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## Monday, Nov., 14

- 6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
- 7th/8th GBB hosts Webster (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
- 5:30 p.m.: Financial Aid Information Night
- 7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, Nov. 15

- Debate at Watertown High School
- Region Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central

## Wednesday, Nov. 16

- 11:30 a.m.: MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School
- 3:45 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran League
- 7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation
- 7 p.m.: Groton Youth Rally at GHS Gym

## Thursday, Nov. 17

- 9 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran Quilting
- 1:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA "Praise & Thanksgiving"
- State Volleyball at Watertown

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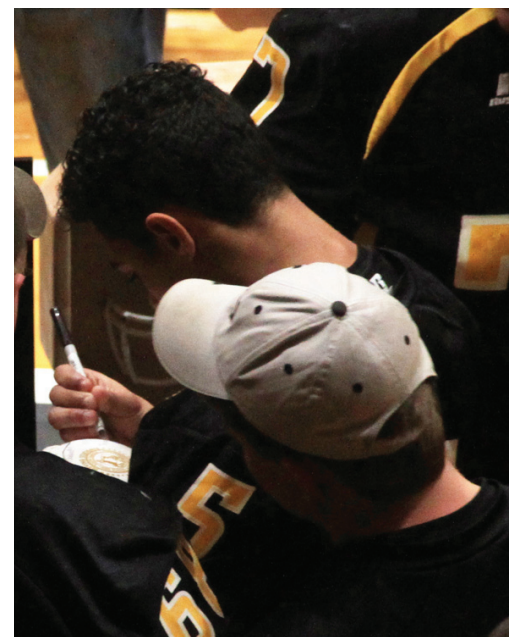
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## Welcome Home Celebration held Sunday

The Groton Area Tiger Football Team, the first team to ever get 10 wins, the State 11B Runner-up and the Northeast Conference Champions, was greeted to a welcome home celebration Sunday in the GHS Arena. The event was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with Sanford Health of Aberdeen as the sponsor. Above, Mayor Scott Hanlon read the city's proclamation declaring this week as Groton Tiger Week. Below right, Bennett Shabazz talked about his experience and how he will miss playing football with this team-mates. Below right: Trevon Tuggels signed the game football as all of the players had the chance to do so.

Other speakers were Scott Thorson, Tom Woods, Coach Shaun Wannier and other senior players.





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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings' fall from grace continued Sunday, as they lost to the Washington Redskins 26-20. The Vikings, who won their first five games of the season, have now lost their last four. The team no longer resembles a championship contender, instead they look like what their record indicates: a middle of the road ball club.

The Vikings' offense put on a respectable display on Sunday, scoring 20 points and showing the ability to come back from an early deficit. For the second week in a row Sam Bradford completed 31 of 40 passes, this time for 307 yards. Bradford threw two touchdowns, but he also had an interception late in the game that was entirely his fault. The offensive line was finally starting to show signs of life and only allowed three sacks on the day, but left tackle Jake Long exited the game with an injury. The injury has been confirmed by Mike Zimmer to be an achilles injury, which will sideline him for the rest of the year.

The biggest cause for concern is the defense. Through the first five games of the season, the Vikings' defense looked to be a dominant group. However, over the last four weeks, the unit has taken a step back. Less than a minute into the second quarter, the Vikings had given up two touchdowns. I'm sure Mike Zimmer had words with his players at that point, because the defense stiffened and made Washington settle for field goals for the rest of the game. This was another game where the Vikings should have been dominant in the trenches, but they were only able to sack Kirk Cousins once. This team will not be able to win many games unless the defense is playing at a high level, and it appears more and more likely that the first five games were an anomaly and not the norm.

The player of the game was Stefon Diggs, who was playing in front of his home city. Diggs caught 13 passes for 164 yards and continues to prove that he is a playmaker. If you read my column last week, I hope you took my advice and played him in fantasy! Another candidate for POTG was Danielle Hunter, who has become perhaps the Vikings' best defensive end. Hunter had the only sack on the day and also accumulated four tackles (one for a loss) and two of the Vikings' six quarterback hits.

The player who needs the most improvement is a tie this week, as both Jerick McKinnon and Matt Asiata were completely ineffective on the ground. The two players combined for only 29 yards on 15 attempts for a paltry 1.9 yards per carry. I know that the offensive line is having difficulties opening holes, but both running backs made poor decisions on Sunday. Both McKinnon and Asiata were unable to see where the holes were going to open up, and both of them missed multiple cutback lanes which would have led to big gains. The Vikings offense has shown they can move the ball through the air. If the team can start gaining yards on the ground as well, they just might be able to make up for the slack from the defense.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will face the Arizona Cardinals next Sunday. The game will be in Minnesota, which is good because the Vikings will need every advantage against a very good Cardinals team. Coming into this past Sunday (this column was written before the ending of the Cardinals/49ers game), Arizona is 3-4-1, but their record isn't indicative of how good the team can truly be. The Vikings' defense will be in for a long day, as Carson Palmer leads an explosive offense that features Larry Fitzgerald at wide receiver and David Johnson at running back. If both teams play at their best, this one will be a great game to watch. However, with how poorly the Vikings have been playing, I am not confident at all and won't be surprised if the Cardinals hand the Vikings their fifth loss in a row.

