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Friday, October 16

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

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: John & Chris Wheeting

Birthday: Nancy Larsen

Saturday, October 17

Oral Interp at NSU Festival

Birthdays: • Gladys Dirks • Judy Fliehs • Laura Ptacek • Dylan Krueger • Tyler Rossow • Jackson Bahr

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, October 18

Birthday: Chelsey Wolthuizen

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (SS Serves)

5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Trinity

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study
Monday, October 19

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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Netters lose to Hamlin

Groton Area's volleyball team dropped a tough match to Hamlin Thursday night at Hayti. Hamlin edged out Groton Area, 3-2. Game scores were 25-27, 15-25, 26-24, 25-20 and 12-15.

Groton was 97 of 106 in serving with six ace serves. Marlee Jones was 21 of 21 in serving. In sets, Groton Area was 238 of 240 with Jones being 177 of 178. Groton Area was 175 of 196 in spikes with 62 kills. Audrey Wanner was 54 of 60 with 20 kills. Josie Doeden had all seven blocks and Katie Koehler had 27 of the team's 102 digs.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match by game scores of 27-25 and 25-18, and the C match 26-24 and 22-17.

Volleyball team beats Hitchcock-Tulare

The netters defeated Hitchcock-Tulare in a match played October 13, 3-2. Game scores were 17-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-27 and 15-4.

Groton was 150 of 173 in spikes with 44 kills. Audrey Wanner was 36 of 45 with 16 kills and Josie Doeden was 33 of 40 with 11 kills. The Tigers were 210 of 215 in sets with 35 assists. Marlee Jones was 165 of 169 with 33 assists. Groton Area was 94 of 105 in serving with 18 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 19 of 22 in serves with five ace serves and Miranda Hanson was 14 of 17 with four ace serves. The Tigers had 114 digs with Koehler having 33 and Wanner 16. Gia Gengerke had seven and Josie Doeden six of the team's 13 blocks.

Hitchcock-Tulare won the junior varsity match by game scores of 21-25, 25-20 and 6-15. Groton won the C match by game scores of 25-18 and 25-21.

A little lady is on her way!

It's a baby shower honoring
SYDNEY ERICKSON

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Saturday, October 24
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
1104 N 3rd St | Groton, SD
(2 blocks north of the park)

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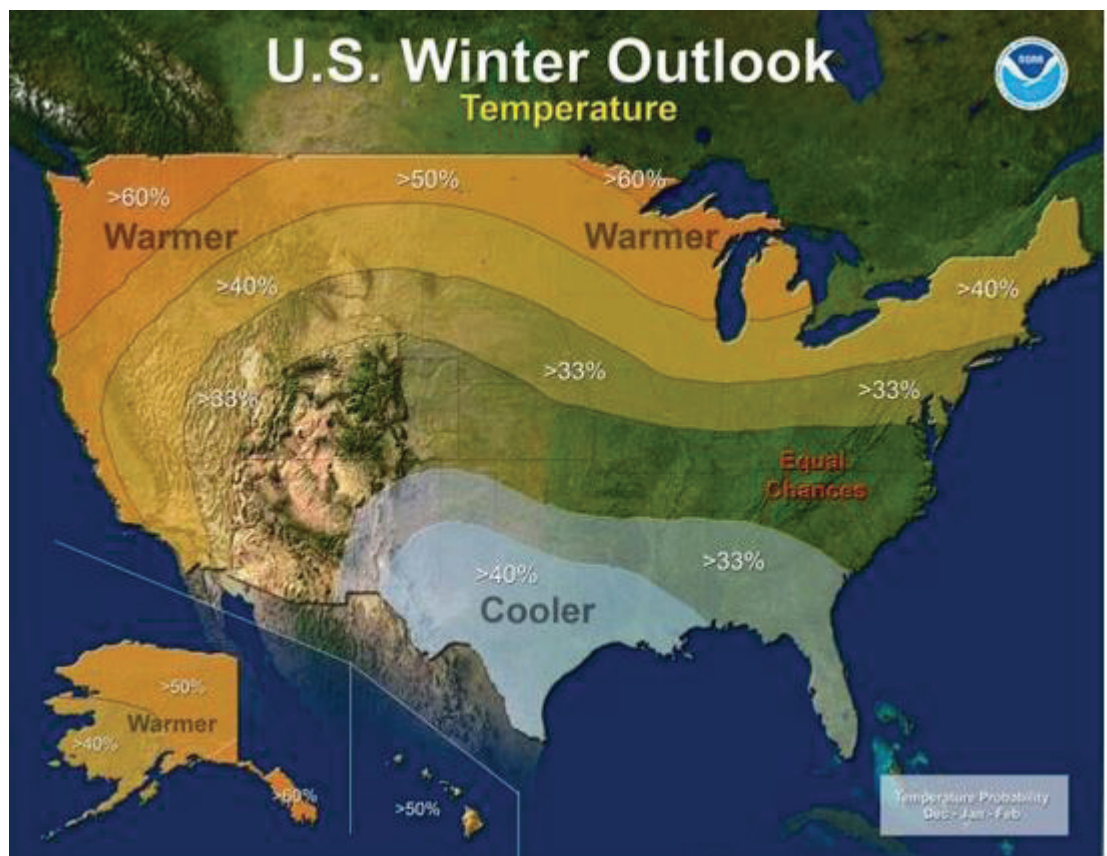
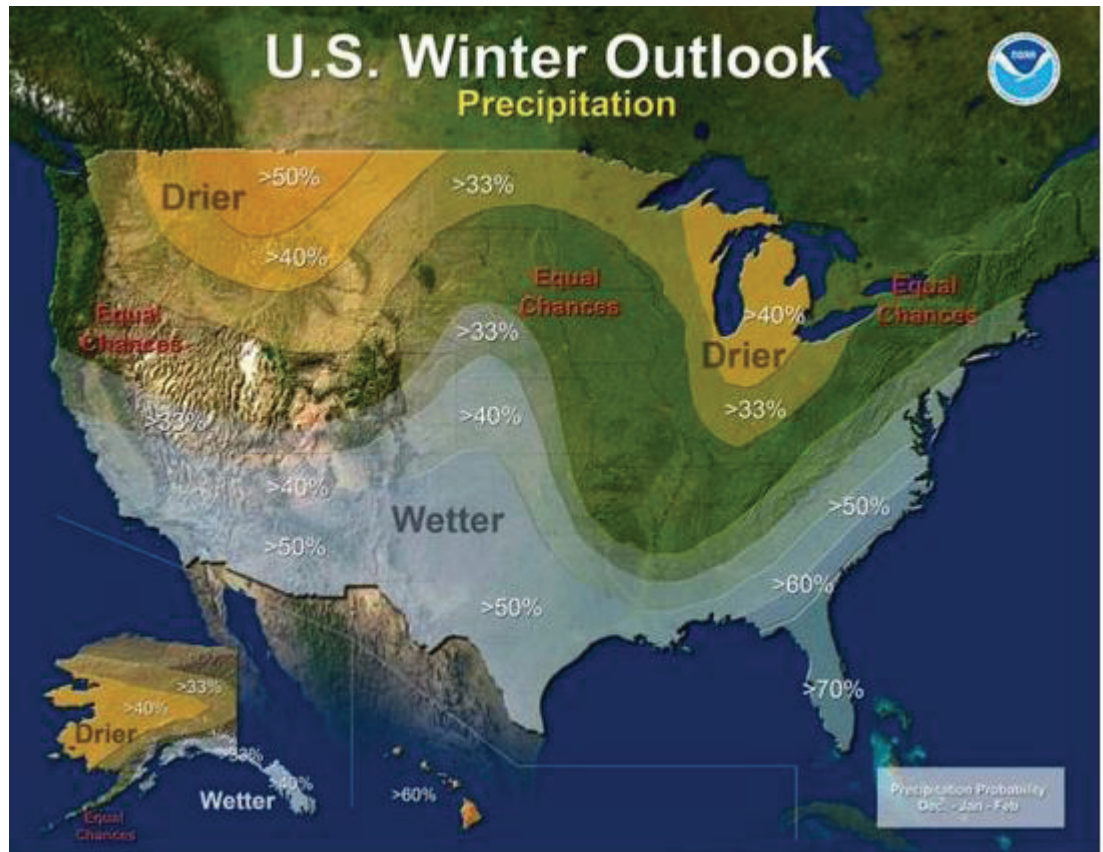
Sydney is registered at Target



