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## Sunday, Feb. 22

**Birthdays:** Anthony Schinkel, Chad Kampa, George Leonhardt, Leonard Broman, Robin Wanous-Williamson

## Monday, Feb. 23

**Birthdays:** Iva Mae Aeilts, Jerry Rossow  
6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
Leaders Meet

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

**School Lunch:** Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, bread sticks.

**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potato and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

Groton Boys Basketball at Webster (7th grade at 3 p.m., 8th grade at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m.)

## Tuesday, Feb. 24

**Birthday:** Madison Sippel

**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Turkey gravy, mashed potato, glazed carrots, fruit, tea buns.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie,

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

**Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**



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## 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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## Groton Lions Club

The Groton Lions Club met last Thursday evening, for its monthly potluck supper. President, Dave Pigors; presented past president, Lee Schinkel, with two more membership awards from the district (eastern half of South Dakota). Several fundraisers were mentioned, and, the club voted to again sponsor the Easter egg hunt, in the city park, the Saturday right before Palm Sunday.

Madelin Fliehs, Trista Keith and Alyssa Locke keep themselves occupied with their phones in between volleyball matches yesterday in Aberdeen.



## Classifieds

### Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

### Concessions

#### Manager Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a concessions manager for the 2015-2016 school year. Salary is \$50/event plus commission. Information and applications are available at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com).

**Applications for Baseball Coordinator, Coaches, Groundskeeper, Concession Stand Manager, Concessions Workers; Swimming Pool Lifeguards; Public Works Laborers; Cemetery Caretaker, Swimming Pool Manager will be accepted until 5pm March 16 for the City of Groton. Request application at City Hall, 209 N Main St, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445 or by calling 397-8422. Equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against disabled persons. (0210.0217.0310)**



Pictured left to right are Wyatt Locke, Trevor Pray, Brandyn Anderson, Tyler Scott and Kelby Hawkins.

## Five wrestlers advance to state

All five Groton wrestlers placed at the regional wrestling tournament held Saturday in Groton and will advance to the state wrestling tournament February 27-28 in Rapid City.

Trevor Pray and Kelby Hawkins both placed first, Tyler Scott placed second and Wyatt Locke and Brandyn Anderson both placed fourth.

Webster won the team title with 145 points followed by Redfield-Doland with 140, Clark/Willow Lake 92, Deuel 87, Sioux Valley 83, Faulkton 79, Groton Area 74, Kingsburg County 62, Britton-Hecla 56.5, Warner/Northwestern 34, Tiospa Zina 27 and Ipswich/Leola 24.

### 113 - Trevor Pray (31-5) placed 1st and scored 23.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by fall over Chris Landmark (Deuel) 8-13 (Fall 3:35)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by major decision over Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) 24-16 (MD 8-0)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by decision over Carsten McNeil (Redfield/Doland) 29-10 (Dec 7-4)

1st Place - Trevor Pray of Groton Area

2nd Place - Carsten McNeil of Redfield/Doland

3rd Place - Cade Shoemaker of Webster Area

4th Place - Jeremy Cook of Tiospa Zina

1st Place Match

Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5, So. over Carsten McNeil (Redfield/Doland) 29-10, 8th. (Dec 7-4).

3rd Place Match

Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) 24-16, 7th. over Jeremy Cook (Tiospa Zina) 24-13, Jr. (Dec 4-3).

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## **126 - Wyatt Locke (12-15) placed 4th and scored 6.00 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 won by decision over Gage Carter (Faulkton Area) 9-8 (Dec 10-4)

Semifinal - Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 30-9 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 (Fall 0:43)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Barrett Wren (Redfield/Doland) 16-12 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 (Fall 1:47)

1st Place - Aaron Elijah of Sioux Valley

2nd Place - Brandan Gehrke of Clark/Willow Lake

3rd Place - Barrett Wren of Redfield/Doland

4th Place - Wyatt Locke of Groton Area

1st Place Match

Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 30-9, So. over Brandan Gehrke (Clark/Willow Lake) 16-14, 8th. (Fall 5:59).

3rd Place Match

Barrett Wren (Redfield/Doland) 16-12, 8th. over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15, 8th. (Fall 1:47).

## **132 - Kelby Hawkins (33-1) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 won by injury default over Deion Beardemphl (Redfield/Doland) 19-18 (Inj. 0:00)

1st Place Match - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 won by fall over Nick Evangelisto (Warner/Northwestern) 28-7 (Fall 2:47)

1st Place - Kelby Hawkins of Groton Area

2nd Place - Nick Evangelisto of Warner/Northwestern

3rd Place - Devon Sievers of Deuel

4th Place - Deion Beardemphl of Redfield/Doland

1st Place Match

Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1, So. over Nick Evangelisto (Warner/Northwestern) 28-7, So. (Fall 2:47).

3rd Place Match

Devon Sievers (Deuel) 18-4, So. over Deion Beardemphl (Redfield/Doland) 19-18, Sr. (Inj. 0:00).



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## **160 - Tyler Scott (23-12) placed 2nd and scored 16.00 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 won by fall over Austin Dreyer (Warner/Northwestern) 6-27 (Fall 0:33)

Semifinal - Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 won by decision over Harrison Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 21-10 (Dec 10-7)

1st Place Match - Jordan Lovre (Deuel) 31-8 won by fall over Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 (Fall 0:58)

1st Place - Jordan Lovre of Deuel

2nd Place - Tyler Scott of Groton Area

3rd Place - Harrison Wookey of Clark/Willow Lake

4th Place - Dawson Mathison of Webster Area

1st Place Match

Jordan Lovre (Deuel) 31-8, Sr. over Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12, Sr. (Fall 0:58).

