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Sunday, October 4

Birthdays: Fred Wolken • Josh Atherton • Gabriel Kjellsen • Trixie Schwabe • Rick Hofer • Malerie Yeaton

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with communion, baptism and JK/K Baptismal Milestones

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00 pm: Worship at Trinity Historic Church

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

Monday, October 5

Boys state golf at Milbank

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Sausage pizza, green beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Brent Swenson • Jeanne Wanous • Judy Feser • Dianne Schelle • Cole Thurston • Sandy Osterman • Julie Shilhanek

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: 7th VB at Langford Area

5:00pm: 8th VB at Langford Area

5:00pm: JV Football hosts Sisseton (CANCELLED)

6:30pm: JV Volleyball at Langford followed by varsity match

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Tuesday, October 6

Elementary Pictures

State Golf at Milbank

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Ellsworth's Expanded Role in America's National Security **By Sen. John Thune**

This year, Ellsworth Air Force Base, located just outside Rapid City, has seen its role in our national security increase dramatically. Early this spring, the Air Force signed off on the completion of an eight-year project to expand the Powder River Training Complex, or PRTC, the airspace in which our B-1B bombers train. Until the expansion, this airspace was only big enough to permit one B-1B bomber to train at a time, which meant that our aircrews had to commute to other airspace to meet their training needs.

With this expansion, the PRTC has quadrupled in size, making it roughly the size of Indiana and spread over four states, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Eighty-five percent of our aircrews' training needs can now be met here in South Dakota, with live-fire exercises taking place elsewhere. This will potentially save Ellsworth \$23 million per year and allows our state to host missions from across the country as aircraft come here to utilize this national resource.

This week, we also saw another milestone in the notable history of Ellsworth Air Force Base, as the command structure for the B-1B bombers moved from Air Combat Command to Global Strike Command. This means that all of our nations' bombers, the B-1B, the B-2, and the B-52, will now be under the same command.

The B-1B remains a legacy mission for the Air Force, and the aircraft modernization the fleet is undergoing means the B-1B will continue to be the work horse of our Air Force for years to come. However, as we look to the future, the United States will eventually need a new, highly advanced, long-range bomber to meet our security needs.

The contract for this new bomber, known as the Long Range Strike-Bomber, or LRS-B, should be announced by years' end, with the new aircraft coming online in the mid-2020s. When that happens, the LRS-B will gradually replace the B-1B and the B-52 bombers. By moving Ellsworth to Global Strike Command, the Air Force is anticipating that transition. Ellsworth's command structure is now in a place where it can smoothly receive the new bombers once they come online.

According to General Richard Clark, commander of the 8th Air Force, the transition to the new command will be seamless for the men and women stationed at Ellsworth. "They will wear a different patch," Gen. Clark said recently, "but aside from that it won't be a significant change." He went on to say, "in general this is a really great move for the Air Force."

With the expansion of the Powder River Training Complex and the transition to Global Strike Command, the key role Ellsworth plays in our national defense has been solidified for years to come.

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Junior High Football

7th grade vs. Milbank won 24 to 0. Alex Morris scored 3 touchdowns for the Tigers, while Jack Achen scored one. Lucas Simon had an interception on defense.

8th grade vs. Milbank lost 6 to 12. Johnny Doeden had the only TD for Groton.

7th grade vs. Aberdeen Central won 20 to 0. Alex Morris had 2 touchdowns and 1 conversion, and Jack Achen had another TD as well. Lucas Simon also had another interception.

8th grade vs. Aberdeen Central lost 16 to 26. After AC jumped out early scoring touchdowns, the Tigers clawed back making it a good game. Big Cole Johnson had a rushing TD and two rushing conversions, Austin Jones had a pass reception for a TD as well.

7th grade vs. Roncalli won 16 to 0. Chandler Larson scored a touchdown on a long passing reception from Alex Morris. Morris got the conversion on a rushing attempt. Alex Morris then scored the second TD for Groton on a long run off of a reverse, Lucas Simon got the conversion on a pass reception.

8th grade vs. Roncalli won 20 to 7. Darien Shabazz had 2 touchdowns and Johnny Doeden had one and a conversion. Shabazz also had an interception. Peyton Johnson had a lot of tackles on defense.

GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 5, 2015 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Insurance Review
- 4) Authorize Shawn to attend SDML conference Tuesday-Wednesday
- 5) Bills
- 6) Dept Reports – Public Works- Dwight, & Shawn
- 7) Festival of Bands – Oct 9 at 10am—same route as last year
- 8) NW Energy Billing by SPP / Heartland's FERC filing
- 9) Trainings available – Safety, Pool
- 10) Request to forgive 2005 C&G/Sidewalk Special Assessment
- 11) Bond Resolution – 2015 Refinancing
- 12) Cancel Outstanding Checks
- 13) Transit Utilities
- 14) Exe Session – Legal & Personnel

AND any other business that may come before the Council

Staying Safe Online **By Senator Mike Rounds**

The internet has become such an integral part of our daily lives that most of us take it for granted. It is where we go to read the news, pay our bills, socialize with others, do our shopping and conduct important business. Over the last 15 years, the number of internet users has risen across the world from about 360 million to more than 3 billion.

While the World Wide Web has helped us stay connected with loved ones and become more efficient in our daily lives, we must be mindful of hackers and cyber threats that wish to do us harm. To highlight the risks that can occur if we are not safe with our online information, the Department of Homeland Security has dubbed October Cyber Security Awareness Month.

With all of the information we put on the internet – credit card information, bank account numbers, passwords and social security numbers - it is more important than ever to protect ourselves from attacks. Failing to do so can result in stolen identities, drained checking accounts, fraudulent credit card charges, unwanted solicitation and worse. As we have seen from the recent Office of Personnel Management data breach, which compromised 22 million federal employees' private information, not even the federal government is safe from a cyber-attack.

While nothing is foolproof, there are things you can do to safeguard your online identity. First, make sure to always set strong passwords and change them frequently on all of your online accounts. Make certain you have antivirus software installed on your computer and install security updates every time your computer prompts you to do so. You should also be cautious when opening e-mails and e-mail attachments from unknown sources. If the address and subject line look suspicious, it could very well be a legitimate threat.

In Washington, D.C., cyber security policy has become a major topic of conversation in recent months because of the wide-ranging effects an attack could have on our nation. Some of our country's top cyber security leaders, including Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Commander of the U.S. Cyber Command and Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, recently spoke to the Senate Armed Services Committee to discuss our military strategy in cyberspace and ongoing cyber threats to U.S. national and economic security. They reinforced the importance of being prepared for any kind of attack on our cyber networks. The Senate is expected to consider the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA) sometime this fall. I welcome this debate and look forward to discussing ways to enhance our nation's cyber security.

In South Dakota, we are doing our part to keep Americans safe from online threats by training students in cyber security. Dakota State University in Madison, which offers a doctoral degree in cyber security, is one of the National Security Agency's National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. The demand for highly-trained cyber security experts continues to grow, and Dakota State University is making sure South Dakota students are equipped and trained to fill those jobs. I'm proud that Dakota State University has become a nationally recognized leader in this important field and I look forward to watching their progress.

Cyber Security Awareness Month is an opportunity for all individuals, businesses and organizations to reflect on their efforts to protect themselves from cyber threats. During the month of October, I encourage all South Dakotans to make sure they are taking the steps necessary to keep themselves safe online.

