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School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Martin Luther King Day

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Aaron Nyberg, Kelly Flemming, Natalie Cassanova.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

7:30 pm: St. John's Lutheran Literature Circle

Ready to bring your heart and expertise to a team that feels more like a family? Bring your passion for patient care to the Golden LivingCenter in Groton. The Groton facility is now hiring for CNAs and Nurses. They have new wages with an excellent benefits package. All shifts are open. Join the team today by calling Jessica at 397-2365. The Golden LivingCenter of Groton is looking for you!

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

The cardboard/paper

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Keeping Your New Year's Financial Resolutions By Nathaniel Sillin

Whether you're talking about diet, exercise or money, keeping New Year's resolutions is challenging. A University of Scranton researcher noted that "weight loss" is the current reigning resolution, followed by "improve finances" at No. 2.

And while the study (https://www.sharecare.com/health/healthy-new-years-resolutions/article/the-resolution-solution) showed that roughly 40-46 percent were successful in their specific goal at the six-month mark, more than half gave up.

Your personal finances need more dedication than that.

If you want to add some fairly easy money resolutions that can help your finances overall, consider the following:

Make your first budget or do a better job of reviewing the one you have. A 2013 Gallup survey reported that only one-third of Americans actually prepare a detailed household budget. Make your first resolution to create or review your household budget (http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting) so you know where your finances stand at all times.

Budgeting involves day-to-day tracking of finances, but having a quick way to determine your net worth (http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/worth) – your assets minus your liabilities – offers the biggest picture of how you're doing and what next steps you might take to improve your circumstances. Make this calculation an annual kickoff to the New Year.

Having an emergency fund means you're always ready for the unexpected. The average emergency fund generally covers three-to-six months of daily expenses – yours could be more or less. Keep in mind that the primary purpose of an emergency fund is to keep you away from savings when unexpected expenses happen.

Depending on your comfort level with all things digital, virtually every aspect of your financial life can be managed online or with computer-based software. From setting up a basic paper or online calendar to track pay dates, bill due dates and deposit dates for savings and investments, a daily series of reminders and action items will keep your money issues on time and on track.

Recommit to retirement. If you're employed or self-employed, here's how to make a retirement savings resolution stick. First, make sure you're signed up for a 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan at work or a corresponding SEP-IRA, self-directed 401(k) or other self-employment retirement plan that fits your tax and financial situation. Then check what your 2016 maximum contribution (www.irs.gov) is for your respective plan. Finally, through budgeting or a plan to bring in more income, determine how you can come as close to your maximum contribution as possible for the coming year. And of course, don't forget about Traditional or Roth IRAs (https://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Traditional-and-Roth-IRAs) that you can contribute to independently of work-based plans. All of these options can improve your retirement prospects while saving you considerable money on taxes.

Review your non-retirement benefits and insurance. For most employed and self-employed people, open enrollment for health and other company benefits wrapped up before year-end. But that doesn't mean you can't make notes at any point in the year for possible changes and improvements to your health insurance and related tax-advantaged accounts. The same goes for reviewing your personal home, auto, life and disability coverage for potential savings and/or better coverage. Qualified advisors can help you review these choices.

Find more money to save. Whether it's adjusting what you spend, paying off expenses or finding ways to bring in more income, saving more is one of the best financial objectives there is. The first step is to track and set spending limits – those limits will help you reset or eliminate expenses that are standing in the way of your goals.

Bottom line: Making New Year's resolutions always sounds like a good idea at the time, but keeping them requires determination, study and focus. This year, build the kind of money habits that position you for success.

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Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield State Senator District 2 Greetings from your state capitol! I hope this finds you and your loved ones doing well as we embark upon a new year. As I begin writing, I would first like to express my gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to work for you. It is an honor to be entrusted with this great responsibility.

Again this year, I am serving as the vice chairman of the Taxation and Commerce & Energy Com-

mittees and as a member of the Education Committee. On Thursday we took up action on five bills in Commerce & Energy, while we delayed action on a sixth bill so that some amendments could be drawn up. As is the case with a majority of the bills that are heard early in session, the five bills that passed out of the committee were "clean up" bills that address updates to existing language. These bills were introduced by their respective departments. They met with unanimous approval with only one proponent and no opponents speaking on each bill. They will be taken up for action this week on the Senate floor, and I anticipate they will all be passed over to the House side without any dissenting votes.

The Tax Committée had a briefing from the Department of Revenue on Friday. The Secretary of the Department outlined the duties of the department and discussed how many dollars are generated by each tax levied upon the people of South Dakota. It is anticipated that in the current year, the 4% sales tax will generate \$840 million for the State's ongoing operations.