2015-2016 Winter Outlook, Explanation, and Local Information

The 2015-2016 Winter Outlook indicates that our upcoming winter has an increased chance of having above normal temperatures and equal chances of above or below normal precipitation (not necessarily snowfall).

One of the main drivers behind this outlook is the presence of an El Niño, which is expected to become one of the strongest on record (record keeping began in 1950). What is El Niño? Basically it's the warming of the sea surface across the equator in the Pacific Ocean such that above normal water temperatures are observed. An El Niño is considered strong when a section of the equatorial waters reach +1.5 degrees C above normal. Even though these waters are thousands of miles away, strong El Niños can have drastic impacts here in the Northern Plains and worldwide. This was well documented and observed during the last strong episode 17 years ago (1997-98). For more information on how El Niño affects our weather, check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Tuou_QcgxI



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and for even more information, visit <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/enso/>.

A couple things to keep in mind:

1.) 6 El Niño episodes is a very small data set to work with - we must be cautious in inferring too much information.

2.) The temperature departures include and average out both high and low temperatures. Warmer low temperatures can have a big impact on the overall average.

3.) Even if we end up with above average temperatures (or even far above average) as a whole, there will still be bitter cold and snowy days. Only the frequency of these events should be reduced.

4.) Although we typically observe below average snowfall during these years, total precipitation is typically right around average. The difference is that more of it falls in the liquid form.

Finally, did you notice how two of the years featured widespread below average temperatures, and that one of the years recorded predominantly above average snowfall? This is a reminder that we can't put all our eggs in one basket - there are other climate factors to consider besides El Niño that have the potential to drastically impact our winter and derail the outlook.

One such example is the Arctic Oscillation (AO). In its negative phase, the polar low pressure system, better known as the Polar Vortex, is weaker which allows Arctic air to push further south. Think of it as a spinning top - the slower it spins the more it wobbles. In this case, the cold air "wobbles" further south. The problem is, this is very difficult to predict and it can change on a weekly basis. For more information and some great graphics to help explain, visit: <https://climate.ncsu.edu/climate/patterns/NAO.html>. Another example is the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO). It's similar to the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO, in which El Niño is the warm phase) in that it has cool and warm phases and shifts over time periods of years. Find out more here: <https://climate.ncsu.edu/climate/patterns/PDO.html>.



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Today in Weather History

October 16, 1980: A squall line packing damaging winds developed across portions of central South Dakota and raced into Minnesota on the afternoon and evening. The line of thunderstorms developed around 2 pm CDT and moved east and northeast at over 50 miles an hour. A large portion of southeast South Dakota was belted with winds of 50 to 70 miles an hour. Yankton reported winds of 60 to 70 miles an hour while Sioux Falls was hit with a 62 mile an hour gust. Considerable damage was done in southeast South Dakota to trees, farm structures, and small buildings. Damage estimates were 100 to 200 thousand dollars. By late afternoon the thunderstorms were roaring through southwest Minnesota. Numerous outbuildings and many trees were downed or damaged. In Redwood county two combines and a 24 foot travel trailer were tipped over and damaged.

1913 - The temperature in Downtown San Francisco soared to 101 degrees to equal their record for October. (The Weather Channel)

1937 - An unlikely winter-like storm produced as much as ten inches of snow in Minnesota and Iowa.

