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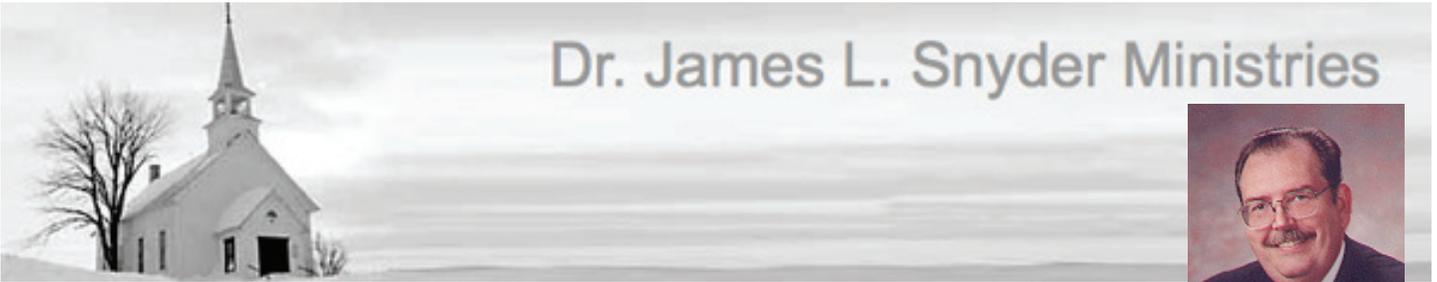
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**OPEN: Recycling Trailer in
Groton**

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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Striving to Develop an Attitude of Gratitude

Now that Thanksgiving is over, I can sigh a deep, well-deserved sigh of relief. Being thankful for everything is very hard work. During the Thanksgiving season, I pasted a gratuitous smile on my face claiming to be thankful for everything, but deep down inside somewhere there is a streak of rebellion that struggles with this concept of being thankful.

I must admit that I am working on it because the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage keeps telling me, "You had better be working on that attitude of yours."

And so, I work on my attitude, but I must confess it is rather hard. I admire people, such as my wife, who claim to be thankful for everything that happens in life. I would never want to question her sincerity (at least not in some venue that she could hear me), but I do harbor some doubts about this whole matter of being thankful for everything.

I will grant that there are many things to be thankful for in life. I will be the first to acknowledge that many things that happened to me have created a deep sense of gratitude in my heart.

The list could go on forever, but there are a few things that I am really thankful for.

I am thankful to live in a country such as ours. I am thankful to be married to someone who puts up with my idiosyncrasies (idiot for short). (Grant me, that is a big item for thanks.) I am thankful that I have my health. And regardless of what other people say, I am thankful for a level of sanity enabling me to operate day-to-day.

Then there is that infamous list of things I am not thankful for... no matter what anybody says. I have a sneaking suspicion everybody has this list but do not have the courage to let anybody know about it.

Let me list a few things I am really not thankful for... no matter what anyone says.

I am really not thankful for the time change that happens every six months. Spring forward, fall backward. All this nonsense only serves to confuse me. I have a hard time remembering where I am let alone what time of day it is. Am I an hour ahead or am I an hour behind?

Another thing I am not really thankful for is music on the telephone when I'm put on hold. This is the most irritating thing I can think of, at least right now. Why do they think I want to hear music of their choosing? This is America, after all, and everybody has the right to choose things. And I like to choose my own music, thank you.

I do not like to be put on hold in the first place, and then tortured with some music defying the meaning of music. If they want to play music, they should have somewhere where I can choose what kind of music I want to listen to while I am on hold. I could be thankful for that.

And while I am on the subject, I really am not thankful for all of those telephone calls soliciting money from me. If I wanted to give them money, I would be the first one to contact them. Unless I contact them and offer to give money, I do not want harassed by a telephone call from someone I cannot understand.

Along with this would go those political calls that are soliciting my vote. If a politician is so desperate

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that he needs to call me for one last vote, he better be calling me in person and not some recorded message.

As I look over this list of things I am not thankful for; there is one that I cannot omit. No list of mine, no matter how incomplete it might be, could ever overlook one item.

Regardless of the time of the year, I am never thankful for broccoli. In my opinion, God created the New York cheesecake and then to be nasty about the whole thing, the devil threw in a sprig of broccoli.

I do not like broccoli because it looks like a cross between a vertically challenged tree and a toadstool, and we all know what a toadstool is used for. I have every reason to believe that broccoli is a member of the fungus family. Thankfully, it is not a member of my family, which is the only thanks I can offer on the subject.

I do not mind if people eat broccoli as long as they do not eat in front of me or insist that I, "just try a bite and you'll like it." The next time someone says that to me, I just may bite them and see if they like it.

This is only a partial list of things I am not thankful but I am trying to work on my "attitude of gratitude." It is not easy and requires a lot of intestinal fortitude on my part.

