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Saturday, November 7

Football Semifinals 6 p.m.: Groton Area at Winner

Anniversary: Chuck and LaVonne Raap

Birthdays: Korbin Blackmun, Marva Gellhaus

- Bridget Fliehs • Jami Krueger • Elizabeth Fliehs
- 9:00am: Robotics at Eureka
- 4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, November 8

Anniversary: Larry & Val Fliehs

Birthdays: Marquelle Albrecht • Doug Hamilton • Ronda Kutter • Sara Merkel • Pam Merkel • Sherry Koehler

- 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 / SS Sings
- 11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
- 2:00pm: Emmanuel Pastor at Bethesda Home, Aberdeen

Monday, November 9

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

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

Anniversary: Lance & JoAnn Fliehs

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: 7th GBB host Roncalli, 8th grade at 7 pm: 7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

Debate at Watertown

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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Pink Night at Volleyball game nets close to \$3500

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness month. In conjunction with that, Groton collaborated with Northwestern School for the 5th annual fundraising event at Groton's volleyball game on Tuesday, October 20th.

The fundraiser was a huge success raising \$3,478.76 for the Avera St. Luke's Cancer Foundation in Aberdeen. This money is used for people in our local area not only for breast cancer needs but all types of cancer – from life-saving medications, lodging, transportation and much more.

Nora Groft, coach for Northwestern's volleyball team came up with the idea of a joint fundraiser between the two schools, rotating every other year at their respective home sites. Northwestern's Business Class led by teacher, Anne Frericks, makes the t-shirts in house.



11th Annual Oakes, ND

Craft & Merchant Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Many local Merchants
hosting specials &
Holiday Open Houses
around Oakes as well!

Sponsored by:
Oakes Area Chamber
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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Both Gyms Full...
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Admission: \$1
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November 12, 13, & 14



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Men's Fall Dinner
Groton United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 8, 2015
11 am to 1:30 pm
Roast Beef Dinner
Adults: \$8 Children 5-12: \$5
Children 4 and under: Free



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Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Scores: 19 19 **25** 22

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 6:00 PM / Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Groton Area

Scores:

#4 Groton Area

Scores: 14 24 **25 25 15**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 2
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores: **25 25** 19 **25**

Groton Area

Scores: **25 26** 23 22 10

#5 Aberdeen Roncalli

Date: 11-10-2015
Time: 7:00
Site: Milbank Armory

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#3 Webster Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Webster Area

Scores: 24 **25** 22 13

Scores: 17 21 14

#6 Britton-Hecla

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Milbank Area

#2 Milbank Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 4:30 / Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores: **26 23 25 25**

Milbank Area

Scores: 7 8 10

#7 Tiospa Zina

School	Seed Pts.
Sisseton	42.13
Milbank Area	41.92
Webster Area	40.48
Groton Area	40.32
Aberdeen Roncalli	40.00
Britton-Hecla	36.95
Tiospa Zina	36.21

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Driving Safely This Holiday Season

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

It won't be long before South Dakotans will be hitting the road to visit family and friends for the holiday season. Traveling to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with loved ones is well worth it, but holiday driving can turn tragic when impaired drivers take to the road.

Despite positive trends over the last few decades, we must still do more to stop drunk driving. Last year, 47 people died in alcohol-related accidents. That's why we have stepped up our efforts to improve road safety and battle impaired driving.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol has increased its number of DUI checkpoints and patrols, resulting in 416 scheduled enforcement actions in 2014. The Highway Patrol is utilizing crash data to determine the most effective dates, times and locations for carrying out these efforts.

The Highway Patrol is also partnering with local law enforcement to conduct those checkpoints, to initiate joint media efforts for increased awareness and to provide officers with special training in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement.

For repeat DUI offenders, we've learned that prison is not always the best way to improve safety. Under the Public Safety Improvement Act, we have increased penalties while simultaneously improving supervision and enhancing community-based treatment efforts.

A key piece of this effort is DUI and Drug courts. Since I took office, we have increased the capacity of these courts by 500 percent. These programs have been utilized around the country to hold offenders accountable through intensive community supervision, while also providing tools to address the root causes of impaired driving – alcoholism and substance abuse. Instead of being incarcerated at great expense, participants are supervised in their communities where they can continue to support their families.

It's still early and we have yet to see the full impact of this expansion. Right now, the DUI court program currently has an 86 percent rate of retention. We are hopeful this model will lead to fewer DUI offenders who reoffend.

We are also continuing our efforts in the 24/7 program, which helps DUI offenders stay sober 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those who complete the 24/7 program are only about half as likely to reoffend within three years. South Dakota has been a national leader in this program, and our successful model has been replicated across the country.

These are just a few ways we are striving to reduce the number of DUI offenders. But we can't do it alone. We need your help.

As you travel this fall, remember to buckle up, slow down and take the keys from those unfit to drive. Be safe and have a great holiday season.

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Watch the Tigers tonight on The Cube

*Good Luck Tigers
from these businesses*

	Nov. 7	Playoffs: Groton Area at Winner	6:00 pm
		James Valley Telecommunications	Titan Machinery
	G S	Weber Landscaping	Tuffer'nHell Livestock Equipment
	A P	S & S Lumber	Columbia Insurance
	M O	James Valley Seed	Flihs Sales & Service
	E N	Olson Backhoe	Groton Vet Clinic
		Blocker Construction	Golden Living Center
	S	Doug Abeln Seed Company	Full Circle Ag
	O	Spanier Custom Harvesting & Trucking	Groton Dairy Queen
	R	Subway	Dakota Brush
	S	Groton Ford	Olde Bank Floral
		Producers Hybrids - John Wheeting	Jungle Lanes & Lounge
		John Sieh Agency	Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.
		BaseKamp Lodge & Suites	

<http://www.thecube.com/event/fb-semifinal-groton-area-at-winner-562660>

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Veteran's Supper

In honor of our Veterans and their spouses, the American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring a free Veterans Day Supper on November 11 from 6 to 8 at the American Legion hall, Groton. Make your reservation now by calling the Legion at 397-2603 or Jan Seibel at 448-5524.



