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Junior High GBB hosts Webster: 7th grade at 4pm, 8th grade at 5pm

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting

Senior Menu: Swiss Steak w/Mushroom, Gravy/Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rice and Raisins, Whole Wheat Bread

School Breakfast: Egg Omlet, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, vegetable cup, fresh and canned fruit.





The cardboard/ paper

recycling trailer at the school

is **OPEN**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



What It Was, Was Basketball

Towards the end of last week, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage presented me with a rather fascinating proposition. My attitude in life has always been, when she speaks I will at least listen.

I want you to know I am not easily propositioned. I am very suspicious of anything that has the appearance of being good for me. I do not believe everything I hear or see. I guess I am just a skeptic.

A telemarketer recently called with the news that the government had randomly chosen my name to receive \$8400. If this was the government calling me, it would not be to give me \$8400 but to solicit \$8400 in taxes.

Like my father used to say, "Son, there ain't no free lunches." He was right.

So when my wife propositioned me, I was rather skeptical.

"How would you like to go with us to the kid's basketball game on Friday night?"

So, I thought to myself, where is the catch? Somewhere along the line in this proposition is a catch. Now, where was it?

As it turned out, there was no catch and I did not even have to drive to the game. To make the proposition even more appealing, my granddaughter was to play in this basketball game. So, with a great deal of enthusiasm I accepted this passionate proposition and prepared myself for a wonderful evening.



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I have not been to a basketball game since the Harlem Globetrotters played in the Hershey arena in Hershey Pennsylvania. My favorite player was Meadowlark Lemon.

I was off to the little kid's basketball game anticipating an enjoyable evening.

We finally got to the right place where my granddaughter and her teammates were playing basketball. I am not complaining, but it has been a long time since I sat in bleachers. I had forgotten how narrow they really are when you set on them. I am not sure who invented bleachers like this, but I am positive they never sat on one during a game. I could only get half of my posterior on the bleacher at any one time. The trick of the game for the evening was appropriately rotating my posterior.

Getting settled, I noticed some activity out on the floor. First off, one little girl was refusing to play. Come to find out she did not like the team, she was on, particularly the shirts they were wearing, and wanted to play on the other team because she liked their shirt better.

After 20 minutes of negotiating the little girl won and was put on the other team.

I turned to my wife and ask, "When will the game began?" I thought it a rather innocent question.

She looked at me, laughed and said, "Silly boy, it started 20 minutes ago."

"Who is winning and what is the score?"

I was informed that in these games, they do not keep score and nobody wins. I thought I would not resume anymore questioning on this subject. I just went back to rotating my posterior and trying to watch the game.

I noticed one little girl (why do little girls do this?) was dancing all by herself ignoring the rest of her teammates. I do not know what basketball has to do with dancing, but she was enjoying herself and I was enjoying watching her enjoy herself.

I noticed all of the shirts on each team had the same number. The only difference between the two teams was one side wore blue on the other side wore white. It would not be appropriate, so it was explained to me, for the children to have different numbers.

Then the coach blew his whistle and announced they would have a bathroom break. All those who needed to go to the bathroom should go at this particular time.

Nobody went and in a moment or two, the game resumed with the whistle-blowing coach.

Within five minutes, three on one side and two on the other side came up missing. When the coach inquired as to where these kids were he was told that they had all gone to the bathroom. Furthermore, he was told that he planted the idea in their head and so it was not their fault.

As I watched the activity on the floor, I realized the Harlem Globetrotters had nothing on these miniature basketball players. One trademark activity in a Harlem Globetrotter game is in the middle of the game they would begin playing baseball with the basketball.

Something like that happened out on the floor as I was watching. It was not baseball, and I am sure it was not basketball, at least the kind I am familiar with. What it was, was anybody's guess.

What it was, so I came to find out, was just plain old fun.

As I sat there rotating my posterior, I was thinking about how competitive our world has really become. People will do anything and everything just to win a game. Sometimes it is good just to quiet down, relax and enjoy the surroundings.

I wonder if that is what David had in mind when he wrote, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

When we step out of the world of competition and quiet ourselves a bit, we begin to appreciate the reality, especially the reality in Jesus Christ.

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U.S. Lightning Strikes May Increase 50% Due to Global Warming

By: Dr. Jeff Masters

A warmer world will have much more dangerous cloud-to-ground lightning capable of igniting more forest fires, according to a study published Thursday in the Journal Science. The research found that for each degree Centigrade (1.8°F) of global warming, lightning in the U.S. is expected to increase by 12%. This would result in about a 50% increase in lightning by the year 2100, assuming business-as-usual emissions result in a world that is 4°C (7°F) warmer. Main author David Romps of the University of California-Berkeley said in a press release, "This has to do with water vapor, which is the fuel for explosive deep convection in the atmosphere. Warming causes there to be more water vapor in the atmosphere, and if you have more fuel lying around, when you get ignition, it can go big time...the faster the updrafts, the more lightning, and the more precipitation, the more lightning." The study looked at U.S. lightning statistics for the year 2011, and discovered that a simple measure of atmospheric heat and moisture--the precipitation rate multiplied by the stability of the atmosphere (expressed as the Convective Available Potential Energy, or CAPE)--could describe 77% of the variation in lighting. By applying this simple measure to predicted levels of heat and moisture in a future warmer world, the scientists came up with their predictions for more lightning. The study makes sense from basic principles, and brings up three major concerns about the impacts of a future world with more lightning:

- 1) More lightning-caused fires
- 2) More lightning-caused ozone pollution and thus global warming
- 3) More lightning direct strike deaths and damages

The costs and death toll from lightning-caused fires in the U.S.

Over the ten years from 2003 - 2012, 42 U.S. firefighters were killed as a result of lightning-caused fires. An additional 19 firefighters were killed by the lightning-caused Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona in 2013. U.S. wildfire fighting costs averaged \$1.8 billion annually during 2009 - 2013, according to Headwaters Economics. Although only 15% of U.S. wildfires were ignited by lightning between 2001 - 2010, these accounted for approximately 60% of the acres burned, and much of the annual costs of firefighting, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. For example, in 2012, the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire, the largest fire in New Mexico history, and the Rush Fire, the 2nd largest in California history, were both triggered by lightning strikes. Lighting also causes building fires through direct strikes. The National Fire Protection Association says that lightning-caused fires that are responded to by local fire departments in the U.S. killed an average of nine people per year and did \$451 million in direct property damage per year between 2007 - 2012.