Maybe an important part of an "attitude of gratitude" has to do with just being content. That could be what Paul was thinking of when he wrote to the Philippians. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Philippians 4:11 KJV).

I am learning gratitude has nothing at all to do with things but rather with personal contentment.

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Today in Weather History

1981: A two-day winter storm, beginning as rain, changing to freezing rain and then to snow, completely paralyzed the eastern half of South Dakota, as well as west central Minnesota Monday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 1, 1981. Snow accumulations of between eight and twelve inches were common in South Dakota. Wind with gusts to near 50 mph whipped the snow into blizzard conditions. The Governor of South Dakota closed east-west Interstate 90 to all traffic. Hundreds of motorists were stranded. One person died during snow removal after the storm. Some storm total snowfall amounts included 8 inches at Kennebec, 7 inches at Pierre and Faulkton, 4 inches at Aberdeen, and 2 inches at Watertown. The winter precipitation was caused by a storm center that moved from Kansas Monday through Iowa Monday night and into Wisconsin Tuesday morning, December 1st. The same storm produced heavy snow and blizzard conditions over a large area of the central Plains. Travel was especially difficult because of the snow. Many roads were impassible and motorists were forced to find shelter.

1991: The third major winter storm of the season moved from the central plains to eastern South Dakota. The storm generally dropped between 4 and 8 inches of snow over the eastern third of South Dakota from the 28th to the 30th. New snow accumulations of 2 to 5 inches occurred over most of the rest of the state. Some specific snow reports across the area included Aberdeen with 2 inches and Watertown with 3 inches. Five inches fell at Clear Lake and 3 inches fell near Summit. Strong winds developed after the snow fell, producing widespread blowing and drifting snow, especially across the northeast corner of South Dakota.

2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 12 inches fell across a large part of northern South Dakota and into western Big Stone County in Minnesota, causing travel problems and school closings. Several accidents also occurred due to the slippery roads. Some snowfall amounts included 6 inches at Milbank and Ortonville; 8 inches at McLaughlin, Ipswich, Summit, and Mellette; 9 inches northwest of Britton, Clear Lake, and Pollock; 10 inches at Leola and Faulkton; 11 inches at Aberdeen and Webster; and 12 inches at Houghton.

1962: Fog played an integral role in the crash of an Eastern Airlines jet in New York City (JFK) that killed half of the people onboard (25 of 51).

1991: Minneapolis ended the month with 46.9 inches of snow, the most ever for any month. Although the official start of winter was still 3 weeks away, the city had already surpassed the normal seasonal snowfall with 55.1 inches since October 1. The normal for the entire winter was 49.2 inches.

2001: For the first time in 122 years of weather records, Buffalo, NY finished the entire month of November without any snowfall.

Wolves Fall to Dragons at Home

Aberdeen, S.D. – The Northern State University men's basketball team fell for the first time this season, 75-55, against MSU Moorhead. The men drop to 6-1 on the year, and 0-1 in NSIC play.

Seth Bachand led the Wolves with 16 points and seven rebounds, while adding three blocks in the game. Bachand was 6-for-8 from the floor and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. Tydan Storrusten reached double-digit scores with ten on the night, tallying five rebounds and two assists as well.

Northern trailed the majority of the game, as the Dragons broke away from a 16-16 tie just eight minutes in. The Wolves struggled from the free-throw line as they shot 68.4 percent. MSUM scored 14 points off eight Northern turnovers, as the Wolves were able to connect for seven points off nine Dragon losses.

Spencer Pankonin led the Wolves bench with seven points and one assist in the loss. Darin Peterka notched six points, a team leading four assists, and four rebounds, while Skye Warwick and Michael Schreiber each notched five scores in the game.

The men shot 36.5 percent from the floor, to the Dragons even 50 percent and gave up ten second chance scores.

Northern State will take a quick break from NSIC play, as University of Jamestown comes to Aberdeen for a 7 p.m. Monday match-up with the Wolves. The following weekend will pit the Wolves with University of Mary and Minot State, December 5th and 6th from Wachs Arena.

Krogman's Career Milestone Propels Wolves to 32 Point Victory

Aberdeen, S.D. – Rachel Krogman led the No. 12 Wolves to a 74-42 victory over the Minnesota State University Moorhead Dragons in the NSIC opener. Krogman recorded a career night hitting her 1,000 career point with a free-throw nine minutes into the first half of play. Rachel was 11 points away coming into tonight's game and received a loud roar from the crowd as the ball hit net to reach the milestone. NSU is 7-0 on the year and 1-0 in Northern Sun play.

The senior led the team with 21 points and ten rebounds in the win, while going 8-for-12 from the floor and 5-for-5 from the free-throw line. Starters Paige Waytashek, Megan Mutchler, Devon Brecke, and Sadie Stotesbery recorded nine, eight, seven, and six points respectively. Brecke led the team with four assists in the win.