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Double-Digit Disaster By Rep. Kristi Noem

Nearly one in three health insurance plans sold nationwide on HealthCare.gov next year will see double-digit rate increases. In South Dakota, those kinds of increases are expected for 100 percent of the plans, according to an analysis done by Agile Health Insurance this September. The President's health care law fundamentally failed to drive down the cost of health care in this country and now hardworking families are left to foot an ever-increasing bill.

Congressional Republicans have tried many different approaches to repeal the President's bill in full and even in part. We've been successful in getting portions of the bill repealed nearly a dozen times, which has already saved billions of dollars. But more must be done.

This September, I helped the House Ways and Means Committee advance legislation that aims to repeal five core elements of the President's health care law: the individual mandate, the employer mandate, the Independent Payment Advisory Board (or IPAB), the medical device tax, and the "Cadillac tax." This legislation uses a tool called "budget reconciliation" to help protect the language from being stopped by Democrats in the Senate.

In the Senate, almost every bill requires at least three votes: one to start debate, one to end debate, and a final vote on passage. The first two votes require a 60-vote majority before the legislation can move forward. Since there are just 54 Republicans in the Senate, most bills require the support of at least six Democrats, making any legislation very difficult to move forward – especially bills that would repeal parts of the President's signature health care law.

Because of Senate rules, however, reconciliation bills bypass the 60-vote threshold and can pass with just a simple majority – or 51 votes.

There are limits with this approach, however. For instance, this tactic can only be used once a year, every provision within the bill must directly impact revenue, and it must produce an overall cost savings. You might remember that Senate Democrats used this same tactic in 2010 to pass a portion of Obamacare. But just as the President's health care law couldn't be passed in full through budget reconciliation, it also can't be completely repealed through budget reconciliation alone. Nonetheless, reconciliation is the best tool we have to get repeals to the President's desk that offer meaningful relief to families struggling under Obamacare.

If we are able to tear down the most harmful portions of the President's health care law, we could stop the entire program in its tracks, which would give us the ability to replace it with a more affordable, patient-centered system.

That replacement system would allow people to buy insurance across state lines. It would provide tax incentives to help families pay for a health insurance plan that worked for them. It would reform medical malpractice laws while continuing to safeguard individuals with pre-existing conditions.

A better system that isn't accompanied by double-digit cost increases is possible. We just need the chance to implement it and our budget reconciliation language moves us in the right direction.

Remembering Walt

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

Last Monday, South Dakota lost a statesman and we also lost a friend.

Walter Dale Miller was tall, quiet and unassuming. He was born on his family's ranch near New Underwood and he spent his life on that ranch. Walt spent years on the local school board, and was elected to the State House in 1966. That was the first of ten times that his friends and neighbors chose him to be their representative in Pierre.

In Pierre, Walt quickly emerged as a leader, and he became one of our state's legendary legislators. He didn't give a lot of speeches or sponsor dozens of bills. He chose his words carefully. But when he did speak, people listened, and they followed his lead. Walt was the only person in the history of South Dakota to serve as speaker, speaker pro tempore, majority leader, assistant leader and majority whip. That's the kind of respect his peers had for him.

In 1986, George S. Mickelson was looking for a partner to join his ticket, and he looked to Walt. George had served in the State House with Walt and knew that Walt was steady, capable and respected. George invited Walt to be the first full-time lieutenant governor. Walt wasn't flashy and he didn't seek attention, but during his time in the Mickelson Administration he was an important partner to Gov. Mickelson.

Then came the tragedy of April 19, 1993, when Gov. Mickelson and seven others died in the crash of the state plane. For the first time in South Dakota, a lieutenant governor succeeded a governor who had died in office. And for the first time, we had a full-time lieutenant governor to step in. Many South Dakotans remember being reassured by Gov. Miller's calm, steady leadership during that tragic time.

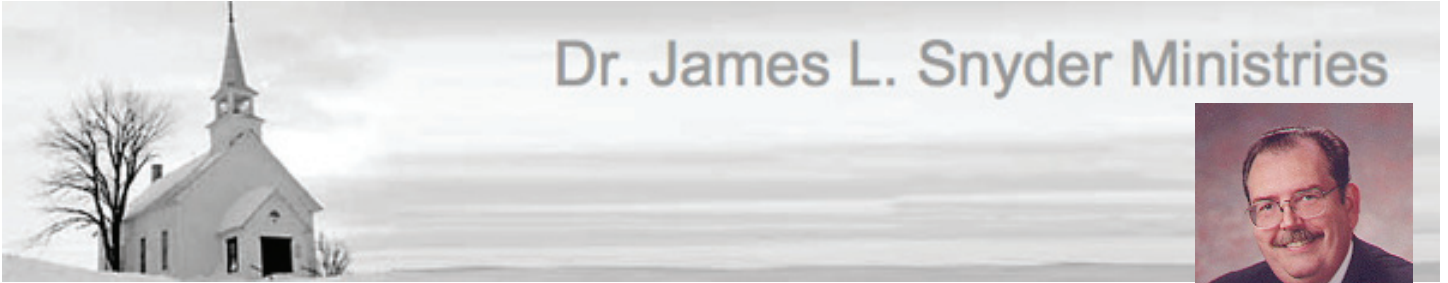
In the days that followed, Gov. Miller was challenged again and again. The river flooding of 1993 was among the worst in state history, and he led response efforts. A penitentiary riot ended without bloodshed thanks to Gov. Miller's restraint and leadership. A court ruling that suspended video lottery required Gov. Miller to impose deep mid-year cuts to keep the state solvent.

When Walt ran for his own term in 1994, his campaign slogan was "Cool in a Crisis." It was the perfect slogan to describe a man who was perfectly suited to lead South Dakota during a very difficult time.

The State Capitol memorial service on October 5th coincides with Walter Dale Miller's ninetieth birthday. That day is a time for all South Dakotans to say "thanks," one last time, to the quiet, west river cowboy who stepped up when South Dakota needed him.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



I Am so Done with Summer

You know when you have had enough of something and you do not want to see any of it anymore. Well, that is what I think about summer. I've had enough of summer and I want to move on with my life.

It's not that I dislike summer. I love summer. I just don't want summer all the time. As far as I am concerned, a little bit of good weather goes a long way with me.

Don't get me wrong here; summer is my favorite time of the year. However, the reason it is my favorite time of the year is that when it is over I have some jolly wonderful memories of summer. I have those memories of summer still lingering on and I want to share them.

When you get my age, memories are very important. At my age, I can have what is called "selective memory." I am not quite sure who come up with that phrase, but I think they need a Nobel Peace Prize of some sort.

As a young person when I forgot something it was rather embarrassing and my mother or father would scold me and tell me I need to remember things if I was ever going to grow up. Now that I am older, it is not in the same thing, but rather an enabling thing.

Forgetting something enables me to handle life as it comes at me.

For example. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will at times ask me, "Did you remember...?" Of course, it does not matter what the subject is because I will look at her with one of "my looks," and she will return it with one of "her looks." She has both hands postured on her hips and I have to back down. I can't find my hips.

"You know, my dear," I always try to explain, "at my age I can't remember very many things."

She will stare at me for a moment and then say, "I think it's rather strange that you can remember what you want to remember but you can forget what you want to forget. I'm not sure age has anything to do with it."

I refuse to get into that tussle because when the wife of the house wins the argument there is a sense of peace and serenity about the house. I like peace and serenity.

I am afraid she has me figured out. If I am not mistaken, she had me figure out the first day she met me. That is the difference between men and women.