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NSU Women's Basketball Makes it Two Straight, with 61-45 Victory over Lopers

Wayne, Neb. – The Wolves women notched their second victory in as many days, as they defeated Nebraska-Kearney, 61-45 from the Wayne State Crossover Tournament. Northern improves to 2-0 on the year, as they head to Aberdeen for a seven game home stint beginning November 19th against Jamestown at 6 p.m. from the Barnett Center and Wachs Arena.

Northern started off a bit rocky going a mere 3-for-16 in the first ten minutes of play, trailing the Lopers by one. The Wolves ended the half shooting 32.1 percent from the floor, while scoring 16 points in the latter ten minutes of the half. NSU was led by Sadie Stotesbery with 15 points and seven rebounds. Stotesbery was matched by Lauren Deadrick on the night, with seven rebounds of her own in addition to two blocks and four points scored.

Rachel Krogman shot for double-digit points again as she added ten to the team total, while leading the Wolves with eight boards. Starters Megan Mutchler, Paige Waytashek, and Devon Brecke notched seven, five, and eight points respectively in the win.

The Wolves out-rebounded the Lopers, 43-33 in the game, 13 of which came offensively. NSU in recent years has been known for the play of their "bigs", who notched 18 points in the paint on the night. Stotesbery, Waytashek, and Brecke teamed up for the Wolves three long range buckets on the evening. Northern improved their shooting from the free-throw line, as they were 13-for-14 in the second half and 74.1 percent in the game. NSU continued to see solid bench play in the early periods of the season, as the Wolf reserves combined for 16 team points. The Wolves largest lead, of 20 points, came with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

The NSIC prevailed in the crossover, with both the Wolves and Wayne State Wildcats, rounding out the weekend a perfect 2-0. Northern will return home for four non-conference match-up with Jamestown, Black Hills State, SD School of Mines, and Mayville College before the NSIC season opener against MSU Moorhead, November 29th from Wachs Arena.

Wolves Gridiron Hang On 48-41, Record Most Wins Since 1999

The Northern State football team scored 41 first half points and hung on in the second for a 48-41 victory Saturday afternoon in the Wolves' regular season finale at Bemidji State. The win puts Northern at 8-3 overall and 6-1 in the NSIC North Division. The eight wins are the most at NSU since the Wolves went 9-2 in 1999, the final NSIC Championship season at Northern. Saturday's win is also Northern's first-ever in Bemidji.

NSU quarterback Jared Jacobson had a record-setting day in the win as he recorded six passing touchdowns on the day, giving him 71 for his career at Northern, passing the previous mark set by Jason Landmark with 67. The six touchdowns also tied the single-game record at NSU. Jacobson also recorded 439 yards of total offense in the game, giving him 10,199 yards for his career, also surpassing Landmark's record of 9,966 yards of total career offense. Jacobson now sits third all-time in the NSIC in career yardage in NSIC games only.

Jacobson also surpassed Toby Korrodi's (2003) single-season record of 3,441 yards of total offense in the win. Jacobson finishes the regular season with 3,557 yards of total offense. With his 27 comple-

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tions, Jacobson also tied Eric Ellingson's (2008) record of 260 completions on the season.

Bemidji (3-8) would get on the board first Saturday after blocking an NSU punt and returning it for a score to lead 6-0 with 9:27 left in the first half. Northern quickly went to work after that, however, as Jacobson hit Nicholas Truen on a 24-yard screen pass to cap a 13-play, 80-yard drive to put Northern up 7-6, a lead it wouldn't relinquish. On the Wolves' next drive, Jacobson hit Truen again, this time on a swing pass that he took 35 yards for the score.

On its next possession, NSU scored on a 40-yard Zachery Barber touchdown grab and Northern went up 21-6. On the ensuing kickoff, the Wolves deployed a surprise onside kick and recovered it at the 50 yard line. On the very next play, NSU ran a flea-flicker and Jacobson hit Jared Hannigan for the score and put the Wolves up 28-6. Later in the quarter, Channing Barber picked-off Ryan Shields and had an amazing 91-yard return for the score, putting the Wolves up 34-6 and seemingly well in control with 6:34 left in the half.

BSU would not go away quietly, cutting into the Northern lead with a 15-yard touchdown pass to make it 34-13. The Wolves would answer with a crucial score late in the half as they would drive 80 yards in just 32 seconds, capping the drive off with Hannigan's second receiving touchdown of the day, this one from 24-yards out with just 33 seconds left in the half. However, Bemidji responded and scored with just two seconds left to play in the quarter, and the Wolves took a 41-20 lead into the break.

The Beavers opened the second half going on a 10-play, 77-yard drive and cut the NSU lead down to 41-27. Northern's final score of the game came with 5:30 left to play as Jacobson hit Conner Doherty for a 16-yard touchdown, pushing the lead back up to 48-27. Bemidji again responded, scoring with 3:10 left to play and then again less than a minute later to make the score 48-41. After Northern recovered the ensuing onside kick, they were forced to punt, but forced BSU to call its final two timeouts, leaving the Beavers with just 18 seconds left and 55 yards to go.

Taylor Zemlicka secured the win for the Wolves with his sack of Jordan Hein on Bemidji's first play and the Beavers wouldn't get another snap off before time expired.

Jacobson finished the day going 27-for-48 with 392 yards passing but was picked-off four times. Jacobson also recorded a team-high 47 yards rushing in the contest. Hannigan ended the day with nine catches for 117 yards and two scores. Doherty caught five passes for 84 yards and Taylor Houchin and Cody Kraft each recorded four catches. In all, eight Wolves caught a pass in the win.

Devin Olson had a monster game defensively for the Wolves, recording a career-high 15 tackles, including 3.5 tackles-for-loss and two sacks on the day. Zach Neer and Zemlicka each added seven tackles in the victory. Zemlicka and Matt Thorson also had interceptions in the game as Northern forced four BSU turnovers.

The Wolves now sit and wait to see if they receive a bid to play in the Mineral Water Bowl in December. The bowl bid goes to the highest-finishing NSIC team that doesn't make the NCAA playoffs. Right now, Northern needs Sioux Falls to jump up in the regional standings and receive a playoff berth.

Wolves Open Season With 74-69 Win Over MSSU

The Northern State men's basketball team opened its 2014-15 campaign with a 74-69 victory over Missouri Southern Saturday afternoon at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls. The Wolves used a 16-1 run to end the first half and begin the second half, to propel them to the win.

Trailing 36-26 with 2:31 to play in the first half, NSU ended the half on a 10-1 run and trailed 37-36 heading into the break. Northern then proceeded to open the second half with back-to-back three-pointers by Spencer Pankonin and Skye Warwick to open up a 42-37 lead over the Lions (0-1).