Great Starter Home! Great Location!

Located right across from the elementary school at 805 N 1st St., this home features a spacious back yard, 2-stall garage, full finished basement with wash room and bathroom. Main floor has two larger bedrooms with walk-in closets and one smaller bedroom, a spacious living/dining room and a cozy kitchen. The home has dual fuel (electric/natural gas) and a newer lifetime warranty water heater. Contact Dick Kolker at 605/397-8464. Asking \$150,000.

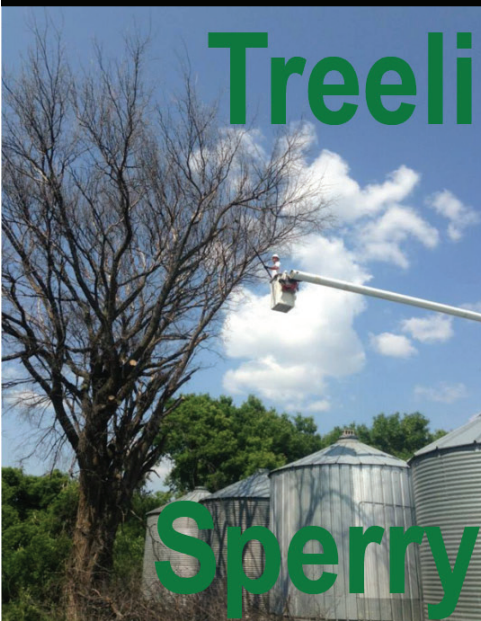
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**Jills and Jeans 4H
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Saturday, Nov. 7th**

5-7 pm

Andover Legion Hall

Soup Supper

Carnival Games

Cake Walk

**Bring a non-perishable donation for
the Needs Anonymous Food Bank
and you will be entered to win a
door prize.**

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Today in Weather History

November 7, 1986: A major winter storm dumped 10 to 25 inches of snow over most of North Dakota. The snow combined with strong winds of 30 to 50 mph, and gusts to 70 mph, creating blizzard conditions. Snow began over southern and eastern North Dakota on the morning of the 7th, and by late afternoon, had spread over the entire state. The snowfall was heavy at times, and continued through the night of the 7th. In the southeast quarter, the snow alternated with rain, freezing rain, and sleet. By daybreak on the 8th, snow and blowing snow were occurring statewide. By late morning, the storm had intensified into a blizzard over almost all of North Dakota. The blizzard ended over extreme western North Dakota by late afternoon of the 8th, and over the rest of the state that night. The heaviest snowfall occurred over south central and east central North Dakota. The highest wind gusts of the storm occurred in the north central and northeast sections of the state. Several wind gusts to 58 mph were recorded at Grand Forks, and a gust to 55 mph occurring at the Minot Air Force Base. Wind chills dipped to 40 below over some parts of the state. The storm occurred on the opening day of deer hunting season, and forced many hunters to cancel their trips. The storm stranded many motorists and delayed fire-fighting efforts which caused a few homes and buildings burn down. Snowplow activity had to be halted for many hours because of high winds and blowing snow.

November 6, 2000:

Snowfall of 4 to 10 inches combined with northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph, with stronger gusts, to create blizzard conditions throughout much of the day. Numerous schools were cancelled or started late. Many events were also cancelled. Several accidents occurred due to the slick roads and low visibilities. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 9.5 inches in Selby; 8 inches in Glenham and 12SSW of Harrold; 7.3 inches near Onaka; 7 inches at Faulkton; and 6 inches in Miller.

1940: The Tacoma Narrows Bridge, which opened on July 1, 1940, spanned the Puget Sound from Gig Harbor to Tacoma. At the time of the opening, the bridge was the third longest suspension bridge in the world, covering nearly 6,000 feet. Before the bridge opened, strong winds would cause the bridge to move vertically, giving the nickname Galloping Gertie. On this day in 1940, winds of 40 mph caused the bridge to collapse because of the physical phenomenon known as aeroelastic flutter.

1951: At 7 AM a blinding flash, a huge ball of fire, and a terrific roar occurred over parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, caused by a disintegrating meteor. Windows were broken in and near Hinton Oklahoma by the concussion.








1986 - An early season blizzard struck the Northern Plains Region. North Dakota took the brunt of the storm with wind gusts to 70 mph, and snowfall totals ranged up to 25 inches at Devils Lake. (Storm Data)

1987 - Heavy snow fell across parts of eastern New York State overnight, with twelve inches reported at the town of Piseco, located in the Mohawk Valley. A storm in the southwestern U.S. left nine inches of snow at the Winter Park ski resort in Colorado. Smoke from forest fires reduced visibilities to less than a mile at some locations from North Carolina to Ohio and Pennsylvania. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably warm weather continued across the state of Texas. Seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Waco and Del Rio with readings of 92 degrees. McAllen was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 96 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 52 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 61 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 51 °F



