, Joseph C. Noel, Edgar S. Farr, Donald D Love, and

Robert Jenkins, all of Miles City, and Roy Estes of Broadus.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)
TO ALL OWNERS OF HORSES: Take notice that French representatives will have a Cavalry and Artillery Inspection at the Milwaukee Yards in Miles City on July 7 and 8. We will buy all of the horses and mares that we can get from 15 to 16 1/2 hands high and from 5 to 10 years old. We want them sound and the work-horse type is preferred. We will pay \$115 for Cavalry horses, \$140 for Gunners, and \$150 for heavier artillery horses. (adv.)

J. B. McGowan, from Minneapolis, who, with his wife, was here visiting his cousin, Jay Henton, took in the Roundup, and has returned home. He was so pleased he says nothing but death can stop him from coming again next year.

Dr. Randall returned from Chicago where he had been taking a post graduate course, and has resumed his practice in association with Dr. Garberson.

The boys who were here from other localities to enter in the Roundup and who make a circuit of such events, had a number of suggestions to offer as for features which may be incorporated in future. These include the roping of Angora goats, or pigs, four horse Roman standing races and chariot races.

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Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/2	Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5	Mon 7/6
87/61 Mostly sunny skies. High 87F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.	91/65 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	99/61 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 60s.	81/57 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	82/57 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
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LOCAL CONDITIONS

Temperatures:

High yesterday: 198
Overnight low: 70
As of 12:00 p.m.: 80
Record high: 101, 1990
Record low: 41, 1995

Precipitation:

As of 5:00 a.m.: T
Month to date: 2.68
Year to date: 5.40
Normal for month: 2.51
Normal for year: 7.21

Humidity Avg: 66%

Barometer:

29.90 at 12:01 a.m.
29.96 at 5:30 a.m.
29.99 at 12:00 p.m.

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Montana At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Anaconda	89	54	sunny	Great Falls	88	58	mst sunny
Belgrade	80	57	pt sunny	Hamilton	97	55	sunny
Big Sky	82	53	mst sunny	Hardin	89	62	mst sunny
Billings	88	63	pt sunny	Havre	88	58	sunny
Bozeman	88	57	mst sunny	Helena	93	61	mst sunny
Butte	88	51	mst sunny	Kalispell	94	62	sunny
Chinook	85	57	sunny	Lewistown	84	57	sunny
Columbia Falls	92	57	sunny	Miles City	87	61	mst sunny
Conrad	86	54	sunny	Missoula	95	58	sunny
Cut Bank	84	54	mst sunny	Plentywood	84	56	pt sunny
Deer Lodge	91	52	mst sunny	Polson	93	60	mst sunny
Dillon	89	56	sunny	Scobey	83	56	pt sunny
Forsyth	87	63	sunny	Sidney	84	57	pt sunny
Glasgow	86	60	mst sunny	Whitefish	85	54	sunny
Glendive	83	58	pt sunny	Wolf Point	87	58	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	80	60	pt sunny
Boston	81	60	sunny	New York	81	65	pt sunny
Chicago	70	56	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	78	mst sunny
Dallas	96	76	mst sunny	San Francisco	73	60	pt sunny
Denver	82	58	t-storm	Seattle	86	63	sunny
Houston	95	77	mst sunny	St. Louis	79	67	cloudy
Los Angeles	86	66	pt sunny	Washington, DC	82	69	t-storm
Miami	90	80	pt sunny				

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New laws take effect in new budget year

HELENA (AP) — A \$10 billion budget and millions of dollars in new and expanded mental health care are among the wave of laws taking effect Wednesday.

Nearly \$20 million in additional mental health funding will become available when the new fiscal year begins July 1. That money will be used to expand mental health crisis intervention services and remodel the state hospital in Warm Springs.

Most of the 93 laws taking effect Wednesday are house-keeping measures that update existing code.

Another 165 will take effect Oct. 1. Still others, such as a \$67 million plan to raise state employees' wages and increase the state's contribution to their benefits, will go into action in January or later.

The two-year budget the Republican Legislature passed spends less than Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock proposed in January. The final plan, as negotiated behind closed doors in the final days of the Legislature, increases spending by about 6 percent over the last biennium.

Other laws taking effect on Wednesday:

TAGGING: Hunters must tag game animals where they lie before moving or leaving a carcass.

PIPELINES: Six months after a pipeline break spilled 30,000 gallons of crude oil into Montana's Yellowstone River, state officials must publish pipeline information online, including counties

where pipelines cross rivers and the closest shut-off valves to rivers.

MEETINGS: Five state boards must record and share their meetings on television or agency websites starting Wednesday. Three of them were already providing the recordings.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Montana, the state with the highest rate of suicide, will begin urging public school employees to complete two hours of suicide awareness training every five years.

UBER: Lawmakers laid the groundwork for personally owned vehicles to operate transportation networks, opening the door for services like Uber to enter Montana.

TRIBAL COLLEGES: For the first time, tribal colleges will receive the same per-student funding as community colleges.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: An updated human trafficking law allows victims to bring civil action against a trafficker, provides immunity for child victims and makes victims' past sexual behavior inadmissible in court. Victims could also move to have past criminal convictions vacated and get financial help.

MINT: Montana's mint committee will be discontinued July 1. The committee was created in 1989 to serve peppermint and spearmint farmers, but Montana growers have turned to higher-profit crops, and virtually no mint farmers remain in the state today.

Montana counties banning fireworks due to fire danger

MISSOULA (AP) — Several Montana counties on Tuesday banned or were considering banning fireworks on public and private land ahead of the Fourth of July weekend, saying hot, dry weather has increased the danger of wildfires.

Missoula, Lake, Ravalli and Lincoln counties had instituted bans by Tuesday afternoon, while Butte fire officials were asking county commissioners to do the same.

Emergency services coordinators for Lake County along with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the cities of Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius agreed at a meeting to ban the use of fireworks immediately, KERR-AM reported.

Commissioners in Missoula and Lake counties enacted a fireworks ban along with Stage I fire restrictions effective at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

The restrictions mean campfires aren't allowed on public lands and smoking is only permitted within an

enclosed vehicle, building or developed recreational site.