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Much of the second half was a back-and-forth battle, featuring four ties and several lead changes. NSU trailed 55-54 with 9:16 left to play in the game, before going on a 10-2 run and taking a 64-57 lead with just under six minutes to play. Northern did not trail the rest of the way and led by as many as seven on two other occasions with MSSU getting as close as four points. The Wolves made six free throws the final 2:30 of the game to hang on for the win.

Carter Evans led the Wolves with 16 points in the win. Evans went 6-of-11 from the field and also added seven rebounds and two steals. Seth Bachand added 15 points and a team-high eight boards and two blocks. While Pankonin and Warwick added 13 points each. Darin Peterka led the Wolves with a game-high five assists.

Northern shot 46.2 percent (24-52) from the field while Missouri Southern went 25-for-58 (43.1 percent). Both teams were 6-of-15 (40 percent) from beyond the arc with NSU holding a 20-to-13 advantage at the charity stripe. Both teams committed 12 turnovers in the contest with NSU gaining a 13-to-7 advantage in points off of turnovers. The Lions out-rebounded Northern 37-36.

The Wolves will play their second game down at the Pentagon Sunday afternoon as they will face Pittsburg State at 4 p.m.

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Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect from noon today to 6 am CST Monday...

- * timing...strong winds developing around noon and persisting into this evening.
- * Winds/visibility...northwest 20 to 30 mph with gusts around 40 mph...decreasing to 15 to 25 mph overnight. Visibility will be reduced to one-half mile at times in blowing snow.
 - * Snow/ice accumulations...less than a half inch.
 - * Other impacts...drifting snow.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...

A Winter Weather Advisory for blowing snow means that visibilities will be limited due to strong winds blowing snow around. Use caution when traveling...especially in open areas.

Classifieds

Togel Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower for Megan Togel, bride-to-be of Logan Clemensen, November 15, 2014, 10:00-11:30 A.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, SD. The couple is registered at Target and Inspire.

Apartments For Rent ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent.

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

House for Rent

Two-bedroom house in Groton. Full basement, breezeway, attached garage, large yard. Wheelchair accessible. Furnished, appliances included. \$700/month. Less with lease. (941) 525-4515.

Apartment For Rent

One bedroom apartment for rent. Main street ground level. Washer dryer and dishwasher big walk in closet 550 utilities included 400 if you pay your own

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Today in Weather History

1989: There was massive devastation at the Jones Valley School in Huntsville, Alabama after an F4 tornado plowed through the southern portion of the city. The tornado killed 21 people and injured 463 along its 18.5 mile path. Most of the deaths, injuries, and damage occurred along a one mile segment through a congested business area along Airport Road. At the school, which lost all of its second floor, classed had already let out for the day when the tornado struck, so there were 12 adults and 37 children in the building, all of whom survived by taking refuge on the lower level.

1996: A strong area of low pressure brought 6 to 9 inches of snowfall to most of central and parts of north central South Dakota on the 16th, while widespread freezing rain associated with the warm front of the system, along with 4 to 10 inches of snow, fell in northeast South Dakota. Travel was significantly affected, and a few minor accidents occurred during the storm. Several sporting events and activities were also postponed or cancelled. Strong north winds late on the 16th into early the 17th resulted in near-blizzard conditions across northeast South Dakota. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 9.0 inches 12SSW of Harrold; 8.5 inches near Highmore; 8.2 inches in Roscoe; 8.0 in Eureka; 7.9 inches near Mellette; 7.0 inches in Waubay; 6.5 inches in Murdo and Redfield; 6.0 inches in Kennebec and Miller; 5.5 inches near Victor; and 5.3 inches in Sisseton.

1958 - More than six inches of snow fell at Tucson, AZ. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1959 - The most severe November cold wave in U.S. history was in progress. A weather observing station located 14 miles northeast of Lincoln MT reported a reading of 53 degrees below zero, which established an all-time record low temperature for the nation for the month of November. Their high that day was one degree above zero. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - High winds and heavy snow created blizzard conditions across parts of eastern Colorado. Wind gusts reached 68 mph at Pueblo, and snowfall totals ranged up to 37 inches at Echo Lake. In Wyoming, the temperature dipped to 14 degrees below zero at Laramie. Strong thunderstorms in Louisiana drenched Alexandria with 16.65 inches of rain in thirty hours, with an unofficial total of 21.21 inches north of Olla. Flash flooding in Louisiana caused five to six million dollars damage. (15th-16th) (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

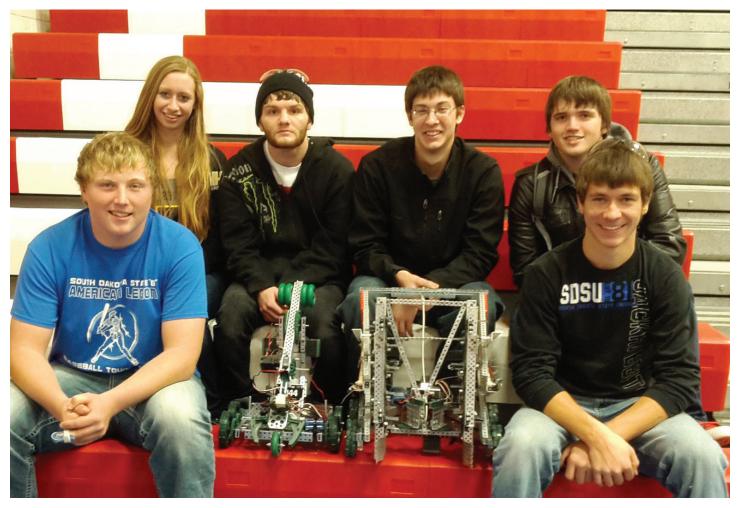
1988 - A powerful low pressure system in the north central U.S. produced high winds across the Great Lakes Region, with wind gusts to 60 mph reported at Chicago IL. Heavy snow blanketed much of Minnesota, with eleven inches reported at International Falls. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Snow and gusty winds invaded the north central U.S. Winds gusting to 40 mph produced wind chill readings as cold as 25 degrees below zero, and blizzard conditions were reported in Nebraska during the late morning hours. High winds around a powerful low pressure system produced squalls in the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Whitefish Point MI, and snowfall totals in Michigan ranged up to 19 inches at Hart, north of Muskegon. (15th-16th) (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999: Hurricane warnings were in effect as late-season Hurricane Lenny was threatening Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Lenny was a Category 3 hurricane with top winds of 115 mph. Lenny was not only unusual because of its late-season strength, but because of its forward movement. Lenny was moving from west to east across the Caribbean. It was the first hurricane in recorded history to threaten Puerto Rico from the west.