## Window reinstalled at Trinity

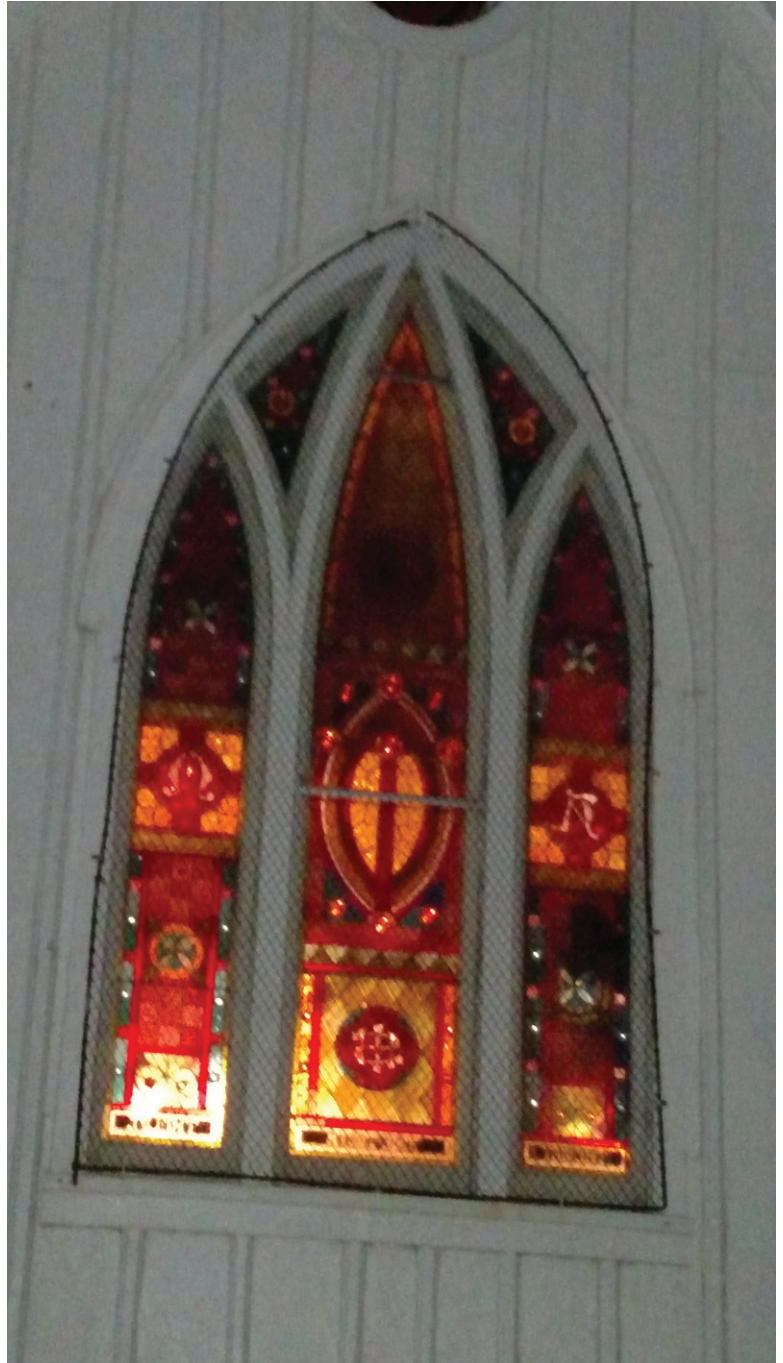
The altar window of the Historic Trinity Church in Groton was re-installed Saturday after undergoing complete restoration funded by grants from the South Dakota State Historical Society and the Brown County Historical Society. The window gleams with jewel-like brilliance from the lights of the workers installing the window from inside.

The workers, from Willet Hauser Architectural Glass in Winona, MN, will remove the metal grill and plexiglass from the outside of the window Monday and replace them with a special quarter-inch hardened acrylic protective system.

The altar window will be illuminated from the inside on Tuesday, November 15, from 6 to 7 pm, so Grotonites can drive or walk by and appreciate this beautiful gem which now belongs to them through the recently-formed Groton Community Historical Society.

The Church is located at the intersection of Third Street and Third Avenue. The altar window is best viewed going East on Third Avenue from Main Street.

Submitted by Betty Breck for the GCHS



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## Today in Weather History

November 14, 1997: A strong low-pressure system produced snow and blowing snow, creating near whiteout conditions at times. Six inches of snow fell in the Sisseton foothills by Friday evening in Roberts and eastern Marshall Counties. Strong north winds gusting to near 35 mph, combined with the snow, caused visibilities to fall below one-half mile at times over a large portion of northeast South Dakota during the evening of the 13th and through the 14th. Classes were canceled around Summit because of near-whiteout conditions, while classes were delayed for two hours in Britton. Interstate 29 was closed just north of the Grant County line for a time after a semi-trailer rolled. Some snowfall amounts include; 6.5 inches in Summit; 6.2 inches in Waubay; 6.0 inches in Roscoe; and 5.0 inches in Sisseton and Wilmot.

