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Monday, Nov. 21

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, sherbet.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Super nachos, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit.

5 p.m.: Junior High GBB at Frederick (7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.)

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7 p.m.: City Council meeting at the Groton Community Center

7:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California Blend Veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Mini cheese pizza, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

4 p.m.: JH GBB at Roncalli (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m. at the Roncalli Elementary School)

Wednesday, Nov. 23

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, Lime Pear Jell-O.

7 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, Nov. 24

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Benefit for Doug Sippel Nov. 26 @ 4 pm Groton Legion

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Silent Auction
Live Auction

Food served
at 5 pm
Free will offering

Fund set up at First State Bank in Groton
in the name of "Doug Sippel Benefit"

Event sponsored by Friends of Doug Sippel

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings finally stopped their losing streak, beating the Arizona Cardinals 30-24. For the first time in six weeks, the Vikings looked like a team that was prepared and ready to go. It was refreshing to see, and hopefully this win will give the team some confidence for the rest of the season.

The Vikings' defense started the game by forcing Arizona into a three-and-out, but gave up 267 yards on the Cardinals' next four possessions. Luckily, the Vikings' offense was there to pick up the slack. While the unit only produced 129 yards in the first half, they were able to put the ball in the endzone twice. Combined with Xavier Rhodes' 100-yard pick six, the Vikings were up 20-17 at halftime (the Vikings' second extra-point attempt was blocked).

Cordarrelle Patterson got the second half off to a great start, returning the kickoff 104 yards and putting the Vikings up 27-17. The Vikings' defense clamped down in the second half as well, only allowing 30 yards on Arizona's seven second-half drives. The biggest story was the pressure Minnesota got on Carson Palmer. The Vikings sacked Palmer four times and had over 20 quarterback hits in the game.

The player of the game is Xavier Rhodes, who snagged two interceptions and returned one of them 100 yards for a touchdown. Rhodes was also lined up against the Cardinals' Michael Floyd for much of the game, and Floyd finished with only two catches on five targets for 21 yards. The Vikings' cornerback might disappear for some games, but when he is at the top of his game he's one of the best in the league. It was great to see Rhodes secure those interceptions, since he only had four in 52 games coming into Sunday.

The Vikings defensive line also deserves a shout-out, but Danielle Hunter was the brightest star of the unit. Hunter accumulated two sacks, two tackles for a loss, and three quarterback hits. Hunter is quickly becoming one of the best players on this defense, and it appears the sky is the limit for this second-year player who turned 22 years old less than a month ago.

There were no players who stood out in a negative way, so instead I want to say goodbye to the wildcat formation. The Vikings have been running more wildcat in recent weeks, and for a while it appeared to be working. But the Cardinals finally found out how to beat the play, and now other teams have a blueprint. How did the Cardinals solve the Vikings' wildcat? By sending a player to smash into Sam Bradford who was lined up out wide. It was a legal play, and now we can expect other teams to follow suit. So farewell wildcat, it was fun while it lasted but it's not worth having the starting quarterback take unnecessary hits.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will play on Thanksgiving in Detroit. The Vikings will look to repay the Lions for their overtime loss earlier in the season. Both teams are 6-4, and Detroit is 4-1 at home. Minnesota is the better team, but if they aren't playing at 100 percent, it's very possible the Lions sweep the series.

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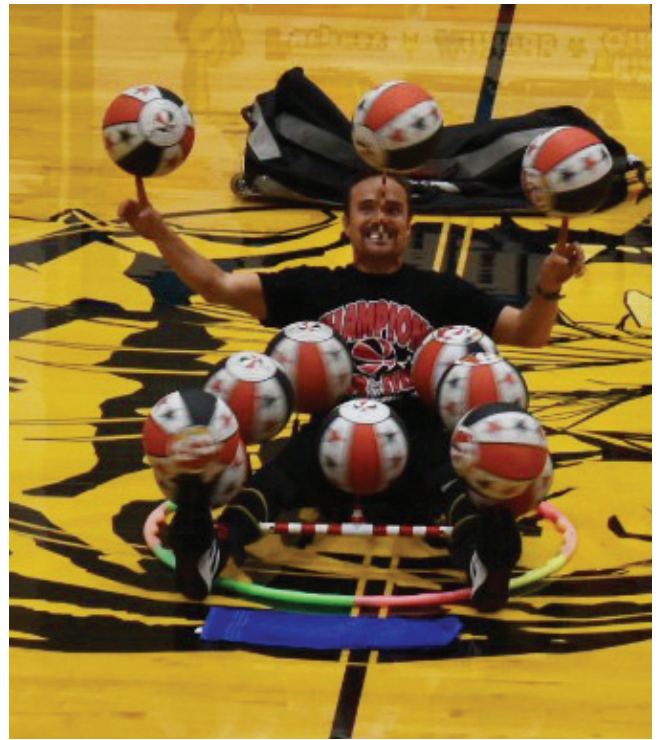
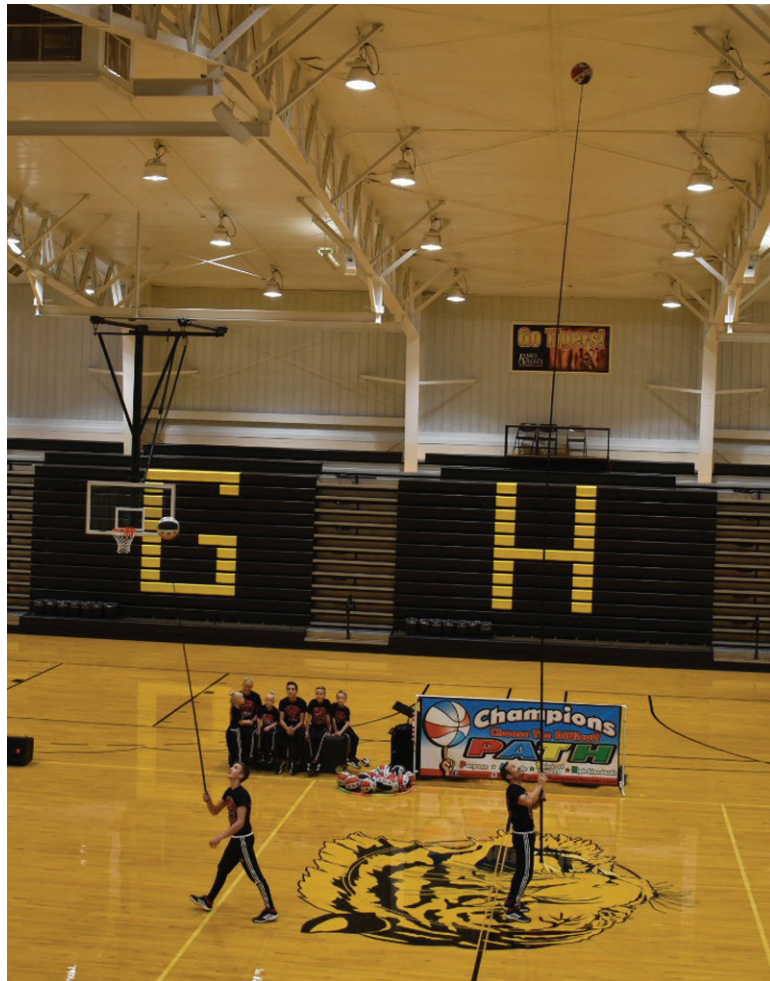
It was a Spintacular Event

The Groton Youth Rally took place on Nov. 16th evening at the Groton High School Arena. Bruce Crevier and family presented a show with basketball spinning and unicycles called Champions Forever, the Spintacular Basketball Show. There were around 400 people of all ages from as far as Hitchcock, SD and Forbes and Ellendale, ND and all around our region. Bruce Crevier has traveled all over the world, performing in over 35 countries. They were also finalists on America's God Talent. The Crevier's were also featured in Sports Illustrated. Bruce and family speak, and perform in schools, camps, prisons, and basketball halftime shows. Bruce is a five time Guinness World Record holder for spinning basketballs, and has spun as many as 21 basketballs at once. He also holds the world record endurance spin where he spun one basketball for 22 hours and 12 minutes without a break! He has appeared on numerous television shows, and in magazines, and newspaper articles across the country. Bruce and his wife Diane have twelve children. When his family is with him, they are part of an energetic program that is truly inspirational as well as motivational. Youth and adults were challenged to take their lives to the next level! They called this a "Family Night of Champions." They brought a message of hope and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.



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Photos by Julianna Kosel



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Today in Weather History

November 20, 1975: A storm center located in Oklahoma on Tuesday, November 18th, moved north-eastward across Kansas into Iowa and Wisconsin on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th. Light rain began in the eastern half South Dakota on the morning of the 19th. The rain changed to snow during the afternoon and continued through the evening of the 20th. The winds increased, and blizzard conditions were reached by 6 pm CST on Wednesday the 19th. The snow was driven by sustained winds 40 to 50 miles per hour, gusting to 75 mph on some occasions, which reduced visibility to less than one-half mile. Heavy snow ranging from six to fifteen inches fell over an area southeast of a line from Todd to Aurora to Grant County. Traffic came to a standstill by Wednesday evening the 19th. The snow abruptly ended on the night of the 20th, but winds diminished rather slowly that night. Storm total snowfalls included 9 inches at Clear Lake and 7 inches at Watertown.

November 20, 1977: The second blizzard of the month began very early on Saturday, November 19th and continued through most of Sunday, November 20th. Wind speeds exceeding 50 mph caused much blowing and drifting snow. Visibilities were frequently reduced to near zero. Most of the roads in the northern and western parts of the state were blocked. Snowfall amounts north of Milbank and Pierre to Ardmore exceeded five inches. Most of the counties in the northwest and a significant portion of those in the north-central parts of the state reported snowfall amounts exceeding ten inches. Some drifts reached 4 to 5 feet. The greatest reported snowfall was 20 inches in Eagle Butte. An eastbound train from Milbank had six freight cars derailed near Albee, in Grant County as a result of the storm. Snowfall totals from this blizzard included; 20 inches at Eagle Butte; 14 inches at Leola; 12 inches at Timber Lake and Britton; 11 inches 4NNE Victor and at Mobridge; 10 inches at 6SE McIntosh, 4W Mellette, Sand Lake, and Ipswich; 9.3 inches in Aberdeen; 9 inches 4NW Onida, at Sisseton, and 2N Onaka; 8 inches at Selby; 7 inches at McLaughlin and Waubay; 6 inches at Conde and Faulkton; 5 inches at Summit and Webster; 4 inches at Pierre, Wilmot and Highmore; and 3 inches at Watertown, Clear Lake, Miller, 3NE Raymond, Redfield, and Wheaton. The 9 inches at Sisseton helped to contribute to the snowiest November on record for Sisseton, which recorded 27.5 inches for the month of November 1977.



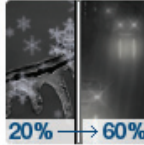




1900: An unusual tornado outbreak in the Lower Mississippi Valley resulted in 73 deaths and extensive damage across Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

1985: Kate intensified to a major Category 3 Hurricane and as she moved west of Key West, Florida with top winds of 115 mph and a minimum central pressure of 954 millibars or 28.17 inches of mercury. The next day Kate made landfall between Panama City and Apalachicola, Florida. Tides ran 8 to 10 feet above normal. Many houses were damaged by fallen trees. Many power poles and lines were downed. Several roads were washed out.

2014: From the NWS Office in Buffalo, New York, "the epic November 17-19th 2014 lake effect event will be remembered as one of the most significant winter events in Buffalo's snowy history. Over 5 feet of snow fell over areas just east of Buffalo, with mere inches a few miles away to the north. There were 13 fatalities with this storm, hundreds of major roof collapses and structural failures, 1000s of stranded motorists, and scattered food and gas shortages due to impassable roads. Numerous trees also gave way due to the weight of the snow, causing isolated power outages. While this storm was impressive on its own, a second lake effect event on Nov-19-20 dropped another 1-4 foot of snow over nearly the same area and compounded rescue and recovery efforts. Storm totals from the two storms peaked at almost 7 feet, with many areas buried under 3-4 feet of dense snowpack by the end of the event."