2006 - An F-3 tornado strikes Riegelwood, NC causing eight deaths and twenty injuries

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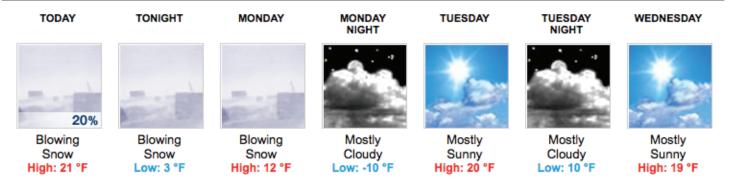


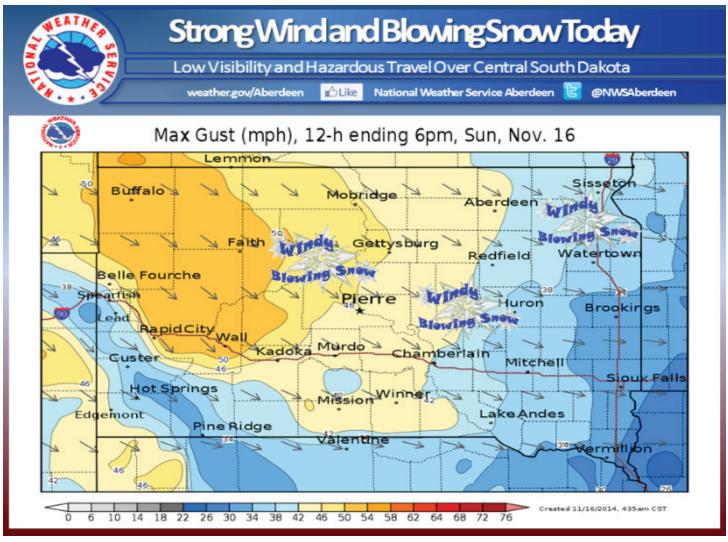
Geek Squad wins Eureka Robotics Competition

Nick Dalchow, Ethan Braun, and Jacob Milbrandt, the Groton Area Geek Squad, teamed up with Alexis VanderWilt, Austin Phinney, and Jordan Thil, the TechnoDudes from Mitchell, to win the robotics competition held Saturday, November 15 in Eureka. All four of Groton's robotics teams participated. Not pictured for the Geek Squad is Devon Poppen. The next state competition will be held November 22 in Harrisburg. Pictured in back, left to right, are Alexis VanderWilt, Austin Phinney, Ethan Braun and Jordan Thil; in front are Nick Dalchow and Jacob Milbrandt. (Photo by Julie Milbrandt)

SD Geek Squad and TechnoDudes November 2014: http://youtu.be/G2ZXe3JikaA

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A cold front will bring strong northwest winds to the region today, especially across western and central South Dakota. The graphic shows the approximate max wind gusts expected today. The strongest winds will occur across western and central South Dakota. Over western portions of the forecast area, which includes central South Dakota, sustained speeds from 25 to 35 mph are forecast, with peak gusts exceeding 40 mph. The strong winds combined with the fresh 3 to 6 inches of fluffy snow over portions of central and south central South Dakota will create blowing snow today. Low visibility below one-half or one-quarter mile are likely and will create hazardous travel conditions. Further east towards northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota, gusty northwest winds are expected later in the afternoon and will not be quite as strong. Nonetheless, areas of blowing snow and reduced visibility will occur at times. A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect for the forecast area today and tonight. Conditions will slowly improve overnight.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 18.0°F at 5:06 AM Low: -2.1°F at 11:17 PM

High Gust: 17 mph at 5:22 PM

Precip: 0.00

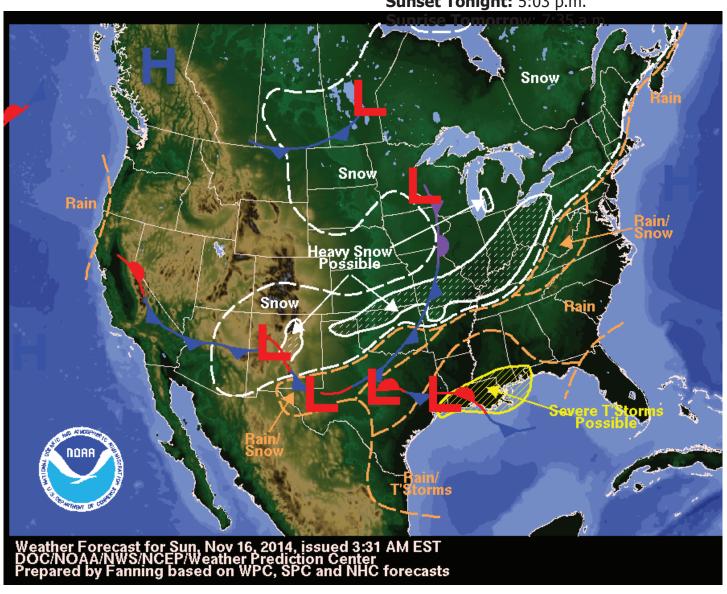
Wind chill was -24 at 6:23 this morning This morning's Low: -6.4 at 2:54 AM

Today's Info Record High: 71° in 2001

Record Low: -12° in 1955

Average High: 39°F **Average Low: 19°F**

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.41 Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56 **Average Precip to date: 20.88 Precip Year to Date: 13.79** Sunset Tonight: 5:03 p.m.



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IS IT THE END OR THE BEGINNING?

"I'm bored with it all!"

Power and prestige, influence and insight, victory and valor seemed worthless to Winston Churchill as he was about to die. His final words expressed an emptiness as he slipped into a coma nine days before he would pass away. What a tragic outlook for a man who did much to shape the course of history as he was about to face God.

As he was struggling to breathe, a colleague took the hand of Michael Faraday, the brilliant chemical scientist and asked, "What will be your occupation in heaven?" He replied, "I shall be with Christ and that is enough!"

Two great men who lived two great lives. Yet, when it came to facing death, one looked backward in despair, the other forward in faith and with hope. What a startling difference God makes in everyone's life

"Hopes placed in mortals dies with them; all the promise of their power comes to naught." Solomon does us a great service with these words. He very pointedly states the difference between a life lived for God and a life lived for any other reason or purpose: One who does not live for God or know Him personally will eventually see all of his hopes and dreams die. Living for this life alone or living a life that focuses on oneself, ends with a sense of hopelessness or fear of insignificance. Dreams end, but life continues in the depths of death and darkness.