1921: During the afternoon hours, thunderstorms brought severe hail to portions of Alabama. The hail stones ranged from about the size of buckshot to as large as a baseball. The largest weighing as much as a pound.

1964 - With the help of a fresh three inch cover of snow, the temperature at Ely, NV, dipped to 15 degrees below zero to establish an all-time record low for the month of November. That record of -15 degrees was later equalled on the 19th of November in 1985. (The Weather Channel)

1969: Apollo 12 was launched into a threatening gray sky with ominous cumulus clouds. Pete Conrad's words 43 seconds after liftoff, electrified everyone in the Control Center: "We had a whole bunch of buses drops out," followed by "Where are we going?" and "I just lost the platform." Lightning had stricken the spacecraft. Warning lights were illuminated, and the spacecraft guidance system lost its attitude reference.

1974 - A storm produced 15 inches of snow at the Buffalo, NY, airport, and 30 inches on the south shore of Lake Erie. (David Ludlum)

1986 - An early season cold wave set more than 200 records from the northwestern U.S. to the east coast over a seven day period. For some places it proved to be the coldest weather of the winter season. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - The first major snowstorm of the season hit the Southern and Central Rockies, producing 12 inches at the Brian Head ski resort in Utah overnight. Strong and gusty winds associated with the storm reached 52 mph at Ruidoso NM. In the eastern U.S., the temperature at Washington D.C. soared to 68 degrees, just three days after being buried under more than a foot of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




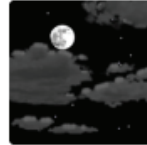

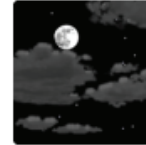

1988 - A massive storm produced snow and gusty winds in the western U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. Winds gusted to 66 mph at Show Low AZ, and Donner Summit, located in the Sierra Nevada Range of California, was buried under 23 inches of snow. Heavy rain soaked parts of California, with 3.19 inches reported at Blue Canyon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed east of the Rockies. Temperatures reached 70 degrees as far north as New England, and readings in the 80s were reported across the southeast quarter of the nation. Nineteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. For the second time in the month Dallas/Fort Worth TX equalled their record for November with an afternoon high of 89 degrees. The high of 91 degrees at Waco TX was their warmest of record for so late in the season. Heavy snow blanketed parts of Wyoming overnight, with a foot of snow reported at Cody, and ten inches at Yellowstone Park. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Patched Fog then Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Rain
High: 60 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 47 °F



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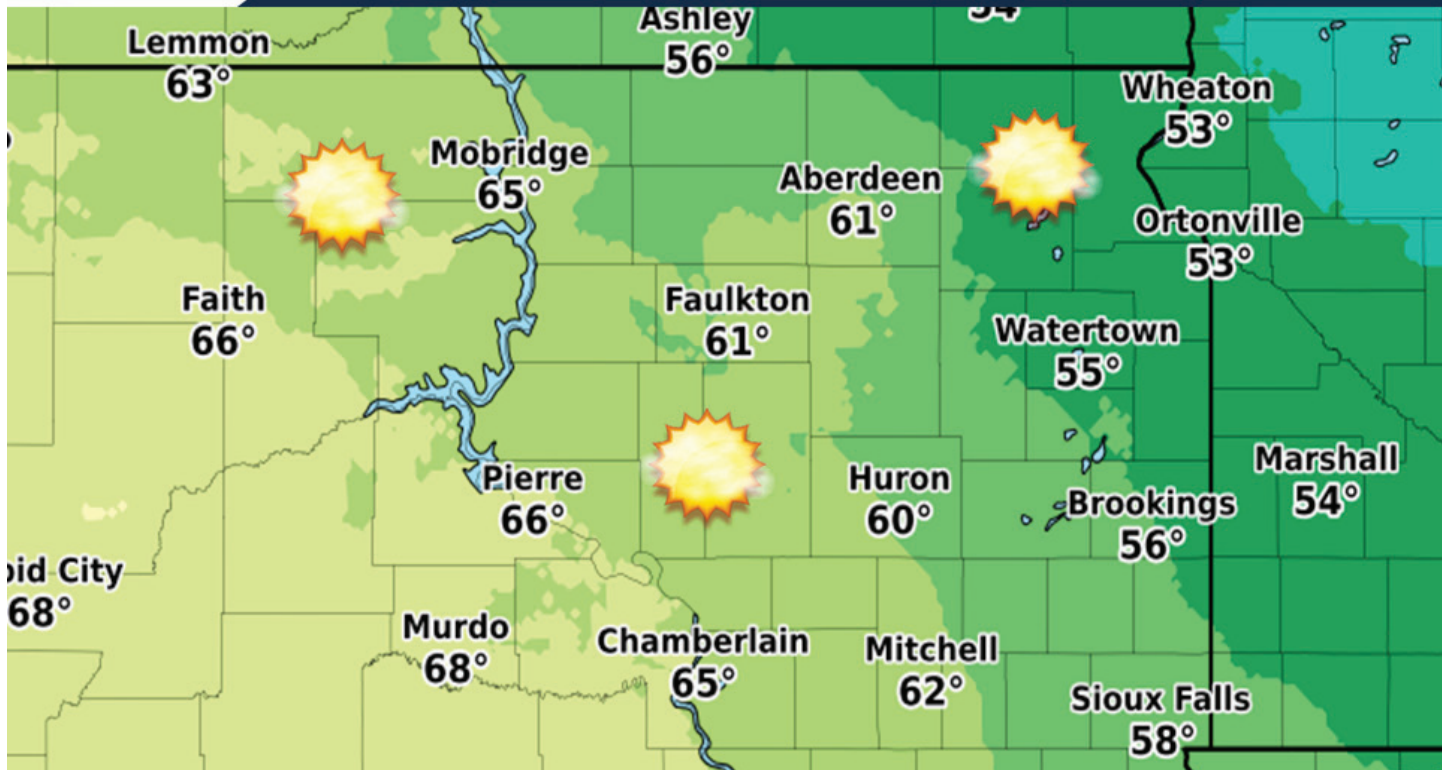
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We will keep the string of mild weather going today, with yet another day of high temperatures rising well above normal. Highs will top out in the 50s and 60s today under mostly sunny skies. Big changes are coming for the end of the week, with much colder temperatures, as well as snowfall. Please stay tuned to the latest forecasts regarding the upcoming storm system!