Speaking of sales taxes, in the Governor's State of the State address, he revealed that he will be introducing an bill to increase the sales tax levy by 1/2 percent this year in order to fund his education initiative that calls for an increase in teacher pay. This would generate approximately \$107 million. That is over \$40 million more than the education bill would require, so the proposal calls for the over-taxation to be earmarked for property tax relief. Initial reactions to the Governor's proposal are mixed, but suffice it to say that there is a desire to do something substantial, but there is hesitance to embrace his bill wholeheartedly. This Governor spent his first four years strictly opposed to increasing taxes and fees. Since being re-elected, however, he has signed the largest tax increase in the state's history, and now he has proposed the second largest increase in history. To say that he has done an about-face on this and the issue of Medicaid expansion is an understatement. Relative to the issue of Medicaid expansion, we all recognize that the (un)Affordable Care Act has created some problems for a number of citizens. While the stated objective was to help people who could not previously afford health care (insurance) coverage be able to do so (actually, force them to do so), what we have seen is that some of the people who it specifically sought to help are frozen out of health care coverage unless and until the states expand their Medicaid programs. What initial reviews are bearing out is that in states where Medicaid expansion has taken place, the costs borne by the states are substantially higher than the federal government had first suggested. So while we all recognize that something must be done for those who have been adversely affected by "ObamaCare", we also recognize that the fiscal impact on the state's taxpayers is likely to be tremendous both in the short- and long-term. Our Governor has spent his tenure in office urging the legislature not to expand Medicaid, and now he has done an about-face, which creates a new debate that will be lively as session unfolds.

After the State of the State address, many legislators joined a large crowd in the Rotunda for the Korean Veteran Medal Ceremony. A number of people from all across the state traveled to Pierre for this very moving ceremony. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to visit with a few of those who served our country during the Korean War. To those people and their families who have ever donned the uniform of our military and our National Guard, we are eternally grateful for your sacrifices. Thank you for your selfless

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acts of heroism for your country! You truly have made our world a better place.

Additionally, during the first week of session, the Chief Justice Gilbertson of the South Dakota Supreme Court delivered the State of the Judiciary address, and Harold Frazier, who is the Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe presented the first-ever State of the Tribes address. Legislators were also busy working on bill proposals throughout the week, and will continue to do so over the next couple. The final day to introduce individual bills is Feb. 4, which is the 15th legislative day on the 38-day calendar.

Stay tuned for updates throughout session. We will try to keep you apprised of the big issues and others we feel are interesting and important to you. Please keep in touch as you see legislation that affects you. Your input is so important as we deliberate on the myriad of issues. Also, we have already seen a number of people from back home who have been in Pierre for conferences and dinners. If you are coming to town, please give a heads-up. Burt, Lana, and I would love to have an opportunity to visit with you. Until next time, God bless you. For those of you who are praying for our health, well-being, and wisdom

& discernment throughout session, thank you. We appreciate it very much! Brock

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Today in Weather History

January 18, 1979: A strong area of low pressure moving across the region brought widespread heavy snow of 5 to 10 inches to much of Minnesota from the 18th through the 20th. Travel was difficult if not impossible in many areas where there was near blizzard conditions. Schools and businesses closed along with many flights cancelled.

January 18, 1999: One to 4 inches of snowfall combined with winds of 30 to 45 miles an hour brought blizzard conditions to part of northeast South Dakota. Highway 12 and Interstate 29 were most affected by the low visibilities. There was a seven car pileup on Highway 12 near Andover with minor injuries. As a result, traffic was shut off in the westbound lanes for a few hours. Over 200 people were stranded overnight at a restaurant near Summit. There was also a rollover north of Summit which resulted in minor injuries. One traveler said the visibility was frequently near zero.

January 18, 2014: A strong Alberta Clipper low pressure system moved over the northern plains Friday night and Saturday morning. Anywhere from a trace to just near 3 inches of fresh snowfall accompanied this low pressure system. Over this area, strong northwest winds of 25 to 40 mph developed by late Friday night with gusts of 45 to 55 mph. A few areas even experienced gusts to 58 mph or greater again. This system packed such a wallop that a couple instances of thunder-snow occurred as evidenced by cloud to ground lightning strikes showing up in southwestern Day County and northwestern Clark County early Saturday morning.

Numerous reports of visibility reduced to one quarter mile or less across northeast South Dakota, specifically on or just to the east of the Glacial Lakes region, were received.

1971: A warm Santa Ana condition brought a 95 degree reading to Los Angeles, the highest January temperature on record. It was 95 degrees in Palm Springs, the highest temperature on record for January as well.

1973: The first tornado death of the year was recorded north of Corey, Louisiana during the afternoon hours. Although a girl was killed when a tenant farm was destroyed, a baby received only minor injuries when it was carried 300 to 400 yards by the tornado.

1980: A tropical depression that developed on January 15th became Tropical Storm Hyacinthe on the 18th. From the 18th through the 27th this storm produced a world record rainfall amount of 223.5 inches at Cratère Commerson, on the island of La Reunion.



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Arctic high pressure begins to move on today - though we will have to deal with another day with below average temperatures. As milder air moves into the region - we will see a band of light snow push across the forecast area. Accumulations by mid-day Tuesday will likely remain below an inch.

as cold as 40 below! Do not expect much of a warm up today with highs in the single digits above and below zero. Readings will dip into the teens and 20s below zero overnight as well. Good news though - temperatures will make a slow recovery during the upcoming work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 0.9 at 8:22 PM Low: -20.4 at 5:33 AM High Gust: 14 at 1:24 PM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 51° in 1944

Record High: 51° in 1944 Record Low: -34° in 1970 Average High: 22°F Average Low: 1°F Average Precip in Jan.: 0.30 Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00 Average Precip to date: 0.30 Precip Year to Date: 0.00 Sunset Tonight: 5:20 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:07 a.m.



/eather Forecast for Mon, Jan 18, 2016, issued 2:47 AM EST OC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center repared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHY BE AFRAID?

