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Friday, December 19

Debate at Brookings
End of Second Quarter

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, Romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jeff Howard • Tim Thurston • Brad Waage

4:00pm: BB Double Header - Deuel is here (JV GBB at 4 pm, JV BBB at 5 pm, Varsity girls at 6:30 pm, Varsity boys at 8:00)

Saturday, December 20

Debate at Brookings

Birthdays: • Virginia Spencer • Lisa Adler • Jim Pray • Harvey Fliehs III • Lexi Osterman

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

11:00am: NEC Wrestling at Sisseton

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

Sunday, December 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Birthdays: Kent Webb • Kayla Townsend • Ashley Fliehs • Steve Giedt • Eva Ellis

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont

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Groton Presents Christmas Concert



Groton's Music Department presented its Christmas Concert last night. The sixth grade choir started off the event, singing, "Tardy Bell," "O Christmas Tree," "When You Are Jolly," and "We Wish You a Tasty Fruitcake." Cody Swanson directed the choir.

Classifieds

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The junior high choir sang, "Angels Gloria," "Christmas Peace Canon" and "Winter Wonderland." The accompanists were Kari Hanson, Taylor Gustafson and Luke Smith. The director is Cody Swanson.



The High School Choir sang, "African Alleluia," "All is Well" and "Go Tell It!" Joy Voss was the accompanist. The director is Cody Swanson.

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The Chamber Choir sang, "Fum, Fum, Fum," under the direction of Cody Swanson.



A large crowd was on hand for the Christmas concert.

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Under the direction of Deb Jensen, the sixth grade band performed, "First Rockin' Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "St. Nick Salsa."



The junior high band, under the direction of Deb Jensen, performed, "Jingle Bell Rock," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "And to All a Good Night."



Part of the high school band, under the direction of Reid Johnson, performed, "Ukrainian Bell Carol."

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The high school band, under the direction of Reid Johnson, performed, "Christmas Favorites" and "A Fresh Aire Christmas."



Matt Knecht sang "The Christmas Song" as the high school band provided the instrumental music.

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The High School and Junior High Band, along with the choirs and the audience sang, "Deck the Hall," "Jingle Bells," "O Christmas Tree" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" as the finale.



Schinkel recognized as Multidistrict Lion of the Year

Groton Lions Club award: Pic, L-R: Dave Pigors, Groton Lions Club president, presenting a plaque to Lee Schinkel, past president, and past zone chairman. The plaque reads: Lion of the Year, for the Multidistrict. The multidistrict consists of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan. Lee personally sponsored more new Lions members into the Groton Club than any member in the multidistrict. Dave Pigors also presented Schinkel with a pin from the Lions Governor, for his membership record, this past year.

Today in Weather History

1968: Snow and near-blizzard conditions existed across west central Minnesota, with 5 to 7 inches of new snow reported. Heavier snows were reported further to the southeast in Minnesota. Six inches of snow was reported in Artichoke Lake in Big Stone County.

1985: Winds gusted to around 40 mph and produced ground blizzard conditions in some places from the morning to late afternoon on the 19th. Schools were closed in Bowdle in Edmunds County due to the conditions.

1990: Snow began to fall over the northwest part of Minnesota by early afternoon on the 19th, and fell heavily during the night into the early afternoon of the 20th, spreading over the entire northern 2/3 of the state and into some of northeastern South Dakota overnight. By mid-morning, a swath of snow of 6 inches or more was deposited over much of the northern half of the state, or north of a line from Elbow Lake to Garrison to near Two Harbors. In west central Minnesota, Wheaton received 6 inches, Browns Valley received 4 inches, and Artichoke Lake received 3 inches. In South Dakota, Webster reported 8 inches, Britton reported 7 inches, Sisseton reported 5 inches, and Aberdeen reported 4 inches.

2008: An area of low pressure moving across the Northern Plains brought snowfall, strong north winds, and bitter cold temperatures to northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota into the afternoon of the 20th. Snowfall amounts of 2 to 9 inches occurred across the area. Northwest winds of 25 to 40 mph caused blizzard conditions and created difficult, if not impossible, travel conditions. Some of the heaviest snowfall amounts included: 5 inches at Clark, Summit, Wheaton, Ortonville, and near Britton; 6 inches at Roy Lake, Artichoke Lake, and Sisseton; 7 inches at Browns Valley; 8 inches at Milbank and Tintah; and 9 inches at Clear Lake.

1948: A snowstorm struck Philadelphia during an NFL game at Shibe Park between the Eagles and the Chicago Cardinals. The game started 30 minutes late, in part because the players had to be recruited to help remove the hay and snow-laden tarp. The goal posts were not visible from the 50-yard line in the driving snow. The Eagles won, 7-0. Seven inches of snow fell during the game according to official NWS records.

2006: Vancouver, British Columbia's Stanley Park lost more than 1,000 trees after a series of storms battered the West Coast with near-hurricane force winds. One fallen hemlock tree was estimated to be more than 200 years old.

1777 - The Continental Army moved into encampment at Valley Forge amidst stormy winds and piercing cold. A relatively moderate winter followed. (David Ludlum)

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1924 - The Riverside Ranger Station in Yellowstone Park, WY, reported a low of 59 degrees below zero, a December record for the U.S. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1957 - A tornado, 200 yards in width, killed two persons along its 15-mile path from near Waldo to near Bueana Vista in southwestern Arkansas. People from one house were carried 250 yards, and cars were said to have been carried 600 yards. (The Weather Channel)

1967 - A record 83 inches of snow covered the ground at Flagstaff, AZ. The heavy snows inflicted great hardships on reservations. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in eastern Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 90 mph at Venus TX and Providence LA. Rain prevailed from the Southern Plains to the Middle Mississippi Valley. Small stream flooding was reported around Columbia MO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Low pressure and a trailing cold front in the central U.S. brought snow and high winds to parts of the Rocky Mountain Region. Winds in Colorado gusted to 67 mph at La Junta. Thunderstorms along the same cold front produced wind gusts to 65 mph at Kansas City MO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - High winds and heavy snow plagued the northern and central Rockies. Snowfall totals in Montana ranged up to 12 inches at Lincoln, and wind gusts in Colorado reached 97 mph at Squaw Mountain. Twelve cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Dickinson ND with a reading of 26 degrees below zero. Bismarck ND was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 35 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2008 - A snow and ice storm on December 19 affected parts of the U.S. Midwest. Over 220,000 homes and businesses across Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio were left without electric services. No fatalities were reported (Reuters).

