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## Sunday, Oct. 30

- 9 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
9:00 am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
10:00 am: St. John's Lutheran Sunday School  
10:00 am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School  
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Halloween Carnival at GHS Gym  
7:00 pm: Magic Joe show for Volleyball team at GHS Gym

## Monday, Oct. 31

- School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, baked chips, carrots and dip, fruit.  
Senior Menu: Hamburger steak with braised onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, Prince Edward Island veg, Pumpkin bars, whole wheat bread.  
6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
7:00 pm: 2nd Round Football Playoffs - Bennett County at Groton Area

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## GROW South Dakota Pays-It-Forward to the Groton Baseball/Softball Program



**Pictured are Lars Hanson, President of the Groton Youth Baseball/Softball Association, and Brenda Waage, GROW South Dakota Housing Loan Officer.**

Providing recreational opportunities helps build communities in many ways. It develops personal fitness as well as team-building, competition, and cooperation skills. The Groton Youth Baseball/Softball Program supports many age levels in pursuing the national pastime. The Baseball/Softball Program is a recipient of a donation from GROW South Dakota's Pay-It-Forward initiative.

GROW South Dakota has been helping communities for fifty years, and to celebrate that milestone, each staff member and board member has received \$50 to donate to a community organization. GROW SD Housing loan officer Brenda Waage donated \$50 to the Groton Youth Baseball/Softball Program in honor of her own sons' participation in the program and in recognition of the contributions the program makes to the community. "Supporting our youth and community pride within our ball program brings the kids and community together to support the game. Our facility is undergoing major updating to become a top notch facility which shows the commitment our community is investing in our kids," said Waage.

"We value our board members and staff and the passion they have for the communities we serve. This Pay-It-Forward event is a small token of our appreciation toward all of the local organizations that make communities better places to live and work," said GROW South Dakota CEO Marcia Erickson.

For more information about GROW South Dakota housing, community and business development programs visit [www.growsd.org](http://www.growsd.org) or call (605) 698-7654.

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## Halloween Carnival

Groton Area High School FFA Chapter invites you and your child to our first ever Halloween Carnival on Sunday, Oct. 30, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the GHS Gym. Please join us for games (Face Painting, Cake Walk, Basketball Shoot, Football Toss, Ring Toss, etc.) raffle, and hay ride.

Please bring a bag for candy. Money will be donated to a children's charity. Raffle Tickets \$1 (deals available). Hay Ride is free!

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## Groton Coffee Cup League

**Oct. 24 Team Standings:** James Valley 16, Ten Pins 12, Jungle lanes 11, Kens 9

**High Games:** Joyce Walter 181, Sandi Bistodeau 180, Vickie Kramp 166.

**High Series:** Joyce Walter 471, Vickie Kramp 465, Sandi Bistodeau 439

## Conde National League

**Oct. 24 Team Standings:** Giants 18, Pirates 15, Colts 15, Braves 14, Cubs 11, Mets 11

**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 220, 201, 194; Larry Frohling 182; Bryce Dargatz 178; Justin Kesterson 178

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 615, Bryce Dargatz 489, Bruce Herman 488

**Women's High Games:** Mary Larson 186, Joyce Walter 165, Nancy Radke 164

**Women's High Series:** Mary Larson 496, Joyce Walter 461, Vickie Kramp 422



**Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.**

**Volleyball Regions**

**Groton Area vs. Tiospa Zina at Sisseton**

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**Hefty Seed - Justin Hanson**

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**Monday at 7 p.m.  
Football**

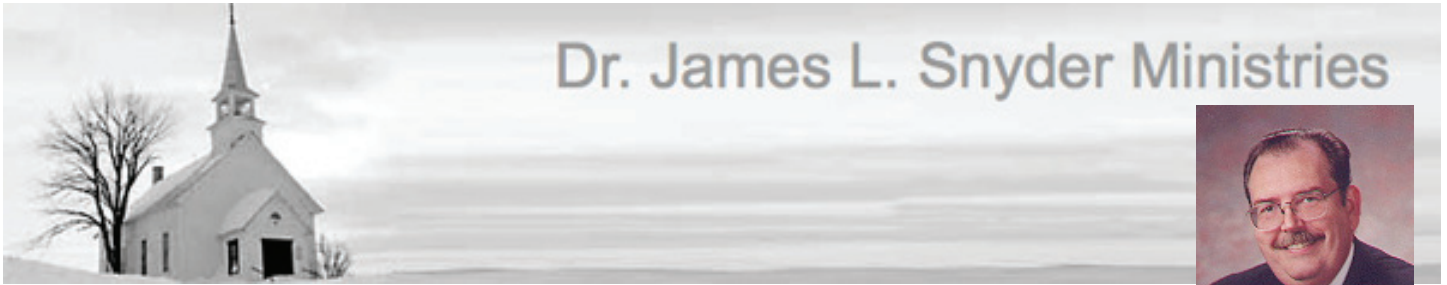
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## How Did the Devil Get My Cell Phone Number?

I am not one easily rattled. When I am rattled, look out for anything can happen. For the most part, I try to stay calm, cool and collected. Then there are times when I have had enough and I am not going to take it anymore.

When I am rattled about something, it is not small or insignificant. I can swat pesky little bugs all of my life and never get rattled by a bug.

Lately, some things have been developing "in my world," that has me more than a little concern. In fact, it is bordering on the territory of being rattled. Something needs to be done because if I am rattled in this area, look out!

I am not sure, if I am just now noticing it or if it has been here for a while. When I got my cell phone, I was under the impression the only people who would have my cell phone number would be those I gave it to. I am not one to give out my cell phone number to just anybody. If you have my cell phone number, you are in a high-level category of BFFs.

I believe sincerely that the devil has hacked into my cell phone, collected my cell phone number and is selling my number to the most despicable people he owns.

Lately, I have been getting political calls. People trying to interview me concerning the upcoming election. They want me to contribute to political polls being evaluated. They want my opinion and they have a whole slew of

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questions they are going to be asking me.

I know they do not want my opinion because all of these calls are what is called Robo calls. In other words, is not an actual person asking these questions, but rather a machine. If you think for one moment that I am going to carry on a conversation with some machine, you do not have all your wires connected.

How they get my cell phone number, is beyond me. It probably is their close connection with the devil himself.

I have also been getting calls from some company that feels I am in some sort of pain. They call and say I requested on their website this pain solution. Now, what they want to know is it my back pain, or elbow pain, or a knee pain?

I have been so fed up with these calls that I finally said, "I do have a pain in the neck." To which, I got an excited reply as to how they could help my pain in the neck.

You know what's coming. I told them that the pain in my neck was them calling me and if they want to help this pain in the neck go away to stop calling me, for Pete's sake.

I just about had it with this. The question I wrestle with is, should I lie to these people calling me?

For instance. Somebody called me last week telling me they noticed a certain virus on my computer and if I would allow them access to my computer they could fix my computer. Talk about a pain in the neck!

This was about the 15thtime this company called me offering to fix my computer. So, I thought if they are going to waste my time by calling me, maybe I should waste their time by trying to get them to fix my computer.

"Oh yes," I said as excited as I could sound, "please fix my computer for me."

## Groton United Methodist Church Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 6, 2016

11 am to 1:30 pm

Roast Beef Dinner

Adults \$10    Children 6 - 10 \$5

Children age 5 and under Free



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Now they wanted me to turn my computer on and so forth and so on. I must confess that at the time I wasn't your my computer I was on my cell phone.

They gave me instructions and I obeyed them, or at least I told him I was obeying him.

"All right," I said, "My computer is on what I do next?" I will confess to you if you promise not to tell anybody, but I did not have my computer on.

Then they gave me instructions that I was to go to a certain website.

"Okay," I said, "I'm there, what do I do now?"

They gave me a password I was supposed to use to get access to them so they could get access to my computer.

"Have you done it yet?"

"Yes, I punched it in and what I do next?"

"Something's wrong," the person at the other end of the phone said. "You must not have put in the right password. Let me give it to you again."

He gave it to me again, which in turn I gave it back to him, again.

This went on for about 20 minutes and the person on the other end of my cell phone was getting very frustrated and borderline anger. I, on the other end of the cell phone, could hardly control my laughter.

By the time he hung up, he was very frustrated and could not understand why it was not working.

After this person hung up on me and I quit laughing, I thought of what David said. "Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert" (Psalms 28:4).

Sometimes giving back what you get can bring you to a certain level of joy you did not have before.

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## Today in Weather History

October 30, 1943: Snow fell across much of central and north central South Dakota on this date in 1943. Snowfall amounts of 2 to 7 inches occurred. Snowfall amounts included, 2 inches at Timber Lake, 4 inches at Murdo, 5 inches at Mobridge, and 7 inches at Kennebec and Pierre.

October 30, 1950:

1925 - Nashville, TN, was blanketed with an inch of snow, their earliest measurable snow of record. (The Weather Channel)

1947 - The Donora, PA, smog disaster finally came to an end. For five days an inversion trapped impurities in the lower atmosphere over the Monongahela Valley killing 20 persons, and leaving more than 2000 others sick. (26th-30th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 74 mph near the town of Gould. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the central U.S. Temperatures warmed into the 80s from Texas to the Lower Missouri Valley. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Ten cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date. The morning low of 20 degrees at South Bend IND was a record for October, and lows of 18 degrees at Grand Rapids MI and 20 degrees at Fort Wayne IND equalled records for October. The low of 2 degrees at International Falls MN smashed their previous record for the date by 11 degrees. Syracuse NY received 2.9 inches of snow to establish a record for October with 5.7 inches for the month. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Temperatures soared into the 70s in the northeastern U.S. The record high of 73 degrees at Alpena MI marked their sixth straight day of record warmth. In the western U.S., Klamath Falls OR reported a record low of 19 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) Much above normal temperatures occurred across the entire area of central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Record highs were mostly in the 80s across the area. The records were 78 degrees at Sisseton, 80 degrees at Wheaton, 85 degrees at Watertown and Aberdeen, 86 degrees at Mobridge, 88 degrees at Pierre, and a hot 91 degrees at Kennebec.

1991: The Perfect Storm, also known as the No-Name Storm reached maximum strength on this day with a low pressure of 972 mb and sustained winds of 69 mph.