John Wesley – evangelist, author, and hymn writer – had always thought of himself as a Christian. Once, however, as he was traveling across the Atlantic Ocean, the ship he was on encountered a violent storm. He became frightened and terror stricken.

As he observed his fellow passengers, he noticed that the group of Moravian missionaries remained peaceful and unafraid, showing no fear. When the storm passed and the seas were calm once again, he went to one of the missionaries and asked, "Why weren't you afraid?"

"Why should we be afraid," he answered, "we know Christ." Then looking at Wesley he asked, "Do you know Christ?" And Wesley, the preacher, realized for the first time in his life that he did not know Christ as His Savior.

We may know all about the Bible, but not know the Savior of the Bible. We can know of His miracles, but never believe in or accept the fact that it was His death, burial, and resurrection that made our salvation possible. Only when we call upon His name, repent and turn from our sins, and receive Him as Savior will we be born again.

Prayer: We pray, Lord, that if there is one reading this devotional who is not born again, that he or she will accept You now. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 8:19-39 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

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News from the Associated Press

Wild Card 2 lottery game ending in Dakotas, 2 other states

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A lottery game in the Dakotas and two other states is ending next month due to a drop in popularity.

The Wild Card 2 game will conduct its final draw on Feb. 24. Players will be able to purchase advance tickets up to the final date.

Winner's must claim Wild Card 2 prizes within 180 days of the draw date.

The game was launched about a decade ago and has been played in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

South Dakota Lottery Executive Director Norm Lingle tells the Argus Leader newspaper that lottery games "have a life cycle," and that it's sometimes necessary to end a game when its popularity wanes to pave the way for new games.

Dakotas to emerge from the deep freeze as the week wears on

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — After a weekend of bone-chilling temperatures, the Dakotas are expected to emerge from the deep freeze as the week wears on.

Wind chills dropped into the minus-30s and minus-40s in some areas over the weekend, with high temperatures struggling to surpass zero.

But forecasters say the arctic high pressure system causing the bitter cold is moving east, with temperatures starting to climb Monday as warmer air starts coming in from the south.

The National Weather Service forecast shows that highs Tuesday and Wednesday could be in the 20s and 30s above zero in many areas.

Sioux Falls convenience store robbed by 2 males with handgun

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the armed robbery of a convenience store. Authorities say two males with a handgun held up a Get-n-Go store about 3:30 a.m. Monday. They took an undisclosed amount of money and a cellphone and then fled.

No one was hurt.

Stocks of corn and soybeans, other crops up in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Stocks of corn and soybeans in South Dakota were up from the previous year as last year drew to a close.

The Agriculture Department's latest report shows corn stocks on Dec. 1, 2015, up 4 percent, and soybean stocks up 22 percent.

Stocks of all types of wheat in South Dakota were up 10 percent.

Stocks of sorghum, oats, barley and hay in the state also were up over the year.

1 killed, 2 injured in western Minnesota crash

BARNESVILLE, Minn. (AP) — One person has been killed and two others have been injured in a twovehicle crash involving a semitrailer on Interstate 94 in western Minnesota.

The Minnesota State Patrol says a vehicle carrying the three victims rear-ended a semitrailer shortly after 7:30 a.m. Sunday near Barnesville in Clay County.

A front passenger in the vehicle was killed and two others were hurt. The semitrailer driver and his passenger weren't injured.

Barnesville is about 210 miles northeast of the Twin Cities and about 25 miles southeast of Fargo, North



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Dakota.

An investigation is ongoing.

Wind Cave National Park offering free tours Monday

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Wind Cave National Park is offering free tours Monday in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Visitors will get to walk along the Garden of Eden Tour route and view boxwork formations for which the cave is famous. This one quarter-mile tour is moderately strenuous with approximately 150 steps and lasts one hour.

The tours begin at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Park Superintendent Vidal Dávila says it's a great time of year to visit the park, as it's typically warmer in the cave at 54 degrees than it is outside.

Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In tight race, Democrats debate passion versus practicality LISA LERER, Associated Press NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — With just two weeks to go before the first votes of the 2016 race for president, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders engaged in their most contentious debate match-up to date, underscoring their tightening primary race as the Iowa caucuses draw near.

The pair tangled repeatedly Sunday night over who's tougher on gun control and Wall Street and how to shape the future of health care in America.

Their heated rhetoric highlighted the central question fueling the increasingly competitive primary race: Will the Sanders passion beat out the Clinton practicality?

While Clinton remains the national front-runner, grassroots enthusiasm for Sanders' outsider candidacy and his unapologetically liberal message has imperiled her lead in Iowa and expanded his advantage in New Hampshire.

"What this is really about is not the rational way to go forward," Sanders said as he responded to Clinton's argument that his health care plans would reignite a divisive political battle. "It's whether we have the guts to stand up to the private insurance companies."

Clinton derided as impractical Sanders' ambitious aim to replace the country's existing employer-based system of health care insurance with one in which the government becomes a "single payer," providing coverage to all.

Instead, she urged a less-sweeping action to build on President Barack Obama's health care law by working to further reduce out-of-pocket costs and control spending on prescription drugs.

"We have the Affordable Care Act," she said. "That is one of the greatest accomplishments of President Obama, of the Democratic Party, and of our country."

In doing so, she again cast herself as the natural successor to Obama and accused Sanders, until recently an independent, of being an unfaithful ally of the administration.

