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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

President Barack Obama greets people on the tarmac as he arrives on Air Force One at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, en route to a Democratic National Committee event. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

DAILY WASHINGTON NEWS

[Obama, Iraqi leader to strategize on fight to reclaim Mosul](#)

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi will strategize about the upcoming fight to reclaim Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, from ISIS militants, the White House said Sunday.

offensive to take back the northern city of Mosul when they meet on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly. and not without irony, Iraq has become the bright spot in Obama's campaign against the Islamic State group.

WHY IT MATTERS: Infrastructure

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — THE ISSUE: The U.S. interstate highway system, celebrating its 60th birthday this year, is showing its age. Many roads and bridges are in need of repair or expansion. Similar problems exist for public drinking water systems, dams and levees, airports, railroads and mass transit systems. Politicians generally agree that infrastructure is in need of improvement. Deciding how to pay for it and which projects should take priority is more

Congress works to finish Zika aid, prevent shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driven by a desire to free up endangered lawmakers to campaign, congressional negotiators are working to quickly complete a spending bill to prevent an election-season government shutdown and finally provide money to fight the threat of the Zika virus.

ICYMI

In this Aug. 19, 2016, file photo, Washington Redskins football helmets are seen before an NFL preseason football game between the Washington Redskins and the New York Jets, in Landover, Md. The Supreme Court could decide as early as next week whether to hear the dispute involving the Portland, Ore.-area band The Slants. And if the Redskins' case has its way, the justices could hear both trademark-First Amendment cases in its new term. (AP Photo/Nick Wass, File)

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