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Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night
						
Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Wintery Mix Likely and Patchy Fog	Rain/Snow Likely	Slight Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
Low: 16 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 23 °F



Forecast Snowfall For Monday Night / Tuesday

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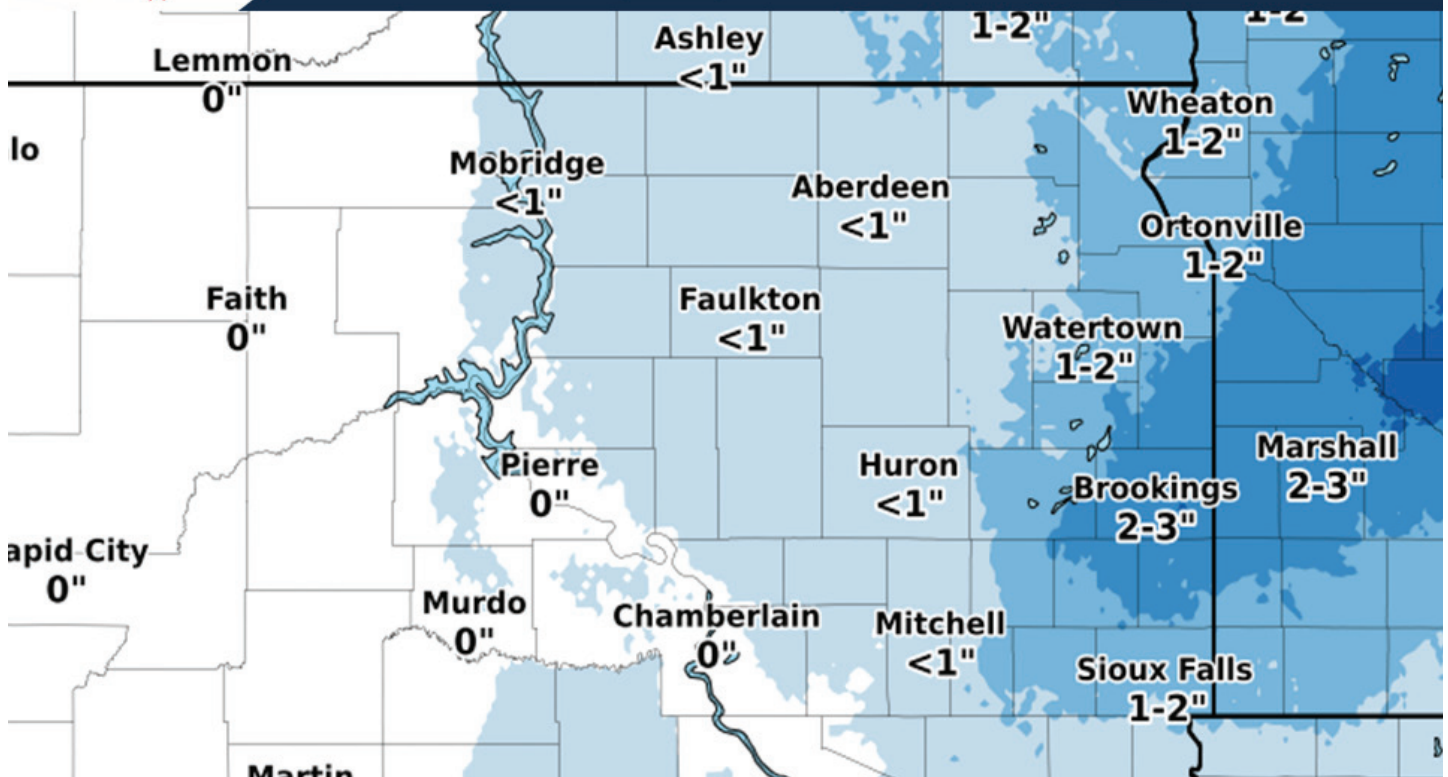
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The storm system for early this week is still expected to impact the area Monday night and Tuesday. Mixed precipitation is forecast to move into the area from the south Monday night, with light ice accumulations possible for some areas. Precipitation will continue into Tuesday, with some areas seeing rain, while others see mixed precipitation and snow. The highest snowfall accumulations are expected over eastern portions of the area where up to 2 or 3 inches are possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 26.2 F at 1:46 PM

Low Outside Temp: 11.1 F at 7:52 AM

High Gust: 14.0 Mph at 12:42 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 69° in 1962

Record Low: -12° in 1978

Average High: 37°F

Average Low: 17°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.53

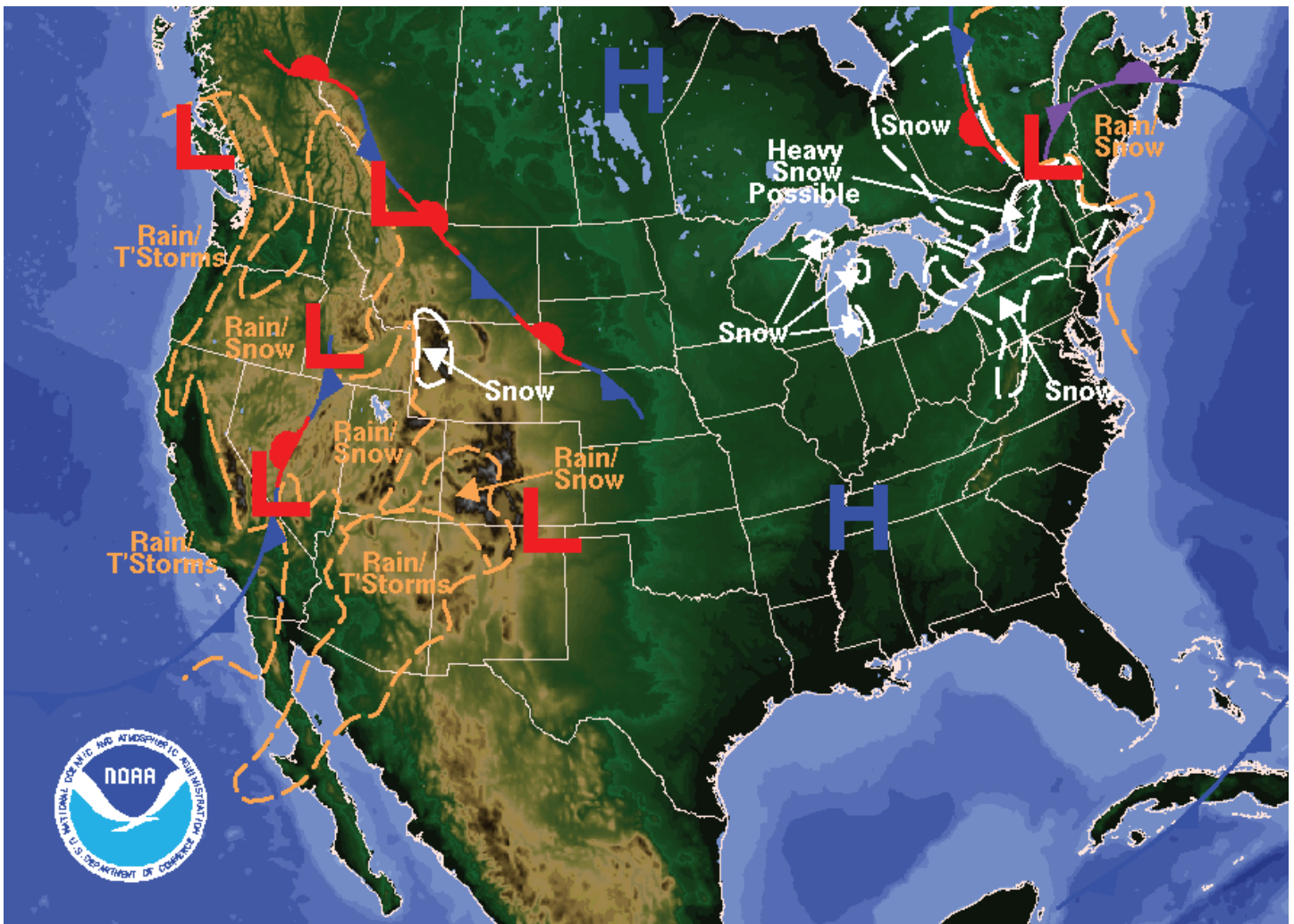
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 21.00

Precip Year to Date: 15.00

Sunset Tonight: 4:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Nov 20, 2016, issued 3:54 PM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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UNLIMITED!

George was well known and highly esteemed by the members of his church. By the world's definition of success he would be considered one who "had it made." He had a comfortable life, his children settled into good careers and was always available to serve the Lord whenever someone called upon him. He was well known for his faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Once he was asked, "What's the source of your energy? How can you do so much for so many and never seem to tire?"

After thinking for a moment he replied, "It's this – with Christ within me I refuse to accept any human limitations."

Paul once said, "I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be." What a goal for each of us to adopt: being what Jesus saved us for and wants us to be!

When we fully realize and accept all that He has called us to be and do, our lives will have no "human limitations." Often when an opportunity to serve Him comes our way our first obstacle is to question our abilities or availability. But He never calls us to do anything that is beyond our potential. What He asks us to do He will empower us to accomplish. Trust Him.

Prayer: Lord, may we have an unlimited view of what You would have us to be and do. Free us of self-imposed limitations that cause fear and failure. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 3:12-14 ... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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Bernstine has triple-double in North Dakota's 101-63 win

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GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Drick Bernstine turned in the second triple-double in North Dakota history and the Fighting Hawks rolled past Presentation College 101-63 on Sunday.

Bernstine had 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Senior Quinton Hooker recorded the first last season.

North Dakota (3-0) has scored 98, 94 and 101 points in winning its first three games to open a season for the first time since 2002-03. The last time the Fighting Hawks hit 100 points was in a 101-59 victory over Northern Arizona on Jan. 21, 2016.

Geno Crandall led the Fighting Hawks with 17 points, including 15 in the first half to help break the game open with North Dakota taking a 53-34 halftime lead. Seven Hawks scored in double figures with the team shooting 56.5 percent, including 9 of 22 from the arc (40.9 percent).

Elijah Valdez led the NAIA Saints, who played the game as an exhibition, with 14 points.

3 juveniles arrested in Sioux Falls armed robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say three juveniles have been arrested at a motel following an armed robbery at a convenience store.

Police say convenience store employees reported that two men entered the store around 5:30 a.m. Sunday and demanded money. Police say one of the suspects pointed a gun at the two employees. Authorities say the suspects took money from the cash register and fled.

Police say information they received led them to a motel, where three juvenile males were arrested after officers searched two rooms and a vehicle they suspect was involved in the robbery.

Police say the three juveniles are facing charges of first-degree robbery and possession of a stolen firearm. One of the juveniles was also arrested on two counts of aggravated assault.

5-time champ North Dakota State is top seed in FCS playoffs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Five-time defending national champion North Dakota State is the No. 1 seed in the FCS playoffs.

The NCAA announced the 24-team playoff field on Sunday. The top eight seeds receive first-round byes and host second-round games. Joining the Bison in the top four are Eastern Washington at No. 2, Jacksonville State, last season's runner-up, at No. 3 and James Madison at No. 4.

No. 5 Sam Houston State, No. 6 The Citadel, No. 7 North Dakota and No. 8 South Dakota State also have first-round byes.

North Dakota State will begin defense of its title on Dec. 3 against the winner of Cal Poly and San Diego.

Youngstown State under former Nebraska coach Bo Pelini is in the FCS playoffs for the first time since 2006. The Penguins host Samford on Saturday.

South Dakota poultry producers bounce back from bird flu

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota egg producers are finally feeling some relief a year after the bird flu resulted in the deaths of millions of birds across the Midwest.

The outbreak's effects led to soaring egg prices and hardship for egg producers and turkey farmers in the spring and summer of 2015, the Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2eH5GiJ>) reported.

Last month, Flandreau-based egg producer Dakota Layers repopulated all nine of its flocks, which includes 1.3 million hens, according to the company's website. Dakota Layers vice president Jason Ramsdell said

the rebuilding process took a lot of time and energy.

The repopulation also benefits consumers in the form of lower egg prices because young hens produce eggs at a faster rate than aging hens.

Farmer-owned turkey plant Dakota Provisions managed to bounce back from the bird flu losses, and is planning an \$8.5 million expansion of its cold storage unit. The company lost 12 percent of its total turkey population during 2015 — about 618,000 turkeys — company human resources director Mark Heuston said.

“The first year of the new facility should take us from \$250 million to \$300 million sales. Then higher each year after for several years,” Heuston said.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Authorities still searching for missing South Dakota woman

WOONSOCKET, S.D. (AP) — The case of a woman who went missing in Mitchell has taken a toll on the community and law enforcement in the three years since her disappearance.

Rachel Cyriacks, 30, was last seen Nov. 13, 2013, in Mitchell. She was reported missing in early December that same year.

Authorities said searches in the area, surveillance footage and interviews haven't turned up any evidence in the case, The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2ghC8s9>) reported. The pickup truck she was last seen driving was found in early January 2014 with significant damage to its undercarriage, but it hasn't produced any tangible leads.

“It's frustrating. Most cases you can close and put it to rest, but when you get something like this, you think about it and sometimes it's in the back of your mind, but you never, ever forget about it,” said Sanborn County Sheriff Tom Fridley. “I know it hasn't disappeared in a lot of people's minds — people still care and they're still looking.”

Fridley said officials suspect foul play and don't believe Cyriacks will be found alive. But he said hope remains that justice will be served one day.

“We're always hopeful that this is the one — this is the right piece of information,” Fridley said. “You're always hanging on optimism because it's the only thing we can do, and I can honestly say I believe there's still optimism out there, it's just been a long time waiting for this Christmas present.”

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Student from South Dakota chosen as Rhodes Scholar for 2017

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man is among the 32 Americans who have been chosen as Rhodes Scholars and will pursue post-graduate studies at Oxford University in England.

Joshua Carter, of Watertown, will pursue a master's degree in clinical neuroscience at Oxford. The Rhodes Trust announced the scholars-elect for 2017 Sunday.

Carter will graduate from Montana State University with dual degrees in mechanical engineering and microbiology. He volunteers at a nonprofit that helps children with disabilities and also leads an organization that builds bicycles for disadvantaged children.

The 2017 scholars-elect were chosen from 882 applicants who were endorsed by 311 colleges and universities. The scholarships cover all expenses for two or three years of study at Oxford starting next October. In some instances, the scholarships may allow funding for four years.

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Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Class AA

Seventh Place

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Pierre, 28-26, 25-17, 25-23

Fifth Place

Sioux Falls Washington def. Huron, 25-19, 25-22, 25-23

Third Place

Aberdeen Central def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-15, 20-25, 26-24, 19-25, 15-13

Championship

Harrisburg def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 21-25, 25-12, 14-25, 25-13, 15-10

Class A

Seventh Place

Milbank Area def. Mobridge-Pollock, 27-25, 25-16, 25-13

Fifth Place

Sioux Falls Christian def. Sioux Valley, 25-11, 25-19, 25-12

Third Place

West Central def. Bon Homme, 25-10, 25-15, 25-15

Championship

Dakota Valley def. Madison, 25-8, 25-15, 27-29, 25-16

Class B

Seventh Place

Harding County def. Lyman, 25-15, 25-21, 25-22

Platte-Geddes def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-14, 17-25, 25-13, 24-26, 15-5

Third Place

Parker def. Sully Buttes, 20-25, 25-22, 25-13, 25-10

Championship

Northwestern def. Chester, 25-23, 25-18, 24-26, 25-19

Museum in Aberdeen opens its doors to new sports exhibit

By Cuyler Meade, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — For longtime Brown County sports fans, the Dacotah Prairie Museum is rolling out a walk down memory lane.