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 69.7 F at 1:49 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 35.6 F at 7:41 AM**

**High Gust: 20.0 Mph at 1:00 AM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 68° in 1905**

**Record Low: -17° in 2014**

**Average High: 40°F**

**Average Low: 20°F**

**Average Precip in Nov.: 0.39**

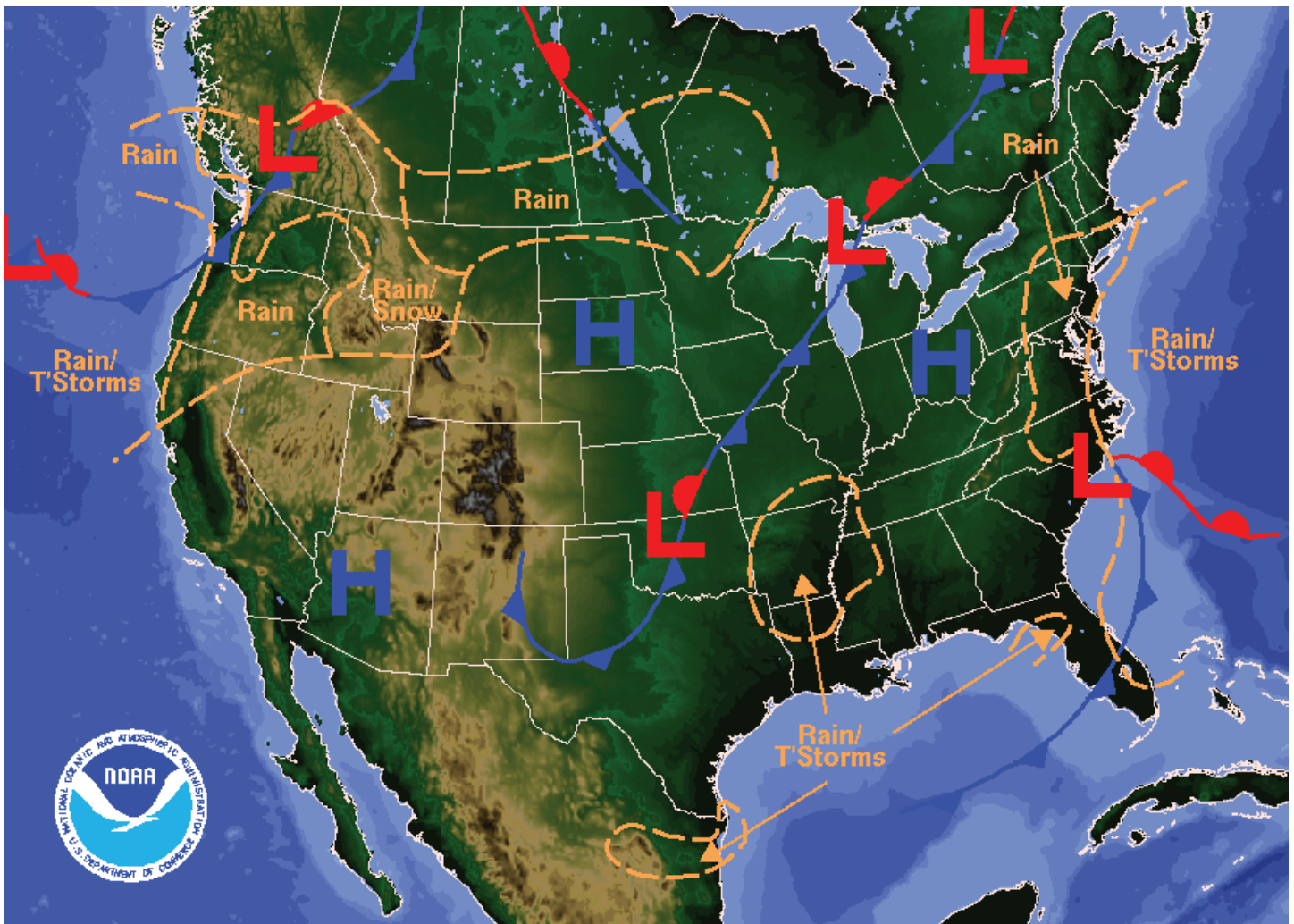
**Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 20.86**