"It's important to highlight that anyone who chooses to ignore this, lights fireworks and causes a fire will be held financially liable for the costs," Anne Hughes, Missoula County's communications director, told the Missoulian.

Fireworks were still for sale in Missoula.

"The law allows you to sell fireworks, even if they're restricted," said Shane Clouse, whose family has run the Pink Grizzly fireworks stand for nearly 45 years. "It says you can still sell the product you've invested in."

Missoula County officials said public fireworks shows planned at Southgate Mall and the Missoula Osprey baseball game are expected to be held, barring a new order from the city fire marshal.

Public displays at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds in Hamilton and Florence Park also are scheduled to move forward.

National panel opens on livestock disease

BILLINGS (AP) — A national science panel is conducting a broad review of a livestock disease that's afflicted large numbers of elk and bison in the Yellowstone region of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

The panel is convening at Montana State University in Bozeman for two days beginning Wednesday to gather information about brucellosis, which can cause pregnant animals to abort their young.

Study director Peggy Yih with the National Academy of Sciences says future meeting will explore the impact of brucellosis in Wyoming and Idaho.

The disease was brought to the region in infected livestock and has since been largely eradicated in the U.S. It persists in wildlife in and around Yellowstone National Park.

The 10-member panel is expected to deliver a report on its findings next June to federal agriculture officials.

Americans for Prosperity Montana names new director

BOZEMAN (AP) — Conservative group Americans for Prosperity Montana has hired David Herbst as its new state director.

A statement released Tuesday says Herbst most recently helped with the campaigns for Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines and U.S. Rep. Ryan Zinke.

Herbst says he'll work to stop reckless spending, repeal regulations and make Montana a better place to do business.

The organization's statement says former director Zach Lahn's new job will be to raise money for the national organization. Lahn led the organization's efforts to oppose Medicaid expansion, which the legislature passed in April.

He says Herbst is the right leader to build the Montana chapter and spread the word about economic freedom.

The state chapter is part of a national political network backed by industrialist billionaires Charles and David Koch.

Man charged in stabbing his girlfriend

MISSOULA (AP) — A man is being held on a \$250,000 bond on charges that he stabbed his girlfriend in the head.

Officers arrested 37-year-old Shane Childress on an attempted deliberate homicide charge, among others.

Authorities say Childress was arguing with his girlfriend at a hotel early Monday morning. Police arrived to find the woman bleeding from the top of her head.

Childress was arrested at a nearby motel a few hours later.

The woman was taken to the hospital for treatment and released Tuesday.

Park service restocks Grayling

WEST YELLOWSTONE (AP) — Grayling Creek in north-west Yellowstone National Park will be seeing the return of its namesake fish.

National Park Service Crews hatched 100,000 Arctic grayling eggs in the upper parts of Grayling Creek, a stream running from the park into Hebgen Lake. The Park Service will also introduce native westslope cutthroat trout to the stream.

The Artic grayling and westslope cutthroat introductions are part of an effort to bring a native fish community back to the watershed. The fish will be stocked for at least three years at the creek.

A population of Arctic grayling, a fish known for its large dorsal fin and iridescent color, was largely existent in the early 20th century. In 2013 and 2014, crews treated the proposed restoration area to make way for the fish again.

Bears search for food closer to Missoula

MISSOULA (AP) — A wildlife official says the drought has dried up berry crops and pushed black bears searching for food closer to Missoula.

The Missoulian reports Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks bear manager Jamie Jonkel says bears are coming down to look for chokecherries, the most dependable berry in the area.

Numerous bear-related incidents have been reported in the last month, some ending with animals being euthanized.

Black bears are sniffing around the edges of neighborhoods while Jonkel says grizzly bears have been less troublesome due to a low snowpack giving them earlier access to the high country.

Jonkel said people on the outskirts of urban neighborhoods can make their homes less attractive to bears by removing outside sources of food, like bird feeders.

Sentencing delayed in former high school coach case

BOZEMAN (AP) — A sentencing hearing for a former high school girls' basketball coach who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting one of his players has been delayed.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reports that Cyle Keith Kokot will be sentenced Aug. 24. His hearing, which was scheduled for Tuesday, was pushed back after his attorney asked the judge for more time to complete Kokot's sexual offender evaluation.

Kokot pleaded guilty in May to felony sexual assault. He was initially charged with two counts of sexual intercourse without consent last September after a girl who had played basketball at Lone Peak High School reported Kokot had raped her in January. A second girl said she had sex with Kokot several times between September 2013 and June 2014.

Kokot was the coach at Lone Peak High during the 2013-14 season.

Man gets 60 years for Hamilton stomping death

HAMILTON (AP) — A 26-year-old man who stomped a Hamilton man to death during an alcohol- and drug-fueled rage has been sentenced to 60 years in prison.

The Ravalli Republic reports Richard Sullivan was sentenced Tuesday for the January 2014 death of 25-year-old Robert Thaut. Sullivan pleaded guilty in April to deliberate homicide.

Prosecutors say Sullivan beat and stomped Thaut at his home, causing internal bleeding that killed him because Sullivan and his wife Candace failed to get medical help.

Richard Sullivan said he was under the influence of alcohol, an anti-anxiety medication and marijuana at the time, and he acknowledged getting into fights with Thaut often.

Candace Sullivan accepted a deal that required her to plead guilty to felony counts of obstructing justice and criminal possession of methamphetamine and to serve at least five years with the Department of Corrections.

BNSF

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BNSF encourages you to always be aware of your surroundings at all railroad crossings.

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Hi,

Add these to my list of comments for the TRR EIS. Can the Surface Transportation Board do anything about this if the City makes a request?

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Council has train concerns

By ELAINE FORMAN
Star Staff Writer

Miles City Council members and Mayor Butch Grenz expressed frustration at BNSF increasing the train speed limit to 60 mph recently through town, but officials didn't know of anything they could do about it.

However, they will keep searching for a way.



The speed limit had been 30 mph.
Councilwoman Susanne

Galbraith said, "I've heard from numerous people about the 60 mph trains coming through town and everyone is opposed to that."