3rd Place Match

Harrison Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 21-10, Sr. over Dawson Mathison (Webster Area) 14-18, So. (Fall 0:21).

## **220 - Brandyn Anderson (22-15) placed 4th and scored 7.00 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Semifinal - Colton Koslowski (Webster Area) 17-15 won by major decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 (MD 13-4)

Cons. Semi - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 won by fall over Karsten Stiegelmeier (Britton-Hecla) 17-18 (Fall 1:55)

3rd Place Match - Ray Edgar (Faulkton Area) 23-19 won by decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 (Dec 4-3)

1st Place - Brett Christman of Redfield/Doland

2nd Place - Colton Koslowski of Webster Area

3rd Place - Ray Edgar of Faulkton Area

4th Place - Brandyn Anderson of Groton Area

1st Place Match

Brett Christman (Redfield/Doland) 19-6, Sr. over Colton Koslowski (Webster Area) 17-15, So. (Dec 3-1).

3rd Place Match

Ray Edgar (Faulkton Area) 23-19, Sr. over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15, Fr. (Dec 4-3).

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## Groton Area School District #06-6

School Board Meeting

February 23, 2015 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

### OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. Program Overview Presentations  
**Destination Imagination...J. Donley, J. Milbrandt**  
**Transportation/Custodial...M. Nehls, L. Bahr**
3. School Board Committee Reports:
  - a. **Building, Grounds, & Transportation:** Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
  - b. **Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum:** Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
  - c. **Negotiations:** Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

### NEW BUSINESS:

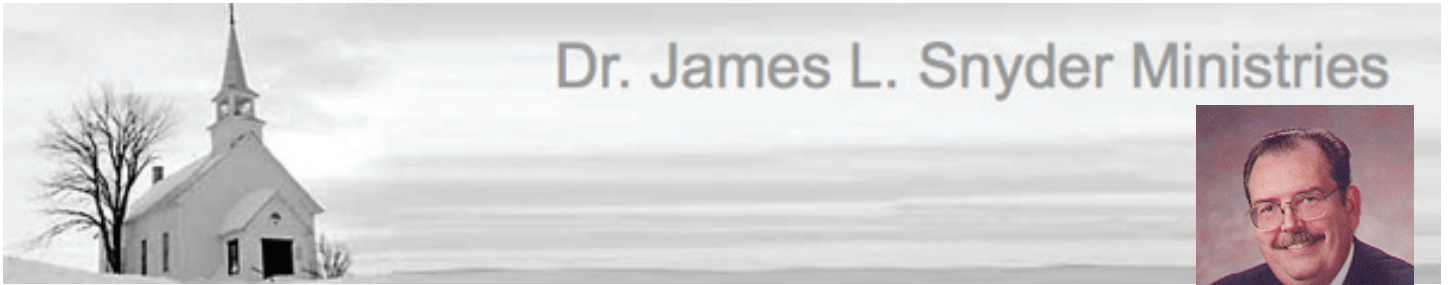
1. Review Quit Claim Deed for Lots 21, 22, 23, and 24, Block 7, Campbell and Butler's Addition to Putney, Brown County, SD and authorize Board President Smith to sign.
2. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

### ADJOURN

Reminder: School Board nominating petitions are due by 5:00 PM on 2/27/2015.

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## Any Day without Snow is a Good Day



An ongoing conversation, let's call it a conversation, has been persisting between me and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. To say it is one-sided is, well, let me say, well, it is one-sided. However, that is beside the point.

All summer long, I was explaining why global warming was something we need to take care of, including the pros and the cons we are witnessing right now.

It heated up a little when the snow started falling up north where most of my wife's relatives live. The more they dig out of the snow the more the snow falls. Even Niagara Falls is frozen. They have not had this much snow in a long time.

Now the controversy, oops, I mean, the conversation, was focused on the weather. I was trying to explain to her what this global warming was all about. I was doing a good job until the snow started falling and refused to quit falling.

"The earth is getting warmer," I said with an air of authority. I do not know where the air of authority comes from but it is not native to my family.

"After all," I said as I pushed my argument forward, "it's been discussed on television and everybody knows if it's on television it has to be true. There are laws."

As I said, I was making some progress in my argument back in the summer when things were quite warm. Then when the snow started coming I lost ground in this argument.

"If," my wife said quite sarcastically, "the world is getting warmer, where is all of this snow coming from?"

Well, I must say, she had me there. Where IS all this snow coming from?

All of her relatives and mine who live up north have been snowbound for the past week. It has been rather difficult for some of them, especially those who work for a living when they cannot get to work. It is difficult to keep the roads plowed open so the traffic can come and go.

If the world is getting warmer, how come the snow is getting deeper?

There was one very positive aspect of all this snow. It was snowing so much in Washington, DC that the government was shut down for two days. The politicians could not get to work. I know it is only two days, but as citizens we have to take what we can get. A politician not in his office means that money stays in our pocket. So, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow."