For newcomers to the area, it's a chance to learn some history.

The Aberdeen Museum's newest exhibit, "Brown County on the Gridiron," had its grand opening to the newly remodeled second-floor gallery, the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2g0fORq>) reported.

The exhibit displays football artifacts from area high schools and colleges, including uniforms, coach's jackets, news stories, helmets and more. Groton, Aberdeen Roncalli, Aberdeen Central, Warner, Presentation College and more are represented.

It also has activities for children — or rambunctious adults — including ladder drills, a high jump marker and a working microphone for broadcasting football plays imagined or remembered.

Perhaps the crowning piece of the exhibit is a display with four mannequins modeling full Northern State football uniform — pads, helmets and all — through the years. It starts with an authentically produced facsimile of the uniform that would have been worn by Northern State players as early as 1909.

The effort to compile the exhibit started from scratch and has taken about six months.

"We have baseball artifacts, but we had nothing for basketball, we had nothing for football," Lora Schauna-man, Curator of Exhibits said Tuesday. "Our sports department is really slim. It came from the schools, from individuals who sent us stuff. We went on Facebook and Twitter. Lots of places."

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Schaunaman, who was one of the chief assemblers of the exhibits, hopes it will be a chance for people to come together and remember the past both recent and less-so.

Living examples of Brown County football's most recent history were walking around the exhibit on Tuesday.

Northern State football players Brendon Hoellein and Matt Thorson, graduates of Aberdeen Roncalli and Groton, were respectively present for the grand opening. The players wore their own Wolves uniforms right alongside the mannequins. Taking a look at the pictures and artifacts on display, they fit right in with the exhibit, a part of history themselves.

"It's cool to see your teams back there, and with both of us playing around the area, and then the Northern exhibit too, seeing the Northern jerseys, we were part of both the high school and the college aspects of this," Thorson said.

Thorson pointed out photos of players he'd played with at Groton as a freshman. Hoellein identified the jacket with the name of his coach, Terry Dosch, embroidered on the breast.

"It makes you feel really special," Hoellein said. "Like, you always say you're a part of something. Well, now you can really see that you're a part of something bigger than yourself. Even just your team, how you're a part of the history of the team or a school."

Thorson laughed, thinking about it.

"It kind of makes you feel old," he said. "You're in a museum now."

Schaunaman sees the new exhibit being a big draw for the museum.

"I really hope that we'll have some community support that people will enjoy of all ages and bring back some memories. Talking about specific teams, specific games, towns, just memories of the sport," Schaunaman said. "And if it's successful that way I think we'll just keep doing one sport after another."

The plan is for the exhibit to last about two or three years before rotating to another sport, Schaunaman said. She hopes baseball will be next.

"It's probably the oldest in Brown County because the pioneers played baseball," Schaunaman said. "Well, and also horse racing."

Horse racing might be a harder exhibit to put together.

But for now, football is the name of the game.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Paleontologist discovers mosasaur fossil in South Dakota

By Chris Huber, Rapid City Journal

BLACK HILLS, S.D. (AP) — When Frank Garcia was only eight-years-old, when he remembers going to the library in West Tampa, Florida, and opening up a book about dinosaurs. The first page he saw featured a depiction of the massive ancient marine reptile called a mosasaur swimming in deep blue water.

"I saw that and I thought to myself, gosh that is so cool, I sure would like to find something like that someday," Garcia, now 70, said during a phone interview on Friday. "It fueled my passion for paleontology."

In October — more than 60 years since opening that book and after a long career as a world-renowned paleontologist — Garcia finally found what he had been looking for while on a dig in South Dakota, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2f7QFFt>) reported.

"It's a dream come true for a child who never grew up," Garcia said with a laugh.

Garcia, his wife, Debby and his friend Gary Brown uncovered an extremely well-preserved skull of an ancient marine reptile within the mosasaurus genus along with several other pieces of the skeleton.

Peter Larson, president of the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research, called the discovery "very significant." He said other mosasaurs have been found in South Dakota but nothing this complete.

"This looks to be the very nicest one from what I have seen," Larson said, adding that the Black Hills Institute has one partial fossil of a mosasaur. "It's definitely in the mosasaurus genus but it's unclear what the species is."

Larson said mosasaurs are closely related to the Komodo dragon of today but lived only in water. He

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said they would have been an air-breathing reptile that was carnivorous, could grow to more than 40 feet long and lived more than 60 million years ago.

"From the looks of this one, it's a nice big adult," Larson said.

Garcia moved to Edgemont two years ago after spending a career making significant discoveries in Florida, where he said it eventually got too crowded. Though he had a hand in the discovery of more than 30 previously unknown species of prehistoric animals and his work is featured in museums across the country, Garcia called last month's mosasaur discovery his "greatest thrill."

He wouldn't divulge exactly where the fossil was found but did say it was on private property near the Black Hills, in a Pierre Shale formation. He is afraid other fossil hunters may come bother the landowner if they knew its location.

He and his friend Gary Brown first found vertebra sticking out of the soil while on a fossil hunting mission in late October. They started clearing away the dirt to free the pieces of vertebra and hoping they would find more.

"I figured if I dug down just a little bit in the area, sure enough, we would start finding more," Garcia said.

After a day's work, he came back to the site with his wife the next morning. They sat down and started meticulously brushing away the small pieces of dirt in hope of uncovering more of the ancient reptile.

"As we started to dig, we found ribs and parts of its hand or flipper, all the time I kept thinking if we follow this spinal column, that head has to be here somewhere," Garcia said. "We uncovered more, and I was thinking 'This is the biggest thing I have ever seen.'"

Debby suggested digging under a small bush near where the rest of the fossils were found.

Fourteen inches below the surface under that bush, they found exactly what they were working for. A beautifully preserved, 4-foot long mosasaur skull with two 4-foot long jaws. Garcia figures with a head that large, this specimen would have been more than 50 feet long — about the size of a humpback whale.

The team was able to cast the fossils to protect them and remove them from the site. The skull alone weighed more than 300 pounds.

Garcia said he plans on working with the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research to prep the specimen. "It's going to be gorgeous once it is done," he said.

Garcia said Friday afternoon he plans on donating the find to the Museum at Black Hills Institute in Hill City.

"It was found in South Dakota, so I think it should stay here," Garcia said.

As for the name of the fossil, Garcia plans on calling it Debby, after his wife.

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Wyoming beats South Dakota State 77-67

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McManamen hit a 3-pointer with 50 seconds left in the first half that gave Wyoming the lead for good going into the break. The Cowboys opened the second half with a 9-2 run and extended the lead into double digits for much of the latter part of the second half.

Mike Daum made 5 of 6 from 3-point range and led South Dakota State (1-3) with 24 points and eight rebounds. The Jackrabbits set a program record with 37 3-point attempts, making 12.

Chris Howell added 12 points and Reed Tellinghuisen 11 for South Dakota State.

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S. Dakota St. beats N. Iowa 45-24 for share of MVFC title

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Taryn Christian threw two touchdowns to Jake Wieneke and Wieneke threw one to Christian as South Dakota beat Northern Iowa 45-24 on Saturday for a piece of its first Missouri Valley Football Conference title.

The Jackrabbits (8-3, 7-1) share the championship with five-time defending FCS national champion North Dakota State, which SDSU beat 19-17 earlier this season. SDSU receives the conference's automatic playoff selection based on that win.

SDSU's last conference title in football came in 2007, when it won the Great West Football Conference.

"It sounds sweet," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said.

Christian threw for 272 yards and two scores. He also ran for 25 yards and a TD.

Christian threw a 30-yard score to Wieneke on the third play of the game in just over a minute of play. Northern Iowa tied it up on its ensuing drive to make it 7-7. On the Jackrabbits' next drive, Wieneke hit Christian for a 16-yard score to put them up again, 14-7, with 7:41 left in the first quarter.

"Our guys played their tails off. They came down here and beat a good team," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "Good things happen when you play hard and believe in yourself."

SDSU held the Panthers to just 56 yards on the ground.

"We dominated the line of scrimmage and we're really excited about that," Stiegelmeier said.

South Dakota State needed two big defensive plays in the red zone to take a 21-17 lead into halftime. The first was a Chris Balster interception in the end zone that led to SDSU's go-ahead score. The second was a Dallas Brown interception at the goal line following a SDSU turnover at its own 31 in the closing seconds.

Eli Dunne threw for 295 yards and a score for the Panthers (5-6, 4-4) but was intercepted three times.

UNI had 209 yards at the half, to Stiegelmeier's dismay.

"We've got to stop them. We had to make two interceptions at the goal line," he said. "Third-and-long we've been horse poop."

UNI's bid for its first lead ended when Dunne's ill-advised backhand pass was intercepted in the end zone by Balster. That hurt, as it led to Wieneke's 5-yard TD catch which capped an 80-yard drive and gave the Jacks a 21-14 lead.

UNI's Sam Drysdale kicked a 20-yard field goal with 1:42 left in the second quarter.

Christian's rushing TD covered 11 yards and gave the Jacks a 28-17 lead with 9:11 left in the third quarter.

UNI closed the gap to 28-24 on J'Veyon Browning's 1-yard run with 4:22 left in the third quarter. But it turned out to be the Panthers' final score.

Late in the third quarter, Rima dropped a punt return and Makiah Slade recovered for SDSU. The Jackrabbits turned that miscue into a 3-yard Kyle Paris TD run and a 35-24 lead.

With 1:27 left in the game, Dunne was sacked by and defensive lineman Kellen Soulek caught a loose ball in the air for an interception and rambled 65 yards for a final TD.

"I'm tired," Soulek said. "The ball just popped up and into my hands. I was lucky to know which way to run."

The Jackrabbits await Sunday's FCS playoff announcement. If they get a top eight seed, they will receive a first-round bye.

"I'm just glad we're in the playoff, that's cool. We're conference champs, that's neat," Stiegelmeier said.

Judge: No bail for 2 teens in congressman's grandson's death

CHICAGO (AP) — Bail was denied Sunday afternoon for two teenagers charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of an Illinois congressman's grandson following an argument over a pair of basketball shoes.

The 16-year-old boy and 17-year-old girl appeared before Cook County Judge James Brown wearing juvenile detention center sweatshirts, their heads bowed, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Brown called the killing of U.S. Rep. Danny Davis' grandson a "total callous disregard for human life."

Police said the two were arrested after they were identified as suspects in Friday's shooting death of

15-year-old Javon Wilson. The shooting stemmed from a dispute over basketball shoes, police said, adding that Wilson knew his attackers and they may have been friends at some point.

Chicago has seen a dramatic rise in the number of shootings and homicides, with August being the deadliest month in the city in two decades. There have been 673 homicides so far this year, including the fatal shootings of the cousin of Chicago Bulls basketball star Dwyane Wade, a Chicago police officer's son and the son of a famed percussionist.

Davis said he was told that a boy traded slacks for shoes with Wilson's 14-year-old brother, but thought better of the trade and went to Wilson's house with a 17-year-old girl. He said the pair forced their way in the house and argued with Wilson before the boy shot Wilson in the head.

Davis, who was re-elected this month to his 11th term in the 7th Congressional District and is a former Chicago alderman, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the charges brought him continued remorse at the loss of his grandson.

"I feel a great deal of empathy, especially for the families of the two individuals who are involved," Davis said. "I'm sure that's not the way they were hoping to go into their Thanksgiving week."

Davis said it's unfortunate the teens "would have access to a gun that could lead to that kind of mayhem" and that he will "continue to work with those who are trying to get guns out of circulation." He also says more funding is needed for education and after-school programs.

He described his grandson as "a pretty regular kid" who loved playing basketball and knew all the pros and their stats, who also loved music and whose grades were improving after a rough patch.

Obama: I'll push back on Trump if needed to defend US ideals

By JOSH LEDERMAN and DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Barack Obama said Sunday he doesn't intend to become his successor's constant critic — but reserved the right to speak out if President-elect Donald Trump or his policies breach certain "values or ideals."

Offering a rare glimpse into his thoughts on his post-presidency, Obama suggested once he was out of office he would uphold the tradition of ex-presidents stepping aside quietly to allow their successors space to govern. He heaped praise on former President George W. Bush, saying he "could not have been more gracious to me when I came in" and said he wanted to give Trump the same chance to pursue his agenda "without somebody popping off" at every turn.

But Obama suggested there may be limits to his silence.

"As an American citizen who cares deeply about our country, if there are issues that have less to do with the specifics of some legislative proposal or battle or go to core questions about our values and ideals, and if I think that it's necessary or helpful for me to defend those ideals, I'll examine it when it comes," Obama told reporters.

Obama, who has consistently praised Bush for the way he's handled his ex-presidency, faces a conundrum about how to handle his own. Though he's vowed to ensure a smooth handover of power, Obama is keenly aware he's being replaced by a new president whose views on many issues are antithetical to his own.

The president spoke out vigorously throughout the campaign against Trump's calls for banning Muslim immigrants, deporting millions of people living in the U.S. illegally, reinstating waterboarding, repealing "Obamacare" and canceling the Paris climate deal, to name a few. Those policy proposals and others like them have stoked fear for many Americans who oppose Trump and are hoping that vehement opposition from Obama and other Democrats might prevent Trump from implementing them.

Yet Obama suggested that while he might not always hold his tongue, his goal wasn't to spend his time publicly disparaging the next president.