In the past the city had issued tickets to trains going too fast through town, but that is no longer an option.

City Attorney Dan Rice said according to federal government, "We don't have any enforcement rights."

Mayor Butch Grenz said he has been in contact with someone at the railroad and said the man was "really vague, saying they were really a safe outfit ... but he really didn't address any of the questions I asked him."

Grenz had City Clerk Lorie Pearce contact each of Montana's three Congress members about the problem.

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Food stamp program error rate on rise

HELENA (AP) — The error rate in Montana's food stamp program rose last year to more than twice the national average, according to federal officials.

A recent letter from Agriculture Department Under Secretary Kevin Concannon to Gov. Steve Bullock shows the rate of over and underpayments through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program at 7.25 percent, up from 6 percent the year before. The national average last year was 3.66 percent.

State officials said last year's overpayments add up to just over \$10,000 in taxpayer dollars.

Jon Ebelt, spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services which oversees SNAP, said Tuesday in an email that overpayment recovery is ongoing.

"While the department works hard to eliminate overpayments, it is a priority to recover the payments when they are discovered," Ebelt said. "The majority are recovered via benefit reduction, cash collections and/or recovery of a tax refund."

Concannon said in the letter because of the rising error rate they are designating about

\$110,000 of federal funding to improve the state's SNAP administration, which could include additional staff training. Another \$110,000 in federal funding will be set aside and could be levied as a fine if the rate doesn't improve in 2015.

Bullock told The Associated Press the error rate is unacceptable and said he's assembled a management team which includes top members of his staff to address the issue. They met for the first time Monday and will meet at least once a week to determine how to fix the state's payment part of the program that gives \$180 million in assistance per year.

"Even being at the national average is unacceptable," Bullock said. "We need to make sure that we're doing everything we can to ensure that overpayments or underpayments don't occur."

Nationally, the food stamp program error rate has been in a general decline. Improper payment rates have been reduced by more than half since 2000 and the SNAP error rate is among the lowest in the federal government.

In June, nearly 117,000 people in Montana received SNAP benefits.

Preparing for disaster



STAR PHOTO/Steve Allison

As the Pine Hills school officials and local emergency responders review plans Wednesday morning for the disaster drill about to take place on the school's campus, this school staff volunteer gets a little more realism dripped onto her gushing facial and neck wounds by Barn Players volunteer Dee Ann Sutter. After the student and staff volunteers had all been in the make-up chair and the rest of the stage was set inside the school buildings to simulate an accidental explosion, the call went out and the responder crews were sent in to show off their skills and doublecheck everyone's procedural knowledge. Officials like to stage these drills at Pine Hills because of the added security concerns the location presents, along with the test of first responders skills.

Company objects to delay on drilling near Glacier

By MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS (AP) — A Louisiana company seeking to drill for natural gas on land in Montana held sacred by some American Indians is objecting to a 75-day review period sought by a federal panel considering the proposal.

Solenex LLC of Baton Rouge wanted to begin drilling this summer on its 6,200-acre federal energy lease in the Badger-Two Medicine area next to Glacier National Park.

That timetable appears increasingly unlikely. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation says it needs until Sept. 21 to issue its recommendations on whether drilling would degrade the area's significance to the Blackfoot tribes of Canada and Montana.

Solenex is represented by the Mountain States Legal Foundation. Mountain States President William Perry Pendley said Wednesday there is no reason for further delay in a project that's been held up for decades.

Obama: Iran deal was only option to avert arms race

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama vigorously defended the nuclear deal with Iran on Wednesday, casting the historic accord as the only possibility to avert a war with Iran and a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

A day after the U.S., Iran and world powers announced the deal, Obama said the U.S. faces a "fundamental choice" — whether or not to embrace the opportunity to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue peacefully. His remarks in a White House news conference appeared aimed squarely at Congress, where lawmakers are dis-

cussing legislation to try to stop the deal's implementation.

"I expect the debate to be robust, and that's how it should be," Obama said, imploring lawmakers who are skeptical of the deal to "remember the alternative."

Yet critics of the deal — including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — were only growing more outspoken. Addressing his country's parliament on Wednesday, Netanyahu insisted Israel was not bound by the agreement, suggesting Israel could still take military action against Iran's nuclear program even

if the deal proceeds.

"We will reserve our right to defend ourselves against all of our enemies," Netanyahu said. "We have strength, and it is great and mighty."

Under the deal announced Tuesday, Iran's nuclear program will be scaled back and closely monitored as the U.S. and world powers seek to cut off Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon. In exchange, Iran will see biting economic sanctions eventually lifted, freeing up billions of dollars in oil revenue and frozen assets.

Obama, taking questions

from reporters in the East Room, said that in the absence of a deal, the international economic sanctions that brought Iran to the negotiating table will unravel, and the world community will be unable to put the sanctions regime together.

"Without a deal, we risk even more war in the Middle East, and other countries in the Middle East would feel compelled to develop their own nuclear weapons," Obama said, adding that such a chain of events would risk a nuclear arms race "in the most dangerous region in the world."



AP photo

With the help of a Red Cross worker, former SS guard Oskar Groening, right, leaves the court after the verdict of his trial in Lueneburg, Germany, Wednesday.

Former Auschwitz guard, 94, convicted as accessory to murder

LUENEBURG, Germany (AP) — Oskar Groening confessed during his trial to feeling "moral guilt" for serving as an SS sergeant at Auschwitz. On Wednesday, a court ruled that he was guilty of being an accessory to the murder of 300,000 Jews and sentenced him to four years in prison.

The 94-year-old, who testified that he oversaw the collection of prisoners' belongings and ensured valuables and cash were separated to be sent to Berlin, listened expressionlessly to the verdict after a 2 1/2-month trial that could set a legal landmark.

The verdict, and presiding

Judge Franz Kompisch's thorough and impassioned detailing of the Lueneburg state court's ruling, renewed hope of more 11th-hour prosecutions of former members of the SS who served at death camps - no matter their age.

"This verdict was critical, because this is the first case brought where the prosecution charged a person who wasn't involved in the physical side of mass murder," said the Simon Wiesenthal Center's head Nazi hunter, Efraim Zuroff, in a telephone interview from Belgrade.