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Today



Mostly Cloudy

High: 50 °F

Tonight



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 44 °F

Monday



Mostly Sunny  
and Breezy

High: 73 °F

Monday  
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 40 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 63 °F

Tuesday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 40 °F

Wednesday



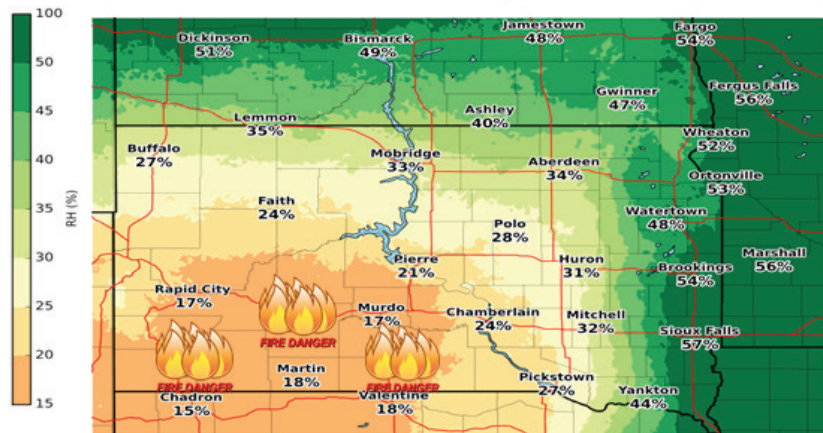
Mostly Sunny

High: 61 °F

## Today: Mostly Cloudy But Slightly Warmer, Highs from upper 40s to upper 60s

Windy Monday,  
with gusts up to  
45 to 55 mph!  
Strongest Winds to  
reside across central  
South Dakota

Lowest Relative Humidities Monday  
Valid: October 31, 2016



**Fire Weather Watch**  
1pm CT to 7pm CT  
Monday



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 10/30/2016 3:56AM Central

Published on: 10/30/2016 at 4:08AM

After another relatively cool and mostly cloudy Sunday, things really start to heat up on Monday. Warm air moves across the region as winds become west or southwest and increase to 20 to 35 mph with gusts of 45 to 55 mph. The air will be rather dry, too, resulting in relative humidity values falling to less than 20 percent in some areas. Where the strong winds are expected to combine with the extremely low humidity values on Monday, a Fire Weather Watch remains in effect.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 54.2 F**

**Low Outside Temp: 40.8**

**High Gust: 17**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 85° in 1950**

**Record Low: 8° in 1991**

**Average High: 50°F**

**Average Low: 27°F**

**Average Precip in Oct.: 1.95**

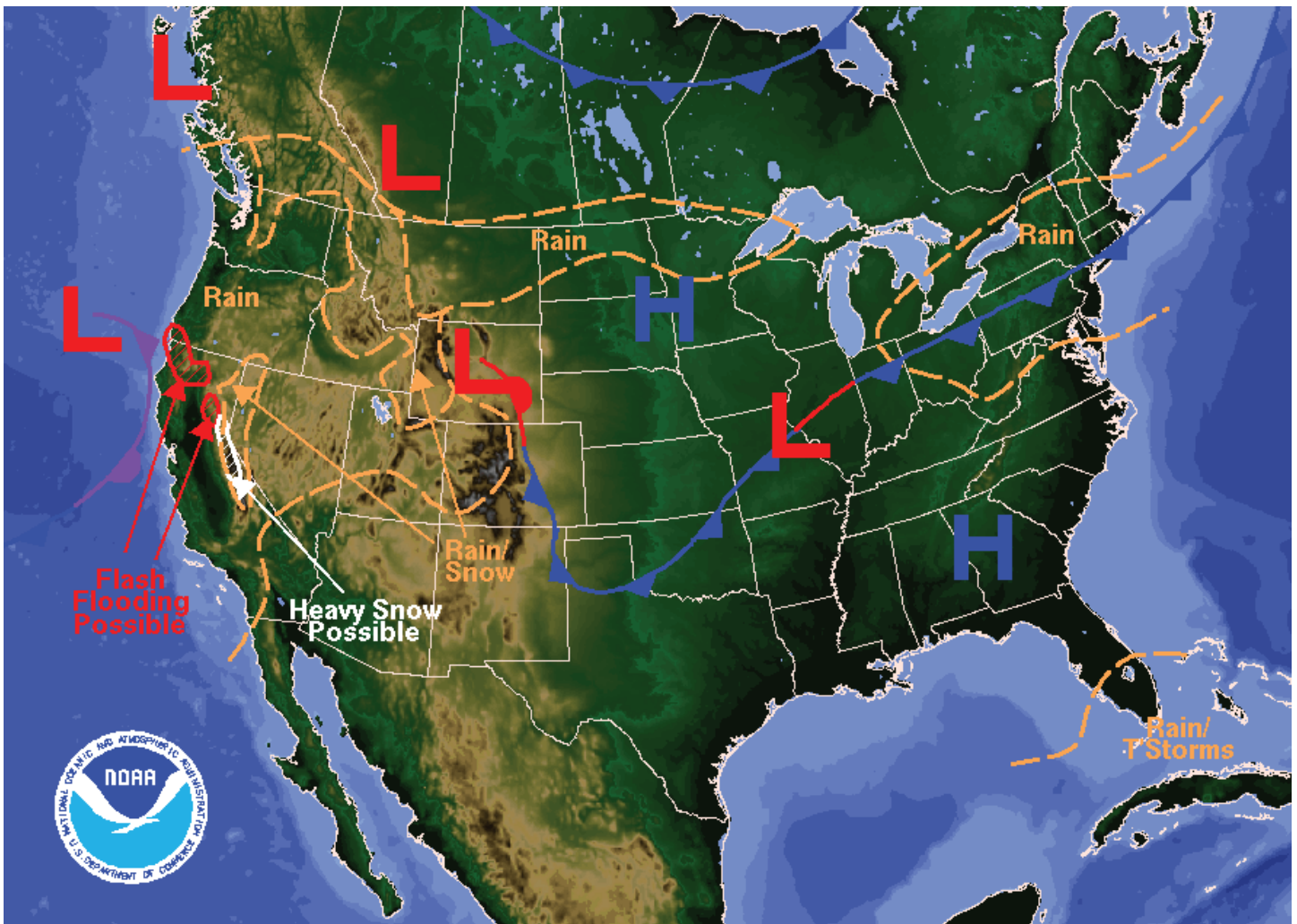
**Precip to date in Oct.: 1.80**

**Average Precip to date: 20.43**

**Precip Year to Date: 15.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 6:22 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:12 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Sun, Oct 30, 2016, issued 7:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## A WORD THAT IS NOT IN GOD'S WORD!

Carl Sandburg was a great American author who won several Pulitzer Prizes for his poetry. Near the end of his life he was asked, "What's the ugliest word in the English language?"

Without hesitation he answered, "Exclusive!"

But that word is not found in God's Word. In fact, the Apostle Paul said, "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!" And anyone includes everyone.

How wonderful it is to know that the God of love and the love of God are not exclusive. No matter who we are or what we have done, He loves us. No matter where we have been or whom we have traveled with, He loves us. No matter how dirty we get or how often we have disappointed Him, He loves us. He loves us when we are at our best and when we are at our worst. Anyone at anytime can call on Him and He will hear and help!

But Paul follows his statement about God's gracious invitation with the question: "How can they believe in Him and receive Him if they have never heard of Him?" With this critical question he places a great responsibility on every Christian: We must take the Good News of God's message of salvation to those who are unsaved. Unless we accept this challenge from Paul, those whom we know that are lost are doomed. We must do for others what others have done for us.

Prayer: Father, we are so grateful that someone took Paul at his word and shared Your message of salvation with us. Help us to do the same while there is still time. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 3:14 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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## News from the Associated Press

### Ballot bingo: Untangling South Dakota's crowded ballot

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — With 10 separate questions on South Dakota's ballot Nov. 8, voters would do well to do a little research beforehand. Here's a guide to the questions, which range from what the state's minimum wage should be for teenagers to whether elections should be nonpartisan:

#### INITIATED MEASURE 23 (union fees)

The proposal would allow unions to charge fees to nonmembers in right-to-work South Dakota. It's meant to let a labor union that has a collective bargaining agreement with an employer charge fees to non-union employees covered under the contract for services such as bargaining or grievance negotiation. Current state law prohibits requiring non-union workers to pay union fees.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** Proposal fixes an unfairness that lets people get benefits for nothing while others pay the freight.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** It will effectively end South Dakota's status as a right-to-work state.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT V (nonpartisan elections)

The amendment would remove party labels by candidates' names on the ballot and establish a nonpartisan primary that would send the top vote-getters to the general election. The plan wouldn't apply to presidential races.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** The proposal would more fully include independent voters in elections.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** People should see a candidate's political party on the ballot.

#### INITIATED MEASURE 22 (campaign finance and ethics)

The proposal would allow voters to send two \$50 tax-funded credits to political candidates who agree to campaign contribution and spending limits. Would also create an ethics commission, require additional campaign finance disclosure and bar lobbying by state officials and high-level employees for two years after exiting government.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** Would give more power to regular Joes during elections.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** Waste of taxpayer money for the benefit of politicians.

#### INITIATED MEASURE 21 (payday loans limits)

Would limit interest rates to 36 percent annually for businesses such as payday, auto title and installment lenders. The average annual percentage rate charged for a payday loan in South Dakota is 574 percent, according to a 2014 Pew Charitable Trusts report. The organization says payday loan stores don't operate in the 15 states that ban payday lending or interest rates over 36 percent.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** Payday loans are a trap that profits off the poor.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** Measure would destroy the industry, which offers important access to short-term credit.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT U (payday loans)

This competing amendment is financed by the payday loan industry. It would amend the state constitution to let lenders charge any interest rate on a loan if the borrower agrees in writing. It would cap rates at 18 percent annually on loans without written agreements.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** Measure is a balanced approach to protecting people from predatory lending while also preserving access to money for emergencies.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** It's a sham meant to confuse voters.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT T



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Redistricting in South Dakota is done now by state lawmakers. This would put that power in the hands of a commission of nine people, with no more than three from any one political party.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Measure would make people feel elections are fair to all parties.

OPPONENTS SAY: It's meant to elect more Democrats.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT S

The amendment would establish constitutional rights for crime victims including privacy, protection from harassment or abuse and timely notice of trial, sentencing and post-judgment proceedings. Victims would have the right to be notified of the escape or release of the accused and the opportunity to offer input during the case.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Would make sure crime victims have protections similar to criminal defendants.

OPPONENTS SAY: Would bog down the system for victims and increase court costs.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT R

The amendment would make it clear that South Dakota's four technical institutes are independent from the Board of Regents. The amendment specifies that publicly funded technical institutes would be separately governed in a manner to be set by the state Legislature.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Would help South Dakota's technical schools address state's skilled worker shortage.

OPPONENTS SAY: Would lead to one more tax-funded governing board.

## REFERRED LAW 20

Voters will determine whether a youth minimum wage of \$7.50 an hour for those under 18 should stand. The law was passed during the 2015 session, but got put on hold when it was referred to the ballot. The current statewide minimum wage for non-tipped employees is \$8.55 per hour because of a minimum wage increase voters passed two years ago.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Would help young people get their first job.

OPPONENTS SAY: It's discriminatory and an affront to voters who passed the 2014 minimum wage hike.

## REFERRED LAW 19

Voters have a choice about a bundle of election law changes passed in 2015 that blocked registered Republicans or Democrats from signing petitions for independent candidates, made candidate filing deadlines earlier and limited the circumstances in which a political party can replace a candidate who withdraws after the primary election.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Changes would make sure political parties are treated equally.

OPPONENTS SAY: Changes would discourage candidates from running for office.

## A shift in culture as more women take up hunting

By Danielle Ferguson, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The sound of a gunshot crackled through miles of soon-to-be combined land, bringing one pheasant to the ground in a single plop.

Carol Bothe and her crew spent the opening day of pheasant season pushing through fields, waiting for the perfect shot.

Bothe, of Brandon, is part of a growing female segment of small game hunting license holders.

The number of women obtaining pheasant hunting licenses in South Dakota has almost doubled in the last 10 years, reflecting a shift in culture and the success of hunting education programs, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2eJVSn8>) reported.

"In my generation, women stayed in the kitchen; men did the hunting," said Maggie Lindsey, education services coordinator with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. "Now it's way more acceptable for women to go out and hunt. The fathers or whoever is doing the hunting in the family aren't just taking their sons;

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they're taking their daughters."

In 2015, one in 10 residential hunting licenses was purchased by women. That's twice what it was a decade ago. The overall numbers in 2015, including out-of-state hunters, women represented about one in 15, also doubled from the previous decade. More women are traveling to the state to hunt. Just over 1,000 women came from out of state to hunt in 2005. That number jumped to almost 4,000 in 2015.

Lindsey, an instructor with Game, Fish and Park's program Becoming an Outdoor Woman, has a mixture of women in their 20s to women in their 50s take the class. The older women are often heard saying, "my dad would take my brother but he wouldn't take me," Lindsey said. Where younger women are often coming out because they're curious or want to learn to shoot a gun and end up loving the sport of hunting, she said.

Keith Wintersteen started a Women's Hunting 101 class with Game, Fish and Parks three years ago with the idea of getting people in the 18 to 30-year-old range interested in hunting. He teaches the class the basics of hunting: how to handle a gun safely and accurately, where to hunt, what to do with the kill and what to wear and how to act.