That aside, I am still so done with summer. I want to be able to share my memories of this summer while they are still fresh in my mind. Of course, I can always doctor up those memories to fit any occasion.

I was sharing one of my summer memories with someone one time when my wife stepped in and said something like, "I sure don't remember it that way."

What is a husband to do? I am in a position where I can either embarrass myself or embarrass my wife. Now if I embarrass myself, everybody will have a laugh at my expense. If, however, I embarrass my wife, I am in for some real trouble when we get home, still at my expense.

This past summer I kept a journal of some of the things that happened. I was having a wonderful time jotting down what would hopefully turn out to be marvelous memories to share with anyone who would listen.

I just cannot wait for summer to be over so I can go dipping into that little journal and share some marvelous memories of my summer.

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My journal was of such a nature that only I could read it. I did that on purpose because I wanted nobody else to read it. This is my journal, and it should be a private thing. So, during the summer I tried abbreviated and used code words so nobody could figure out what I was journaling about.

One problem. I kept it so private that when I went back over my journal I did not know what I had written. I could not figure out anything in that journal. Nothing made sense. I was a little disheveled about it until that phrase came dancing into my mind, "selective memory."

One thing I have learned through the years is, not very many people are interested in the truth. If a memory sounds likely, you can sell it to anybody.

I want it to be clearly understood that I always tell the truth, but not necessarily in chronological order. I think the one who is telling the memory has the privilege of arranging the memory to suit himself. After all, it is my memory and I should tell it the way I want to tell it.

All I can say is, I am just about done with summer and I cannot wait for it to get over so I can begin with my memories of this past summer. Old boy, what memories I have.

Solomon understood this when he wrote, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

I may be done was summer, but thankfully, God is not done with me. And what memories I have about Him.

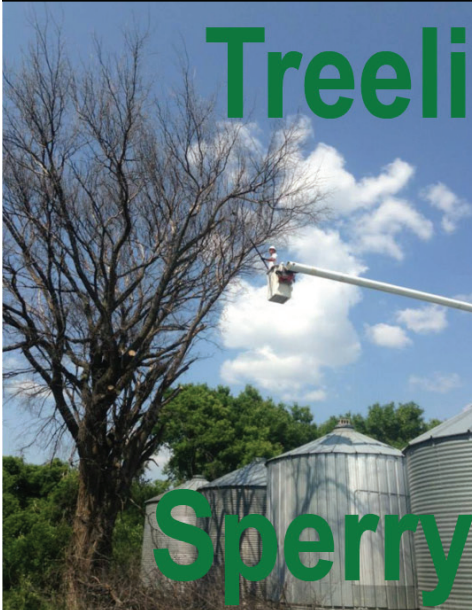
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Today in Weather History

October 4, 2005: A strong low pressure system developed over the Central Rockies and moved through the Northern Plains, bringing heavy snow to much of the northern Black Hills and far northwest South Dakota. Precipitation started as rain during the day and changed over to snow during the late afternoon and early evening, mixed with freezing rain and sleet. Heavy snow fell during the night and ended in the morning. Snowfall amounts were generally in the 6 to 12 inch range, with locally heavier amounts across northern and western Harding County. The heavy, wet snow resulted in many downed trees, large branches, and power lines. This caused numerous power outages and some minor property damage. A few locations had some of the highest daily snowfall amounts ever recorded in October. Camp Crook received 12 inches of snow, which tied for the daily record for snow in October. Redig also tied its record for most snowfall in one day for October with 9 inches. Lemmon had its second highest daily total snowfall for October (6.5 inches). Bison received 6 inches, which was tied for the 3rd highest daily total in October. Spearfish tied for the 8th highest daily snow total for October with 7 inches.

1777: The Battle of Germantown was fought in a morning fog that grew denser with the smoke of battle, causing great confusion. Americans firing at each other contributed to the loss of the battle.

1869 - A great storm struck New England. The storm reportedly was predicted twelve months in advance by a British officer named Saxby. Heavy rains and high floods plagued all of New England, with strong winds and high tides over New Hampshire and Maine. Canton CT was deluged with 12.35 inches of rain. (David Ludlum)

1969 - Denver, CO, received 9.6 inches of snow. October of that year proved to be the coldest and snowiest of record for Denver, with a total snowfall for the month of 31.2 inches. (Weather Channel)

1986 - Excessive flooding was reported along the Mississippi River and all over the Midwest, from Ohio to the Milk River in Montana. In some places it was the worst flooding of record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - A storm brought record snows to the northeastern U.S. Snowfall totals ranged up to 21 inches at North Springfield VT. It was the earliest snow of record for some locations. The storm claimed 17 lives in central New York State, injured 332 persons, and in Vermont caused seventeen million dollars damage. The six inch snow at Albany NY was their earliest measurable snow in 117 years of records. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Southern California continued to "shake and bake". An earthquake was reported during the morning, the second in a matter of days, and during the afternoon temperatures soared well above 100 degrees. Highs of 100 degrees at San Francisco, and 108 degrees at Los Angeles and Santa Maria, were October records. San Luis Obispo was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 111 degrees. (The National Weather Summary).

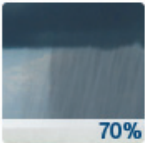





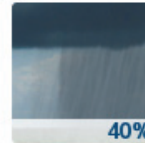
1988 - Temperatures dipped below freezing in the north central U.S. Five cities in North Dakota and Nebraska reported record low temperatures for the date, including Bismarck ND with a reading of 17 degrees above zero. Low pressure brought snow and sleet to parts of Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably cold weather continued in the north central U.S., with freezing temperatures reported across much of the area from eastern North Dakota to Michigan and northwest Ohio. Thirteen cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Saint Cloud MN, which was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 19 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

2005: Hurricane Stan, a minimal Category 1 Hurricane with 75 mph maximum sustained surface winds, made landfall near Punta Roca Partida, Mexico at 4 AM EDT on this day. While not a particularly strong hurricane the torrential rains caused flooding and landslides, which resulted in 1,513 deaths in Guatemala.

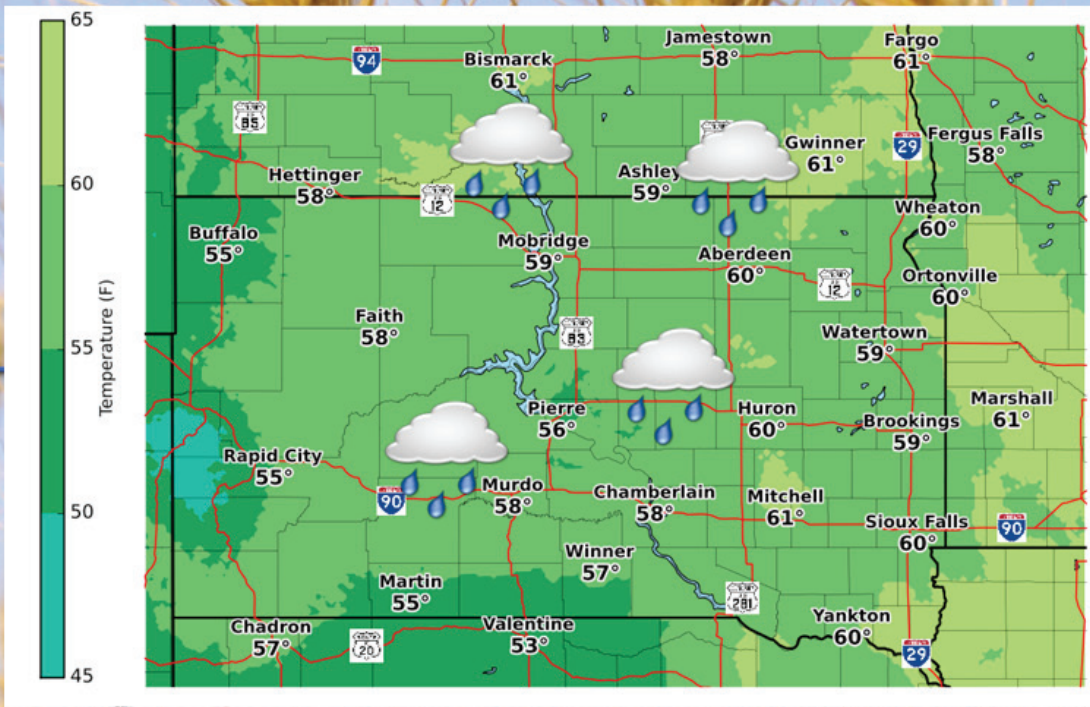
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Showers Likely	Slight Chance Showers	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers
High: 59 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 67 °F