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Cloudy High: 31 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 19 °F	Partly Sunny High: 31 °F	Chance Flurries Low: 21 °F	Partly Sunny High: 32 °F	Slight Chc Snow Low: 24 °F	Chance Snow High: 30 °F



Mild Into Next Week

Winter Weather May Return For The Start Of Next Week

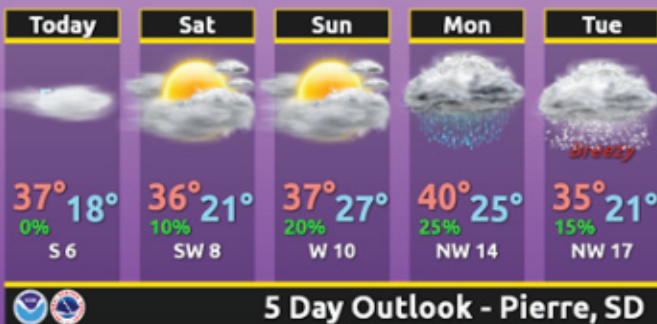
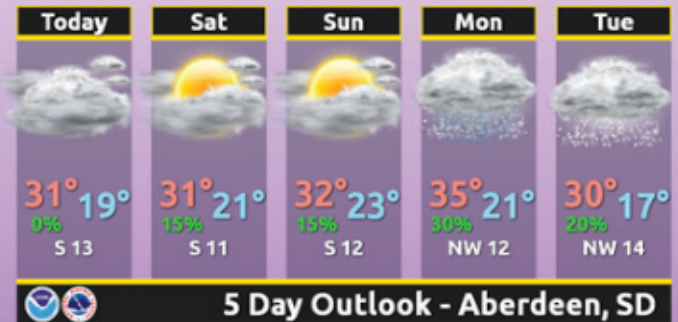
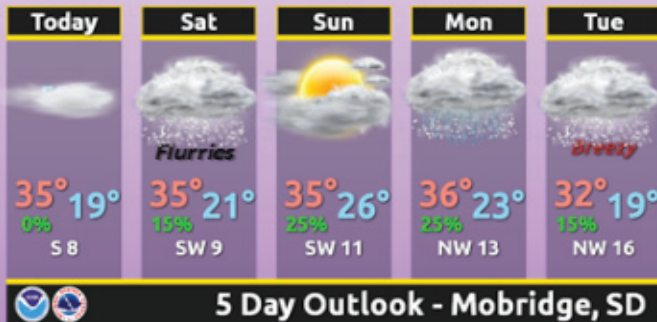
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Low clouds will dominate conditions today, mainly for east river. Mild conditions will continue into next week, however a storm system will pass through the region. Monday, this system will intensify over the midwest, pulling a wintery mix back into the region with the potential for some snow accumulation between far eastern SD and western MN. There remains quite a bit of uncertainty concerning how far west snow will accumulate.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 26.1 at 10:44 PM

Low: 9.8 at 1:21 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 15 at 12:24 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 57° in 1893

Record Low: -29° in 1916

Average High: 24°F

Average Low: 5°F

Average Precip in Dec.: 0.30

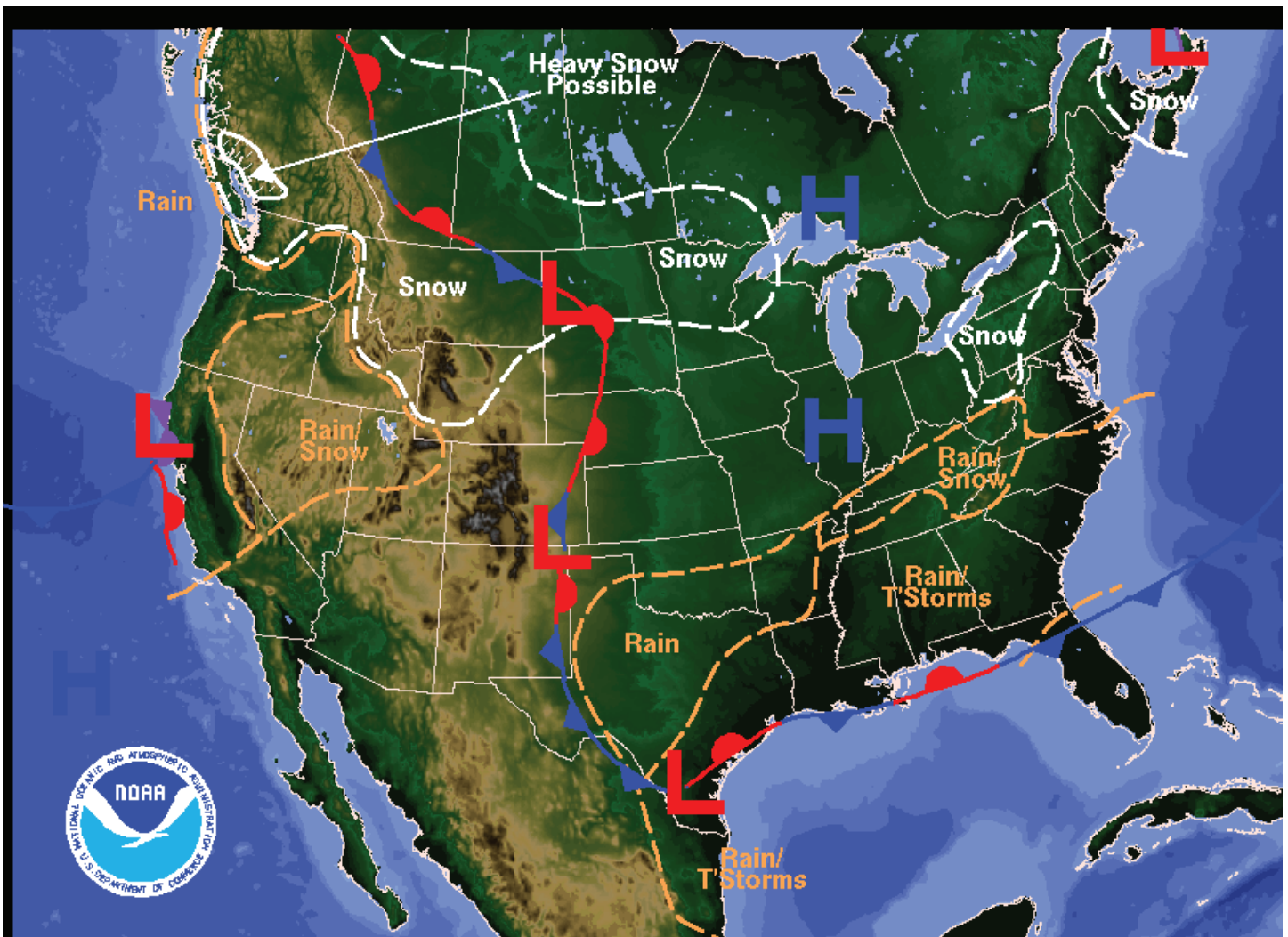
Precip to date in Dec.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 21.50