"My sense is women are no longer going to put up with, 'It's a guy thing,'" Wintersteen said. "No it's not; it's for anybody who wants to be outside."

Jason Kool with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, said women make up a segment of license holders helping support the overall sales of small game hunting licenses.

"Women are certainly keeping pheasant hunting alive," Kool said.

Sandra Comer, 45, of Rapid City, learned how to hunt last year. She joined Wintersteen's Hunting 101 class so she could learn the sport to pass along to her son.

She was most nervous about the act of actually shooting the gun and killing a living thing, aspects Wintersteen said the classmates are usually the most fearful of.

A patient coach and a lot of practice at the range helped Comer move past her fears. Now, she says she itches to get back outside.

"I just love it," Comer said. "Now I can't wait for hunting season to begin."

Having an all-female class removes some of the stresses of learning the sport, Comer said.

Lindsey agreed, saying women often take the sport as another outdoor hobby to do with a group.

"A lot of women make (hunting) a bit more social," Lindsey said. "They really need that social support. Many won't go (hunting) alone."

That's not the only difference between male and female hunters. Wintersteen said he notices women tend to be more cautious when pulling the trigger, making sure they know they have a kill before they shoot.

"When they pull the trigger, something is going to hit the ground," Wintersteen.

Heather Johnson, who right now lives in Colorado, but regularly travels to South Dakota for work, hunted big game when she was younger, but dropped the sport when she went to college. She got back into hunting about six years ago when she met Lindsey, who at the time was her neighbor.

"I love the connection with the outdoors," Johnson said.

When Johnson hunted growing up, she was usually the only girl in the fields, she said. She attributes the increase to females participating in part to increased education.

"People are starting to teach more and more about nature and parents are starting to see it isn't just a boy's sport. Young women are feeling more empowered," Johnson said.

Johnson plans to return to South Dakota again this year to hunt pheasants.

Julie Saker, president of Outdoor Women of South Dakota, said introducing women to other outdoor activities can lead them to a passion in hunting. She joined Outdoor Women of South Dakota eight years ago, when the organization was geared more toward hiking and kayaking, looking for women to go hunting with. She found more women who were looking for the same thing, and now has booming all-women's classes that fill up quickly after registrations open.

Another common question female hunters have is what to wear on the hunt, Saker said. More companies are providing hunting apparel for women, making it a bit more comfortable to get out there, she said.

She and Kool collaborate on how to provide more opportunities for women who want to learn more.

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Now, she said, Outdoor Women of South Dakota provides more advanced classes for those who took Becoming an Outdoor Woman.

"I thoroughly believe that there is a place in the outdoors for women," Saker said. "Even though it is a male dominated world, there's still a place for us out there."

The future looks bright, Lindsey said, especially when women have daughters to whom they want to pass along the tradition.

"I think more and more women will get involved," she said. "Our women's programs are hugely popular and they fill up right away. We always have a demand for more, so that tells me that there's a population that's hungry to learn this. They want to do this."

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

## Pipeline protesters urge unity after days of confrontations

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Protesters trying to block the Dakota Access oil pipeline urged unity on Saturday as they prayed together near burned-out construction vehicles that served as a barricade between activists and law enforcement officers.

Following two days of confrontations with law enforcement, at least 150 people prayed near the barricade in chilly, cloudy weather in southern North Dakota. Women in Native American regalia participated in the prayer, which stressed the need for protesters to work together. Opponents of the project have been camped near the pipeline route for months in an effort to stop construction.

"Our camp needs to continue to be peaceful and prayerful," Caroline High Elk, who has stayed at the encampment for brief periods eight times over the past few months, said Saturday. "But there are some who are been aggressive and energetic in a way because they want to be the fearless warrior."

The \$3.8 billion pipeline was designed to carry oil 1,200 miles from western North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point at Patoka, Illinois. But the Standing Rock Sioux tribe objects to the project, saying it passes so close to its reservation that any leak could pollute the local water supply. They also said the pipeline could disturb sacred cultural sites.

The protest escalated last weekend, when demonstrators set up camp on private land along the pipeline's path that had recently been acquired by Energy Transfer Partners. On Thursday, more than 140 people were arrested as law enforcement — bolstered by reinforcements from several states — slowly moved in and cleared them off the private land.

Then on Friday, dozens of people moved behind the burned vehicles and heavy plywood along a highway, facing concrete barriers, military vehicles and police in riot gear. Don Cuny, the security leader for activists at the encampment, said Saturday that standoff "does not represent" the ongoing protest.

Cuny noted that disagreements have surfaced about how to demonstrate, but he said any people involved in the protest who instigate trouble would be kicked out of the encampment. Stressing unity, he said: "More numbers make you more powerful."

"Enough is enough. Natives have been ignored throughout history," said Holly Doll, a tribal member who was among more than 60 protesters at another rally Saturday at the state Capitol in Bismarck. "Our voices may be small, but we are strong. This is about looking ahead for future generations and protecting our water."

The camp cleared on Thursday was located just to the north of the more permanent, larger encampment, which has been allowed on federally owned land and is a main staging area for hundreds of protesters from around the country including Native Americans, environmentalists and some celebrities.

Sandra Chasing Hawk, 37, a Standing Rock Sioux member who has been at the protest camp for months, said joining the movement has been a religious experience for her.

"Our elders are keeping us together. They are bringing unity," she said.

A federal judge in September denied the tribe's request to block construction after it argued that the Army Corps of Engineers improperly issued permits.

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North Dakota officials have said no culturally significant sites have been found in the area. But on the day the judge ruled, three federal agencies stepped in to order construction to halt on Army Corps-owned land around Lake Oahe, a wide spot of the Missouri River, while the Corps reviewed its decision.

Construction has been allowed to continue on private land owned by the developer, with a goal of completion by the end of the year.

Associated Press reporters James MacPherson in Cannon Ball, and John Mone and Blake Nicholson in Bismarck contributed to this report.

## Illinois State beats MVC leader South Dakota State, 38-21

**Eds: APNewsNow. Illinois State 38, South Dakota State 21. Adds details and quotes.**

Jake Kolbe threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Illinois State delivered South Dakota State its first conference loss with a 38-21 win on Saturday. Kolbe had 138 yards passing for the Redbirds (4-5, 2-4 Missouri Valley Conference). Jamal Towns ran for 136 yards and a score. Kolbe ran for an 18-yard touchdown and threw two scoring passes to Anthony Warrum in the first half to give Illinois State a 28-14 advantage at halftime.

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — La'Darius Newbold's 92-yard interception return in the closing minutes sealed the deal as Illinois State beat South Dakota State 38-21 on Saturday.

The Redbirds (4-5, 2-4 Missouri Valley Conference) rolled up 513 yards offense against the seventh-ranked Jackrabbits (5-3, 4-1), who had been giving up just 20 points per game in four conference games. The Redbirds led 28-14 by halftime.

"We didn't play our best football to start out with," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "I am proud of our team to keep battling. The bottom line is we didn't make some plays we needed to make and it cost us a football game."

Illinois State went 75 yards in four plays to take a 7-0 lead on its first possession. Jake Kolbe capped the drive with an 18-yard TD run.

While the Redbirds' defense frustrated the potent SDSU offense, their offense added another score on Anthony Warrum's 5-yard scoring pass from Kolbe with 5:14 left in the first quarter.

Kolbe completed 15 of 25 passes for 138 yards and two TDs to Warrum, who caught five passes for 46 yards and a 21-yard TD in the second quarter.

It took a while but the Jacks finally got on the board when Taryn Christian threw a 6-yard TD pass to Jake Wieneke with 8:28 to play in the half.

But the Redbirds came right back with a 10-play, 80-yard drive to extend the lead back to two touchdowns. Jamal Towns' 14-yard run made it 21-7. Two penalties by the Jacks kept the drive alive.

Towns ran for 136 yards on 17 carries, helping the Redbirds to 209 yards on the ground.

Kolbe and Warrum hooked up again with 35 seconds left in the half as Illinois State went up 28-14.

Wieneke, who had 10 catches for 173 yards, caught his second TD pass of the day with 11:39 left in the third quarter. The 30-yard pass pulled SDSU within 28-21.

Sean Slattery kicked a 29-yard field goal to give the Redbirds a 31-21 lead and with 4:34 to play, Christian overthrew Dallas Goedert and Newbold took the interception 92 yards for a touchdown.

Christian was 33-for-63 for 430 yards, while Goedert hauled in 11 catches for 118 yards.

SDSU went into ISU territory seven other times and three times into the red zone without scoring.

"It's more than just no points," Stiegelmeier said. "There's something that settles in young men's heads. 'Can we get it done?' That's not the way you want to take the field. But those things happen."

## W. Illinois rallies from 17 down, beats South Dakota 35-34

**Eds: Western Illinois 35, South Dakota 34. Adds details and quotes.**

Joey Borsellino's 2-yard touchdown reception with 32 seconds left lifted Western Illinois to a 35-34 Missouri Valley Football Conference win over South Dakota on Saturday. Miles Bergner's 54-yard field goal



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attempt as time ran out was wide as South Dakota saw its three-game conference winning streak snapped. VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Joey Borsellino's 2-yard touchdown reception with 32 seconds left lifted Western Illinois to a 35-34 win over South Dakota on Saturday.

Miles Bergner's 54-yard field goal attempt as time ran out was wide as South Dakota (4-4, 3-2 MVFC) saw its three-game conference winning streak snapped.

On third-and-goal with three receivers left and a back in motion to the left, Sean McGuire threw the game-winner to Borsellino wide open to the right side to cap an 80-yard scoring drive.

"We've got a championship team and that was a championship drive," Western Illinois coach Charlie Fisher said. "We've done this all year long. Our guys are used to that situation."

The Leathernecks' game-winning drive was set up by Trevor Bouma's fumble at the goal line as South Dakota was poised to put the game away with 4:33 left.

Instead, McGuire led a drive that included a conversion on fourth-and 10 at midfield. McGuire was 20 for 39 for 286 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 30 yards and a score.

Lance Lenoir had six catches for 111 yards and a TD for Western Illinois (6-2, 3-2). He came in one catch from the MVFC career receptions record and tied Illinois State's Tyrone Walker for the MVFC record of 250 early in the game.

Steve McShane and Jamie Gilmore had rushing touchdowns for the Leathernecks. McShane ran 13 times for 112 yards.

South Dakota quarterback Chris Streveler returned after missing the last game and had an immediate impact. With 9:42 to play in the first quarter, Streveler tossed a 20-yard TD pass to Trystn Ducker for a 7-0 lead.

Streveler carried 21 times for 102 yards and a TD and completed 29 of 40 passes for 373 yards and two scores. Streveler's 1-yard run with 1:12 left in the first half gave USD a 31-14 lead.

The Leathernecks needed most of the third quarter to get back into the game. McGuire scored on a 6-yard run with 11:58 left in the quarter and Gilmore scored on a 1-yard run with 1:13 left to make it 31-28.

Bergner's 21-yard field goal with 9:52 left made it 34-28.

After a defensive stop, the Coyotes took over on its own 23. Streveler's first pass was incomplete, but his second to Brandt Van Roekel went for 69 yards down to the Leathernecks 8.

The drive ended when Bouma fumbled the ball into the end zone and WIU recovered for a touchback with 4:37 to play. Bouma finished with 47 yards.

Eleven plays later, the Leathernecks completed the comeback.

"We're going to come out and play to the end," Fisher said. "Nobody's going to outfight us."

## The Latest: Tribal chairman calls for rerouting pipeline

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — The Latest on protests in North Dakota over the Dakota Access oil pipeline (all times local):

4 p.m.

The chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe is calling for rerouting the Dakota Access oil pipeline that is the target of protests in southern North Dakota.