**Precip Year to Date: 15.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 5:03 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:33 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Mon, Nov 14, 2016, issued 4:35 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## GOD AND THE ISSUES OF LIFE

Years ago a luxury ocean liner was making its way from England to America. Shortly after dark it encountered a massive thunderstorm and heavy seas. The ship began to heave first one way and then the other because of the enormous waves. One of the passengers sought out the captain and shouted in a loud voice, "Do something!"

"Madam, we are doing our very best," he said calmly, "and we are trusting in the providence of God."

"Is it that serious?" she asked.

The word "providence" comes from two Latin words, "care" and "preparation beforehand." For the Christian this means that before we encounter problems or pain, trials or troubles God has already made His preparation for us to be safe and secure no matter what He brings into our lives.

We must realize that God sees "things" beforehand and knows what happens to us before it actually happens. Because of His knowledge and power, He will arrange the outcome of these "things" to fulfill His purpose for our lives.

Paul certainly believed in the providence of God. In his letter to the Romans he assures us that "God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called by Him." If it comes into our life it is because God has a purpose and plan for it. Accept it and look for God's hand in it.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to trust You when days seem dark and nights seem long. May we realize and accept Your "providence" for us in everything! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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### **A group in South Dakota helps disabled veterans get active**

**By Nick Lowrey, Pierre Capital Journal**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — It was the first of two hunts planned for members of post 8 this year. This time around, Sons of the American Legion Squadron Commander Tony Rae said, the goal was to get some of the guys who can't move around as well as they did, to get some shots at roosters. There was no shortage of birds.

The first walk through an old, overgrown hog pasture yielded 10 or 15 roosters though only about four were killed. Most of the Post 8 guys were posted up as blockers and were taking long shots at birds with their afterburners on.

Rae organized the hunt as part of his job with the Sons of the American Legion. He just signed on and restarted the organization in Pierre and there are about 30 members now, though he said they're looking to grow, the Pierre Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2eKbpCC>) reported.

One of the things the Sons of the American Legion does is plan events like Nov. 5's pheasant hunt, Rae said.

"We do this for the guys who wouldn't go hunting on their own," Rae said. "It's our return for their sacrifice."

One of those guys, Tom Murphy who in his younger years was a Navy Corpsman attached to the U.S. Marines, said getting back out in the field was priceless.

"The fact that someone would do this for vets, I wouldn't call it the chance of a lifetime but it's close," Murphy said.

He also thanked the Weischedel family who not only allowed the Legion hunters to use their land but guided them to the best places and walked the birds up too.

"The Weischedels were very gracious to let us come hunt," Murphy said.

Murphy and his compatriots found out firsthand just how tough pheasants can be. Several birds took one or two shots and kept right on flying. There were plenty of roosters to shoot at though and by the end of the day 17 had fallen to the Post 8 shotgunners.

"There's always been a lot of birds," said Kim Weischedel.

His family bought the property back in the 1970s and there were a lot of pheasants back then too. Generally, only friends and family hunt the land. Weischedel said he doesn't do anything special for the birds but the cover on his land seems to shelter lots of them.

"I'm not sure how we keep them."

Weischedel's son-in-law Jared McPherson acted as the head guide for the hunt.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

### **Man dies in rollover crash in northern South Dakota**

POLLOCK, S.D. (AP) — The state Highway Patrol says one man died and two other were injured in a rollover crash Saturday in northern South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol on Sunday said the three men were in a pickup truck that went into the ditch and rolled around 10:40 p.m. Saturday after the driver failed to negotiate a curve on state Highway 1804. The incident happened five miles north of Pollock.

Authorities say a 29-year-old passenger was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. The 23-year-old driver sustained minor injuries, while a 17-year-old passenger suffered what authorities described as life-threatening injuries. Both were transported to a North Dakota hospital.

The Highway Patrol says none of the three men were wearing seatbelts. Their names have not been released.

The crash remains under investigation.