Precip Year to Date: 13.99

Sunset Tonight: 4:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Dec 19, 2014, issued 3:40 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



GOD'S LOVE AND OUR FAMILY

Speaking to a Sunday school class, a pastor asked, "Why do you love God?"

"Because," answered a young boy, "loving God runs in our family."

What a wonderful statement to make about his family. What an important goal for every family. But God only "runs" in and with families at the invitation of the family.

Each member of the family must first ask Jesus to be their Savior. Then His Word must be read and remembered, honored and obeyed, followed faithfully and carefully if He is to have His rightful place in the family. Reminders of His presence in the lives of the family will be on display. He will be present at every meal, part of every conversation and readily recognized in the way family members treat one another.

Children learn how they are to behave from their parents. Parents must show love and understanding, care and compassion, patience and thoughtfulness, respect and honor toward each other first and then to each child.

If we expect God's love to run in our families, we must first "run" with God and become obedient to His Word.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize the importance of You always being present in our families. May we recognize our need to depend on You, to honor You and to follow the example of Jesus as we show love for each other: in His name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 6:1-4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

3 dozen graduate from North Dakota tribal college

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Three dozen students are graduating from United Tribes Technical College. The school scheduled its fall graduation ceremony on Friday at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center on the campus in Bismarck.

The school is run by American Indian tribes in North Dakota, but students come from tribes around the country.

Sioux Falls police probe motel robbery report

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating a reported robbery at a motel. An employee at Motel 6 reported that a male with a bandanna over his face entered the lobby shortly before 10 p.m. Thursday, said he had a weapon and demanded cash.

The employee says the man fled on foot with an undetermined amount of money.

Police: Rapid City man, 55, found dead under bridge.

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have identified a man found dead under a highway bridge. Police said Thursday that officers found 55-year-old Elvis Presley Means of Rapid City on Wednesday. They say Means was dead when police arrived after receiving a report of an unresponsive man lying on the sidewalk under the Interstate 90 Bridge.

Police say an autopsy showed no evidence of trauma. They don't suspect criminal activity in his death. Authorities are waiting on toxicology results to determine his cause of death.

SD Supreme Court backs lower court in abuse case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A man convicted of abuse for driving 112 mph while intoxicated with three children in his vehicle has been unsuccessful in arguing to the South Dakota Supreme Court that the state law governing his offense is unconstitutionally vague.

The high court on Wednesday affirmed a lower court's ruling against Douglas Myers' argument. A South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper pulled over Myers for driving into the ditch and the median and later determined he was traveling more than 100 mph with three children in the car. Myers was later sentenced to five years in prison for abuse

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of a minor and a third-offense DUI.

The Supreme Court rejected Myers' appeal on the constitutional challenge, saying that the statute was properly defined without allowing law enforcement too much enforcement discretion.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

Boys Basketball

Aberdeen Roncalli 76, Britton-Hecla 43
Canistota 65, Freeman 38
Ethan 57, Dakota Christian 47
Faith 81, Bison 17
Gregory 81, Colome 50
Hanson 50, Menno 28
Herreid/Selby Area 52, Faulkton 29
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 64, Harding County 62
Hitchcock-Tulare 60, Wessington Springs 26
Langford 89, Ipswich 44
Madison 48, Lennox 47
Mitchell Christian 44, Kimball/White Lake 43
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 67, Corsica/Stickney 44
Parker 66, Alcester-Hudson 54
Philip 48, Stanley County 38
Platte-Geddes 54, Burke/South Central 41
Rapid City Christian 80, Dupree 36
Redfield/Doland 43, Milbank Area 32
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 74, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 47
Sisseton 65, Webster 53
Sturgis 62, Douglas 60
Sully Buttes JV 69, Edmunds Central 16
Warner 83, Northwestern 35

Eastern Coteau Conference Tournament

Summit 49, Sioux Valley JV 42
First Round
Florence/Henry 50, Great Plains Lutheran 34
Rosholt 84, Waubay 26
Waverly-South Shore 63, Wilmot 43