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Speaker wants hearings on Planned Parenthood video alleging organ sales from aborted fetuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The searing political conflict over abortion flared anew Wednesday as congressional Republicans said they will investigate whether Planned Parenthood is selling organs from aborted fetuses.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, called for committees to examine the matter and said President Barack Obama should condemn and end the practice.

The GOP offensive came a day after an anti-abortion group circulated a video it made secretly showing a

Planned Parenthood official discussing the disposal of body parts from aborted fetuses.

"When an organization monetizes an unborn child — and with the cavalier attitude portrayed in this horrific video — we must all act," Boehner said. He said Obama and Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell should "denounce, and stop, these gruesome practices."

Planned Parenthood, which provides abortions and other reproductive health services, says it legally helps women who want to make not-for-profit

donations of their fetus' organs for scientific research. It says it makes no money by donating the organs to science, and says the video was heavily edited.

"These outrageous claims are flat-out untrue, but that doesn't matter to politicians with a longstanding political agenda to ban abortion and defund Planned Parenthood," Planned Parenthood spokesman Eric Ferrero said. He said women donating fetal tissue for research "should be honored, not attacked and demeaned."

weather forecast

THURSDAY



90/59
Mainly sunny. High around 90F. Winds west 10 to 15 mph.



Council

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Councilwoman Roxanna Brush said she saw one of the fast trains go through and it is “very dangerous ... I was shocked!”

Grenz said, “You know what scares me more than anything else is Spotted Eagle,” because there is not a railroad crossing arm to come down “and there

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“This paves the way for additional trials of individuals who did not literally pull the trigger but who were part of the implementation of the Final Solution.”

Kompisch acknowledged that Groening was born in a different time, growing up after World War I in Germany in a right-wing nationalist family, in a society where Jews were portrayed as a danger to the country. However, he said Groening joined the SS of his own volition when he had many other options.

“You didn’t want to stand on the sidelines,” Kompisch told Groening, who listened attentively for more than an hour and a half as the judge detailed the ruling, occasionally sipping from a bottle of water. “You wanted to be there.”

In his job at the death camp, for which he has been dubbed the “accountant of Auschwitz,” Kompisch said Groening was part of the “machinery of death,” helping the camp function and also collecting money stolen from the victims to help the Nazi cause.

Though he knew exactly what was going on at the

are so many kids out there. They get to texting or something on their phone, horse playing around with the car, you know, goofing off and not paying really good attention.”

“It’s an accident waiting to happen, sadly, it’s gonna. But I’m working on it,” he added.

Brush said, “Mr. Mayor, this is a tragedy.”

She said the railroad did not

camp, he did not have himself transferred away, which likely would have meant serving on the deadly Russian Front, Kompisch said.

“It is a question of courage and a personal decision,” he said. “You decided on a job where the possibility of your own death was relatively minimal.”

“What you, Mr. Groening, see as moral guilt is exactly what the law sees as accessory to murder,” the judge said.

Groening walked out of the courtroom after the verdict without talking to reporters.

The charges related to a period between May and July 1944 when hundreds of thousands of Jews from Hungary were brought to the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex in Nazi-occupied Poland. Most were immediately gassed to death.

Unusually for trials of former Nazi camp guards, Groening was open about his past throughout the 17 days of hearings.

In their verdict, judges went beyond the 3 ½-year sentence prosecutors sought. Groening’s defense team had argued for acquittal, contending that as far

give the city an opportunity to do anything about this ahead of time, and she believes BNSF is “keeping it under the radar.”

“This is not right. We are getting snowballed and pushed around and bullied in our own town by a train. And our people and our community are price-less. We need to do something about this,” she said.

She wanted to know “who

as the law is concerned he did not facilitate mass murder.

Kompisch said Groening deserved respect for having been open about what he did and having testified, but that given the enormity of the crime it would have been inappropriate to impose a lower sentence.

Both sides have a week to appeal, and both prosecutors and the defense said they would consider whether to do so. Defense lawyer Hans Holtermann said Groening remains free in the meantime, and given his age and the possible length of appeal proceedings it was uncertain whether he would actually go to prison.

Dozens of Auschwitz survivors and their relatives joined the trial as co-plaintiffs, as German law allows, though none were present for the verdict.

“It doesn’t matter to me if Oskar Groening got two, three or four years in prison. What matters to me is that this trial was held, and that he got convicted for his crimes,” Angela Orosz-Richt, a co-plaintiff who testified at the trial, said in a statement.

The moral is that “no matter how old you are, you

came up with this, what is the process and who’s their boss, because it’s not right.”

Grenz answered, “Warren Buffett” (owner of BNSF).

“Well then, Warren Buffett needs to hear from us,” Brush said.

Jerry Partridge believes what bothers the BNSF the most is the high school (and its close proximity to the tracks).

will have to face justice,” said Orosz-Richt, who was born at Auschwitz and lives in Montreal.

Lawyer Thomas Walther, a former prosecutor of Nazi-era crimes who represents 51 co-plaintiffs, was instrumental in advancing the new legal theory that service in a death camp is enough to prosecute someone as an accessory to murder. He said the verdict could lead to new prosecutions.

“It is really an unbelievable confirmation of our argument,” he said.

Auschwitz survivor Leon Schwarzbaum, 94, who was not a co-plaintiff but came to see the verdict, said he could not forgive Groening. “Maybe he took the ring from my mother’s finger as she was forced off the train.”

CUTLINE: With the help of a Red Cross worker, former SS guard Oskar Groening, right, leaves the court after the verdict of his trial in Lueneburg, Germany, Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Groening, 94, who served at the Auschwitz death camp was convicted on 300,000 counts of accessory to murder and given a four-year sentence.

Testimony from Rosenberg brother released in famous spy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government on Wednesday unsealed decades-old grand jury testimony from the brother of Ethel Rosenberg, who along with her husband, Julius, was put to death in 1953 in a sensational Cold War-era atomic spying case.

The testimony from David Greenglass, whose statements helped secure the convictions of his sister and brother-in-law, had been withheld from public view even as other crucial court records have been unsealed in the last decade. Historians had greatly anticipated the release of the records, the final piece of evidence to be made public in a case that consumed national attention.