It's a strategy aimed at locking down Democratic primary voters, particularly minorities, who make up a huge swath of the party's base and remain devoted to Obama. But it's a riskier approach in a general election, where as her party's nominee, Clinton would have to woo voters who question whether they feel more economically secure after Obama's eight years in office.

Sanders dismissed the idea that he'd endanger Obama's hard-won victories, insisting: "No one is tearing this up. We're going to go forward."

Clinton also rapped Sanders for voting repeatedly with the National Rifle Association while in Congress, welcoming his weekend reversal to support legislation that would deny gun manufacturers legal immunity. She rattled off a list of provisions that she said Sanders had supported in line with the NRA.

Sanders, in turn, said Clinton's assertions were "very disingenuous" and pointed to his lifetime rating of a D- from the NRA.

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The debate over gun control took on a special importance given the event was just blocks from the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where nine parishioners were killed during Bible study last summer. Clinton has made the issue a central theme of her campaign, citing it as one of the major differences between the candidates.

The two tangled over financial policy, too, with Sanders suggesting Clinton won't be tough enough on Wall Street given the big contributions and speaking fees she's accepted from the nation's financial firms.

Clinton, in turn, faulted Sanders' past votes to deregulate financial markets and ease up on federal oversight.

Then, she took a step back to put those differences in a different perspective.

"We're at least having a vigorous debate about reining in Wall Street," she said. "The Republicans want to give them more power."

Both Sanders and Clinton voiced strong support for Obama's diplomatic overtures to Iran and opposition to sending U.S. ground troops into Syria. Clinton defended her outreach to Russia early in her term as secretary of state, but hesitated when asked to describe her relationship with Vladimir Putin, whose return to the Russian presidency heralded the worsening of U.S.-Russian relations.

"My relationship with him — it's interesting," Clinton said to laughs in the debate hall. "It's one, I think, of respect." But she added it was critical for the next president to stand up to Putin, describing him as a bully who "will take as much as he possibly can."

Clinton also shed some light on what role her husband, former President Bill Clinton, would play in her administration. Kitchen table adviser, perhaps?

"It'll start at the kitchen table — we'll see where it goes from there," she said with a laugh.

Then, pointing to the successes of her husband's administration, she added: "You bet I'm going to ask for his advice."

Sanders was asked about his previous criticism of Bill Clinton's past sexual behavior. He once called the former president's behavior "deplorable" but said Sunday night that he wants to focus on issues "not Bill Clinton's personal life."

Clinton maintained a tight smile throughout that exchange, and nodded as Sanders said he preferred to concentrate on policy matters.

The third participant in the debate, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, tried persistently to insert himself into the conversation, hoping to boost his poll numbers out of single digits. But it was tough for O'Malley to stand out.

When the conversation shifted to fiscal responsibility, O'Malley said his time in Maryland made him the only person on stage to balance a budget. Sanders — an ex-mayor of Burlington, Vermont — quickly interjected, "I was mayor for 8 years, I did that as well."

AP FACT CHECK: Democratic debaters and the facts CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE _ A look at political claims that take shortcuts with the facts or don't tell the full story WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders airbrushed the complexities of trying to overhaul health care all over again and Hillary Clinton offered a selective reading of her rival's record on gun control in the latest Democratic presidential debate.

A look at some of their claims and how they compare with the facts:

CLINTON on Sanders' proposal for a taxpayer-paid health care system: "I don't want to see us start over again with a contentious debate."

SANDERS: "We're not going to tear up the Affordable Care Act," but build on it.

THE FACTS: As Clinton suggests, Sanders' plan would indeed mean a radical change in direction — one that makes the government the payer of health care for everyone, not just for the elderly or the poorest Americans or members of the military.

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Whether that means building on President Barack Obama's health care law or ripping it up may be a semantic argument. But at the core, Sanders would switch the country away from a private health insurance system. Employees, employers and others would pay higher taxes in return for health care with no premiums or deductibles, a striking departure from the subsidies and conditions that Obama's law has overlaid on the existing system.

Clinton did not exaggerate in describing the huge political battle that it took just to achieve "Obamacare" and the inability to sell Congress on a taxpayer-paid system even when Democrats were in control. (She ran into her own buzz saw on the issue when she proposed an overhaul of health care as first lady under her husband's administration.)

Clinton's team and her supporters have persisted in a dubious, if not bogus, argument that Sanders would wreck Medicare and other health-care entitlements with his proposed overhaul. It would do so only in the course of establishing a health care system in which traditional Medicare, Medicaid and more would no longer be needed — because the government would be insuring everyone.

She made that argument herself in an earlier debate but did not repeat it Sunday night.

CLINTON on effects of Obama's health care law: "We now have driven costs down to the lowest they've been in 50 years."

THE FACTS: Not so. Health care spending is far higher than a half century ago. What she must have meant is that the rate of growth of health care spending year to year is lower than it's been in 50 years — closer to the truth, but still not right.

The government reported in December that health care spending in 2014 grew at the fastest pace since Obama took office, driven by expanded coverage under his law and rising drug prices. Not only that, but health care spending grew faster than the economy as a whole, reaching 17.5 percent of GDP. That means health care was claiming a growing share of national resources.

This was after five years of historically low growth in health spending — the decline Clinton was trying to address. But the lull in health care inflation was attributed in large measure to the recession that Obama inherited and its aftermath, not his law. And part of the reason health spending increased after that was because of the economic recovery.