Lakota Nation Tournament

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 71, Crow Creek 69
Little Wound 73, St. Francis Indian 64
McLaughlin 80, Flandreau Indian 54
Oelrichs 76, Lower Brule 71
Red Cloud 67, Custer 18
Tiospa Zina Tribal 44, Omaha Nation, Neb. 42
White River 68, Pine Ridge 48

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Girls Basketball

DeSmet 58, Dell Rapids St. Mary 30
Douglas 66, Hot Springs 29
Edgemont 45, Sioux County, Neb. 29
Elkton-Lake Benton 62, Colman-Egan 38
Estelline 44, Lake Preston 35
Ethan 53, Dakota Christian 21
Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah, N.D. 50, Sisseton 26
Hamlin 60, Clark/Willow Lake 57
Hanson 52, Menno 22
Hartington Cedar Catholic, Neb. 48, Avon 39
Highmore-Harrold 72, Potter County 50
Kimball/White Lake 49, Mitchell Christian 42
Milbank JV 40, Grant-Deuel 32
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 60, Corsica/Stickney 23
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 46, Arlington 36
Parker 68, Alcester-Hudson 45
Philip 56, Stanley County 19
Rapid City Christian 32, Dupree 20
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 52, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 30
Scotland 53, Bon Homme 43
Sully Buttes JV 77, Edmunds Central 17
Timber Lake 47, Mobridge-Pollock 42
Wall 61, Harding County 30
Warner 58, Northwestern 42
Wessington Springs 51, Hitchcock-Tulare 39
Winner 63, Burke/South Central 33
Wolsey-Wessington 77, Iroquois 24

Lakota Nation Tournament

Custer 61, Tiospa Zina Tribal 57
Little Wound 52, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 43
Omaha Nation, Neb. 63, Crow Creek 34
Pine Ridge 78, Oelrichs 19
Red Cloud 55, Hill City 35
St. Francis Indian 51, Flandreau Indian 38
Todd County 71, McLaughlin 47
White River 62, Lower Brule 42

Bos' shot gives South Dakota 55-53 win over Montana State

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Brandon Bos hit a 15-foot jump shot with two seconds remaining to give South Dakota a 55-53 victory over Montana State on Thursday night.

Marcus Colbert's 3-pointer had lifted Montana State into a tie with 36 seconds left.

Bos finished with 17 points while Tyler Larson added 12 points, including 8-of-10 shooting from the free-throw line, and 11 rebounds for his fifth double-double this season. Trey Norris scored 10 points

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for the Coyotes (4-8), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Colbert led Montana State with 21 points. The Bobcats (3-6), playing in Vermillion for the first time since 1946, remained winless in six road games.

Bos hit three consecutive 3-pointers to give the Coyotes a 36-28 lead with 16 minutes left. The lead held until the 5:32 mark when Colbert made a 3-pointer for a 44-43 MSU lead. Neither team led by more than four after that.

South Dakota State beats Idaho State 75-72 in OT

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Deondre Parks scored 15 points and hit the winning free throw with 34 second to play in overtime Thursday to lift South Dakota State over Idaho State 75-72 in a World Vision Classic game.

Parks opened OT with a 3-pointer and his second of two free throws put the Jackrabbits up 73-67. The Bengals had chances to tie or win, but missed free throws and Evann Hall's 3-point try at the buzzer went awry.

South Dakota State led 30-25 at halftime, but the Bengals rallied in the second half and led 60-58 before Jake Bittle hit two free throws to tie it at the end of regulation.

Cody Larson scored 17, Marshall scored 15, and Connor Devine had 13 and three blocked shots for the Jackrabbits (7-3).

Jeffrey Solarin led Idaho State (4-5) with 22 and 10 rebounds and Chris Hansen scored 21.

SD Supreme Court says gambling promos not taxable

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gambling boosters lauded this week's South Dakota Supreme Court decision that Deadwood casinos will no longer have to pay gambling taxes on promotional programs that give patrons free credits to play slot machines, saying Thursday that it'll save operators big money.

The high court in a decision dated Wednesday overturned a lower court's ruling that casinos must pay tax on "free play" as part of their gambling revenues. Three casinos argued that operations that give free promotions shouldn't have to pay taxes when a customer uses those to play on machines.

First Gold Hotel owner Mike Gustafson, one of the main backers of the lawsuit, said the decision would save operators who use promotional programs several thousand dollars a month in taxes.

"Those credits were ringing up the meters," which drove up tax bills, Gustafson said.

Deadwood Gaming Association Executive Director Mike Rodman said the decision evens Deadwood's footing with gambling hotspots such as Nevada that don't tax free play programs. He noted, though, that casinos won't get a refund on taxes they have already paid.

"It will be a big deal for the industry," he said.

But the decision may not be an all-out win for the casinos.

Larry Eliason, the executive secretary for the state Commission on Gaming, said state attorneys are evaluating whether the Supreme Court's decision would make winnings from promotional play not deductible from revenue, which would increase casino tax bills. Eliason also said the legal process won't be over until the circuit court enters its judgment in accordance with the Supreme Court's decision.

"There's no question that we're going to comply with the Supreme Court's decision," Eliason said. "The question we're working through is what do we need to do to comply?"

Gustafson said barring the deduction would create a "point of contention," but said he's waiting on clarification of the court's decision. Gustafson's attorney didn't respond to multiple requests for com-

ment.

Permit approved for SD anti-police brutality march

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A police department in South Dakota has approved a previously denied permit for a march that organizers say is meant to protest against police brutality.

Rapid City Police Chief Karl Jegeris approved the permit for the Friday rally. He'd denied it earlier this week citing public safety concerns.

The approval for the march came after organizers agreed to move it to a different location. The rally was originally going to start outside a civic center during the annual Lakota Nation Invitational, an event that's part basketball tournament and part family reunion for tribal members.

Eagle Butte resident Cody Hall is among the organizers. He's said the march is intended to draw attention to the need for improved race relations in Rapid City.