A federal judge in New York ordered the testimony released following Greenglass’ death last year at age 92.

With Greenglass as the government’s star witness, the Rosenbergs were convicted in 1951 of conspiring to steal secrets about the atomic bomb for the Soviet Union. They maintained their innocence until their deaths, and since then public suspicion has mounted that Ethel Rosenberg was wrongly convicted of espionage.

Greenglass was indicted as a co-conspirator and was

himself sentenced to 10 years in prison. He held a wartime job as an Army machinist at the Los Alamos, New Mexico, headquarters of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb. During the couple’s trial, he testified that he had given them research data that he had obtained. He said he saw his older sister transcribing the information on a portable typewriter at the Rosenbergs’ New York apartment in 1945.

But decades later, he was quoted by a New York Times journalist as having admitted to lying on the stand about his sister in order to protect his wife. Greenglass said then that it was likely his wife, and not his sister, who had typed up the notes to give to the Soviets.

A group of historians and archivists asked the federal judge to unseal grand jury records related to the indictments. Testimony of 43 of the case’s 46 witnesses had been released before Wednesday, but the remaining three, including Greenglass, had objected and their transcripts had been withheld.

U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein ordered the transcripts unsealed in May, calling the records “critical pieces of an important moment in our nation’s history.”

Lending company officers claim tribal immunity from lawsuits

HELENA (AP) — Three leaders of an online lending company owned by Montana’s Chippewa Cree Tribe say they are protected by tribal immunity and asked a Vermont judge to dismiss a lawsuit claiming they are predatory lenders who are breaking federal and state laws.

Plain Green CEO Joel Rosette and board members Ted Whitford and Tim McInerney said in their request filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Vermont that the judge should order the case to arbitration if he decides not to dismiss it outright.

Vermont residents Jessica Gingras and Angela Given are asking U.S. District Judge J. Garvan Murtha to certify a class-action lawsuit against the

Plain Green officers. They claim the company charges excessive interest rates, sets repayment schedules to maximize interest, requires access to borrowers’ bank accounts and doesn’t investigate borrowers’ ability to repay their loans.

The women’s lawsuit claims the company’s practices amount to exploiting and extorting its customers, who are often poor people who need emergency cash and have no other options to borrow money. The financial and technological backer of Plain Green is a non-Native American company attempting to use the tribal-sovereignty doctrine to shield them from lawsuits over their practices, said the women’s attorney, Matt Byrne, after filing the lawsuit in May.

Norwegian tunnel may collapse after fuel truck explosions

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Sea water leaked dangerously into an under-sea tunnel in western Norway on Wednesday after a fuel truck crashed into the tunnel’s side, triggering a series of explosions. The leaks prompted fears the tunnel could collapse, police said.

The accident and subsequent explosions took place

around 11 a.m. in the nearly 2-kilometer (1.2-mile) Skatestraum tunnel, which links two islands in the Sogn og Fjordane region north of the city of Bergen.

Truck driver Tore Myrestrand told the Firda newspaper he had problems with the brakes in the deepest part of the tunnel, which is 91 meters (299 feet) below sea level. After the crash, he

said he escaped from the truck and grabbed an emergency phone in the tunnel.

Authorities immediately closed the tunnel to everyone except firefighters. Thick black smoke billowed out of the tunnel after the explosions and a subsequent fire caused by the tanker, which had detached from the truck.

The firefighters later

were evacuated as the sea water began to leak in, police said on Twitter, adding there were fears the tunnel would collapse. Thousands of liters (gallons) of sea water slowly flooded in, reducing the smoke.

Police said six people were treated for minor smoke inhalation at a nearby hospital.