SANDERS: "I have a D-minus voting record from the NRA." 'I have supported from Day 1 an instant background check," as well as a ban on assault-type weapons.

CLINTON: "He voted against the Brady bill five times," as well as for allowing guns in national parks and for shielding the gun industry from lawsuits.

THE FACTS: Both are singling out aspects of Sanders' record that suit them, but that record is nuanced. Sanders indeed supported an instant background check, and at certain points a three-day waiting period. But he opposed longer waiting periods — of five or seven days — which gun control advocates see as a more effective way to flag people who should not be getting a gun.

Clinton is right that he opposed various versions of the Brady bill with longer waiting periods. But his poor marks from the NRA reflect a record that does lean toward stronger gun controls. Sanders now says he would support exposing gun makers to lawsuits.

CLINTON: "One out of three African-American men may well end up going to prison. That's the statistic." THE FACTS: That's a stale statistic, and Clinton isn't the only person to use it. Sanders has said nearly the same thing. Both drew on 13-year-old data that stated this as a projection, not a fact.

A 2003 report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics said, "About 1 in 3 black males, 1 in 6 Hispanic males, and 1 in 17 white males are expected to go to prison during their lifetime, if current incarceration rates remain unchanged." But it went on to say that at the time, 16.6 percent of adult black males had actually ever gone to prison, or 1 in 6. The incarceration rate for black men has gone down since then, according to the Sentencing Project.

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Confederate flag's removal turns King Day into celebration JEFFREY COLLINS, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Civic leaders, activists, artists and others are celebrating, marching and paying homage Monday to Martin Luther King Jr., marking the 30th anniversary of the federal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader.

In South Carolina, civil rights leaders planned a march to their state capitol as in past years when their rally highlighted calls to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds.

The King Day at the Dome gathering began in 2000 with that call. Last July, organizers got their wish as South Carolina swiftly removed the flag which had flown at the capitol for more than 50 years after what police said was a racially motivated shooting that claimed nine lives at a church in Charleston.

The state NAACP said there is still more work to do to honor King and the theme of this year's rally is "education equity," with speakers calling for South Carolina to spend more money to help students in poorer, more rural school districts, which frequently have a majority of black students.

And this year's event will also include appearances by all three main Democratic presidential candidates — Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley.

The rally in Columbia is one of many planned nationwide recalling the legacy of King, who was assassinated in 1968.

In the nation's capital, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama planned to take part in a community service program in King's honor. Attorney General Loretta Lynch was to be the keynote speaker at a National Action Network King Day Awards program and FBI Director James Comey planned to lead a government wreath-laying service at the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington.

Elsewhere, the King Center in Atlanta was set to celebrate the holiday with a remembrance ceremony at Ebenezer Baptist Church. That commemoration caps more than a week of events meant to celebrate the slain civil rights icon's legacy under the theme: "Remember! Celebrate! Act! King's Legacy of Freedom for Our World."

"What most people around the world want, whatever nation they live in, is the freedom to participate in government, the freedom to prosper in life and the freedom to peacefully coexist," said King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice King.

The theme of freedom is especially meaningful this year, she said, because it is the 50th anniversary of her father's trip to Chicago to highlight the need for open and fair housing. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in January 1966 had announced plans for the Chicago Freedom Movement. In a nod to that legacy, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro was set to speak at Monday's service.

King's legacy will also be celebrated in New York at the state Capitol complex. A free program at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center on Monday was to feature musical and theatrical tributes, including performances by Grammy-winning gospel singer Dorinda Clark-Cole and blues guitarist Guy Davis.

And in Minneapolis, activists with the group Black Lives Matter planned to march onto a Mississippi River bridge that connects Minneapolis and St. Paul during a Martin Luther King Day rally.

The Star Tribune reports that the activists would rally for the release of a video of the November fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer. In St. Paul, protesters want the case of Marcus Golden reopened. Golden was fatally shot by St. Paul police early last year. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved in that shooting.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today: 1. CLINTON, SANDERS ENGAGE IN FIERCE DEBATE

The confrontation underscores their tightening primary race as the Iowa caucuses draw near.

2. WHICH U.S. DETAINEES IN IRAN ARE HEADED HOME

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Reporter Jason Rezaian, former Marine Amir Hekmati and pastor Saeed Abedini are now in Germany, but Nosratollah Khosravi-Roodsari opts to stay in Iran. Matthew Trevithick is released separately.

3. WHY IRAN DEALS MAY NOT HERALD BIG CHANGES

Rouhani faces intense domestic opposition from hard-liners who fear that Tehran's opening to the outside world leaves it exposed to corrupting foreign cultural influences.

4. WHAT SOWS GROWING DISILLUSION WITH ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

Syrians who have escaped its rule say jihadi fighters have become an elite, raking in perks, looking down on the "commoners" and ignoring even the rulings of their own clerics.

5. CONFEDERATE FLAG'S REMOVAL TURNS KING DAY INTO CELEBRATION

Civic leaders, activists and others are celebrating and paying tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday's 30th federal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader.

6. "SEVERAL" AMERICANS MISSING IN IRAQ

An Iraqi government intelligence official confirms to the AP that the U.S. nationals were kidnapped from their interpreter's home in Baghdad.

7. ANOTHER POTENTIAL 'FIRST GUY' ON THE 2016 TRAIL

Frank Fiorina is hitting the road in Iowa and other early voting states for his wife Carly Fiorina.