Jegeris says he's "thankful" an agreement was reached.

FBI: Man charged in cousin's death at Fort Yates

FORT YATES, N.D. (AP) — Federal authorities have charged a man in his cousin's stabbing death on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Ryan Ironroad, 26, of Cannon Ball is charged with felony murder and assault with a dangerous weapon in the death of Clay Hagel, 29, of Fort Yates.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs dispatcher received a report of a stabbing at a residence on Nov. 22, according to a criminal complaint. The incident occurred as Hagel and others were making dinner, it said.

Witnesses told police a disguised man, later identified as Ironroad, demanded money before cutting Hagel on the arm and stabbing him in the stomach with a large serrated knife. Hagel died the following day at a local hospital.

During a Nov. 26 police interview, Ironroad admitted to visiting the Fort Yates residence on the day Hagel was killed, but denied stabbing his cousin, authorities said. Ironroad said he went to the house so he could find a man with whom he had been in an argument with and wanted to lure the man to a spot where Ironroad could attack him, according to authorities.

Ironroad denied stabbing Hagel a second time during a Dec. 1 police interview, documents said. After listening to audio from one of the interviews, two witnesses identified Ironroad as the man who stabbed Hagel.

Ironroad was arrested Dec. 11 and is being held in the Burleigh County jail. Online jail records didn't indicate an attorney.

Both Hagel and Ironroad are members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Grain elevator collapse results in highway closure

EGAN, S.D. (AP) — The collapse of a grain elevator has resulted in the closure of a small section of Highway 34 east of Egan in eastern South Dakota

State transportation officials say grain spilled onto the roadway after the elevator collapsed. Drivers are being detoured through the town of Egan.

Officials say the highway will remain closed until the grain is completely cleared off the road. The status of the closure is available online at www.safetravelusa.com/sd or by dialing 511.

SDN Communications to buy Sioux Valley Wireless

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls-based SDN Communications intends to buy Sioux Valley Wireless, which provides Internet service to thousands of homes in eastern South Dakota and other states.

The acquisition is expected to be finalized after April 2015. Sioux Valley Wireless transmits data from towers in Rowena, Colman and Freeman to a small microwave antenna at the subscriber's location. It also provides services in Brookings, Dell Rapids, Hartford and Madison.

Officials say both companies will work together to ensure a smooth transition for customers.

SDN CEO Mark Shlanta says the purchase will allow SDN to expand offerings beyond its core business-to-business broadband and network services.

Sioux Valley Wireless has been in business for 25 years. It is a subsidiary of Sioux Valley Energy.

Sioux Falls again breaks building permit record

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — For the second year in a row, building has been at a record pace in South Dakota's largest city.

Sioux Falls officials say 14,839 building permits have been issued so far in 2014, and the construction valuation for those permits has reached more than \$593 million. The city also posted record numbers in 2013 with 7,953 permits issued and a valuation of \$588.2 million.

Officials say new apartment complexes, changes to a hospital and upgrades to the Sioux Falls Regional Airport contributed to this year's record breaking construction valuation.

Officials add that the issuance of thousands of reshingling permits resulting from a hail storm in June has also been a factor in this year's valuation record. The reshingling construction has been valued at \$73 million.

More All-America honors for SDSU's Zach Zenner

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner has been named to a third All-America team.

The Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association announced the team Thursday, in coordination with the 13 FCS conference offices.

Zenner earlier was named to the American Football Coaches Association FCS All-America Team and the Walter Camp FCS All-America Team.

The senior from Eagan, Minnesota, posted his third straight 2,000-yard season this year, becoming the first player in FCS history to do so.

New manager named for South Dakota State Fair

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A longtime official with the Huron Chamber and Visitors Bureau has been named manager of the South Dakota State Fair.

Peggy Woolridge Besch has been with the Huron CVB for 23 years and has been its president and CEO the last 14 years. She also serves on the board of directors for the South Dakota Visitor Industry Alliance, South Dakota Chamber and Economic Development Council and South Dakota Convention and Visitors Bureau Association.

"Peggy has the professional experience for this position, and I look forward to working with her to lead our state fairgrounds staff and the many dedicated volunteers," state Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch said in a statement Thursday.

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Woolridge Besch succeeds Jerome Hertel, who left after seven years to become general manager of the Alaska State Fair.

The South Dakota State Fair Park spans 165 acres, holds 90 buildings, hosts 94 events and attracts an average of more than 250,000 visitors annually.

"The State Fair has a proud tradition and now I have the chance to add to the magic," Woolridge Besch said. "I look forward to forging new relationships and collaborations in order to blaze new trails for the benefit of the state, the Fair and Huron."

Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Huron worth \$6,000

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Huron is worth \$6,000 in the latest drawing.

The ticket matched all five white ball numbers but missed the Wild Card in the Wednesday drawing to win the game's second prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 127,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Wild Card 2 is played in the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho. The jackpot is at \$205,000 for the next drawing, on Saturday.

SD Supreme Court says RV seizure in meth case OK

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A man imprisoned for distributing methamphetamine from his recreational vehicle has been unsuccessful in arguing to the South Dakota Supreme Court that the state's seizure of the vehicle was excessive.

The high court on Wednesday affirmed a lower court's ruling that the state's seizure of Paul Lockenour's RV wasn't disproportionate to the gravity of his crime.

Lockenour, of Cambridge, Nebraska, traveled to Sioux Falls in 2011 in his RV to sell meth to a friend, who was a police informant. After his arrest, Lockenour argued the state's seizure of his \$54,000 Forest River XLR Toy Hauler was excessive when compared to the up-to-\$2,000 worth of meth police found.

The Supreme Court says the RV seizure is consistent with Lockenour's potential criminal fines and the gravity of his crime.

Pierre teenager convicted of murder is sentenced

Pierre teenager convicted of murder in 2012 fatal shooting of classmate is sentenced

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pierre teenager convicted of killing a classmate following what authorities said was an argument over a paintball game was sentenced Tuesday to 25 years in prison with 15 suspended.

