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**Birthdays: Korbin Blackmun, Marva Gellhaus • Bridget Flihs • Jami Krueger • Elizabeth Flihs**  
**Anniversary: Chuck and LaVonne Raap**

**Volleyball Regions at Roncalli**  
**7 p.m. Tuesday**  
**Region 1A Championship**  
**Groton Area vs. Sisseton**

**Football Playoff Game**  
**Saturday, Nov. 8th**  
**at the School of Mines Field**  
**Rapid City**  
**Game Time: 7:30 p.m. CST**



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## The cardboard/paper recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN** **OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton**

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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**Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield**  
**FOR RENT**  
**Attached garage.**  
**Major appliances included.**  
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## Groton stuns Milbank Advances to Region 1A Title Game against Sisseton

Milbank jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Groton scored 12 unanswered points to take a commanding 13-4 lead. The stunned Bulldogs were unable to over the deficit and Groton went on to win the first game, 25-17.

Milbank scored first in the second game, but the game was close through the first half with the game being tied eight times

and there were three lead changes. When it was 13-12, Groton scored five straight points to take an 18-12 lead. The Bulldogs closed to within two, 21-19, but Groton scored the last four points to win, 25-19.

Milbank took a 3-0 lead in the third game. The momentum had shifted to Milbank as Groton never had the lead in the third game. The Bulldogs won, 25-17.

Groton came out in the fourth game and took the early lead, 4-1. The game was tied at 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17 and the lead changed hands twice. Groton scored five straight points to take a 22-17 lead. A serving error and a hitting error by Groton and three kills by Milbank tied the game at 22. Josie Doeden had a kill to give the lead back to Groton, 23-22. Doeden followed with a block to make it 24-22. Ashley Gibbs had a kill and the Tigers upset the number one seed team of the regions with a 25-22 win.

Coach Chelsea Hanson said, "This was a big win for us. We really hadn't beaten a team that was ranked higher than us or had a better record than us all year and we pulled it off. We have been heading in the right direction for the last 6-7 games and with this team. We have been riding the peaks and the valleys. We played with composure, when we had them up 21-17 in the fourth set, Milbank rallied

Groton Post No. 39 American Legion



## Annual



# Turkey Party

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

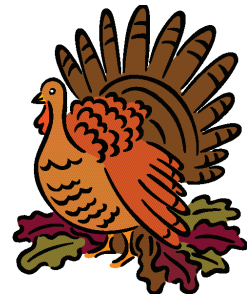
Groton Legion Post Home, 10 N. Main.

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to be given away

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to tie the game. At the beginning of the season we would have not been able to stop their run and win, but we have come a long ways and reversed the trend. I am so proud of these girls, they've really pulled together the last few weeks and put the team first and they are starting to reap the benefits of that. It feels great to be in the Region Championship. We knew going into this tournament anybody could win on any night and the girls came out ready to play. I'm excited for them. They deserve to have some success for how hard they have worked."

Groton was 79 of 91 in serving with 15 ace serves. Audrey Wanner was 22 of 27 with seven ace serves and Marlee Jones was 16 of 18 with four ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 140 of 140 with 34 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 136 sets and 33 assists.

The Tigers were 133 of 155 in spikes with 36 kills. Josie Doeden was 36 of 44 with 15 kills and Ashley Gibbs was 36 of 43 with 11 kills.

Doeden had three of the team's four blocks and Tori Bjerke had one. Ashley Gibbs led Groton in digs with 36 while Kasey Waage had 26 and Audrey Wanner 19. Groton had a total of 133 digs.

Groton now plays Sisseton on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Roncalli gym in the Region 1A championship game.

**This was the winning kill as Ashley Gibbs gives the ball a good hit and the Tigers stun Milbank with a 25-22 win in the fourth game.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Tori Bjerke scored on this hit to cut Milbank's lead to one, 14-13, in the fourth game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Josie Doeden scored on this hit to cut the Milbank lead to 19-13 in the third game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Men's Fall Dinner**  
*Groton United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, November 9, 2014**  
**11 am to 1:30 pm**  
**Roast Beef Dinner**  
Adults: \$8      Children 5-12: \$5  
Children 4 and under: Free



**Ashley Gibbs unleashed her power with a kill early in the second game.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Classifieds

### **Togel Bridal Shower**

Come and Go Bridal Shower for Megan Togel, bride-to-be of Logan Clemensen, November 15, 2014, 10:00-11:30 A.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, SD. The couple is registered at Target and Inspire.

### **Apartments For Rent**

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**Courtney Kurtz returns the ball with Josie Doeden (back left) and Ashley Gibbs also pictured.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Paityn Bonn gets a kill early in the first game.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**The bottom photo tells the story after Groton upset Milbank in the regions.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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The Groton Daily Independent is gearing up for another trek to western South Dakota.