Then, rather unexpectedly, I saw on television one of the proponents of global warming, climate change now, was explaining all of this. According to him, all this snow is a result of global warming.

I know you have to have a PhD in stupidity to understand that. I have often wondered how many years somebody has to go in order to get a PhD in stupidity. It seems that the more they go to college these days, the more stupidity rules the day.

I must confess that my wife got me to thinking, which is a rarity with me. My father told me that the more you think the more trouble you get into. I am not sure if he was right or wrong, but I am not taking the chance. Thinking is off limits with me.

However, she did get me to thinking. I began thinking this way; most of the people who believe in

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global warming also believe in evolution. Now, if evolution is true and these people believe in it, what is their objection? Evolution is simply evolution, according to them, that is. The world is just evolving from one point to another and there is nothing we can really do about it.

I must confess, I do not understand evolution. I do not understand global warming. A lot of that stuff is just way beyond my pay grade, as they say. Furthermore, I am not going to spend too much of my time thinking about things that really have no answer to them. One time it's global warming, the next time, it's global freezing.

Here is my take on it; in the summer time, it is global warming and in the wintertime, it is global freezing. You do not have to have a PhD in anything to get this picture.

I am not sure who won this conversation, but it did get me to thinking about certain things. The major thing is that God is really the one that is in control.

I find it interesting that those who complain the most about global warming are the ones who are contributing the most to global warming, i.e. jet airplanes, mansions, computers and the list goes on. If they were really concerned about global warming, they would adopt an Amish lifestyle.

I think David hit the nail right on the head when he wrote, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods" (Psalm 24: 1-2).

Most of the people who believe in global warming do not believe in God. Those of us who do believe in God, however, rest in the truth that this world belongs to Him and He is going to take right good care of it.

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## **2015 Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Screening**

March 2 – March 6

Parents of children ages 3-6 not yet attending school are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time.

Kindergarten Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Gymnasium. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.



## Today in Weather History

February 22, 1914: Heavy snow fell across parts of central and north central South Dakota with 6 to 12 inch accumulations. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Timber Lake and Onida, 7 inches at Kennebec, and 12 inches at Murdo.

February 22, 2000: High temperatures across central and northeast South Dakota were in the 50s and 60s. Record highs occurred at Watertown, Pierre, and Kennebec. Watertown rose to 65 degrees, Pierre rose to 69 degrees, and Kennebec warmed to 71 degrees by late in the afternoon. Other high temperatures include; 55 degrees at Sisseton, 59 degrees at Aberdeen, and 64 degrees at Timber Lake.

1773 - The memorable "Cold Sabbath" in New England history. Many persons froze extremities while going to church. (David Ludlum)

1936 - Although heat and dust prevailed in the spring and summer, early 1936 brought record cold to parts of the U.S. Sioux Center IA reported 42 inches of snow on the ground, a state record. (20th-22nd) (The Weather Channel)

1971 - A 2-day blizzard dumped 36 inches of snow at Buffalo, and 25 inches at Gage, Oklahoma. Follett, Texas picked up 26 inches while Amarillo recorded 14 inches.

1986 - A twelve day siege of heavy rain and snow, which produced widespread flooding and mudslides across northern and central California, finally came to an end. The storm caused more than 400 million dollars property damage. Bucks Lake, located in the Sierra Nevada Range, received 49.6 inches of rain during the twelve day period. (Storm Data)

1987 - A storm moving northeastward out of the Gulf of Mexico began to spread heavy snow across the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. Thunderstorms in northern Florida produced wind gusts to 65 mph in Alachua County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Dry weather prevailed across the nation, with windy conditions from the Central Rockies to northern New England. Winds gusted to 58 mph at Cleveland OH, and reached 63 mph at Erie PA. Winds in the Central Rockies gusted to 120 mph at Mines Peak CO and Rendezvous Peak WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong northwesterly winds ushering cold arctic air into the north central U.S. produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region, with heavy snow near Lake Michigan. Totals in northwest Indiana ranged up to 24 inches at Gary, and up to 16 inches buried northeastern Illinois. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