Cool Today Showers West of I-29



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Updated: 10/4/2015 5:25 AM Central

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An upper level disturbance crossing the region will bring scattered showers to locations west of Interstate 29 today. Showers should end later this evening with dry conditions expected on Monday.

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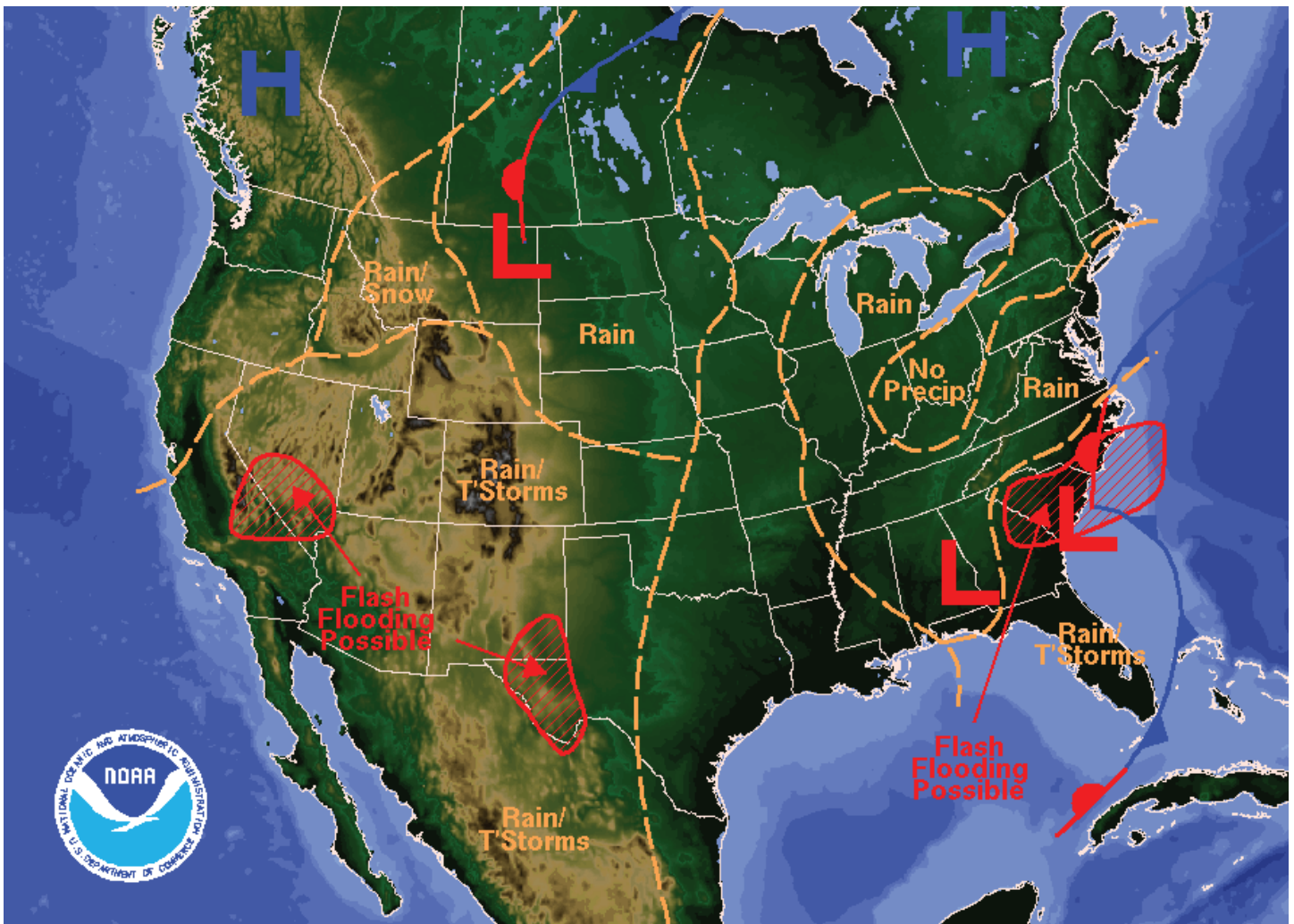
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 56.8
Low: 44.4
High Gust: 20
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 93° in 1975
Record Low: 13° in 1894
Average High: 64°F
Average Low: 38°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.32
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 18.80
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 7:08 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Oct 04, 2015, issued 4:48 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FAITH FACTOR

The family gathered around the table for the Sunday meal after church. Young James appeared as though he was deep in thought. Finally he said, "Dad, we have thermometers and barometers. Wouldn't it be great if we had faithometers?" "What do you mean, Son?" he asked.

"Well, the preacher talked about having faith and trusting God to answer our prayers. How do we know how much faith we have when we pray and don't get any answers?" he asked. The father did not respond. But our Lord does.

Jesus once said, "You can pray for anything and if you have faith you will receive it." This implies that Jesus is making an unconditional guarantee that God will hear and answer our prayers.

Prayer does three things for us. First, it enables us to do or accomplish things, that we may have thought were beyond our abilities because we do not claim His power and strength. Second, it can also enable us to accept life as Jesus did when He asked His Father to "let this cup pass from me." It was the agony of the cross that led to the glory of the resurrection. And, third, it prepares us to endure things and ultimately discover that "His grace is sufficient."