Northern compiled 23 points off the bench, led by Lauren Deadrick with six. Deadrick added a career high 13 rebounds to the team total of 51. The Wolves out-rebounded the Dragons by 26 and scored 13 second chance points.

The Wolves improved their shooting from a game ago, as they went 50 percent from the floor and 87.5 percent from the free-throw line. Twelve forced MSUM turnovers led to 16 NSU points. Moorhead shot just 22.4 percent from the floor and 16.1 percent from the arch.

NSU went on a 21-2 run for a majority of the first half, ending the twenty minutes up 41-13. The Dragons struggled to keep the NSU posts at bay, as Northern compiled 32 points in the paint and 39 defensive rebounds.

The Northern State women will be back in action December 5th and 6th from Wachs Arena with NSIC match-ups against University of May and Minot State. Northern will tip-off Friday at 6 p.m. against the Marauders, and Saturday at 5 p.m. versus the Beavers.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY
						
Blustery High: 6 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -19 °F	Cold High: 9 °F	Breezy Low: 7 °F	Partly Sunny High: 25 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 5 °F	Sunny High: 18 °F



Bitter Cold Today And Monday

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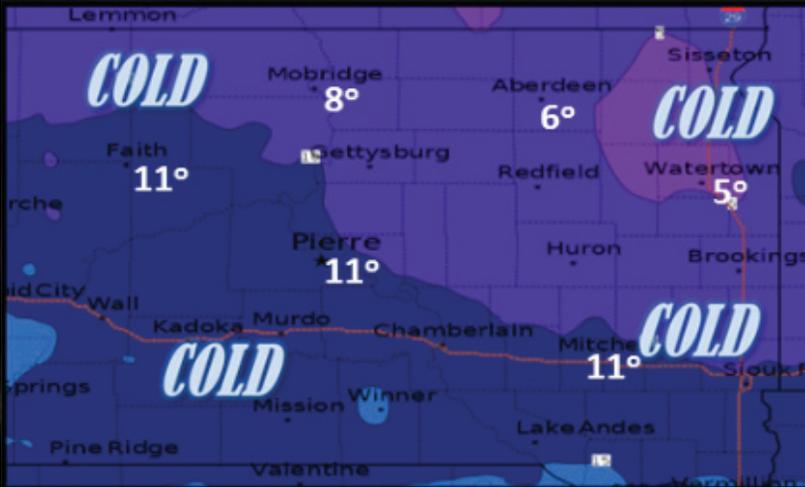
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TODAY

Weather Headlines



Wind chill values -10 to -20F!



Tonight: Bitter cold! Wind chill values of 15 below to 30 degrees below zero.



Monday: Highs in the single digits to the mid 20s. Increase winds.



Late Next Week: Warming Trend?

Cold air will continue filtering into the region today with highs only in the single digits to the lower teens above zero. Light snow will be possible for locations along and west of the Missouri River through the morning hours. An area of high pressure moving across the region will bring bitter cold temperatures tonight. Lows will range between the single digits below, to near 20 degrees below zero. Wind chill values of 15 below, to 30 degrees below zero can be expected Monday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 23.9°F at 10:15 AM

Low: 3.9°F at 11:18 PM

Wind Chill: -14 this morning

High Gust: 29 mph at 8:12 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 66° in 1995