What a blessed hope we may have if we choose to accept the love and grace and mercy of God. Hope can be ours because of Christ. Choose Christ, find life, have hope.

Prayer: How great is Your love, Lord. As unworthy as we are, we have forgiveness of our sins through Your Son. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:7 Hopes placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing.

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News from the App Associated Press

Large leads SF Lincoln to win over SF Roosevelt

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Braxton Large scored three touchdowns as Sioux Falls Lincoln defended its state 11AAA title with a 28-14 win over Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Saturday.

Large sealed the win with a 91-yard touchdown run on the first play after Lincoln's Chase Vinatieri dropped what would have been a game-tying touchdown pass in the end zone.

Large finished with 188 yards and also scored on runs of 1 and 18 yards for the Patriots (11-0). Lucas Heitkamp added a 34-yard touchdown run.

Lincoln quarterback Isaiah Roach was 12-for-21 for 145 yards.

Vinatieri scored on a 27-yard TD pass from Jett Thune for the Riders (9-2). Vinatieri had four catches for 92 yards.

Thune, who threw for 222 yards, hit Jake Bear with a 14-yard TD pass.

Sumner, South Dakota State rout W. Illinois 59-24

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State quarterback Austin Sumner shook off a snowstorm to pass for six touchdowns in a 59-24 Missouri Valley Football Conference win over Western Illinois on Saturday.

Sumner, who missed most of the regular season with an injury, completed 21 of 37 passes for 366 yards in a driving snowstorm.

The No. 19 Jackrabbits (7-4, 4-3 MVFC) had 547 total yards and did not turn the ball over in beating the Leathernecks (4-7, 2-5) for the seventh straight time.

"The guys get used to it," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "You know the snow is packed down now so it's like there is solid parts of it."

SDSU scored 14 points in the first 7:39 and led 35-17 at halftime. Sumner had three TD passes in the first half and three more in the third quarter.

"What a game he had," Stiegelmeier said. "We have some good receivers but I think Austin played one of the best games he's ever played."

Sumner was lost to the team in the first quarter of its season opener at Missouri. He returned last week with two touchdowns against Indiana State.

Three of Sumner's TD passes went to freshman receiver Jake Wieneke, who set a school record for single season touchdown receptions with 14.

Wieneke, who has a TD catch in all seven MVFC games, made 10 catches for 159 yards and Jason Schneider had seven catches for 114 yards.

Wieneke's TD catches covered 11, 11 and 22 yards. He has 60 catches for 1,141 yards this season. Schneider's TDs went for 14 and 21 yards.

SDSU running back Zach Zenner carried 17 times for 132 yards and touchdowns of 67 and 18 yards. Zenner has now has the MVFC record for career touchdowns at 54.

"We had a complete game. These guys are hard to run the football against," Stiegelmeir said. "They're good. I thought our guys really came to play and tried to win every play."

The Jackrabbits rushed for 181 yards.

Leathernecks quarterback Trenton Norvell completed 14 of 27 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted twice.

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Norvell threw a 41-yard TD pass to Lance Lenoir and a 33-yarder to Hi-C Scott.

J.C. Baker rushed 21 times for 97 yards, including a 23-yard TD.

Joey Borsellino caught six passes for 99 yards and Lenoir grabbed seven passes for 82 yards.

Illinois State beats South Dakota 45-26

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Marshaun Coprich rushed for 221 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday and eighth-ranked Illinois State beat South Dakota 45-26 in a Missouri Valley Football Conference game. Coprich rushed for more than 100 yards for the 10th straight game for the Redbirds (6-1, 9-1), who kept pace with North Dakota State atop the conference.

Tre Roberson passed for 226 yards and a score and ran for two touchdowns for the Redbirds. He gained 71 yards on 13 carries. Cameron Meredith caught six passes for 105 yards.

Most of the Redbirds' offense came in the first half.

"I'm not talking moral victory, but as a coach you have to see how your team played in the second half," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. "We need to be a better second-half football team and I think we did that. We need to show some fight and I thought we did that."

The Coyotes allowed 165 yards in the second half after giving up 354 in the first.

South Dakota (2-9, 0-7) lost its seventh straight game despite making a game of it in the second half. South Dakota hasn't won a game in November since 2011.

Coprich scored on runs 56 and 7 yards. His 56-yard run with 12:54 left in the first quarter made it 7-0. On the Redbirds' second possession, Roberson scored on a 12-yard run with 6:22 left in the quarter. Coprich tacked on another score with a 28-yard TD run early in the second quarter.

"We make some big plays on offense. We just let them get out in front of us and got too far behind," Glenn said.

South Dakota got on the board with 4:02 left in the half when Kevin Earl tossed a 2-yard pass to Kayl Barkley to make it 21-6.

Earl was 22 of 35 for 295 yards and two touchdowns, including a 43-yard strike to Eric Shufford. Shufford had six catches for 138 yards.

The Coyotes were held to just 19 yards on the ground, while Illinois State rushed for 293 yards.

South Dakota kicker Miles Bergner was injured and removed from the game in the first half before he could add to his school-record field goal streak. Bergner is 16-for-16 on the season and has made 18-straight field goals.

"We had to fight with one hand behind our backs because we didn't have a kicker or a punter," Glenn said.

SD lawmakers elect upcoming session leaders REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers on Saturday elected their leaders for the legislative session that begins in January.

The GOP increased its hold on the state Legislature this election, netting enough seats to strengthen its supermajorities in the 70-member House and 35-member Senate, further diminishing the Democratic Party's policy-shaping role.

The House GOP caucus chose Rep. Dean Wink of Howes as speaker of the House, Rep. Brian Gosch of Rapid City as majority leader, and Rep. Steve Westra of Sioux Falls as assistant majority leader.

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"I pledge that the House of Representatives will continue to operate in the best interest of all South Dakotans," Gosch said in a statement after his election. "Together, we can ensure that South Dakota remains a shining beacon in our region."

Republicans told voters on the campaign trail that they would continue to hold down taxes and pursue economic development programs. They also plan to tackle initiatives such as improving transportation infrastructure and juvenile justice reform.

The Senate Republicans re-elected Sen. Corey Brown of Gettysburg as president pro tempore and Sen. Tim Rave of Baltic as majority leader. Sen. Dan Lederman of Dakota Dunes will repeat as assistant majority leader.

"The voters made it very clear on Election Day: The principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility and the protection of individual liberty continue to be of utmost importance," Rave said. "The faith that they have placed within us will not be taken for granted."

As lieutenant governor, Republican Matt Michels will continue as president of the South Dakota Senate.