At a news conference outside the Morton County Courthouse, tribal Chairman Dave Archambault (AHR'-sham-boh) said Saturday the pipeline "doesn't have to put our water at risk" and that, "Everybody can still benefit."

Tribal members fear the pipeline will harm their drinking water and violate sacred sites.

The Bismarck Tribune (<http://bit.ly/2eQ0Dc8>) reports Archambault said other, existing pipelines also need to be refurbished and upgraded.

Supporters say the pipeline will have safeguards against leaks, and is a safer way to move oil than trucks and trains.

1:50 p.m.

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Dozens of protesters are demonstrating against the Dakota Access oil pipeline, this time outside the North Dakota Capitol.

More than 60 people were taking part in the event Saturday afternoon in Bismarck. Billed as the Rally To Protect Our Future, demonstrators carried signs with messages such as, "Water is life."

Members of the Standing Rock Sioux and other supporters are trying to halt construction of the nearly 1,200-mile pipeline that the tribe says threatens its water sources and cultural sites.

One protester, Holly Doll of Mandan, says Native Americans "have been ignored throughout history." Doll says the pipeline protest is "about looking ahead for future generations and protecting our water."

The protest in Bismarck was held about 50 miles north of where hundreds of protesters have been camping near a pipeline construction site. The demonstration has been ongoing for months.

11 a.m.

Protesters trying to block the Dakota Access Pipeline are bringing their concerns to the North Dakota Capitol.

A rally is scheduled Saturday afternoon in Bismarck. Organizers say in a Facebook post that the event, called Rally To Protect Our Future, will feature landowners and community members encouraging supporters statewide "to take action how they can."

Hundreds of people gathered at a similar rally in September.

Standing Rock Sioux members and other protesters argue that the nearly 1,200-mile oil pipeline is a threat to water and cultural sites. Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, which is building the pipeline across four states, says the line is safe.

10:40 a.m.

Protesters trying to block the Dakota Access oil pipeline are staying near their encampment following two days of confrontations that resulted in more than a hundred arrests and a barricade of burned-out vehicles on a North Dakota highway.

A handful of people walked along the highway amid cloudy, chilly weather Saturday morning as campfires burned at the nearby camp where hundreds of protesters are staying. About a half-dozen law enforcement vehicles were parked along the roadway.

As many as 50 protesters gathered behind heavy plywood sheets and the burned vehicles on Friday, a day after about 140 people were arrested while protesting on private property.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier described the protesters as "non-confrontational but uncooperative," and credited Standing Rock Sioux tribal members for helping to ease tensions.

12 a.m.

A tense protest over the Dakota Access pipeline subsided at least temporarily after some protest leaders urged activists to leave a barricade near a state highway bridge.

As many as 50 protesters gathered Friday behind heavy plywood sheets and burned-out vehicles. They faced a line of concrete barriers, military vehicles and police in riot gear.

But only a handful of people, some of them observers from Amnesty International, remained on the bridge by late afternoon after protest representatives told people to return to the main encampment.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier described the protesters as "non-confrontational but uncooperative." He credited Standing Rock Sioux tribal members for helping to ease tensions on the bridge.

Officers arrested one person, but no details were released.

## Mitchell Visitor Center's grand opening expected this spring

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Mitchell's new Visitor Center has opened its doors for a "soft opening," and the fully completed center is expected to be ready for tourist season next summer.

Mitchell Convention and Visitors Bureau director Katie Knutson said the Visitor Center's finishing touches will be finished by the time tourist season ramps up in April, according to The Daily Republic (<http://bit>).

ly/2f0pZmW).

The larger 824-square-foot center opened Oct. 1, replacing the center's former location in a 144-square-foot log cabin. The center has seen 150 visitors pass through in its first few weeks in service. Knutson said the close proximity to a nearby coffee shop has boosted foot traffic. Mitchell Area Development Corp. Executive Director Byan Hisel estimated the project would in total cost about \$115,000, with \$75,000 of it funded by a grant from the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development.

The CVB also opened a smartphone app to go with the new modern center, and was designed as a "one-stop resource" for visitors seeking information on Mitchell area features.

"It's uncommon for a community of this population to have all of the amenities and options that we have in Mitchell," an app press release said. "This app is a way to unite all of the unique and surprising elements of our community, in an easy-to-use app that residents and visitors can both enjoy."

The opening of the new Visitor Center was delayed due to disagreements between the landowners, the bureau and the Mitchell Area Development Corp.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

## Mount Marty College to make archery a collegiate sport

Mount Marty College is doing something not many colleges in the country have done — making archery a collegiate sport program. President Marc Long recently announced that the college will partner with the National Field Archery Association and the U.S. Collegiate Archery Association to make it happen. The school will be one of the first colleges to offer archery as a collegiate sport in the Midwest. The college currently has archery as a club sport.

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Mount Marty College is doing something not many colleges in the country have done — making archery a collegiate sport program.

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The school will be one of the first colleges to offer archery as a collegiate sport in the Midwest.

The transition to collegiate sport will take place in the 2017-2018 school year, and varsity archers will compete in competitions.

The college currently has archery as a club sport. The college's athletic director, Chuck Iverson, says the program will be able to take advantage of Easton Archery complex being located in Yankton.

"We have access to one of the best archery facilities and coaching in the world, and there's tremendous interest in archery as a collegiate sport, so we thought to put it together at Mount Marty," Iverson said. "There's always risk involved, but it's a situation we had to take advantage of."

Iverson said he doesn't see archery's popularity fading anytime soon.

The NFAA will provide the coaches and facilities for varsity archers' use, and the school will offer archery-related scholarships.

"As the program progresses and gets retention, we're looking to have around 25 people on the archery team," Iverson said.

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

## With dispute settled, Goat Island potential now in reach

By NICK HYTREK, Sioux City Journal

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — It seems hard to believe that ownership of an island that's been in the middle of the Missouri River for perhaps 200 years remained as one big unsolved problem.

Yet for decades, Goat Island has been that proverbial child caught in the middle of a custody battle between parents.

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But in this case it was two states and a federal agency that reached an amicable solution, cutting through miles of red tape to finally provide Goat Island with some certainty for its future and a chance for its full potential to be realized.

"When we got the word this impasse had been resolved, you probably heard a yell from my office in Yankton to Sioux City," said Rick Clark, superintendent of the Missouri National Recreational River in Yankton, South Dakota.

On Oct. 12, Nebraska, South Dakota and the National Park Service announced that the island would be managed by the National Park Service as part of the Missouri National Recreational River.

It's a solution that makes so much sense, it makes you wonder what took so long.

"It's really a crown jewel on this section of the Missouri River. It's highly attractive for canoeists and kayakers making their way down the river," Clark said of the island that's nearly three miles long and a quarter mile wide at its widest point and covers nearly 600 acres about four miles west of Vermillion.

The Sioux City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2dFgc9y>) reports that it's a popular spot for those river travelers to stop and pitch a tent. Daytime visitors hike through cottonwood trees that could well be 100 years old.

That old age had always been part of the problem, said Tim Cowman, natural resources administrator with the South Dakota Geological Society and adjunct professor and former director of the Missouri River Institute at the University of South Dakota.

Historically, islands and sandbars came and went in the Missouri River's shifting channel. No one's certain when Goat Island became permanent. Some believe it was already established when Lewis and Clark first passed by in 1804. Cowman said it was never surveyed by the federal government before or after Nebraska and South Dakota became states in 1867 and 1889, respectively.

"Nobody had claimed ownership," Cowman said. "It had never been deeded."

As legend has it, the name was spawned by the goats Jack Jaquith once raised on the island. Some local residents also knew it as Jake's Island after Jaquith, an attorney from Vermillion.

Farmers also grazed cattle on the island over the years. People in canoes and kayaks stopped by for a look around. A few hunters used it for duck and deer hunting. But local residents never really embraced Goat Island's possibilities, Clark said, because the uncertainty over ownership left them worried about trespassing.

Those worries are now over, and Goat Island's future now has some certainty.

"I was glad to see they came up with a resolution," Cowman said. "It's best for the public and the management of the island."

Clark said the National Park Service and federal Bureau of Land Management will spend much of the next year surveying the island's vegetation and wildlife. A big stand of red cedar trees, an invasive species, must be dealt with, Clark said, as well as some Russian olive trees. Their treatment will be part of a preliminary draft management plan that will be open for public review.

Clark sees potential for a trail system, maybe a camping site with water and toilet facilities. Overall, he anticipates few changes.

"Likely it will remain in its primitive state," Clark said.

Preservation will provide a glimpse of a Missouri River feature that was much more common before the river was dammed and channelized.

"There are not many features like this on the Missouri Natural Recreational River," Cowman said. "It's a nice place to hang out and enjoy the river on a summer day."

Goat Island is now full of possibilities rather than uncertainties.

Deciding the best way to preserve it and make it a destination for those who enjoy the Missouri River won't be nearly as problematic as settling the ownership issue.

And park service officials will probably have a lot more fun solving it.



## Italy hit by strongest quake in 35 years, no deaths reported

By GREGORIO BORGIA, NICOLE WINFIELD and COLLEEN BARRY, Associated Press

NORCIA, Italy (AP) — Central Italy was hit by another powerful earthquake Sunday, toppling buildings that had recently withstood other major quakes and sending panicked residents back into the streets, but causing no immediate loss of life.

The quake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 was the strongest to strike the country in nearly 36 years. That there were no reports of deaths was largely due to the fact that thousands of residents left their homes after two strong jolts last week shook the same mountainous area.

Some 20 people were injured, many lightly, authorities said.

The Apennine Mountain region of central Italy, located along a major fault line, has been the site of dozens of significant earthquakes, including an Aug. 24 quake with a 6.1 magnitude that killed nearly 300 people.

Back-to-back jolts on Wednesday left thousands more people homeless, but the only death reported resulted from a heart attack.

"It is since 1980 that we have had to deal with an earthquake of this magnitude," Fabrizio Curcio, the head of Italy's Civil Protection agency, said.

Curcio was referring to a 6.9 magnitude quake in a different region that includes Naples that killed some 3,000 people and caused extensive damage in November 1980.

Residents already rattled by a constant trembling of the earth rushed into piazzas and streets after being roused from bed by Sunday's 7:40 a.m. quake. It was felt as far north as Salzburg, Austria and all the way down the Italian peninsula to the Puglia region, the heel of the boot.

Curcio said authorities were responding with helicopters to help the injured and monitor collapses, as many roads were blocked by landslides. Some 3,600 people had already been relocated, many to the coast, following last week's quake, and Curcio said more would follow.

Closest to the epicenter was the ancient city of Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict, the father of monasticism and famed for its Benedictine monastery. Witnesses said the 14th Century St. Benedict cathedral collapsed in the quake, with only the facade still standing.

"It's as if the whole city fell down," Norcia city assessor Giuseppina Perla told the ANSA news agency. The city's ancient walls suffered damage, as did another famous Norcia church, St. Mary Argentea, known for its 15th century frescoes.

Television images showed nuns rushing into the main piazza as the bell tower appeared on the verge of collapse. Later, nuns and priests knelt in prayer in the main piazza, and a firefighter appealed to a priest to help keep residents calm in an effort to prevent them from looking for loved ones.

The town's deputy mayor, Pierluigi Altavilla, said his house remained standing, but everything inside had been toppled.

"It seemed like a bomb exploded inside the house," he told Sky TG24.

The quake comes during a long holiday weekend in Italy going into Tuesday's All Saint's Day, when Catholics honor the dead. The head of the church in Umbria, Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti, urged priests not to hold Masses during the period inside churches, for fear of further collapses, but in open spaces, ANSA reported.

Adding drama to the event, mayors in some towns, including Castelsantangelo sul Nera, said coffins had been pushed out of their resting place inside the walls of cemeteries, which in Italy are typically walled structures into which coffins are laid.

"The scene is indescribable," Mayor Mauro Falcucci told ANSA.