Record Low: -27° in 1964

Average High: 31°F

Average Low: 12°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.71

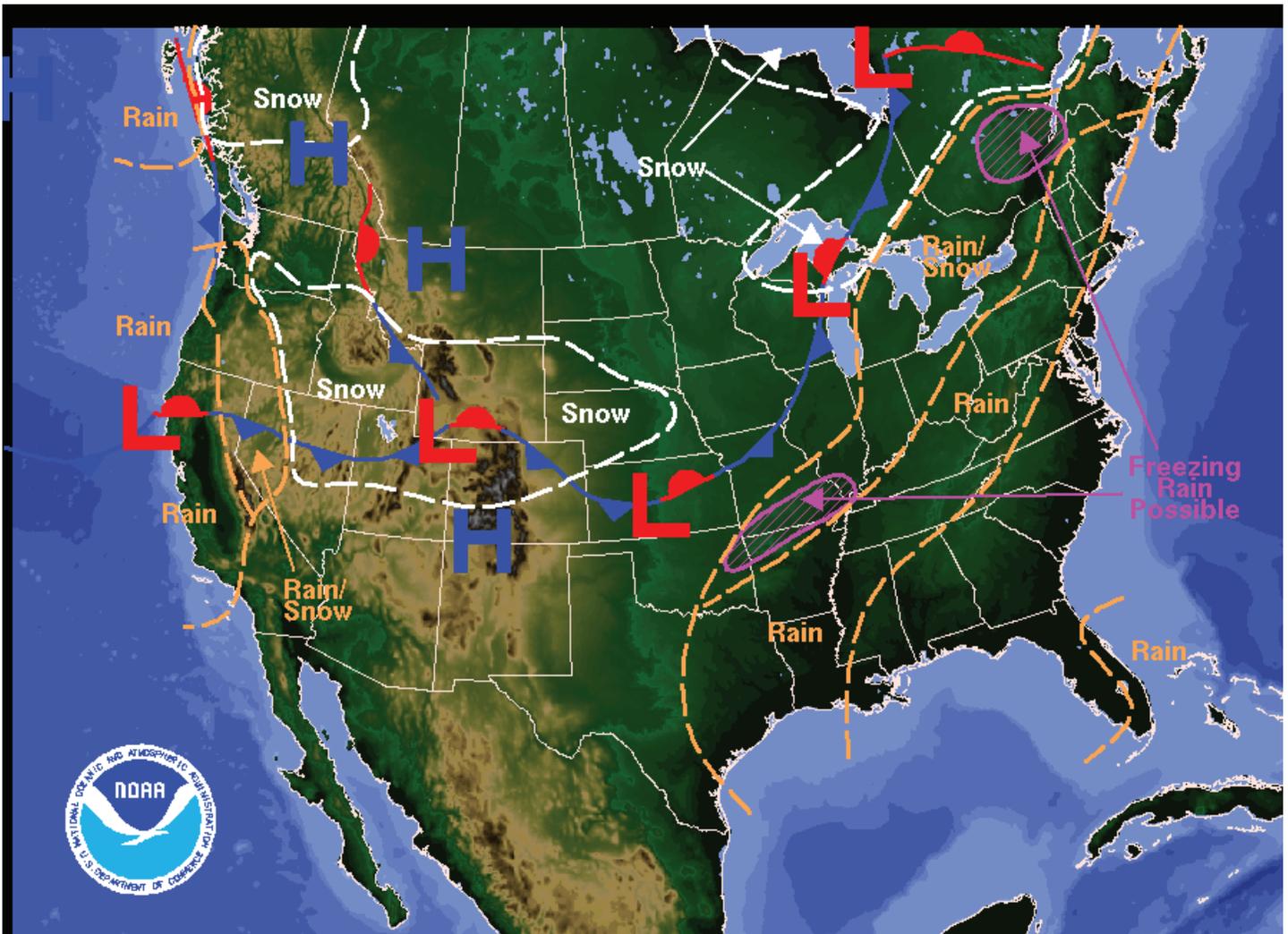
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76

Average Precip to date: 21.18

Precip Year to Date: 13.99

Sunset Tonight: 4:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:53 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Nov 30, 2014, issued 3:33 AM EST
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NOW OR LATER OR BOTH?

It's really rather plain: the "righteous" will receive rewards while living. It's also plain that the sinner and the wicked will receive "much more repayment" for their life style.

While not stated, it is obvious that someone will pass judgment on both, and both will be compensated for what they have done or not done and how they have lived. And the "judge" will "compensate" both of them.

While in court recently, I was careful to watch the proceedings and the actions of the judge. To some he said, "Your behavior has surprised me and I'm going to reduce your sentence as a reward." To others he said, "You have broken the law once again. Therefore, your parole is revoked and you are going back to prison."

Judges have power to sanction those who are under their control or jurisdiction. A sanction can be a reward for exceeding expectations or requirements. Or a sanction may be given as punishment for disobeying or breaking the law or regulations.

Some look at the Proverbs as being too simplistic or too good to be true. For example, "If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner."

Take note of "on earth." This is a bold statement that God is active - here and now - in rewarding or punishing - everyone - righteous or wicked. Also, these sanctions are both positive and negative. Finally, rewards from God will be handled judiciously - today and in the future!

Prayer: Father, help us to realize that You, our Judge, are watching us constantly. May our lives please You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:31 If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner!

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Researchers testing plastics made from crops

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — As Californians prepare for an outright ban on plastic bags, some Midwestern researchers are trying to come up with a way to make plastic out of crops, so they can be broken down by a special light and turned into another product.

If the technology can be developed, no longer would bags and other long-lasting plastic products pollute ditches, parks and waterways.

"We make the product, we use the product; when we're done with it, we take it apart and make the next product out of it," said Dean Webster, chairman of North Dakota State University's Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials and a lead researcher on the project along with professors Sivaguru Jayaraman and Mukund Sibi. "That kind of closes that whole loop on the life cycle of a product."

Plastics generally degrade slowly, potentially leaching chemicals into the environment or creating toxins in the air when burned. The plastic bag ban in California, which goes into effect in July, sparked one of the most contentious debates in last year's session, with aggressive lobbying by environmentalists and bag manufacturers.

The NDSU scientists are focusing on using oilseed from agricultural crops, cellulose, lignin and sucrose to generate building blocks of molecules that are made into polymers to create plastics. A paper on the team's successful initial experiment was published earlier this month in the international chemistry journal *Angewandte Chemie*.