House Republicans also selected Rep. Mark Mickelson of Sioux Falls as speaker pro tempore. The chosen majority whips are Rep. Don Haggar of Sioux Falls, Rep. Jim Bolin of Canton, Rep. Mike Stevens of Yankton, and Rep. Kris Langer of Dell Rapids.

Senate Republicans elected as majority whips Sen. Ried Holien of Watertown, Sen. Ernie Otten of Tea, and Sen. Deb Soholt of Sioux Falls.

Democratic lawmakers gathered Saturday in Hartford to elect their leaders. They selected Sen. Billie Sutton of Burke as the Senate minority leader and Rep. Spencer Hawley of Brookings as House minority leader.

House Democrats also chose Rep. Julie Bartling of Gregory as assistant minority leader and Reps. Paula Hawks of Hartford and Dean Schrempp of Lantry as minority whips. Meanwhile, Senate Democrats elected Sen. Troy Heinert of Mission as assistant minority leader and Sens. Jim Peterson of Revillo and Scott Parsley of Madison as minority whips.

Former House Minority Leader Bernie Hunhoff on election night said he did not intend to seek any leadership role for the upcoming session and instead wants to work in a bipartisan fashion on legislation to expand Medicaid.

Hunhoff told The Associated Press that even though his party lacks representation in the Legislature, he still believes most South Dakota residents support its policies, pointing to, among other things, the minimum wage measure passing with more than 55 percent of the vote.

Wentz with 5 TDs, NDSU routs Missouri State 45-10

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — One week after being held without a touchdown, fourth-ranked North Dakota State hung a half dozen on Missouri State in a 45-10 Missouri Valley Football Conference win on Saturday.

NDSU quarterback Carson Wentz threw for 247 yards and five touchdowns and John Crockett rushed for 177 yards and a score for the Bison (10-1, 6-1), whose 33-game winning streak was snapped last week.

With the win, NDSU remains locked in a first-place tie with Illinois State in the MVFC.

"We really were resilient and played hard, which I knew we would," NDSU coach Chris Klieman said. "Guys came out with a lot of energy and really wanted to play today. Our guys wanted to prove to a lot of people we've got a pretty good football team."

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Missouri State (4-7, 1-6) gained just 240 total yards and lost its fourth-straight game. The Bison defense held the Bears to 99 yards on the ground and had four sacks and eight tackles for a loss.

"The defense had a special day," Klieman said.

The only points allowed by NDSU were Marcelo Bonani's 21-yard field goal and PAT and Gannon Sinclair's 19-yard catch in the fourth quarter.

Wentz missed his first four passes before completing 15 of his last 18 attempts.

"It was great to see Carson throw five touchdown passes. It was really good to see him get in a rhythm," said receiver Zach Vraa, who caught five passes for 119 yards, including a 40-yard TD.

Wentz also threw TD passes of 13 and 14 yards to Connor Wentz, 16 yards to Andrew Bonnet and 7 yards to Trevor Gebhart.

Crockett scored NDSU's first touchdown on a 6-yard run with 6:27 left in the second quarter. NDSU scored twice more before halftime to take a 21-3 lead.

"We dropped the ball last week," said Crockett, who had 41 yards in the Northern Iowa loss. "We really wanted to come out and show who we are and that we're one of the best teams in the nation, and today we showed that."."

Bears' Kierra Harris was 12 for 23 for 141 yards and two interceptions.

"That quarterback is a special player, we kept him in the pocket," Klieman said. "The defense was great all day."

Phoenix Johnson ran 13 times for 57 yards and Sinclair had two catches for 54 yards and a score for Missouri State.

Kyle Emanuel had 10 tackles — 3.5 tackles for a loss — two sacks and an interception for the Bison.

1 dead, 3 injured in I-29 crash near Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — One person is dead and three others were injured following a three-vehicle crash on Interstate 29 about 12 miles south of Brookings.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 2004 Chevrolet Suburban was traveling northbound on I-29 about 10:30 a.m. when the driver lost control while attempting to pass another vehicle. The Suburban crossed through the media and into the southbound lane, where it collided with the rear axle of a trailer attached to a 2013 Mack truck.

The Patrol says a third vehicle, which was heading south, also struck the Suburban.

Authorities say one of the seven passengers traveling in the Suburban was thrown from the vehicle and died from injuries received in the crash.

The Patrol didn't immediately release the names of the individuals involved in the incident.

Oil boom's employees, jobs spread to Black Hills KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Ryan Lambert wants to reap the benefits of the booming Bakken oil region of western North Dakota — but he doesn't want to live there.

"Do my time and get out, that's about how I play it," Lambert said, standing in the kitchen of his Spearfish home on one of his two-week breaks last month.

Lambert is one of a growing number of oil-field workers who make their living in the Bakken but live in the scenic Black Hills, one of the closest population centers to the oil patch that's benefiting — directly and indirectly — from the highly lucrative boom.

Real estate agents say there's a housing shortage in the region as workers and retirees buy up homes.

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Local officials say commercial and residential projects are on the rise. And businesses looking to cater to oil-patch companies are setting up shop in Spearfish and Belle Fourche, hoping to get the business without the headaches.

"You hate to ... make your star brighter by making the other guy's black, but in some sense, the disadvantages of the boom there have (contributed) to the opportunities down here," said Doug Cole, who started Black Hills Fiberglass more than two years ago in Belle Fourche.

Cole, a retired legislator and construction worker, said it was a smart business decision to base his company that makes 400-gallon fiberglass oil and water tanks out of the Black Hills, which is about 300 miles from key oil cities in the region, namely Williston.

The lower costs of land, construction and materials are more enticing in South Dakota and Cole said he doesn't have to worry about trying to compete with inflated oil field-wages offered by other companies in town.

Other companies, like Texas-based Permian Tank, have followed Cole's lead and set up shop in Belle Fourche in the city's industrial rail park, which they hope will attract businesses looking to service the surrounding oil region.

Sandy Donahue, a real estate agent who's lived in the Black Hills for decades, said the influx of workers and retirees fleeing North Dakota's oil boom has been great for business and market prices. Donahue said a two-bedroom home in Spearfish that would go for around \$150,000 three years ago is now selling for more than \$200,000. She said the city is seeing a shortage of homes under \$300,000.

She estimated that 15 to 20 percent of her clients either work in North Dakota or are leaving it.

Lambert, who works around 90 hours a week in and around Killdeer, North Dakota, said he just wants to return to the peace and quiet of Spearfish after the chaos of the boom region.