Warm, Dry Weekend Ahead

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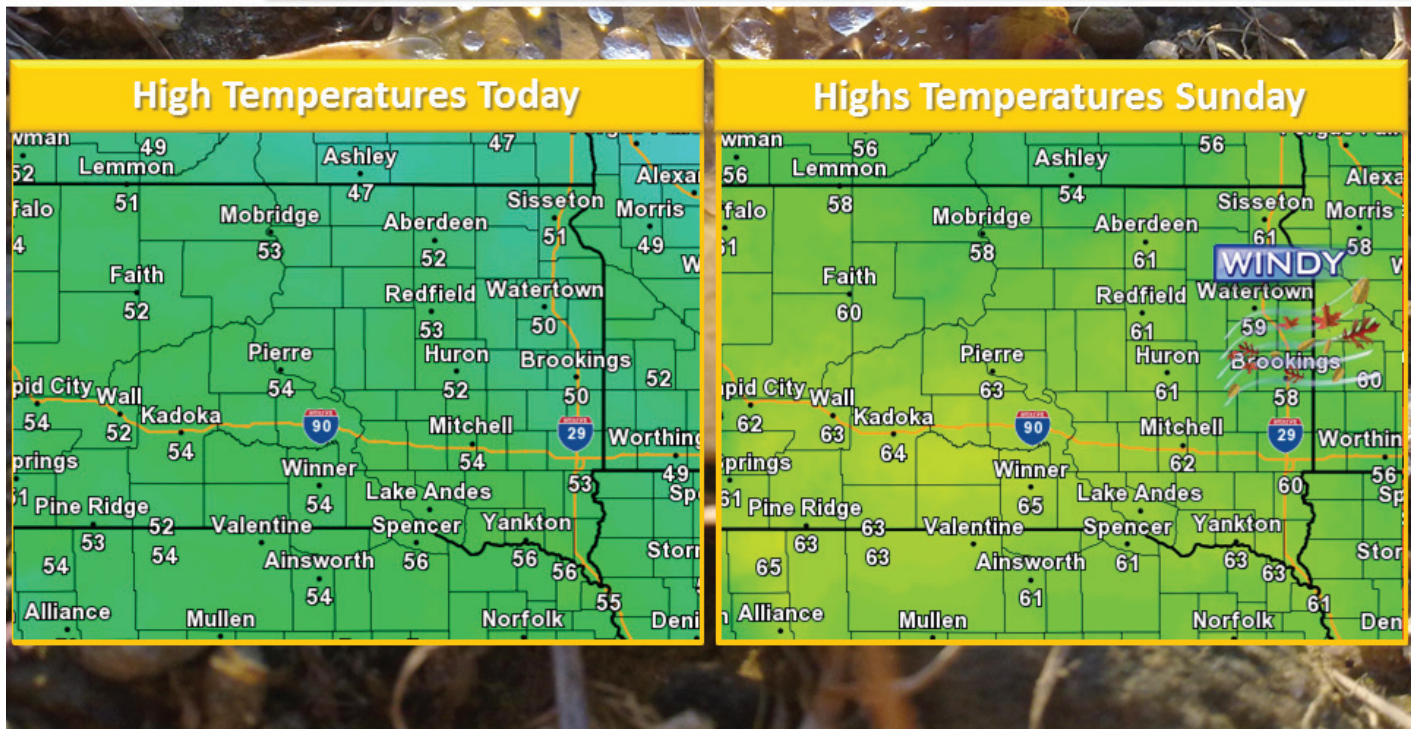
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Warm and dry conditions are expected through the weekend and into early next week. In fact, Sunday and Monday will feature high temperatures some 15 to 20 degrees above normal for this time of the year. Southwest winds will also be gusty Sunday, especially across parts of northeast SD and west central MN.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 46.5 at 2:36 PM

Low: 27.7 at 11:58 PM

High Gust: 21 at 3:39 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 73° in 1931

Record Low: -9° in 1991

Average High: 45°F

Average Low: 23°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.21

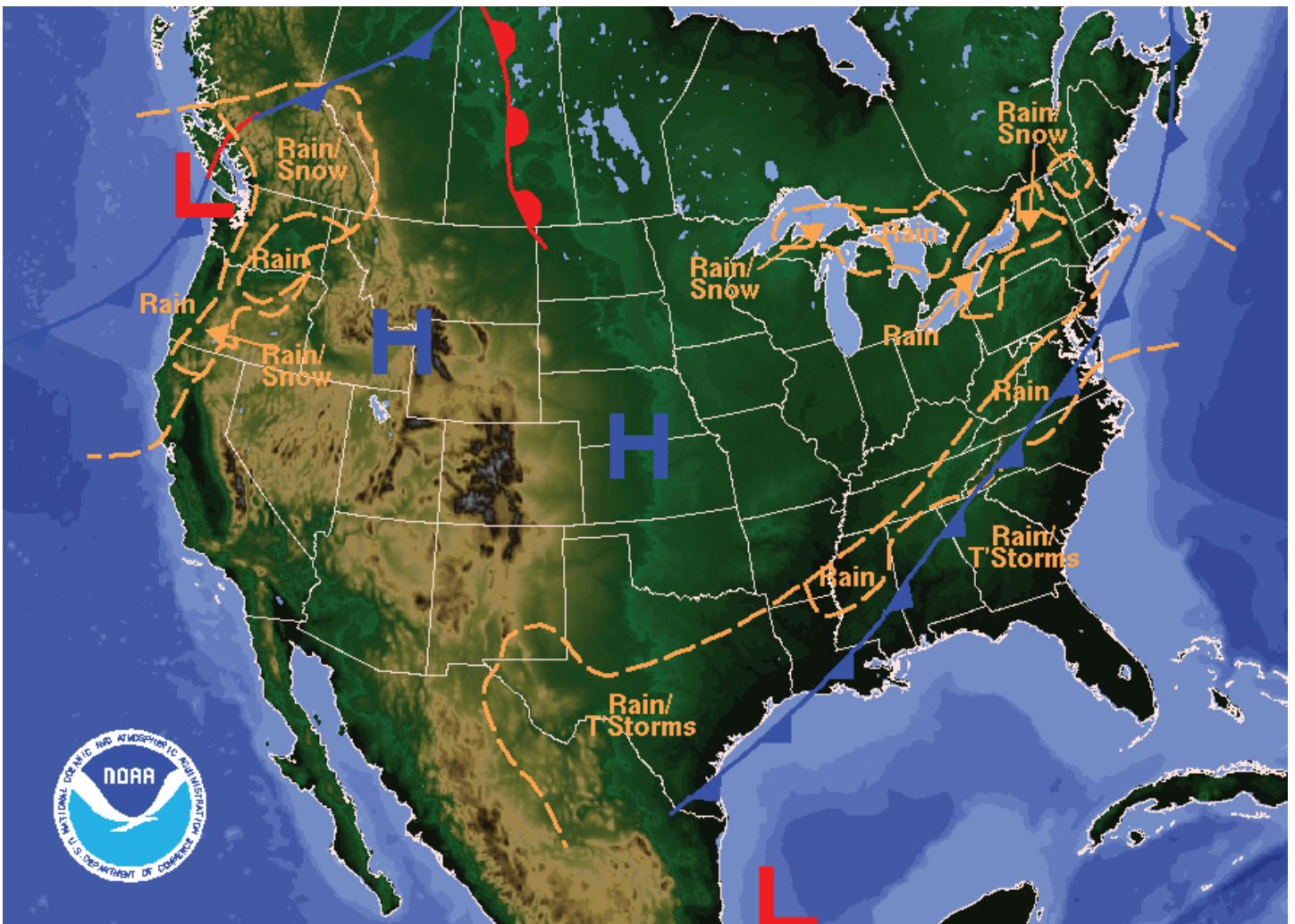
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.39