The experiment used fructose, found commonly in fruit, to ultimately create a plastic. By exposing the plastic to ultraviolet light for three hours, researchers degraded the material, reducing it back to the soluble building block molecules from which it began.

"Real sustainability involves breaking it back into the building blocks. We have shown that we can break it down into the building blocks and re-make the polymer," Sibi said. "Our real breakthrough is we can design triggers which accept light."

The group is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Center for Sustainable Materials Science at NDSU, to the tune of about \$700,000 so far. Sibi said the thriving agricultural production in the region and North Dakota's strong economy make it a good place to study an idea that could lessen dependence on fossil fuels.

Added Webster, "Making chemicals from agriculture products that go into polymers and plastic is much more highly value added than anything related to ethanol."

The researchers said further study is needed to evaluate the durability and strength of potential plastics derived from biomass before looking into the potential of commercial products. The group plans to spend the next two years examining how the process might work with plastics used in cars and electronics, as well as other items.

"This is kind of a crawl-before-

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you-walk kind of business. We are crawling right now," Sibi said.

"The best feedback we could get if someone builds on our work and publishes new work," Webster said.

Sports special for Brokaw looks at hunting season

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A TV special by South Dakota native Tom Brokaw that chronicles the start pheasant hunting season is now available for online viewing.

The one-hour program, called "Opening Day," debuted in November on the NBC Sports Network.

Brokaw examines traditions around the beginning of hunting season and how the state made itself a destination. He also visits the annual dinner of Pheasants Forever and goes out with fellow hunters, including Ted Turner.

The former NBC anchor got rid of his guns while living in Los Angeles in 1968 but took up hunting again a couple of decades later.

The show can be viewed on the nbcsports.com site at <http://bit.ly/1typeRt>.

S. Dakota St. beats Montana St. 47-40 in FCS play

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — South Dakota State survived an avalanche of points by Montana State on Saturday, beating the Bobcats 47-40 in the first round of the FCS playoffs.

The Jackrabbits poured it on in a driving snowstorm to win their first-round game for the third straight year. SDSU (9-4) will next play at three-time defending champion and No. 2 seed North Dakota State on Dec. 6.

The temperature at kickoff was 3 degrees with a wind chill of minus-9. It didn't bother either offense, especially not SDSU and running back Zach Zenner.

Zenner ran for 252 yards and four touchdowns and caught a 69-yard touchdown pass. His 69-yard TD run with 3:10 to play sealed the win for the Jackrabbits.

The Walter Payton Award candidate added scoring runs of 7, 60 and 69 yards.

"Zach does what you ask him to do," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "When you get the ball in his hands good things can happen."

Montana State, which missed three PATs, rallied late to get within a touchdown with 1:10 left. But the Jackrabbits recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

It snowed throughout the game, but it didn't seem to affect the offenses.

"I really don't think so. The biggest factor may have been the ability to tackle. We had a lot of missed tackles," Stiegelmeier said.

SDSU finished with 526 total yards, while the Bobcats had 488. It was the fourth straight game that SDSU had more than 500 total yards.

MSU running back Chad Newell ran for 101 yards and five touchdowns. His 12-yard TD run in the third quarter gave Montana State (8-5) its only lead of the game 26-24, and it lasted just three plays before SDSU's quick-strike offense put it back on top. SDSU had four scoring drives on 1:15 or less.

Austin Sumner guided the SDSU offense to its second-highest point total of the season. He was 19-for-28 for 249 yards. In addition to his 69-yard catch-and-run to Zenner, Sumner hit Connor Landberg on a fade pass from 10 yards for a 40-26 lead. It was Landberg's first career touchdown.

"I thought Austin did a nice job, and in this weather our wide receivers made some good catches," Stiegelmeier said.

With 4:14 left in the fourth quarter, Newell scored on a 6-yard run. But the conversion failed again

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and the Bobcats trailed 40-32.

After Zenner's 69-yard run, the Bobcats came right back to get within a score.

Newell scored on a 5-yard run with 1:10 to play and the Mitchell Herbert caught a conversion pass from Dakota Prukop to get within 47-40.

Landberg then recovered the onside kick.

The Jackrabbits scored on their first three possessions, getting two Zenner touchdowns and a Justin Syrovatka field goal.

Zenner carried the ball 23 times and caught two passes for 72 yards. He broke loose on a 45-yard TD run on SDSU's first possession, one set up by a long kickoff return.

After Montana scored to get within 7-6 after a botched PAT, Zenner took a screen pass 69 yards and Syrovatka's 21-yard field goal made it 17-6.

The Bobcats finally got a defensive stop and responded by marching 58 yards in seven plays to score on a Newell 1-yard run. Griebel ran it in for a two-point conversion that made it 17-14 with 2:58 left in half.