"My intention is to, certainly for the next 2 months, just finish my job," Obama said. "And then after that, to take Michelle on vacation, get some rest, spend time with my girls, and do some writing, do some thinking."

Obama's remarks at a news conference in Lima offered some of his most specific indications to date of

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how he feels Democrats and Trump opponents should handle the next four years. Asked whether Democrats in the Senate should follow Republicans' example of refusing to even consider a Supreme Court nominee, Obama said they should not.

"You give them a hearing," said Obama, whose own Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, has lingered for more than half a year due to the GOP's insistence that no Obama nominee be considered. Obama said he certainly didn't want Democrats to adopt that tactic spearheaded this year by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

"That's not why the American people send us to Washington, to play those games," Obama said.

He declined to weigh in explicitly on whether House Democrats should stick with Rep. Nancy Pelosi as minority leader, arguing it was improper to meddle in the vote. But he said of the California Democrat, who faces a challenge for the leadership post: "I cannot speak highly enough of Nancy Pelosi."

Obama's remarks came as he concluded his final world tour as president. For Obama, it was the last time he'd take questions on foreign soil, a staple of his overseas trips that his administration has seen as an important symbol of America's commitment to a rigorous free press.

Obama said he'd avoided ethical scandals by trying to follow the spirit, not just the letter, of the law, and suggested Trump would be wise to follow his example about conflicts of interest. Though he declined to explicitly offer Trump advice, Obama said he'd been served well by selling his assets and investing them in Treasury bills.

"It simplified my life," Obama said. "I did not have to worry about the complexities of whether a decision that I made might even inadvertently benefit me."

Good government advocates have criticized Trump's decision not to liquidate his sprawling business interests, but put them in a blind trust entrusted to his children, who are playing major roles in helping him form his administration and are expected to remain involved in one capacity or another.

On his final day in Peru, Obama chatted briefly with Russian President Vladimir Putin about Ukraine and the Syria crisis. The four-minute conversation, likely the leaders' last face-to-face interaction, came amid intense speculation and concern about whether Trump's election might herald a more conciliatory U.S. approach to Russia.

Putin, speaking later in Lima, said he and Obama had noted that while their working relationship had been difficult, they'd "always respected each other's positions — and each other."

"I thanked him for the years of joint work, and said that at any time, if he considers it possible and will have the need and desire, we will be happy to see him in Russia," Putin said later.

Questions about Trump trailed Obama throughout his final overseas trip, as anxious world leaders quizzed him on Trump's stances on key issues like trade, foreign policy and the NATO alliance. Obama sought to reassure Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other leaders gathered in Peru that their longstanding ties with the U.S. wouldn't falter under Trump.

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Asia-Pacific summit closes with call to work for free trade

By **BEN FOX** and **JOSHUA GOODMAN**, Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Leaders of 21 Asia-Pacific nations ended their annual summit Sunday with a call to resist protectionism amid signs of increased free-trade skepticism, highlighted by the victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum also closed with a joint pledge to work toward a sweeping new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to "sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth," despite the political climate.

"We reaffirm our commitment to keep our markets open and to fight against all forms of protectionism,"

the leaders of the APEC nations said in a joint statement.

APEC noted the "rising skepticism over trade" amid an uneven recovery since the financial crisis and said that "the benefits of trade and open markets need to be communicated to the wider public more effectively, emphasizing how trade promotes innovation, employment and higher living standards."

Speaking to journalists at the conclusion of the summit, Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the main obstacle to free trade agreements in Asia and around the world is the frustration felt by those left behind by globalization.

"Protectionism in reality is a reflection of tough economic conditions," said Kuczynski, the meeting's host.

Referring to Britain's vote to leave the European Union and Trump's election win in the U.S., he said those results highlighted the backlash against globalization in former industrial regions in the U.S. and Britain that contrasts with support for trade in more-prosperous urban areas and developing countries.

"This is an important point in recent economic history because of the outcome of various elections in very important countries that have reflected an anti-trade, anti-openness feeling," he said.

This was the last international summit for U.S. President Barack Obama and he had been expected to promote the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact, a 12-nation trade deal. But he is no longer expected to seek ratification by Congress before he leaves office because of the election victory by Trump, who called the agreement a "disaster" for jobs.

Obama told reporters that the way to address income inequality and to create jobs is through crafting trade policy and agreements like the TPP in ways that will increase exports to the Pacific Rim countries that make up a third of the world's population.

"When it comes to trade, I believe the answer is not to pull back," he said at his last overseas news conference. "The answer is to do trade right, making sure it has strong labor standards, strong environmental standards — that it addresses ways in which workers and ordinary people can benefit rather than be harmed by global trade."

Questions about Trump trailed Obama throughout trip as anxious world leaders quizzed him on Trump's stances on key issues like trade, foreign policy and the NATO alliance. On his final day in Peru, Obama sought to reassure the leaders gathered here that their longstanding ties with the U.S. wouldn't falter under Trump.

Leaders of other nations said at the APEC meeting that they might seek to modify the TPP deal to make it more appealing to the incoming president or seek to implement it without the U.S. But the statement issued at the close of the summit said the organization would also work toward adoption of a broader 21-nation pact favored by the Chinese government known as the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he is keeping an open mind about Trump, who has threatened to tear up the North American Free Trade Agreement between his country, the U.S. and Mexico.

"We're not going to jump to any conclusion about what the incoming American administration is going to actually do," Trudeau said. "There's been a certain amount of things said. But at same time we know that trade is good for the middle class and those working hard to join it."

The APEC statement also said the members would adhere to the carbon reduction goals set in Paris last year to address climate change, which they called a threat to food security and security.

Trump, Pence address potential of Romney, Mattis in Cabinet

By CATHERINE LUCEY and LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump said Sunday that he had "made a couple of deals" after spending the weekend meeting with a long list of potential administration appointees, but he did not reveal any more picks.

Trump and the vice president-elect, Mike Pence, did drop some hints. Pence said that Mitt Romney was "under active and serious consideration" to become the nation's next secretary of state. Trump said retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was an "impressive" prospect for defense secretary.

"I think we have some really incredible people going to be working for the country," Trump said Sunday

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evening. "We really had some incredible meetings. You'll be hearing about them soon."

Among the visitors to the white-pillared clubhouse Sunday were Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, billionaire investor Wilbur Ross and retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, the former commander of U.S. Southern Command.

Between conversations, Trump revealed he was making plans for transitioning his family. He told reporters that his wife, Melania, and their 10-year-old son, Barron, would move to Washington when the school year ends.

And Trump turned to Twitter to share some of his thinking. In between criticisms of "Saturday Night Live," the hit musical "Hamilton," and Democrats, he wrote that, "General James 'Mad Dog' Mattis, who is being considered for secretary of defense, was very impressive yesterday. A true General's General!"

The comments were indications that Trump is looking outside his immediate circle as he works toward rounding out his foreign policy and national security teams. On Friday, he named a loyalist, retired Gen. Michael Flynn, as his national security adviser.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 GOP presidential contender, and Trump exchanged bitter insults during the campaign, and Mattis has not been considered a Trump confidante. The appointment of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to lawmakers and others concerned about Trump's hard-line positions on immigration and national security and his lack of foreign policy experience.

Trump told reporters Sunday that one of his most loyal and public allies, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was also a prospect for secretary of state "and other things." Giuliani at one point had been considered for attorney general, but Trump gave that job to Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

The businessman and president-elect also apparently was considering options to lead the Commerce Department, meeting with Ross.

"Time will tell," Ross told reporters when asked if he wanted a post.

More meetings are on Trump's Monday schedule. His transition team said former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry was expected to meet with Trump on Monday.

But even as Trump and his team discussed pressing issues facing the country and how to staff the incoming administration, the president-elect's Twitter feed suggested other issues too were on his mind.

His targets Sunday included retiring Democratic leader Harry Reid. Trump tweeted that incoming Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, another media-savvy New Yorker, was "far smarter" than Reid and "has the ability to get things done."

Trump also complained that "Saturday Night Live," which thrives on making fun of politicians, is "biased" and not funny. The night before, actor Alec Baldwin portrayed Trump as Googling, "What is ISIS?"

Trump also insisted again that the cast and producers of "Hamilton" should apologize after the lead actor addressed Pence from the stage Friday night, telling the vice president-elect that "diverse America" was "alarmed and anxious." Pence said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that he wasn't offended.

Trump started filling key administration positions on Friday, picking Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA, signaling a sharp rightward shift in U.S. security policy as he begins to form his Cabinet. Trump also named retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn as his national security adviser.

Trump's initial decisions suggest a more aggressive military involvement in counterterrorism strategy and a greater emphasis on Islam's role in stoking extremism. Sessions, who is best known for his hard line immigration views, has questioned whether terrorist suspects should benefit from the rights available in U.S. courts. Pompeo has said Muslim leaders are "potentially complicit" in attacks if they do not denounce violence carried out in the name of Islam.

Pompeo's nomination to lead the CIA also opens the prospect of the U.S. resuming torture of detainees. Trump has backed harsh interrogation techniques that President Barack Obama and Congress have banned, saying the U.S. "should go tougher than waterboarding," which simulates drowning. In 2014, Pompeo criticized Obama for "ending our interrogation program" and said intelligence officials "are not torturers, they are patriots."

Sessions and Pompeo would both require Senate confirmation; Flynn would not.

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France's Sarkozy loses primary with hard-line on immigration

By SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Former President Nicolas Sarkozy and his populist, hard-line stand on Muslims and immigration went down in defeat Sunday in France's conservative primary for president. Two ex-prime ministers will instead meet in a runoff next week for the nomination.

The race was seen as an early measure of how the terror attacks in France over the past two years and the nationalist wave sweeping Europe and the U.S. have shaped the country's political landscape.

With more than 3.8 million votes counted from about 92 percent of polling stations, Francois Fillon had 44.2 percent, Alain Juppe 28.4 percent and Sarkozy 20.7 percent. The final results are not expected until Monday.

The top two vote-getters will compete in the Nov. 27 runoff.

In a speech from his campaign headquarters in Paris, Sarkozy called on his supporters to vote for Fillon — his prime minister from 2007 to 2012 — in the second round.

"I did not succeed in convincing a majority of voters. I do respect and understand the will of those who have chosen for the future other political leaders than me," Sarkozy said. "I have no bitterness, no sadness, and I wish the best for my country."

The winner is expected to have a strong chance of victory in the April-May presidential election, because traditional rivals on the left have been weakened by Socialist Francois Hollande's troubled presidency.

The conservative candidate's main challenger next year may turn out to be far-right leader Marine Le Pen, who is hoping anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim and anti-establishment sentiment can propel her to the presidency. Le Pen, the candidate of her once-pariah National Front party, did not take part in any primary.

Sarkozy, Fillon and Juppe had been expected to lead the balloting Sunday.

Of the three, Sarkozy, 61, took the hardest line on immigration and Islam-related issues, in the hope of pulling votes from people attracted to Le Pen. He called for stricter immigration rules across Europe and vowed to ban Muslim women from wearing headscarves at universities and possibly elsewhere.

Fillon — an outsider a few weeks ago — enjoyed a recent boost in popularity thanks to his image of authority and seriousness compared with Sarkozy's more brazen demeanor.

Observers also said the 62-year-old Fillon proved to be the most convincing candidate in the three televised debates. He pushed for strong conservative values, pledging to hold a referendum on a quota system for immigrants and to ban same-sex couples from adoption.

Juppe, 72, promoted a more peaceful vision of French society, based on respect for religious freedom and ethnic diversity.

On the economic front, all candidates called for lower taxes, especially on businesses, and a reduction in the number of public servants. Fillon and Juppe also agreed on giving managers more flexibility by loosening the 35-hour weekly limit on employees' working time.

Other candidates in the French vote were Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, the only woman on the conservative ballot; former government ministers Bruno Le Maire and Jean-Francois Cope; and Parliament member Jean-Frederic Poisson.

Chris den Hond and Angela Charlton contributed to this report.

San Antonio police officer fatally shot while writing ticket

By JAMIE STENGLE, Associated Press

A San Antonio police officer writing out a traffic ticket to a motorist was shot to death in his squad car Sunday outside police headquarters by another driver who pulled up from behind, authorities said.

San Antonio police Chief William McManus identified the officer as Detective Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force.

McManus said the suspect had not been apprehended Sunday night. He said he doesn't believe the man has any relationship to the original motorist who was pulled over, and no motive has been identified.

"We consider this suspect to be extremely dangerous and a clear threat to law enforcement officers and the public," said McManus, who added that after the shooting officers had been instructed to not make traffic stops alone.

McManus said Marconi had pulled over a vehicle and while he was inside his squad car writing a ticket, a car pulled up behind him. The driver of that car got out, walked up to the officer's driver-side window and shot Marconi twice in the head, then walked back to his car and drove away.

Marconi was pronounced dead at a hospital.

McManus said investigators are looking into all leads and motives, including whether it could be related to an officer-involved shooting earlier Sunday in the city. In that incident, McManus said, police fatally shot a man who pointed a gun at officers outside an apartment following a seven-hour standoff.

"Hopefully, we'll solve this one real quick," McManus said.

Some streets downtown were blocked off with police tape as officials investigated the slaying.

The shooting came less than five months after a gunman killed five officers in Dallas who were working a protest about the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. It was the deadliest day for American law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001.

Ten days after the Dallas attack, a man wearing a ski mask and armed with two rifles and a pistol killed three officers near a gas station and convenience store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And earlier this month, two Des Moines, Iowa-area police officers were fatally shot in separate ambush-style attacks while sitting in their patrol cars.

"It's always difficult, especially in this this day and age, where police are being targeted across the country," McManus said.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called the slaying a "horrific act of violence." Abbott said in a statement that "attacks against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated in Texas and must be met with swift justice."