The quake struck a cluster of mountain towns, many of historic significance, already reeling from last week's pair of aftershocks to last August's deadly quake, including Norcia, Visso, Castelsantangelo sul Nero and Preci.

Some towns and smaller settlements were left isolated by landslides that blocked the roads, and the civil protection authority was responding with helicopters to help the injured, while also monitoring damage.

A civil protection official in the Marche region, Cesare Spuri, said they were trying to determine if people were trapped under downed debris. New collapses also were reported throughout the region, including in

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Tolentino, where the news agency ANSA said three people were extracted from the rubble.

The hilltop town of Camerino, some 60 kilometers from Ancona, suffered new building collapses but no reports of injuries. City spokesman Emmanuele Pironi said the main fire hall had been rendered uninhabitable and that they had transferred to a warehouse.

"An hour and a half after the quake, we can be reassured," Pironi told The Associated Press.

Pironi said most of the area's 9,000 university students had left after the town's historic center was closed due to danger of collapses last week, and some of the 7,000 residents had been moved to hotels near the coast or to shelters nearby. Few remained in their homes.

The mayor of quake-hit Ussita said a huge cloud of smoke erupted from the crumbled buildings.

"It's a disaster, a disaster!" Mayor Marco Rinaldi told ANSA. "I was sleeping in the car and I saw hell."

In Arquata del Tronto, which had been devastated by the Aug. 24 earthquake that killed nearly 300 people, Arquata Mayor Aleandro Petrucci said, "There are no towns left."

"Everything came down," he said.

The quake sent boulders raining onto state highways and smaller roads, forcing closures throughout the quake zone that was impeding access to hard-hit cities such as Norcia. Traffic was being diverted to other roads.

The Salaria highway, one of the main highways in the region, was closed at certain points as it was after Wednesday's quakes.

In addition, Italy's rail line said some local lines in Umbria and Le Marche were closed as a precaution.

The quake forced the temporary closure of some of Rome's most important tourist sites, including the presidential palace, so authorities could check for damage.

The St. Paul Outside the Walls basilica was closed for several hours after some plaster fell, but was later reopened. Vatican firefighters conducted checks at St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican's other basilicas but found no damage.

The crowds in St. Peter's Square interrupted Pope Francis with applause when he mentioned the quake during his weekly Sunday blessing.

"I'm praying for the injured and the families who have suffered the most damage, as well as for rescue and first aid workers," he said.

The European-Mediterranean Seismological Center put the magnitude of Sunday's earthquake at 6.6 or 6.5 with an epicenter 132 kilometers northeast of Rome and 67 kilometers east of Perugia, near the epicenter of last week's temblors. The U.S. Geological Survey put the magnitude at 6.6.

To date, Italy's deadliest quake in recent history remains the 1908 Messina quake that destroyed the Sicilian city and killed tens of thousands of people.

Winfield reported from Rome, and Barry from Milan.

## Soyuz space capsule returns to Earth from 115-day mission

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian Soyuz space capsule has landed in Kazakhstan, bringing three astronauts from the United States, Japan and Russia back to Earth from a 115-day mission aboard the International Space Station.

The landing took place Sunday morning near Dzhezkazgan on the treeless Central Asian steppes.

Kate Rubins of NASA, Japan's Takuya Onishi and Anatoly Ivanishin of Russia were removed from the capsule and sat on the steppes still in their capsule seats while they readjusted to the forces of gravity after nearly four months in weightless conditions, then were taken to a nearby medical tent for initial examination.

Andrei Borisenko and Sergey Ryzhikov of Russia and NASA astronaut Robert Shane Kimbrough remain aboard the space station. They arrived on Oct. 22 after a two-day voyage.

The trip back to Earth was much quicker for the three returnees on Sunday, about 3 1/2 hours from undocking until landing.

The capsule landed as scheduled and was closely tracked by helicopters as it wafted through partly cloudy skies under a parachute marked in red and white concentric circles. The craft landed upright, which made the extraction of the astronauts quicker than when capsules land on their sides.

## **Justice Department advised FBI against Clinton email letter**

**By TED BRIDIS and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department discouraged the FBI from alerting Congress to the unexpected discovery of emails potentially related to its investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server, given the proximity to the presidential election and the potential for political fallout, a government official said.

Justice Department officials who were advised of the FBI's intention to notify Congress about the discovery expressed concern that the action would be inconsistent with department protocols designed to avoid the appearance of interference in an election.

In an apparent departure from the wishes of top Justice Department leaders, FBI Director James Comey acted independently when he sent several members of Congress a letter about the emails on Friday, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss internal deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The move creates the potential for a divide between the Justice Department and Comey, who has served in government under both Democratic and Republican presidents. And it provides political fodder for Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Speaking at a rally in Phoenix on Saturday, where the crowd cheered "Lock her up!" at the mention of Clinton's name, the billionaire accused the Justice Department of doing everything it can to protect the Democratic nominee in another example of what he claims is a "rigged system."

"Now it's reported that the Department of Justice is fighting with the FBI. That's because the Department of Justice is trying their hardest to protect the criminal activity of Hillary Clinton," Trump said, offering no evidence for the assertion.

It was not immediately clear what the emails were about or what significance, if any, they carried to the email investigation. Nor was it clear when agents would complete the process of reviewing the recovered emails, and Comey made no guarantees that would happen before Election Day.

The newly discovered emails were on a device seized during a sexting investigation of disgraced former New York congressman, Anthony Weiner, the estranged husband of Huma Abedin, one of Clinton's closest aides.

A person familiar with the investigation, who lacked authority to discuss the matter publicly and insisted on anonymity, said the device that appears to be at the center of the new review was a computer that belonged only to Weiner and was not one he shared with Abedin.

As a result, it was not a device searched for work-related emails at the time of the initial investigation. The person said it is "news to (Abedin)" that her emails would be on a computer belonging to her husband.

Abedin told lawyers in June in a deposition that, like millions of internet users who don't manage their inboxes, she never deleted old emails on her devices, either at work with Clinton or at home with Weiner.

"I didn't have a practice of managing my mailbox other than leaving what was in there sitting in there," Abedin said. "I didn't go into my emails and delete State.gov emails. They just lived on my computer. That was my practice for all my email accounts. I didn't have a particular form of organizing them. I had a few folders, but they were not deleted. They all stayed in whatever device I was using at the time or whatever desktop I was on at the time."

In February 2013, Abedin signed a routine State Department document under penalty of perjury in which she promised to "turn over all classified or administratively controlled documents and materials" before she left her government job, and promised that she was not retaining copies, "including any diaries, memorandums of conversation or other documents of a personal nature."

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The document required her to give back all "unclassified documents and papers relating to the official business of the government acquired by me while in the employ of the department."

Abedin and Weiner separated this year after Weiner was caught in 2011, 2013 and again this year sending numerous woman sexually explicit text messages and photographs of himself undressed. Federal authorities in New York and North Carolina are investigating online communications between Weiner and a 15-year-old girl.

## Clinton calls FBI's actions ahead of vote 'deeply troubling'

By **JULIE PACE** and **KEN THOMAS**, Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hillary Clinton is lashing out at the FBI's handling of a new email review, leading a chorus of Democratic leaders who declared the bureau's actions just days before the election "unprecedented" and "deeply troubling." Emboldened Republican rival Donald Trump seized on the reignited email controversy, hoping to raise new doubts about Clinton's trustworthiness.

Rallying supporters in Florida on Saturday, Clinton pressed FBI Director James Comey to put out the "full and complete facts" about the review into a cache of recently discovered emails. Clinton backers panned Comey's letter to Congress about the new emails as severely lacking crucial details.

"It is pretty strange to put something like that out with such little information right before an election," Clinton said. She accused Trump of using the issue to confuse and mislead voters in the final leg of the campaign for the Nov. 8 election.

The controversy over Clinton's email practices at the State Department has dogged her for more than a year. The former secretary of state has often been reluctant to weigh in on the matter — and defensive when she's been pushed to do so.

But Clinton's approach to this latest flare-up is markedly different, underscoring worries that the matter could damage her standing with voters in the election's final days. Clinton advisers have been rallying Democratic lawmakers and other supporters to her defense, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

On Saturday, Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta said there was "no evidence of wrongdoing" in the new email review and "no indication this is even about Hillary." But Comey, who enraged Republicans in the summer when he announced the FBI would not prosecute Clinton for her loose handling of official email, said the new trove appeared to be "pertinent" to the Clinton email investigation. He did not explain how.

A government official told The Associated Press on Saturday that the Justice Department had advised the FBI against telling Congress about the new developments in the Clinton investigation because of the potential fallout so close to the election. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter and discussed it on condition of anonymity.

Justice officials concluded the letter would be inconsistent with department policy that directs against investigative actions that could be seen as affecting an election or helping a particular candidate, the official said.

Landing with a thud, the email issue again threatened to undermine an advantage built by Clinton, the Democratic nominee, over Trump and raised the possibility that the Republican might be able to seize late momentum.

Trump told a crowd in Golden, Colorado, the FBI's review of Clinton email practices raises "everybody's deepest hope that justice, as last, can be properly delivered." His crowd cheered Clinton's email woes, which Trump has taken to calling the biggest political scandal since Watergate.

The FBI is looking into whether there was classified information on a device belonging to Anthony Weiner, the disgraced ex-congressman who is separated from longtime Clinton aide Huma Abedin. Comey, in his letter to Congress on Friday, said the FBI had recently come upon new emails while pursuing an unrelated case and was reviewing whether they were classified.

A person familiar with the investigation, who lacked authority to discuss the matter publicly and insisted on anonymity, said the device that appears to be at the center of the new review was not a computer



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Weiner shared with Abedin.

As a result, it was not a device searched for work-related emails at the time of the initial investigation. The person said "this is news to (Abedin)" that her emails would be on a computer belonging to her husband.

Trump mused aloud during his rally about whether Clinton was "going to keep Huma," adding that Abedin has "been a problem." He hurled insults at Weiner, warning again that the former congressman posed a national security risk because of his access to information through his estranged wife. Abedin, a close Clinton confidant who is a near constant presence in the campaign, was not traveling with Clinton on Saturday.

Long term, the development all but ensured that, even should Clinton win the White House, she would celebrate a victory under a cloud of investigation. Comey, who was appointed in 2013 to a 10-year term as FBI director, would still be on the job if Clinton wins the White House.

Congressional Republicans have already promised years of investigations into Clinton's private email system. And that's only one of the email-related episodes facing her in the campaign's closing days. The tens of thousands of confidential emails from Clinton campaign insiders that were hacked — her campaign blames Russia — and then released by WikiLeaks have provided a steady stream of questions about her policy positions, personnel choices and ties with her husband's extensive charitable network and post-presidential pursuits.

Given a political gift from the FBI, Trump's challenge now becomes avoiding any big missteps that might overshadow Clinton's troubles over the campaign's final days. If history is a guide, that won't be easy.

Inside Trump's Colorado rally, his supporters worried whether he could stick to his message about the emails.

"It scares me," Howard Sanger, 56, of Parker, Colorado, said of the prospect of another Trump gaffe. "But I feel like his inner circle will stop him."

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## Kluber, Indians beat Cubs 7-2, now lead World Series 3-1

By JAY COHEN, AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — One more win and baseball fans everywhere might finally believe in these Cleveland Indians.

That's all it will take for Corey Kluber & Co. to clinch this World Series.

Kluber pitched six sparkling innings on short rest for his second victory this week and the Indians beat the Chicago Cubs 7-2 Saturday night, taking a 3-1 lead and nearing their first championship since 1948.

Jason Kipnis hit a three-run homer in his hometown and Carlos Santana connected for the first of his three hits as manager Terry Francona's team won for the second straight day at Wrigley Field.

Trevor Bauer gets the ball Sunday night when the visiting Indians try for the franchise's third World Series title against Jon Lester and the faltering Cubs.