## Groton Area vs. St. Thomas More

### School of Mines Football Field

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. (CST)

We will be blogging the game with coverage in the GDI and Weekly Paper

The Blog Address is <http://blog.397news.com/?p=1366>

## The following wish the Tigers Good Luck

Not a complete list

Aberdeen Chrysler Center  
A.N.N. Bookkeeping  
Bahr Construction & Spray Foam, Groton  
Blocker Construction, Groton  
Cheri's on Main, Groton  
Doug Abeln Seed, Groton  
Ferney Farmers Union Coop  
Fritz's Place, Bristol  
Frost Construction, Groton  
Full Circle Ag, Groton  
Golden Living Center, Groton  
Groton Ag Partners  
Groton Ford  
Hanlon Brothers, Groton  
Harry Implement, Ferney  
Home Federal Bank - Brenda Waage, Aberdeen  
Howard Construction, Groton  
Howie's Training Studio, Groton  
James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgenson, Groton  
James Valley Telecommunications, Groton  
Johnson Agency, Groton  
Ken's Food Fair, Groton  
KR Body Shop, Andover  
Kristi Peterson Bookkeeping, Groton  
Lori's Pharmacy  
Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.  
Northeast Chiropractic - Taylor Anderson, Aberdeen  
Olde Bank Floral 'N More, Groton  
Olson Backhoe & Trenching, Groton  
Poet of Groton  
Producer's Hybrids - John Wheeting, Groton  
RDO Equipment, Aberdeen  
Rix Farms - Grant and Roger

## Rapid City Forecast

SATURDAY

SATURDAY  
NIGHT



Mostly  
Sunny  
High: 59 °F

Partly  
Cloudy  
Low: 39 °F

Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. West wind around 7 mph becoming south in the morning.

Saturday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. West wind around 7 mph.

RSPK  
S & S Lumber/Hardware Hank, Groton  
Sanford of Aberdeen  
Sippel Cabinets, Groton  
Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Groton  
Subway of Groton and Aberdeen  
T.C.'s Lawn Care & Irrigation, Columbia  
Titan Machinery - Justin Hanson  
Treeline Tree Service, Groton  
Tuffer 'N Hell Farm Equipment, Groton  
Weber Landscaping, Groton

## Today in Weather History

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

2000: Snowfall of 4 to 10 inches combined with northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph, with stronger gusts, to create blizzard conditions throughout much of the day. Numerous schools were cancelled or started late. Many events were also cancelled. Several accidents occurred due to the slick roads and low visibilities. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 9.5 inches in Selby; 8 inches in Glenham and 12SSW of Harrold; 7.3 inches near Onaka; 7 inches at Faulkton; and 6 inches in Miller.

1940: The infamous Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Tacoma, WA collapsed in strong winds just four months after it opened. The winds caused the spans of the bridge to vibrate violently. Twisting motion caused the roadbed to tilt 45 degrees from horizontal one way and then the other until it finally collapsed.

1957: Strong tornadoes swept from the southeast corner of Texas through Louisiana and Mississippi. The worst was an F4 that struck Orange, TX where 180 homes were destroyed and a pregnant woman

was killed. Several barges and ships on the Sabine River were torn from their moorings.

1940 - The Galloping Gertie bridge at Tacoma, WA, collapsed in strong winds resulting in a six million dollar loss, just four months after the grand opening of the new bridge. The winds caused the evenly sized spans of the bridge to begin to vibrate until the central one finally collapsed. From that point on bridges were constructed with spans of varying size. (David Ludlum)

1951 - At 7 AM a blinding flash,

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a huge ball of fire, and a terrific roar occurred over parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, caused by a disintegrating meteor. Windows were broken in and near Hinton OK by the concussion. (The Weather Channel)

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








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

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

1989 - Shortly after daybreak strong thunderstorms developed over a narrow, but almost stationary, east-west band across New Orleans, in southeastern Louisiana. As a result, heavy rains persisted over the same area until mid afternoon before tapering off, and triggered flash flooding across a five county area. Eight to twelve inch rains deluged the area between 9 AM and 6 PM, and totals for the 48 hour period ending at 7 AM on the 8th ranged up to 19.78 inches, between Lake Lexy and Lake Borgne. Approximately 6000 homes in the area reported water damage. The rainfall total for November of 19.81 inches at New Orleans was their highest total for any given month of the year. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Breezy	Blustery	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Rain/Snow	Chance Snow	Chance Snow
High: 62 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 45 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 40 °F	Low: 21 °F	High: 27 °F



## Strong Winds Behind Cold Front

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### Weather Headlines

-  Today: Windy
-  Sunday: Rain & Snow Possible
-  Late Sunday & Monday: Snow Accumulations Possible
-  Next Week: Much Colder

A cold front will sweep across the region today with strong and gusty northwest winds developing in its wake. Winds in excess of 45 mph are possible this afternoon. Mild conditions are expected Saturday, before another low pressure system influences the region on Sunday. Current forecasts suggest precipitation will begin as rain, but transition to snow later in the day Sunday. The first round of measurable snow is possible on Monday, however there is still some uncertainty on how this system will play out. Much colder air then follows for next week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 50.9°F at 3:01 PM

