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Death Notice: John Blair

John Blair, 87, of Aberdeen and formerly of Andover died February 5, 2016 at his home in Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Silver Skates is Sunday

After skating on the ice, although the surface looks good, we found that it is not frozen solid. We want to keep the skaters safe, so we are moving to our established contingency plan of holding the carnival next Sunday, February 7th. We will hold one performance at 1:00. With cooler temps next week, we will be able to significantly improve the skating rink for the safety of the skaters. If you are unable to attend next week due to prior plans, please contact your instructor.

Saturday, February 6

MathCounts at SDSU

Birthdays: Jacob Tewksbury, Jake Unzen, Shawna Tunby

9:00am: Robotics at Mitchell High School

10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Stanley County

12:00pm: Brown County Historical Society Annual Meeting (Lunch DPM program at 12:45, Meeting at 1:15)

2:00pm: Basketball Double Header at Warner (JV Girls at 2, JV boy/JV Boys at 3, Varsity girls at 4:30, Varsity Boys at 6:00)

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

Sunday, February 7

Birthdays: Bailey Ronning, Cassie Ackman, Gary Voss

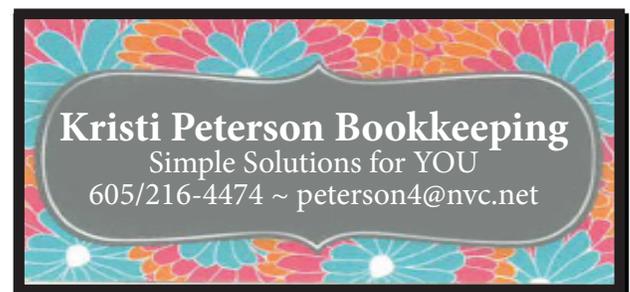
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship with communion

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church



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Follow The Groton
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Coming up this week at gdilive.com

**Saturday, Feb. 6: Boys (3:00 JV & 6:00 V) and
Girls Basketball (4:30 V) at Warner**

Sunday, Feb. 7th: 1 p.m. Performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates

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Herman puts up game winning rebound shot

Groton's basketball teams struggled against Hamlin as both junior varsity teams and the girls varsity team all lost to the Chargers. But in the evening finale at the Groton Area Arena, the boys varsity team, which had trailed for most of the game, rallied in the fourth quarter to put out a 54-52 win. Bennett Shabazz was fouled with 5.5 seconds left. He made the first free throw to tie the game at 52. He missed the second free throw, but Adam Herman jumped from his second spot position, grabbed the rebound and put the ball up and in with two seconds left. The Chargers called time out and they had the ball under Groton's basket. The inbound pass was thrown right in the hands of Adam Herman and the game ended with the cliffhanger Tiger win.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Sean Schuring with 14, Adam Herman and Aaron Severson each had eight, Hunter Lerew had four, Brandon Keith three and Bennett Shabazz added two points. The Chargers were led by Ryder Grantham with 17 points, but was held to just six points in the second half. Cody Swenson had 15, Drake Rush 11, John Roe six, Devan Weelborg two and Bryce Williams added a free throw.

Groton made 47 percent of its field goals, including shooting 75 percent in the fourth quarter, while the Chargers made 43 percent. Groton Area was seven of 15 from the line for 47 percent off of Hamlin's 17 team fouls. Hamlin made 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent off of Groton's 16 team fouls. Hamlin had 14 offensive rebounds while Groton had six offensive rebounds with Schuring and Lerew each having two. Groton had 17 defensive rebounds with Schuring having six and Hamlin had 21 defensive rebounds with Danny Strands having six. Hamlin had three assists while Groton had 11 with Bennett Shabazz having seven. Lerew had two blocks. The Tigers had 15 turnovers with 12 being steals while Hamlin had 20

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turnovers with 10 being steals (five by Bennett Shabazz).

The junior varsity boys lost a close game, 43-41. Scoring for Groton: Brandon Keith 17, Marshall Lane 12, Anthony Sippel 4, Austin Jones 4, Johnny Doeden 2, Tylan Glover 2.

The Lady Tigers could not get any traction against the Chargers and ended up losing, 54-28. Only three players scored for the Tigers with Carly Wheeting having 13, Audrey Wanner 10 and Harleigh Stange five. The Chargers were led by Grace West with 17 while Brooke Opdahl had 12, Lexi Wadsworth eight, Molly Koisti seven, Stacia West five and Chloe Grantham two.

Groton made 26 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 54 percent. The Tigers did not attempt any free throws and Hamlin was one of four. Groton had five offensive rebounds with Emily Locke having two, and 16 defensive rebounds with Miranda Hanson having four. Groton had two assists, 11 steals with Jessica Bjerke having three, Wheeting had one block, the Tigers had 20 turnovers and nine team fouls. Hamlin had 13 turnovers.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 29-25.

Both varsity teams are now 10-5 on the season.

NO HAMLIN	TOT-FG							3-PT			REBOUNDS							MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
2 Koisti, Sam	*	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0:00	
20 Grantham, Ryder	*	7	13	1	2	2	3	3	2	5	3	17	0	4	0	3	32:00	
24 Strande, Danny	*	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	6	8	2	0	2	5	0	2	32:00	
40 Swenson, Cody	*	4	10	0	2	7	8	3	1	4	3	15	1	3	0	1	32:00	
50 Rust, Drake	*	5	9	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	11	0	3	0	2	16:00	
12 Weelborg, Dyllan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
30 Williams, Bryce		0	2	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	16:00	
32 Weelborg, Devan		1	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	0	2	0	1	16:00	
34 Noem, Mitchell		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
44 Roe, John		3	5	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	2	6	0	0	0	1	16:00	
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	4	4				0				
Team Totals		20	47	1	10	11	16	14	21	35	17	52	3	20	0	12	160	
Total FG% - 1st: 13/27		0.481		2nd: 7/20		0.350		Game: 0.426									Deadball	
3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/4		0.000		2nd: 1/6		0.167		Game: 0.100									Rebounds	
Total FT% - 1st: 6/7		0.857		2nd: 5/9		0.556		Game: 0.688									(1,0)	

NO GROTON	TOT-FG							3-PT			REBOUNDS							MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
12 Schuring, Sean	F	5	11	3	7	1	2	2	6	8	3	14	2	0	0	3	32:00	
40 Lerew, Hunter	C	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	3	4	1	2	2	0	16:00	
4 Shabazz, Bennett	G	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	5	5	4	2	7	4	0	5	32:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric	G	5	9	1	4	4	5	1	0	1	2	15	0	4	0	1	32:00	
11 Herman, Adam	G	3	6	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	8	1	3	0	0	8:00	
20 Keith, Brandon		1	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	24:00	
50 Severson, Aaron		4	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	1	16:00	
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3				0				
Team Totals		20	42	7	18	7	15	6	17	23	16	54	11	15	2	10	160	
Total FG% - 1st: 9/19		0.474		2nd: 11/23		0.478		Game: 0.476									Deadball	
3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/5		0.400		2nd: 5/13		0.385		Game: 0.389									Rebounds	
Total FT% - 1st: 3/7		0.429		2nd: 4/8		0.500		Game: 0.467									(3,0)	

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Hamlin	16	16	9	11	52
Groton	10	13	14	17	54

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Carly Wheeting



Bennett Shabazz



Adam Herman



Audrey Wanner

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Today in Weather History

1807 - It was the famous "Cold Friday" in the Midwest and South. The temperature did not rise above zero in Ohio and Kentucky. (David Ludlum)

1978 - A massive nor'easter buried the cities of the northeastern U.S. Storm totals included 18 inches at New York City, 16 inches at Philadelphia, and 14 inches at Baltimore. The Boston MA area received 25 to 30 inches in "The Great New England Blizzard" and the mayor outlawed travel in the city for an entire week. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Brownsville, TX, was deluged with seven inches of rain in just two hours, and flooding in some parts of the city was worse than that caused by Hurricane Beulah in 1967. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Arctic cold invaded the south central and eastern U.S. Sixteen cities reported new record low temperatures for the date. Squalls in the Great Lakes Region produced a foot of snow at Arcade NY in three hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Forty-one cities in the western U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date. Lows of -30 degrees at Ely NV and -33 degrees at Richfield UT were all-time records. Morning lows of 31 degrees at San Francisco CA and -15 degrees at Reno NV were records for February. Logan Canyon UT was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 54 degrees below zero, and Craig CO hit 51 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - A second cold front brought more heavy snow to the high elevations of Oregon, with 12 inches reported at Sunset Summit. Ten inches of snow blanketed Crater Lake and Mount Bachelor. Heavy snow also blanketed northeastern Nevada and parts of Washington State. In Nevada, up to a foot of snow was reported between Spring Creek and Lamoille. Stevens Pass WA received 14 inches of snow in 24 hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy and Breezy	Chance Snow and Areas Blowing Snow	Chance Snow and Areas Blowing Snow	Partly Sunny and Blustery	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 28 °F	Low: 14 °F	High: 26 °F