8. BOSTON ORCHESTRA LOANING PATRONS IPADS

The move is intended to help turn new audiences on to classical music.

9. CRITIC'S CHOICE AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The drama "Spotlight" wins the top prize, while Brie Larson and Leonardo DiCaprio receive the top acting prizes for "Room" and "The Revenant."

10. BRONCOS ROCK ON AFTER 23-16 WIN OVER STEELERS

"This was a dog fight, a grinder and went down to the last drive," says quarterback Peyton Manning.

European shares lifted by rebound in Chinese markets ELAINE KURTENBACH, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — European shares got off to a strong start to the week Monday, helped by a rebound in the wobbly Shanghai Composite index, though other markets in Asia were mostly lower.

KEEPING SCORE: Germany's DAX gained 1.2 percent to 4,858.70 and the CAC 40 of France was up 1.0 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.7 percent to 5,848.09. U.S. markets are closed for a public holiday on Monday. But Dow futures were up 0.8 percent and S&P futures gained 0.7 percent, suggesting an improvement in sentiment following Friday's rout on Wall Street.

CHINA ECONOMY: Fourth-quarter growth figures due Tuesday will likely show that strong consumer spending offset slowing investment, keeping growth in the last quarter at about 6.8 percent or higher, analysts say. But recent volatility in Chinese markets has overshadowed those trends toward stabilization in China's growth picture.

THE QUOTE: "Nerves are still heavily focused on China as we approach a major economic data dump from China," Angus Nicholson of IG said in a commentary. "However, the calmer waters seen in mainland (Chinese) equities seems to have stemmed some of the sell-off in other regional markets from the initial horror open seen in Australia and Japan."

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 1.1 percent to 16,955.57 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 1.5 percent to 19,237.45. The Shanghai Composite rebounded from early losses, gaining 0.4 percent to 2,913.84 and South Korea's Kospi was nearly unchanged at 1,878.45. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.7 percent to 4,858.70. Shares in Taiwan were higher but markets in New Zealand and Southeast Asia declined.

ENERGY: The nuclear deal between Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers took effect over the weekend, ending a European oil embargo on the world's seventh-largest oil producer. That is reinforcing expectations that prices will remain weak as supply overwhelms demand. Benchmark U.S. crude was down 39 cents to \$29.03 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.78 on Friday to \$29.42 a barrel. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell 54 cents to \$28.39

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per barrel. It fell \$1.94 to \$28.94 in London on Friday.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 117.33 yen from 117.00 yen. The euro fell to \$1.0883 from \$1.0913.

Manning, Broncos rock on after 23-16 win over Steelers EDDIE PELLS, AP National Writer

DENVER (AP) — This would've been no way to send Peyton Manning into the offseason. Seven dropped passes.

A whiplash-inducing, blindside hit from an unblocked blitzer.

A flurry of field goals and a defense that gave up big chunks of yards too often.

All that ugliness got set aside thanks to the sort of comeback that has defined the Denver Broncos all season.

They rallied for a 23-16 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday to move themselves and their 39-year-old quarterback one win away from the Super Bowl.

The 17th edition of Manning-Brady is set for next Sunday. But before that, Manning will savor a win in Denver's 17th game of the season — one every bit as rough, rugged and up in the air as any of the previous 16.

"This was a dog fight, a grinder and went down to the last drive," Manning said. "If you can be in a lot of those games and win those games, it certainly gives you confidence and, hey, it's playoff football."

The Broncos (13-4) improved to 10-3 on the season in games decided by seven or less.

This one turned when Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby punched the ball out of Pittsburgh running back Fitz Toussaint's hands with 9:52 left.

Until then, Denver had settled for four field goals and trailed 13-12.

After the day's only turnover, the Broncos put together their only touchdown drive — 13 plays, 65 yards over 6:52, capped by a 1-yard run by C.J. Anderson. A 2-point conversion made it 20-13.

"Bottom line, you lose the turnover battle in a hostile environment against good people and it's going to cost you," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "And it cost us today."

Making his first start since Nov. 15, Manning finished 21 for 37 for 222 yards, with no touchdowns or interceptions. The totals might have been better were it not for seven drops from his receivers.

Next up, the Patriots, who fell 30-24 in overtime to Denver earlier this season, when Brock Osweiler was playing in place of Manning while he nursed his injured foot.

"They're one of the best teams in the AFC," Broncos linebacker Von Miller said. "Let's go out and play and see who wants the Super Bowl."

Things we learned from Sunday's game:

CLASSIC MATCHUP: The Patriots opened as a 3 1/2-point favorite over Denver, despite playing on the road. This will be a rematch from the AFC title game of two years ago, when Broncos receiver Wes Welker leveled then-Patriots cornerback Aqib Talib, knocking him out of the game and opening things up in the secondary. Manning threw for 400 yards in a 26-16 win. The teams are different now.

"Our defense is guiding us. Let's make that clear. They played great all season," Manning said. "They were dominant today against a high-powered offense."

STEPPING UP: With no Antonio Brown (concussion), Ben Roethlisberger found another big-play receiver in Martavis Bryant, who caught nine passes for 154 yards.

"The plan for me was to stay focused — stay focused on my job and go out and handle my business," said Bryant, who also had two carries for 40 yards.

Bryant may have been so open because Denver's defense was in zone a lot, with Pro Bowl cornerback Chris Harris Jr. dealing with a sore shoulder.