Average Precip to date: 20.68

Precip Year to Date: 19.50

Sunset Tonight: 5:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:22 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 07, 2015, issued 2:56 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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TRUST

Seven mountain climbers successfully made it safely to the top of the Matterhorn. As they began their descent, one slipped and began to drag three others down with him. Their cries alerted the others and they braced themselves quickly to stand the pressure it would place on the rope that linked them all together.

When the pressure came, the rope broke. Their best friends perished.

The remaining three descended safely. When they checked the rope the others were using, they discovered that it was not a genuine Alpine Club rope.

Trust is an important part of life. When we apply the brakes in our car, we trust that it will stop. When we sit in a chair, we trust that it will hold us up. When we eat food, we trust that it is safe. When we follow the advice of our physician, we trust that it will make us well.

But we have all experienced the disappointment of placing our trust in someone who has betrayed us. It may have been a friend or a family member, an employer or the economy. The pain is always intense when one we trust lets us down.

We must not stop trusting, however, we must realize that earthly things and people can fail. We must come to the place where we put our ultimate trust in God, knowing He honors His Word.

Prayer: Father, how thankful we are that "salvation is of the Lord" and that we can trust in You all the days of our life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

News from the Associated Press

State trooper injured in traffic stop released from hospital

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper has been released from the hospital after sustaining injuries from an assault during a traffic stop near Rapid City.

The state Department of Public Safety said Friday that 10-year veteran trooper Zachary Bader left a Rapid City hospital where he was recovering from serious injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Authorities say he was assaulted on Interstate 90 last month.

Col. Craig Price is superintendent of the Highway Patrol. Price says he looks forward to the day Bader can return to duty.

Four Washington state residents are charged in the incident. The most serious charges are against 33-year-old Donald Willingham, who's accused of attempted murder.

Authorities say they recovered more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun after the incident.

Welcome home for 114th Fighter Wing on Saturday

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials and residents will welcome home the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing on Saturday.

The yellow-ribbon post-deployment and welcome home event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall.

The 114th Fighter Wing recently deployed to the Pacific Theater as part of a rotational support mission.

U.S. senators John Thune and Mike Rounds, Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels and Adjutant General Tim Reisch are scheduled to attend.

Obama quashes Keystone XL in bid to boost climate leverage

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ending a seven-year political saga, President Barack Obama killed the proposed Keystone XL pipeline on Friday, declaring it would have undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal at the center of his environmental legacy.

Obama's decision marked an unambiguous victory for environmental activists who spent years denouncing the pipeline, lobbying the administration and even chaining themselves to tractors to make their point about the threat posed by dirty fossil fuels. It also places the president and fellow Democrats in direct confrontation with Republicans and energy advocates heading into the 2016 presidential election.

The president, announcing his decision at the White House, said he agreed with a State Department conclusion that Keystone wouldn't advance U.S. national interests. He lamented that both political parties had "overinflated" Keystone into a proxy battle for climate change but glossed over his own role in allowing the controversy to drag out over several national elections.

"This pipeline would neither be a silver bullet for the economy, as was promised by some, nor the express lane to climate disaster proclaimed by others," he said.

Although Obama in 2013 said his litmus test for Keystone would be whether it increased U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, his final decision appeared based on other factors. He didn't broach that topic in his remarks, and State Department officials said they'd determined Keystone wouldn't significantly affect carbon pollution levels.

Instead, the administration cited the "broad perception" that Keystone would carry "dirty" oil, and suggested approval would raise questions abroad about whether the U.S. was serious about climate change.

"Frankly, approving this project would have undercut that global leadership," the president said.

Obama will travel to Paris at the end of the month for talks on a global climate agreement, which the president hopes will be the crowning jewel for his environmental legacy. Killing the pipeline allows Obama

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to claim aggressive action, strengthening his hand as world leaders gather in France.

Though environmental groups hailed Friday as a “day of celebration,” Obama’s decision was unlikely to be the last word for Keystone XL.

TransCanada, the company behind the proposal, said it remained “absolutely committed” to building the project and was considering filing a new application for permits. The company has previously raised the possibility of suing the U.S. to recoup the more than \$2 billion it says it has already spent on development.

“Today, misplaced symbolism was chosen over merit and science. Rhetoric won out over reason,” said TransCanada CEO Russ Girling. His criticism was echoed by Republicans including House Speaker Paul Ryan, who said Obama had rejected tens of thousands of jobs while railroading Congress.

“This decision isn’t surprising, but it is sickening,” Ryan said.

On the other side, climate activists noted the widespread assumption early in Obama’s presidency that he’d eventually approve Keystone, and said his apparent about-face proved how effective a no-holds-barred advocacy campaign could be.

“Now every fossil fuel project around the world is under siege,” said Bill McKibben of the environmental group 350.org.

Already, the issue has spilled over into the presidential race. The Republican field is unanimous in support of Keystone, while the Democratic candidates are all opposed — including Hillary Rodham Clinton, who oversaw the early part of the federal review as Obama’s first-term secretary of state.