Prayer: Teach us, Father, to pray earnestly in faith believing that Your grace and mercy will sustain us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 21:22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

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Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Faith 40, Wall 8

Volleyball

Edgemont def. Newell, 25-13, 22-25, 25-3

Jones County def. Bennett County, 25-18, 25-13, 25-17

Kimball/White Lake def. Mitchell Christian, 25-15, 25-20, 25-22

Marty Indian def. Crazy Horse, 25-18, 25-22, 10-25, 25-19

Wagner def. Tri-Valley, 19-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-22

Wall def. Newell, 25-12, 25-14

281 Conference Tournament

Consolation Semifinal

Wolsey-Wessington def. Iroquois, 25-22, 25-12, 25-12

Semifinal

Highmore-Harrold def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-8, 25-15, 25-18

Hitchcock-Tulare def. James Valley Christian, 25-15, 25-19, 26-24

Seventh Place

Iroquois def. Wessington Springs, 25-22, 25-17, 25-23

Fifth Place

Wolsey-Wessington def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-19, 25-9, 25-23

Third Place

Highmore-Harrold def. James Valley Christian, 25-20, 25-21, 25-23

Championship

Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-16, 26-28, 21-25, 25-18, 15-8

Huron Invitational

Huron def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 23-25, 25-17, 26-24

Huron def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-17, 25-14

Huron def. Sturgis, 25-8, 25-13

Mitchell def. Sturgis, 25-13, 25-11

Mitchell def. Spearfish, 25-15, 25-21

Pierre def. Sturgis, 25-15, 25-16

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Pierre, 25-20, 25-21

Sioux Falls Washington def. Huron, 25-13, 13-25, 25-22

Sioux Falls Washington def. Sturgis, 25-9, 25-15

Sioux Falls Washington def. Mitchell, 23-25, 27-25, 25-15

Lakota Nation Invitational

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. McLaughlin, 26-24, 25-17

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Crow Creek, 25-9, 25-11

Custer def. White River, 25-8, 26-24

Custer def. Hill City, 25-17, 25-17

Little Wound def. Hill City, 25-12, 21-25, 25-23

Little Wound def. St. Francis Indian, 25-11, 25-21

McLaughlin def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 23-25, 25-23, 25-14

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Red Cloud def. Crow Creek, 25-15, 25-21
Red Cloud def. McLaughlin, 22-25, 25-17, 25-22
Red Cloud def. Lower Brule, 25-10, 25-17
St. Francis Indian def. Todd County, 17-25, 25-22, 25-13
Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Lower Brule, 26-24, 17-25, 25-14
Todd County def. Takini, 25-12, 25-17
White River def. Little Wound, 25-17, 25-21
White River def. Todd County, 23-25, 25-9, 25-20
Semifinal
Custer def. Pine Ridge, 26-24, 26-24
White River def. Red Cloud, 25-22, 25-21
Third Place
Red Cloud def. Pine Ridge, 25-18, 22-25, 25-17
Championship
Custer def. White River, 25-21, 19-25, 25-15
Lead-Deadwood Mile High Invitational
Pool Play
Pool A
Wall def. Edgemont, 25-7, 25-16
Pool B
Harding County def. Rapid City Stevens C-Team, 25-14, 25-11
Harding County def. Hot Springs, 25-10, 25-22
Rapid City Stevens C-Team def. Hot Springs, 25-19, 23-25, 25-19
Pool C
Gordon/Rushville, Neb. def. Rapid City Central JV, 25-21, 25-20
Gordon/Rushville, Neb. def. New Underwood, 25-11, 25-11
Rapid City Central JV def. New Underwood, 25-21, 25-12
Pool D
Bison def. Kadoka Area, 25-18, 16-25, 25-23
Lead-Deadwood def. Kadoka Area, 25-9, 25-13
Lead-Deadwood def. Bison, 25-12, 25-18
Quarterfinal
Lead-Deadwood def. Edgemont, 25-8, 25-12
Semifinal
Lead-Deadwood def. Gordon/Rushville, Neb., 25-15, 25-23
Championship
Lead-Deadwood def. Harding County, 25-22, 25-13
Tri-Valley Conference Tournament
Seventh Place
Irene-Wakonda def. Centerville, 25-8, 25-9, 25-16
Fifth Place
Alcester-Hudson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-9, 24-26, 28-26, 25-12
Third Place
Baltic def. Gayville-Volin, 25-11, 25-18, 25-15
Championship
Ponca, Neb. def. Freeman Academy, 25-23, 25-16, 25-18
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First Round

Rapid City Stevens def. Casper Kelly Walsh, Wyo., 25-16, 25-14

Semifinal

Grand Island Northwest, Neb. def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-10, 25-15

Third Place

Chadron, Neb. def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-23, 25-22

Sioux Falls, US Geological Survey surveying groundwater

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The City of Sioux Falls and the United States Geological Survey will begin conducting a state-of-the-art groundwater survey this week.

The city has contracted with CGG Canada Services to be flying a helicopter over the Big Sioux Aquifer to collect, record and map its geophysical measurements.

Officials say the study will determine groundwater, soil, and sand characteristics to help in the future planning of water access points.

North Dakota State beats South Dakota State 28-7

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Lifting the Dakota Marker Trophy that goes to the winner of the North Dakota State-South Dakota State game proved harder than actually winning it on Saturday night.

NDSU quarterback Carson Wentz and the four-time defending national champion Bison carved up the Jackrabbits 28-7 in a Missouri Valley Conference showdown.

"He's a complete player," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "He's an NFL-type player."

Wentz passed for 183 yards and a touchdown and ran for a 27-yard score as NDSU (3-1, 1-0) extended its eight-game winning streak over SDSU.

The streak includes two playoff wins and six straight in the battle for the Dakota Marker.

"We did what we had to do, which was start fast and get a big lead," NDSU coach Chris Kliemen said. "Our defense was just dominant."

The vaunted SDSU offense, which averaged 520 yards and 43 points in its first three games, was no match for the Bison defense. The Jackrabbits were held to 238 total yards, just 58 in the first half.

SDSU quarterback Zach Lujan was 19-for-38 for 242 yards and a touchdown. Standout receiver Jake Wienke had just three catches for 39 yards. He entered the game with 528 yards on 26 catches. Cam Jones caught four passes for 69 yards.

SDSU was held to minus-4 yards rushing.

The Bison, ranked second in the FCS coaches poll, put together three scoring drives of 65 yards or more in the first two quarters to take a 21-0 halftime lead.

NDSU's Zach Vraa caught seven passes for 51 yards. Wentz ran for a game-high 54 yards. Lance Dunn had 48 yards, Bruce Anderson 47 and Frazier 44.

"We've got weapons all over the place," Wentz said. "When you face good defenses, I can spread the ball around and they can't lock into one guy."

Wentz guided the Bison on a 10-play, 69-yard drive that ate up 5:49 on NDSU's first possession. Wentz was 5-for-5 for 45 yards and King Frazier's 2-yard run gave NDSU a 7-0 lead with 6:20 to play in the quarter.

The Bison went up 14-0 on Chase Morlock's 3-yard touchdown run to cap a nine-play, 68-yard drive with 13:47 left in the half. Luke Albers' 2-yard TD catch from Wentz with 20 seconds left in the first half put the Bison up 21-0 at halftime.

NDSU outgained SDSU 221-58 in the first half.

"We had opportunities to make plays. We're not playing with confidence right now," Stiegelmeier said at halftime. "Our confidence got hurt more than anything. We're not playing with confidence right now."

The Bison went up 28-0 on Wentz's 27-yard keeper on their first possession of the second half.

The Jacks finally got on the board on Lujan's 26-yard TD pass to Dallas Goedert with 1:04 left in the

third quarter.

"We didn't perform," Stiegelmeier said. "I know we can play better. You gotta make plays to get into a rhythm. We weren't a good football team tonight because we didn't create any momentum."

North Dakota edges Portland State 19-17 in Big Sky

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — Reid Taubenheim kicked four field goals and North Dakota's defense shut down Portland State's running game in a 19-17 Big Sky Conference win over the Vikings on Saturday.

Taubenheim kicked field goals of 23, 37, 41 and what proved to be a game-winning 29-yarder in the fourth quarter.

North Dakota quarterback Keaton Studsrud ran for 107 yards and scored UND's only touchdown on a 32-yard run late in the third quarter. Studsrud completed 9 of 17 passes for 136 yards.

John Santiago led all rushers with 111 yards on 22 carries. It was the third time in five games that Santiago went over the 100-yard mark.