1987 - Ten cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 34 degrees at Augusta GA marked their third straight morning of record cold. A cold front brought showers and thunderstorms to parts of the central U.S. Lightning struck a bull and six cows under a tree near Battiest OK. (The National Weather Summary)


1988 - Late afternoon thunderstorms produced severe weather in southwestern Lower Michigan and northern Indiana. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado north of Nappanee IN which caused half a million dollars damage. Six cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 100 degrees at Red Bluff CA was the latest such reading of record for so late in the autumn season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the foothills of Colorado. Up to three inches was reported around Denver. Echo Lake was buried under nineteen inches of snow. Temperatures again warmed into the 80s and lower 90s in the eastern and south central U.S. Thirteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Atlantic City NJ with a reading of 84 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)







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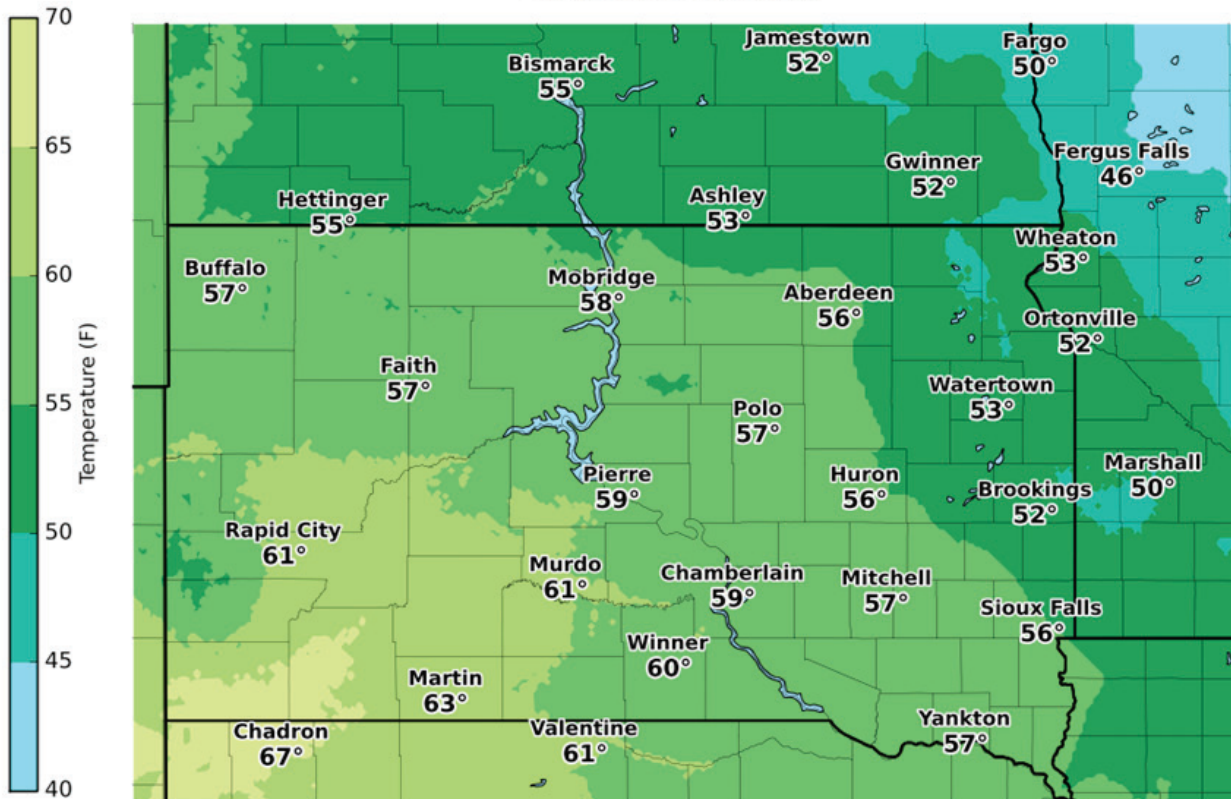


Freeze Warning

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night
					
Frost then Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy
High: 56 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 46 °F

Today's Highs

Valid: October 16, 2015



National Weather Service
Aberdeen SD
10/16/2015 05:14 AM CDT

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Temperatures will be cool across the region today with highs in the 50s.

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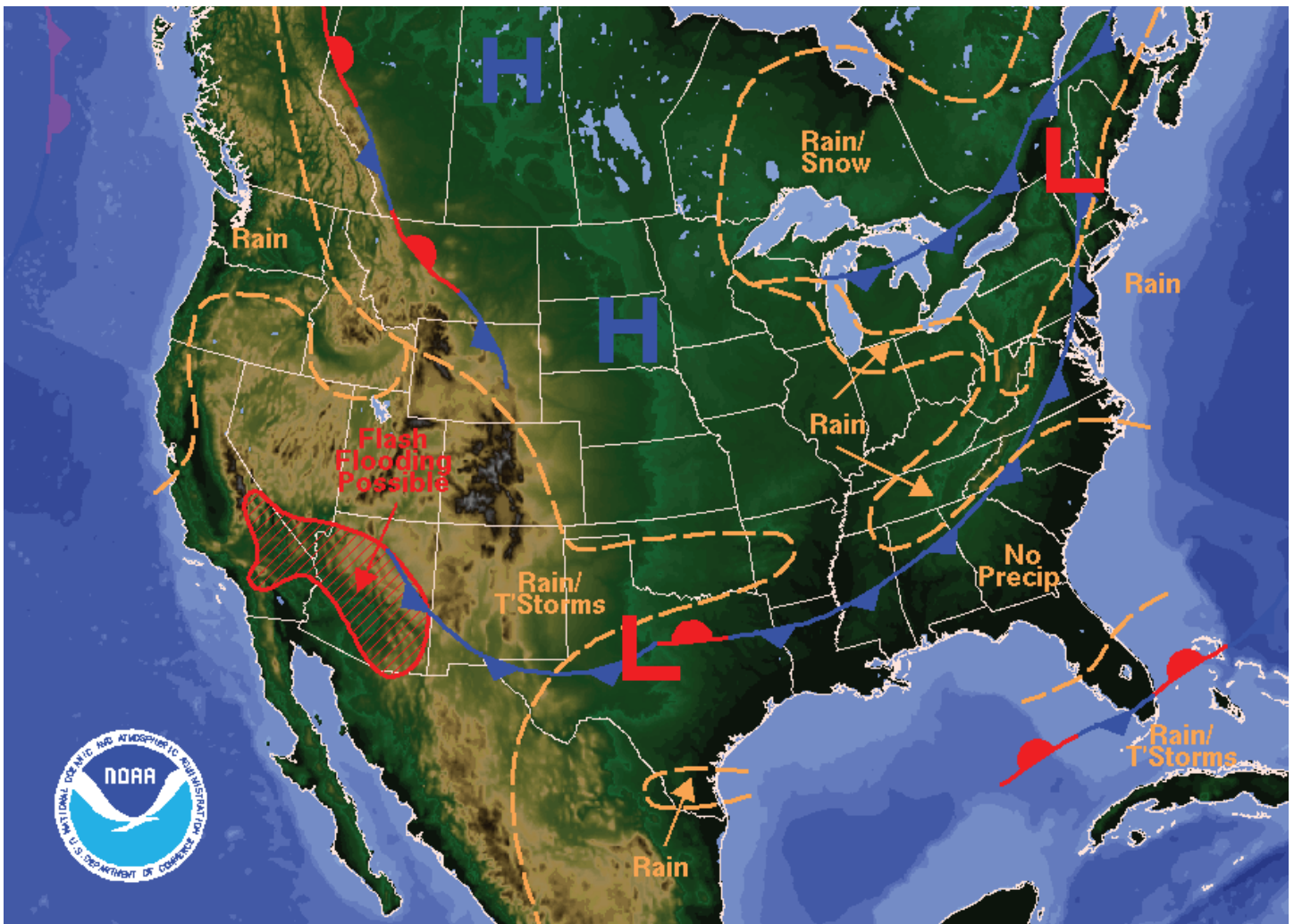
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 58.0
Low: 34.6
High Gust: 32
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1910
Record Low: 19° in 1976
Average High: 58°F
Average Low: 33°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.16
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 19.64
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 6:46 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Oct 16, 2015, issued 4:45 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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NOTHING TO LIVE FOR?