Very Mild Today, Windy+Potential Blizzard Sunday

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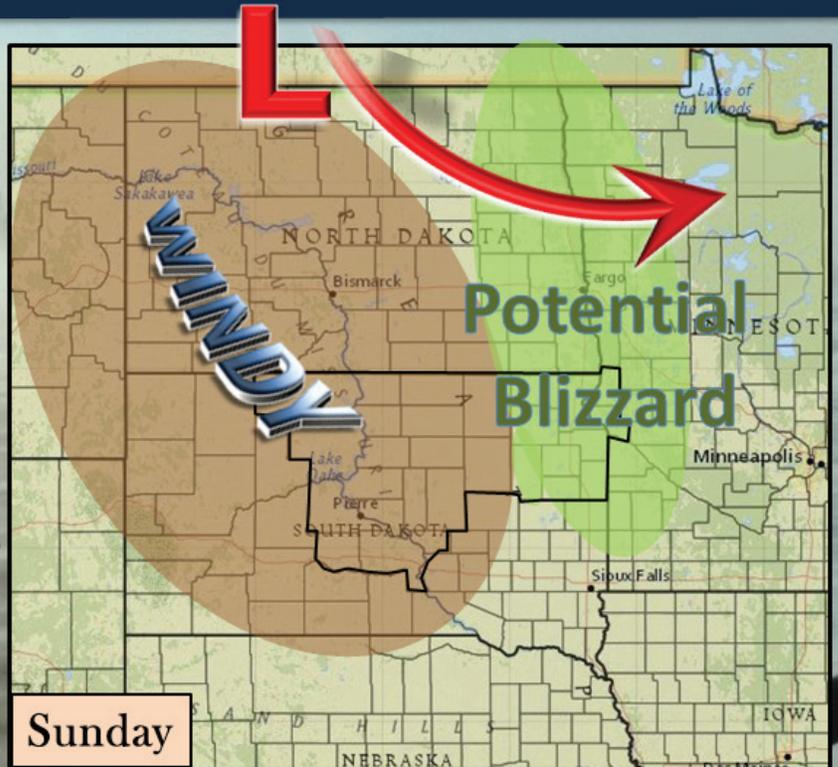
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HEADLINES

- Dry with highs in the **mid 40's to lower 50's Today**
- Clipper low moves through the area **Sunday**
 - Wind gusts 50 mph east, ~65 mph central SD
 - Snow up to 1-2" across **northeast SD** as well. This could lead to Blizzard conditions.
 - Avoid travel if possible!



Published on: 02/06/2016 at 5:26AM

Very mild air will surge eastward over the area today, out ahead of an approaching storm system. Highs will be well above normal, with temperatures ranging from the mid 40s east, to the low 50s west. Strong winds will begin to move into the region tonight and especially on Sunday. Wind gusts are forecast to peak around 65 mph across central South Dakota with slightly lesser speeds over northeast South Dakota. Although, blizzard conditions are possible over northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota on Sunday as snowfall combines with the strong winds. Only 1 to 2 inches are expected, but low visibility could create hazardous travel conditions during the day Sunday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 38.0 at 3:41 PM

Low: 19.1 at 12:19 AM

High Gust: 19 at 5:42 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1987

Record Low: -33° in 1907

Average High: 25°F

Average Low: 4°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.09

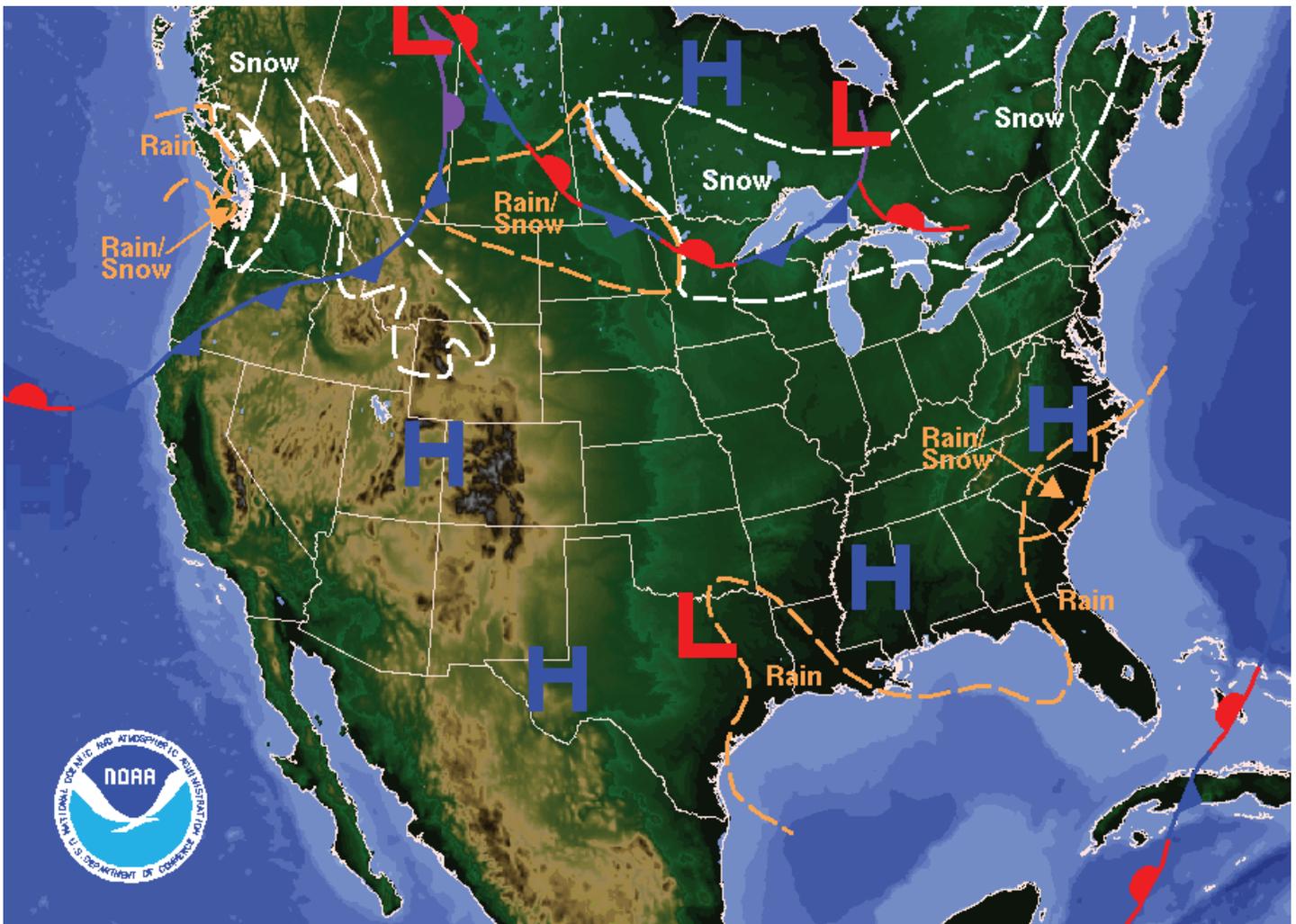
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.56

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:47 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Feb 06, 2016, issued 3:17 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



DO YOU HEAR THAT?

Two men were walking in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Suddenly one said, "Listen! I hear the sound of a cricket. Do you hear that?"

"No," came the reply, "I didn't. If you heard it, I wonder why I didn't."

Taking a coin from his pocket, the one who heard the cricket dropped it on the sidewalk. Suddenly people stopped in their paths and immediately began to look for the coin.

Watching the people look for the coin, the first gentleman said to his friend, "We hear what we listen for."