**Low:** 23.0°F at 6:55 AM

**High Gust:** 13 mph at 11:15 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 73° in 2006, 1931

**Record Low:** -9° in 1991

**Average High:** 45°F

**Average Low:** 23°F

**Average Precip in Nov.:** 0.18

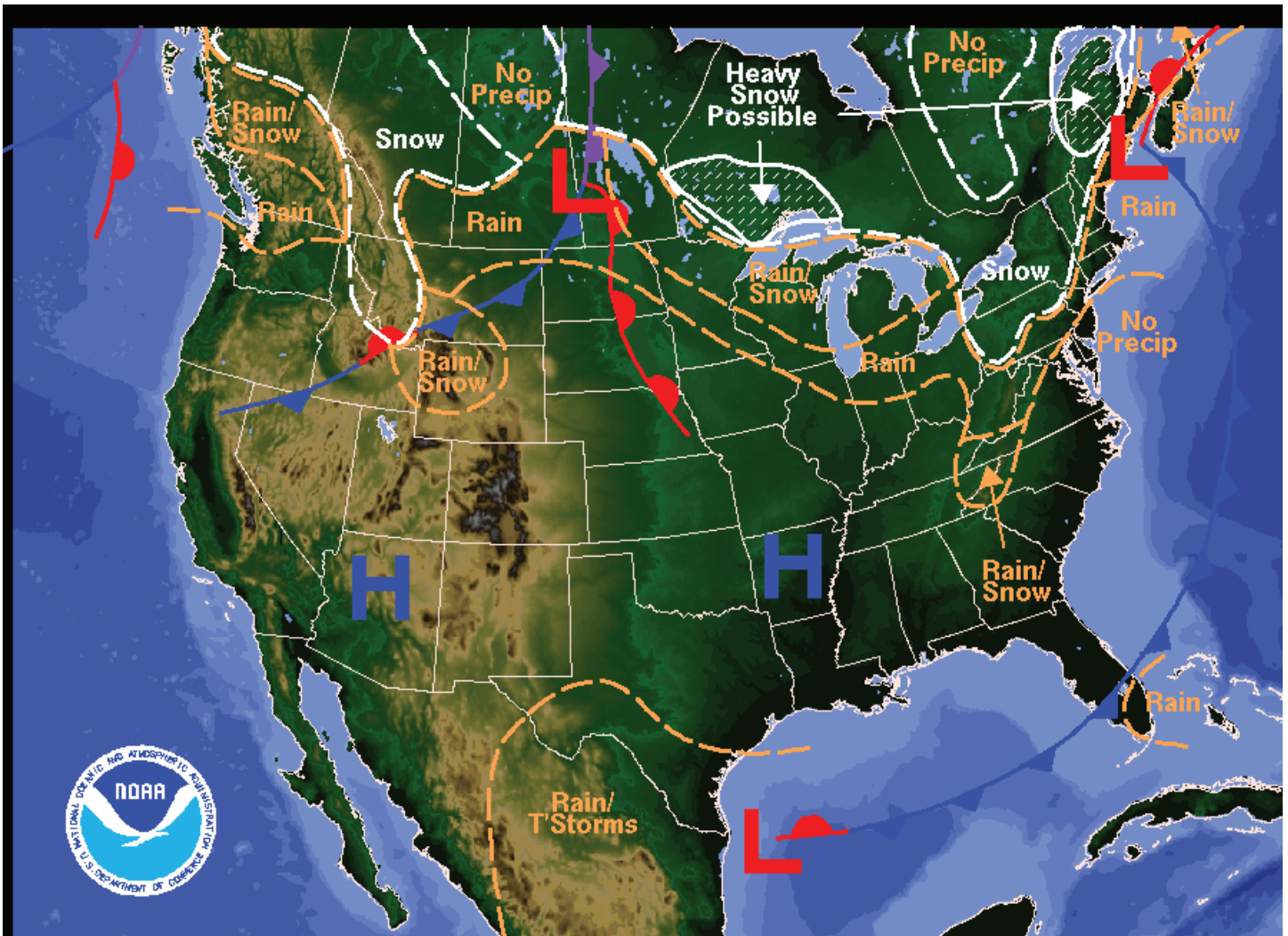
**Precip to date in Nov.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 20.65

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.23

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:13 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:23 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Nov 07, 2014, issued 3:35 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## WHO ARE THE REAL HEROES?

It is fascinating to walk through any community or mall - or even down a city street - and noticing the vast number of football jerseys that people of all ages and sexes are wearing this time of the year. The names and numbers of their "heroes" vary as much as the sizes and shape of the persons wearing the jersey.

And, the dollar amount of this way of "identifying" with an athlete is growing. In 2005, nearly ten years ago, the total amount of money spent on sports clothing was in excess of two hundred billion dollars.

Sadly, many of those names and numbers represent felons, drug abusers, wife or child abusers, murderers and other violent criminals. Yet, their names and numbers are held in high esteem, even worshiped, because of their accomplishments in their area of athletic prowess.