Leland Stanford has been highly recognized for his business ventures, political achievements and interest in education. His only child, a son, died at age fifteen. He was so overwhelmed by this loss that he once cried out, "I have nothing to live for."

One night while sleeping he had a dream. His son seemed to be saying to him, "Live for other children." As a result of this dream, he endowed Stanford University to honor his son and other children.

Many times we are threatened by events that are truly overwhelming. Tragedy strikes, disasters invade our lives and everything we counted on for our security seems to collapse. Could it be that God is trying to get our attention?

Jesus once said, "If you give up your life for My sake and the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." The message is rather simple and straight forward: "Allow Me to control your destiny and direct your life. Let Me lead you each day as you share My message." However, what may sound simple is not always easy.

There is always a battle between Someone and something. But if we willingly center our lives on Him and worship and serve Him, we will discover true life.

Prayer: Father, to say we will surrender to You is easier said than done. But give us no peace until we try. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Mark 8:34-38 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

News from the Associated Press

Confrontation ends with vehicle crashing into Kmart store

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have arrested several people in a confrontation that ended with a car crashing into a Kmart store.

Sgt. Adam Petersen says two adults and several minors were arrested on drug charges after the incident late Thursday afternoon, and the investigation is continuing.

Police say an altercation in the Kmart parking lot culminated with a vehicle ramming another, and the ramming vehicle continuing on and crashing through a wall and into Kmart's garden center area.

No one in the vehicles or the building was hurt.

Fort Pierre teacher is South Dakota 2016 Teacher of the Year

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Fort Pierre elementary school teacher Sarah Lutz has been named South Dakota's 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Lutz is a third-grade teacher at Stanley County Elementary and a member of the school's leadership team. She also serves as a volunteer coach for the Girls on the Run program, and is credited with developing family nights to promote parent involvement.

A statewide panel of educators selected Lutz from among five regional finalists. The award was announced Thursday night.

Lutz receives a \$5,000 cash award, a \$6,300 technology package and a \$1,000 honorarium from the South Dakota Board of Regents to present a series of professional development seminars for aspiring teachers. She also is now a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year award.

Deadline approaching for community, safety project grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Agriculture says the deadline is approaching to apply for grants that are available for community improvement and public safety projects.

The agency said Thursday that applications for Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities grant program funding need to be sent in by the end of the month.

Basic community improvement grants are limited to \$750 for each project, and up to \$200 is available for each safety grant project.

The funding is available for 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and Family Career and Community Leaders of America chapters.

Finance Administrator Terri LaBrie says that projects funded through the backing are designed to display the importance of working together for rural life improvement.

Lamb producers association honors 4 South Dakota families

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Master Lamb Producers Association has recognized four families with awards.

Producers are recognized for their excellence of production practices in one of three categories including feeder lamb production, seedstock production and lamb-to-finish. SDSU Extension Sheep Specialist Jeff Held says the winning sheep operations have elite skills, practices and production outcomes.

Receiving the 2015 South Dakota Master Lamb Producers awards are: Reece Clarkson, of Clarkson Livestock in Buffalo; Theresa and Jon Beastrom, of Beastrom Targhees in Pierre; Betty and Michel Brink, of Brink Hampshires in Redfield and Phyllis and Mark Pates and Courtney and Kevin Pates, of Stoney Hill Farms in Volga.

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Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Webster, 16-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-22
Akron-Westfield, Iowa def. Alcester-Hudson, 20-25, 25-15, 25-13, 25-16
Arlington def. Estelline, 25-14, 25-9, 25-16
Avon def. Freeman, 25-21, 25-20, 25-9
Belle Fourche def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-16, 25-17, 20-25, 7-25, 15-5
Bon Homme def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-14, 25-5, 25-12
Britton-Hecla def. Deuel, 25-19, 26-24, 25-19
Burke/South Central def. Gregory, 25-23, 25-20, 25-14
Chester def. Canistota, 25-10, 25-8, 25-16
Custer def. Douglas, 25-23, 25-22, 25-23
DeSmet def. Colman-Egan, 25-18, 25-14, 20-25, 25-20
Deubrook def. Castlewood, 25-17, 25-22, 25-22
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Lake Preston, 25-9, 25-9, 25-9
Florence/Henry def. Rosholt, 25-11, 25-23, 25-17
Freeman Academy def. Marty Indian, 25-3, 25-16, 25-10
Gayville-Volin def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-15, 25-18, 25-20
Hamlin def. Groton Area, 27-25, 25-15, 24-26, 20-25, 15-12
Hanson def. Ethan, 25-15, 25-14, 25-20
Harding County def. McIntosh, 25-17, 25-19, 25-6
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-2, 25-16, 25-20
Highmore-Harrold def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 25-22
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Ipswich, 22-25, 25-19, 25-11, 25-16
Hot Springs def. Hill City, 25-18, 26-28, 21-25, 25-22, 15-8
Irene-Wakonda def. Centerville, 25-6, 25-18, 25-15
Kadoka Area def. Jones County, 25-15, 25-16, 23-25, 10-25, 15-13
Lennox def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-22, 23-25, 26-24, 25-15
Leola/Frederick def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-9, 25-10, 25-17
Marshall, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-18, 25-12, 25-11
McCook Central/Montrose def. Marion, 25-20, 25-22, 25-20
McLaughlin def. Standing Rock, N.D., 3-1
McLaughlin def. Takini, 25-10, 25-20
McLaughlin def. Tiospaye Topa, 23-25, 25-20, 25-13
Mitchell Christian def. Menno, 25-20, 25-16, 21-25, 16-25, 16-14
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. West Central, 25-22, 25-20, 25-17
Northwestern def. Potter County, 25-8, 25-15, 20-25, 25-11
Parker def. Parkston, 25-17, 25-11, 25-10
Pierre def. Sturgis, 25-8, 25-15, 20-25, 25-8
Platte-Geddes def. Chamberlain, 25-18, 25-16, 25-12
Red Cloud def. Edgemont, 25-23, 25-10, 25-22
Redfield/Doland def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-17, 25-15, 25-20
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-15, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20
Scotland def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 12-25, 15-25, 25-9, 25-20, 19-17
Sioux Falls Christian def. Dell Rapids, 25-8, 25-16, 25-15
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Brandon Valley, 25-23, 25-18, 22-25, 25-16
Sioux Valley def. Baltic, 19-25, 24-26, 25-14, 25-20, 15-5
Sisseton def. Milbank Area, 25-19, 22-25, 25-21, 25-21