San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor extended condolences to the family of the slain officer and the entire police force.

Syrian government refuses UN truce terms for Aleppo

By PHILIP ISSA, The Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian government refused the U.N. envoy's latest proposal for a truce in Aleppo on Sunday, calling on insurgents to withdraw and saying it would not grant autonomy to the rebel-held east in exchange for calm.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said restoring government rule was a matter of "national sovereignty," and that Damascus would not allow the people of eastern Aleppo to be "hostages to 6,000 gunmen."

"We agreed on the need that terrorists should get out of east Aleppo to end the suffering of the civilians in the city," he said.

He spoke after meeting with U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura, who acknowledged a "major disagreement" with al-Moallem and said a "creative" if interim solution was required to halt the violence.

"We are only proposing that there should not be a radical dramatic change in the administration of Aleppo until there is a political solution," he said.

The envoy warned in a recent interview with the U.K. newspaper The Guardian that the government

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was chasing a "pyrrhic victory" in Aleppo if it does not reach a political settlement with the opposition.

He warned the military's approach would drive more moderate rebels into the ranks of the Islamic State group.

At least 172 civilians have been killed since the government renewed its assault on the besieged enclave six days ago, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The U.N. estimates 275,000 people are trapped inside. By Saturday, the government had damaged or destroyed every hospital in the east, according to the Syrian American Medical Society, which supports hospitals in Syria.

The government denies striking hospitals, and de Mistura said there was a "difference of opinion" about the attacks. He said he had proposed sending an observer team to inspect all the hospitals in Aleppo, but that the idea was not discussed further.

De Mistura has proposed that the Syrian government grant eastern Aleppo autonomy in exchange for peace, and called on the estimated 900 al-Qaida-linked militants in the east to depart to other rebel-held territory.

Al-Moallem also called on the militants to withdraw, and said he hoped that U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's incoming administration would cut off support for "terrorists" in Syria and "rein in" the states backing them, a reference to Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

President Bashar Assad said earlier this week that Trump could prove to be a "natural ally" to Damascus.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the intense air assault on eastern Aleppo over the last several days as well as the corresponding shelling of western parts of the city, in a statement released by his spokesman Sunday. He called on all the parties to ensure freedom of movement for civilians and allow unhindered access to humanitarian assistance.

Ban reminded "all parties to the conflict that targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure is a war crime," the statement said. He said those responsible for these and other atrocities in Syria "must one day be brought to account."

On Sunday, pro-government forces advanced into parts of the strategically important Hanano district, according to state media and the Observatory.

"The regime is targeting everything that moves," said Ammar Sakkar, an officer with the Fastaqim rebel faction in the city. He said the government had captured the Zuhour hill, which overlooks parts of the east.

Rebels outside the city have launched two unsuccessful offensives to break the government's siege and have shelled the government-held western districts.

Earlier Sunday, at least eight children were killed when rockets struck a school in government-held western Aleppo, the Observatory said. Syrian state media said a teacher was also killed in the attack.

In the opposition-run village of Nusaybeen, outside Damascus, activists said at least one child was killed in a presumed government airstrike on a primary school.

The government has stepped up its attacks outside Damascus in the western Ghouta region after forcing rebels in eastern Ghouta to surrender earlier this year. The Observatory says at least 30 civilians have been killed in western Ghouta over the past 4 days.

In Aleppo, an airstrike early Sunday killed a family of six in their home in the Sakhour district in the east, according to the activist-run Thiqa News Agency. Witnesses said they smelled chlorine gas, and rescuers said the family appeared to have suffocated from toxic gas.

The allegations could not be independently verified. A U.N. investigative team has said the government used chlorine as a chemical weapon on at least two occasions during the 5 1/2-year conflict.

Associated Press writers Albert Aji in Damascus, Syria contributed.

NFL kickers miss 11 PAT attempts, most in Super Bowl era

By The Associated Press

NFL kickers missed like never before Sunday, setting a record with 11 failed extra point attempts. Kickers missed left, right, had kicks blocked and hit the uprights. Kickers missed in the wind and indoors. With several games left, kickers already had the most misses in one week since the NFL merger.

The NFL moved extra-point attempts back before last season because the kicks had become routine, and professionals almost never missed. The 18-yard attempt became a 35-yarder. In Week 13 of last season, kickers missed eight. That mark was eclipsed by mid-afternoon Sunday.

Cincinnati's Mike Nugent and Robbie Gould of the New York Giants each missed two extra-point attempts. Chicago's Connor Barth, Minnesota's Kai Forbath, Jacksonville's Jason Myers, Cleveland's Cody Parkey and New England's Stephen Gostkowski each missed one. Seattle's Steven Hauschka and Detroit's Matt Prater had kicks blocked.

Barth and Gould were kicking in gusty winds in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Forbath, Myers and Prater all missed despite being indoors.

"It was much windier than it usually is," Giants long snapper Zak DeOssie said. "It was a cross-wind from our bench to theirs, then it switched toward the end of the game diagonal from our tunnel to the opposite tunnel."

Forbath had just replaced the ineffective Blair Walsh as Minnesota's kicker this week.

In the early-afternoon games, Nugent's misses arguably had the biggest impact. The Bengals lost 16-12 to the Buffalo Bills and drove all the way to Buffalo's 27-yard line in the closing seconds. If Nugent hadn't missed those two extra-point attempts, the Bengals could have attempted a game-winning field goal at the end of the game rather than unsuccessfully trying to score a touchdown.

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Trump children's roles blur line between transition, company

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly every morning since their father's stunning victory on Election Day, three of Donald Trump's grown children walk through the Trump Tower lobby and board an elevator. But are Don Jr., Ivanka and Eric going to the campaign office on the fifth floor? Their business offices on the 25th floor? The president-elect's penthouse on the 56th floor?

That uncertainty highlights the multiple roles the children play for their father. For the past year, the lines were constantly blurred between political campaign and business empire, raising questions about a possible conflict of interest between Trump's White House and his sprawling business interests.

The children are poised to wield incredible influence over their father, even if they don't follow him to Washington. Trump said consistently during the campaign that if he won, those children would stay in New York and run his business. But the three — plus Ivanka's husband, Jared Kushner — were all named to the transition team's executive committee.

So far, they've been heavily involved in shaping the new administration. They've sat in on meetings and taken late night calls from their father. They advocated for making Reince Priebus, the Republican National Committee chairman, the White House chief of staff. They counseled against bringing back Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, who was fired in June on their advice.

On Thursday, Ivanka Trump and Kushner were present for the president-elect's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Trump Tower.

Trump has insisted he will build a wall between his White House and his company by placing his holdings into a blind trust, but with his children as its trustees. Federal requirements are that independent outsiders run such trusts.

"We are in the process of vetting various structures with the goal of the immediate transfer of management of The Trump Organization and its portfolio of businesses to Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump as well as a team of highly skilled executives," Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said. She said the structure

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“will comply with all applicable rules and regulations.”

Trump’s company would be the largest business portfolio to belong to a modern sitting president. Federal ethics rules would allow Trump to run his business interests from the White House, or, perhaps more likely, influence decisions made by his children.

That raises conflict of interest concerns. For example, Trump could set domestic policy while making deals abroad that could affect his corporation, even if it were technically in his children’s hands.

Kellyanne Conway, a senior adviser, disputed the idea that the Trump children’s involvement in the transition could lead to a breach of trust.

“You’re presuming that they are doing certain things that they should not be doing,” Conway said. “They are his children. And they’ve been his business colleagues for a long period of time. They obviously will support their father as president.”

But the potentially problematic entanglement revealed itself this past week when Ivanka Trump’s company promoted a \$10,800 bracelet she wore during a “60 Minutes” interview on CBS. The spokeswoman for the company later apologized.

The children — they were not made available for interviews — are limited in what formal role they could take in a Trump administration.

Congress passed an anti-nepotism law in 1967 that prohibits the president from appointing a family member to work in the office or agency they oversee. The measure was passed as a reaction to President John F. Kennedy appointing his brother Robert as attorney general.

But the law does not appear to prevent the children — or Kushner, who is one of Trump’s closest aides and is said to be weighing a White House role — from serving as unpaid advisers or providing informal counsel.

The three grown children — their mother is Ivana Trump, Trump’s first wife — delivered well-received speeches at this summer’s Republican National Convention in which they tried to humanize their father.

Don Jr. and Eric were staples on conservative radio and on the road, trekking to campaign offices and small rallies across battleground states like Ohio and North Carolina. Ivanka Trump, meanwhile, was utilized in some of the campaign’s biggest moments, including introducing her father before his convention speech, unveiling his family leave plan and campaigning across the crucial Philadelphia suburbs.

Another daughter, Tiffany Trump, a recent college graduate whose mother is Trump’s second wife, Marla Maples, also made appearances on her father’s behalf. Trump’s youngest child, 10-year-old Barron, whose mother is the president-elect’s current wife, Melania, is enrolled at a private Manhattan school. Trump on Sunday told reporters that Mrs. Trump and their son will move to Washington after the school year ends.

For the three eldest Trump kids, there were bumps in the road.

Eric and Ivanka were the subject of some embarrassing headlines when it was revealed that they were not registered to vote in time for their father in the New York primary. An African big-game safari Eric and Don Jr. took drew criticism from animal rights activists. And Don Jr. has received criticism for tweeting images likening Syrian refugees to a poisoned bowl of Skittles candy and a cartoon character appropriated by white supremacists.

But now they stand poised to be the most influential presidential children in decades, as recent White House offspring have been far younger than the eldest Trump children, who are all in their 30s. During the campaign, Eric Trump insisted that the children’s main focus “was the company,” but “we’d always be one phone call away” if needed, the younger Trump told The Associated Press in May. “We’d do anything for the man.”

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The Latest: Christie, Trump meet; Christie prospects unclear

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — The Latest on President-elect Donald Trump (all times local):
4:40 p.m.

President-elect Donald Trump says New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is “a very talented man.” But he is not saying if there is a place for him in his administration.

Christie was one of a parade of officials visiting Trump Sunday at his Bedminster, New Jersey golf club. Christie, a former candidate for president, was an early backer of Trump. But he was recently demoted as head of Trump’s transition effort. It is now not clear how big a role Christie is now playing.

His diminished role came after two former aides were convicted in the George Washington Bridge political revenge plot. Christie denies wrongdoing and wasn’t charged in the 2013 scandal.

Christie recently said he plans to finish his term, which ends in 2018.

3:48 p.m.

Donald Trump says his wife, Melania, and their son, Barron, will move to the White House “right after he finishes school” next year.

An aide to the president-elect had suggested earlier that the Trumps are reluctant to move their 10-year-old son from New York to Washington during the school year.

Trump will be inaugurated as the nation’s 45th president on Jan. 20. Most American schools finish the school year in the late spring or early summer.

Trump made the remark Sunday at his golf course in New Jersey as he was escorting Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach from a meeting. It was only one of a string of sessions Trump has been having with prospects for posts in his administration.

3:40 p.m.

Donald Trump says former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is still being considered for secretary of state, “and other things.”

The remark at Trump’s golf club in New Jersey came after Vice President-elect Mike Pence said Mitt Romney was a “strong contender” for secretary of state.

Giuliani is one of Trump’s most loyal and public allies. The former Massachusetts governor, meanwhile, exchanged bitter insults with Trump during the presidential campaign. But Romney and Trump have been making amends lately and the two met Saturday at the club.

Giuliani had been considered for attorney general, but Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama got that job.

2:40 p.m.

Donald Trump has met with billionaire investor Wilbur Ross as the president-elect searches for a secretary of commerce.

Asked Sunday if he’s considering Ross for the post, the president-elect replied: “That’s what we’re looking for.”

Ross was asked if he wanted the job. He replied, “Time will tell.” The two met at Trump’s New Jersey golf course.

12:16 p.m.

President-elect Donald Trump has arrived at his New Jersey golf club for another round of meetings with people who could fill out his Cabinet — and perhaps a few announcements.

Trump told reporters that appointments “could very well happen” Sunday. He then welcomed Ari Emanuel, calling him a “king of Hollywood.” Emanuel is a talent agent; his brother, Rahm Emanuel, was President Barack Obama’s chief of staff and now the mayor of Chicago.

Trump has said he is considering former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for secretary of state and retired Marine Corps. Gen. James Mattis for defense secretary.

The president-elect has a big round of meetings Sunday with former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, New

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Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and others.

10:35 a.m.

President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence are attending a church service.

The two have been working from Bedminster, New Jersey, to pick people to lead Trump's upcoming administration. On Sunday morning, Trump and Pence left Trump's golf club there shortly after 10 a.m. and entered the nearby Lamington Presbyterian Church.

Press was not allowed in the white chapel.

9:50 a.m.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence says Mitt Romney is "under active consideration" by President-elect Donald Trump to be nominated as Trump's secretary of state, "along with some other very distinguished Americans."

In an interview with "Fox News Sunday," Pence says Romney's recent meeting with Trump was a "warm and substantive" exchange. He said the team spent about an hour together and that Romney and Trump did have some private time.

Pence says overall, "it was a cordial meeting."

Pence also says repealing President Barack Obama's health care plan is the new administration's first priority. He says Trump "wants to focus out of the gate" on repealing "Obamacare."

9:50 a.m.

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus says President-elect's Donald Trump's continued involvement with his business will comply with federal laws.

Priebus told CNN's "State of the Union" that Trump's meeting with a group of Indian real estate developers last week reflects his unique background as a politician, but won't affect how he governs.

Priebus also discussed Trump's threat to pull federal funding from cities that don't enforce immigration laws, calling it a matter for negotiation.