Walk in the same mall or down the same street and count the number of individuals wearing a shirt that has the name of Jesus or Paul or Stephen or Jeremiah written across the front or back. In fact, only now and then will a T-shirt with some reference to something Christian ever appear. Unfortunately, its message is usually unclear or perhaps, questionable or embarrassing.

Solomon talked about "heroes" who "walked" Godly lives. "Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to Godly life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray." What a timely, challenging verse for Christians. People look for heroes. What do they see when they look at us?

Do others see Christ living in us? "By their fruits..."

**Prayer:** Lord, we can't hide who we are or what we believe or our values. May our lives represent You well. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 10:17 Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

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## News from the Associated Press

### 2 men dead after crash with snow plow in ND

WAHPETON, N.D. (AP) — Two 20-year-old men are dead after their car collided with a snow plow just west of Wahpeton.

The Highway Patrol did not immediately identify the victims from LaMoure, North Dakota, and Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were pronounced dead at the scene on state Highway 13 about 8 p.m. Thursday.

Authorities say the crash happened at an intersection when the car pulled in front of the snow plow while trying to turn onto the highway.

The snow plow driver was not hurt.

Hiker killed in fall in South Dakota identified

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a man who died after falling from a cliff in western South Dakota.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 50-year-old Ronald Emery, of Washington, D.C., died Thursday at an area near Rapid City known as Falling Rock.

Authorities say Emery was hiking with his family when he lost his footing and plunged about 100 feet to his death.

The area of steep limestone cliffs in the Black Hills National Forest is popular with rock climbers, but it also is deadly. Emery is the sixth person to die there since 2001.

### Rounds campaign manager to head transition team

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Sen.-elect Mike Rounds has chosen his campaign manager, Rob Skjonsberg (SHAWNS-berg), to head a transition team to establish offices in South Dakota and Washington, D.C.

Rounds will be South Dakota's junior senator after his January swearing in ceremony. He beat Democrat Rick Weiland and independents Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie on Tuesday to replace retiring Democrat Tim Johnson.

When Rounds was governor, Skjonsberg served as his chief of staff from 2003 to 2007.

## Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

### VOLLEYBALL

Region 1A Semifinal

Groton Area def. Milbank Area, 25-17, 25-19, 17-25, 25-22

Sisseton def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-21, 25-22, 25-17

Region 2A Semifinal

Redfield/Doland def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-17, 25-18, 25-22

Sioux Valley def. Deubrook, 22-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-10

Region 3A Semifinal

Madison def. Dell Rapids, 23-25, 25-14, 25-21, 25-15

Sioux Falls Christian def. Flandreau, 25-6, 25-17, 25-8

Region 4A Semifinal

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Dakota Valley def. Beresford, 25-14, 25-19, 25-11  
Tea Area def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-21, 25-17, 23-25, 25-21  
Region 5A Semifinal  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Tri-Valley, 22-25, 25-20, 25-22, 14-25, 15-9  
Wagner def. Parkston, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21, 22-25, 15-10  
Region 6A Semifinal  
Miller def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-15, 25-17, 25-14  
Winner def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-12, 23-25, 25-16, 25-17  
Region 7A First Round  
Bennett County def. Todd County, 25-19, 25-23, 27-25  
Little Wound def. St. Francis Indian, 25-23, 15-25, 25-11, 25-11  
Region 8A Semifinal  
Belle Fourche def. Custer, 25-22, 25-23, 25-17  
Lead-Deadwood def. St. Thomas More, 17-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-14  
District 1B Semifinal  
Summit def. Grant-Deuel, 25-14, 25-14, 25-8  
Wilmot def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-21, 25-15, 24-26, 25-23  
District 2B Semifinal  
Northwestern def. Leola/Frederick, 25-13, 25-13, 25-8  
Warner def. Waubay, 25-4, 25-7, 25-7  
District 3B Semifinal  
Herreid/Selby Area def. Ipswich, 18-25, 25-15, 26-28, 25-20, 15-13  
Potter County def. Faulkton, 25-10, 27-25, 21-25, 25-18  
District 4B Semifinal  
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Highmore-Harrold, 22-25, 25-18, 25-14, 22-25, 15-7  
Sully Buttes def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-18, 25-14, 25-10  
District 5B Championship  
Arlington def. DeSmet, 25-14, 25-16, 28-26  
District 6B Semifinal  
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. James Valley Christian, 25-20, 21-25, 25-13, 25-22  
Wessington Springs def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-15, 25-21, 25-22  
District 7B Semifinal  
Chester def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-9, 25-12, 25-13  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Baltic, 25-16, 25-9, 25-18  
District 8B Semifinal  
Ethan def. Bridgewater-Emery, 19-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-23, 15-13  
Hanson def. Mitchell Christian, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23  
District 9B Semifinal  
Freeman Academy def. Marion, 25-17, 23-25, 25-11, 20-25, 15-8  
Parker def. Scotland, 25-18, 25-10, 25-16  
District 10B Championship  
Viborg-Hurley def. Gayville-Volin, 18-25, 10-25, 25-16, 25-16, 15-13  
District 11B Semifinal  
Dakota Christian def. Platte-Geddes, 25-13, 25-19, 25-23