TransCanada first applied for Keystone permits 2,604 days ago in September 2008 — shortly before Obama was elected. As envisioned, Keystone would snake from Canada’s tar sands through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, then connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to specialized refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

But Democrats and environmental groups latched onto Keystone as just the type of project that must be phased out if the world is to seriously combat climate change. Meanwhile, Republicans, Canadian politicians and the energy industry argued the pipeline would create thousands of jobs and inject billions into the economy. They accused Obama of hypocrisy for complaining about a lack of U.S. infrastructure investment while obstructing an \$8 billion project.

Amid vote after vote in Congress to try to force Obama’s hand, the president seemed content to delay further and further. Most pipelines wait roughly a year and a half for permits to cross the U.S. border, but Keystone’s review dragged on more than 5 times as long as average, according to a recent Associated Press analysis.

The first major delay came in 2011, when Obama postponed a decision until after his re-election, citing uncertainty about the proposed route through Nebraska. When Congress passed legislation requiring a decision within 60 days, he rejected the application but allowed TransCanada to re-apply. He delayed again in 2014 — this time indefinitely — in a move that delayed the decision until after the 2014 midterm elections.

Obama conveyed his decision by phone to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, sworn in just this week. Trudeau said he was “disappointed by the decision” but pledged to pursue a “fresh start” with Obama nevertheless — a theme Obama echoed as he announced his decision to the American public.

For TransCanada, the financial imperative to build Keystone may have fallen off recently amid a sharp drop in oil prices that could make extracting and transporting the product much less lucrative. TransCanada has insisted that wasn’t the case.

Friday’s Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

District 1B

Championship

Florence/Henry def. Waverly-South Shore, 23-25, 25-23, 25-21, 21-25, 16-14

District 2B

Championship

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Warner def. Northwestern, 25-18, 25-22, 25-22

District 3B

Championship

Herreid/Selby Area def. Potter County, 25-23, 25-20, 17-25, 21-25, 15-11

District 4B

Championship

Sully Buttes def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-18, 25-21, 25-20

District 6B

Championship

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. James Valley Christian, 5-25, 25-19, 26-24, 25-20

District 8B

Championship

Hanson def. Mitchell Christian, 25-13, 25-12, 25-18

District 9B

Championship

Parker def. Freeman Academy, 25-15, 23-25, 21-25, 25-19, 16-14

District 11B

Championship

Platte-Geddes def. Kimball/White Lake, 22-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-20

District 12B

Championship

Burke/South Central def. Colome, 25-15, 25-14, 28-26

District 15B

Championship

Lemmon def. Timber Lake, 27-25, 25-18, 26-24

District 16B

Championship

Harding County def. Bison, 25-18, 25-22, 23-25, 25-22

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 11AAA

Semifinal

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 27, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 23

Sioux Falls Washington 28, Brandon Valley 21

Class 11AA

Semifinal

Pierre 41, Mitchell 26

Yankton 19, Harrisburg 7

Class 11A

Semifinal

Madison 28, Sioux Falls Christian 14

West Central 35, Lennox 0

Dakotaraptor ruled Hell Creek Formation as lethal predator

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Tyrannosaurus rex may have been known as the big guy around the Hell Creek Formation 66 million years ago, but a newly discovered species of raptor would have roamed nearby as one of the region's most lethal predators.

Dakotaraptor stood 6 feet tall at the hips yet moved like a springy, agile sprinter, reaching 30 to 40 mph and rivaling today's ostrich. But potential prey caught admiring the 17-foot-long creature's grace stood little chance, as the strong-muscled winged Dromaeosaur boasted a vicious 9½-inch-long killing claw that

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could make mincemeat out of any herbivore caught in its path, said Robert DePalma, curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Palm Beach Museum of Natural History.

"It had one of the strongest killing strokes in that slashing claw of any raptor known," DePalma said.

DePalma and his research team including University of Kansas paleontologists announced the new species in a study published Oct. 30 by the University of Kansas Paleontological Institute. Dakotaraptor helps fill a gap in body size distribution between the small bird-like Maniraptora creatures and the giant T. rex found in Hell Creek, which spans parts of northwestern South Dakota, southwestern North Dakota, eastern Montana and eastern Wyoming.

The newly discovered species roamed the earth alongside T. rex, the three-horned Triceratops and the duck-billed Edmontosaurus.

"Dakotaraptor coexisted with all of our favorites from our childhoods," DePalma said. "We had no idea that such a cool and lethal creature existed right alongside them. And it was in the ground the whole time. It's amazing."

Thomas Holtz Jr., a senior vertebrate paleontology lecturer at the University of Maryland, said most of the raptor bones and teeth found in Hell Creek have been from small-form creatures.

"That is what is important about this find," Holtz said. "In fact, it was rather bigger than most of us expected, almost the size of the largest known Dromaeosaurid, the much earlier Utahraptor."

Dakotaraptor stands about as tall as Utahraptor, a species discovered in the 1990s in east-central Utah, but the raptors have completely different builds. The stockier Utahraptor, which lived about 60 million years earlier than Dakotaraptor, was an ambush predator with thicker bones and leg proportions that limited its speed, making it the "beefy bulldog of raptors," DePalma said.

Dakotaraptor did not fly, which makes the presence of quill knobs on its arms so interesting to DePalma and other dinosaur experts. The bumps serve as reinforcement points for long wing feathers, marking the first concrete evidence that large raptors had wings.

"It really would have made this like a turkey from hell," he said.

The feathers were clearly not just for show, and they could have been used by the dinosaur to intimidate other predators, shield its young or as a tactical method to corral prey. They might also indicate that the species evolved from a lineage that once could fly or was evolving toward flight, DePalma said.

Dakotaraptor's leg bones, wing portions, tail vertebrae, teeth and wishbone were unearthed in 2005 from a remote area of badlands in South Dakota's Harding County.

To find so many fossils from a single creature is extraordinary in the Hell Creek, said Peter Larson, a Black Hills-based dinosaur expert who co-authored the paper.

Hell Creek's sediment gathered slowly over time, so most dinosaurs were eaten or carried away by other creatures before they could be buried. Many of Hell Creek's finds consist of small individual fossils or a bone bed featuring loads of random, hard-to-match fossils, he said.

