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**Missing North of Groton, a black  
600 lb. Heifer Calf.  
Yellow Ear Tag #955  
If found or seen,  
call 605/290-1019.**

## Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

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

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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### Saturday, Dec. 10

ACT Test in Aberdeen  
CFC Debate  
Robotics at Rapid City Stevens  
10 m.: Wrestling at LaMour High School  
2 p.m.: Basketball doubleheader at Frederick (2 p.m. Girls JV, 3 p.m. Boys JV, 4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity game, 7 p.m. Boys varsity game)  
4:30 p.m.: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church mass

### Sunday, Dec. 11

9 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
9 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
9 a.m.: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church mass  
9 a.m.: Conde United Methodist Worship  
10 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10 a.m.: Coffee Fellowship at Groton United Methodist  
10 a.m.: Groton United Methodist Sunday School Program Practice  
10 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice  
10 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School  
11 a.m.: United Methodist Worship  
2:30 p.m.: Open Gym (2:30-4:30 for JK-8, 4:30-6:30 for Grades 6-12)

### Monday, Dec. 12

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

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

**School Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, sweet po-

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

**605-725-WOOD**

Mason Dinger: 605-216-6098

Trevor Zeck: 605-216-8910



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## Groton boys breeze past Deuel

It was run and gun in the boys game Friday night as the Tigers defeated the Deuel Cardinals, 48-31, in boys' basketball action in the Groton Area Arena.

Groton Area led at the quarterbreaks at 16-6, 30-15 and 37-23.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Blocker Construction, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Northern Plains Psychological Associates LLC and Doug Abeln Seed Company.

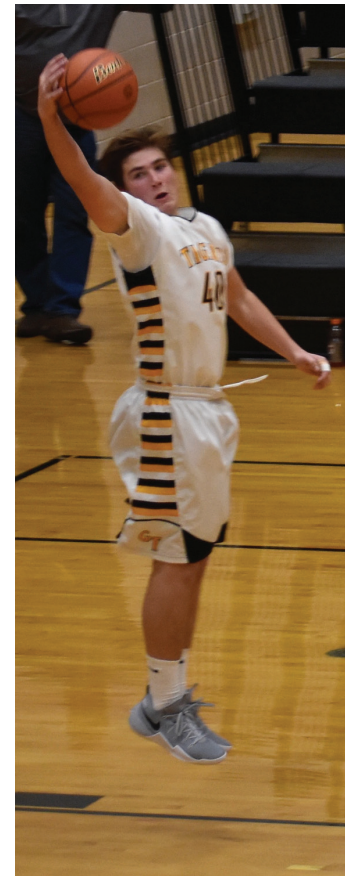
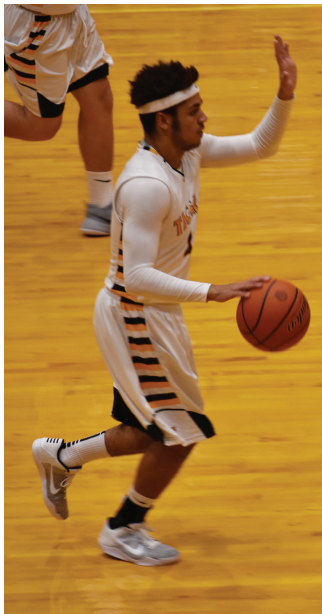
Groton Area put up 61 shots and made 17 for 28 percent while Deuel made 13 of 39 field goals for 34 percent. Deuel had more rebounds, 38-36, with Sean Schuring having nine for Groton Area and Preston Homan having 11 for the Cardinals. Groton Area had 11 assists with Bennett Shabazz having three. Groton Area had five turnovers while Deuel had 20. Sean Schuring and Marshall Lane each had one block. Groton Area had 16 steals with Seric Shabazz having four and Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz and Marshall Lane each having three. Deuel had one steal and that by Homan.

Groton Area made nine of 14 free throws for 64 percent off of Deuel's 13 team fouls. Deuel was four of seven from the line for 57 percent off of Groton Area's 10 team fouls.

Groton Area, now 1-0, will travel to Frederick today to take on Leola-Frederick.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 37-30. Scoring for Groton Area were Treyton Diegel with 17, Cade Guthmiller with six, Marshall Lane and Jonny Doeden with five each, and adding two points apiece were Luke Thorson and Austin Jones.