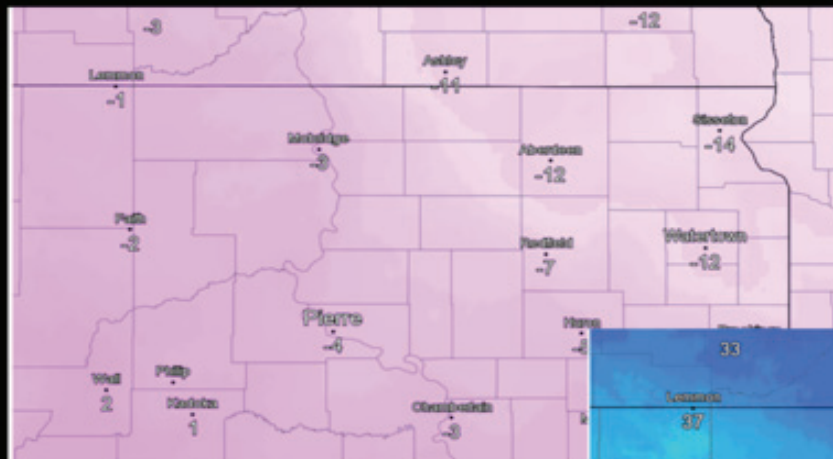
1990 - Thunderstorms developing along and ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from southern Mississippi to North Carolina. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado just prior to dawn which touched down near Opp AL injuring ten persons and causing half a million dollars damage. Thunderstorm winds injured four persons south of Troy AL, and five people at Columbus GA. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 76 mph at Dothan AL. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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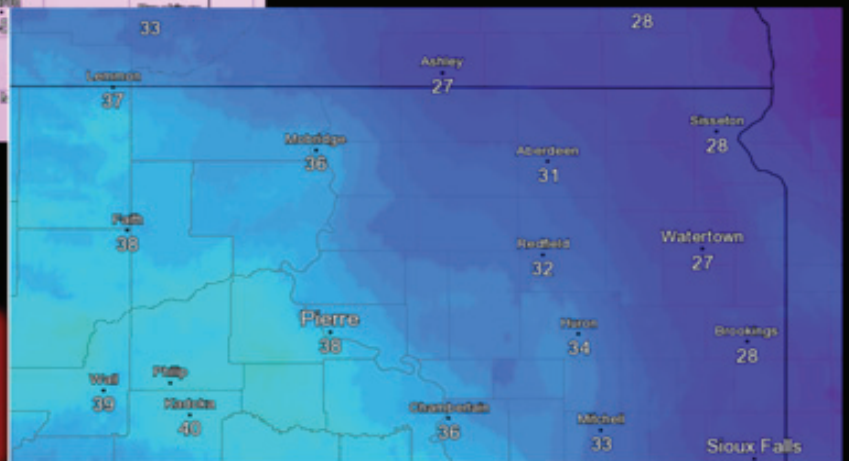
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THIS AFTERNOON	TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY
						
Cold	Mostly Clear	Breezy	Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Slight Chc Snow 20%	Cold
High: 1 °F	Low: -11 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 33 °F	Low: 3 °F	High: 10 °F

## Cold This Evening – Much Warmer Tomorrow



**Overnight Low:  
Coldest Temps This Evening  
Readings Warming Overnight**



**Highs Monday:  
A 35 - 45 degree Temperature  
Swing in 24 hours!!!**

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 2/22/2015 3:36 PM Central

Published on: 02/22/2015 at 3:40PM

Temperatures will drop several degrees this evening before warmer air begins to move into the region. Through the morning and afternoon hours, temperatures will jump some 40 degrees across the forecast area.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 18.8 at 1:18 AM

**Low:** -3.0 at 10:56 PM

Wind Chill:

**High Gust:** 25 at 12:51 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 60° in 1905

**Record Low:** -24° in 1918

**Average High:** 30°F

**Average Low:** 10°F

**Average Precip in Feb.:** 0.37

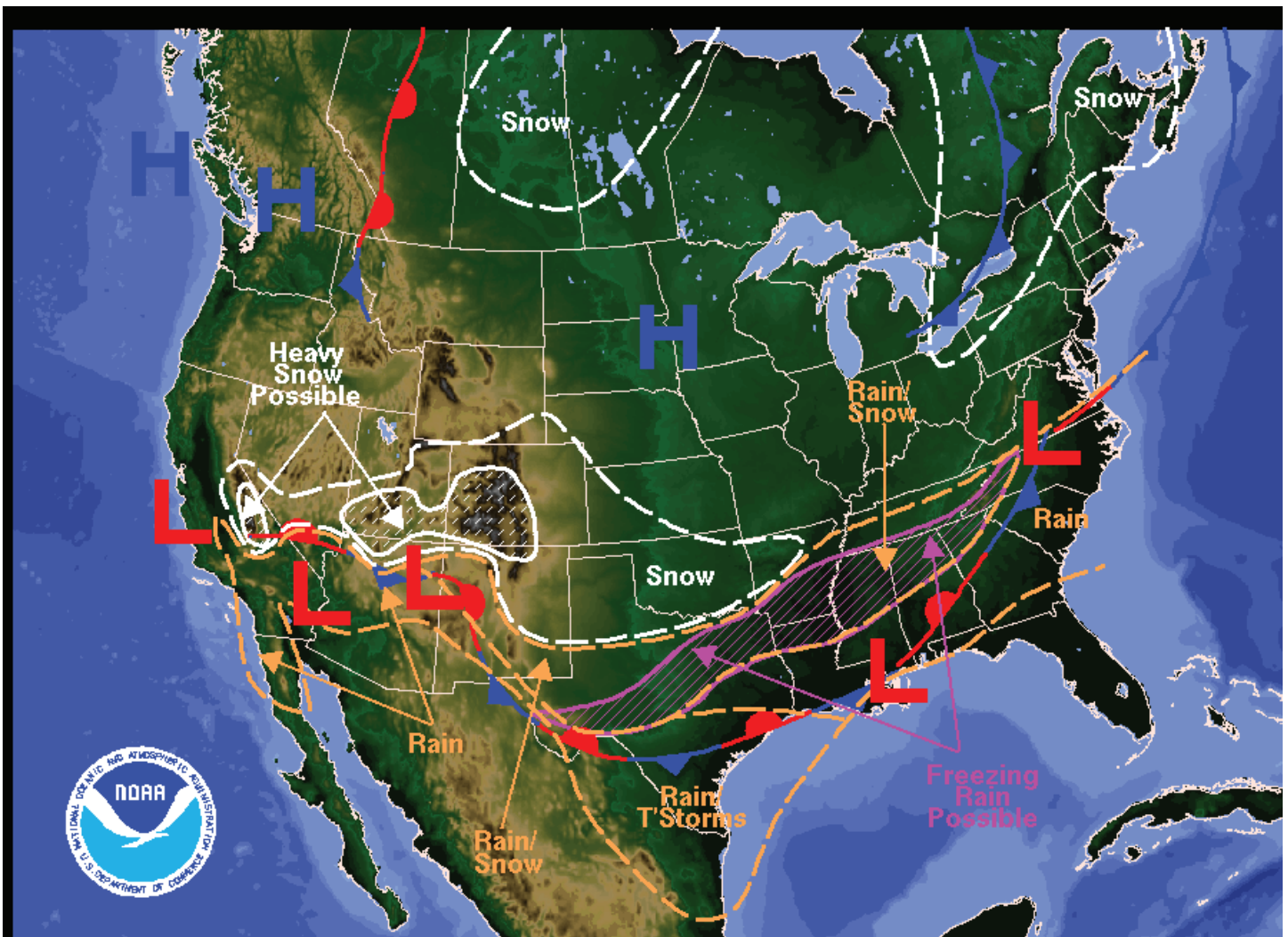
**Precip to date in Feb.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 0.84