Spearfish def. St. Thomas More, 25-21, 25-17, 25-23
Stanley County def. Dupree, 19-25, 25-10, 25-11, 25-9
Sully Buttes def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-17, 25-18, 25-14
Tea Area def. Garretson, 25-21, 25-8, 25-19
Vermillion def. Canton, 25-15, 25-10, 25-14
Wagner def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-16, 25-20, 25-14
Warner def. Faulkton, 25-9, 25-13, 25-17
Watertown def. Yankton, 25-16, 23-25, 25-18, 25-20
Waverly-South Shore def. Waubay/Summit (VB), 22-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-17
Wilmot def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-4, 25-17, 19-25, 25-8
Wolsey-Wessington def. Wessington Springs, 25-15, 25-18, 25-13

US Rep. Kristi Noem outraises Democratic challenger by \$197K

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Democratic state representative raised about \$63,400 during the campaign finance period in which she launched her bid to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, who has more than \$1.3 million in the bank.

Federal finance reports provided by the two campaigns this week show Noem raised more than \$260,000 in the latest fundraising quarter, nearly \$200,000 more than challenger Paula Hawks raised. This is the first deadline since Hawks, a second-term state representative from Hartford, announced her bid for the seat in August. So far she's the only Democrat running, and she has about \$45,600 on hand.

The quarter ran from July through September. Hawks campaign manager Zach Nistler said the campaign is pleased and will build on the numbers. He said Noem is spending time raising money for the next election rather than getting work done for state residents.

"We always knew that Kristi Noem would outspend us and that she would outraise us, but we have learned from past races that you don't need millions upon millions of dollars to run a successful race here in South Dakota if your message is resonating with the folks of South Dakota," Nistler said.

Noem campaign consultant Justin Brasell said that Noem hears a lot of frustration with Washington from people in South Dakota. He said Noem has support from South Dakotans who believe she's part of the solution.

"Congresswoman Noem has always been a great fundraiser," Brasell said. "She continues to successfully raise funds, she's taking nothing for granted in this election and we'll be ready for another competitive race."

Hawks needs to raise enough money to show she can sustain a bid against Noem, said Jon Schaff, a political science professor at Northern State University. He said that Hawks' fundraising will have to improve, especially against what will be a "pretty formidable Noem operation."

"Can she raise an adequate amount of money to launch a credible campaign against Noem?" he said. "Sixty thousand dollars a quarter isn't really going to do that, but it's early yet and time will tell."

The seats held by Noem and Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune will be up in the 2016 election. Thune's campaign reported Thursday that his bank balance sits at about \$11.2 million after raising about \$520,000 in the third quarter.

So far, he doesn't have a Democratic challenger, though the party expects to field a candidate. South Dakota Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg said Republicans' "sizeable" bank accounts are "one more indication of big money running politics in our nation and in our state."

Democrat Paula Hawks raises \$63K in bid against Kristi Noem

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democratic state Rep. Paula Hawks has raised about \$63,400 since launching her campaign to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem.

Federal reports released by Hawks' campaign Thursday show the representative from Hartford had about \$45,600 on hand at the end of this fundraising quarter, which ran from July through September.

This is the first campaign filing deadline since Hawks announced her 2016 bid in August. So far she's the only Democrat running.

Campaign manager Zach Nistler says the campaign is pleased and will build on the numbers.

Noem has about \$1.3 million in the bank and raised more than \$260,000 during the quarter. She claimed South Dakota's congressional seat in 2010 and is serving her third term.

Noem campaign consultant Justin Brasell says she'll be ready for a competitive race.

Police release name of man killed in bicycle wreck

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have released the name of a man killed from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident last week.

Police say 63-year-old Dale Kimpton was riding his bicycle on 41st Street on Oct. 8 when his bike struck the front tire of a car pulling out of a gas station. Kimpton, who was wearing a helmet, was thrown from the bicycle. He was hospitalized but died on Wednesday.

The woman driving the car was cited for failure to yield from a private drive and failure to exercise due care.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the investigation is ongoing and any decision on further charges would be made after talking to the offices of the city attorney and state's attorney.

Sen. John Thune raises \$520K, banks \$11.2M in third quarter

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune's bank account sits at about \$11.2 million for his bid for a third Senate term in 2016.

Thune's campaign announced Thursday that the Republican lawmaker's third-quarter haul was about \$520,000.

Campaign manager Joshua Shields says the campaign is pleased with the support. He says the resources put Thune in a strong position for the race.

The third fundraising quarter ran from July through September.

Thune didn't face an opponent in the 2010 campaign for his second term. So far, he doesn't have a Democratic challenger this cycle, though the party expects to field a candidate.

South Dakota Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg says Republicans' "sizeable" bank accounts are evidence of big money running politics.

Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem is also running for re-election.