Occasionally the shepherds' flocks of sheep would get mixed together while they were grazing or drinking water from a quiet stream. When it was time for the shepherds to go their separate ways, one of them would raise his voice and make a specific sound that was familiar to his sheep. Suddenly, his sheep would start to run and gather around him as though drawn by a magnet. They knew his voice and when he called they responded.

Jesus once said, "My sheep recognize My voice; I know them and they follow Me." Oftentimes, Jesus, our Shepherd, calls us to follow Him. But too often we are too busy listening to the "calls" of this world.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to have ears that are listening, minds that are open and hearts that are willing to hear Your voice and follow You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

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News from the Associated Press

Man arrested in lot of store he's suspected of robbing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police arrested a man on suspicion of armed robbery of a convenience store after discovering him in another person's car in the store's parking lot.

Police say the man walked into the Get-n-Go on Minnesota Avenue about 9:20 p.m. Friday, displayed a small-caliber air gun and threatened the two clerks. After one of the clerks wrestled away the gun, the man left the store and told a woman sitting in her parked car to get out.

She took her keys as she got out, and responding officers found the man sitting in the car.

The man was booked in the Minnehaha County jail on a count of armed robbery, two counts of aggravated assault and one count of tampering with a vehicle. Formal charges are pending.

House committee set to take up retirement system changes

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative committee is set to take up a measure to create a new retirement plan for future public employees that includes a two-year increase in the normal retirement age to 67 for many new workers.

The state House Retirement Laws committee is scheduled to consider the bill on Monday.

Advocates say the measure is intended to maintain the sustainability of the retirement system.

The changes would remove subsidies for early retirement to pay for an increase in base benefits for public employees such as teachers and city and county workers.

The normal retirement age for new public safety officials would jump two years to 57.

The changes would apply to people hired after June 30, 2017.

Agreement reached with HSBC to address mortgage abuses

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says South Dakota borrowers will receive money as part of a \$470 million joint state-federal settlement with mortgage lender and servicer HSBC to address mortgage origination, servicing and foreclosure abuses.

Jackley says the settlement provides direct payments to South Dakota borrowers for past abuses and compels HSBC through tough servicing standards to treat its borrowers much more fairly in the future.

The settlement includes 49 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The agreement largely mirrors the 2012 National Mortgage Settlement reached in February of 2012 with the five largest national mortgage servicers.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 63, Great Plains Lutheran 45

Aberdeen Roncalli 77, Webster 54

Belle Fourche 62, Douglas 54

Beresford 49, Alcester-Hudson 43

Bon Homme 63, Avon 42

Bridgewater-Emery 70, Gayville-Volin 44

Britton-Hecla 50, Deuel 42

Crazy Horse 81, Wakpala 29

Custer 48, Hot Springs 44

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Dell Rapids 71, Tri-Valley 60
Ethan 67, Kimball/White Lake 43
Faulkton 64, Edmunds Central 30
Florence/Henry 55, Rosholt 54
Freeman 67, Howard 49
Garretson 64, McCook Central/Montrose 59
Groton Area 54, Hamlin 52
Huron 64, Spearfish 59
Irene-Wakonda 79, Baltic 46
Lennox 68, Pipestone, Minn. 62
Little Wound 70, McLaughlin 40
Mobridge-Pollock 72, Ipswich 31
Parkston 56, Gregory 54, OT
Pierre 64, Mitchell 51
Pine Ridge 75, St. Francis Indian 69
Potter County 58, Sunshine Bible Academy 15
Rapid City Central 59, Rapid City Stevens 54
Rapid City Christian 63, Hill City 56
Sioux Falls Christian 77, Canton 40
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 60, St. Thomas More 41
Sisseton 45, Milbank Area 38
St. Thomas More 57, Chadron, Neb. 40
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 59, Marty Indian 15
Viborg-Hurley 57, Freeman Academy 51
Wall 67, Kadoka Area 49
Waverly-South Shore 53, Waubay/Summit 22
White River 88, Bennett County 42
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Dupree 56, Tiospaye Topa 53
Lemmon 80, McIntosh 53
Semifinal
Faith 61, Bison 22
Harding County 63, Timber Lake 50
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Arlington 48, Colman-Egan 33
Belle Fourche 58, Douglas 56
Beresford 39, Alcester-Hudson 19
Brandon Valley 47, Watertown 38
Britton-Hecla 52, Deuel 42
Custer 48, Hot Springs 33
Dell Rapids 49, Tri-Valley 39
DeSmet 53, Deubrook 45
Elkton-Lake Benton 52, Dell Rapids St. Mary 37
Ethan 58, Kimball/White Lake 17
Great Plains Lutheran 50, Aberdeen Christian 10
Groton Area 54, Hamlin 52
Hill City 50, Rapid City Christian 34
Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 55, Garretson 38
Ipswich 47, Mobridge-Pollock 36

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Little Wound 76, McLaughlin 60
Parker 69, Centerville 61
Parkston 54, Gregory 37
Pierre 50, Mitchell 43
Pine Ridge 83, St. Francis Indian 53
Potter County 46, Sunshine Bible Academy 26
Redfield/Doland 46, Clark/Willow Lake 37
Sioux Falls Christian 50, Canton 32
Sioux Falls Lincoln 66, Brookings 56
Sioux Falls Washington 50, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 41
Sioux Valley 68, Flandreau 51
Sisseton 44, Milbank Area 37
Spearfish 51, Huron 48
St. Thomas More 61, Chadron, Neb. 36
Viborg-Hurley 60, Freeman Academy 48
Wakpala 74, Crazy Horse 28
Wall 71, Kadoka Area 31
West Central 53, Madison 42

Jury convicts Herreid woman of setting fire to own bar

HERREID, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman accused of setting fire to her own bar to get insurance money has been convicted of arson.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says a jury found Road House Bar and Grill owner Lori Brandner guilty Friday of aiding and abetting arson, conspiracy to commit arson and submitting a fraudulent insurance claim.

Authorities alleged Brandner and three others set fire to her bar in the northern South Dakota town of Herreid on Jan. 21, 2015.

The fire significantly damaged the bar, which Brandner co-owned with her husband. After the fire, Brandner submitted a \$310,000 insurance claim.

Her three co-defendants each previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit arson in exchange for testifying at Brandner's trial.

A sentencing date has not been set.

Six Pine Ridge men indicted in death of 30-year-old man

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Six Pine Ridge men have been indicted on second-degree murder charges for the death of a 30-year-old man.

The office of U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says a federal grand jury has indicted the six men for the death of Ferris Brings Plenty.

Authorities allege the men killed Brings Plenty with a machete, a stick, a bat and a cinder block on July 12, 2015.

The men indicted are: Steven Steele; Terry Goings; Jerome Warrior; Calmer Cottier; Albert Cottier; and William Bluebird.

All six were all indicted on Jan. 26 and have all pleaded not guilty.

Each man faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Authorities say 27-year-old Josann Winters has also been indicted on one count of false statement or representation in the case.

Daugaard proposes oversight overhaul after GEAR UP scandal

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is proposing an overhaul of oversight for state government entities and outside organizations that receive grants through the state after a murder-suicide last year involving two employees of a Platte-based educational cooperative.

South Dakota needs to have a better internal control system that “reaches” into third-party organizations such as Mid-Central Educational Cooperative, he said Friday. His legislation would establish a state board that would be tasked with creating guidelines for an internal control system for many areas of government and require organizations that receive grants through the state to attest that they enforce conflict-of-interest policies, among other guarantees.

Mid-Central had handled administration of the federal GEAR UP college-readiness grant for the state until the agreement was canceled last year. Hours after the state Department of Education informed Mid-Central that it was losing its contract, the cooperative’s business manager Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and four children and then set the family home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself. His wife, Nicole Westerhuis, was assistant business manager.

Attorney General Marty Jackley has said there’s an ongoing state-federal financial investigation surrounding GEAR UP.

Daugaard said in his State of the State address that he had asked Lt. Gov. Matt Michels to review oversight of outside entities that manage grants for the state. The bill introduced this week is the result of that work, Daugaard said.

The seven-member State Board of Internal Control would draft a code of conduct and conflict of interest policy for state agencies, which include the Legislature, constitutional officers and other government entities under the proposal.