"We were able to move the ball, and then we just ... we kind of get down there and hurt ourselves," Roethlisberger said. "Part of that was because they're the No. 1 defense in the world."

BIG HIT: The Broncos defense may have bent a few times, but was never upended. The same can't be said of their defensive coordinator Wade Phillips.

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The 68-year-old coach was taken out by Bryant after the Steelers receiver got pushed out of bounds on the Denver sideline. No damage done, though.

Phillips popped back up quickly and slapped his back side.

Head coach Gary Kubiak never even saw it.

"I can assure you he's fine," Kubiak said. "He's in there hollering. I just left him, so he's all right."

CAN'T-MISS McMANUS: Broncos kicker Brandon McManus went from missing kicks in five consecutive games down the stretch to making history Sunday: His 5-for-5 performance in tricky crosswinds helped Denver come away with points when the offense kept stalling.

"During warmups, we went out there and it was a pretty calm day — a nice, tempered day. We come out 7 minutes before kickoff and I see a 30 mph crosswind come in over the Rockies," McManus said. "So, I wasn't nervous at the time, but I knew it would make for an exciting day."

McManus is the seventh kicker to make all five of his field goal tries in a playoff game.

BUTTERFINGER BRONCOS: Denver's biggest bugaboo this season has been dropped passes, and that trend continued, with Demaryius Thomas, C.J. Anderson and Ronnie Hillman all letting passes bounce off their hands.

Emmanuel Sanders and Bennie Fowler each had two drops. Fowler made up for it with his 31-yard catch on third-and-12 to set up Denver's only touchdown.

"A couple of those were the wind, but as a receiver we should have still made those plays," Thomas said.

Panthers: We needed to keep foot on the gas vs. Seahawks STEVE REED, AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Cam Newton said it felt like the Carolina Panthers players, coaches and fans were all getting a little tight in the second half of their NFC divisional playoff win Sunday against the Seattle Seahawks.

And for good reason.

Carolina jumped out to a 31-point halftime lead, then had to hold off a furious Seahawks rally to win 31-24 to advance to next Sunday's NFC championship game against the Arizona Cardinals.

"We have been known to take our foot off the throttle and we have to find that killer instinct," Newton said. "Yeah, we won the football game, but there are some things we have to go back and fix and do better with."

The Panthers surrendered a 28-point lead to the New York Giants, a 23-point lead to Green Bay and a 17-point lead to Indianapolis earlier this season, but hung on to win all of those games.

Coach Ron Rivera said he wishes the Panther's could have skipped right to the second half on Sunday and not even went into the locker room for a break.

Of course it doesn't work that way.

The Seahawks adjusted some things at the half, including adding protection to Russell Wilson that helped them mount a comeback behind three Wilson touchdown passes.

"When you get a big lead like that, one of the things is you have to learn to not relax," Rivera said. "You have to learn to continue to attack. It is one of those things that we most certainly as coaches have to make sure we are putting them in the right positon to do those things."

Offensively, the Panthers were outgained 280-75 in the second half and outscored 24-0.

Panthers tight end Greg Olsen said he knows that is a fine line for coaches to walk when they have such a big lead and are working on the clock.

"Those games are tough," tight end Greg Olsen said. "You are up 31-0 and you don't want to give them life or give them a spark. You want to keep your aggression but it's hard. You don't want to do anything silly either. You don't want to take a chance and give up a big play. So it's a fine line between keeping aggression and tempo."

Here are some things we learned from the Seahawks-Panthers divisional playoff game:

STEWART LOOKED STRONG: Jonathan Stewart missed three games with a foot injury to close the season, but looked rested and healthy on Sunday. He rambled 59 yards on the first play from scrimmage and

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ran for 106 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns against the league's top-ranked rushing defense. The late-season rest might pay off for Stewart as the Panthers move deeper into the playoffs.

LYNCH A NON-FACTOR: Seahawks power back Marshawn Lynch returned from an eight-game absence following abdominal surgery but was never a factor. His first carry went for minus-3 yards during the Seahawks' terrible start that put them in a big hole, forcing them to go to a hurry-up tempo and throw the ball more. Lynch finished with six carries for 20 yards. "He didn't have much of an impact today because we couldn't really run our offense," center Patrick Lewis said. "We try to be a hard-nosed, running football team."

WILSON'S MOBILITY: While the Panthers managed to sack Wilson five times, the Seahawks quarterback kept plays alive with his mobility during Seattle's comeback bid. And that helped him throw for 255 yards and three touchdowns in the second half. "I thought he was phenomenal," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said of Wilson's second half. "I don't know how much more you can expect of him."

KUECHLY A FACTOR: All-Pro linebacker Luke Kuechly played a huge role in Carolina's win, recording 11 tackles and returning an interception for a touchdown. Kuechly was quick to give credit to the defensive line, including tackle Kawann Short, who got pressure on Wilson. "They got a great push and a great pass rush and it makes my job easy," Kuechly said. "Those guys really get the credit, I was just able to get under and catch it."

DAVIS DOES IT AGAIN: Panthers linebacker Thomas Davis — the team's longest tenured player — came up with an onside kick to seal Carolina's win. Teammates have teased Davis relentlessly about being on the "hands team," but Davis had the last laugh on Sunday.