The Jackrabbits needed just three big plays and 48 seconds to extend their lead. Trevor Wesley took the ensuing kickoff 39 yards. Sumner then hit Jake Wieneke for 16 yards and Zenner bulled his way for 24 yards. Zenner then scored on a 7-yard run for s 24-14 lead.

That lasted for 2:01 before Prukop tossed a 1-yard TD pass to Mitchell Herbert. But the PAT was blocked, leaving SDSU up 24-20 with 9 seconds left in the half.

Prukop was 20-for-37 for 284 yards. Shawn Johnson had four catches for 59 yards and Mitch Griebel had four catches for 51 yards.

The Bobcats took their first lead of the game on Newell's 12-yard run with 10:55 left in the third quarters. MSU converted two long third downs on the drive, but it missed a two-point conversion to lead 26-24.

SDSU responded with a three-play, 66-yard drive in capped by Zenner's 61-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits added another score on Sumner's 10-yard TD pass to Landberg that made it 37-26 with 10:04 left in the game.

Power outage affects 1,800 Sioux Falls residents

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A power outage in Sioux Falls affected nearly 1,800 Xcel Energy customers and shut off traffic lights at several intersections in the city.

The company says power went out shortly before noon on Saturday. Power was restored to most residents about two hours later.

The cause of the outage is under investigation.

SD paleontologist studies long-neglected dinosaur

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A paleontologist at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is adding to scientists' understanding of a dinosaur that had long been ignored.

Clint Boyd recently published the results of his 10-year study that focused on two dinosaur heads found years ago in two rural northwestern South Dakota counties.

For more than a century, nothing was known about the head of *Thescelosaurus neglectus*, or *T. neglectus* for short. The name means "marvelous, neglected lizard."

Boyd said *T. neglectus* had taken a backseat to bigger and toothier dinosaurs until now.

"They don't have any features that get the attention of kids," Boyd told the Rapid City Journal (<http://>

bit.ly/1zFGKYE). "There is no body armor, no duck bills. They aren't flashy."

Boyd said it is one of the last non-avian dinosaurs that lived on earth, about 67 million years ago.

The length of the adult *T. neglectus* was about 12 feet long. The dinosaur had a variety of types of teeth, from those that stab in the front of the mouth, to others for slicing and processing vegetation in the back, Boyd said.

"It's probably one of the few dinosaurs that had a varied diet of plants, insects and small animals," Boyd said. "And that might be why this guy stuck around so long."

Bones from the *T. neglectus* have been found in the Dakotas, Wyoming and western Canada. There also are possible fossils from California and Alaska.

The dinosaur gives insights into the lives and evolution of many other dinosaurs, he said.

"This animal also comes from a very particular spot on the dinosaur evolutionary tree, which is one of the places that we're having the most trouble figuring out," Boyd said.

AP News in Brief

Ferguson officials set to address resignation of police officer who killed unarmed 18-year-old

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Ferguson officials on Sunday planned to address the resignation of a police officer who fatally shot 18-year-old Michael Brown, as his parents prepared to attend a church service where civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton was scheduled to preach.

Darren Wilson, who had been on administrative leave since the Aug. 9 shooting, resigned Saturday, effective immediately, according to his lawyer, Neil Bruntrager, who declined further comment. An attorney for Brown's family didn't immediately return messages seeking comment.

Ferguson officials planned to make a statement on Wilson's resignation Sunday, said Stephanie Karr, city attorney for Ferguson. Karr earlier this week said Wilson had been on paid leave pending the outcome of an internal police investigation.

"We were not after Wilson's job," Sharpton, who planned to preach Sunday at the St. Louis church where Brown's funeral was held, added later in a written statement. "We were after Michael Brown's justice."

Brown's parents were set to attend the Sunday service with Sharpton.

Pope, patriarch demand end to IS persecution of Christians, call for dialogue with Islam

ISTANBUL (AP) — The leaders the Catholic and Orthodox churches have demanded an end to the violent persecution of Christians in the Middle East and called for dialogue with Muslims to work together to promote peace and justice in the region.

Pope Francis and the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, issued a joint declaration Sunday at the end of Francis' visit to Turkey during which the pope prayed in one of Istanbul's most important mosques.

They wrote: "Inspired by common values and strengthened by genuine fraternal sentiments, Muslims and Christians are called to work together for the sake of justice, peace and respect for the dignity and rights of every person."

9 Penn State board members demand Freeh Report documents, challenge Freeh's attack on school

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Nine Penn State trustees elected by alumni have demanded access to documents used to create the Freeh Report on the school's handling of child sex abuse complaints against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

The group said the board has a responsibility to review the materials and verify the sources of criticisms in the 2012 report by former FBI director Louis Freeh.

The Associated Press obtained a letter the alumni-elected faction sent Wednesday to board Chairman Keith Masser asking for access to the supporting documents. They said the materials are the property of the board.