North Dakota piled up 396 yards of total offense against a defense that came in leading the Big Sky in scoring defense and yardage.

The Vikings (3-1, 1-1) had been allowing 64 yards rushing per game. UND (4-1, 2-0) ran for 260.

Portland State's first play of the game accounted for most of its offense. Alex Kuresa completed a 76-yard touchdown pass to Paris Penn on the game's first snap. But the Vikings' offense did little the rest of the half, taking a 10-6 lead at the break after Jonathan Gonzalez's 19-yard field goal with 33 seconds left in the second quarter.

Kuresa was 9 for 13 for 142 yards and led the Vikings on the ground with 55 yards on 15 carries.

"It's really only one play and one QB scramble," UND coach Bubba Schweigert said. "Our defense (did) a great job after that first play."

Taubenheim kicked a 41-yard field goal with 8:07 left in the third quarter to make it 10-9.

The Vikings threatened on their next possession, but the UND defense held again as Jake Disterhaupt recovered a fumble by Kuresa at the UND 38. It was Portland State's third turnover of the season.

Two plays later, Studsrud gave his team a 16-10 lead with his touchdown run.

The Vikings defense came up big late in the third quarter when safety Patrick Onwuasor returned an interception 61 yards down to the 2.

Nate Tago's 1-yard run put the Vikings back on top 17-16 with 1:48 left in the third quarter.

But with 12:53 left in the game, Taubenheim kicked his fourth field goal to cap the scoring.

"We're very proud of our players," Schweigert said. "We really just kept plugging away and played with a lot of heart. A lot of guys contributed. A lot of guys stepped up."

Pelini just close enough to Nebraska to get a good heckling

ERIC OLSON, AP College Football Writer

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — With a black-and-white photocopied picture of Bo Pelini's snarling mug slapped on the side, Dave Zimbeck's motor home served as the unofficial, ahem, welcome wagon for the deposed Nebraska football coach at the DakotaDome.

Pelini brought his new team, the Youngstown State Penguins, to this town seven miles north of the Nebraska state line to play the South Dakota Coyotes on Saturday. Zimbeck's tailgate party was up and running hours before kickoff, and the return of Pelini was the theme.

Under that uncomplimentary picture of Pelini was a list of "Bo Knows" categories that Zimbeck came up with on Friday night: "Anger management, how to slam a revolving door, the 'N' doesn't stand for knowledge (or nice)."

This area lies deep within the Cornhuskers' sphere of influence, and fans like Zimbeck were lying in wait. They haven't forgotten Pelini's signature sideline meltdowns, his dour demeanor and the leaked audio recordings of him ripping the fans and famously using vulgarities to describe the athletic director in his final meeting with players.

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The Youngstown bus pulled up two hours before kickoff, and Pelini stepped off and never looked up as he descended a ramp into the dome. As Pelini disappeared, a college-aged man who might have consumed an adult beverage or three stood at the top of the ramp and yelled unpleasantries at him.

"Just missed him," the man said to a friend, turning around to go back to tailgating. "I was hoping to have a word with him."

Pelini told reporters in Youngstown this week that he saw no significance in his coaching a game so close to Nebraska, where he never won fewer than nine games in his seven years but left as a polarizing figure nonetheless.

Pelini typically doesn't publicly discuss his experience with the Huskers. A Youngstown athletic department spokesman said during the week that Pelini would do no interviews about topics outside the game against the Coyotes.

Asked after his team's 31-3 victory if he noticed the reception from the sign-toting fans, Pelini said: "No, I could care less."

With the Youngstown bench flanked by the student section, Pelini was right at the center of the part of the stadium that houses the "Coyote Crazies." They joined right in the heckling. Among their signs: Bo as "Dr. Evil," Bo alongside "Harry Potter" villain Lord Voldemort, topless Bo holding a cat, Bo getting pecked by penguins, Bo in a bad Christmas sweater.

Crazies director Mackenzie Huber, a junior from Vermillion, said her 500-member group began planning a month ago for Pelini's appearance. Fans and alumni contributed \$400 for the professionally printed signs, many of which played off a meme originating with a picture of him holding a cat on a parody Twitter account.

Before the game, Huber yelled: "Bo, did you bring your cat?" Pelini turned and gave her a quick look. She was happy.

"Our goal is to get in the head of the other team. So this is our kind of stuff," Huber said. "I wouldn't call myself a 'Bo-liever,' but I'm not against him, either. He's perfect for heckling. That's why we love him."

Then there was Joni Freidel of Vermillion and her poster of Pelini with devil's horns superimposed on his head. The poster was displayed on one of the homecoming parade floats a few hours before kickoff. As she walked into the dome, she said it was inspired by Batman and the Penguin — "good vs. evil." On the flip side was the "good" in the form of a smiling USD coach Joe Glenn.

Zimbeck, the fan who brought the motor home, is an attorney from Sioux Falls has been a South Dakota season ticket holder for about 25 years and calls himself a casual observer of Nebraska football.

"I knew he was coming into an environment in Vermillion where there are a lot of Cornhusker fans. The fan base didn't appreciate Bo, so I knew this was going to be a hostile environment all the way around," Zimbeck said.

A year ago this weekend, Pelini was getting the Cornhuskers off to a 5-0 start in their Big Ten opener against Illinois in front of 91,000 fans in Lincoln. Saturday, there were about 10,000 in the stands as he coached a game in the Missouri Valley Conference, the toughest in the Football Championship Subdivision but a steep drop from where he once was.

His separation agreement with Nebraska requires the school to pay him \$128,009 a month through February 2019. Youngstown pays him an annual base salary of \$213,894.

Zimbeck figured Pelini could take some ribbing.

"His standard of living hasn't suffered," Zimbeck said.

Youngstown St. cruises against South Dakota, 31-3

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Hunter Wells completed 15 of 26 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns, including a 51-yard strike to Andrew Williams, to help Youngstown State to a 31-3 victory over South Dakota on Saturday.

Martin Ruiz ran for 86 yards and two touchdowns and Youngstown State jumped out to 17-0 halftime lead while improving to 3-0 against the Coyotes. In their two previous games, the Penguins needed fourth-

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quarter touchdowns to come from behind.

"I didn't think our defense played poorly but offensively we were fit to be tied," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. "We tried running and we tried throwing and we couldn't do anything."

South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger completed just nine of 25 passes for 119 yards. Michael Fredrick had one catch for 63 yards.

"Everybody could put blame on Ryan Saeger but we didn't have anybody open," Glenn said.

The Penguins (3-1, 1-0 MVFC) marched 80 yards on their first possession to take the lead for good.

Defensively, Youngstown State held the Coyotes (2-2, 0-1) to just 143 yards on the ground and 119 passing.

The Penguins forced South Dakota to punt on its first possession, then marched 80 yards in 16 plays to go up 7-0 on Ruiz's 1-yard run and Zak Kennedy's PAT. The drive chewed up 7:25.

Youngstown State went up 10-0 on Kennedy's 33-yard field goal with 47 seconds left in the first quarter. The kick was the result of a fumble by Saeger that was returned 50 yards to the Coyote 10 by LeRoy Alexander.

Youngstown state quarterback Hunter Wells hit Andrew Williams on a slant route that went 51 yards for a 17-0 Penguins lead with 12:19 left in the half.

Wells also had a 13-yard TD to Shane Kuhn late in the fourth quarter. He was intercepted twice. Williams caught four passes for 79 yards.

The Coyotes got on the board on Miles Bergner's 39-yard field goal with 10:20 to play.