State employees who suspect a conflict of interest, fraud or theft are required to report it to a supervisor, the attorney general’s office or the Department of Legislative Audit under the measure.

Democrats have called for ethics legislation after the GEAR UP and EB-5 visa program scandals. But Democratic Rep. Peggy Gibson said the governor’s program won’t work, saying it amounts to “the machine checking the machine.”

A measure that Democratic lawmakers introduced this year would create a government accountability committee to hear complaints against lawmakers, agency employees and state board members. It also would also be able to propose legislation, conduct hearings and subpoena witnesses.

“These are big scandals. EB-5 is a big scandal. GEAR UP is a huge scandal,” Gibson said. “Seven people have lost their lives, and they should not have had to lose their lives over unaccountability and irresponsibility, no internal controls, in state government.”

Police: Stranger raped Sioux Falls woman at her apartment

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman says an unknown man forced his way into her apartment and raped her.

The 22-year-old victim told police Thursday afternoon that the stranger followed her into her apartment complex Wednesday night. She said he followed her to her apartment and forced his way inside when she opened her door.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the woman described the suspect as a 5-foot-8-inch white man with short brown hair and some facial hair.

The woman told police the incident happened between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Bill to allow guns in Capitol, courthouses moves forward

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state House committee has approved a bill that would allow people to carry concealed weapons in the South Dakota Capitol or county courthouses if they have an enhanced permit.

The House State Affairs committee voted 7-6 to approve the bill. It now goes to the full chamber for

consideration.

The recently created enhanced permit to carry requires background checks and firearms training.

Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer says the current restrictions deny citizens the right to defend themselves.

Gov. Dennis Dugaard policy adviser Matt Konenkamp says lawmakers should be allowed to protect spaces such as courthouses.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday voted down a separate plan that would have removed from state law a prohibition from carrying a concealed weapon in the state Capitol.

Over 100 missing, 14 dead as strong quake rattles Taiwan

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TAINAN, Taiwan (AP) — Rescuers were searching late Saturday for more than 100 people still missing after a powerful, shallow earthquake struck southern Taiwan before dawn, causing a high-rise residential building to collapse and killing at least 14 people.

Nearly 340 people were rescued from the rubble in Tainan, the city hit worst by the quake. About 2,000 firefighters and soldiers scrambled with ladders, cranes and other equipment to the ruins of the 17-floor residential building, which folded like an accordion onto its side after the quake struck.

Local authorities said Saturday night that more than 100 people remained missing and that rescuers were racing to find them. Taiwan's official Central News Agency reported that 172 people were missing.

Rescuer Jian Zhengshun said the rescue work was difficult because part of the building was believed to be buried underground, with the quake loosening the earth. He said rescuers had to clear rubble for passages to reach people who were trapped.

Hundreds of people were injured in the quake, but most of them had been released from hospitals by Saturday night.

The quake came two days before the start of Lunar New Year celebrations that mark the most important family holiday in the Chinese calendar. The building had 256 registered residents, but far more people could have been inside when it fell because the population might have swelled ahead of the holiday, when families typically host guests.

Local media said the building included a care center for newborns and mothers, and a newborn was among those killed in the disaster.

Most people were asleep when the magnitude-6.4 earthquake hit at about 4 a.m., 22 miles (35 kilometers) southeast of Yujing. It struck only 6 miles (10 kilometers) underground, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Tainan resident Lin Bao-gui, a secondhand car salesman whose cars were smashed when the building collapsed across the street from him, said his house first started "shaking horizontally, then up and down, then a big shake right to left."

"I stayed in my bed but jumped up when I heard a big bang, which was the sound of the building falling," he said.

Authorities in Tainan said that of the 14 people killed in the quake, 11 were found at the ruins of the fallen building.

Rescuers found the bodies of a 10-day-old infant, three other children and six adults at the collapsed building, Taiwan's emergency management information center said. One other death was reported at the site, but details were not immediately available.

Authorities said two people were killed by falling objects elsewhere in Tainan. No details were available on the 14th death, reported Saturday night.

Rescuers pulled out at least 247 survivors from the collapsed building, the emergency management information center said. Throughout Tainan, 334 people were rescued, the city government said.

The information center said 477 people were injured, with 380 of them discharged from hospitals by Saturday evening.

The Taiwanese news website ET Today reported that a mother and daughter were among the survivors from the building, and that the girl drank her urine while waiting to be rescued, which happened sooner

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than expected.

Rescuers went apartment to apartment, drawing red circles near windows of apartments they already had searched.

"I went to the top floors of the middle part of the building, where we found five people, one of whom was in bed and already dead," said Liu Wen-bin, a rescuer from Taichung. "Some people were found in the shower, some in the bedroom."

Elsewhere in Tainan, dozens of other people were rescued or safely evacuated from damaged structures or buildings declared unsafe following the quake, including a market and a seven-floor building, authorities said. A bank building also careened, but no one was injured or trapped.

All told, nine buildings collapsed and five careened in Tainan, the emergency management information center said.

As dawn broke, Taiwanese TV showed survivors being brought gingerly from the high-rise, including an elderly woman in a neck brace and others wrapped in blankets. The trappings of daily life — a partially crushed air conditioner, pieces of a metal balcony, windows — lay twisted in rubble.

People with their arms around firefighters were being helped from the building, and cranes were being used to search darkened parts of the structure for survivors.

Men in camouflage, apparently military personnel, marched into one area of collapse carrying large shovels.

The emergency management information center said 1,236 rescuers from outside Tainan were deployed, including 840 from the army, along with six helicopters and 23 rescue dogs.

Tainan's municipal government said it mobilized nearly 600 professional and volunteer firefighters.

The quake was felt as a lengthy, rolling shake in the capital, Taipei, on the other side of the island. But Taipei was quiet, with no sense of emergency or obvious damage just before dawn.

Residents in mainland China also reported that the tremor was felt there. The Beijing government offered to help as needed.

Because of the spectacular fall of the residential high-rise, questions surfaced about whether the 1989 structure had shoddy construction. Tainan's government said the Wei Guan building was not listed as a dangerous structure before the quake, and Taiwan's interior minister, Chen Wei-zen, said an investigation would examine whether the developer had cut corners during construction.

Earthquakes frequently rattle Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage. However, a magnitude-7.6 quake in central Taiwan in 1999 killed more than 2,300 people.

After Iowa, Trump showing off effort to win in New Hampshire

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LONDONDERRY, N.H. (AP) — With wet snow already ankle deep and falling fast, Dave Chiokadze and James Radcliffe trekked down one long driveway after another in search of potential votes for Donald Trump.

"It's like the Revolutionary War," joked Chiokadze as they made their way house to house along a Londonderry street, knocking on doors that were flagged by a smart-phone app and leaving long lines of footsteps in their wake.

The 22 year olds, out-of-state volunteers involved in politics for the first time, are on the front lines of Trump's effort in New Hampshire, where the Republican presidential candidate is hoping for his first victory of the 2016 campaign in the state's primary on Tuesday.

Trump had a disappointing runner-up finish last Monday in leadoff Iowa, which has a byzantine caucus process that puts a premium on organizing supporters to make sure they turn out. Now, he and his team are intent on making a greater push to get out the vote in the opening primary state

"Look, I've never done this before. I've been a politician for seven months. I'm against governors and senators. They've done it their whole lives," Trump said in an interview with The Associated Press on

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Friday. "It would seem to me that people would just go out and vote."

Trump said he "never realized" the need to encourage supporters to actually take part in the caucuses. "Now, I think we're going to have an OK ground game."

Or at the very least, one that Trump is willing to show off.

His campaign shrouded its Iowa operations in secrecy. In New Hampshire, it has opened the door to what appears to be more robust effort to ensure his legion of supporters becomes an army of voters.

At his state headquarters in Manchester, volunteers were hard at work on two recent weekdays. They made calls using an automated phone dial system in a room decorated with black-and-white photographs of the man they're working to elect.

Malcolm McGough, 58, a volunteer from West Hartford, Connecticut, said he had been working 13-hour days making calls.

"It's really about asking them whether they're going to get out and vote on Tuesday and whether they support Mr. Trump," McGough said. He said he had made 1,150 calls for Trump on Wednesday alone.

Kevin Bray, 51, another volunteer, said he had driven more than 20 hours in the rain from Nixa, Missouri, after seeing the results in Iowa.