"It's bad enough being up there for two weeks, dealing with all the traffic and all the people," he said. Carlos Gallegos, who works overseeing well preparation for Exxon Mobile, echoed Lambert's sentiments this week.

Gallegos, who moved to the Black Hills three ago after working for BP in Wyoming, pulls seven-day stints in Williston while his wife and two kids live in Spearfish. He said he keeps his family away from the boom towns because of the people they can attract.

"A felon can get out of prison and haul water and make \$80,000 a year," he said.

"In Spearfish ... I know my family's safe. But in Williston, you never know who your neighbor is."

US Sen. Johnson says he'd vote against Keystone XL

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Retiring U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson says he would vote against legislation to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline should the Senate bring the long-delayed project up for a vote.

Johnson confirmed his opposition Friday. His decision comes as the U.S. House voted to approve the legislation.

The GOP-controlled House has voted several times to approve the pipeline, which would move Canadian oil to the Gulf Coast and would cut through South Dakota. Legislation on the issue has always fallen victim to gridlock in the Senate, where the Democratic majority leader has worked to prevent its passage.

Johnson this week said a review process should play out before constructing the pipeline. The Democrat says any project that big must be dealt with carefully because of environmental, economic and public safety concerns.

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New graphic Islamic State group video claims US aid worker Peter Kassig beheaded

BEIRUT (AP) — The Islamic State group released a graphic video Sunday in which a black-clad militant claims to have beheaded U.S. aid worker Peter Kassig, who was captured last year.

The militant was standing over a severed head, but it was not immediately possible to confirm that Kassig, 26, was pictured in the video. Family representatives were not immediately available for comment.

The video, which was posted on websites used by the group in the past, appeared to be the latest in a series of grisly messages to the U.S. warning of further brutality if it does not abandon its air campaign in Iraq and Syria.

"This is Peter Edward Kassig, a U.S. citizen, of your country; Peter who fought against the Muslims in Iraq, while serving as a soldier," the militant says near the end of the nearly 16-minute video. He speaks in an audible British accent despite his voice being distorted to make it more difficult to identify him.

The video also shows what appears to be the mass beheading of several Syrian soldiers captured by the group. The militants warn that U.S. soldiers will meet a similar fate.

G-20 agrees to boost GDP by \$2 trillion through infrastructure investment, increased trade

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Under pressure to jolt the lethargic world economy back to life, leaders of G-20 nations on Sunday finalized a plan to boost global GDP by more than \$2 trillion over five years. The fanfare, however, was overshadowed by tensions between Russian president Vladimir Putin and Western leaders.

The communique from the Brisbane summit of Group of 20 wealthy and emerging nations revealed that the plan for jumpstarting growth includes investing in infrastructure, increasing trade and the creation of a global infrastructure hub that would help match potential investors with projects.

Leaders also aim to reduce the gap between male and female participation in the workforce by 25 percent by 2025, saying that would put 100 million more women in employment and reduce poverty.

Speaking at the end of the summit, Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott said countries will hold each other to account by monitoring implementation of their commitments to boost growth.

The G-20, criticized in recent years as being all talk and no action, was urged to deliver measurable results this year. Perhaps in response, the group said the International Monetary Fund and OECD will also play a role in monitoring progress and estimating the economic benefits of the growth plan.

Departing Asia Pacific, Obama declares trip a 'strong week for American leadership'

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Eager to deflect the lame-duck label, President Barack Obama touted his unexpectedly productive swing through the Asia Pacific as a "strong week for American leadership" that produced deals with China and other regional powers on issues like climate change, trade and economic growth.

But even before Air Force One departed Australia, where Obama attended the Group of 20 economic forum, the president already was eyeing confrontations in Washington with congressional Republicans

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on immigration and the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

On vexing foreign policy matters, he bluntly accused Russia of failing to live up to a cease-fire with Ukraine but offered no new options for stopping Moscow's alleged provocations. And he shut down speculation that he was considering ways to remove Syrian President Bashar Assad from office while accusing the embattled leader of ruthlessly murdering tens of thousands of his own citizens.

While Obama has been abroad, tensions between the White House and congressional Republicans over his plans to unveil executive orders on immigration have deepened. The president showed no sign of backing down on his plans, insisting he will act before the end of the year on measures that people briefed on the process say will shield possibly around 5 million immigrants living in the country illegally from deportation.

Obama said his timing would not be affected by threats from some Republicans who say they'll try to include measures to block the orders in must-pass spending bills — a step that could lead to a government shutdown.

Surgeon sick with Ebola after working in Sierra Leone arrives in US for treatment in Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A surgeon who contracted Ebola while working in Sierra Leone continued treatment Sunday at a biocontainment unit In Nebraska where two other people with the disease have been successfully treated.

Dr. Martin Salia, who was diagnosed with Ebola on Monday, landed at Eppley Airfield in Omaha on Saturday afternoon and was taken by ambulance to the Nebraska Medical Center.

The hospital said the medical crew that accompanied Salia, 44, from West Africa determined he was stable enough to fly, but that the team caring for him in Sierra Leone indicated he was critically ill and "possibly sicker than the first patients successfully treated in the United States."

The disease has killed more than 5,000 people in West Africa, mostly in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leona. Of the 10 people treated for the disease in the U.S., all but one has recovered.

Salia's ambulance to the hospital was accompanied by a single Nebraska State Patrol cruiser and a fire department vehicle — a subdued arrival in contrast to the August delivery of Dr. Rick Sacra, whose ambulance was flanked by numerous police cars, motorcycles and fire vehicles.

4 workers die after chemical leak at Houston-area DuPont plant; investigators head to site

LA PORTE, Texas (AP) — Four workers were killed and one was injured Saturday during a hazardous chemical leak at a DuPont industrial plant in suburban Houston, company officials said.

The chemical, methyl mercaptan, began leaking from a valve around 4 a.m. in a unit at the plant in La Porte, about 20 miles east of Houston. Plant officials said the release was contained by 6 a.m.

Methyl mercaptan was used at the plant to create crop-protection products such as insecticides and fungicides, according to DuPont. The cause of the leak was not immediately known.

Five employees were in the unit at the time of the incident and were exposed to the chemical, the company said. Four died at the plant, and one was hospitalized.

"There are no words to fully express the loss we feel or the concern and sympathy we extend to the families of the employees and their co-workers," plant manager Randall Clements said in a statement. "We are in close touch with them and providing them every measure of support and assistance at this

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time."

AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd lives at full speed among New Zealand retirees, but now has legal woes

TAURANGA, New Zealand (AP) — AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd was the toast of this quiet New Zealand coastal community when he celebrated the launch of his surprise solo album at his marina restaurant, Phil's Place. Even the mayor was there.