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 6:11 p.m.

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



Weather Forecast for Sun, Feb 22, 2015, issued 2:55 PM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## STRENGTH AND SAFETY

For several years Mary and I lived near the top of King Mountain. It was a majestic setting. There was a breathtaking view from every window in every room. We had views that changed daily with the rising and setting of the sun, the moon and stars and colorful seasons. The storms were severe and sudden with strong winds, rain and snow. There were days when we could not leave our home because we were "snowed in" and ice covered the road to the highway. Even though there were times when the winds were over 70 miles an hour, we felt secure. The structure was sound and stable and the siding was thick and tight. It was built to withstand the fiercest storms.

In Proverbs 18:10 we find a phrase that occurs only once in Proverbs. But it is a most important phrase: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." This phrase, "The Name of the Lord" stands for the Lord Himself! It is the revelation of who He is and how He wants us to see and understand Him. In this verse He is making Himself known to us. It does not talk about Him or something He might do; it tells us Who He is! This self-revelation of God clearly and specifically states that He is a "strong tower."

Furthermore, when we trust in "the Name of the Lord" we are trusting in Him to be our all sufficient refuge and when we do so we enter into a place where no one can harm us or has access to us!

Here, in this "strong tower" those who are righteous will find safety and security because they are wrapped in His strength. The "strong tower," however, is for His own.

**Prayer:** We thank You, Lord, for being our strong tower, where we can abide in peace, safety, comfort and hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.



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## News from the Associated Press

Legislators to mull transportation, tech schools and weapons  
JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers are expected to debate raising revenue to fund roads and bridges, allowing people to carry concealed weapons without a permit and expanding the kinds of games Deadwood can offer this week in Pierre.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up:

### TRANSPORTATION

The House State Affairs Committee will vote on a proposal Tuesday to raise roughly \$50 million for road and bridge funding in South Dakota. A separate House committee has also reviewed the proposal. The Senate has already approved its version of the plan, and the House's passage will set up negotiations for what is likely the most hotly debated issue lawmakers consider this session.

During a committee hearing last week, members of the oil and gas industry said the annual fuel tax increases in the House proposal that stretch until 2030 would make South Dakota less competitive with surrounding states. House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said the opponents made some compelling points about the size of the potential tax increases.

The fuel tax increases proposed by the Senate would expire in 2023.

### GUNS

A proposal to make it legal to carry a concealed pistol without a permit in South Dakota is set to be considered in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. The plan removes the requirement for a concealed pistol permit from state law and eliminates penalties for carrying without a permit.

Openly carrying a firearm, such as in a holster on the hip, is currently legal in South Dakota. But carrying a pistol when it's covered by something like a jacket or sport coat requires a permit under state law. The measure was narrowly approved in committee and passed by the full House.

A measure to allow sergeants-at-arms to carry concealed weapons in the state Capitol could be heard on the Senate floor on Tuesday.

### DEADWOOD GAMBLING

A proposal to authorize three new voter-approved games — keno, craps and roulette — in Deadwood is expected to be taken up by the House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Boosters of the historic mining town have pushed the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots, and 57 percent of voters supported the proposal on Nov. 4 as part of Amendment Q.

Opponents argue gambling expansions provoke addictions and cause social and financial problems for families in the state. The proposal has breezed through votes in the Senate.

### TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

A measure that would put a constitutional amendment before voters in 2016 to make it clear that the technical schools are independent from the state Board of Regents is expected to be considered in the Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday.

Rep. Mark Mickelson, a Republican from Sioux Falls, said his plan would end uncertainty and turf wars surrounding the schools. He said the Board of Regents supports the plan.

"It's potentially a big step in the area, and it has a fair amount of support," Mickelson said.

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## More South Dakota cattle in feedlots than year ago

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Large South Dakota feedlots have more cattle than a year ago.

The U.S. Agriculture Department's National Agricultural Statistics Service says lots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 230,000 cattle on feed on Feb. 1. That's up 5 percent from last year.

Placements for cattle headed to slaughter during January totaled 30,000 head, down 23 percent from 2014.