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Kimball/White Lake def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-20, 25-20, 25-18

District 12B Semifinal

Burke/South Central def. Andes Central, 25-14, 25-22, 25-23

Colome def. Gregory, 25-15, 25-20, 16-25, 22-25, 15-11

District 13B

Jones County def. Stanley County, 25-15, 21-25, 25-20, 25-21

Semifinal

Lyman def. White River, 25-16, 25-15, 25-22

District 14B Semifinal

Philip def. Rapid City Christian, 25-17, 25-19, 17-25, 25-23

Wall def. New Underwood, 25-16, 25-21, 25-15

District 15B Championship

Timber Lake def. McLaughlin, 25-19, 25-22, 25-20

District 16B Semifinal

Harding County def. Newell, 25-23, 25-18, 25-20

Lemmon def. Bison, 19-25, 25-11, 25-19, 25-22

## Lawmakers evaluate road and bridge proposals

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers tasked with studying how to best fund hundreds of millions of dollars in necessary repairs to highways and bridges on Thursday started reviewing proposals to present to the Legislature.

Those plans include increasing taxes and user fees to put more toward South Dakota's deteriorating state and local roads. A quarter of state roads are projected to be in poor condition by 2024 — a 23 percentage point jump over now.

The Highway Needs and Financing Committee plans to finalize its recommendations on Friday. Republican Sen. Mike Vehle, chairman of the committee, outlined a draft proposal on Thursday that would authorize more than \$100 million in new revenue in its first year through a variety of fuel taxes, vehicle fees and other assessments. Vehle said the proposal that comes out of the committee will look different than the comprehensive plan discussed on Thursday, but one thing is certain — the recommendation won't come close to fully addressing the problem.

Some local governments have simply abandoned maintaining some roads in recent years. Counties have identified a more than \$80 million funding increase needed for 2015 for infrastructure repairs, while state highways need a more than \$140 million hike. To fund necessary county bridge replacements would cost more than \$240 million overall.

"Are we going to be able to do that? No," Vehle said. "But we have to start a plan."

Included in Vehle's framework proposal was an increase in a vehicle excise tax projected to raise about \$25.3 million, a fuel tax expected to raise \$50 million and a hike in vehicle registration fees expected to raise about \$8.7 million, to name a few.

The state's gas tax has been at 22 cents per gallon since 1999. Farm, retailer and construction interests all agreed in testimony that funding increases for road maintenance are necessary — and they acknowledged it would require higher taxes — but said more work on the details was necessary. Vehle and those groups were frank about the difficulties they would face passing tax increases through the South Dakota Legislature.

"I don't care how conservative you are," Vehle said. "We have to maintain our (infrastructure)."

## **Daugaard announces changes to leadership team**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

Newly re-elected South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced changes Thursday to his senior leadership team.

The Republican cruised to a second four-year term Tuesday, defeating state Democratic Rep. Susan Wismer by a 3-to-1 margin.

Daugaard's spokesman the past four years, Tony Venhuizen, will serve as chief of staff while continuing to oversee communications, as well as the operations of several government departments and functions.

"It is an honor," he said of the promotion. "It means a lot that the governor continues to have confidence in me. And in a way I don't see my job changing that much, which is to do what I can to help him execute his vision for the state."

Nathan Sanderson will become director of policy and operations, overseeing the workings of many government departments, as well as the governor's office. He has served for the last four years as a policy adviser focusing on agriculture and natural resources issues, and before that was director of the Office of Agricultural Policy in the state Agriculture Department.

Sanderson will handle some of the duties of outgoing Chief of Staff Dusty Johnson and some things that Venhuizen has handled in his position as director of policy and communications.

Jim Seward will join the Governor's Executive Committee, and continue in his role as the governor's attorney.

Seward, who spearheaded Daugaard's criminal justice reform plan, "is a trusted adviser and has really emerged as one of the leading voices in our administration," Venhuizen said.

Venhuizen and Sanderson also will serve on the Executive Committee, a team of officials who answer directly to the governor. The group also includes Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, Senior Adviser Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Chief Financial Officer Jason Dilges and Economic Development Commissioner Pat Costello.

The changes are effective following Johnson's departure on Friday. He announced last month that he was leaving after the midterm election to take a job in the private sector.

## **Equipment blamed for Minnehaha reporting delay**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Oversensitive ballot-counting machines were to blame for a delay in the reporting of election results from Minnehaha County, the county's top elections official says.

The machines rejected too many absentee ballots Tuesday, leading to a delay of several hours while election officials scrutinized ballots that had check marks instead of blacked-out ovals, random pen strikes or written notations, County Auditor Bob Litz told the Argus Leader.

The county used \$217,000 in federal money to buy the equipment this year. The machines were supposed to speed the vote-counting process following a 2012 general election in which South Dakota's most populous county didn't report results until 3:40 a.m., the slowest in the state that year.