St. Louis united against common enemy: Stan Kroenke JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis football fans don't have the 49ers or Seahawks to hate anymore. They have a new nemesis: Rams owner Stan Kroenke and the NFL executives who helped take away the team.

It wasn't exactly moving trucks sneaking the Colts out of Baltimore or moving the Browns from Cleveland, but Tuesday's decision to relocate the Rams to Los Angeles left Missouri's biggest city with bruised feelings, millions of dollars of unpaid debt from the current stadium and the distinction of losing two NFL teams in three decades.

Yet, it also united the oft-at-odds community — mostly in their disdain for the billionaire Missouri native who took away their team.

Consider Thursday night's hockey game. St. Louis Cardinals president Bill DeWitt III joined Blues owner Tom Stillman for a ceremonial pre-game puck drop. The public address announcer proclaimed St. Louis "the best sports city in America." A thunderous ovation for the show of community support quickly turned into an anti-Kroenke chant.

Terry Cook, a 34-year-old Blues fan, was among those yelling "Kroenke sucks!" He figured St. Louis never really had a chance once Kroenke decided to head west.

"Billionaires usually get what they want," Cook said. "It doesn't matter what the people want."

It may be a permanent loss for the Gateway City, which offered the team a new \$1 billion riverfront stadium, and for the most part, residents seemed OK with that. Across St. Louis, a common sentiment was that Kroenke has been planning the move since buying the team in 2010 (he denies it), and that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and other league officials were in on the fix (they deny it, too).

Mayor Francis Slay has said he wants no part of trying to attract another team. Dave Peacock, co-chairman of the task force that assembled the stadium plans, which were later deemed inadequate by the league, said the whole process was more "contrived" than he imagined, and he is unlikely to ever try again.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Benjamin Hochman wrote that St. Louis "cannot fall into the trap of thinking we're less than we are, just because we got dumped." Countless people expressed similar sentiments on social media, consoling each other at the same time.

Such a "rally 'round the flag" phenomenon presents itself in tough times, said Tim Bono, a lecturer in

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psychological and brain sciences at Washington University in St. Louis.

"There is something to be said in having a common enemy in bringing people together," Bono said. "Right now, St. Louis has a common enemy in Stan Kroenke."

There's disagreement over whether the Rams' departure about 20 years after they arrived is economically catastrophic for the Rust Belt city.

"People care a lot about the Rams, but in terms of thinking they're important as a source of economic activity, there's no way to argue that," said Glenn MacDonald, an economics professor at Washington University's Olin Business School.

Restaurants and hotels won't be as full, but the Rams played only 8 home games a year — nothing compared to the Blues' 41 and Cardinals' 81 home games. Many of the Rams' full-time employees are expected to make the move to California, so job losses will be relegated to part-time game-day workers.

Slay said the city stands to lose about \$4 million annually in tax revenue generated by the Rams, something he and other civic leaders are confident can be made up by the fact that the Edward Jones Dome, which is part of the city's convention center, will now be available year-round for conventions. Taxpayers are still on the hook for about \$100 million to pay off the dome, which was built entirely with public money. The bond debt won't be repaid until 2021.

As for the new stadium, there was plenty of debate as to whether it was worth the nearly \$400 million that city leaders and Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon had signed on to spend, but advocates said it would have created 5,000 construction jobs, many of them set aside for minorities, and revitalized a decaying area near the Gateway Arch.

As for the fans, there's always hockey and baseball.

"It stinks to lose (the Rams)," 24-year-old Justin Sweetin said. "But honestly, they've been so terrible in recent years that it's not as big of a loss as if the Blues or Cardinals would leave. That would be devastating."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2016. There are 348 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Massachusetts, of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

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In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 1996, Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

In 2001, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court gave New Hampshire a chance to salvage its restrictions on abortion, reaffirming that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions but also ordering a lower court to fix problems with New Hampshire's 2003 notification law. (New Hampshire ended up repealing the never-implemented law in 2007; a new law was enacted in 2012.) Knicks forward Antonio Davis climbed into the stands during a game because he believed his wife was involved in an altercation with a Bulls fan; Davis was ejected without a scuffle during New York's 106-104 overtime loss at Chicago. (He was suspended for five games.)

Five years ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence. The first director of the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 95.

One year ago: Pope Francis ended his Asian pilgrimage with an appeal for the future of the Catholic Church, urging an estimated 3 million rain-soaked Filipinos to protect their young from sin and vice so they can instead become missionaries of the faith. Russell Wilson hit Jermaine Kearse for a 35-yard touchdown 3:19 into overtime to lift the Seattle Seahawks to an improbable 28-22 victory over Green Bay in the NFC championship game. In the AFC, Tom Brady threw for three touchdowns and LeGarrette Blount ran in three more to lead the New England Patriots into the Super Bowl with a 45-7 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 83. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 78. Singersongwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 75. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 63. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 61. Country singer Mark Collie is 60. Actor Mark Rylance is 56. Actress Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 54. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 53. Actress Jane Horrocks is 52. Comedian Dave Attell (uh-TEHL') is 51. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 47. Rapper DJ Quik is 46. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 45. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 43. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 42. Actor Derek Richardson is 40. Actor Jason Segel is 36. Actress Samantha Mumba is 33. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 321. Actress Devin Kelley is 30. Actor Mateus Ward is 17.

Thought for Today: "None can love freedom heartily, but good men; the rest love not freedom, but license." — John Milton, English poet (1608-1674).