With 12:07 left in the game, South Dakota's Paul Anderson dropped a punt his own 2-yard line and the Penguins recovered. On the next play, Ruiz scored his second TD of the game from 2 yards out.

South Dakota agencies getting \$662K for new officers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota agencies have been awarded more than \$662,000 in Community Oriented Policing Services grants.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says the Sioux Falls Police Department is receiving \$375,000 to fund three officers. Eagle Butte is receiving \$171,000 to fund one officer and Sisseton Wahpeton Law Enforcement is getting about \$116,000 to fund one officer.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services — or COPS — is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide.

The COPS Hiring Program provides grants to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to hire or rehire community policing officers. The program provides salaries and benefits for officer and deputy hires for three years.

Huron man killed when motorcycle hits semi-truck trailer

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A 44-year-old Huron man has been killed in a motorcycle crash with a semi-truck.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Jimmy Delozier Jr. was driving his motorcycle west on U.S. Highway 14 about 5:30 p.m. Friday when he crossed the lane divider into the left lane and collided with a semi-truck's trailer heading east. Delozier died at the scene.

The truck driver, 49-year-old James Johnson, of Clark, was not hurt.

The crash closed both westbound lanes for a short time as traffic was diverted around the crash scene. The Highway Patrol continues to investigate.

AP News in Brief

Pope opens family meeting: Marriage is forever, but church must accept wounded couples

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis opened a divisive meeting of the world's bishops on family issues Sunday by forcefully asserting that marriage is an indissoluble bond between man and woman. But he said

the church doesn't judge and must "seek out and care for hurting couples with the balm of acceptance and mercy."

Francis dove head-on into the most pressing issue confronting the meeting of 270 bishops during a solemn Mass in St. Peter's Basilica: How to better minister to Catholic families experiencing separation, divorce and other problems when the church's teaching holds that marriage is forever.

He insisted that the church cannot be "swayed by passing fads or popular opinion." But in an acknowledgment that marriages fail, he said the church is also a mother, who doesn't point fingers or judge her children.

"The church must search out these persons, welcome and accompany them, for a church with closed doors betrays herself and her mission and instead of being a bridge, becomes a roadblock," he said.

One of the major debates at the synod is whether divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can receive Communion.

Israeli police bar Palestinians from Jerusalem's Old City after stabbing attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police took the unprecedented step of preventing Palestinian residents of Jerusalem from entering the walled Old City on Sunday after two Palestinian stabbing attacks against Israelis.

A Palestinian teenager stabbed and wounded a 15-year-old Israeli before dawn Sunday before being shot dead by police, Israeli police said. The attack came hours after a Palestinian teenager fatally stabbed two Israelis in Jerusalem's Old City and wounded a woman and a toddler, before he was shot dead by an Israeli police officer.

Tensions have soared over access to a sensitive holy site within the Old City that is sacred to Jews and Muslims. Israeli police and Palestinian demonstrators have clashed repeatedly at the hilltop compound in recent weeks, and the unrest has spread to the West Bank, where clashes erupted Sunday during an Israeli arrest raid.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would meet with security officials Sunday to decide upon a "harsh offensive on Palestinian Islamic terror," according to a statement on his Facebook page. "We are in an all-out war against terror," Netanyahu said in the post.

Relatives of the teen behind Sunday's attack identified him as Fadi Alloun, 19, from Arab East Jerusalem. Yesterday, he wrote on his Facebook page: "Either martyrdom or victory."

Survivors say Oregon gunman gave student something to take to authorities

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — The gunman who opened fire in an Oregon college shot one classmate after saying he could save her life by begging, and others were killed after being told to crawl across the floor, according to relatives of students in the classroom.

However, Christopher Sean Harper-Mercer spared a student and gave the "lucky one" something to deliver to authorities, according to the mother of a student who witnessed Thursday's rampage.

Authorities have not disclosed whether they have an envelope or package from Harper-Mercer, who Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin said Saturday killed himself as officers arrived. But a law enforcement official said a manifesto of several pages had been recovered.

Bonnie Schaan, the mother of 16-year-old Cheyenne Fitzgerald, said she was told by her 16-year-old daughter that the gunman gave someone an envelope and told him to go to a corner of the classroom.

Harper-Mercer said the person "was going to be the lucky one," Schaan told reporters outside a hospital where her daughter's kidney was removed after she was shot.

Gusty winds predicted to add to misery of heavy rain, flooding in waterlogged East Coast towns

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Flooding from days of record-setting rain along the heavily populated East Coast washed out bridges and homes and forecasters warned wind gusts topping 35 mph could down trees and power lines across the Carolinas and Virginia in coming hours.

At least five weather-related deaths have been reported since rains began spreading over the Eastern Seaboard, which has appeared to dodge the full fury of Hurricane Joaquin churning hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic.

President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency in South Carolina and ordered federal aid to bolster state and local efforts as flood warnings remained in effect for many parts of the East Coast through Sunday.

The steady downpour drew its moisture from a slow-moving low-pressure system over the Southeast that has linked up to a finger of tropical moisture from Hurricane Joaquin. Heavy rain was expected to continue overnight in the Carolinas and parts of northern Georgia and could cause some significant river and stream flooding, the National Weather Service said.

The low-pressure system also was expected to whip up stiff northeasterly winds in the Blue Ridge mountains of the Carolinas and western Virginia with gusts up to 35 mph through Sunday, the weather service said. With tree roots already loosened in waterlogged soil, increased winds held the prospect of toppling trees onto power lines or property.

Doctors Without Borders leaves Afghan city after deadly airstrike

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — International medical charity Doctors Without Borders said on Sunday it has withdrawn from the northern Afghan city of Kunduz after a deadly airstrike destroyed its hospital, killing 19 people.

The humanitarian crisis in the city, which briefly fell to the Taliban last week before the government launched a counteroffensive, has grown increasingly dire, with shops shuttered because of ongoing fighting and roads made impassable by mines planted by insurgents.

"All critical patients have been referred to other health facilities and no MSF staff are working in our hospital," said Kate Stegeman, the communications manager for Doctors Without Borders, using the French acronym for the organization.

"Some of our medical staff have gone to work in two hospitals where some of the wounded have been taken," she added.

Investigations are continuing into the bombing of the hospital on Saturday, which killed at least 19 people, including 12 MSF staffers.

Rep. Chaffetz may be ready for most attention-grabbing move yet — uphill bid for House speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — A brash congressman who's led high-profile investigations into the Secret Service, Planned Parenthood and other issues seems ready for his most attention-grabbing move yet: an underdog challenge to ascend to House speaker.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz hasn't made his intentions known publicly, but he booked a spot on "Fox News Sunday" to discuss his plans ahead of Thursday's House leadership elections.

The prohibitive favorite in the race is Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California, now the top deputy to Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who is resigning at month's end, worn down by conservatives' pressure.

It's a time of tumult for majority Republicans, and the elections may heighten the disarray among lawmakers looking for a new team to confront President Barack Obama — and perhaps rankle the GOP-run Senate, where Democrats have bottled up Republican priorities.

Divisions among House Republicans have widened in the week-plus since Boehner stunned Washington

with word he was ending his congressional career. There's not much time to restore order, given the major issues ahead, such as raising the federal borrowing limit to avoid a market-shattering default and paying the bills to keep the government running.

University hazing gets stern new punishment in military-ruled Thailand

BANGKOK (AP) — At a military facility outside Bangkok, a drill sergeant barks orders at a group of film students learning the hard way that creative license has its limits in Thailand.