Litz said he had planned to use the new high-speed machines to count absentee ballots in about 45 minutes before voting precincts began submitting results Tuesday night.

"We thought we were going to blow through them and bite into the precincts," Litz said. "It just didn't happen that way."



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Tuesday's results were not fully reported by the county until about 9 a.m. Wednesday — 14 hours after the polls closed.

County Commissioner Jeff Barth told KELO-TV that he was frustrated and embarrassed by what happened. A committee likely will be formed to look into it.

"I, as a county commissioner, have some responsibility. Bob has responsibility. Our voters have responsibility," Barth said. "Together we should all try to make this work better because it's not working now."

Former Minnehaha County Auditor Sue Roust, who held the position for 20 years before retiring in 2010, said she always counted precinct results first and absentee ballots last. Litz acknowledged that method is preferable.

"This is my responsibility," he said. "I don't want to blame the public for being the public. At the end of the day, I've got to take my lumps."

## 10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

### 1. WHAT IS WASHINGTON'S BILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION

AP's Josh Lederman explores whether Obama and congressional Republicans can forestall growing dysfunction in this divided government.

### 2. APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS LAWS IN FOUR STATES AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE

The ruling creates a divide among federal appellate courts, increasing the likelihood Supreme Court justices will take up an issue they initially passed on.

### 3. WHY EX-NAVY SEAL REVELATIONS HAVE CREATED DISCONTENT

Robert O'Neill's disclosures that he fired the fatal shots that killed bin Laden come amid a debate over whether special forces should recount their secret missions.

### 4. EGYPT CRACKDOWN ANGERS SINAI BORDER RESIDENTS

The demolition of hundreds of homes and forced evacuations along the Egyptian border with Gaza, in the wake of a deadly militant attack, are meant, authorities say, to halt the smuggling of weapons and extremists, but risk alienating an already restive population.

### 5. PROSECUTORS DROP MURDER-FOR-HIRE CHARGE AGAINST AC/DC DRUMMER

But Phil Rudd still faces a charge of threatening to kill, which comes with a maximum prison term of seven years.

### 6. INTENSE WEATHER HEADING TO ALASKA

A storm surpassing the intensity of Superstorm Sandy is expected to reach the western Aleutian Islands this weekend and bring frigid temperatures to the U.S. next week.

### 7. FBI SAYS AGENT IMPERSONATED AP REPORTER

Director James Comey says an agent impersonated an Associated Press reporter during a 2007 criminal investigation, a ruse the news organization says could undermine its credibility.

### 8. FALL OF BERLIN WALL STILL FRESH FOR THOSE WHO SAW HISTORY UNFOLD

The dramatic opening of the barrier between East and West Germany a quarter century ago is not far from the minds of those who took part.

### 9. HOME DEPOT SAYS MILLIONS OF EMAIL ADDRESSES SWIPED

The home improvement retailer says customers should be on guard against phishing scams that might trick them into sharing personal information.

## 10. BROWNS WOOF IT UP FOR BIG WIN

Cleveland improved on its best start in 20 years by taking advantage of quarterback Andy Dalton's miserable night, beating the Bengals 24-3.

## AP News in Brief

### Obama, GOP leaders to put their will to compromise to the test in first post-election meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's Washington's billion-dollar question: whether President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans can really make nice and forestall ever-greater dysfunction in a new era of divided government. The first clues will come when the president breaks bread with leaders from both parties at the White House.

Three days after midterm elections that were brutal for Democrats, Obama is inviting 16 top-ranking lawmakers on Friday to search for territory ripe for compromise. On the agenda is a host of unfinished business that the current Congress must wrap up before a new, fully Republican-controlled Congress is seated early next year.

The last meeting between the president and congressional leaders, before Tuesday's elections, was on Obama's terms. But much has changed.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Obama's failsafe for his first six years in office, is about to lose his grip on the upper chamber. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is riding a wave of electoral success into the top job. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, is carrying himself with renewed confidence after padding his majority, while House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California presides over a diminished minority.

In the hours after voters delivered their verdict, both Obama and McConnell waxed optimistic about the potential to find common ground, despite the rancor and wide ideological gulf that has undermined such cooperation in the past. Both parties cited dense issues like patent laws and tax reform where Obama and Republicans see at least partially eye to eye.

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### Gay-marriage foes jubilant, supporters dismayed by appeals court ruling upholding state bans

One side was euphoric, the other dismayed, but both foes and supporters of same-sex marriage swiftly turned their attention to the U.S. Supreme Court after an against-the-grain appeals court ruling upheld bans or restrictions on gay marriage in four states.

The 2-1 ruling Thursday by the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — affecting laws in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee — ran counter to a wave of recent federal court rulings striking down state bans on same-sex marriage and boosting the number of states that allow it to 32.

"We are ecstatic," said National Organization for Marriage president Brian Brown, an outspoken foe of same-sex unions. "The other side was counting their chickens before they're hatched."