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## Global protesters demand climate justice at UN talk

MARRAKECH, Morocco (AP) — Several thousand activists have marched in the Moroccan city of Marrakech to demand environmental justice, just a few kilometers (miles) away from where high-level U.N. climate change talks are being held.

Native Americans protesting against the Dakota Access Pipeline demonstrated Sunday alongside local indigenous Amazigh groups protesting against a Moroccan company's expropriation of water resources, in addition to dozens of international civil society groups.

The protest for fairer climate deals took on greater importance after the election of Donald Trump, who has called global warming a hoax and promised to "cancel" last year's landmark Paris Agreement, under which nation pledged to limit emissions to slow climate change.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and French President Francois Hollande are expected in Marrakech on Monday.

## South Dakota holds off Bowling Green 78-72

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Trey Burch-Manning scored 14 points and his two free throws with 16 seconds left helped South Dakota fend off Bowling Green 78-72 on Sunday.

Triston Simpson hit two free throws and a jumper to put South Dakota up for good at 75-71 with 32 seconds to play.

South Dakota (2-0) led 33-27 at intermission on the strength of a 10-0 run. Tyler Flack emerged from the break and scored the Coyotes' first seven points off a 3 and two jump shots.

Burch-Manning scored to make it 42-29 with 17:55 left.

Bowling Green (0-2) called timeout, regrouped and went on a 14-4 run to cut its deficit to three.

Antwon Lillard's layup with 7:46 remaining gave Bowling Green a 59-57 lead, its first since 3:02 remaining in the first half. On the following possession, Lillard dished a no-look pass off a drive to the basket to Demajeo Wiggins for a dunk to put the lead at four.

Rasheed Worrell led the Falcons with 14 points.

## Sheriff probing report of shots fired in pipeline protest

MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — Authorities in North Dakota are investigating a report of multiple shots fired during a weekend protest against the construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Morton County sheriff's spokesman Rob Keller on Sunday said the report of shots fired was received Saturday morning, when about 500 people were demonstrating outside a work yard for the pipeline in Mandan, a community adjacent to the state capital of Bismarck and about 50 miles north from an area where hundreds of protesters have been camping in for months. No one was injured in the incident.

Keller says authorities are trying to determine who fired the weapon.

Nobody was arrested during Saturday's protest.

The four-state, 1,200-mile pipeline is complete except for under the Missouri River in North Dakota.

## South Dakota Senate Republicans chose new leadership

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Senate GOP caucus has elected a new leadership.

The caucus this weekend selected Sen. Blake Curd, of Sioux Falls, as its new majority leader. Sen. Ryan Maher, of Isabel, was chosen as assistant majority leader.

The three majority whips now are Sens. Kris Langer, of Dell Rapids, Al Novstrup, of Aberdeen, and Bob Ewing, of Spearfish.

Senate Republicans also nominated Sen. Brock Greenfield, of Clark, to serve as president pro tempore. The vote to elect the legislator who will fill that role will be held at a later time.

## Coalition seeks to reduce bullying among children in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three organizations in the Pierre area have formed a partnership to address bullying and the long-term emotional impacts it has on youth.

Pierre Public Schools, the Pierre Police Department and Capital Area Counseling Services are approaching the issue from at least two angles, the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2fhkaT4> ) reported.

Dennis Pfrimmer of Capital Area Counseling Service said the groups are making sure that instances of bullying are addressed properly and that kids who are bullied get support and help. The group is also reaching out to the kids that are perpetrating bullying in an effort to understand the challenges they're facing and to get them the help they need, too.

Pfrimmer said the next step is to help children understand what they need to do if they see bullying.

"We need to make sure that we're addressing that as fully as completely as possible," Pfrimmer said.

Police Chief Dave Panzer Jr. believes Pierre's officers are valuable when it comes to addressing bullying. He said law enforcement sees the negative impact bullying can cause.

"We have a strong commitment to partner with the community to do what we can to prevent this type of activity," he said.

Panzer said parents should look for signs of their child being bullied. He said parents should take action whether it be to remedy it themselves, contacting the school, a counselor or law enforcement.

"There's a variety of resources out here to help the bullying issue," said Panzer. "And it's all the best interest of the child if we can get this reduced."

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Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

## Sioux Falls aquatic center funders upset with facility's use

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Some boosters of Sioux Falls' new indoor aquatic center aren't happy with how the city is putting the \$24 million facility to use.

The city parks office has established a policy not to commit any of the newly opened Spellerberg Park building for anything other than public swimming and lane rentals, the Argus Leader (<http://argusnews.com/2fhJBnn> ) reported.

The Sioux Falls Swim Team hasn't been allowed to host events there, despite contributing \$350,000 to the facility. Sioux Falls resident Brandon Maddox, who personally donated \$10,000 for the fundraising effort, said the swim team made the contribution to the city with the expectation it could host competitions and other events there.

"They've reneged on that and won't confirm that there would be any swim events there," he said.

The swim team advertised an upcoming swim meet at the Midco Aquatic Center. But the city remained firm on their stance, which led to the team having to relocate their meet at Augustana University.