Survey again suggests rural economic slowdown in 10 states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A third consecutive overall index drop in a monthly rural bankers survey suggests an economic slowdown is ahead for rural parts of 10 Western and Plains states.

The Rural Mainstreet Index sank to 44.4 this month from 49.0 in September and 50.0 in August. The overall index is computed from various economic category scores, and survey organizers say any score below 50 suggests that factor will decline.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the survey, and he says the overall index reflects "weakness stemming from lower agriculture and energy commodity prices and from downturns in manufacturing exports."

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

Pheasant season get underway in South Dakota this weekend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's pheasant season opens Saturday, with the expectation that hunters will enjoy a better year than in 2014.

State wildlife officials estimate that the number of birds is up 42 percent this year due to a second

consecutive year of favorable winter and spring weather. The pheasants-per-mile index is similar to 2011, when hunters bagged nearly 1.6 million birds.

South Dakota's Game, Fish and Parks Department estimates that pheasant hunting last year boosted the state's economy by more than \$150 million. The season attracts not only in-state hunters but also an influx of nonresidents.

Bradley Carson came from Greenville, South Carolina, to hunt. He tells the Capital Journal that there isn't a lot of opportunity in his home state.

The season ends next Jan. 3.

New Jersey man accused of robbing reservation liquor store

MCLAUGHLIN, S.D. (AP) — A New Jersey man is behind bars after allegedly robbing a liquor store on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas.

KELO-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1MDNhg0>) that the 51-year-old man was arrested in Bismarck after allegedly holding up a store in McLaughlin on Wednesday.

Authorities say the man robbed T-Spoons Corner Liquor at gunpoint.

Sioux Falls landlord denies discriminating against tenant

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls landlord accused of turning out a tenant because his wheelchair might damage carpet has denied the discrimination allegation.

Calvin Salem says in court documents filed by his attorney that Daniel Loring was evicted in March 2014 because he violated his lease agreement by allowing another person to stay at his apartment.

In August, Loring sued in U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls, seeking unspecified damages from Salem and the Alice B. Salem Family Trust. The lawsuit alleges that Salem's actions violated Loring's rights under the Fair Housing Act.

Salem denies telling Loring he wasn't allowed back into his apartment with his wheelchair, which he was using because of a broken leg.

"Defendants admit having conversations with Mr. Loring; discussed damage to the carpets caused by use of a wheelchair; and discussed removing the carpeting from the subject property," defense attorney David Palmer wrote in the court filing. "Defendants deny telling Mr. Loring that he could continue to live at the apartment as long as he was not in a wheelchair."

A trial date has not been scheduled. Salem is seeking to have the lawsuit dismissed and to have a judge award him attorney fees and other costs.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. U.S. SUSPICIONS MAY HAVE LED TO DEADLY ATTACK ON AFGHAN HOSPITAL

American special ops analysts believe the site was being used by a Pakistani operative to coordinate Taliban activity, the AP learns.

2. WHAT OBAMA'S SUCCESSOR FACES IN MIDEAST

When the president leaves office in 15 months, the next commander in chief will inherit military conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

3. WHO IS POISED TO THROW HAT IN RING

Vice President Joe Biden sends a clear signal through his political team that not only might he enter the presidential race soon, he has a strategy prepared to run and win.

4. FILMMAKER ENDEAVORS TO ID MEN BEHIND LOCKERBIE BOMBING

After Ken Dornstein's brother perished aboard Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988, he was determined to track down the bombers — and now there's been a breakthrough with two new suspects identified.

5. WHY MEETING WITH SOUTH KOREAN LEADER IS PIVOTAL

Obama welcomes Park Geun-hye to the White House, aiming to deter nuclear-armed North Korea while leaving the door open to negotiations.

6. FANTASY SPORTS SITES DEALT SETBACK IN NEVADA

DraftKings and FanDuel have been ordered out of the state unless they get a gambling license — a decision that's likely to be closely watched by other states that allow gambling.

7. IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL IMPACTING NEIGHBORS

A senior United Arab Emirates official tells a top U.S. lawmaker that it too might seek the right to enrich uranium.

8. FEDS EXPAND CYBERCRIME REACH INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Justice Department broadens its overseas efforts against cybercrime, stationing an adviser in Malaysia to ensure the region has the laws and tools to fight hackers.

9. HOW AMERICA'S 'HEROIN CITY' IS TURNING ITSELF AROUND

The small New England city of Rutland, Vermont, is fed up with the drug problem that has brought it notoriety, but efforts to fight the scourge have started working.

10. METS TO FACE CUBS IN NLCS

Two teams with plenty of history, just none against each other in the postseason, will decide who represents the National League in the World Series.

AP News in Brief

US knew Afghan site was hospital, but it's unclear if commanders knew before approving attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — American special operations analysts were scrutinizing an Afghan hospital days before it was destroyed by a U.S. military attack because they believed it was being used by a Pakistani operative to coordinate Taliban activity, The Associated Press has learned.

The analysts knew it was a medical facility, but it's unclear whether that information ever got to commanders who unleashed the AC-130 gunship on the hospital, killing at least 22 patients and hospital staff. Nor is it known whether the allegations of possible enemy activity played a role in the incident. The Pentagon initially said the attack was to protect U.S. troops engaged in a firefight and has since said it was a mistake.

The special operations analysts had assembled a dossier that included maps with the hospital circled, along with indications that intelligence agencies were tracking the location of the Pakistani operative and activity reports based on overhead surveillance, according to a former intelligence official who is familiar with some of the documents describing the site. The intelligence suggested the hospital was being used as a Taliban command and control center and may have housed heavy weapons.

After the attack — it came amid a battle to retake the northern Afghan city of Kunduz from the Taliban — some U.S. analysts assessed that the strike had been justified, the former officer says. They concluded that the Pakistani, believed to have been working for his country's Inter-Service Intelligence directorate, had been killed.

No evidence has surfaced publicly suggesting a Pakistani died in the attack, and Doctors without Borders, the international organization that ran the hospital, says none its staff was Pakistani. The former intelligence official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Getting American troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq is a goal that eludes Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama leaves office in 15 months, he'll hand his successor military conflicts in the two countries where he promised to end prolonged war: Afghanistan and Iraq.