"Hell Creek is very hard to give up its secrets," said Larson, president of the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research. "We very seldom find articulated or even associated remains."

It's even more difficult to find raptor remains, DePalma said, as the bird-like species' lightweight, hollow and thin-walled bones tend to break before their preservation.

"People actually have been finding them for years without realizing it," he said.

A look at the Keystone XL pipeline's long road to rejection

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's decision to reject TransCanada's application to build the Keystone XL pipeline was seven years in the making. Since the company first proposed the 1,719-mile pipeline, the project has been studied, stalled, slammed and hyped — all amid intense political pressure from powerful interests on both sides of the debate. Here's a look at the Keystone XL pipeline's long road to rejection:

Sept. 19, 2008 — TransCanada submits an application for a presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipe-

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line. The pipeline would extend from Canada's tar sands through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska and connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to specialized refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. Because the pipeline crosses the border, the State Department must determine whether it is in the national interest.

Oct. 15, 2010 — As the permit is reviewed, then Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the department is "inclined" to approve project. "We're either going to be dependent on dirty oil from the Gulf or dirty oil from Canada," she said. The project begins to galvanize the environmental movement to pressure the administration to act on climate change. Republicans and other project supporters argue the project will create jobs and juice the economy.

Aug. 26, 2011 — The State Department issues its final environmental impact statement determining "there would be no significant impacts to most resources along the proposed project corridor."

Nov. 10, 2011 — Amid intense political pressure, President Barack Obama announces a delay pushing off a decision until after his reelection campaign. The administration says other potential routes through Nebraska needed to be studied.

Dec. 23, 2011 - Congress tries to force Obama's hand by passing legislation requiring approval of the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days unless the president determines the project does not serve the national interest. Weeks later, Obama rejected the application, but allowed TransCanada to re-apply.

May 4, 2012 — TransCanada reapplies and restarts the review process.

March 1, 2013 — The State Department issues an environmental review that raises no major objections to the Keystone XL oil pipeline and says other options to get the oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries are worse for climate change.

June 25, 2013 — Obama declares he will only approve the project if it doesn't worsen carbon pollution. "Our national interest would be served only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution," Obama says in a speech declaring that fighting climate change will be a major priority his second term.

Jan. 31, 2014— The State Department releases another final environmental impact statement, again voicing no major environmental objections to the project.

Feb. 19, 2014 — A Nebraska judge overturns the state law that allowed the pipeline, throwing the project into legal limbo.

April 18, 2014 — The State Department announces it is again delaying its review, citing the legal dispute over the Nebraska route.

Feb. 11, 2015 — Congress again tries to push the Obama administration to decide on the permit by passing legislation forcing the decision and sending it to the White House. Obama vetoes the bill days later.

Sept. 22, 2015 — Clinton, now seeking the Democratic nomination for president, says she opposes construction of the Keystone pipeline.

Nov. 2, 2015 — As it appears increasingly likely that Obama will reject the pipeline, TransCanada asks the administration to suspend its application. The State Department reviews the request for a day and rejects it.

Nov. 6, 2015 — Obama announces he is rejecting the permit to build the Keystone pipeline. The project is not in the national interest, he says. "America is now a global leader when it comes to taking serious action to fight climate change. And frankly, approving this project would have undercut that global leadership," he says.

Game, Fish and Parks approves outdoor recreation fee hikes

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Game, Fish and Parks Commission has approved fee increases for boat licenses, passes for the George S. Mickelson Trail and vehicle passes for Custer State Park.

The commission says the hikes are meant to help keep the South Dakota state park system operating successfully.

A legislative panel must also approve the changes.

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The increases include a \$1 hike to \$4 for daily passes for the George S. Mickelson Trail; a \$5 increase to \$20 for a 7-day vehicle pass for Custer State Park; and a range of boat license fee hikes ranging from \$2.50 to \$5, depending on the vehicle.

The commission also boosted fees for nonresident campers who make reservations by telephone to \$9.90. Residents will now have to pay \$2 for the previously free service.

SD Keystone XL review goes on despite president's rejection

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — President Barack Obama's decision to reject the Keystone XL pipeline Friday drew a rebuke from South Dakota's congressional delegation but celebration from an environmental group that has fought the project's path through the state.

The state Public Utilities Commission's review of the portion of the pipeline that would run through South Dakota will continue despite the Obama administration's rejection of TransCanada Corp.'s application to construct the project.

After Obama said he didn't think the project was in the national interest, Republican politicians in South Dakota were quick to criticize him.

"This president clearly worships at the altar of climate change," U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds told The Associated Press. "I'd much rather be buying oil from our friends in North Dakota and our friends in Canada than the Iranians, and I think this president and this secretary of state are going to have a lot of explaining to do."

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a statement that oil will still be produced in Canada and carried by rail or pipeline elsewhere.

TransCanada's proposed pipeline would carry more than 800,000 barrels of Canadian crude a day to refineries along the Gulf Coast. It would move about 100,000 barrels of oil daily from the western North Dakota oil patch.

The PUC held hearings during the summer in its review of whether to approve — for the second time in five years — the construction of Keystone's pipeline through South Dakota.

The project prompted opposition from Native American tribes, some landowners and environmental groups who were concerned the pipeline would contaminate water supplies and contribute to pollution.

"Never again will a company such as TransCanada so seriously underestimate the power of grassroots opposition," Paul Seamans, a member of opposition group Dakota Rural Action, said in a statement. "Thank you President Obama. Let the celebrations begin."

PUC Chairman Chris Nelson said the panel's deliberations about the project are a separate process under state law from decision-making at the federal level and elsewhere. Nelson said the commission could decide before the end of the year.

Tank explosion at Volga soybean plant kills Brandon man

VOLGA, S.D. (AP) — A Brandon man is dead after an explosion at a soybean plant in Volga.

The Brookings County Sheriff's Office says the blast happened Thursday afternoon at the South Dakota Soybean Processing plant as workers were installing catwalk structures to access the tops of storage tanks.