"Iowa happened and I woke up really irritated," he said. "I said, you know, I want to make a difference." He said he arrived on Wednesday morning and told Trump's team to put him to work.

In a back room of the office, a white board displays ambitious goals for each day.

On Thursday, the team aimed to make 30,000 calls and knock on 2,500 doors. By early afternoon, campaign officials said they were partway to their goals. Their seven teams of volunteers sent to neighborhoods across the state had reported knocking on 823 doors so far.

On Friday, campaign staff hoped to boost the number to 5,000, as more than 100 new volunteers arrived from states such as New York and Pennsylvania to help. The team has run out of the 20,000 cards it printed to hand out during visits and was printing 25,000 more.

"I think look, we'll take nothing for granted," said Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, a New Hampshire resident overseeing the effort.

"We're going to do everything we can to try and talk to every voter possible. So we've made a lot of phone calls and knocked on a lot of doors and we're going to do a lot of stops.

"And obviously," Lewandowski said, "Mr. Trump gets the biggest crowds, so he gets to see the most people."

He said the outreach was aimed specifically at voters identified as having a high likelihood of being open to supporting Trump. Volunteers said they included many independent voters and those without a history of voting in the primary.

Steve Duprey, a political professional in New Hampshire who helped shepherd GOP Sen. John McCain's winning 2008 campaign in the state, described the Trump ground game as "aggressive and sophisticated."

"I think they have a first-rate operation in New Hampshire and I think they were under the radar for a couple of months," Duprey said.

To be sure, Trump hasn't completely changed his approach in the wake of his Iowa defeat.

He skipped town for a rally in South Carolina on Friday and has largely forgone the small-scale town halls and meet-and-greets that are the usual fare for potential presidents in Iowa and New Hampshire. That's something some of his supporters in Iowa said was a hurdle to success there.

"It was challenging," said Iowa state Sen. Brad Zaun, a prominent Trump supporter. "Everybody talks about the 99 county tour. I think if we could have gotten him there more often, it would have increased his numbers. ... I wanted him to do smaller events. We could not get that done."

The winner in Iowa, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, did visit all those counties. Cruz also developed and relied on a sophisticated, data-driven approach that targeted specific, individual voters.

In New Hampshire this past week, many voters interviewed said they had yet to receive mail or phone calls from Trump's campaign.

Even as Trump acknowledged that investing additional time and money in Iowa may have helped win

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the caucuses, he continued to boast about spending less than the other candidates. Trump spent just \$1.2 million on consultants in areas such as field operations in the final four months of the year, along with \$235,000 to the data firm L2.

Cruz spent more than \$3 million on data provider Cambridge Analytica alone in the quarter, and \$900,000 on political strategy consulting.

Trump also continues to be badly outspent on television by candidates of significantly lesser means, advertising tracker Kantar Media's CMAG shows.

The \$3 million he's spent so far on TV and radio ads in New Hampshire is eclipsed by groups backing Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

In South Carolina, the next state to vote after New Hampshire, he's getting outspent 9 to 1 by Rubio and groups supporting him.

Still, Duprey cautioned against betting against Trump and his unorthodox approach.

"Just because it hasn't been done this way before, doesn't mean it don't happen this time," Duprey said.

Seoul: N. Korea moves up rocket launch window to Feb. 7-14

KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has moved up the window of its planned long-range rocket launch to Feb. 7-14, South Korea's Defense Ministry said Saturday. The launch, which the North says is an effort to send a satellite into orbit, would be in defiance of repeated warnings by outside governments that suspect it is a banned test of ballistic missile technology.

North Korea did not inform international organizations of any other changes in its plan, and the rocket's expected flight path remains the same, said South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun, adding that the South believes the launch could come as soon as Sunday.

The North informed the International Maritime Organization and other related agencies on Tuesday that it would attempt a satellite launch between Feb. 8 and 25. No reason was given Saturday for the change of dates.

North Korea's launch declaration came just weeks after it conducted its fourth nuclear test. Outside experts and officials say that each nuclear test and long-range missile launch brings the North closer to creating a nuclear warhead small enough to fit on an intercontinental missile capable of reaching targets as far as the U.S. West Coast.

South Korea believes that the North has completed all launch preparations, including strapping the rocket onto a launch tower and injecting fuel, and that there is a high possibility the launch will take place on Sunday, Moon said.

He said that a possible explanation for the date change was that Sunday's weather conditions were forecast to be favorable for a launch.

Recent commercial satellite imagery analyzed by U.S. researchers showed tanker trucks at the launch pad at North Korea's Sohae facility, which likely indicates the filling of fuel and oxidizer tanks in preparation for the launch.

While the timing of the launch will be mainly determined by conditions such as weather, South Korean analysts had speculated that the North might attempt to pull off the launch ahead of Feb. 16, the birthday of late dictator Kim Jong Il, the father of current leader Kim Jong Un.

An official from the Korea Meteorological Administration, South Korea's weather agency, said that rain or snow was expected in the North Korean region where the launch pad is located on Monday, Thursday and next Saturday. He spoke on condition of anonymity, citing office rules.

North Korea previously tested nuclear explosive devices in 2006, 2009 and 2013, and claimed it successfully delivered a satellite into orbit in December 2012, the last time it launched a long-range rocket.

Following the announcement that the window had been moved up to begin on Sunday, Japan's Foreign Ministry immediately set up an emergency response desk to monitor and prepare for the launch. Japan has already deployed Patriot missile batteries in Tokyo and on the southern island of Okinawa to shoot down any debris from the rocket that might threaten to fall on Japanese territory.

The launch will surely amplify calls by the U.S. and South Korea for more stringent trade and financial sanctions against North Korea. However, skeptics question whether sanctions will ever meaningfully influence one of the least trade-dependent economies on the planet.

Most importantly, China, North Korea's only major ally, is unlikely to support stronger punishment against Pyongyang over fears of provoking a regime collapse, and potentially a stream of refugees across the border, analysts say. China is also responsible for about 70 percent of the North's trade volume, according to South Korean estimates.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said that South Korea and the U.S., which stations more than 28,000 troops in the South as a buttress against any North Korean aggression, are deploying key military assets, including the South's Aegis-equipped destroyers and radar spy planes, to track the North Korean rocket after its launch.

The South is also prepared to shoot down any rocket or debris that infringes on its territory, the defense ministry said, although security experts believe the country's Patriot missiles, with an interception range of about 15 kilometers (9 miles), would be ill-equipped for the job.

Afghanistan meeting ends with call for talks with Taliban

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ISLAMABAD (AP) — Four-nation talks aimed at ending Afghanistan's 15-year war concluded with a call for direct talks between the government and the Taliban by the end of February.

A statement released at the end of the meeting in Islamabad on Saturday, which was attended by representatives of Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and the United States, said a roadmap for peace had been agreed upon but provided no further details.

The statement urged the Taliban, who were not present at the meeting, to join the peace process. All four countries agreed to hold a fourth meeting in Kabul on Feb. 23.

The last direct talks between Kabul and the Taliban broke down after just one round last year following the announcement of the death of longtime Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar.

Q&A on state laws meant to keep guns from domestic abusers

The Associated Press

During the last two years, 13 states have passed laws meant to help keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers.

Federal law strips gun rights from felons, anyone convicted of domestic violence-related misdemeanors and those who are subject to permanent domestic violence protective orders. Many states are passing their own laws that often go further.

Some questions and answers about the legislative push in states:

WHY ISN'T THE FEDERAL LAW ENOUGH?

For starters, barriers to enforcement. Local police and prosecutors do not bring cases under federal law and want their own charging authority under state law. The federal law also does not strip firearms rights from those who abuse their dating partners, those convicted of misdemeanor stalking or those who are subject to temporary protective orders and have not yet had a hearing. In addition, the federal law fails to spell out procedures for ensuring that existing guns are seized or surrendered.

WHO IS PUSHING FOR CHANGES TO STATE LAW?

Groups representing domestic violence victims, gun safety advocates and law enforcement officials often join together to push for these measures. They say the laws save lives and protect vulnerable women and children. Politicians from both political parties have supported them.

ARE THEY GETTING ANY PUSHBACK?

Supporters of gun rights, including the National Rifle Association, object to some of the details. In particular, they argue that people who are subject to temporary protective orders without a hearing to challenge the allegations should not have to give up their guns. They say vindictive ex-spouses could use

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the process to unfairly take away their ex-spouses' guns. In addition, some critics say the measures go too far in taking away gun rights from people who commit a crime but are not particularly dangerous.