There will be far fewer troops in each, and the American forces won't have a direct combat role. But for

Obama, it's nevertheless a frustrating end to a quest that was central to his political rise.

"As you are all well aware, I do not support the idea of endless war," Obama said Thursday as he announced he was dropping plans to withdraw nearly all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by the end of next year. Instead, he'll leave office with at least 5,500 on the ground to help protect gains made during 14 years of war.

As a result, the winner of the 2016 presidential election will become the third American commander in chief to oversee the Afghan war.

Obama's goal of ending the wars he inherited had already been tarnished by the return of U.S. forces to Iraq last year, 2½ years after they left. The troops are there to help Iraq fight the Islamic State, a mission Obama has said will likely outlast his presidency.

Biden aide's letter urges Dems not to count him out yet, traces contours of a 2016 campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as Democrats were starting to count him out, Joe Biden sent a clear signal through his political team that not only might he enter the presidential race soon, he has a strategy prepared that he thinks could win.

After months of growing calls for him to run, the vice president's tide began turning this week after the first Democratic debate, which softened concerns about front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton while obscuring any obvious rationale for Biden to run. But in a letter to former Biden staffers late Thursday, one of Biden's closest advisers traced the contours of the argument Biden would make, and suggested a decision to run could be imminent.

"If he runs, he will run because of his burning conviction that we need to fundamentally change the balance in our economy and the political structure to restore the ability of the middle class to get ahead," former Sen. Ted Kaufman said in an email to a list of "Biden alumni." The letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

Kaufman, who served as Biden's chief of staff for two decades before replacing him in the Senate, has been at the vice president's side for months, brought back into the immediate fold after Biden's son died in May. He and two other aides have formed a protective and tight-lipped ring around Biden as he ponders a 2016 campaign.

"If he decides to run, we will need each and every one of you — yesterday," Kaufman said, alluding to the breakneck speed at which Biden would have to ramp up a campaign after waiting this long to enter. Kaufman said he was confident Biden understood "the practical demands of making a final decision soon."

EU leaders try to build new Turkey strategy to stem refugee flow, but meet reluctance

BRUSSELS (AP) — Turkey's president derided Europe on Friday for not taking in more refugees — a dose of cold water for a European Union plan to give new aid and concessions to Turkey in exchange for stemming the unprecedented flow of people across borders.

EU leaders meeting at a summit in Brussels into the early hours of Friday agreed to give "political support" for an action plan for Turkey to help it manage its refugee emergency, including easier access to EU visas and sped-up EU membership talks. The hard part, though, is persuading Turkey to sign on, and raising money to make it work.

Diplomats said the EU package for Turkey could involve as much as 3 billion euros in aid. But EU members have been slow in offering money for the migrant crisis overall, and divided over how much to help migrants and how much to help Turkey.

Discussions in Ankara will continue in coming days.

In a speech on Friday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan did not address the refugee deal but accused the EU of being insincere about Turkey's membership.

Racism, insomnia the new realities of Syrian refugee family in Germany — but kindness abounds

HEIDENAU, Germany (AP) — For the Syrian refugee family, one reprieve from crushing boredom in the asylum center is short walks to a lake. But in a town teeming with neo-Nazis, the excursions can bring more distress than relief: A man recently stormed out of a coffee shop and screamed at two women of the Habashieh family to take off their hijabs “because we’re in Europe!” Another time, people inside a car yelled: “Auslaender raus!!” — Foreigners out!!

Fear and frustration, however, have been tempered by kindness. A volunteer from nearby Dresden has befriended the Habashiehs, who fled Syria’s civil war and are now living in a temporary facility in the eastern town of Heidenau after arriving in Germany last month, following a perilous journey from Damascus.

Julius Roennebeck helps the family — Khawla Kareem, 44; her 19-year-old daughter Reem; sons Mohammed, 17, and Yaman, 15; and 11-year-old daughter Raghad — with practical things such as getting warm blankets, juice and aspirin, and has bought them German-language books. More than anything, the family appreciates how Roennebeck, who plays French horn at Dresden’s famed Semper Opera house, has driven the family to outings in Dresden and the nearby medieval town of Pirna.

“Julius is just wonderful,” Reem says of the tall German musician. “He has been so kind to us.”

For Roennebeck, the kindness doesn’t feel like a chore: “I just really like this family so much, they’re great people.”

Filmmaker’s quest: He seeks to unmask those behind Lockerbie bombing that killed his brother

BOSTON (AP) — Ken Dornstein was 19 years old and home for the holidays when he and his family received word that his 25-year-old brother, an aspiring writer living abroad, was one of 270 people killed when the New York-bound Boeing 747 he was flying on crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland.

Over the years Dornstein, who went on to become a documentary filmmaker, turned to his sleuthing skills to shake out critical details of one of the worst attacks against American citizens by extremists. He spent years trying to identify the man he believes made the bomb that took down Pan Am Flight 103 on Dec. 21, 1988.

“When you lose someone you love, you don’t forget,” Dornstein told The Associated Press.

On Thursday, U.S. and Scottish investigators said they had identified two new Libyan suspects in the bombing and want to interview them in Tripoli.

For Dornstein, 46, it’s been a nearly lifelong quest that began the day his brother David died, sending him on a Byzantine chase that included searching files kept by the FBI, the former East German police and ultimately to a jail in Libya.

The Latest: Palestinians set fire to West Bank site revered by some as biblical Joseph’s tomb

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The latest developments in ongoing violence between Palestinians and Israelis (all times local):

9:30 a.m.

Dozens of Palestinians have thrown firebombs at a West Bank site revered by some Jews as the tomb of biblical patriarch Joseph.

Palestinian security forces extinguished the blaze early Friday. Footage on local media shows flames leaping from the small stone structure in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Filmmaker enraged by WWII's toll on father sees Japan reconciliation as generations-long task

TOKYO (AP) — As a child, filmmaker Jan Thompson wondered why her father would not talk about his experiences as a World War II veteran. She was angry when she finally learned about his suffering as a prisoner of war of Japan, and then started to speak up for him and his comrades.

It took Thompson, a three-time Emmy-award-winning documentary director, 22 years to craft a film telling their survival stories in the 2013 film "Never the Same," and just as long for her to find a measure of peace. With that change of heart, she's now embarking on a new film project that explores reconciliation between descendants of those on both sides of the war.