Thirty-nine-year-old welder Randy Satter was working at the top of a tank when it exploded, killing him. The cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the state Fire Marshal's Office and the state Division of Criminal Investigation are helping in the investigation.

Rubio picks up Noem endorsement

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Republican Marco Rubio's campaign says U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem has endorsed the Florida U.S. senator's presidential bid.

In a statement from Rubio's campaign Friday, Noem says Rubio represents the kind of "next-generation

conservative leader” that puts Republicans in the best position to win back the White House.

She says Rubio stands out in the Republican field because of his ability to articulate his vision for the country.

Rubio is a first-term senator.

Noem is the second member of South Dakota’s all-GOP delegation to endorse in the race. Sen. Mike Rounds has endorsed Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

AP News in Brief

China, Taiwan presidents shake hands in first such meeting since the sides split 66 years ago

SINGAPORE (AP) — The leaders of Taiwan and China shook hands Saturday at a historic meeting marking the first top-level contact between the formerly bitter Cold War foes since they split amid civil war 66 years ago.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou came together on neutral ground in the Southeast Asian city-state of Singapore, walking toward each other in a hotel ballroom in front of a backdrop of yellow — a traditional color of Chinese emperors — and flanked by palm trees.

The two men smiled broadly as they shook hands for more than one minute, turning slightly to the side to accommodate a host of photojournalists in the ballroom. No national flags were present — a necessary work-around to overcome China’s refusal to recognize Taiwan’s sovereignty or its government’s formal legitimacy.

In brief opening remarks in front of reporters before going into a closed-door meeting, Xi alluded to China’s long-cherished goals of unification with Taiwan, saying “We are one family” and “No force can pull us apart.”

Ma said, “Both sides should respect each other’s values and way of life.”

Stable, wealthy and largely Chinese: Singapore is natural choice for Xi-Ma meeting

SINGAPORE (AP) — If the historic summit this weekend between the leaders of China and Taiwan is laden with symbolism, so is the location, the city-state of Singapore.

An island nation made up largely of the descendants of 19th century Chinese migrants, Singapore has maintained close ties with both China and Taiwan, and is a model of what China aspires to be: educated, tolerant, prudent and well-to-do. Perhaps most importantly for Beijing, Singapore has also created a nation docile enough not to question a semi-authoritarian government too stridently.

Something in Singapore has undeniably worked. The bustling metropolis with a population of 5.5 million — a tiny fraction of China’s 1.4 billion and a quarter of Taiwan’s 23 million - is holding its own despite a crippling global economy, with its gross domestic product expected to grow slightly in the third quarter. It has a 97 percent literacy rate, 90 percent home ownership rate and one of the world’s lowest crime rates.

More than 20 years ago, China and Taiwan held their first talks in Singapore. On Saturday, the top officials of both sides — Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Taiwanese counterpart, Ma Ying-jeou — flew to Singapore to sit down together, the first time that has happened since the Chinese civil war.

“The decision to hold talks in Singapore again is significant in itself,” said Liu Hong, Chair of Nanyang Technological University’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences. “It is not only an international hub but politically neutral, making it good ground for both mainland China and Taiwan.”

The Latest: Egypt: We didn't get intelligence reports from other nations suggesting a bomb

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — The latest on the crash of a Russian plane in Egypt that killed all 224 people onboard. (All times local.)

12:55 p.m.

Egypt's foreign minister says his country did not receive the intelligence upon which other countries based their decisions to ground all flights to the Sharm el-Sheikh airport.

In a press conference Saturday, Foreign Minister Sameh Shourky told reporters that Egypt was not briefed on the intelligence.

Myanmar president says military will respect Sunday election results

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's president says his government and the military, which gave up power only five years ago, will respect the results of Sunday's elections that are expected to be won by opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party.

"I heard that there are worries whether the outcome of the election would be respected. Our government and the military want to repeat that we will respect the outcomes of the free and fair election," President Thein Sein said in a speech broadcast on national television late Friday night.

His remarks are aimed at signaling to the international community that the government is sincere about holding free and credible elections despite concerns about voter list irregularities, intimidation and disenfranchisement of a large section of the population — the Rohingya Muslims who have been denied citizenship and made ineligible to vote.

"According to the outcome of the election, we will work together in the new political arena," said Thein Sein, who is also the chairman of the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party, which is aligned closely to the military.

Concerns about the military's lurking influence stems from events in 1990, when it refused to accept results of elections that were won overwhelmingly by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party. The junta continued its rule that had begun in 1962.

With Keystone rebuff, Obama aims for more leverage and credibility in global climate talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — For years, President Barack Obama has chided Republicans and Democrats alike for treating the Keystone XL pipeline as a signal of whether the U.S. would seriously fight global warming.

Now that he's killed the project, Obama is holding it up as Exhibit A as he works to lock in his environmental legacy with a powerful international climate accord.

Rejecting Keystone is the latest in a long and growing list of steps Obama has taken to try to prove to the world the U.S. is getting serious about curtailing global warming, including landmark carbon dioxide emissions limits on U.S. power plants. Although the rules are proceeding for the time being, they face an uncertain future. Half of the states in the U.S. are suing to try to block them.

2 Louisiana officers charged in shooting death of 6-year-old autistic boy, wounding of father

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana investigators are combing through evidence in the shooting death earlier this week of a 6-year-old autistic boy after authorities charged two law enforcement officers in the shooting.

Col. Mike Edmonson, in a late night press conference Friday, said the two officers were being booked on charges of second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder in the Tuesday shooting death

of Jeremy Mardis and the wounding of his father, Chris Few, in the central Louisiana town of Marksville. Edmonson vowed to continue the investigation wherever it leads.

"Let's make tonight about Jeremy Mardis. That little boy was buckled in the front seat of that vehicle and that is how he died," Edmonson said. "He didn't deserve to die like that."

Speaking of the body camera footage that was recovered from the officers, he said: "It is the most disturbing thing I've seen, and I will leave it at that."