HOW CAN THE BAN ON GUN SALES BE ENFORCED?

States enter data into the national background check system about people who are convicted of crimes that disqualify them from buying guns. That information turns up when licensed dealers conduct background checks and has resulted in more than 120,000 applicants being denied since 1998 for having misdemeanor domestic violence convictions.

Some ineligible domestic abusers have turned to private sellers at gun shows or online who do not conduct background checks to illegally purchase guns. That's one reason why gun safety advocates want to require background checks on all gun sales.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEIR EXISTING GUNS?

In some states, the individual is required to turn them over to law enforcement when subject to a ban. In others, they are allowed to transfer them to licensed dealers or give them to third parties for safekeeping. Other laws are silent on this issue, which makes the gun ban hard to enforce.

THE NRA HAS NEGOTIATED COMPROMISES ON SOME OF THESE BILLS. WHAT DOES IT SEEK IN RETURN?

In some cases, the NRA has pushed for provisions in the law spelling out procedures for individuals to petition to get their guns back once protective orders are lifted. Some of these measures have been passed alongside larger laws expanding gun rights.

Body of Italian student found in Cairo flown back to Italy

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CAIRO (AP) — The body of the Italian student who was found this week in a Cairo suburb was flown back to Italy Saturday morning, Egyptian airport officials and Italy's foreign minister said.

Paolo Gentiloni told reporters in Amsterdam that the body of 28-year-old Giulio Regeni was being transported to Rome and eventually to the Italian city of Trieste.

Italy's ANSA news agency reported that Italian prosecutors have ordered an autopsy as part of the investigation into Regeni's death.

Egyptian authorities have already conducted an autopsy and prosecutors investigating the case said they are waiting for a full report.

The circumstances surrounding Regeni's death remain murky. He disappeared on Jan. 25, the anniversary of Egypt's 2011 uprising, a day when security forces were on high alert and out on the streets in force to prevent any demonstrations or protests.

He was found Wednesday with multiple stab wounds, cigarette burns and other signs of torture on a roadside on the outskirts of Cairo, Egyptian officials said.

Gentiloni said he was told that Italian investigators "are beginning to work with the Egyptian authorities," but there were signs of confusion as to the status of the investigation.

Gentiloni said that preliminary arrests have been made, without elaborating, but the deputy head of criminal investigations in Cairo's twin province of Giza, Alaa Azmi, denied Saturday that anyone had been arrested in connection with the case.

An Egyptian Interior Ministry official also maintained on Saturday that no arrests had been made. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Angelina Jolie's film 'Unbroken' finally opens in Japan

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TOKYO (AP) — Angelina Jolie's "Unbroken" opened Saturday more than a year after the rest of the world in Japan, where the main character endures as a prisoner of war and where some have called for a boycott of the movie.

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There were concerns that right-wing extremists may try to disrupt the opening. But the crowd at Theatre Image Forum in Tokyo, a small theater that specializes in independent films and documentaries, was peaceful, appearing engrossed in the film, flinching at the torture scenes and sympathizing with the hero, Louis Zamperini.

The distributor said in a statement that it decided to go ahead with the showing because various views on war should be expressed, and because it was unnatural for a movie about Japan not to be shown in the country.

A publicity official said the company had received some angry calls when it first announced the film's showing in October. Other than that, nothing unusual happened, and the film is scheduled to be shown in other theaters throughout Japan.

"Unbroken" is based on the true story of Zamperini, an Olympic athlete who gets shot down in a U.S. bomber and survives by floating in the ocean on an inflatable boat, but gets captured by the Japanese. He survives horrible torture in World War II camps until Japan's defeat in 1945.

Much of the negative chatter on social media in Japan about "Unbroken," which still continues to some extent, alleges that the movie is "anti-Japanese."

Many taking offense at the film are outraged that the book on which the movie is based mentions that Japanese soldiers engaged in cannibalism, although the film does not touch on the subject at all. Some historians say some Japanese soldiers did engage in cannibalism.

The anger over "Unbroken" has brewed despite Japan boasting a long list of directors who made distinguished anti-war movies, including Akira Kurosawa and Kihachi Okamoto. Nagisa Oshima's "Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence," starring David Bowie, has a plot similar to "Unbroken," taking place in a POW camp.

But some in Japan have also had a hard time coming to terms with the country's brutal past of colonizing Asian neighbors and the barbaric acts carried out by the Imperial Army, such as the Rape of Nanjing, which began in 1937 and left 300,000 Chinese dead.

Similarly, they reject historical studies that show women from several Asian countries, especially Korea, were forced into prostitution by the Japanese military. Some oppose the term "sex slave," which the U.N. uses, preferring the euphemistic "comfort women."

In "Unbroken," Japanese characters do little but grunt, scream, punch and kick.

Still, the film ends on a reconciliatory note, showing an elderly Zamperini proudly carrying the torch for the 1998 Nagano Olympics, and Japanese on the streets cheering.

As a young man, Zamperini had competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics as a runner, and had hopes to go to the next games, set to be held in Tokyo. But by then the war had started.

After seeing "Unbroken," Katsuyuki Miyata, a member of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, said that the closing scene was the best part of the film.

"I'd heard it was an anti-Japanese movie," Miyata said. "But it was a good movie."

Bhutan's queen gives birth to a baby boy

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GAUHATI, India (AP) — The tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan has a new crown prince.

The Royal Media Office in the capital, Thimphu, said the baby boy was born Friday to King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck and his wife, Queen Jetsun Pema.

The Oxford-educated Wangchuck, who is currently 35, married commoner Jetsun Pema, now 25, in an elaborate Buddhist ceremony in 2011.

The child, the royal couple's first, was delivered by a medical team at the Lingkana Palace in Thimphu.

"Her Majesty and His Royal Highness (the newborn) are both in perfect health," the Royal Media Office said in a statement Saturday, adding that Wangchuck was by the queen's side during the delivery.

"We welcome the news with great joy and happiness. The day calls for a great celebration throughout the country," Bhutan's Prime Minister Tsering Tobgay said in a statement.

But Tobgay said that the king had directed that any celebrations be modest. "Therefore, the government has decided to declare Monday a national holiday to celebrate the joyous occasion so that people may offer their prayers and good wishes."

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In November, Wangchuck had announced that the couple was expecting their first child, saying, "I consider my son extremely fortunate because he will be born in our blessed country."

The young couple made news in Bhutan while they were dating. Wangchuk had displayed open affection for his wife-to-be by publicly holding hands and even planting kisses on her cheek, something rare in conservative Bhutan, particularly among royalty.

Wangchuk ascended Bhutan's throne in November 2008, when his father, King Jigme Singhye Wangchuck, abdicated in his favor.

By that time, Jigme Singhye Wangchuck had also guided the remote Himalayan kingdom toward democracy. In March that same year, the kingdom held its first democratic election and voted in a new parliament that can constitutionally impeach the king. However, with the monarchy idolized by much of the population, the king's influence continues to be enormous.

Bhutan first began opening up to the world in the 1960s. Foreigners and the international media were first admitted in 1974, while the Internet and television finally arrived in 1999.

Rough seas, harsh winter, border limits add to migrant woes

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PRESEVO, Serbia (AP) — Rasul Orwani thought he had faced the worst after braving cold, rough seas in a rickety wooden boat to travel from Turkey to Greece, then came the Balkans.

After arriving in Macedonia with dozens of other migrants, the group crossed into Serbia on foot in the middle of the night, icy snow stinging their eyes and lacing the children's faces with tears.

Their heads bent low to protect from the cold, the migrants trudged slowly through the snow, carrying babies, small children and belongings along the 2-kilometer (1.2 mile) stretch of the road over the so-called green boundary between the two Balkan nations. A 10-year-old boy took a blanket from his shoulders to wrap it around his younger sister as they walked across the frozen landscape hand in hand.

Even as winter bears down on Europe and European Union countries set up new administrative hurdles for their entry, tens of thousands of migrants from the Middle East, Africa and Asia have been desperate enough to embark on the weeks-long journey across the Aegean Sea and along the so-called Balkan migrant corridor where frigid weather and stricter border controls have turned an already tough journey into an even more treacherous one.