"Louis Freeh and his report greatly damaged the reputation of Penn State," trustee Albert Lord, who joined the board this year, said in a statement. "As fiduciaries of Penn State, we have both a legal as well as a moral obligation to ask questions about such an inherently incomplete work product."

Masser said through university spokesman Lawrence Lokman on Saturday that the request is under review.

Qatari appeals court overturns ruling against American couple over death of adopted daughter

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — A Qatari appeals court on Sunday overturned a ruling against an American couple over the death of their adopted daughter and said they are free to leave, ending a closely watched legal saga that may have stemmed from cultural misunderstandings in the conservative Gulf nation.

Los Angeles couple Matthew and Grace Huang, who were originally jailed on murder charges following the January 2013 death of their adopted daughter Gloria, headed to the airport soon after the ruling to try to leave Qatar, said Eric Volz, who is coordinating legal and publicity efforts for the family.

The couple was convicted of child endangerment and sentenced to three years in prison in March. They were allowed to remain free pending their appeal but could not leave the wealthy OPEC nation.

The Huangs say 8-year-old Gloria died of medical problems complicated by unusual eating habits that included periods of bingeing and self-starvation. Prosecutors alleged she died after being denied food and locked in her room.

The Huangs have two other African-born adopted children and have been pressing Qatari officials unsuccessfully for permission to leave the country to be with them.

Corruption scandals fuel public anger at politicians in austerity-hit Spain, Portugal

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — In Spain, citizens are fuming over tales of a secret political slush fund. In Portugal, people are aghast that a former prime minister has been jailed awaiting a possible trial for corruption. In both austerity-hit countries, mounting revelations of graft among the political class are fueling the emergence of new parties that have captured the mood of disaffected voters by offering a message of change.

With Iberia still reeling from the aftershocks of Europe's debt crisis, economics and ethics are poised to drive a shift in the political landscape, just as they have in Italy and Greece.

"All politicians by their nature are corrupt," said Kerian Jimenez, a 24-year-old student in Madrid. "And

as always it is the normal crowd that gets shafted.”

Jose Socrates, who was Portugal’s center-left prime minister from 2005 to 2011, was sent to jail last week while police deepen their investigation into his suspected money laundering and tax fraud, with the former two-term leader facing a potential maximum sentence of 21 years. It was the third major scandal in four months involving the country’s political and business elite.

The resignation of Spain’s health minister last week after a judge said she benefited financially from an allegedly illegal slush fund compelled center-right Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy to address the issue in Parliament on Thursday. “Corruption is a problem,” Rajoy, head of the governing Popular Party, conceded. Reports of new cases have “become Spaniards’ daily bread.”

China urges Taiwan to keep relations going after pro-Beijing ruling party is trounced in polls

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China urged Taiwan to protect the gains of landmark cooperation between the mainland and the self-ruled island after Taiwan’s pro-Beijing ruling party was routed in local elections.

The defeat in Saturday’s elections of the Nationalist Party, which lost nine cities and counties, including its longtime strongholds Taipei, the capital, and the major central city of Taichung, led to the resignation of Premier Jiang Yi-huah, who heads the Cabinet. President Ma Ying-jeou promised to make changes.

The election losses could jeopardize six years of talks with China that have led to 21 agreements, helping to lift Taiwan’s half-trillion-dollar economy, while raising Beijing’s hopes for political reunification. Beijing has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s, but since taking office in 2008, Ma has set aside the old disputes to ease tensions through talks.

A top Chinese official on Saturday night urged people in Taiwan to protect those gains.

“We hope compatriots across the Strait will cherish hard-won fruits of cross-strait relations, and jointly safeguard and continue to push forward peaceful development of cross-strait relations,” said Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office.

Coast Guard rescues 5 people after fishing boat sinks off Oregon coast

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard crews rescued five people whose fishing boat sank Saturday in the chilly Pacific waters off the Oregon coast.

The Coast Guard says it received a mayday call about 4:20 a.m. from the crew of the 75-foot Blazer saying they were taking on water 8 miles west of Siletz Bay.

The boat crew called 10 minutes later to report that they were putting on cold water immersion suits and deploying a life raft.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew spotted the Blazer and the raft in the pre-dawn darkness shortly after 5 a.m.

Three crew members were pulled to safety by a hovering helicopter, while the other two were rescued by a Coast Guard boat. Three people were treated for minor injuries.

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Cooper has 224 yards, 3 touchdowns, helps rally No. 2 Alabama to 55-44 win over No. 15 Auburn

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama survived an Iron Bowl shootout like no other with a well-tested formula: Throw deep to Amari Cooper. Then do it again.

Cooper tied his own school record with 224 yards receiving and caught three touchdown passes in the second-ranked Crimson Tide's 55-44 comeback victory over No. 15 Auburn on Saturday night in the highest-scoring Iron Bowl.