"I think we like the position we're in, but the task isn't done yet," Kluber said. "We still have one more game to win, and we're going to show up tomorrow and play with the same sense of urgency we've played with until this point. We don't want to let them build up any momentum and let them get back in the series."

Still, not bad for a team that seemed like an underdog all year long.

The Indians topped the defending champion Royals and star-studded Tigers for the AL Central title, then came the postseason. No one thought they would beat Big Papi and Boston, outslug Toronto or ever end their drought before the charmed Cubs, who led the majors with 103 wins.

Well, look who is on the brink of hoisting the hardware.

"We've got one more to get and it's probably going to be the hardest victory of the year, but this is a special night for me and this team to take the first two here," said Kipnis, who grew up a Cubs fan on the north side of Chicago.

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Kipnis had three hits and scored two runs as Cleveland moved to 10-2 in this postseason. Francisco Lindor contributed an RBI single, helping Francona improve to 11-1 in the World Series.

The Indians now will try to bring another crown to Cleveland, adding to the one LeBron James and the Cavaliers earned earlier this year.

"We have a ways to go. We're not done," Francona said.

Dexter Fowler doubled and scored in the first for the Cubs, and then homered against Andrew Miller in the eighth. Fowler's drive to left-center was the first homer for Chicago in the World Series since Phil Cavaretta connected in Game 1 in 1945 and the first run allowed by Miller during his dominant postseason.

In between Fowler's two hits, the Cubs came up empty every time they had a chance to put any pressure on Cleveland.

"So we made mistakes. Absolutely, we made mistakes tonight," manager Joe Maddon said. "That was part of it. But then again, we just have to do more offensively to give ourselves a chance."

The Indians won for the second straight day at Wrigley — those two wins matched the Cubs' entire total of World Series victories in more than a century of playing at their famed ballpark.

"They're obviously doing something right, taking advantage of our mistakes and my mistakes," Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant said.

Pitching on three days' rest for the second time, Kluber allowed five hits, struck out six and walked one. The steady, stoic right-hander, who struck out nine in a dominant performance in Game 1, improved to 4-1 with a 0.89 ERA in five playoff starts this year.

Francona put Santana at first after starting him in left in Game 3, and Mike Napoli was out of the starting lineup for the time in the playoffs. And just like the rest of October, the decision worked out quite well for the Indians.

Santana led off the second with a drive to right against John Lackey, tying it at 1. Santana's third homer of the playoffs silenced the crowd of 41,706, and the Indians seized the momentum from there.

Two throwing errors on Bryant, including one on Kluber's infield single, led to an unearned run that put Cleveland ahead to stay. Kipnis connected for his second playoff homer in the seventh, pointing to his friends and family in the stands after powering the Indians to a 7-1 lead.

"We're mortals. We're baseball players. It's what we live for," Kipnis said. "At this kind of stage it's what we all dream about."

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Kluber's 0.89 ERA is the second-lowest for a single postseason for pitchers with at least 30 innings. Burt Hooton allowed three earned runs in 33 playoff innings for the 1981 Dodgers. Kluber is tied with Orel Hershiser (1995) for the Indians record for most strikeouts in a single postseason with 35.

"Just an unreal job by Kluber on three days' rest," Lindor said.

STEPPING UP

Cubs right fielder Jason Heyward made his first start of the World Series and responded with two hits. The 27-year-old Heyward, who signed a \$184 million, eight-year contract with Chicago last winter, was just 2 for 31 in 12 playoff games coming into the night.

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Indians: Bauer lasted just 3 2/3 innings in Game 2, allowing two runs and six hits. The right-hander had a career-best 12 wins during the regular season, but is 0-1 with a 5.00 ERA in three playoff starts.

Cubs: Lester dropped to 3-1 with a 1.35 ERA in four career World Series starts when he allowed three runs in 5 2/3 innings in the opener Tuesday night. The left-hander was the co-MVP of the NL Championship Series, going 1-0 with a 1.38 ERA in two starts against the Dodgers.

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## The Latest: Clinton joins Lopez, urges voters to 'get loud'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the 2016 presidential campaign (all times EDT):  
9 p.m.

Hillary Clinton is turning to singers Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony to help rally voters in Florida.

The Democrat is appearing at a packed outdoor concert with the performers on a rain-soaked night in Miami. It's part of a series of concerts Clinton's campaign is organizing with high-wattage stars in the election's final days.

Clinton urged voters not to let Republican nominee Donald Trump get away with "stoking fear" and "insulting one group of Americans after another." Playing off Lopez's hit "Let's Get Loud," Clinton urged Floridians to "get loud at the voting booth."

8:25 p.m.

Donald Trump is accusing the Justice Department of doing everything it can to protect his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

Trump is pointing to a disagreement between the DOJ and the FBI over its handling of a new batch of emails discovered pertaining to the investigation of Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state.

Justice Department officials cautioned FBI director James Comey against sending a letter to Congress informing them of the new emails, asserting that it was inconsistent with department policy intended to avoid the appearance of prosecutorial influence in elections.

But Trump tells a rally crowd in Phoenix, "The Department of Justice is trying their hardest to protect the criminal activity of Hillary Clinton."

He asks, "What's happened to the Justice Department?" and says this is what he means when he says that the "system is rigged."

Trump is also repeating his claim that the development represents the biggest political scandal since Watergate.

He says, "It's everybody's deepest hope that justice, at last, will be beautifully delivered."

7:15 p.m.

Four senior Democratic senators are calling on the Justice Department and the FBI to promptly release more information on emails identified by FBI Director James Comey as pertinent to its investigation of Hillary Clinton's personal email server.

In a letter Saturday, the senators say such a letter with few details released in the days before the Nov. 8 election is being used for political purposes and has led to a misleading impression about the FBI's actions and intentions.

The senators are asking that the Justice Department and FBI provide more detailed information by Monday about what investigative steps are being taken, the number of emails involved and what is being done to determine how many of the emails are duplicative of those already reviewed by the FBI.

The letter was sent to Comey and Attorney General Loretta Lynch by Sens. Benjamin Cardin of Maryland, Thomas Carper of Delaware, Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Dianne Feinstein of California.

6 p.m.

Donald Trump is stirring passions far from the United States.

In the Brazilian city Sao Paulo on Saturday, a right-leaning group called Together for Brazil held a demonstration of support for Trump, with English-language signs saying "Brazilians for Trump" and "Hillary for Prison."

Scuffles erupted when those demonstrators were confronted by members of two small leftist groups, the Anti-Fascist League and Revolutionary Periphery. Police say they detained four people. No serious injuries were reported.

The confrontation involved some 100 people along the Avenida Paulista, one of the city's main business

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thoroughfares.

4:20 p.m.

Hillary Clinton says FBI Director James Comey's letter to lawmakers about a newly discovered batch of emails is "unprecedented" and "deeply troubling."

Clinton is repeating her calls for Comey to put out the "full and complete facts" about the new review of the emails.

She says: "Put it all out on the table."

Clinton is speaking to campaign volunteers at a community center in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Just the mention of the Comey letter and the renewed attention to her private email server was met with boos from the crowd.

4:10 p.m.

A Democratic New York congressman appears to be accusing FBI Director James Comey of trying to sway the presidential election.

Rep. Gregory Meeks says it's "unbelievable" Comey, this close to the election, would disclose that the FBI is looking into a new set of emails that appear to be pertinent to the Hillary Clinton email investigation.

Meeks and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus are supporting Clinton's calls for Comey to release more details of the review.

Meeks says Comey should not "be the one the one that's trying to sway an election 10 days beforehand."

4 p.m.

Hillary Clinton is squeezing some tail-gating into her day trip to Florida.

Clinton stopped at the party before the homecoming game at Bethune-Cookman University. That's a historically black college in Daytona Beach.

The Democrat was met with cheers and quickly swarmed by fans as she and her security tried to work the crowd.

The scene became so crowded a deejay cautioned the crowd "Let her breathe!"

As she urged people to vote, Clinton promised to "build on the progress of President Obama."

This stop was part of a push to drive high turnout among black voters, who are overwhelmingly backing Clinton over Republican Donald Trump.

3:15 p.m.

Donald Trump is stoking doubts about the integrity of Colorado's vote-by-mail system. He's suggesting that votes are selectively counted depending on the preferences of who's counting. But he offered no evidence that has ever happened.

Speaking at a rally in Golden, Colorado, Trump says that he has "real problems with ballots being sent" by mail. He describes a purely fictional scene in which counters sort through ballots, saying: "Here's another ballot, throw it away. Oh here's one I like, we'll keep that one."

He says his campaign has "a lot of people watching you people that collect the ballots." And he's advising supporters to track their ballots to ensure they've been counted.

Trump has repeatedly raised fears about the integrity of the U.S. voting system. Yet experts say voter fraud is rare.

2:20 p.m.

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If history is a guide, that won't be easy.

At Trump's Golden, Colorado, rally on Saturday, his supporters were worried about whether he can stick to his message about emails, now that the FBI is reviewing a newly discovered trove described as perti-



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nent to its Clinton investigation.

Fifty-year-old Stacie Null of Castle Rock says Trump utters "some off the wall stuff" but "he is who he is."

Fifty-six-year-old Howard Sanger of Parker, Colorado, fears the prospect of yet another Trump gaffe but hopes "his inner circle will stop him."

2:15 p.m.

Donald Trump is going after longtime Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin following the discovery of new emails that FBI Director James Comey told Congress are pertinent to the investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state.

Trump asks a Golden, Colorado, rally crowd, "Is she going to keep Huma?" He says, "Huma's been a problem."

He's also hurling insults at former Rep. Anthony Weiner.

The emails in question were on a device belonging to Weiner, who is separated from Abedin. He is being investigated for his alleged sexting with a minor.

Trump has long warned that Weiner posed a potential national security risk because of his access to information through his estranged wife.

2 p.m.

Donald Trump supporters at a Colorado rally are cheering about Hillary Clinton's email woes.

Trump told a crowd in Golden, Colorado, on Saturday that the FBI's review of Clinton email practices raises "everybody's deepest hope that justice, as last, can be properly delivered."

He's taken to calling the matter the biggest political scandal since Watergate.

Scrutiny of Clinton's email practices came back to the fore when FBI Director James Comey told Congress on Friday that newly discovered emails are pertinent to the case.

The emails in question were on a device belonging to Anthony Weiner, the disgraced former New York congressman who is separated from longtime Clinton aide Huma Abedin. Comey gave few details, and no indication that the new trove would change the FBI's decision in the summer not to prosecute Clinton for what he called her "extremely careless" handling of sensitive emails as secretary of state.

1:20 p.m.

Hillary Clinton's campaign is lashing out at the FBI. The campaign says there's no indication that a cache of recently discovered emails being reviewed by the agency is even about her.

Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta says FBI Director James Comey's information is "long on innuendo" and "short on facts." He says there's "no evidence of wrongdoing. No charge of wrongdoing. No indication this is even about Hillary."

On that latter point, though, Comey in fact says the newly discovered emails do appear "pertinent" to the Clinton email investigation.

Podesta and campaign manager Robby Mook are calling on the FBI to release more details involving the inquiry of emails on a device belonging to Anthony Weiner, the disgraced former New York congressman who is separated from longtime Clinton aide Huma Abedin.

12:30 p.m.

A government official tells The Associated Press that the Justice Department had advised the FBI against telling Congress about new developments in the Hillary Clinton email investigation because of the potential fallout so close to the election.

The FBI says it recently came upon new emails possibly pertinent to that investigation. Director James Comey said in a letter to Congress that the FBI discovered the emails while pursuing an unrelated case and would review whether they were classified.

The government official says the Justice Department concluded the letter would be inconsistent with department policy that directs against investigative actions that could be seen as affecting an election or

helping a particular candidate.

The official says Comey made the decision to go ahead with the letter independently of the Justice Department.