Pentagon plan to close Guantanamo expected; details suggest Colorado prison a suitable option

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's plan outlining the long-stalled effort to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center, expected next week, includes details suggesting that the Centennial Correctional Facility in Colorado is one suitable site to send detainees whom officials believe should never be released, administration officials said.

The plan represents a last-gasp effort by the Obama administration to convince staunch opponents in Congress that dangerous detainees who can't be transferred safely to other countries should be housed in a U.S.-based prison.

According to administration officials, the plan makes no recommendations on which of seven U.S. sites is preferred and provides no rankings. But it lists the prison sites in Colorado, South Carolina and Kansas that a Pentagon assessment team reviewed in recent months and mentions advantages and disadvantages for the facilities. Those elements can include the facilities' locations, costs for renovations and construction, the ability to house troops and hold military commission hearings, and health care facilities.

The Centennial facility has advantages that could outweigh the disadvantages there, according to officials, but no details were available and no conclusions have been reached. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Any decision to select a U.S. facility would require congressional approval — something U.S. lawmakers say is unlikely. At the same time, dangerous prisoners are not new to Colorado. The Supermax in Florence, Colorado, which has been dubbed "Alcatraz of the Rockies," already holds convicted terrorists, including Unabomber Ted Kaczynski and Zacarias Moussaoui, one of the conspirators of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

LGBT advocates reeling over new Mormon church rules aimed at gay members, their children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In the past two years, Nathan Kitchen has revealed to his five children that he's gay, gone through a divorce with his wife and grappled with how to stay in a religion that doesn't condone his lifestyle.

Now comes the toughest task: Telling his children he could be kicked out of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints if he someday marries a man, and warning his two youngest, 11 and 15, that they might be barred from serving a mission under new church rules.

"It's almost like they now have to choose between a gay father and a church that they love," said Kitchen, a 47-year-old dentist from Gilbert, Arizona. "This is almost too much to bear."

The changes to the Mormon handbook — disseminated this week to local church leaders around the world — say being in a same-sex marriage warrants ousting from the religion and that children of gay parents must wait until they're 18 and disavow homosexual relationships to be baptized.

The revisions triggered a wave of anger, confusion and sadness for a growing faction of LGBT-supportive Mormons who were buoyed in recent years by church leaders' calls for more love and understanding for LGBT members.

Donald Trump's unorthodox campaign takes new twist on 'Saturday Night Live'

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's unorthodox campaign for president will take another unusual step this weekend when he takes a break from typical campaigning to host "Saturday Night Live."

The appearance will put the billionaire businessman and reality TV star in rare company: Only eight politicians previously have hosted "Saturday Night Live" in its entire 40-year-old history.

And only one of those politicians-slash-guest hosts was an active presidential candidate — the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was seeking the Democratic nomination when he hosted in December 2003.

The appearance is the latest example of how Trump — who first guest hosted "SNL" in 2004 just weeks after the show he helped create, NBC's "The Apprentice," began airing — has been able to capitalize on his celebrity throughout his campaign, which has translated into record ratings for networks on each of the three Republican debates.

Trump has repeatedly bragged about the attention his appearances have been generating, predicting the show will have its highest ratings ever with him at the helm.

The last time? Kobe Bryant isn't sure as he prepares to visit Madison Square Garden on Sunday

NEW YORK (AP) — Kobe Bryant always loved the history at Madison Square Garden, even before he made some of his own.

There's so much to soak in, from the famous faces sitting courtside to the jerseys of great players that hang overhead.

"I always try to take a look around, always try to kind of embrace the moment and kind of feel the energy a little," Bryant said. "I always try to make it a point to do that. Is it a little different this time around? Yeah."

That's because this time could be the last time.

The Lakers visit the New York Knicks on Sunday afternoon, Bryant's first game at MSG in nearly three years. And if his 20th season is indeed his last in the NBA, it will be his final trip to a building he loves performing in perhaps more than any other.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2015. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1940, Washington state's original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm just four months after opening to traffic.

On this date:

In 1861, former U.S. President John Tyler was elected to the Confederate House of Representatives (however, Tyler died before he could take his seat).

In 1914, the first issue of The New Republic magazine was published.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1954, the CBS News program "Face the Nation" premiered with Ted Koop as host; the guest was Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis.

In 1962, Republican Richard Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his

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"last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, died in New York City.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1974, British peer Richard John Bingham, 7th Earl of Lucan, disappeared after his children's nanny, Sandra Rivett, was bludgeoned to death at his family's London home; he has not been seen since.

In 1980, actor Steve McQueen died in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, at age 50.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, in Panama, defended U.S. interrogation practices and called the treatment of terrorism suspects lawful, saying, "We do not torture." A suicide bomber blew up his vehicle at a checkpoint south of Baghdad, killing four American soldiers.

Five years ago: Scientists at the world's largest atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, recreated the state of matter shortly after the Big Bang using collisions of lead ions. Gebre Gebremariam (GEH'-brah geh-brah-MAYR'-ee-am) of Ethiopia won the men's title at the New York City Marathon in 2:08:14 in his debut at the distance. Kenya's Edna Kiplagat won the women's race in 2:28:20 for her first major marathon championship.

One year ago: President Barack Obama authorized a broad expansion of the U.S. military mission in Iraq that called for boosting the total number of American troops there to about 3,100.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 97. Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., is 85. Actor Barry Newman is 77. Singer Johnny Rivers is 73. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 73. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 72. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 63. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 58. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 55. Actress Julie Pinson is 48. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 47. Actress Michelle Clunie is 46. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 43. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 43. Actress Yunjin Kim is 42. Actor Adam DeVine is 32. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 32. Actor Lucas Neff is 30. Rapper Tinie (TY'-nee) Tempah is 27. Rock singer Lorde is 19.

Thought for Today: "All forms of totalitarianism try to avoid the strange, the problematic, the critical, the rational. To do so, they must deny the metropolitan spirit, equalize everything in city and country, and retain a center which is not the center of anything because everything else is swallowed up by it." - Paul Tillich, American theologian (1886-1965).