Similarly on immigration, Priebus isn't saying that Trump will take action against all those currently living in the country illegally. Asked about deporting children brought to the United States illegally, Priebus said that any discussion of how to handle their cases would be delayed until after the U.S. border is secured.

8:50 a.m.

President-elect Donald Trump is tweeting about his meeting on Saturday with retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis.

Trump referred to the general by his nickname, "Mad Dog Mattis," and said the four-star was being considered for defense secretary.

Trump first complained Sunday on Twitter about Saturday Night Live and the Broadway play "Hamilton." He then tweeted that Mattis "was very impressive yesterday. A true General's General!"

8:35 a.m.

President-elect Donald Trump isn't happy with Saturday Night Live, the popular late-night comedy show that pokes fun at politicians.

Trump tweeted early Sunday that he watched "parts" of last night's show and didn't like it: "It is a totally one-sided, biased show - nothing funny at all. Equal time for us?"

On the show, actor Alec Baldwin portrayed Trump as ignorant on foreign policy and using Google to ask "What is ISIS?"

Also on Sunday, Trump renewed his complaints about the Broadway hit "Hamilton." His Twitter rants come as his transition team was focused on vetting potential candidates for his administration.

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President-elect Donald Trump is renewing his Twitter complaints about the Broadway hit "Hamilton." Early Sunday morning, Trump wrote on Twitter that the cast and producers "should immediately apologize to Mike Pence for their terrible behavior." He also said he heard the show was "highly overrated."

The vice president-elect attended the show Friday night. At the end, actor Brandon Victor Dixon challenged him from the stage, saying the cast was concerned about the Trump administration.

Trump fired off two angry messages on Twitter Saturday morning, calling for an apology. He posted another such message Saturday evening, but then deleted it.

His tweets came as his transition team was focused on vetting potential candidates for his administration.

7 a.m.

President-elect Donald Trump is kicking off another day of meetings at his New Jersey golf club.

Trump wrote on Twitter Sunday that "Numerous patriots will be coming to Bedminster." He added that he is continuing to "fill out the various positions necessary to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

Trump's Sunday schedule in Bedminster includes New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

Trump met with 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney Saturday. He also met with retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, considered a contender to lead the Pentagon.

Trump said he may announce some of his picks on Sunday.

'Fantastic Beasts' spins magic, 'Billy Lynn's' tanks

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harry Potter spinoff "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" cast a spell over audiences in its debut, summoning \$75 million according to studio estimates Sunday and unseating "Doctor Strange" from the top spot.

Starring Eddie Redmayne and directed by Harry Potter alum David Yates, "Fantastic Beasts," a Warner Bros. release, cost around \$180 million to produce, and is meant to kick off a five film franchise based on author and screenwriter J.K. Rowling's creation.

It's been scoring well with critics and audiences, who gave the film an A CinemaScore. According to the studio, 55 percent of attendees were female and 65 percent were over the age of 25.

"It's a real crowd pleaser," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. He noted that the film performed especially well in small to medium-sized towns across North America, and not just in the major markets.

Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for box office tracker comScore, attributes the solid turnout to the goodwill amassed by the Harry Potter films.

While "Fantastic Beasts" doesn't quite compare to the opening weekends of the "Harry Potter" films, which averaged over \$91 million in their debuts, Goldstein is hopeful for how it will play out over the Thanksgiving holiday when kids are out of school.

Indeed, it was a strong weekend for all-ages films overall in the lead-up to the holiday, with "Doctor Strange" placing second with \$17.7 million and "Trolls" close behind in third with \$17.5 million. The sci-fi mindbender "Arrival" took fourth with \$11.8 million, while the themed comedy "Almost Christmas" rounded out the top five with \$7 million.

The success of the top films this weekend didn't leave much room for other new wide releases to find their footing this weekend, however.

Ang Lee's ambitious wartime drama "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" tanked in its expansion from four to 1,176 theaters with a mere \$930,000. The film cost a reported \$40 million to produce and has netted only \$1.1 million total, hindered by negative reviews of its revolutionary high frame rate. Last year, Sony had a similarly inauspicious start for "The Walk," which was also touted as a must-see technological achievement.

Other more modestly budgeted films also struggled, including the R-rated high school comedy "The Edge of Seventeen," which earned \$4.8 million, and the fact-based boxing drama "Bleed for This," which

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took in \$2.4 million.

While boxing pics outside of the "Rocky" films are generally a gamble, despite their abundance in the marketplace, "The Edge of Seventeen," was expected to do a bit better. The audience for the well-reviewed film starring Hailee Steinfeld from first-time director Kelly Fremon Craig was 70 percent female and 75 percent between the ages of 17-34. The studio is hoping good word of mouth will drive further returns.

In limited release, the drama "Manchester by the Sea," expected to be a big awards player, got off to a decent start with \$241,230 from four theaters. It will be expanding in the coming weeks.

"I think there are almost too many options right now," noted Dergarabedian, who expects the five-day Thanksgiving frame to be a record-breaker thanks to new openers like Disney's "Moana" and audiences looking to catch up on things they've missed.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

- 1."Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," \$75 million (\$143.3 million international).
- 2."Doctor Strange," \$17.7 million (\$26 million international).
- 3."Trolls," \$17.5 million (\$11.4 million international).
- 4."Arrival," \$11.8 million (\$6.5 million international).
- 5."Almost Christmas," \$7 million.
- 6."Hacksaw Ridge," \$6.8 million (\$2.5 million international).
- 7."The Edge of Seventeen," \$4.8 million.
- 8."Bleed for This," \$2.4 million.
- 9."The Accountant," \$2.1 million (\$3.2 million international).
- 10."Shut In," \$1.6 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," \$143.3 million.
2. "I Am Not Madame Bovary," \$27.9 million.
3. "Doctor Strange," \$26 million.
4. "Trolls," \$11.4 million.
5. "Deepwater Horizon," \$8.2 million.
6. "Arrival," \$6.5 million.
7. "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," \$3.9 million.
8. "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" and "Inferno," \$3.8 million.
9. "Willkommen bei den Hartmanns," \$3.7 million.
10. "The Girl on the Train," \$3.5 million.

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115 dead as train derails in north India; some still trapped

By RAJESH KUMAR SINGH, Associated Press

PUKHRAYAN, India (AP) — Rescuers worked through the night to pull people out of mangled coaches after an overnight passenger train derailed early Sunday in northern India, killing at least 115 people, police said.

The death toll was expected to rise further because rescue workers had yet to gain access to one of the worst-damaged of the 14 coaches that derailed, said Daljeet Chaudhary, a director general of police. About 150 people were injured, he said.

The train derailed at around 3:10 a.m., jolting awake passengers who had settled in for the long trip. Survivors and bodies were retrieved from mangled coaches that had fallen on their side.

Ramchandra Tewari, a passenger who suffered a head injury, said he was asleep when he was suddenly flung to the floor of his coach.

"There was a loud sound like an earthquake. I fell from my berth and a lot of luggage fell over me," Tewari told reporters from his hospital bed in the city of Kanpur. "I thought I was dead, and then I passed out."

Another passenger, Satish Kumar, said the train was traveling at normal speed when it stopped suddenly. "It restarted, and then we heard a crash," Kumar, whose coach remained standing on the track, said at the derailment site. "When we came out of the train, we saw a few coaches had derailed."

The cause of the derailment was not immediately clear. Accidents are relatively common on India's sprawling rail network, which is the world's third largest but lacks modern signaling and communication systems. Most accidents are blamed on poor maintenance and human error.

The impact of the derailment was so strong that one of the coaches landed on top of another, crushing the one below, said Brig. Anurag Chibber, who was heading the army's rescue team.

"We fear there could be many more dead in the lower coach," he said, adding that it was unclear how many people were in the coach.

Javeed Ahmad, the police chief of Uttar Pradesh state, where the derailment took place, said 115 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage.

The derailment occurred near the village of Pukhrayan, outside of Kanpur, an industrial city about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southeast of New Delhi. The Patna-Indore Express train, linking the central Indian city of Indore to the city of Patna to its northeast, completes its 1,360-kilometer (845-mile) journey in 27 hours.

Rescue workers, soldiers and members of India's disaster management force reached Pukhrayan within an hour of the derailment and began pulling out people trapped in the overturned coaches.

Rescuers used cutting torches to open the derailed train cars to try to reach those trapped inside, while cranes were deployed to lift the coaches from the tracks. However, rescuers moved cautiously because some of the coaches were precariously tilted, and there was a danger that they could topple over, possibly injuring those trapped inside.

"We are being very careful in using the cutting torches," Chaudhary said.

Medical teams provided first aid near the site, while the more seriously injured were moved to hospitals in Kanpur, Chaudhary said. Of the roughly 150 injured, 72 were in serious condition, he said.

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu arrived at the site by Sunday evening to monitor the rescue and relief operations. He said a special train has been arranged to take passengers from the derailed train to Patna, according to the PTI news agency. He said thousands of food packets, water bottles and cups of tea were being provided to the stranded passengers.

Anxious relatives of passengers searched for their family members among the injured and the dead at hospitals in Kanpur.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his concern over the derailment.

"Anguished beyond words on the loss of lives due to the derailing of the Patna-Indore express. My thoughts are with the bereaved families," Modi posted on his Twitter account.

Kanpur is a major railway junction, and hundreds of trains pass through the city every day. After the

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derailment, several trains using the line were diverted to other routes, Anil Saxena, spokesman for Indian Railways, said in New Delhi.

Rail authorities have ordered an investigation into the incident, Saxena said.

In 2012, an Indian government report said about 15,000 people are killed every year in train accidents in the country, caused mainly by outdated equipment and overstretched staff.

The country's worst railway accident occurred in 1981, when a passenger train fell into the Bagmati River in northern India, killing nearly 800 people.

Prime Minister Modi has pledged to invest \$137 billion over the next five years to modernize India's railway network, which is used by around 23 million passengers a day.

Associated Press writers Biswajeet Banerjee in Lucknow, India, and Nirmala George in New Delhi contributed to this report.

Big Ten places 3 in AP top 5 for 1st time in 56 years

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

The Big Ten placed three teams in the top five of The Associated Press college football poll for the first time in 56 years, setting up a No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup for Ohio State and Michigan.

Alabama was a unanimous No. 1 in the poll released Sunday. The Buckeyes were No. 2 and Wolverines No. 3. They meet in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday in a game with Big Ten and national championship implications.

Clemson is No. 4, and No. 5 Wisconsin gives the Big Ten three of the first five for the first time since Nov. 7, 1960, when Minnesota was No. 1, Ohio State was No. 3 and Iowa was No. 5.

Louisville dropped eight spots to No. 11 after getting trounced by Houston, which jumped in at No. 18.

POLL POINTS

The 113th meeting of Michigan and Ohio State will mark the 11th time the rivals will both be ranked in the top five and the first since 2006, when they had their only 1-2 matchup. The Buckeyes won that game 42-39 in Columbus to earn a spot in the BCS title game.

— Alabama's Nick Saban won his 41st game while coaching a No. 1 team, passing Ohio State's Woody Hayes and Florida State's Bobby Bowden for the most victories with a top-ranked squad.

IN

Houston began the season ranked No. 15 and made its way to No. 6 as it started 5-0. Losses to Navy and SMU knocked the Cougars from the rankings, but they surged back in after beating the Cardinals 36-10 at home. Those conference losses will keep Houston out of the American Athletic Conference championship game, but the Cougars are the AAC's only ranked team this week.

— Tennessee moved back in at No. 24.

OUT

— Troy's first appearance in the rankings last a week. The Trojans dropped out after losing to Arkansas State.

— San Diego State again spent just one week in rankings. Since 1977, the Aztecs are 0-4 as a ranked team.

UP

— No. 13 Florida moved up eight spots after narrowly slipping past LSU with a late goal-line stand.

— No. 9 Colorado, No. 10 Oklahoma State and No. 12 USC all moved up three spots.

DOWN

— No. 19 West Virginia fell nine spots after losing to Oklahoma.

— No. 21 Utah dropped 10 spots after a last-second loss to Oregon.

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RANKED VS. RANKED

No. 16 Auburn at No. 1 Alabama. The Crimson Tide have already clinched the SEC West and could likely lose and still make the playoff.

No. 3 Michigan at No. 3 Ohio State. Jim Harbaugh vs. Urban Meyer II.

No. 6 Washington at No. 23 Washington State, Friday. The Apple Cup will decide the Pac-12 North.

No. 21 Utah at No. 9 Colorado. The Buffs win the Pac-12 South with a victory. A loss gives the division to USC.

No. 13 Florida at No. 15 Florida State. The Gators and Seminoles both still have hopes to score a major bowl bid.

No. 22 Texas A&M at No. 25 LSU. Beating the Aggies helped Les Miles save his job — temporarily as it turned out — last year. Can another LSU victory against A&M help Ed Orgeron keep coaching the Tigers?

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Iraqi forces dig in as Mosul battle rages

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi troops on Sunday fortified their positions in Mosul neighborhoods retaken from the Islamic State group as their advance toward the city center was slowed by sniper fire and suicide bombings, as well as concern over the safety of civilians.

"The biggest hindrance to us is the civilians, whose presence is slowing us down," Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the special forces told The Associated Press. "We are soldiers who are not trained to carry out humanitarian tasks."

A few hundred civilians emerged from rubble-strewn front-line neighborhoods on Sunday. They included women and children, some of them carrying bags, small suitcases or waving white flags. Mosul is still home to more than 1 million people.

The government sent half-dozen trucks loaded with food aid into the recently liberated areas. Chaos broke out in one neighborhood, where residents climbed on top of the trucks and began helping themselves. Women extended their hands in desperation, trying to get a share of the aid. Young boys chased the trucks and jostled and pleaded for food packages.