The official wasn't authorized to discuss the department's internal deliberations publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

—Associated Press writer Eric Tucker.

## A look at FBI chief Comey's decisions in Clinton email case

By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's announcement that it recently came upon new emails possibly pertinent to the Hillary Clinton email investigation raised more questions than answers.

FBI Director James Comey said in a letter to Congress on Friday that the bureau had discovered the emails while pursuing an unrelated case and would review whether they were classified.

The announcement, vague in details, immediately drew both criticism and praise to Comey himself. Some questions and answers:

Q: WHERE DID THE EMAILS COME FROM?

A: The emails emerged during a separate criminal sexting investigation into former Rep. Anthony Weiner, estranged husband of Huma Abedin, one of Clinton's closest aides, a U.S. official with knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation and discussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

Federal authorities are investigating communications between Weiner, a New York Democrat, and a 15-year-old girl.

It was not clear from Comey who sent or received the emails or what they were about.

Q: WHY IS THIS COMING OUT SO CLOSE TO THE ELECTION?

A: Apparently because the emails were found very recently. In his letter to Congress, Comey said he had been briefed only Thursday by investigators.

Releasing the letter opened Comey to partisan criticism that he was dropping a significant development too close to an election. But keeping it under wraps until after Nov. 8 would surely have led to criticism that he was sitting on major news until after the election.

Comey has said there are no easy decisions on timing in the case. In an internal email sent Friday to FBI employees, he said he was trying to strike a balance between keeping Congress and the public informed and not creating a misleading impression, given that the emails' significance is not yet known.

"In trying to strike that balance, in a brief letter and in the middle of an election season, there is significant risk of being misunderstood," he wrote.

Justice Department officials expressed concerns to the FBI upon learning of plans to send lawmakers the letter, according to a government official familiar with the conversations who was not authorized to discuss the matter by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. Department leadership believed that the letter would be inconsistent with department policy meant to avoid the appearance of prosecutorial interference or meddling in elections, the official said.

Q: IS THE DISCLOSURE STANDARD FOR THE FBI?

A: No, but neither was the Clinton email investigation.

In a nod to the extraordinary nature of an election-year probe into a presidential candidate, Comey promised extraordinary transparency as he announced the investigation's conclusion in July.

"I am going to include more detail about our process than I ordinarily would, because I think the American people deserve those details in a case of intense public interest," Comey said at the unusual news conference where he announced the FBI would not recommend criminal charges against Clinton.

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Since then, the FBI has periodically released investigative files — that is, summaries of witnesses who were interviewed. Those materials aren't typically public.

Comey, a Republican, has served in government under both Democratic and Republican administrations. He speaks repeatedly about the need for the FBI to be accountable to the public.

His letter Friday seemed in keeping with a statement he made to Congress last month, that although the FBI had concluded its investigation, "we would certainly look at any new and substantial information" that emerged.

**Q: BUT WHY WAS THE LETTER SO VAGUE?**

A: For one thing, the FBI avoids publicly discussing ongoing criminal investigations, or even confirming it has one open.

It also appears the FBI isn't sure what it has. Comey said the FBI cannot yet assess whether the material is significant, or how long it would take to complete the additional work.

Nevertheless, the letter's vagueness was immediately seized upon by critics as unacceptable and leaving the public in the dark.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS NOW? DOES THIS INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SOMEONE COULD BE CHARGED?**

A: The FBI will review the emails to see if they were classified and were improperly handled.

It's impossible to say if anyone is in greater jeopardy than before.

The FBI announced in July that scores of emails from Clinton's server contained information that was classified at the time it was sent or received. So, new emails determined as classified might do nothing to change the legal risk for anyone who sent them.

Comey said in July that the FBI had found no evidence of intentional or willful mishandling of classified information, of efforts to obstruct justice or of the deliberate exposure of government secrets. Those were elements that Comey suggested were needed to make a criminal case.

Nothing in the letter appears to change that standard.

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## Found emails? Clinton aide didn't delete old messages

By **TED BRIDIS** and **ERIC TUCKER**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The longtime Hillary Clinton aide at the center of a renewed FBI email investigation testified under oath four months ago she never deleted old emails, while promising in 2013 not to take sensitive files when she left the State Department.

FBI Director James Comey notified Congress on Friday, less than two weeks before the election, that the emails had led agents to re-examine whether classified information was mishandled. That had been the focus of the bureau's earlier criminal inquiry into the former secretary of state's use of a private email server, which Comey said in July didn't warrant charges.

The newly discovered emails were on a device seized during a sexting investigation of disgraced former New York congressman, Anthony Weiner, the estranged husband of Huma Abedin, one of Clinton's closest aides.

Abedin's testimony in a recent civil lawsuit about State Department records may help explain why agents found emails that Comey said "appear to be pertinent" and would be reviewed "to determine whether they contain classified information, as well as to assess their importance to our investigation."

Abedin told lawyers in June in a deposition that, like millions of internet users who don't manage their inboxes, she simply never deleted old emails, either at work with Clinton or at home with Weiner.

"I didn't have a practice of managing my mailbox other than leaving what was in there sitting in there,"

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Abedin said. "I didn't go into my emails and delete State.gov emails. They just lived on my computer. That was my practice for all my email accounts. I didn't have a particular form of organizing them. I had a few folders, but they were not deleted. They all stayed in whatever device I was using at the time or whatever desktop I was on at the time."

Abedin, vice chairwoman of Clinton's presidential campaign, and Weiner separated this year after Weiner was caught in 2011, 2013 and again this year sending numerous woman sexually explicit text messages and photographs of himself undressed. Federal authorities in New York and North Carolina are investigating online communications between Weiner and a 15-year-old girl.

Abedin's testimony in the civil suit was complicated by a routine State Department document she signed under penalty of perjury in February 2013. She promised she would "turn over all classified or administratively controlled documents and materials" before she left her government job, and promised that she was not retaining copies, "including any diaries, memorandums of conversation or other documents of a personal nature." The document required her to give back all "unclassified documents and papers relating to the official business of the government acquired by me while in the employ of the department."

Comey's announcement Friday — just months after deciding that anyone's use of Clinton's private email server didn't rise to criminal charges for mishandling or removal of classified information — upended the presidential campaigns in their final stretch before the Nov. 8 voter.

Clinton urged the FBI to "explain this issue in question, whatever it is, without any delay." Even within the Justice Department, officials advised Comey not to make the announcement.

Upon learning of Comey's plans to send the letter to Congress, Justice Department officials told FBI officials that was not a good idea and cautioned against it, according to a government official familiar with the discussions. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss the private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the Justice Department had warned the FBI that the letter was inconsistent with department policy intended to avoid the appearance of prosecutorial influence in elections.

The position is laid out in a 2012 memo from then-Deputy Attorney General James Cole. It said prosecutors may never select the timing of criminal charges or investigative actions in a way that can be seen as affecting an election or giving a benefit or disadvantage to a candidate.

The memo says that although the department has a strong interest in prosecuting election-related crimes, such as those involving campaign finance and patronage, employees must remain committed to fairness and political neutrality. "Simply put, politics must play no role in the decisions of federal investigators or prosecutors regarding any investigations or criminal charges," the memo states.

Comey told FBI employees later Friday he wanted to avoid creating "a misleading impression," but believed he was obligated.

"We don't ordinarily tell Congress about ongoing investigations, but here I feel an obligation to do so given that I testified repeatedly in recent months that our investigation was completed." Comey wrote in a letter to staff. "I also think it would be misleading to the American people were we not to supplement the record."

Even if any of the emails are judged to be classified, that would not necessarily indicate potential legal peril for anyone involved. The FBI already found scores of emails with classified information on Clinton's server, but didn't think the handling of the material rose to the level of a crime.

## Shiite militias join the battle as Iraqis push toward Mosul

By SUSANNAH GEORGE and QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press

SHURA, Iraq (AP) — State-sanctioned Shiite militias joined Iraq's Mosul offensive on Saturday with a pre-dawn assault to the west, where they hope to complete the encirclement of the Islamic State-held city and sever supply lines from neighboring Syria.

Other Iraqi forces aided by U.S.-led airstrikes and heavy artillery meanwhile drove IS from the town of Shura, south of Mosul, where the militants had rounded up civilians to be used as human shields.



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The twin thrusts come nearly two weeks into the offensive to retake Iraq's second largest city, but most of the fighting is still taking place in towns and villages far from its outskirts, and the entire operation is expected to take weeks, if not months.

The involvement of the Iranian-backed Shiite militias has raised concerns that the battle for Mosul, a Sunni-majority city, could aggravate sectarian tensions. Rights groups have accused the militias of abuses against civilians in other Sunni areas retaken from IS, accusations the militia leaders deny.

The umbrella group for the militias, known as the Popular Mobilization Units, says they will not enter Mosul itself and will instead focus on retaking Tal Afar, a town to the west that had a Shiite majority before it fell to IS in 2014.

Ahmed al-Assadi, a spokesman for the group, told reporters in Baghdad that the militias had retaken 10 villages since the start of the pre-dawn operation. But there was likely still some fighting underway, and he said forces were removing explosive booby-traps left by IS to slow their advance.

Jaafar al-Husseini, a spokesman for the Hezbollah Brigades, said his group and the other militias had advanced 4 miles (7 kilometers) toward Tal Afar and used anti-tank missiles to destroy three suicide car bombs that were heading toward them.

He said the U.S.-led coalition, which is providing airstrikes and ground support to the Iraqi military and Kurdish forces known as the peshmerga, is not playing any role in the Shiite militias' advance. He said Iranian advisers and Iraqi aircraft were helping them.

Many of the militias were originally formed after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion to battle American forces and Sunni insurgents. They were mobilized again and endorsed by the state when IS swept through northern and central Iraq in 2014.

Iraqi troops approaching Mosul from the south advanced into Shura after a wave of U.S.-led airstrikes and artillery shelling against militant positions inside the town. Commanders said most of the IS fighters withdrew earlier this week with civilians, but that U.S. airstrikes had disrupted the forced march, allowing some civilians to escape.

"After all this shelling, I don't think we will face much resistance," Iraqi army Maj. Gen. Najim al-Jabouri said as the advance got underway. "This is easy, because there are no civilians left," he added.

But hours later, a few families who had hunkered down during the fighting emerged. The government has urged people to remain in their homes, fearing a mass exodus from Mosul, which is still home to more than 1 million people.

By the afternoon, Brig. Gen. Firas Bashar said his forces were clearing explosives and searching for IS fighters in Shura. The sound of artillery still echoed in the distance.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, an IS suicide bomber targeting an aid station for Shiite pilgrims killed at least seven people and wounded more than 20, police and hospital officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief reporters.

The Sunni extremist group often target Iraq's Shiite majority, which it views as apostates deserving of death.

The Mosul offensive involves more than 25,000 soldiers, Federal Police, Kurdish fighters, Sunni tribesmen and the Shiite militias.

Iraqi forces moving toward the city from several directions have made uneven progress since the offensive began Oct. 17. They are 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the edge of Mosul on the eastern front, where Iraq's special forces are leading the charge. But progress has been slower in the south, with Iraqi forces still 20 miles (35 kilometers) from the city.

The U.N. human rights office said Friday that IS has rounded up tens of thousands of civilians in and around Mosul to use as human shields, and has massacred more than 200 Iraqis in recent days, mainly former members of the security forces.

The militants have carried out mass killings of perceived opponents in the past and boasted about them in grisly photos and videos circulated online. The group is now believed to be cracking down on anyone who could rise up against it, focusing on men with military training or past links to the security forces.

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Abdul-Zahra reported from Irbil, Iraq. Associated Press writers Joseph Krauss in Baghdad and Maamoun Youssef in Cairo contributed to this report.