The ag service says it revised monthly cattle on feed estimates back to February 2013 to better align with the definition that cattle should grade select or better to be counted in the cattle on feed program. That means cows and bulls have been removed from these previous estimates and future cattle on feed estimates.

## SD Corn Growers Association board re-elects its 3 officers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Board members of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association have re-elected all three officers to serve for another year.

Keith Alverson, of Chester, will continue as president; Troy Knecht, of Houghton, will stay on as vice president; and Doug Noem, of Bryant, will again be secretary/treasurer.

The association is one of the largest commodity groups in the state. It promotes corn, represents corn producers on public policy issues and serves as a legislative voice.

## Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Bison 59, Tiospaye Topa 45  
Canton 64, Flandreau Indian 58  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 99, Pine Ridge 70  
DeSmet 72, Flandreau 69, 20T  
Deubrook 58, Chester 53  
Faith 83, Philip 68  
Gregory 73, Jones County 51  
Huron 59, Brookings 51  
Kimball/White Lake 71, Highmore-Harrold 58  
Linton-HMB, N.D. 59, Herreid/Selby Area 58  
McLaughlin 68, Stanley County 55  
Newell 63, Wall 61  
Pierre 61, Yankton 59  
Scottsbluff, Neb. 63, Rapid City Central 44  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 74, Brandon Valley 38  
Sturgis 66, Harrisburg 52  
Tea Area 65, Elk Point-Jefferson 56  
Watertown 63, Aberdeen Central 56  
White River 60, Todd County 47  
NDSCS Bonanza  
Rosholt 65, Milnor, N.D. 62

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## **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Bison 57, Tiospaye Topa 43  
Brookings 59, Huron 37  
Elk Point-Jefferson 77, Tea Area 30  
Harrisburg 51, Sturgis 14  
McLaughlin 60, Stanley County 40  
Pierre 65, Yankton 62  
Rapid City Central 55, Scottsbluff, Neb. 27  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 82, Sioux Falls Lincoln 56

## **Larson leads South Dakota over IUPUI 77-62**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Tyler Larson scored 21 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead South Dakota to a 77-62 win over IUPUI on Saturday.

Tre Burnette added 12 points and six steals and Brandon Bos and Trey Norris 11 points each for the Coyotes (15-14, 8-6 Summit), who extended their winning streak to four. Larson's double-double was his 10th this season.

Norris scored seven points on one possession to give the Coyotes a 63-53 lead with 10 minutes to go. He scored on a fast break, was intentionally fouled and made both free throws, then hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession.

Marcellus Barksdale scored 21 points to lead the Jaguars (9-19, 5-9). Mason Archie II added 18. IUPUI shot 53.3 percent but had 17 turnovers to the Coyotes' seven.

The Coyotes shot 42.4 percent, but made 10 3-pointers and had a 33-27 rebounding edge, including a 17-4 on the offensive boards.

## **Tim Tebow coming to Rapid City for Christian athlete event**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former NFL quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow is coming to South Dakota to attend award ceremonies for Christian athletes.

The 27-year-old Tebow is scheduled to attend the "Night of Champions" ceremonies hosted by the South Dakota Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Rapid City and Sioux Falls in April.

Tebow was selected in the first round of the NFL draft by the Denver Broncos. He played three seasons with the Broncos and the New York Jets. He is currently a college football analyst.

Tickets are \$30 for the events and go on sale March 9.

## **AP News in Brief**

### **Turkish military launches overnight operation into Syria to evacuate troops, Ottoman tomb**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish soldiers launched an overnight raid into neighboring Syria, evacuating dozens of besieged troops guarding an Ottoman tomb and moving the crypt Sunday back to Turkey after ceremonially planting the country's crescent-and-star flag.

The mission, saving Turkish soldiers reportedly stuck for months at the tomb of the grandfather of the founder of the Ottoman Empire, saw troops cross the border near the border town of Kobani once besieged by the Islamic State group.

Turkey was widely criticized for not intervening for months in the Kobani battle, which finally saw Kurdish fighters backed by U.S.-led airstrikes push out the extremists.

"We had given the Turkish armed forces a directive to protect our spiritual values and the safety of our armed forces personnel," Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said in televised remarks.

Nearly 600 Turkish soldiers on some 100 tanks and armored personnel carriers crossed into Syria on Saturday night, as drones and airplanes flew reconnaissance missions overhead, Davutoglu said Sunday.

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## **Ukraine claims rebels violate cease-fire 12 times during night**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian officials say Russia-backed separatists violated a troubled cease-fire a dozen times during the night with artillery and rocket attacks and an attempt to storm a Ukrainian encampment.

Explosions were heard in the main rebel-held city Donetsk around dawn on Sunday and a rebel website says several buildings in the city were damaged by artillery.

Despite the reported violations, the level of firing appeared to be far lower than a week ago when a cease-fire was called.

Among the attacks reported by the Ukrainian military was an attempt to storm positions in the village of Shyrokyne near the port city of Mariupol. That city remains of strategic concern to Ukraine because rebel seizure of it could help establish a land corridor between mainland Russia and the Russia-annexed Crimean peninsula.

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Pentagon chief Ash Carter: Training Afghan security forces is key part of US military mission

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Sunday that training and advising Afghan security forces is "becoming the heart" of a U.S. military mission that is winding down after 13 years of war.