Brown welcomed the new possibility that a split in appeals court rulings would oblige the Supreme Court to take up the issue, which it sidestepped last month.

Chase Strangio, an attorney in the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Project, described the 6th Circuit ruling as "an outlier that's incompatible with the 50 other rulings that uphold fairness for all families."

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## **Egyptians in Sinai border town complain of heavy-handed army crackdown after militant attack**

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Egyptian troops are pressing ahead with the demolition of hundreds of homes along the border with the Gaza Strip, cutting off electricity and firing warning shots in the air in a heavy-handed campaign to evict thousands of residents from the volatile area.

The forced evacuations in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula are further alienating a restive population with long-standing grievances against the government of Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, raising the risk of more violence in the lawless region.

The demolitions, meant to halt the smuggling of weapons and militants in and out of Gaza, have also put pressure on Hamas, the militant group that controls Gaza and has long counted on smuggling tunnels as its lifeline.

Egypt announced the demolition plan last month after militants killed 31 Egyptian troops in an assault on a checkpoint 20 miles (30 kilometers) from Rafah. Egypt has long accused Islamic militants of using smuggling tunnels to move in and out of Gaza and announced it would clear out a 500-yard-wide (meter) buffer zone along the border.

In recent days, Egyptian forces have steadily cleared out residents and dynamited several homes each day. The goal is to raze 800 homes and force out 10,000 residents.

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## **Dramatic opening of the Berlin Wall 25 years ago still fresh in minds of those who took part**

BERLIN (AP) — It's been nearly 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, but Harald Jaeger has no trouble remembering exactly where he was when the first border crossing was opened.

He was, after all, the East German border guard commander who made the decision to open Berlin's Bornholmer Strasse checkpoint — telling his men to stand aside and let the throng of people through.

"When the East German citizens started to run in euphoria in the direction of West Berlin, cheering with bottles of champagne and other things, we were also happy," the 71-year-old recalled in an interview with The Associated Press, ahead of Sunday's landmark anniversary.

"Happy because it had all happened without weapons and violence," he said, "that no drop of blood had been spilled on this evening — only tears of joy and a bit of cold sweat running down my back."

The decision to open the wall was sudden, but momentum had been building for months. Already the Iron Curtain separating the communist east of Europe from the capitalist west had started to show strains elsewhere — notably in Hungary.

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## **Another month of robust hiring is expected even as voters remain frustrated over US economy**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just after a midterm election that was driven by voters' anxiety about the U.S. economy, the government is likely Friday to report the latest strong monthly job gain.

Employers are expected to have added 230,000 jobs in October, according to economists surveyed by FactSet. That would be in line with this year's average monthly gain of 227,000, the best since 1999.

The unemployment rate is forecast to remain at a six-year low of 5.9 percent. The report will be released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time.

The healthy job growth has highlighted a contradiction laid bare by Tuesday's election results: According to most broad measures, the economy is improving steadily and nearing full health. Yet most Americans say they remain anxious about it.

"I think there's a great deal of frustration that the economy should be doing better and that people feel they should be doing better," says Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo.

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## **In secular India, a lethal mix of religion and politics sends brawls spiraling into riots**

NEW DELHI (AP) — First, the rumors start. Maybe a Muslim man threw garbage outside a temple, or a Hindu boy teased a Muslim girl. No one has any names or specifics, but that doesn't stop people from taking the rumors as fact. Crowds gather on both sides. Slogans are shouted, stones are thrown. A car goes up in flames.

And just like that, or so it seems, a religious riot rips through an Indian neighborhood.

Thirty years after the notorious anti-Sikh riots in 1984 — the worst communal violence since the bloodshed that followed the partition of the subcontinent at the time of India's independence in 1947 — religious conflagrations are still surprisingly common in a secular country where tolerance is enshrined in the constitution.

But while religion may spark violence in this diverse country filled with religious and cultural tensions, it is often politics that allow it to spiral out of control.

Political parties across the spectrum have used religious differences to manipulate both the country's majority Hindus and its Muslims and other minority groups, exploiting the idea that a polarized electorate is often more pliable.

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## **FBI director says in letter that agent impersonated Associated Press reporter**

SEATTLE (AP) — FBI Director James Comey says an agent impersonated an Associated Press reporter during a 2007 criminal investigation, a ruse the news organization says could undermine its credibility.

In a letter Thursday to The New York Times, Comey said the agent "portrayed himself as an employee of The Associated Press" to help catch a 15-year-old suspect accused of making bomb threats at a high school near Olympia, Washington. It was publicized last week that the FBI forged an AP story during its investigation, but Comey's letter revealed the agency went further and had an agent actually pretend to be a reporter for the wire service.

Comey said the agent posing as an AP reporter asked the suspect to review a fake AP article about threats and cyberattacks directed at the school, "to be sure that the anonymous suspect was portrayed fairly."

The bogus article contained a software tool that could verify Internet addresses. The suspect clicked on a link, revealing his computer's location and Internet address, which helped agents confirm his identity.