## Rolling Stone publisher disagreed with rape story retraction

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Rolling Stone magazine publisher and co-founder Jann Wenner said in a video deposition that he disagreed with a top editor's decision to retract an entire article about a gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity after the story was discredited.

In a video played for jurors Friday in the defamation trial against Rolling Stone, Jann Wenner said that although the account given by the woman known only as "Jackie" turned out not to be accurate, the bulk of the 2014 story, "A Rape on Campus," is still valid, The Daily Progress reports (<http://bit.ly/2dQ8RnM> ).

The article described in harrowing detail the alleged gang rape of the woman.

A police investigation found no evidence to back up Jackie's claims and the magazine officially retracted the article in April 2015.

Nicole Eramo, former University of Virginia associate dean of students, is now seeking \$7.5 million from the magazine over the story, saying it defamed her and portrayed her as its chief villain. Wenner's deposition video was played shortly before Eramo's attorneys rested their case.

Wenner said in the video that although the magazine no longer stands by Jackie's account, it never retracted the entire article and didn't intend to. After being asked to read the magazine's April 2015 note written by then-Managing Editor Will Dana which said "we are officially retracting 'A Rape on Campus,'" Wenner said he believes that retraction is "inaccurate."

"I do not stand by it," Wenner said. "We do not retract the whole story."

Rolling Stone's attorneys have argued that the magazine believes its portrayal of Eramo and the university's handling of sexual assault cases was well-reported and accurate, despite problems with Jackie's account.

Wenner said the magazine was the "victim" of someone who was "really determined to commit a fraud." He apologized to Eramo for any damage that the article may have caused, before adding: "Believe me, I have suffered as much as you have."

Information from: The Daily Progress, <http://www.dailyprogress.com>

## Syrian airstrikes on Aleppo amid intense clashes

By **BASSEM MROUE**, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government forces launched a counteroffensive Saturday under the cover of airstrikes in an attempt to regain control of areas they had lost to insurgents the day before in the northern city of Aleppo, activists and state media said.

Meanwhile, insurgents launched a fresh offensive on the city, a day after embarking on a broad ground attack aimed at breaking a weeks-long government siege on the eastern rebel-held neighborhoods of Syria's largest city.

The insurgents were able to capture much of the western neighborhood of Assad where much of Saturday's fighting was concentrated, according to the Syrian army and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The Observatory said the new offensive by Syrian troops and their allies went under the cover of Russian and Syrian airstrikes but government forces did not succeed in regaining control of areas they lost. The group said the fighting and airstrikes are mostly on Aleppo's western and southern edges.

The Syrian army command said troops and their allies are pounding insurgent positions with artillery shells and rockets adding that "all kinds of weapons" are being used in the fighting in the Assad neighborhood.

The Aleppo Media Center, an activist collective, reported airstrikes and artillery shelling of areas near Aleppo. The AMC and another activist collective, the Local Coordination Committees, said rebels entered the village of Minian west of Aleppo Saturday afternoon after intense fighting with government forces.

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Later Saturday, the rebels said they launched an attack on the Zahraa neighborhood in western Aleppo to try and capture it from government forces. The attack began with a massive explosion that struck government positions on the front line, said Yasser al-Yousef of the Nour el-Din el-Zinki group, a main faction in Aleppo.

A reporter inside the city for the Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen TV channel confirmed that the rebels have attacked the Zahraa neighborhood. As he spoke from the roof of a building, sounds of heavy exchange of gunfire could be heard in the background.

The Syrian army said troops were repelling the attack on Zahraa. It said the offensive began when the insurgents detonated a vehicle and shelled the area.

The Observatory said the fighting was continuing intensely after sunset, saying that government forces detonated explosives and bombs they planted earlier in the area in an attempt to repel the offensive on Zahraa.

Syrian state media said rebels shelled government-held western neighborhoods of Aleppo on Saturday morning wounding at least 10 people, including a young girl.

Rebel shelling of Aleppo on Friday killed 15 and wounded more than 100.

On Friday, insurgents including members of Fatah al-Sham and the ultraconservative Afnan al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham militias took advantage of cloudy and rainy weather to attack government positions. On Saturday the weather was better, according to residents.

"There are ongoing clashes," said opposition activist Baraa al-Halaby by telephone from besieged east Aleppo, adding that the fighting is far from them but explosions could be clearly heard in the city.

The Observatory said that since Friday some 30 troops and members of Lebanon's Hezbollah group were killed in the Aleppo fighting.

East Aleppo has been subjected to a ferocious campaign of aerial attacks by Russian and Syrian government warplanes, and hundreds of people have been killed in recent weeks, according to opposition activists and trapped residents.

The new offensive by insurgents is the second attempt to break the government's siege of Aleppo's opposition-held eastern districts, where the U.N. estimates 275,000 people are trapped.

U.N. Special Envoy Staffan De Mistura has estimated 8,000 of them are rebel fighters, and no more than 900 of them affiliated with Fatah al-Sham. Syrian and Russian officials have said that no cease fire is possible as long as Fatah al-Sham remains allied and intertwined with other rebel forces.

Aleppo is the current focal point of the war. President Bashar Assad has said he is determined to retake the country's largest city and former commercial capital.

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Associated Press writer Albert Aji in Damascus, Syria contributed to this report.

## Supreme Court to hear case of transgender bathroom policy

By MARK SHERMAN and ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will take up transgender rights for the first time in the case of a Virginia school board that wants to prevent a transgender teenager from using the boys' bathroom at his high school.

The justices said Friday they will hear the appeal from the Gloucester County school board sometime next year. The high court's order means that student Gavin Grimm will not be able to use the boys' bathroom in the meantime.

The court could use the case to resolve similar disputes across the country, said Shannon Minter, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "Obviously, for transgender people, the stakes of this case are incredibly high. Whatever the court rules in Grimm may ensure that transgender people are accepted and included as equal members of our society, or it may relegate them to outsiders for decades to come," Minter said.

A lower court had ordered the school board to accommodate Grimm, but the justices in August put that order on hold while they considered whether to hear the appeal.

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Grimm, a 17-year-old high school senior, was born female but identifies as male. He was allowed to use the boys' restroom at his high school for several weeks in 2014. But after some parents complained, the school board adopted a policy requiring students to use either the restroom that corresponds with their biological gender or a private, single-stall restroom. Grimm is backed by the Obama administration in his argument that the policy violates Title IX, a federal law that bars sex discrimination in schools.

"I never thought that my restroom use would ever turn into any kind of national debate," Grimm said in a statement issued after the court announced it will hear his case. "The only thing I ever asked for was the right to be treated like everyone else. While I'm disappointed that I will have to spend my final school year being singled out and treated differently from every other guy, I will do everything I can to make sure that other transgender students don't have to go through the same experience."

Gloucester County school board chairman Troy Andersen praised the court for agreeing to hear what he called a difficult case. "The board looks forward to explaining to the Court that its restroom and locker room policy carefully balances the interests of all students and parents in the Gloucester County school system," Andersen said.

The Education Department says transgender students should be allowed to use restrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identities. Among the issues in the case is whether the department's guidance should have the force of law.

Similar lawsuits are pending around the country. The Obama administration has sued North Carolina over a state law aimed at restricting transgender students to bathrooms that correspond to their biological genders.

A federal judge in Texas has sided with Texas and 12 other states in issuing a nationwide hold on the administration's directive to public schools, issued in May. The directive tells schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom and locker room consistent with their gender identity.

The case probably will be heard in the winter, and it is by no means certain that there will be a ninth justice to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February. Senate Republicans have refused to act on Judge Merrick Garland's nomination to the high court. A tie vote would be a victory for Grimm, who won in the lower courts, but would leave the issue unresolved nationally.

The Supreme Court split 5 to 3 in August to put the court order in Grimm's case on hold. At the time, Justice Stephen Breyer said he was providing a fifth vote to go along with the four more conservative justices to "preserve the status quo" until the court decided whether to weigh in. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan dissented.

Grimm had urged the court not to take up his case.

The school board asked the court to settle the matter now. It said that allowing Grimm to use the boys restroom raises privacy concerns and may cause some parents to pull their children out of school.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond sided with Grimm in April, saying the federal judge who previously dismissed Grimm's Title IX discrimination claim ignored the Education Department's guidance on bathroom use.

The appeals court reinstated Grimm's Title IX claim and sent it back to the district court for further consideration. The judge then issued the order in favor of Grimm.

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Associated Press writer David Crary in New York contributed to this report. Durkin reported from Richmond.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Oct. 30, the 304th day of 2016. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 30, 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired as part of "The



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Mercury Theater on the Air" on CBS. (The broadcast, which employed a series of fake news reports about a Martian invasion, was said to have panicked some listeners, although how many has never been definitively established.)

On this date:

In 1735, the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1766, St. Paul's Chapel, Manhattan's oldest surviving house of worship, was consecrated in the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

In 1864, Helena, Montana, was founded.

In 1921, the silent film classic "The Sheik," starring Rudolph Valentino, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Albert Schweitzer received the Peace Prize for 1952.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons. The Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1965, British model Jean Shrimpton scandalized onlookers by showing up for Victoria Derby Day at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne, Australia, in a white, sleeveless shift mini-dress that was hemmed four inches above her knees.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire (zah-EER'), known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1985, schoolteacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe witnessed the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, the same craft that carried her and six other crew members to their deaths in Jan. 1986.

In 1996, after a four-hour trial, a Chinese court sentenced pro-democracy activist Wang Dan to eleven years in prison for "conspiring to subvert the Chinese government." (Wang was freed in April 1998 and sent into exile in the United States.)

Ten years ago: Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, addressing a campaign rally for California Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides, told a college audience that young people who didn't study hard might "get stuck in Iraq," prompting harsh Republican criticism; Kerry later said it was a botched joke directed at President George W. Bush's handling of the war. Larry Nelson and Vijay Singh were among five people inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: Britain's Sunday Telegraph published an interview with Syrian President Bashar Assad, who warned that a western intervention in Syria would lead to an "earthquake" that "would burn the whole region." Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain's campaign denied a Politico report that he'd been twice accused of sexual harassment while he was the head of the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s. (This and other allegations, all denied by Cain, prompted his withdrawal from the White House race.)

One year ago: The United States escalated its fight against the Islamic State in Syria, pledging the first open deployment of military boots on the ground. A fire broke out at a nightclub in Bucharest, Romania, killing 64 people. Character actor Al Molinaro, 96, died in Glendale, California. The New York Mets defeated the Kansas City Royals, 9-3, in Game 3 of the World Series, cutting the Royals' lead to 2-1.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dick Gautier is 85. Movie director Claude Lelouch is 79. Rock singer Grace Slick is 77. Songwriter Eddie Holland is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Williams (The Temptations) is 75. Actress Joanna Shimkus is 73. Actor Henry Winkler is 71. Broadcast journalist Andrea Mitchell is 70. Rock musician Chris Slade (Asia) is 70. Country/rock musician Timothy B. Schmit (The Eagles) is 69. Actor Leon Rippy is 67. Actor Harry Hamlin is 65. Actor Charles Martin Smith is 63. Country singer T. Graham Brown is 62. Actor Kevin Pollak is 59. Actor Michael Beach is 53. Rock singer-musician Gavin Rossdale (Bush) is 51. Actor Jack Plotnick is 48. Comedian Ben Bailey is 46. Actor Billy Brown (TV: "How to Get Away With Murder") is 46. Actress Nia Long is 46. Country singer Cassidy Osborn (SHeDAISY) (sh-DAY'zee) is 40.

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Actor Gael Garcia Bernal is 38. Actor Matthew Morrison is 38. Business executive Ivanka Trump is 35. Actress Fiona Dourif is 35. Actor Shaun Sipos (SEE'-pohs) is 35. Actress Janel (juh-NEHL') Parrish is 28. Actor Tequan Richmond is 24.

Thought for Today: "You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals." — Marie Curie, Polish Nobel Prize-winning chemist (1867-1934).