Carter spoke to a gathering of about 100 soldiers, telling them that their work as advisers to the Afghan military is key to cementing security gains.

"We want it to be permanent and lasting," he said.

Kandahar is a regional hub for the U.S. training and advising mission.

Carter told the soldiers that they deserve credit for improving the competence and professionalism of the Afghan army and police.

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## **Above-freezing temperatures 'warm' Northeast region amid relentless snowstorms, bitter cold**

Amid relentless snowstorms and brutal wind chills, the above-freezing temperatures in Sunday's forecast for the Northeastern U.S. never looked so good.

Snow continued to fall in the region into the morning or turn to icy rain but temperatures were expected to warm to highs near the mid-30s in Boston and Portland, Maine, and near 42 in Philadelphia. Even with the wind chill, it could seem a "balmy" 30 to 35 degrees in New York City on Sunday.

"We have a little teaser with this warmup," said Kim Buttrick of the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts. "But temperatures are going to go back to being below normal on Monday and Tuesday."



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The snow began falling over the East Coast on Saturday, dropping a wintry mix as far south as northern Georgia. The National Weather Service said the storm could bring 6 inches or more of snow to some areas in the Northeast by Sunday morning.

By Saturday night, about 8 inches had fallen in Baltimore, while Washington had 5 inches and New York City had 2. Into Sunday, as much as 8 inches of snow was possible in some inland areas of the Northeast, while areas farther south and closer to the coast were expecting a wintry mix of snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain.

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## **In Bolivia, cost-free organ transplant program hamstrung by culture and 'curanderos'**

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — For seven years, Maria Ramos battled bouts of depression as she underwent thrice-weekly dialysis treatments to keep her alive, her ambition of becoming a schoolteacher a seemingly unattainable dream.

Now, she has hope. In December, the 27-year-old Ramos finally got the kidney she needed thanks to an ambitious new Bolivian government program that makes organ transplants available at no charge to the poor.

The program has boosted transplants threefold from 2009 to a record 182 in 2104, and access to dialysis machines in public hospitals has quintupled since President Evo Morales took office a decade ago. Before its launch, most poor Bolivians with failing vital organs typically faced death.

Yet the program must overcome multiple hurdles, beginning with deep-rooted cultural resistance in this largely indigenous nation.

"There is no custom of donating organs, not in life nor when someone dies," said Silvia Paz, director of the Renal Health program that was launched last year.

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## **An Indian river sanctuary, protected by a curse, is threatened by the modern world**

BHAREH, India (AP) — For many centuries, it was a curse that saved the river.

It was a series of curses, actually — a centuries-long string of unrelenting bad news in this rugged, hidden corner of northern India's industrial belt. There was an actual curse at first, a longheld belief that the Chambal River was unholy. There was the land itself, and the more earthly curse of its poor-quality soil. And above all there were the bandits, hiding in the badlands and causing countless eruptions of violence and fear.

But instead of destroying the river, these things protected it by keeping the outside world away. The isolation created a sanctuary.

It is a place of crocodiles and jackals, of river dolphins and the occasional wolf. Hundreds of species of birds — storks, geese, babblers, larks, falcons and so many more — nest along the river. Endangered birds lay small speckled eggs in tiny pits they dig in the sandbars. Gharials, rare crocodile-like creatures that look like they swaggered out of the Mesozoic Era, are commonplace here and nowhere else.

Today, tucked in a hidden corner of what is now a deeply polluted region, where the stench of industrial fumes fills the air in dozens of towns and tons of raw sewage is dumped every day into many rivers, the Chambal has remained essentially wild.

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## **Group blocks Washington state bridge during protest against fatal police shooting**

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — Protesters demonstrating against a police shooting that left a man dead rallied in a Washington city, staging a march that shut down traffic on a bridge over the Columbia River.

The Tri-City Herald reports (<http://bit.ly/1MJQxFr>) that more than 50 people were in the group of protesters Saturday evening.

Demonstrators blocked traffic along the cable bridge as they slowly marched from Pasco toward Kennewick. Many motorists yelled and honked in support.

The protesters then turned and marched back toward Pasco, blocking traffic heading north as the sun set on the Columbia River. The marchers shouted "We will not be silenced" and "We are all Antonio," referring to Antonio Zambrano-Montes, who was killed by police.

"This is about the right not to be shot by police because you have a rock in your hand," said Alfredo Lamedo, 53, of Spokane, as he marched. "How many bullets were in that rock?"

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## **States seek alternatives for highway, bridge funding as federal money stagnates or declines**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Touted as one of the first interstate highways, a 200-mile span of Interstate 70 between suburban St. Louis and Kansas City stands as a prime example of the challenges facing the nation's roads.

Built in the 1950s and '60s with a 20-year-life expectancy, the four-lane highway is crumbling beneath its surface and clogged with traffic as it carries more than 30,000 vehicles a day on many of its rural stretches, requiring more frequent repaving. The cost to rebuild and widen it is estimated at \$2 billion to \$4 billion — as much as five times the projected yearly construction and maintenance budget of Missouri's transportation department.

And there is no easy way to pay for it. The state fuel tax hasn't risen in about 20 years, and voters defeated a three-quarters of a cent sales tax for transportation. Gov. Jay Nixon has since floated the idea of hiking the gasoline tax and reviving a previously failed plan to turn I-70's reconstruction over to a private entity that could charge tolls estimated at up to \$30 per car.