"It's hunger that makes people behave like this," said Mohammed Farouq, a 27-year-old resident. "Some families took many boxes, while others did not take any. This is unfair."

Fethi Mahmud Abdulla, another resident, pleaded for people to keep the lines. "People are tired, so tired. Some of them take aid five or seven times," he said.

Al-Aridi said his men were searching homes in areas retaken from IS, looking for militants and vehicles rigged with explosives. Troops in those areas continue to be hit by mortar rounds, sniper fire and suicide bombers, he said.

In the newly liberated areas, roads are blocked by car wrecks and sandbags, and tanks are deployed on wider streets. Snipers on high buildings watch for suicide bombers or other intruders. Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil said four civilians were killed and another four wounded when a suicide car bomb exploded before it could reach the troops it was targeting late Saturday.

The troops laid siege Sunday to the Al-Zohour neighborhood, about eight kilometers (five miles) from the

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city center. The arrival of the troops at the neighborhood's fringes prompted hundreds of civilians to emerge from their homes waving white flags. The special forces later drove IS from two other neighborhoods.

The Iraqi military launched a campaign on Oct. 17 to retake Mosul, Iraq's second largest city and the extremist group's last major urban bastion in the country. Most gains have been made by the special forces operating in the section of Mosul east of the Tigris river. Other forces are advancing on the city from different directions, and the U.S.-led coalition is providing airstrikes and other support.

IS captured Mosul in the summer of 2014 as part of a blitz that placed nearly a third of Iraq under their control. Iraqi troops, federal police and allied Shiite and Sunni militias have over the past year pushed IS militants from most of the vast Sunni province of Anbar, west of Baghdad, and areas to the north and east of the Iraqi capital.

Army troops arrived on the outskirts of Tal Afar, west of Mosul, to reinforce state-sanctioned Shiite militias, who have captured the town's airport and are preparing to retake the town, according to two senior militia officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Prior to its capture by IS, Shiites constituted the majority of Tal Afar's estimated 200,000 residents.

Human Rights Watch said in a report Sunday that Sunni militiamen fighting alongside the Iraqi military detained and beat 22 men from villages near Mosul and recruited 10 children from displaced camps in the area to join the fight against IS.

"The Iraqi authorities should investigate any alleged acts of torture and cruel and inhuman treatment in custody and charge those responsible for war crimes, including anyone with command responsibility who should have known about the crimes and failed to take all reasonable measures to prevent them," said the New York-based advocacy group.

"The U.S. should press the Iraqi government to ensure that the troops they are supporting don't have fighters under 18 in their ranks," said Lama Fakih, HRW's deputy Middle East director.

In Baghdad, four separate bomb attacks targeted commercial areas on Sunday, killing at least 10 civilians and wounding 34, according to police and health officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Baghdad has for more than a decade been the scene of near daily bomb attacks blamed on IS and other Sunni militants. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for any of Sunday's attacks.

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Trump again slams 'Hamilton'; Pence says he wasn't offended

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump, in the midst of choosing his Cabinet, took time out Sunday for a second day to criticize the cast of the Broadway musical "Hamilton" and demand an apology for a message an actor delivered from the stage to Trump's running mate about the need for diversity in America. But Vice President-elect Mike Pence said he wasn't offended by the message.

Pence said on "Fox News Sunday" that he heard the boos and cheers when he walked into the Richard Rodgers Theatre with his nephew and daughter on Friday night to see the show. He said he told his daughter: "That's what freedom sounds like."

Trump had a different take on the message from cast member Brandon Victor Dixon, who had expressed his concerns in a prepared speech after the curtain call about the incoming Republican administration.

"We, sir, we are the diverse America who are alarmed and anxious that your new administration will not protect us, our planet, our children, our parents, or defend us and uphold our inalienable rights," said Dixon, who plays Aaron Burr, the nation's third vice president, as his fellow actors joined hands. "We truly hope that this show has inspired you to uphold our American values and to work on behalf of all of us."

Trump tweeted Saturday that Pence had been "harassed" by the cast. He called them "very rude" and demanded they apologize. On Sunday, while awaiting a second day of meetings as he works to vet potential candidates for his administration, he repeated his order for an apology — and added a dig at the

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critically acclaimed show, which is sold out until September.

"The cast and producers of Hamilton, which I hear is highly overrated, should immediately apologize to Mike Pence for their terrible behavior," he tweeted.

But Pence told Fox News that "Hamilton" was an "incredible production" involving a very talented cast. On whether he thought an apology was necessary, he said: "I'll leave it to others whether that was the appropriate venue to say it."

When prompted by Trump for an apology, Dixon responded on Twitter that "conversation is not harassment sir" and added that he appreciated Pence stopping to listen.

Reaction to the debacle was mixed, with some calling Dixon's speech "disrespectful" and threatening to boycott the show and others saying it was an important message that needed to be delivered.

The musical is by Lin-Manuel Miranda, who wrote the story, music and lyrics. It stresses the orphan, immigrant roots of first U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton and has a terrifically varied score, ranging from pop ballads to gospel to sexy R&B. It has been cheered for reclaiming the nation's founding story with a multicultural cast.

Miranda, in a tweet, said he was "proud" of Dixon and the "Hamilton" cast "for leading with love," before reminding people that everyone is welcome at the theater.

Miranda had been a big booster for the failed presidential campaign of Trump's opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton, including performing at an all-star fundraiser for her last month. The cast also put on a special "Hamilton" show at a Clinton fundraiser last summer.

The person playing Alexander Hamilton that Pence saw was Javier Munoz, an openly gay actor. Pence supported numerous efforts to ban gay marriage as governor of Indiana and opposed unfettered federal funding for HIV and AIDS treatment.

"Hamilton" wasn't the only show that Trump took issue with over the weekend. He tweeted that "Saturday Night Live" is a "totally one-sided, biased show - nothing funny at all." He was portrayed in the cold open on Saturday's show as overwhelmed with his new duties as president — so much so that when told he would soon have to reveal his plans for defeating the Islamic State group, he had to type on his computer: "Google, what is ISIS?"

South Korea prosecutors: President conspired with her friend

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean prosecutors said Sunday that they believe President Park Geun-hye conspired in criminal activities of a confidante who allegedly exploited her presidential ties to amass an illicit fortune — a damning revelation that may convince opposition parties to push for Park's impeachment.

Prosecutors want to interrogate Park in person, but presidential spokesman Jung Youn-kuk, who said the investigation resembled a "character assassination" on Park, strongly hinted that the president would continue to refuse their questioning.

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Jung, the presidential spokesman, said details announced by Lee were "entirely untrue, and are just a tower built on sand, based on imagination and guesswork and ignorance of objective facts."

"We do not think that the prosecution's investigation so far has been fair and politically neutral," he said.

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Jung said that the president plans to prove her innocence by "actively cooperating" with an independent investigation pushed by a special prosecutor. Park has immunity, but can be investigated.

The country's largest opposition party, the Minjoo, issued a statement Sunday calling for Park to immediately resign, saying that a "criminal suspect" should not be allowed to lead the country.

Park is facing growing calls to resign over a scandal that critics say has undermined the country's democracy. Although emboldened by a wave of mass protests, opposition parties have so far refrained from seriously pushing for Park's impeachment over fears of triggering a backlash from conservative voters and negatively impacting next year's presidential election.

However, there are growing voices within the opposition saying that an impeachment attempt is inevitable because it's unlikely Park will resign and give up her immunity.

On Sunday, eight prominent leaders of the three parliamentary opposition parties gathered before issuing a joint statement calling for their parties to begin discussions on an impeachment push.

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Kim is also under suspicion of influencing the ministry's decision to financially support a sports foundation run by Choi's niece, who prosecutors detained on Friday.

Park, the daughter of slain military dictator Park Chung-hee, first met Choi in the 1970s, around the time Park was acting as first lady after her mother was killed during a 1974 assassination attempt on her father. Choi's father, a shadowy figure named Choi Tae-min who was a Buddhist monk, a religious cult leader and a Christian pastor at different times, emerged as the younger Park's mentor.

The Choi clan has long been suspected of building a fortune by using their connections with Park to extort companies and government organizations. Choi's ex-husband is also a former close aide of Park's.

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Trump and Romney, once bitter rivals, smile and shake hands

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — Setting a rancorous year aside, President-elect Donald Trump and Mitt Romney put on a smiling show of goodwill at the billionaire's New Jersey golf club.

The 2012 Republican nominee was one of a parade of officials Trump is welcoming through doors of his white-pillared clubhouse throughout the weekend. But Trump did not reveal any new appointments on

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Saturday — or indicate whether Romney could be in line for a role in the new administration.

"You'll hear some things tomorrow," Trump said late in the afternoon.

Trump's Sunday schedule in Bedminster includes New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. On Saturday he met with education activists Michelle Rhee and Betsy DeVos, as well as retired Gen. James Mattis, considered a contender to lead the Pentagon.

"We're seeing tremendous talent," Trump said. "People that, like I say, we will 'Make America Great Again.'"

Both Romney and Trump were positive about their sit-down, a marked shift in tone after a year in which Romney attacked Trump as a "con man" and Trump labeled him a "loser." But the two have started to mend fences since the Trump's victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Before turning to his visitors, Trump took to Twitter, where he rushed to the defense of Mike Pence on Saturday after "Hamilton" actor Brandon Victor Dixon challenged the incoming vice president from the Broadway stage after the show Friday night. "Apologize!" Trump tweeted to the actor. "Our wonderful future V.P. Mike Pence was harassed last night at the theater by the cast of Hamilton, cameras blazing. This should not happen!"

Dixon tweeted back: "Conversation is not harassment sir. And I appreciate @Mike_Pence for stopping to listen."

Trump posted a similar Tweet Saturday evening, only to later delete it. Staffers did not immediately respond to an email asking why.

Trump also bragged on Twitter about agreeing to settle a trio of lawsuits against Trump University, claiming: "The ONLY bad thing about winning the presidency is that I did not have the time to go through a long but winning trial on Trump U. Too bad!"

It was announced Friday that Trump had agreed to a \$25 million settlement to resolve three lawsuits over Trump University, his former school for real estate investors. The lawsuits alleged the school misled students and failed to deliver on its promises in programs that cost up to \$35,000. Trump has denied the allegations and had said repeatedly he would not settle.

Trump started filling key administration positions on Friday, picking Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA, signaling a sharp rightward shift in U.S. security policy as he begins to form his Cabinet. Trump also named retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn as his national security adviser.

Trump's initial decisions suggest a more aggressive military involvement in counterterrorism strategy and a greater emphasis on Islam's role in stoking extremism. Sessions, who is best known for his hard line immigration views, has questioned whether terrorist suspects should benefit from the rights available in U.S. courts. Pompeo has said Muslim leaders are "potentially complicit" in attacks if they do not denounce violence carried out in the name of Islam.

Pompeo's nomination to lead the CIA also opens the prospect of the U.S. resuming torture of detainees. Trump has backed harsh interrogation techniques that President Barack Obama and Congress have banned, saying the U.S. "should go tougher than waterboarding," which simulates drowning. In 2014, Pompeo criticized Obama for "ending our interrogation program" and said intelligence officials "are not torturers, they are patriots."

Sessions and Pompeo would both require Senate confirmation; Flynn would not.

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2 juveniles held in fatal shooting of congressman's grandson

CHICAGO (AP) — Two juveniles are in custody and could be charged in the fatal shooting of an Illinois congressman's grandson following a dispute over a pair of basketball shoes, a Chicago police spokeswoman said on Saturday.

Officer Michelle Tannehill said the juveniles are considered suspects in the murder of 15-year-old Javon Wilson, who was shot in the head at his home in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago on Friday. Wilson is the grandson of longtime U.S. Rep. Danny Davis.

"The detectives are continuing their interrogations and charges are expected," Tannehill said on Saturday night. The juveniles in custody have not been identified.

Police earlier said the shooting stemmed from a dispute over basketball shoes. Wilson knew his attackers and they may have been friends at some point.

Davis said he was told a 15-year-old boy had traded slacks for shoes with Wilson's 14-year-old brother, but thought better of the trade and went to Wilson's house with a 17-year-old girl. He said the pair forced their way in the house and argued with Wilson before the boy pulled a gun and fired.

Davis, a Democratic member of the House for 20 years, told The Associated Press Saturday that his grandson was a victim of a world where gun violence has become commonplace.

"It's almost, just the way it is. People think nothing of it," Davis said.

"Youngsters invariably say, 'I know a lot of guys who've got guns. I know a lot of girls who've got guns,'" Davis said. "It becomes a part of the culture of an environment that has got to change."

Chicago has seen a dramatic rise in the number of shootings and homicides, with August being the deadliest month in the city in two decades. There have been 673 homicides so far this year, including the fatal shootings of the cousin of Chicago Bulls basketball star Dwyane Wade, a Chicago police officer's son and the son of a famed percussionist.

Davis, who was re-elected this month to his 11th term in the 7th Congressional District and is a former Chicago alderman, was in Chicago on Friday and spoke with reporters after talking to police. He wondered how the shooter obtained the gun and said he'd continue to try to combat gun violence.

Davis said his grandson was "a pretty regular kid" who loved playing basketball and knew all the pros and their stats, who also loved music and whose grades were improving after a rough patch.

"The question becomes where does a 15-year-old obtain a gun? Who let the 15-year-old have a gun and under what circumstances?" Davis asked. "There's no answer for that except that the availability of guns is so prevalent in America to the point where you almost can't tell who has a gun" anymore.

This story has been updated to correct the spelling of the victim's name to Javon.

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On Saturday, police said about 170,000 people turned out for the latest anti-Park protest in streets near City Hall and a boulevard fronting an old palace gate in Seoul.