Braiden McCahren, 18, also received 15 years in prison for an aggravated assault charge. The sentences are to be served at the same time.

Sixth Circuit Judge John Brown gave McCahren credit for the more than 450 days that he has already been in custody, meaning he will be eligible for parole after nine years.

Jurors in adult court in September convicted McCahren of second-degree murder in the December 2012 death of 16-year-old Dalton Williams in McCahren's home. McCahren was 16 at the time but was tried as an adult.

Authorities said the shooting happened after an argument about a paintball incident. McCahren also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing a shotgun at another classmate and pulling the trigger. The gun did not fire.

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Defense attorney Mike Butler reiterated that he will appeal the conviction to the South Dakota Supreme Court. The defense maintains that Williams' death was a tragic accident.

Brown last month rejected a defense motion to set aside the jury verdict.

McCahren was found not guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting of Williams and not guilty of attempted murder in the threat against the second classmate. The second-degree murder conviction required that the jury find McCahren acted without regard for human life. Unlike a first-degree murder conviction, it did not require prosecutors to prove premeditation.

McCahren's attorneys have said their client didn't have the opportunity to present a defense to the lesser charge, violating his rights, and that will be the basis for the appeal.

The mandatory sentence for second-degree murder is life in prison, but because he was a juvenile at the time, McCahren was able to receive a lesser sentence and was made eligible for parole.

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. SPY'S PARENTS SEARCH FOR SON AFTER CUBA-U.S. DEAL

Neither Cuban nor American officials have confirmed that Rolando Sarraff Trujillo, whom Obama hailed as one of Washington's most valuable assets, was spirited off the island.

2. CALLS FOR MORE NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS INTENSIFY

If the U.S. concludes Pyongyang was behind the Sony hack attack, it might cut that country's access to hard currency and declare it once more as a state sponsor of terrorism.

3. PAKISTANI MILITARY KILLS 67 MILITANTS AFTER SCHOOL MASSACRE

The government will also try to cancel the bail granted to the main suspect in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks - a decision that called into question Pakistan's commitment to fighting insurgents.

4. EIGHT CHILDREN KILLED, MOTHER STABBED IN AUSTRALIA

"All parents would feel a gut-wrenching sadness at what has happened. This is an unspeakable crime." — says Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

5. WHAT AMERICANS THINK ABOUT DRONES

As an Associated Press-GfK poll suggests, the majority of respondents are skeptical that benefits of commercial vehicles will outweigh privacy and safety risks.

6. NEARLY 30,000 SYRIAN NEWBORNS IN LEBANON AT RISK OF STATELESSNESS

It is a problem that is replicated in nations across the Middle East where more than 3.3 million Syrians have found safe haven from the civil war in their homeland.

7. WHERE CHINA'S WEALTH FINDS HOME

An influx of Chinese visitors to Washington state makes its way to high-end property markets, and observers don't expect it to slow down any time soon.

8. WHICH STATE VOWS TO DEFEND POT LAW

Colorado's top law enforcement official promises to fight for the measure known as Amendment 64 after Nebraska and Oklahoma asked the U.S. Supreme Court to declare it unconstitutional.

9. DRESS QUEST FOR MARATHON BOMBING SURVIVOR

The finale of the "Say Yes to the Dress" TV show captures Rebekah DiMartino using crutches for balance as she tries on wedding gowns at a bridal salon.

10. STEPHEN COLBERT RETIRES HIS 'REPORT'

His next step: playing himself as the new host of CBS' "Late Show" replacing David Letterman, who

exits next May.

Lava slows but still on track to hit Hawaii market

CATHY BUSSEWITZ, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Lava from an active volcano on Hawaii's Big Island slowed slightly but stayed on track to hit a shopping center in the small town of Pahoa.

The molten rock was 1,200 to 1,300 yards away from the edge of Pahoa Marketplace on Thursday and had advanced about 165 yards from the previous day, said Darryl Oliveira, Hawaii County civil defense administrator.

"We're just watching the activity on the flow going forward and trying to remain optimistic that we might see a slow down or pause or stall," Oliveira said.

Lava from Kilauea Volcano is crossing flatter terrain, which may have partly caused the slackening.

Gov. David Ige visited the community Thursday, meeting with impacted residents and teachers and taking an aerial tour of the flow.

"I am amazed at the attitude of the citizens of Pahoa," Ige told reporters late Thursday. "They are definitely upbeat; the community has really drawn together to work through this disaster."

During his visit, Ige received an update from Oliveira and took a helicopter tour of the lava flow, which he says changed his perspective on the situation.

"I do know that the eruption has been ongoing for 30 years, and this flow has stretched more than 13 miles," Ige said. "But to actually see it, to be able to fly over it, to notice the variations in how sometimes it's very broad and sometimes very narrow, the fits and starts of the flow and the randomness really become very apparent when you get to see the entire flow."

Ige said he would push to get maximum assistance from the federal government, and would look at what services and assistance the state could provide as it crafts the state budget, which is due to lawmakers next week.

In a morning helicopter flight, Oliveira caught a view of the lava before sunrise and said it was easy to see the breaks and cracks in the partially hardened mass.

"It had a very nice orange feature to it across the edge and the surface, as it wasn't completely crusted over," he said.

At its current pace, the lava could hit the marketplace in six days, but that could change, he said. The county plans to cut off the market's electricity three days before the lava is expected to hit.

A gas station has removed the gasoline from its tanks and will finish removing sludge and vapors by Friday, Oliveira said. If the lava crosses Highway 130, it will make it difficult for residents in the area to access other parts of the island.

"They're losing at this point their only supermarket, hardware store, one of three gas stations," Oliveira said. "Everybody's adjustment to that is appreciated, and we definitely are empathetic to what this means."