Today’s Markets

All figures from 3 p.m. EST

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Ex	Div	Yld	PE Last	Daily Chg %Chg	YTD Chg %Chg
AK Steel	NY	---	---	3.02	-21	-49.2
AT&T Inc	NY	1.88	5.4	32 34.83	-29	+3.7
AMD	NA	---	---	2.00	-05	-25.1
AlcatelLuc	NY	---	---	3.54	-01	-.4
Alcoa	NY	.12	1.1	15 10.61	-17	-32.8
Alibaba n	NY	---	---	51 80.54	-97	-22.5
Altria	NY	2.08	4.0	21 51.41	+06	+4.3
Ambev	NY	.24	3.9	---	6.23	+02 +1.0
AmAirlines	NA	4.0	1.0	9 41.63	-43	-22.4
AmExp	NY	1.16	1.5	14 78.71	-26	-15.4
ARIRCapPr	NA	---	---	8.84	+24	-2.3
Amgen	NA	3.16	2.0	22159.98	+66	+4
Annaly	NY	1.20124	---	9.65	+14	-10.7
Apple Inc	NA	2.08	1.6	16126.59	+98	+14.7
ApdMill	NA	.40	2.1	18 18.61	-29	-25.3
ArcelorMitt	NY	.20	2.3	---	8.88	-35 -19.5
ArchCoal	NY	---	---	.31	-00	-82.6
ArenaPhm	NA	---	---	4.71	+24	+35.7
BkofAm	NY	.20	1.1	19 17.82	+69	-.4
B iPiVixST	NY	---	---	17.56	-20	-44.3
BarriokG	NY	.20	2.1	60 9.65	-24	-10.2
BestBuy	NY	.32	2.7	15 34.43	-15	-11.7
Boeing	NY	3.64	2.5	18146.99	-76	+13.1
CSX	NY	.72	2.2	16 32.53	+46	+10.2
Caterpillar	NY	3.08	3.7	13 84.16	-30	-8.1
Celgene	NA	---	---	45131.74	+8.89	+17.8
ChesEng	NY	.35	3.2	---	11.06	-32 -43.5
Cisco	NA	.84	3.0	16 28.09	+06	+1.7
Citigroup	NY	2.30	4.2	23 56.67	+76	+4.7
CocaCola	NY	1.22	3.4	26 41.26	+09	-2.3
ConAgra	NY	1.00	2.2	30 44.58	-14	-22.9
CSVinMG	NY	---	---	5.16	-42	+55.8
CSVLgNGs	NY	---	---	2.28	+15	-42.7
CSVLgCrde	NY	---	---	2.04	-24	-19.8
CSVellVST	NA	---	---	43.49	-57	+39.7
CSVixSh rs	NA	---	---	7.32	+19	-73.5
Deere	NY	.60	4.1	19 14.73	-08	-5.0
DeltaAir	NY	2.46	2.5	13 44.34	+68	-9.9
DenburyR	NY	.25	4.8	3 5.22	-11	-35.8
DxGldBull	NY	---	---	6.26	-37	+43.9
Disney	NY	1.32	1.1	25118.46	+61	+25.8
eBay	NA	---	---	27 63.35	-24	+12.9
EMC Co	NY	.46	1.8	20 25.24	+12	-15.1
ExxonMbl	NY	2.92	3.5	12 82.76	-35	-10.5
Facebook	NA	---	---	87 89.82	+14	+15.1
FstInBc A	NA	.80	2.8	15 28.10	+23	+1.0
Fitbit n	NY	---	---	47.46	+146	+59.9
FordM	NY	.60	4.1	19 14.73	-08	-5.0
FrtpMcM	NY	.20	1.2	16.52	-59	-29.3
FrontierCm	NA	.42	8.7	---	4.86	-08 -27.2
GenElec	NY	.92	3.4	---	26.71	+05 +5.7
GenMotors	NY	1.44	4.6	15 31.47	-31	-9.9
GileadSci	NA	1.72	1.5	13117.44	+08	+24.6
Hallibtn	NY	.72	1.7	15 41.44	-112	-5.4
HarleyD	NY	1.24	2.2	14 56.46	-115	-14.3
HewlettP	NY	.70	2.3	12 30.56	+05	-23.8
HomeDep	NY	2.36	2.0	24115.97	+61	+10.5
HuntBrnsh	NA	24	2.1	15 11.53	+09	+9.6
iShJapan	NY	.13	1.0	---	12.92	+01 +14.9
iShChinaLC	NY	.76	1.8	---	41.91	-82 +7
iShEMkts	NY	.84	2.2	---	38.46	-32 -2.1
iS Eafe	NY	.170	2.6	---	64.97	-11 -6.8
iSR2K	NY	1.66	1.3	---	125.71	-52 +5.1
Intel	NA	.96	3.3	13 29.52	-14	-18.7



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Stock Exchange Highlights

DOW 18,023.71 -29.87	NASDAQ 5,092.75 -12.14	S&P 500 2,104.31 -4.64
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Market Summary: NYSE and Nasdaq

Gainers (\$2 or more)				Losers (\$2 or more)				Actives (\$1 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%chg	Name	Last	Chg	%chg	Name	Vol (000s)	Last	Chg
Miller pIC	2.41	+1.23	+104.2	CmstTR rs	20.80	-3.70	-15.1	BkofAm	125596	17.82	+69
Miller pID	2.42	+1.21	+100.0	IEC Elec	3.90	-.66	-14.5	MicronT	32832	18.85	-.77
BG Med rs	2.27	+73	+47.4	CodeReb n	19.68	-3.21	-14.0	Sprint	26866	3.89	-.11
Itus Cp rs	4.69	+1.21	+34.8	VitalThera	23.03	-3.68	-13.8	Apple Inc	26224	126.59	+98
FreeSeas rs	2.45	-.37	-13.1	FreeSeas rs	2.45	-.37	-13.1	Facebook	25293	89.82	-1.14
PennVa	3.19	-.47	-12.9	PennVa	3.14	-.47	-12.9	Intel	24506	29.52	-1.14
DBXChS	43.90	-5.64	-11.4	DBXChS	43.90	-5.64	-11.4	RegionsFn	22866	10.38	+1.16
DxSPOGBull26.07	-3.28	-11.2	Macs	19291	72.57	+58.4	Vale SA	21758	5.57	+14.5	
AmEFtech	4.08	-.50	-10.9	PeabodyE	17212	1.51	-.11	AmEFtech	4.08	-.50	-10.9
Nathans s	30.38	-3.72	-10.9	Netflix s	17059	97.32	-3.05	Nathans s	30.38	-3.72	-10.9
Insuties	2.49	-.30	-10.8	ApdMail	16762	18.61	-.29	Insuties	2.49	-.30	-10.8
MVChAMC	41.14	-4.95	-10.7	AT&T Inc	16191	34.83	-.29	MVChAMC	41.14	-4.95	-10.7
Kemet	2.07	-.24	-10.4	DeltaAir	16150	44.34	+68	Kemet	2.07	-.24	-10.4
ComstKRs	2.06	-.24	-10.3	MicrosofT	15914	45.75	+13	ComstKRs	2.06	-.24	-10.3
MYOS	3.05	-3.55	-10.1	APRlCapPr	15549	8.84	+24	MYOS	3.05	-3.55	-10.1
Dnx300Chn	28.65	-3.11	-9.8	ChrPharm	14712	3.79	+52	Dnx300Chn	28.65	-3.11	-9.8
PrtmCm	15.79	+1.17	+9.2	MartenT	20.62	-2.19	-9.6	PrtmCm	15.79	+1.17	+9.2
Macs	72.57	+5.84	+8.8	eHCaSrV n	12.02	-1.26	-9.5	Macs	72.57	+5.84	+8.8
BridgefDfs	10.38	+8.2	+8.6	EmerlD rs	2.97	-.31	-9.5	BridgefDfs	10.38	+8.2	+8.6
Sales figures as of 3:00 pm E.T. are unofficial.											

Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued-listing standards. If = Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pf = Preferred. rs = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. rt = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. vj = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. wi = When issued. wt = Warrants. Gainers and Losers must be worth at least \$2 to be listed. Most Actives must be worth at least \$1. Volume in hundreds of shares. Source: The Associated Press.