Demonstrators also marched in streets near the presidential offices, carrying candles and illuminating cellphones, and shouting "Park Geun-hye step down" and "Arrest Park Geun-hye."

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Best weather satellite ever built rockets into space

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The most advanced weather satellite ever built rocketed into space Saturday night, part of an \$11 billion effort to revolutionize forecasting and save lives.

This new GOES-R spacecraft will track U.S. weather as never before: hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, volcanic ash clouds, wildfires, lightning storms, even solar flares. Indeed, about 50 TV meteorologists from around the country converged on the launch site — including NBC's Al Roker — along with 8,000 space program workers and guests.

"What's so exciting is that we're going to be getting more data, more often, much more detailed, higher resolution," Roker said. In the case of tornadoes, "if we can give people another 10, 15, 20 minutes, we're talking about lives being saved."

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Think superhero speed and accuracy for forecasting. Super high-definition TV, versus black-and-white. "Really a quantum leap above any satellite NOAA has ever flown," said Stephen Volz, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's director of satellites.

"For the American public, that will mean faster, more accurate weather forecasts and warnings," Volz said earlier in the week. "That also will mean more lives saved and better environmental intelligence" for government officials responsible for hurricane and other evacuations.

Airline passengers also stand to benefit, as do rocket launch teams. Improved forecasting will help pilots avoid bad weather and help rocket scientists know when to call off a launch.

NASA declared success 3 1/2 hours after liftoff, following separation from the upper stage.

The first in a series of four high-tech satellites, GOES-R hitched a ride on an unmanned Atlas V rocket, delayed an hour by rocket and other problems. NOAA teamed up with NASA for the mission.

The satellite — valued by NOAA at \$1 billion — is aiming for a 22,300-mile-high equatorial orbit. There, it will join three aging spacecraft with 40-year-old technology, and become known as GOES-16. After months of testing, this newest satellite will take over for one of the older ones. The second satellite in the series will follow in 2018. All told, the series should stretch to 2036.

GOES stands for Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite. The first was launched in 1975.

GOES-R's premier imager — one of six science instruments — will offer three times as many channels as the existing system, four times the resolution and five times the scan speed, said NOAA program director Greg Mandt. A similar imager is also flying on a Japanese weather satellite.

Typically, it will churn out full images of the Western Hemisphere every 15 minutes and the continental United States every five minutes. Specific storm regions will be updated every 30 seconds.

Forecasters will get pictures "like they've never seen before," Mandt promised.

A first-of-its-kind lightning mapper, meanwhile, will take 500 snapshots a second.

This next-generation GOES program — \$11 billion in all — includes four satellites, an extensive land system of satellite dishes and other equipment, and new methods for crunching the massive, nonstop stream of expected data.

Hurricane Matthew, interestingly enough, delayed the launch by a couple weeks. As the hurricane bore down on Florida in early October, launch preps were put on hold. Matthew stayed far enough offshore to cause minimal damage to Cape Canaveral, despite some early forecasts that suggested a direct strike.

Online:

NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov/>

NASA: <https://www.nasa.gov/>

Space station receives oldest female astronaut, bit of Mars

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The International Space Station gained three new residents Saturday, including the oldest and most experienced woman to orbit the world.

A bit of Mars also arrived, courtesy of a Frenchman who brought along a small piece of a Mars meteorite.

Launched Thursday from Kazakhstan, the Russian Soyuz capsule docked at the 250-mile-high outpost just an hour or two before NASA launched a weather satellite from Florida. The Soyuz delivered NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, French astronaut Thomas Pesquet and Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy. They joined three men already on board, one American and two Russians.

This is the third space station mission for Whitson, who at 56 is older than each of her crewmates.

She already holds the record for most time in space for a woman: nearly 400 days during her various missions. By the time she returns next spring, she should break the record for any American, man or woman.

"We could not be more proud," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden told Whitson once she entered the space station. He joined the new crew's family and friends at Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow to welcome the newcomers on board.

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"I'm really happy to be here," Whitson replied.

A biochemist by training, Whitson will celebrate her 57th birthday at the orbiting lab in February. Until Thursday, no woman older than 55 had flown in space.

Pesquet, meanwhile, is making his first spaceflight and Novitskiy his second.

Before rocketing away, Pesquet told reporters he was taking up a piece of a Mars meteorite to illustrate the necessary union between human and robotic explorers. He intends to bring the stone back with him to Earth in six months. It then will launch aboard a Mars rover and return to its home planet.

"So it's going to be the most experienced space traveler there is in the world," Pesquet said Wednesday at the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

"The idea is to show that space exploration is just the whole ... we're not competing against robotic exploration, we're all working together. What we do on the (space station) is just one step on that road to exploration."

Sunday marks the 18th anniversary of the launch of the first space station piece. It's now as big as a football field, with a mass of 1 million pounds and eight miles of electrical wiring. Whitson and company represent its 50th full-time expedition.

"So we can celebrate the station's birthday today," said Sergei Krikalev, a cosmonaut-turned-space official who spoke from the Russian control center. "Good luck."

Online:

NASA: https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html

Pope decries 'virus' of polarization over race, faith

By FRANCES D'EMILIO, Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis warned against what he called a "virus of polarization" and hostility in the world targeting people of different nationalities, races or beliefs, as he led a ceremony Saturday giving the Roman Catholic Church 17 new cardinals from six continents.

The consistory ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica formally inducted the churchmen into the cardinals' ranks.

Francis used his homily to also caution the new "princes of the church," as cardinals are sometimes called, to guard against animosity creeping into the church as well, saying "we are not immune from this."

The pope spoke of "our pitiful hearts that tend to judge, divide, oppose and condemn" and cautioned somberly against those who "raise walls, build barriers and label people."

Earlier this year, when asked about the plan by Donald Trump, then a Republican U.S. presidential candidate and now president-elect, to build a wall to keep Mexicans and others from illegally entering the U.S., the pope replied that anyone advocating building walls isn't a Christian.

Francis, in a message a few days earlier to U.S. bishops, had urged them to help heal a society facing growing polarization.

On Saturday, after receiving his red hat, Mexican Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes, archbishop of Tlalnepantla, expressed concern about Trump's plans, including deporting large numbers of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, soon after assuming the presidency.

"You can't divide a family. You can't divide a community. You can't divide the world," the prelate said in reply to a question by The Associated Press about Trump. The Mexican churchman added: "One thing is the election campaign. Another thing is reality."

In Saturday's homily, Francis commented on how "we see, for example, how quickly those among us with the status of the stranger, an immigrant, or a refugee, become a threat, take on the status of an enemy. An enemy because they come from a distant country, or have different customs. An enemy because of the color of their skin, their language, or social class."

He added: "The virus of polarization and animosity permeates our way of thinking, feeling and acting."

Francis also lamented the tendency to "demonize" one's opponents, "so as to have a 'sacred' justification for dismissing them."

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Cardinals serve as papal advisers and someday elect popes' successors. Popes look to cardinals who share their approach to the church's mission in the world.

Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph Tobin is among the newly made cardinals. Tobin defied the governor of the U.S. state of Indiana, Mike Pence, by welcoming Syrian refugees. Tobin in January will become archbishop of Newark, New Jersey, while Pence will be installed as U.S. vice president.

Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich, after being made a cardinal at Saturday's ceremony, said the church has a special role in trying to bring people together across the political spectrum. He noted that on Sunday, Masses are celebrated in 26 languages in his diocese.

"People feel disenfranchised" from sharing in the common good, the cardinal said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Another American in the latest crop of cardinals is Irish-born Archbishop Kevin Farrell, who led the Dallas diocese before Francis appointed him to head the Vatican office dealing with family issues.

At a post-ceremony reception, Farrell acknowledged that polarization is felt within the church, too.

"We've become gods on both sides — gods on the left, and gods on the right, and neither one of these are correct," Farrell told an AP reporter.

The clash of mentalities between the conservative camps and the so-called progressives chosen by Francis has played out publicly in recent days. Four prominent, disgruntled cardinals, including a U.S. prelate, Raymond Burke, who is one of Francis' most vocal critics, in a letter to the pope aired their doubts about his more compassionate approach to the contentious issue involving divorced Catholics. They fear his approach could sow confusion among the faithful.

Church teaching forbids divorce, and says Catholics who remarry without annulments of their earlier marriage are essentially adulterers who can't receive communion. In a document earlier this year, Francis suggested that clerics could decide case-by-case if these Catholics could receive Communion.

Farrell, asked about the tensions over the divorce issue, appeared to be open toward the pope's prescription for more compassion.

"There is no situation in life that's black and white. Anybody that's lived in this world will have encountered those situations in their personal lives," Farrell said.

The new cardinals, who pledged loyalty to the pope, come from Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and North and South America.

One of them, an 88-year-old Albanian priest, Ernest Simoni, spent 18 years in prison because of his faith during the communist regime in his homeland.

Since cardinals are usually bishops already, Francis bestowed a rare honor in giving that rank to Simoni, a simple priest. When Francis visited Albania in 2014, he was brought to tears when Simoni told him how he was persecuted.

The pope's envoy to Syria is now Cardinal Mario Zenari. The Italian archbishop remarked how the bright crimson hue of the cardinals' cassocks and of the square, peaked headgear evokes the color of the blood spilled by innocent children killed in the five-year-old civil war there.

Also among the new cardinals is Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga, of Bangui, Central African Republic. Last year, Francis visited Nzapalainga's country, bloodied by sectarian violence between Christian and Muslim militants.

Thirteen of the 17 new cardinals are under 80 years old and thus eligible to vote in a secret conclave for the next pope.

Francis has now appointed 44 of the 120 cardinals young enough to elect his successor. The others were named by the previous two pontiffs, John Paul II, whom Francis made a saint, and Benedict XVI, who retired in 2013, and generally reflect a more conservative leaning on church issues.

After the ceremony, the new cardinals and Francis took minibuses to the monastery on Vatican grounds where Benedict lives so they could greet him.

One of the cardinals, an 87-year-old bishop from Lesotho, Africa, was too frail to come to Rome for the ceremony.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 2016. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

On this date:

In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay; he was the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 had its beginnings under the Plan of San Luis Potosi issued by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts.

In 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. (Almost a year later, the International Military Tribunal sentenced 12 of the defendants to death; seven received prison sentences ranging from 10 years to life; three were acquitted.)

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

In 1959, the United Nations issued its Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

In 1966, the musical play "Cabaret," set in pre-Nazi Germany, opened on Broadway with Jill Haworth as Sally Bowles and Joel Grey as the Master of Ceremonies.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1976, the boxing drama "Rocky," a United Artists release starring Sylvester Stallone as a journeyman fighter who's given the chance to face the heavyweight champion, premiered in New York.

In 1985, the first version of Microsoft's Windows operating system, Windows 1.0, was officially released.

In 1992, fire seriously damaged Windsor Castle.

Ten years ago: After a firestorm of criticism, News Corp. said it had canceled the O.J. Simpson book and TV special "If I Did It," in which Simpson was to speak hypothetically about how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (A federal bankruptcy judge later awarded the rights to Simpson's book to Goldman's family, who had it published under the title, "If I Did It: Confessions of the Killer.") Six imams were removed from a US Airways flight at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport after passengers reported they were acting suspiciously. (The imams, charging discrimination, later settled with the airline.) Ryan Howard of the Philadelphia Phillies was voted the National League's MVP. Movie director Robert Altman died in Los Angeles at age 81.

Five years ago: Spain's opposition conservatives were swept into power as voters dumped the Socialists — the third time in as many weeks Europe's debt crisis had claimed a government. Tony Stewart held off Carl Edwards to win his third NASCAR championship in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Landon Donovan scored in the 72nd minute on passes from Robbie Keane and David Beckham, and the Los Angeles Galaxy's three superstars won their first MLS Cup together with a 1-0 victory over the Houston Dynamo. The Americans won the Presidents Cup as a team, 19-15, in Melbourne, Australia.

One year ago: Islamic extremists shot up a luxury hotel in Mali's capital that was frequented by diplomats and businessmen, killing 20 people in an attack blamed on Islamic extremists. A week after the deadliest

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attacks on France in decades, shell-shocked Parisians honored the 130 victims with candles and songs. Jonathan Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, was released from prison after 30 years behind bars for spying for Israel. Actor Keith Michell, remembered for his portrayals of England's King Henry VIII, died in London at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 91. Actress Estelle Parsons is 89. Comedian Dick Smothers is 78. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 74. Vice President Joe Biden is 74. Actress Veronica Hamel is 73. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 70. Actor Samuel E. Wright is 70. Singer Joe Walsh is 69. Actor Richard Masur is 68. Opera singer Barbara Hendricks is 68. Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton is 68. Actress Bo Derek is 60. Former NFL player Mark Gastineau is 60. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 59. Actress Sean Young is 57. Pianist Jim Brickman is 55. Rock musician Todd Nance (Widespread Panic) is 54. Actress Ming-Na is 53. Actor Ned Vaughn is 52. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 51. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 51. Actress Callie Thorne is 47. Actress Sabrina Lloyd is 46. Actor Joel McHale is 45. Actress Marisa Ryan is 42. Country singer Dierks (duhkr) Bentley is 41. Actor Joshua Gomez is 41. Actress Laura Harris is 40. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Dawes is 40. Country singer Josh Turner is 39. Actress Nadine Velazquez is 38. Actress Andrea Riseborough is 35. Actor Jeremy Jordan is 32. Actor Dan Byrd is 31. Actress Ashley Fink is 30. Rock musician Jared Followill (Kings of Leon) is 30. Actor Cody Linley is 27. Pop musician Michael Clifford (5 Seconds to Summer) is 21.

Thought for Today: "There are people in every time and every land who want to stop history in its tracks. They fear the future, mistrust the present, and invoke the security of a comfortable past which, in fact, never existed." — Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968).