AP News in Brief

Convicted spy's parents searching for son after Cuba-US relations breakthrough

HAVANA (AP) — The parents of convicted spy Rolando Sarraff Trujillo feared the worst when their son failed to call home from prison and they were told he had been taken away at dawn. But officials

assured the couple that their son was now better off.

Sarraff was publicly identified by a former intelligence official in the United States on Thursday as the unnamed spy traded for three Cuban intelligence agents jailed in the United States, one who U.S. President Barack Obama hailed as one of Washington's most valuable assets.

But neither Cuban nor American officials have confirmed that Sarraff was spirited off the island and his parents have not heard from their son since he supposedly was freed.

"They are saying his name out there," his mother, Odesa Trujillo, told The Associated Press at her home in Havana. "I don't care where he is, just that he's in good health."

Chris Simmons, the former chief of a Cuban counterintelligence unit for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, identified Sarraff as a cryptologist in Cuba's Directorate of Intelligence working on "agent communications," the codes used by Cuban spies abroad to communicate with their handlers in Havana.

Thaw in US relations brings hope for greater changes in Cuba, anxiety about future

HAVANA (AP) — The restoration of diplomatic ties between Cuba and the United States has unleashed expectations of even more momentous changes on an island that often seems frozen in a past of classic cars and crumbling Art Deco buildings.

On the first full day after the surprise announcement Thursday, many Cubans expressed hope that it will mean greater access to jobs and the creature comforts taken for granted elsewhere, and lift a struggling socialist economy where staples like meat, cooking oil and toilet paper are often hard to come by.

That yearning, however, was tempered with anxiety. Some fear a cultural onslaught, or that crime and drugs, both rare in Cuba, will become common along with visitors from the United States. There is also concern that the country will become just another Caribbean destination.

"There are things that shouldn't get lost, that have gone very well here even though Cubans complain," said Nayda Martinez, a 52-year-old chemical engineer in Havana.

"I don't want the system, the country or the regime, whatever you want to call it, to change," Martinez said. "What the people want is to live better."

Hack attack on Sony intensifying calls in US for stiffer sanctions on North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suspicions that North Korea was behind a destructive hacking attack against Sony Pictures and a threat against movie theaters are intensifying calls for tougher U.S. steps to cut that country's access to hard currency and declare it once more as a state sponsor of terrorism.

At first glance, U.S. options for responding to the hacking attack are limited. Bringing the shadowy hackers to justice appears a distant prospect. A U.S. cyber-retaliation against North Korea would risk a dangerous escalation. And North Korea is already targeted by a raft of sanctions over its nuclear weapons program.

"We don't sell them anything, we don't buy anything from them and we don't have diplomatic relations," said William Reinsch, a former senior Commerce Department official who was responsible for enforcing international sanctions against North Korea and other countries.

But the U.S. isn't powerless if it concludes Pyongyang was behind the hack that has prompted Sony to cancel its Christmas Day release of the movie "The Interview."

While U.S. officials are saying privately that they believe North Korea was connected to the attack, the White House has not said so publicly. On Thursday, presidential spokesman Josh Earnest declined to blame North Korea, which has denied responsibility. He said he did not want to get ahead of investigations by the Justice Department and the FBI. Evidence shows the hacking was carried out by a "sophisticated actor" with "malicious intent," he said.

Companies on high alert as Sony hacking puts focus on corporate cybersecurity flaws

ATLANTA (AP) — Companies across the globe are on high alert to tighten up network security to avoid being the next company brought to its knees by hackers like those that executed the dramatic cyberattack against Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The hack, which a U.S. official has said investigators believe is linked to North Korea, culminated in the cancellation of a Sony film and ultimately could cost the movie studio hundreds of millions of dollars. That the hack included terrorist threats and was focused on causing major corporate damage, rather than on stealing customer information for fraud like in the breaches at Home Depot and Target, indicates a whole new frontier has emerged in cybersecurity. Suddenly every major company could be the target of cyberextortion.

"The Sony breach is a real wake-up call even after the year of mega-breaches we've seen," says Lee Weiner, Boston security firm Rapid7's senior vice president of products and engineering. "This is a completely different type of data stolen with the aim to harm the company."

This should signal to all U.S. businesses that they need to "take cybersecurity as serious as physical security of their employees or security of their physical facilities," says Cynthia Larose, chair of the privacy and security practice at the law firm Mintz Levin in Boston.

The breach is particularly troubling in Hollywood, where secrecy is supposed to be paramount to insure that movie secrets worth millions don't get leaked.

Pakistani military strikes targets in northwest following school massacre, 67 militants dead

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani jets and ground forces killed 67 militants in a northwestern tribal region near the Afghan border, officials said Friday, days after Taliban fighters killed 148 people — most of them children — in a school massacre.

Meanwhile, a Pakistani prosecutor said the government will try to cancel the bail granted to the main suspect in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks — a decision that outraged neighboring India and called into question Pakistan's commitment to fighting militancy.

The violence at a school in Pakistan's northwest earlier this week stunned the country and brought cries for retribution. In the wake of the mass killing the military has struck targets in the Khyber tribal region and approved the death penalty for six convicted terrorists.

The military said its ground forces late Thursday killed 10 militants while jets killed another 17, including an Uzbek commander. Another 32 alleged terrorists were killed by security forces in an ambush in Tirah valley in Khyber on Friday as they headed toward the Afghan border, the military said.

Khyber agency is one of two main areas in the northwest where the military has been trying to root out militants in recent months. Khyber borders Peshawar, where the school massacre happened, and militants have traditionally attacked the city before fleeing into the tribal region where police can't

chase them.

8 children found dead and mother wounded in a home in northern Australia

SYDNEY (AP) — Eight dead children and a woman suffering from stab wounds were found inside a home in a northern Australian city on Friday, police said.