"Everyone in the state was coming to Sioux Falls to see the new facility and now that it's been moved to Augustana, they're all dropping out," Maddox said. "It's asinine."

Parks and Recreation director Don Kearney said it was a gift with no strings attached.

"They agreed to provide the equipment to us and they gifted it to the city. There is no condition for using the facility in return for providing that equipment," he said.

According to Kearney the city would like to gauge how much demand there is for community use by monitoring the attendance and keeping track of which of the facility's features are most used. The facilities staff will determine what kind of programming to implement at the aquatic center in early 2017.

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



## Ease of ballot-initiative placement a source of concern

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota legislators are considering whether to make it harder for people to place initiatives on the ballot, a topic that's likely to come up during the 2017 session.

In an election season that featured few competitive races, 10 ballot questions were the main source of drama Tuesday, bringing in millions of dollars from interested out-of-state groups.

The influx of cash raised concerns among opponents of some of the measures, including Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard, that the out-of-state groups were taking advantage of South Dakota's low signature requirements and cheap advertising rates to experiment with the state's constitution and laws.

A Georgia-based car title lending company pumped nearly \$3.2 million into two ballot measure campaigns over payday lending interest rates; a California businessman put \$2 million into passing a victims' rights measure; and a New York-based nonprofit made over \$1.1 million in cash and in-kind contributions to an unsuccessful nonpartisan elections constitutional amendment campaign.

Voters ended up supporting four ballot measures and dismissing six others.

"I feel like the process has been hijacked by people not from South Dakota," Republican Rep. Don Hagggar said. "I think in light of what's happened here this past campaign season, in particular, it's a reason to look at it."

Hagggar said the Legislature will likely examine the issue during the next legislative session, which begins in January. He would support "raising the bar" for South Dakota citizens to propose a change to state law, but said it's unclear what a bill might look like.

One idea would be to require that signatures are gathered from a wider geographic area of the state, he said.

For the 2016 election, it took 13,871 signatures to get an initiated measure on the ballot, while the requirement for a constitutional amendment was 27,741. It's easier to put measures on the ballot in South Dakota than most of the surrounding states, Hagggar said.

Incoming GOP Sen. Jim Bolin, who currently serves in the state House, wants to see more stringent requirements specifically for constitutional amendments. "We have to reform our system — not abolish it — but reform it," he said.

The governor is open to discussing how to prevent out-of-state groups from experimenting with laws in South Dakota while preserving grassroots direct democracy in the state, chief of staff Tony Venhuizen said in an email.

It's not the first time Republican lawmakers have proposed changes. A bill put forward after the 2014 election that would have increased the number signatures required to get on the ballot was pulled in response to heavy public criticism.

Former Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland, who was pushing a trio of ballot measures this campaign, said that if the Legislature makes it more difficult to get on the ballot, the law would simply be sent to the voters to decide.

Adding more hurdles to the initiative process is the wrong approach, Senate Democratic leader Billie Sutton said. One reason there were so many measures on the ballot is because people are frustrated they're not being heard in Pierre, he said.

"It just turns out that the party in power doesn't like the ballot measures that they're seeing," Sutton said. "If the roles were reversed and they were measures they supported or liked, we wouldn't even be having this conversation."

## Trump names new senior aides who are a sharp contrast

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his first two key personnel appointments, President-elect Donald Trump made an overture to Republican circles by naming GOP chief Reince Priebus as his White House chief of staff and fired a shot across the Washington establishment's bow by tapping Breitbart News executive

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Stephen Bannon as chief strategist and senior counselor.

The two men had made up the president-elect's chief of staff shortlist, and while Priebus received that job, Bannon's post also is expected to wield significant clout. The media executive with ties to the alt-right and white nationalist movement was given top billing in the press release announcing their appointments.

Trump's hires were, at first glance, contradictory, though they fit a pattern of the celebrity businessman creating a veritable Rorschach test that allowed his supporters to see what they wanted. Priebus, who lashed the RNC to Trump this summer despite some intraparty objections, is a GOP operative with deep expertise of the Washington establishment that Trump has vowed to shake up. He has close ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, a fellow Wisconsinite.

"I am very grateful to the president-elect for this opportunity to serve him and this nation as we work to create an economy that works for everyone, secure our borders, repeal and replace Obamacare and destroy radical Islamic terrorism," Priebus said in a statement announcing his appointment.

Bannon, meanwhile, helped transform the Breitbart News site into the leading mouthpiece of the party's anti-establishment wing, which helped fuel the businessman's political rise. Ryan has been one of his most frequent targets.

"Steve and Reince are highly qualified leaders who worked well together on our campaign and led us to a historic victory," Trump said Sunday in a statement announcing his picks. "Now I will have them both with me in the White House as we work to make America great again."

Neither Priebus nor Bannon brings policy experience to the White House. Chiefs of staff in particular play a significant role in policymaking, serving as a liaison to Cabinet agencies and deciding what information makes it to the president's desk. They're often one of the last people in the room with the president as major decisions are made.