Quarterback Blake Sims and the Crimson Tide (11-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) turned to the Heisman Trophy contender for touchdown strikes of 39 and 75 yards in the third quarter. No last-second dramatics would settle this one.

"(Cooper) ran a great route on both of them," Sims said. "I just put the ball where it needed to be and he went and got it and did the rest."

Alabama had already clinched a spot in the SEC championship game against No. 17 Missouri, and the top team in the College Football Playoff rankings scored 28 consecutive points heading into the final seconds.

Black Friday sales fall as more people head to the stores on Thanksgiving Day

NEW YORK (AP) — The crowds of bargain hunters that rush through store doors the day after Thanksgiving have thinned out.

U.S. shoppers spent \$9.1 billion at stores on Black Friday, according to data out Saturday from research firm ShopperTrak. That's a drop of 7 percent compared with the same day last year.

But it's too early to call the holiday shopping season a dud, said Bill Martin, ShopperTrak's co-founder. Sales on Thanksgiving jumped 24 percent to \$3.2 billion. And overall sales for the two days are expected to slip half a percent to \$12.29 billion. The figures don't include online transactions.

For the second straight year, the report suggests that more people avoided the crowds on Black Friday by avoiding time at home on Thanksgiving Day. This year, many large retail stores decided to open their doors to eager shoppers for extended hours on the holiday.

"People are changing their behavior," Martin said. "We've seen this for two years in a row now. Stores opening on Thanksgiving are simply eroding sales from Black Friday."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2014. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1864, the Second Battle of Franklin took place in Tennessee during the Civil War as Confederate forces led by Gen. John Bell Hood attacked Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. John Schofield; Hood's men were driven back with devastating losses.

On this date:

In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

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In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens - better known as Mark Twain - was born in Florida, Missouri.

In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Winter War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland. (The conflict ended the following March with a Soviet victory.)

In 1949, Chinese communist troops captured Chongqing.

In 1954, Ann Elizabeth Hodges of Oak Grove, Alabama, was slightly injured when an 8-1/2-pound chunk of meteor crashed through the roof of her house, hit a radio cabinet, then hit her as she lay napping on a couch.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1982, the Michael Jackson album "Thriller" was released by Epic Records. The motion picture "Gandhi," starring Ben Kingsley as the Indian nationalist leader, had its world premiere in New Delhi.

In 1994, the cruise ship MS Achille Lauro caught fire off the coast of Somalia; two passengers died during the evacuation of the vessel, which sank two days later. (The Achille Lauro had gained notoriety in 1985 when it was hijacked by Palestinian extremists.)

Ten years ago: Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced his resignation. NAACP President Kweisi Mfume (kwah-EE'-see oom-FOO'-may) announced he was stepping down after a nearly nine-year tenure. President George W. Bush tried to repair strained U.S.-Canada relations during a visit to Ottawa. "Jeopardy!" fans saw Ken Jennings end his 74-game winning streak as he lost to real estate agent Nancy Zerg.

Five years ago: Retired Ohio auto worker John Demjanjuk went on trial in Munich, Germany, accused of helping to kill 27,900 Jews as a Nazi death camp guard. (Demjanjuk was convicted in May 2011 of being an accessory to murder; he was sentenced to five years in prison, but was released while his conviction was under appeal; he died in March 2012 at age 91.) In Geneva, the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest atom smasher, broke a world record for proton acceleration. Serena Williams was fined a record \$82,500 for her tirade at a U.S. Open line judge. Tiger Woods withdrew from his own golf tournament, citing injuries from a car crash near his Florida home.

One year ago: Paul Walker, 40, the star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, died with his friend, Roger W. Rodas, who was at the wheel of a Porsche sports car that crashed and burned north of Los Angeles. Paul Crouch, 79, an American televangelist who'd built what has been called the world's largest Christian broadcasting network, died in Orange, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Guillaume is 87. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 84. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 77. Movie director Ridley Scott is 77. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 71. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 69. Playwright David Mamet (MA'-meht) is 67. Actress Margaret Whitton is 64. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 62. Musician Shuggie Otis is 61. Country singer Jeannie Kendall is 60. Singer Billy Idol is 59. Historian Michael Beschloss is 59. Rock musician John Ashton (The Psychedelic Furs) is 57. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 57. Former football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 52. Rapper Jalil (Whodini) is 51. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 49. Rock musician Mike Stone is 45. Actress Sandra Oh is 44. Singer Clay Aiken is 36. Actor Billy Lush is 33. Actress Elisha Cuthbert is 32. Actress Kaley Cuoco (KWOH'-koh) is 29. Actress Christel Khalil is 27. Actress Adelaide Clemens (TV: "Rectify") is 25.

Thought for Today: "The real problem is what to do with the problem solvers after the problems are solved." - Gay Talese, American author and journalist.