Police believe the 34-year-old woman with chest wounds is the mother of seven of the children, and the eighth child is believed to be one of her relatives, Detective Inspector Bruno Asnicar said. She was receiving treatment for her injuries and was in stable condition at a hospital.

Queensland state police said they were called to the home in the Cairns suburb of Manoora on Friday morning after receiving a report of a woman with serious injuries. When police got to the house, they found the bodies of the children inside, ranging in age from 18 months to 15 years.

Asnicar declined to say how the children died.

He said he didn't believe there was a multiple murderer still at large and that police were talking to the woman. Asked if she was a suspect, he said officials have not yet identified any suspects and were questioning everyone who had contact with the family in the past 2-3 days.

Poll: Americans skeptical benefits of commercial drones will outweigh privacy, safety risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are skeptical that the benefits of the heralded drone revolution will outweigh the risks to privacy and safety, although a majority approve of using small, unmanned aircraft for dangerous jobs or in remote areas, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

By a 2-1 margin, those who had an opinion opposed using drones for commercial purposes. Only 21 percent favored commercial use of drones, compared with 43 percent opposed. Another 35 percent were in the middle.

With a few narrow exceptions, the Federal Aviation Administration prohibits commercial use of drones but is about to propose regulations that will broaden the use of small ones. It may be two or three years before the rules take effect, but once they do thousands are expected to buzz U.S. skies.

Congress may also step in next year to try to nudge the FAA to move faster. Drones are forecast to create 100,000 jobs and \$82 billion in economic impact in the first 10 years they're allowed, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, a trade group.

Only 3 percent of people say they've operated small drones, which are essentially the same as remote-controlled model aircraft.

Nearly 30,000 Syrian children born in Lebanon as refugees at risk of statelessness

BEIRUT (AP) — Nearly 30,000 Syrian children born as refugees in Lebanon are in a legal limbo, not registered with any government, exposing them to the risk of a life of statelessness deprived of basic rights.

It is a problem that is replicated, to varying degrees, in nations across the Middle East where more than 3.3 million Syrians have found safe haven from the intractable civil war in their homeland.

The life of a stateless person is a life without a nationality, without citizenship, without the basic documents that establish an individual's identity and give him the rights accorded everyone else. Without a birth certificate, identity papers or other documents, even basic things like getting married, going to

school or finding a job can be next to impossible.

"If you can't prove your nationality, it means you can't get legal documentation, can't cross borders legally, can't enjoy any other basic rights that citizens of a country are entitled to," said Isabella Castrogiovanni, a senior child protection specialist with UNICEF. "So the consequences are obviously huge."

The United Nations launched a major campaign last month to try to end statelessness for an estimated 10 million people around the world within 10 years.

Stephen Colbert retires his 'Report,' and the host he played, with wisecracks and a singalong

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Colbert is dead.

Stephen Colbert is immortal?

Long live Stephen Colbert!

Nine years of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" came to an end Thursday night along with its mythical presiding pundit, as the real-life Stephen Colbert bade the audience farewell.

He was last seen gliding through the clouds in the backseat of Santa's sleigh beside Alex Trebek (don't ask).

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2014. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States in the U.S. Senate chamber by Chief Justice Warren Burger with President Gerald R. Ford looking on (in a first for the Senate, the proceeding was televised live).

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.

In 1813, British forces captured Fort Niagara during the War of 1812.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pennsylvania.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

In 1950, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was named commander of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1961, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., 73, suffered a debilitating stroke while in Palm Beach, Florida.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1984, a coal fire at the Wilberg Mine near Orangeville, Utah, killed 27 people. Britain and China signed an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997.

In 1986, Lawrence E. Walsh was appointed independent counsel to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.

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In 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was subsequently acquitted by the Senate).

Ten years ago: In Iraq, car bombs tore through a Najaf funeral procession and Karbala's main bus station, killing at least 60 people and wounding more than 120 in the two Shiite holy cities. In Baghdad, three Iraqi election officials were killed execution-style by insurgents. Time magazine named President George W. Bush its Person of the Year for the second time. Opera singer Renata Tebaldi died in San Marino at age 82.

Five years ago: A U.N. climate conference in Copenhagen ended with a nonbinding accord to show for two weeks of debate and frustration; the deal was brokered by President Barack Obama, who attended the conference on its final day. A snowstorm paralyzed much of the eastern U.S. on the last holiday shopping weekend.

One year ago: Discount retailer Target announced that data connected to about 40 million credit and debit card accounts had been stolen as part of a breach that began over the Thanksgiving weekend. The ceiling partially collapsed onto a packed audience at the Apollo Theatre in London, injuring almost 80 people, seven of them seriously. Al Goldstein, 77, the publisher of Screw magazine who smashed down legal barriers against pornography, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 94. Actress Cicely Tyson is 90. Former game show contestant Herb Stempel is 88. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 73. Former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak is 73. Actress Elaine Joyce is 71. Actor Tim Reid is 70. Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 70. Musician John McEuen is 69. Singer Janie Fricke is 67. Jazz musician Lenny White is 65. Actor Mike Lookinland is 54. Actress Jennifer Beals is 51. Actor Scott Cohen is 50. Actor Robert MacNaughton is 48. Magician Criss Angel is 47. Rock musician Klaus Eichstadt (Ugly Kid Joe) is 47. Actor Ken Marino is 46. Actor Elvis Nolasco is 46. Rock musician Kevin Shepard is 46. Actor Derek Webster is 46. Actress Kristy Swanson is 45. Model Tyson Beckford is 44. Actress Amy Locane is 43. Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Sapp is 42. Actress Rosa Blasi is 42. Actress Alyssa Milano is 42. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal (JIH'-lihn-hahl) is 34. Actress Marla Sokoloff is 34. Rapper Lady Sovereign is 29. Actor Iain de Caestecker (TV: "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D") is 27.

Thought for Today: "Worse than not realizing the dreams of your youth, would be to have been young and never dreamed at all." - Jean Genet (1910-1986).