Trump's adult children, who serve as influential advisers to the president-elect, are said to have been concerned about having a controversial figure in the chief of staff role and backed Priebus for the job.

In announcing the appointments, Trump said Priebus and Bannon would work as "equal partners" — effectively creating two power centers in the West Wing. The arrangement is risky and could leave ambiguity over who makes final decisions.

Trump has long encouraged rivalries, both in business and in his presidential campaign. He cycled through three campaign managers during his White House run, creating a web of competing alliances among staffers.

Priebus is a traditional choice, one meant as an olive branch to the Republicans who control both houses of Congress as Trump looks to pass his legislative agenda.

Ryan tweeted, "I'm very proud and excited for my friend @Reince. Congrats!" Ryan made no mention of Bannon in that tweet, but earlier told CNN that he didn't know Bannon but "I trust Donald's judgment."

The Bannon pick, however, is anything but uncontroversial.

Under Bannon's tenure, Breitbart pushed a nationalist agenda and became one of the leading outlets of the so-called alt-right — a movement often associated with white supremacist ideas that oppose multiculturalism and defend "Western values."

John Weaver, a Republican strategist who worked for Ohio Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign, tweeted, "The racist, fascist extreme right is represented footsteps from the Oval Office. Be very vigilant, America."

Bannon, who became campaign CEO in August, pushed Trump to adopt more populist rhetoric and paint rival Hillary Clinton as part of a global conspiracy made up of the political, financial and media elite, bankers bent on oppressing the country's working people — a message that carried Trump to the White House but to some, carried anti-Semitic undertones.

An ex-wife of Bannon said he expressed fear of Jews when the two battled over sending their daughters to private school nearly a decade ago, according to court papers reviewed this summer by The Associated Press. In a sworn court declaration following their divorce, Mary Louise Piccard said her ex-husband had objected to sending their twin daughters to an elite Los Angeles academy because he "didn't want the girls going to school with Jews."

A spokeswoman for Bannon denied he made those statements.

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The appointments came after a day in which Trump's tough-talking plan to rein in illegal immigration showed signs Sunday of cracking, with the president-elect seemingly backing off his vow to build a solid wall along the southern U.S. border and Ryan rejecting any "deportation force" targeting people in the country illegally.

Though Trump told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview which aired Sunday night that his border wall might look more like a fence in spots, one thing didn't change from his statements on this matter during the primary season: the combative billionaire took to Twitter to settle some scores.

During a four-hour spree, Trump gloated about establishment Republicans congratulating him and savaged The New York Times for being "dishonest" and "highly inaccurate."

"The @nytimes states today that DJT believes 'more countries should acquire nuclear weapons.' How dishonest are they. I never said this!" Trump tweeted late Sunday morning.

But in a March interview with the Times, Trump was asked whether he would object to Japan acquiring its own nuclear arsenal, which it does not now have. He replied, "Would I rather have North Korea have them with Japan sitting there having them also? You may very well be better off if that's the case."

Trump also told "60 Minutes" he would eschew the \$400,000 annual salary for the president, taking only \$1 a year.

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## New Zealand plans rescue of tourists stranded by earthquake

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand is planning to send in military helicopters and a navy ship to rescue about 1,000 tourists and hundreds of residents who remain stranded in the coastal town of Kaikoura after a powerful earthquake on Monday cut off train and vehicle access.

The magnitude-7.8 quake struck the South Island just after midnight. It left two people dead and triggered a small tsunami. It also brought down rocks and mud that swept across highways and cracked apart roads.

Home to about 2,000 residents, Kaikoura is a popular destination for travelers taking part in whale-watching expeditions or wanting a stopover with mountain views. But the quake knocked out water supplies and sewerage systems and left people with no easy way out.

"From all directions, Kaikoura has essentially been isolated," Air Commodore Darryn Webb, the Acting Commander of New Zealand's Joint Forces, told The Associated Press. "There's a real imperative to support the town because it can't support itself."

Webb said the military planned to begin using four NH90 helicopters on Tuesday that could each transport about 18 people out of the town at a time. He said a ship was also leaving Auckland on Monday night that could potentially pick up hundreds of people if weather conditions allowed.

"We're going to get as many people and belongings out as quickly as we can," Webb said.

He said the weather forecast wasn't looking great and the operation could take several days. He said that if needed, a C-130 military transport plane could drop fuel, water, food and other supplies to the town.

Elsewhere, strong aftershocks continued to shake New Zealand on Monday, rattling the nerves of exhausted residents. The country was largely spared the devastation it saw in 2011 when an earthquake struck the city of Christchurch and killed 185 people. That quake was one of New Zealand's worst disasters, causing an estimated \$25 billion in damage.

Monday's quake caused damage in Wellington, the capital, and was also strongly felt in Christchurch. Residents said the shaking went on for about three minutes.

Police said one person died in Kaikoura and another in Mt. Lyford, a nearby ski resort. Several other people suffered minor injuries in Kaikoura, police spokeswoman Rachel Purdom said.