Safe in the Serbian town of Presevo on the border with Macedonia, Orwani said there was no turning back.

"Our trip is very dangerous and risky," the 20-year-old Orwani said. "We crossed the sea, we were in a boat, and the waves in the sea could easily sink us in the water."

While Europe took in more than 1 million people in 2015, EU countries have been struggling to limit the biggest migration to the continent since World War II. Some countries along the migrant route have said they want to slow the influx or even completely block it. Some of the nations imposed new, stricter regulations for those transiting toward their ultimate goal, Germany or other rich west European countries.

As a result, dozens of refugees have been turned back from the borders amid freezing winter temperatures, while others have faced border closures and long hours in registration centers and refugee camps. Experts say the measures are unlikely to stop the flow, but could instead prompt the refugees to again start using illegal routes over razor-wire border fences and through forests, pushing them into the hands of ruthless smugglers.

Aid groups say migrants passing through the Balkans have faced difficulty traveling in the snow and ice, and there has been a surge in cold-related illnesses.

Women, children and babies, in particular, are in danger of hypothermia, according to the Save the Children aid group. It said migrants have been arriving in Serbia with blue lips, distressed and shaking from the cold. Exhausted mothers have told the group's aid workers they are unable to keep their babies warm and dry, and are stumbling while carrying them on the icy roads.

Saymira, from Afghanistan, crossed into Serbia with her husband and two young children just days

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before Orwani. Two months before her father and young sister died in the sea trying to reach a Greek Island from Turkey.

"Now I am very sad, I cannot tolerate this situation," she said while pushing a baby stroller through the snow on the border path between Macedonia and Serbia.

Saymira said she was on her way to Germany because she has relatives there.

Most refugees are not used to winter conditions, and many set off from home countries without warm clothing. Mirjana Milenkovski, the spokeswoman for the U.N. Refugee Agency in Serbia, said refugees are being provided heated shelter, bus transfers, warm drinks and clothes as they pass through Serbia and other countries.

From Serbia, migrants pack trains and buses to get to Serbia's border with Croatia. There, they again wait in refugee centers to head to another registration center in Croatia, where authorities go through the lists and check their refugee papers.

From Croatia, migrants go on to Slovenia and after more registration and checkups, they move on to Austria and then Germany. Dozens drop out along the way, with authorities in each of the countries conducting their own selection procedures.

The International Organization for Migration said 368 people died trying to cross the Mediterranean in January, nearly one in six of them children, as minors make up a growing percentage of those making the treacherous trip.

As Orwani made it to the Greek shores last month, dozens of others weren't so lucky. Two other unseaworthy boats carrying migrants sank, killing 46 people — many of them children — and highlighting the plight of people ready to risk their own lives and those of their children to start a new life somewhere free of war and poverty.

Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia first said they were letting in only people from war-ravaged Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. New restrictions were imposed in January with only those seeking asylum in Germany or Austria being let through. This means all others are sent back from the borders, where they often seek smugglers' help to continue through clandestine routes.

Macedonia has recently started periodically closing its border with Greece, leaving thousands of desperate migrants stranded for days in a makeshift camp without any official word when they could continue their journey.

In addition, anti-immigration sentiment has been on the rise throughout Europe since the terror attacks in Paris in November and the New Year's Eve assaults on women in Germany. Austria said it will take 37,500 refugees this year and a total of 127,500 through 2019. Countries like tiny Slovenia have urged immediate EU action to control the flow — or even stop it completely on the Greek-Macedonian border— before the expected spring surge of asylum seekers when the weather gets warmer.

In the Presevo refugee center, Orwani was waiting patiently for his turn to register. He said he wanted to go to Germany, which — since he's from Afghanistan — means he might be allowed through. After crossing the Aegean Sea, Orwani said nothing else can be nearly as hard.

Orwani said he had never seen the sea until he boarded a small wooden boat in Turkey last month and set off with dozens of other migrants determined to reach Europe. The sea was rough and cold and Orwani's boat had engine trouble, barely making it to a Greek island. But, he says it was worth the risk.

"It was very dangerous, and our engine had a problem. We were frightened and it was really risky," Orwani said. "But, because we had such a bad situation (at home), we accept the risk."

Monkey Year inspires kung fu, predictions of fire, disease

LOUISE WATT, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — The new Chinese year is the one to go bananas over. On Feb. 8, the zodiac calendar enters the Year of the Monkey — the ninth of 12 animal signs. Plastic monkeys are adorning shopping centers and office buildings, and government departments have been giving out toy monkeys.

Having a baby in the Year of the Monkey is generally thought to be more auspicious than in that of its predecessor, the sheep, and the cute creature is in any case largely beloved by the masses for its playful and human-like characteristics, despite a penchant for stealing food.

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The new lunar year is already boosting a fighting style that imitates the movements of a monkey. It also offers an excuse to cash in on China's most famous monkey — Sun Wukong, or the Monkey King — a fabled demon-slayer.

Less happily, feng shui predictions foresee fire, disease and volatile stocks.
A look at what mischief the Year of the Monkey may have in store.

MISCHIEF

Those born in the Year of the Monkey are held to be playful, mischievous and clever — much like a monkey.

"Many people say people born in the Year of the Monkey are smart and have a very good imagination, but it is thought that their chances of achieving success are not very good as they are less capable of executing things," said Beijing resident Wang Jinping, whose zodiac sign is the monkey.

As is customary when it is the year of one's zodiac, Wang, who turns 60 this year, will be wearing red to ward off bad spirits. Ahead of the new lunar year, the museum manager was already wearing a red silk jacket in the style of those worn by officials more than a century ago at formal occasions, bought for him by his daughter-in-law's mother.

"My son and daughter-in-law also bought me four pairs of long red underwear, four red underpants and four pairs of red socks," he said. "Actually I don't think these are something people must wear, but, in my year, the Year of the Monkey, I must do things very prudently and cautiously."

MORE BIRTHS EXPECTED

This year, not only has China's one-child policy been loosened to a two-child policy, but some superstitious Chinese will be raring to give birth. During the previous 12 months, the Year of the Sheep or Goat (it's the same character in Chinese), some people were reluctant to have children as they considered the year inauspicious and believed sheep babies would be more likely followers than leaders.

According to China's national statistics, there were 16.55 million births in 2015, compared with 16.87 million in 2014. Some state media reports have attributed the drop in births last year to the Year of the Sheep.

FIRES AND VIRUSES

Market ups and downs, fires and viruses, the Year of the Monkey is predicted to have them all.

Hong Kong feng shui master Louis Wong foresees "a lot of fires happening around the world, especially in the forests. So we need to watch out for fire hazards," he said. "Southeast Asia will see a lot of viruses or disease, so we need to be very careful about the Zika virus now."

To enhance a couple's relationship this year, Wong advises placing a pink crystal on the woman's side of the bedroom and a purple crystal on the man's side. He added: "And if we want them to have fewer quarrels and arguments, we can put a firecracker behind the door." While watching out for fire risks, of course.

Wong cautioned that bad luck is more likely to befall those who are monkeys — "they need to be careful about their career and wealth" — and tigers — "they need to be careful about accidents, especially car accidents."

Wong says the lucky signs in the coming year will be the dragon and rat. "For the people born in the Year of the Dragon it will be good for their career and wealth, while for the rat it is good for their relationships with people," he said.

A Hong Kong brokerage that publishes a tongue-in-cheek annual feng shui report said the Chinese territory's Hang Seng stock index would perform decently until a downward swing mid-year, followed by a recovery.

"Overall, it's a year for slow, considered expansion, not for raucous monkey antics," it advises.

The CLSA brokerage says U.S. presidential campaigner Donald Trump should watch his cash outflow and beware the "golden-tongued" Hilary Clinton, who was born in the Year of the Pig and is therefore a good pal of the monkey.

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JUNGLE OUT THERE

Also on the agenda: A revival in houquan, or monkey kung fu. Practitioners imitate monkey moves, in the same way as other strands of martial arts are based on animals such as tigers and white crane.

The monkey style dates back to China's Western Han Dynasty around 200 B.C., said Chen Qifang, the head of Lin'an City Martial Arts Council in Zhejiang province. "It's a kind of kung fu that attempts to imitate a monkey's lively, mischievous and cute features with some of its typical moves like leaping, somersaulting, scratching ears and looking around as if for peaches or to see if someone is attacking its territory."