"That technique was proper and appropriate under Justice Department and FBI guidelines at the time. Today, the use of such an unusual technique would probably require higher-level approvals than in 2007, but it would still be lawful and, in a rare case, appropriate," Comey wrote.

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## **New Zealand prosecutors drop murder-for-hire charge**

## **against AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand authorities made an embarrassing about-face on Friday when prosecutors dropped a murder-for-hire charge against AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd, saying there was not enough evidence to proceed.

But the 60-year-old member of the popular Australian band still faces a serious charge of threatening to kill, which comes with a maximum prison term of seven years. He also faces charges of possessing methamphetamine and marijuana.

Police had initially accused Rudd of trying to arrange for a hit man to carry out two killings, and had charged him with attempting to procure murder, which comes with a maximum 10-year sentence. But when prosecutors took over the case, they quickly dropped the charge.

"The file was obtained today and reviewed," Tauranga Crown Solicitor Greg Hollister-Jones said in a statement Friday, adding he had "made the decision that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with the charge of attempting to procure murder."

Rudd's lawyer, Paul Mabey, said the damage to his client had been incalculable and he was considering possible remedies.

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## **A year after typhoon struck, Filipinos struggle to rebuild, with no place to go but the coast**

ANIBONG, Philippines (AP) — A year after Typhoon Haiyan turned a huge swath of the central Philippines into a body-littered wasteland, many survivors are struggling to rebuild their homes from the ruins, including in government-designated danger zones where future typhoons could wreck their lives again.

In the hard-hit coastal village of Anibong, shantytowns are rising around now-rusty cargo ships that were washed ashore by powerful waves from one of the strongest storms ever recorded to make land-fall. One villager's house stands beside a concrete post marked, "No build zone."

Villagers say they rebuilt along the coast because they have nowhere else to go. Most are fishermen, and want to be close to their boats, but they say they are willing to relocate once the government gives them land or housing.

Haiyan's ferocious wind generated tsunami-like storm surges that swamped entire communities, leaving more than 7,300 people dead or missing. More than 4 million people were displaced by the storm, which destroyed or damaged more than a million houses and knocked down millions of power posts and coconut trees.

Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman described the rebuilding effort as "gargantuan." He said that while many managed to rebuild their homes, the Philippine government, backed by foreign donors and aid organizations, still must resettle about 200,000 families to permanent housing sites in the next two or three years.

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## **Browns rough up Dalton, beat Bengals 24-3 to end notable road streak and move into 1st place**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cornerback Joe Haden led a line of Browns players jumping to slap hands with joyous fans in the first row. The stadium was filled with the sound of woofing.

Felt like times from way, way back when.

And with a dominating performance, the Browns suggested they've finally made it all the way back.

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The team that has been the AFC North's bottom dweller for years climbed back into the top spot Thursday night. The Browns were all over Andy Dalton all night long, turning a first-place showdown into a shockingly one-sided 24-3 victory.

With every interception and every sack, the Browns showed they're for real.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2014. There are 54 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

#### On this date:

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

In 1914, the first issue of The New Republic magazine was published, presenting itself as "A Journal of Opinion which Seeks to Meet the Challenge of a New Time."

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

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

In 1940, Washington state's original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm.

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

In 1962, Republican Richard Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, died in New York City.

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

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

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

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

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

**Ten years ago:** France rolled out overwhelming military force to put down an explosion of anti-French violence in Ivory Coast, its former West African colony. In the New York City Marathon, Britain's Paula Radcliffe won the women's race in 2:23:10, edging Kenya's Susan Chepkemei by only four seconds; South Africa's Hendrik Ramaala won the men's race in 2:09:28. Actor and musical star Howard Keel died at age 85.

**Five years ago:** In a victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House narrowly passed, 220-215, landmark health care legislation to expand coverage to tens of millions lacking it and place tough new restrictions on the insurance industry. David Haye won the WBA heavyweight title with a majority decision over Nikolai Valuev in Nuremberg, Germany.

**One year ago:** Seeking to calm a growing furor, President Barack Obama told NBC News he was

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"sorry" Americans were losing health insurance plans that he repeatedly had said they could keep under his health care law, but he stopped short of apologizing for making those promises in the first place. The Food and Drug Administration announced it was requiring the food industry to phase out artery-clogging trans fats. Shares of Twitter went on sale to the public for the first time; by the closing bell, the social network was valued at \$31 billion. A Russian spacecraft carrying the Olympic torch and three astronauts docked with the International Space Station ahead of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

**Today's Birthdays:** Evangelist Billy Graham is 96. Actor Barry Newman is 76. Singer Johnny Rivers is 72. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 71. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 62. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 57. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 54. Actress Julie Pinson is 47. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 46. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 42. Actors Jason and Jeremy London are 42. Actress Yunjin Kim is 41. Actor Adam DeVine is 31. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 31. Actor Lucas Neff is 29. Rapper Tinie (TY'-nee) Tempah is 26. Rock singer Lorde is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "Man cannot live by incompetence alone." - Charlotte Whitton, Canadian feminist (1896-1975).