All figures from 3 p.m. EST

STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Industrials	18,023.71	-29.87	-.17	+1.13	+5.17
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Transportation	8,226.68	-57.52	-.69	-9.99	-2.03
657.17	524.82	Dow Utilities	571.66	+1.48	+26	-7.51	+2.32
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,941.56	-51.69	-.47	+9.4	-.69
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,092.75	-12.14	-.24	+7.53	+15.07
2,409.56	1,922.79	Nasdaq Global Sel	2,375.40	-5.42	-.23	+7.39	+15.01
938.44	814.14	S&P 100	929.42	-.52	-.06	+2.32	+5.56
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,104.31	-4.64	-.22	+2.21	+6.19

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Date: 07/16/2015 10:34 AM
Subject: My letter to the Miles City Star

Hi Ken and Vicki,

Here is a letter that got published in the Miles City Star last Friday from me. Again, add this to my comments and I will have more later.

Mark

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(See attached file: Mark's LTE.pdf)

OPINION

Letters

State audit problems

Dear editor,

As the Representative from Miles City, I am on two interim committees. One of these committees is the Legislative Audit Committee - the only one required by the Montana Constitution. As a member of this standing committee, I am charged with the responsibility of reading all the audits done by the independent auditors of the State Audit Department.

The audit committee meets in Helena five times a year and studies the audits presented to us; this time there were 17 audits. The auditor in charge of the audit explains the findings and the department is given the right to respond, including what they have done to correct problems brought out in the audit, since they have seen the audit before it is available to anyone else.

During the audit committee meeting June 23 and 24 in Helena, we heard the 2014 audit of the Montana Department of Administration. For the first time in memory, the Bullock Administration department was given an adverse report - the worst report possible.

Contrary to what you might have heard or read, this report is not just a "fluke" or a matter of a spreadsheet error. One error was a billion-dollar overstatement of depreciation of state property. Another error was a \$62 million federal grant that was never accounted for in the report. An additional 123 serious errors were found by the auditors. Some were corrected, but the vast majority were not, and that is a problem. We were told not to rely on the figures in the state report since they were so inaccurate. The problem seems to stem from lack of internal controls and accepting the shoddy work by the CPAs of the state.

This audit is done every year, and the 2013 audit was a qualified report - the second worst report possible. The accounting for the state has gone from bad to worse, and if the figures are not accurate for 2014, how can the report for 2015 be relied on since the figures used to compile 2015 reports are based on the year-end reports for 2014?

With the two consecutive years of bad reports, it seems obvious to me that the Bullock administration has a serious accounting problem. I am calling for the Bullock administration and his advisors, Sheila Hogan, administration director, and Dan Villa, budget erector, to give me more information before any decision is made on the issue.

If additional information is forthcoming, I will advise you of such information. This is an issue that should concern every taxpayer of Montana.

Also, it has come to my attention that Fox News ran a story two days ago about sanctuary states and listed Montana as one of the states. By definition, a sanctuary state provides safety for illegal aliens and does not report them to the feds. This would take an act of the Legislature, and no such bill was passed by the 2015 session.

I have called the attorney general's office and the governor's office and got the same response from both. They know nothing about being a sanctuary state and are investigating to see if they can find out the source of the story. The best information I have now is we are NOT a sanctuary state.

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Express rail worries

Dear editor,

I totally agree with your editorial on the increase of speed by trains through Miles City. There have been several explosions in past months from oil trains carrying Bakken crude. A train derailment in Miles City that is carrying Bakken crude would be disastrous, and at 60 mph, it is more than possible.

I think that Miles City citizens should make their feelings known to the Surface Transportation Board (STB). The e-mail for the STB's Ken Blodgett is BlodgettK@stb.dot.gov. It would also be good to voice your opinion on the Tongue River Railroad (TRR). The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is out and the public has until August 24 to make comments. The draft has not chosen a preferred alternative, but I think they may be looking at the Miles City route again. They claim that the Otter Creek coal will replace other Powder River Basin coal going to the upper Midwest - coal that already is serving that market.

The TRR route through Miles City is between the fish hatchery and Spotted Eagle Park. The route proposes a "Y" at the existing BN track to allow the trains to go east or west on the existing line. I don't think that it would be a good idea to disturb all the great work that has gone into making Spotted Eagle a nice recreation area. I also think that the vibrations will be bad for the fish hatchery as well as taking out one of the ponds used by the hatchery. Imagine if a train pulled onto the BN track from the TRR track and got hit by a 60 mph train travelling through Miles City.

Another point to bring up with the Surface Transportation Board is the fact that Miles City is moving forward with plans to redo the dike protecting our community. The berm that would parallel the dike for the TRR would channel flood waters and may make the new dike worthless. BN needs to step up to the plate and help with plans and make a significant contribution to rebuild the dike. The BN track through Miles City may need to be rebuilt if the dike is rebuilt. The rail may need to be elevated to correspond with the new dike. Again, this does not seem like a good time to be raising the speed limit for trains through Miles City.

It seems like these changes point to the fact that BN is becoming more and more of a private entity and does not seem to be interested in serving the public need and necessity. If they were, they would slow down and transport more goods from the people of Miles City. Take grain for instance: it seems like it is getting more difficult to get cars to haul grain. BN has not helped to try to save the train depot in Miles City, and they appear to be making the area along the track a storage area in Miles City. Business owners know that BN requires them to keep the land up along the tracks, but the same standard does not appear to apply to the BN storage along the track. Remember, this storage area is in the flood plain of Miles City.

I plan to let the Surface Transportation Board know about my concerns for the Tongue River Railroad and the connected and cumulative concerns about BN through Miles City, and I hope that you do as well.

Mark Fix
Miles City

Trump finally trumped

Poor Potter Stewart. The late Supreme Court justice wrote many important opinions, but will forever be known for honestly admitting that when it came to defining obscenity, "I know it when I see it."

Isn't that the truth about some things?

When people ask me to draw the line between serious candidates for president with something to say (if not a chance of ever saying it as president), the best I can do is to say I know it when I see it - and what I see is Donald Trump.

Trump has long been, in my mind, a perfect "Jeopardy" answer for the vulgarization of our culture and values, a celebrity for his celebrity, not for anything he's ever done, a man who seems to bring out the worst in everything around him.