Because of its somersaults and other challenging moves, it's not as popular as other styles, says Chen.

His organization has taught houquan in the past, but never seen as many primary school students sign up for it as in its latest class — almost 200.

"The coming Year of the Monkey may boost the resurgence of houquan, as it would be a lot of fun for the kids to show off some monkey moves at the family party during the Chinese New Year holiday," he added.

MONKEY BUSINESS

The Year of the Monkey gives a little-needed excuse to reference the much loved Monkey King character from the 16th century adventure novel "Journey to the West." The supernatural Monkey King, also known as Sun Wukong, accompanied a monk on a journey to retrieve sacred scriptures and the story has inspired countless TV shows and movies over the years.

Unashamedly trying to capitalize on the new zodiac year, yet another Monkey King adaptation will be released on the first day of the lunar new year — Feb. 8. The 450 million yuan (\$68 million) budget movie stars Aaron Kwok as Sun, Feng Shaofeng as the monk and Gong Li playing the skeleton demon.

3 people believed aboard 2 planes that collided off LA

GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One small plane with two men aboard and another plane with one woman aboard have collided over the ocean near the Port of Los Angeles, setting off a major search that has yet to turn up any survivors or dead, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The collision occurred about 3:30 p.m. Friday on a dazzlingly sunny day, with no immediate word on what might have caused it.

Men ages 61 and 81 were believed to be aboard one plane, a Beechcraft. Wreckage and a pilot's logbook have been found from that plane, Coast Guard Capt. Jennifer Williams said.

The other plane, a Super Decathlon flown by a 72-year-old woman, is missing, and air traffic controllers saw two aircraft apparently run into each other on radar, leading authorities to conclude they must have collided.

Both planes had taken off from the nearby Torrance Airport, and both pilots were experienced, Williams said. All three people live in the nearby South Bay area. No names have been released.

The search for wreckage and possible survivors over a 200-square-mile area is expected to continue through the night with helicopters and boats, with a more extensive search resuming Saturday.

"We don't want to give up until we really feel that there's no chance," Williams said, "that we haven't scanned the area, searched the whole area and looked for survivors."

The area of the collision is about two miles outside the entrance to the harbor, where water depths were 80 feet to 90 feet.

The nearest harbor entrance was closed to traffic while the search continued.

The crash site was near the Angels Gate light, a lighthouse at the San Pedro Breakwater that is on the National Register of Historic Places. The area is popular for flight students.

Richard Garnett, chief flight instructor with the Long Beach Flying Club, said the pilots practice in an area that is 10 to 20 square miles and at altitudes ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 feet. On a typical day, there will be three or four planes in the air at the same time.

"So with the amount of activity, actually, I think we've been fortunate," he said. "We are really diligent.

I don't know why, what happened in this situation."

Friday's midair collision was not the first in the area.

In 2001, four people died when two Cessna airplanes carrying instructors and students collided 1,000 feet above the harbor. In 1986, two small planes flown by students collided. But the aircraft managed to return to their airports, and the four people on board escaped injury.

That Iowa couple Christie talks about? They voted for Rubio.

HOLLY RAMER, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — An Iowa couple whose son is heading to Iraq made such an impression on GOP presidential hopeful Chris Christie that he's made them a staple of his New Hampshire stump speech this week. But while the couple came away from the encounter just as impressed, they supported rival Marco Rubio in the state's caucuses.

At nearly every stop in New Hampshire, Christie ends his remarks with a somber story of a couple he met at town hall event in Burlington, Iowa. The way he tells it, the man told him:

"Governor, I want to know what kind of commander in chief you'll be, and before you answer, I want you to know this is personal. My wife and I are sending our oldest son to Iraq in four months."

According to a video the campaign posted online, however, the question came in Davenport, Iowa, and this is what Jeff Ashcraft actually said:

"I've got a boy 23 years old who's going to be deployed to Iraq this May. He's with a unit just out of Burlington. I want to know what your take is on what's going on in the Middle East because, frankly I can't tell — I'd really like to hear something specific please — I can't tell what the hell our position is in the Middle East and what our position might be in the Middle East from most of the candidates I've heard speak."

Reached at his home in Eldridge, Iowa, on Thursday, Ashcraft said "That's crazy!" when told that Christie has been talking about him all week in New Hampshire. He said he wasn't bothered by the dramatic twist Christie has put on the encounter, and that he was extremely satisfied with Christie's answer to his question.

"It's flattering. I'm surprised it made that sort of impression," he said. "Both my wife and I were surprised at how much time he gave us. He spoke directly to us for a very long time. I thought it was probably the most detailed answer to a question I've heard from a presidential candidate this cycle."

Ashcraft said he was planning to caucus for Christie right up until Monday morning, but in the end, he backed Rubio because he believes the Florida senator would both make a great president and has a better shot at getting elected.

Christie's campaign said Friday that Ashcraft's comments don't change the point of the story about the gravity of the situation and the serious responsibilities of the next president. In his speeches, Christie tells voters he'll "rest comfortably" with whatever choice voters make if they make a decision with the Ashcrafts in mind.

"When you're about to mark your ballot, imagine you had that mother and father on either side of you and they were watching when you marked your ballot," he said. "And you had to turn to look at them and say 'I believe that fill-in-the-blank — whoever you're voting for — is the very best person to put your son's life in their hands. Because that's the way they're viewing their vote. Their precious son's life will now be in the hands of a new commander in chief, a new personification of America, a new symbol of America and what we stand for and what our values are.'"

Ashcraft, 51, president of a nonprofit organization that supports people with disabilities, has his own advice for New Hampshire voters.

"I would suggest that New Hampshire voters take a look at every single one of the candidates, and do what Gov. Christie said: Get all the information they can, and listen to their hearts," he said. "I'd go further and say, also listen to your head, and marry the two together to make a decision."

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Today in History The Associated Press

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Today is Saturday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2016. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

On this date:

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.

In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

In 1991, comedian and television performer Danny Thomas died in Los Angeles at age 79.

In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

In 1996, a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Republic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush submitted a \$2.77 trillion budget blueprint for fiscal 2007. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales defended the Bush administration's eavesdropping program before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Terrorist conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) disrupted the opening of his sentencing trial in Alexandria, Va., and was tossed out of court. Hundreds of protesters hurled stones and fire bombs at the Danish Embassy in Tehran to denounce published caricatures of the prophet Muhammad. Stephen Harper was sworn in as Canada's 22nd prime minister. Isabelle Dinoire, the Frenchwoman who'd received the world's first partial face transplant, showed off her new features at a news conference.

Five years ago: Egypt's vice president met with the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and other opposition groups and offered sweeping concessions, including granting press freedom and rolling back police powers in the government's latest attempt to end two weeks of upheaval. The Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl XLV, defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady became the first unanimous choice for The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player Award.

One year ago: A message purportedly from the Islamic State group said an American hostage, 26-year-old aid worker Kayla Mueller (MYOO'-lur), had been killed in a Jordanian airstrike in Syria. Jordan dismissed the claim as "criminal propaganda." (Her death was later confirmed by U.S. officials.) President Barack Obama warned against American "overreach" as he outlined a new national security blueprint for his last two years in office. Obama said the threat of terrorism against the homeland had "diminished, but still persists" and vowed to degrade extremist groups using counterterrorism operations and global coalitions, not large-scale, American-led ground wars. NBC News said it had assigned the head of its own investigative unit to look into statements that anchor Brian Williams made about his reporting a dozen years earlier when he said he was in a helicopter hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in 2003.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 99. Cinematographer and filmmaker Haskell Wexler (Film: "Medium Cool") is 94. Actor Rip Torn is 85. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 85. Actor Mike Farrell is 77. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 76. Singer Fabian is 73. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 73. Actor Michael Tucker is 72. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 67. Actor Jon Walmsley is 60. Actress Kathy Najimy is 59. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 59. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 59. Actor Barry Miller is 58. Actress Megan Gallagher is 56. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 54. Country singer Richie

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McDonald is 54. Singer Rick Astley is 50. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 47. "Good Morning America" co-host Amy Robach is 43. Actor Brandon Hammond is 32. Actress Alice Greczyn (GREH'-chihn) is 30.

Thought for Today: "Life is just one grand sweet song, so start the music." — President Ronald Reagan (1911-2004).