Less than three months later, posters promoting the album plaster the windows of his waterfront home, protecting his privacy, after police raided it earlier this month and filed serious charges against him. The fans who came to support him after the raid, singing AC/DC songs into the night, have left, and the 60-year-old has become a virtual prisoner in a town that for years had seemed to accept him and his excesses with a knowing wink.

He's avoided serious consequences from previous brushes with the law, but the stakes are higher this time: He's charged with threatening to kill, which comes with a maximum prison sentence of seven years, as well as possessing methamphetamine and marijuana. An even more serious charge that alleged Rudd tried to hire a man to kill two people was dropped due to lack of evidence.

There are also questions about Rudd's future with the Australian band he's been part of on-and-off for almost four decades.

AC/DC guitarist Angus Young said he hasn't been in touch with Rudd since his arrest and that his behavior had been erratic when they were recording their new album "Rock or Bust," which is due to be released on Dec. 2.

Father who sang to dying infant son after his wife's death overwhelmed by Internet reaction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A grieving father who sang the Beatles' ballad "Blackbird" as his infant son clung to life told mourners that he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers and support after a video of the tender moment gained widespread Internet attention.

Chris Picco said Saturday at a memorial service for his wife, Ashley, and their son, Lennon, that he didn't have enough words to express his gratitude to those who reached out to him, including strangers apparently touched by his story.

They died this past week after Ashley became ill while pregnant and Lennon was delivered prematurely.

"I could never articulate how much your support and your strength, and your prayers, and your emails and your Facebook messages and your text messages ... I don't even know how any of you got my number but there's been a lot of 'thank you,'" he said in an emotional address that drew laughter and tears.

"There have been so many people that have reached out and shared their pain: excruciating pain, tremendous loss. And my heart just goes out," he added.

A dream on 2 wheels: Young Chilean engineers say they have designed the 'unstealable bike'

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — It's a bicyclist's dream: a bike that can't be stolen.

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The "Yerka," a prototype designed by three young Chilean engineering students, is the latest entry in a recent trend of bikes that can be locked using some of their own parts. They include Brooklyn-based "Seatylock," which uses its saddle seat as a lock, and Seattle-based "Denny," which is locked with its detachable handlebars.

But the inventors of the Yerka have made a twist in that approach. The bike's lower frame opens up into two arms that are then connected to the seat post and locked to a post, so thieves would have to destroy a Yerka to get it unlocked, leaving it valueless.

"That's why our motto is 'a bike that gets stolen is no longer a bike.' What we have here is truly an unstealable bike," said Cristobal Cabello, who came up with the design during a college engineering class with childhood friends Andres Roi Eggers and Juan Jose Monsalve.

In Chile and elsewhere in Latin America, the spread of designated cycling lanes, storage racks and bike share programs are encouraging commuters to switch from cars to bikes, which are cheaper and environmentally friendly.

Alabama makes case for No. 1; Florida State survives; TCU struggles could open spot in top 4

There will be a new No. 1 when the College Football Playoff rankings come on next week.

It might just be Alabama — and the Crimson Tide's gain might work out just fine for the Southeastern Conference in the long run.

The Crimson Tide (9-1), fifth in the latest top 25 put out by the selection committee, handed Dak Prescott and No 1. Mississippi State their first loss of the season on Saturday and made a case to be called the best team in the country.

"When you beat the No. 1 team in the country, I think that's a significant accomplishment," Tide coach Nick Saban said.

Or maybe it will be Oregon (9-1) at No. 1? The Ducks, off this week, were No. 2 last week, moving ahead of undefeated Florida State (10-0). The defending champion Seminoles did what they always do — falling behind big in the first half and rallying to beat Miami 30-26.

Pitch for health care coverage served up at bars, nail salons as enrollment begins

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The pitch for health care coverage is being made at nail salons, pizzerias, mosques and even bars.

As the second enrollment period under President Barack Obama's health care law begins, advocates are employing new tactics and expanding old ones to reach people who need insurance. Some groups are targeting populations they believe slipped through the cracks during the last enrollment period.

"We've had great success at laundromats," said Robin Stockton, the navigator program director for the Center for Family Services, a nonprofit based in Camden, New Jersey.

The informal chat between wash-and-dry cycles can pique interest and lead some customers to call their hotline for more information, she said.

"Typically," she said, "the question you get back is: 'Is this that Obamacare thing?""

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2014. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1939, mob boss Al Capone, ill with syphilis, was released from prison after serving 7 1/2 years for tax evasion and failure to file tax returns.

In 1946, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded at the conclusion of a conference in London.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.

In 1989, six Jesuit priests, a housekeeper and her daughter were slain by army troops at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas in El Salvador.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to be his new secretary of state, succeeding Colin Powell. Al-Jazeera television said it had received a video showing a hooded militant shooting a blindfolded woman in the head; it's believed the woman was kidnapped British aid worker Margaret Hassan. Sunni Muslims in Iraq expressed anger over videotape showing the fatal shooting of a wounded and apparently unarmed man in a Fallujah mosque by a U.S. Marine. (The Marine Corps decided not to court-martial the unidentified corporal.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, on his first-ever trip to China, gave his hosts a pointed, unexpected nudge to stop censoring Internet access, but the message was not widely heard in China, where the president's words were blocked online and shown on only one regional television channel. A U.S. government health task force suggested most women wait until age 50 to get mammograms, conflicting with the American Cancer Society's advice to start at 40. Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off with six astronauts and a full load of spare parts for the International Space Station. Actor Edward Woodward, 79, died in Cornwall, England.

One year ago: In his weekly Saturday radio and Internet address, President Barack Obama said improved energy efficiency and higher energy production in the United States were yielding environmental and economic benefits that were helping ensure cleaner air and a more competitive business landscape.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 86. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 79. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 75. Actress Joanna Pettet is 72. Actor Steve Railsback is 69. Actor David Leisure is 64. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 63. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 56. Rock musician Mani is 52. Country singer-

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musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 51. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 51. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 50. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 50. Actor Harry Lennix is 50. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 48. Actress Lisa Bonet (boh-NAY') is 47. Actress Tammy Lauren is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 45. Actress Martha Plimpton is 44. Actor Michael Irby is 42. Actress Missi Pyle is 42. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 37. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-ehn-hahl) is 37. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 35. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 32. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 30. Rock singer Siva Kaneswaran (The Wanted) is 26. Actor Casey Moss (TV: "Days of Our Lives") is 21. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey is 19. **Thought for Today:** "History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies." - Alexis de Tocqueville, French historian (1805-1859).