As legislatures convene across the country, lawmakers and governors are confronting similar realities in their own states: how to address an aging network of roads, highways and bridges during an era in which federal money for such projects has remained stagnant or declined.

Figures compiled by The Associated Press show the total amount of money available to states from the Federal Highway Trust Fund has declined 3.5 percent during the five-year period ending in 2013, the latest year for which numbers were available. During that span, the amount of inflation-adjusted federal highway money dropped in all states but Alaska and New York.

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## **Nicole Kidman, Eddie Murphy, Oprah: A-listers take a casual day at starry Oscar rehearsals**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than 24 hours before the super-fancy Oscar ceremony, it was jeans-and-sneakers day at the Dolby Theatre.

Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Aniston, Liam Neeson, Benedict Cumberbatch, Naomi Watts, Kevin Hart, Channing Tatum and Zoe Saldana were among the casually-clad stars rehearsing for the Academy Awards

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Saturday, while Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Marion Cotillard, Jared Leto, Dwayne Johnson and Oprah Winfrey dressed things up.

A day before the Hollywood celebration seen around the world, stars paraded through the theater to test-drive their lines on the teleprompter, try out their show-day shoes and get comfortable with the winners' envelope.

"I'm so glad we're doing this!" said Terrence Howard, who wore an ascot beneath his cardigan sweater, as he fumbled over his lines. He ran through them again and again, explaining, "I've been on vacation for a while."

Hart, wearing a letterman's jacket and ripped jeans, showed a hint of nerves.

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## **AP PHOTOS: Running police keep the peace at Tokyo Marathon amid tightened security**

TOKYO (AP) — The running police made sure the Tokyo Marathon went off without a hitch.

Over 60 of the officers were deployed in Sunday's race in response to concerns over threats of terrorism.

They wore white vests bearing the word "POLICE." Each member ran about 10 kilometers while carrying anti-terrorism gear in small backpacks.

Tokyo has been on edge following the slaying of two Japanese hostages by the Islamic State group last month. Islamist militants threatened Japanese people everywhere after the slayings.

Over 36,000 runners took part in the race as organizers were eager to show that Tokyo remains a safe place to hold major sporting events.

## **Today in History**

**The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2015. There are 312 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 22, 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

### **On this date:**

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in Nov. 1861.

In 1865, Tennessee amended its constitution to abolish slavery.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, was enthroned at age four in Lhasa, Tibet.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1965, a new, color videotape version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein TV musical "Cinderella,"

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starring Lesley Ann Warren in the title role and Stuart Damon as the Prince, first aired on CBS. Former Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, 82, died in Washington D.C.

In 1974, Pakistan officially recognized Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan).

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1995, actor Ed Flanders, 60, died at his own hand in Denny, California.

**Ten years ago:** A powerful earthquake struck central Iran, killing more than 600 people. A Virginia man was charged with plotting with al-Qaida to kill President George W. Bush. (Ahmed Omar Abu Ali was convicted on all counts in November 2005; he was sentenced to life in prison after a 30-year sentence was overturned.) Buckingham Palace said Queen Elizabeth II would not attend the civil marriage ceremony of her son Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles - but that her absence should not be interpreted as a snub.

**Five years ago:** Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-BOO'-lah ZAH'-zee), accused of buying beauty supplies to make bombs for an attack on New York City subways, pleaded guilty to conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction, conspiring to commit murder in a foreign country and providing material support for a terrorist organization. New York City police officer Richard Kern, accused of sodomizing a drug suspect in a subway station, was acquitted at trial; two colleagues were acquitted of a cover-up.

**One year ago:** Retired Pope Benedict XVI joined Pope Francis in a ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica creating the cardinals who will elect their successor in an unprecedented blending of papacies past, present and future. Ukraine's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko (YOOL'-yah tee-moh-SHEN'-koh) left prison as her arch foe, President Viktor Yanukovich, decamped to the country's east, vowing to remain in power. At the Sochi Olympics, Marit Bjoergen became the most decorated female Winter Olympian in history, winning her sixth career gold medal by leading a Norwegian sweep in the women's 30-kilometer cross-country race. Mario Matt of Austria won the men's slalom to become at age 34 the oldest Alpine champion in Olympic history.

**Today's Birthdays:** TV producer Bud Yorkin is 89. Actor Paul Dooley is 87. Actor James Hong is 86. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 85. Movie director Jonathan Demme (DEH'-mee) is 71. Actor John Ashton is 67. Actress Miou-Miou is 65. Actress Julie Walters is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 65. Actress Ellen Greene is 64. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 63. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 60. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 56. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 52. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 49. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 48. Actress Jeri Ryan is 47. Actor Thomas Jane is 46. TV host Clinton Kelly is 46. Actress Tamara Mello is 45. Actress-singer Lea Salonga (LAY'-uh suh-LONG'-guh) is 44. Actor Jose Solano is 44. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Michael Chang is 43. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 42. Actress Drew Barrymore is 40. Actress Liza Huber is 40. Singer James Blunt is 38. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 36. Actor Zach Roerig is 30. Actor Daniel E. Smith is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Authority without wisdom is like a heavy ax without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish." - Anne Bradstreet, American poet (1612-1672).