"You are here to learn discipline," the officer shouted. "Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir!" shouted back the group of 53 aspiring artists — boys with shaggy hair, girls with tattoos and yoga pants.

"Discipline means respecting the rules and regulations," he told them. "If you misbehave, you must be punished."

In military-ruled Thailand, this is how university hazing is handled. The offense: a video posted online that showed a half-dozen fully clothed freshman doing an erotic couples dance as upperclassmen cheered. Social media dubbed it a "love-making dance." The punishment: three days of boot camp for a new type of disciplinary punishment known as "attitude adjustment."

Coast Guard search finds life ring but no other sign of US ship lost off Bahamas in hurricane

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — An intensive search by U.S. Coast Guard and Navy aircraft has turned up a life ring but no other sign of a cargo ship with 33 people on board that lost power and communications off the southeastern Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin.

The search covered a large expanse of the Atlantic Ocean near Crooked Island for the El Faro, which was taking on water as it was battered by massive waves at the height of the hurricane. The search was halted at nightfall and was expected to resume Sunday.

Authorities don't know yet what happened to the ship or whether the discovery of the life ring means that the crew were forced to abandon the ship, said Chief Petty Officer Ryan Doss, a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami.

"There are plenty of instances where things get torn off a ship in heavy winds," Doss said. "It even happens to Coast Guard cutters."

The life ring was spotted 120 miles (193 kilometers) northeast of Crooked Island, about 70 miles (113 kilometers) from the last known position of the El Faro before authorities lost contact with it on Thursday as Joaquin raged through that section of the Bahamas as a powerful Category 4 hurricane.

And action! Hillary Clinton plays a wise bartender consoling candidate Clinton in 'SNL' sketch

WASHINGTON (AP) — Set 'em up, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and lend an ear to the troubles of a presidential candidate.

The front-runner for the Democratic nomination appeared on the season opener of "Saturday Night Live" as a wise bartender named Val who pours a drink or two for, ahem, Hillary Clinton (played by "SNL" regular Kate McKinnon).

Most political candidates play themselves on "SNL," often for just a cameo in a sketch or to declare the show's famous tag line, "Live from New York — it's Saturday night!" Seldom do they go all-out thespian and play a character in a sketch.

"So, Hillary," Clinton asks McKinnon, "what brings you here tonight?"

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"Well, I needed to blow off some steam," McKinnon says. "I've had a hard couple of 22 years."

Walking the Americas: Woman prepares to make 5-year, 20,000-mile trek

SMITHVILLE, Mo. (AP) — The night before Bethany Hughes started on the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,650-mile hike from Mexico to Canada, she was so wired that she kept rifling through her bags.

Everyone else was asleep, but Hughes thought a "real" backpacker knew where to find anything she needed. So she kept pulling out gear, then repacking it. Over and over, all night.

Eventually, another hiker said, "You're like a 5-year-old the night before Christmas," and her trail name of "Fidgit" was born.

It has never fit better.

Five years later, the 29-year-old with the curious inability to sit still is preparing to depart on her next daring expedition: She will attempt to become the first documented woman to travel the length of the Americas — from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Barrow, Alaska — entirely by non-motorized means. The 20,000-mile trek will begin in December and take an estimated five years to complete.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, October 4, the 277th day of 2015. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 4, 1965, Pope Paul VI, making the first-ever papal visit to the Western Hemisphere, addressed the U.N. General Assembly, where he urged delegates to adopt as their solemn oath: "No more war, war never again."

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pennsylvania, resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps. The Warner Bros. movie "Knut Rockne All American," starring Pat O'Brien as the legendary Notre Dame football coach and featuring Ronald Reagan as George Gipp, premiered in South Bend, Indiana.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit. The television series "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched Luna 3, a space probe which transmitted images of the far side of the moon.

In 1960, an Eastern Air Lines Lockheed L-188A Electra crashed on takeoff from Boston's Logan International Airport, killing all but 10 of the 72 people on board.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1985, Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying it had killed American hostage William Buckley. (Fellow hostage David Jacobsen later said he believed Buckley had died of torture injuries four months earlier.)

In 1990, for the first time in nearly six decades, German lawmakers met in the Reichstag for the first meeting of reunified Germany's parliament.

In 1995, Pope John Paul II arrived in the United States for a five-day visit. Hurricane Opal battered the Florida panhandle.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush defended his Supreme Court nominee, Harriet Miers, from suggestions by some skeptical Republicans that she was not conservative enough, and insisted Miers

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shared his strict-constructionist views. (Miers ended up withdrawing.) Hurricane Stan slammed into Mexico's Gulf coast. Americans John L. Hall and Roy J. Glauber and German Theodor W. Haensch won the 2005 Nobel Prize in physics for optics research that improved the accuracy of such precision instruments as GPS locators, atomic clocks and navigation systems.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court began a new era with three women serving together for the first time as Elena Kagan took her place at the end of the bench. The Nobel Prize in medicine went to Robert Edwards of Britain, whose work led to the first test tube baby. The Europeans reclaimed the Ryder Cup, winning 14 1/2-13 1/2.

One year ago: North Korea's presumptive No. 2 leader, Hwang Pyong So, and other members of Pyongyang's inner circle met with South Korean officials in the rivals' highest level face-to-face talks in five years. Former Haitian "president for life" Jean-Claude Duvalier, 63, died in Port-au-Prince. Paul Revere, 76, the organist and leader of the Raiders rock band, died in Garden Valley, Idaho.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 86. Actress Felicia Farr is 83. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Sam Huff is 81. Actor Eddie Applegate is 80. Author Roy Blount Jr. is 74. Author Anne Rice is 74. Actress Lori Saunders (TV: "Petticoat Junction") is 74. Baseball Hall of Famer Tony La Russa is 71. Actor Clifton Davis is 70. The former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, is 69. Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel is 69. Actress Susan Sarandon is 69. Blues musician Duke Robillard is 67. Playwright Lee Blessing is 66. Actor Armand Assante is 66. Actor Alan Rosenberg is 65. Actor Christoph Waltz is 59. Actor Bill Fagerbakke (FAY'-guhr-bah-kee) is 58. Music producer Russell Simmons is 58. Actress Kyra Schon (Film: "Night of the Living Dead") is 58. Actress-singer Wendy Makkena is 57. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 56. Country musician Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard (Sawyer Brown) is 55. Actor David W. Harper is 54. Singer Jon Secada is 54. TV personality John Melendez is 50. Actor Liev Schreiber is 48. Actor Abraham Benrubi is 46. Country singer-musician Heidi Newfield is 45. Singer-guitarist M. Ward (She & Him) is 42. Actress Alicia (ah-LEE'-see-ah) Silverstone is 39. Actress Dana Davis is 37. Actor Phillip Glasser is 37. Rock singer-musician Marc Roberge (O.A.R.) is 37. Actor Brandon Barash is 36. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 36. Actor Tim Peper is 35. Actor Jimmy Workman is 35. Bassist Cubbie Fink (Foster the People) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Benson (3lw) is 28. Actor Michael Charles Roman is 28. Actress Melissa Benoist is 27. NBA All-Star Derrick Rose is 27. Actress Dakota Johnson is 26. Figure skater Kimmie Meisner is 26. Actress Leigh-Anne Pinnock (Little Mix) is 24. Actor Ryan Scott Lee is 19.

Thought for Today: "Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock." - Ben Hecht, American screenwriter (1894-1964).