It's easy to understand why people are drawn to him. He's the embodiment of everything most of us aren't: wildly overconfident (while most of us are still checking out the indices to the self-help books), unembarrassed (Who else could show their face after all his financial flops and failures, and he's



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turned it into a brand?) and absolutely convinced that he can do anything, say anything and get away with everything. Until now.

The line as to what you can "get away" with in American discourse has changed. It no longer includes racism. You might have thought that was true years ago and certainly since the election of America's first black president, but it wasn't. Indeed, independent surveys confirm that race enters strongly into the depth of opposition to Barack Obama, even if the White House, until very recently, has mostly done everything it could to keep race off the table, to not have Obama be "the black president," walking the tightrope between objectivity and empathy.

And then came the church killings and the flag and the long-belated recognition that symbols are such because they have power, that hate can flourish on the Internet not because anybody approves of it, but because the whole system is that you're not liable for what you don't edit.

I never knew there was a Confederate flag on the state grounds in Charleston, S.C. Or maybe I knew (it's been many years since I've been there) and just "got" that that was the way things were there.

But after the church killings, I knew, and there really was nothing to get.

Except for Trump, with his stupid, racist, offensive remarks about Mexicans, which first surfaced in his mid-June announcement.

"When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you (pointing to the audience). They're not sending you (pointing again). They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems to us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."

Crime, drugs and rapists - and oh, yes, maybe some good people, too.

In recent days, a number of large companies have - to what seems to be Trump's genuine surprise - cut all ties with him. Did he miss the last election? Does he not realize something has changed? He has not.

A normal person would apologize. Trump has gone on the attack against his critics, in particular the companies who have dropped him. Describing himself as "defending the people of the United States," he called out his former partners: "I have always heard that it is very hard for a successful person to run for president. Macy's, NBC, Serta and NAS-CAR have all taken the weak and very sad position of being politically correct even though they are wrong in terms of what is good for our country."

Casting himself as the victim because he's a "successful person" running for president, even as he continues to repeat his original comments, goes beyond chutzpah. It is positively Trumpish.

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Letters

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Stardust

People and Perspectives from Miles City's past

25 YEARS AGO (1990)
Through last weekend's games in Bozeman, the Miles City Maverick's Trent Kale sent 12 pitches out of the park to lead the Mav's in the home run category. His 41 RBIs and four triples are also team-leading numbers.

Parts of the paved sections of Tongue River Road may be plowed up and turned back to gravel the next time they need expensive repairs, the Custer County commissioners decided. The paving project was originally paid for with state and federal secondary road money but the method of paving used has not stood up to heavy truck use.

Four Miles Citians were listed on the honor roll at Eastern Montana College in Billings with 4.0 (straight) averages. They were Sharon Dinardi, Thomas Kurkowski, Angela Marshall and Stewart Steiner. Other Miles Citians on the spring quarter honor roll were Mitchell Gundlach, Janis Meidinger, Kevin Connors and Brock Schneider.

James Holden captured the individual honors in the Miles City Jaycees Tin Man race held on July 4. Fourteen teams and four individuals competed in biking, rowing, running and swimming. Holden finished first in 9:55 while Lew Vadheim finished in 10:12, Mike Monaghan, 10:21 and Garth Sleight at 11:34.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)
Although Miles City has already received over the normal amount of rainfall for the month of July, the residents of the Tongue River Valley a few miles south of Miles City reported having received about twice as much as in the city. They estimate a total of three inches already with month. An inch and a half fell in one storm a few days ago, causing irrigation ditches to overflow.

The Big Sky Motorcycle Club will be holding races at a special race course about one-fourth mile from the Baker Interchange on Interstate Highway 94. Trophies and other prizes, including a rifle, that will be presented to the winners, on are display at the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Christopherson and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Johnsgard have returned to their homes after spending the week at the Hidden Spring Ranch near Elk City, Idaho. The ranch is operated by Mrs. Christopherson's brother-in-law.

BROADUS — A bearded pastor at Broadus is getting his whiskers wet chasing swallows away from his church with a garden hose. The Rev. Patrick Berther, pastor at St. David's Church, said he is usually kind to birds but this year, the swallows have been arriving by the hundreds and building mud nests under the eaves of the church.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)
Organization of a Homemakers Club under the supervision of Miss Loretta V. Cowden, home management supervisor for the Kinsey Farms, Inc., is well underway on the project, the group having had their first meeting recently.

A public demonstration featuring the proper methods of home canning of vegetables, including the use of a pressure cooker, will be held in the activity room of Custer County High School on Monday under the direction of Miss Bessie E. McClelland, extension nutritionist with the Montana Extension Service.

The wool buyers and the sheep transportation men are to tangle tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock in a softball contest. This is to be a championship game to determine who are the better softballers. It seems that it all started over an argument between a buyer and a transportation man as to who could play the better ball and ended in a challenge and an acceptance.

Recruiting Sergeant Fewins has received word that George Smokoff, Louis McEldery, and Charles B. Wright, all of Miles City, have enlisted in the regular United States Army.

The largest display of fireworks ever witnessed in this part of the state will be a nightly feature of the Eastern Montana Fair, Aug. 29-31.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)
Limber Jim, Charles Wagenbreth's horse, was winner of the prize of \$100 offered at the Roundup for the worst bucking horse.

A party of automobilists made a trip to Fort Keogh remount station yesterday to visit what is undoubtedly one of the largest fields of oats in the country and incidentally, a couple of the members relieved themselves of a great deal of doubt and settle a wager concerning the size of the field. It was ascertained that the field contains 1,163 acres and the oats is as flourishing throughout as any alfalfa field that one ever saw.

A man was bound over for district court by Judge Giff to be tried on a charge of burglary. It was alleged that he broke into the room of a woman in the restricted district and stole a small savings bank containing about \$60.

Capt. Van Way has been ordered to Honolulu, to be connected with the paymaster department, and will leave immediately. The captain and his wife have made many friends in Miles City and regret will be felt at their departure.

There were reported in the State of Montana for last month 21 cases of smallpox; diphtheria, 25; scarlet fever, 41; typhoid fever, 30; measles, 109; spotted fever, 13; tuberculosis, 16; whooping cough, 29, chicken pox, 19.