The project has connected her with Hidetoshi Tojo, the great-grandson of wartime prime minister Hideki Tojo, who was executed as a war criminal and is seen as a symbol of Japan's militarist past.

Reconciliation can take generations of time on both sides, based on her experience.

"When you are talking about reconciliation, everyone thinks that it can happen to the first generation, and it can't, it won't, and it doesn't," she told The Associated Press in a recent interview in Tokyo. Comparing it to a ripple effect from the pebble thrown into the water, she said: "I think our audience is going to be surprised how far these ripples go and I hope that, as a result of that, then our audience is going to understand what a war can do."

Obama meeting with South Korean leader, showing unity against nuclear North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is welcoming the leader of South Korea to the White House in a show of unity between close allies looking to deter nuclear-armed North Korea while leaving the door open to negotiations.

The visit Friday by South Korea President Park Geun-hye follows heightened tensions this summer at the heavily militarized border between the two Koreas, and speculation that North Korea could be planning another rocket launch into space or a nuclear test explosion in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Park has cultivated closer relations with China as she looks to coax Beijing away from its traditional embrace of Pyongyang. Last month, she prompted handwringing in Washington when she attended a Chinese military parade marking the end of World War II that was snubbed by leaders of most major democracies.

Friday's Oval Office meeting and working lunch with Obama is a chance to show that the diplomatic overture to Beijing hasn't weakened South Korea's strong ties with the U.S., which retains 28,500 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War and the fact that it ended with a truce but not a peace treaty.

Park and Obama are expected to compare notes on their respective recent meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping. They'll also discuss the often-touchy relations among China, Japan and South Korea, whose leaders are to hold a long-awaited summit in Seoul in early November. Park said Thursday that the summit will be an opportunity to improve South Korea's relations with another key U.S. ally, Japan, which would be welcomed by Washington.

Lamar Odom case throws a spotlight on Nevada's not-so-secret vice: legal brothels

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When former NBA player and reality-TV star Lamar Odom was found unconscious in Nevada, the hardest part of the story for some people to wrap their heads around was this: He was in a brothel. A legal brothel.

Not so far removed from its Wild West past, Nevada is the only outpost in America where a person can legally purchase sex, and even then, only in 10 of its 17 counties. It is up to each county to decide whether to allow prostitution.

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"Mining, ranching, prostitution, gambling is just Nevada," said Tom Collins, a cowboy-hat-wearing former state legislator and former commissioner in Clark County, the home of Las Vegas — which, for all its many vices, has not legalized prostitution. You won't find lawful bordellos in or around Reno, either.

While the law of supply and demand would suggest that Nevada's houses of ill repute are doing great, the truth is they are struggling to remain relevant in a world in which Las Vegas is awash in call girls and a sexual liaison — licit or illicit — is only a smartphone app away.

The number of brothels open for business has fallen from 30 in 2009, according to University of Nevada-Las Vegas research, to something closer to 17 today. The exact number isn't clear, since the state doesn't advertise the fact anywhere.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, October 16, the 289th day of 2015. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 16, 1995, a vast throng of black men gathered in Washington, D.C. for the "Million Man March" led by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia. (Ten of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers were captured; all were executed.)

In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York. (The clinic ended up being raided on October 25 by police who arrested Sanger.)

In 1934, Chinese Communists, under siege by the Nationalists, began their "long march" lasting a year from southeastern to northwestern China.

In 1943, Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly officially opened the city's new subway system during a ceremony at the State and Madison street station.

In 1951, Johnnie Ray and the Four Lads recorded "Cry" by Churchill Kohlman and "The Little White Cloud That Cried" (written by Ray) in New York for Okeh Records.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

In 1968, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they'd won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.

In 1969, the New York Mets capped their miracle season by winning the World Series, defeating the Baltimore Orioles, 5-3, in Game 5 played at Shea Stadium.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1984, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of non-violent struggle for racial equality in South Africa.

In 1987, a 58-1/2-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

Ten years ago: Polish television broadcast a recorded interview with Pope Benedict XVI, who said that he planned to visit Poland, the homeland of his predecessor, John Paul II. The Chicago White Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-3 to win the American League Championship Series in five games, their first pennant since 1959. Elmer "Len" Dresslar Jr., the booming voice of the Jolly Green Giant, died at age 80.

Five years ago: Iran freed an American businessman jailed in Tehran for more than two years on suspicion of ties to an allegedly violent opposition group. (Reza Taghavi, 71, hadn't been charged with a

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crime and denied knowingly supporting the organization, known as Tondar.) Actress Barbara Billingsley, the matriarch of TV's "Leave It to Beaver," died in Santa Monica, California, at age 94.

One year ago: During a special congressional hearing on the Ebola crisis, Republican lawmakers pressed for a ban on travel to the U.S. from the West African outbreak zone; the White House resisted the idea and tried to tamp down fear as the pool of Americans being monitored expanded. Tim Hauser, founder and a member of the Grammy-winning vocal troupe The Manhattan Transfer, died in Sayre, Pennsylvania, at age 72. Travis Ishikawa hit the first homer to end an NL Championship Series, a three-run drive that sent San Francisco to a 6-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 5.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Angela Lansbury is 90. Actor-producer Tony Anthony is 78. Actor Barry Corbin is 75. Sportscaster Tim McCarver is 74. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 72. Actress Suzanne Somers is 69. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir is 68. Producer-director David Zucker is 68. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 67. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 64. Actor Morgan Stevens is 64. Actress Martha Smith is 63. Comedian-actor Andy Kindler is 59. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 57. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 56. Singer-musician Bob Mould is 55. Actor Randy Vasquez is 54. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 53. Actor Christian Stolte is 53. Actor Todd Stashwick is 47. Jazz musician Roy Hargrove is 46. Actress Terri J. Vaughn is 46. Singer Wendy Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 46. Rapper B-Rock (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 44. Rock singer Chad Gray (Mudvayne) is 44. Actor Paul Sparks is 44. Actress Kellie Martin is 40. Singer John Mayer is 38. Actor Jeremy Jackson is 35. Actress Caterina Scorsone is 35. Actress Brea Grant is 34.

Thought for Today: "No persons are more frequently wrong, than those who will not admit they are wrong." - Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, French moralist (1613-1680).