Groton Area won the C game, 34-13. Scoring for Groton were Cade Guthmiller with 10, Jonny Doeden nine, Austin Jones six, Anthony Schinkel four, Cyrus DeHoet three and Chandler Larson with two.



Going clockwise from left are Anthony Sippel, Bennett Shabazz, Marshall Lane and Peyton Johnson, Peyton Johnson and Sean Schuring. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)

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## Varsity Team Stats

DEUEL		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS								MIN
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
2	Stoltenburg,	*	3	6	0	3	0	0	0	4	4	1	6	0	6	0	0	8:00
3	Benck, K	*	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0:00
4	Palmquist,	*	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
5	Longstreet,	*	6	14	1	2	0	3	1	6	7	2	13	0	5	0	0	16:00
30	Homan,	*	2	4	0	1	4	4	3	8	11	4	8	1	3	0	1	32:00
1	Kwasniewski,		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24:00
13	Knight,		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	24:00
15	Benck, E		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
23	Reichling, A		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
44	TeGantvoort,		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	2	2							0
Team Totals			13	38	1	10	4	7	6	30	36	13	31	1	20	0	1	160
Total FG% - 1st: 5/15			0.333	2nd: 8/23			0.348	Game: 0.342								Deadball		
3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/5			0.200	2nd: 0/5			0.000	Game: 0.100								Rebounds		
Total FT% - 1st: 4/7			0.571	2nd: 0/0			0.000	Game: 0.571								(1,0)		

GROTON AREA		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS								MIN
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
12	Schuring, Sean	F	2	9	2	8	2	2	4	5	9	0	8	1	1	1	3	32:00
40	Johnson, Peyton	F	3	8	0	3	0	0	2	1	3	2	6	0	0	0	1	8:00
4	Shabazz, Bennett	G	6	13	1	2	6	8	3	3	6	3	15	3	1	0	3	8:00
5	Shabazz, Seric	G	2	13	1	8	1	4	1	3	4	1	6	1	0	0	4	24:00
20	Keith, Brandon	G	2	7	1	4	3	4	3	1	4	1	8	2	0	0	2	16:00
3	Sippel, Anthony		2	4	1	3	0	0	2	1	3	2	5	1	2	0	0	16:00
10	Lane, Marshall		0	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	32:00
14	Diegel, Treyton		0	4	0	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	24:00
24	Wuestewald, Frankie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0:00
30	Doeden, Jonny		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
50	Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	3	3							0
Team Totals			17	61	5	33	9	14	17	21	38	10	48	11	5	2	16	160
Total FG% - 1st: 11/28			0.393	2nd: 6/33			0.182	Game: 0.279								Deadball		
3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/14			0.214	2nd: 2/19			0.105	Game: 0.152								Rebounds		
Total FT% - 1st: 5/8			0.625	2nd: 4/6			0.667	Game: 0.643								(2,0)		
SCORE BY PERIODS			1st		2nd		3rd		4th		TOTAL							
Deuel			6		9		8		8		31							
Groton			16		14		7		11		48							

Last FG: Deuel 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00

Largest lead: Deuel by 2 1st-08:00, Groton by 18 3rd-08:00

Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 1 times

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## Junior Varsity Team Stats

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NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
10	Fieber, Zach	*	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	24:00
12	Ronne, Isaac	*	5	11	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	7	0	1	16:00
23	Kloos, Danny	*	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
35	Reichling, Tyler	*	2	6	0	0	1	2	1	8	9	2	5	1	6	2	0	24:00
40	Bauman, Payton	*	0	5	0	3	0	0	1	4	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	24:00
	3 Stoltenburg, Logan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0:00
	30 Lovre, Scott		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
	43 Brandt, Dylan		4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	8	0	2	0	1	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	4	4							
Team Totals			13	35	3	8	1	2	6	27	33	9	30	3	19	2	3	120

Total FG% - 1st: 4/14 0.286 2nd: 9/21 0.429 Game: 0.371 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/2 0.000 2nd: 3/6 0.500 Game: 0.375 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/2 0.500 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.500 (0,0)

GROTON AREA		TOT-FG						3-PT			REBOUNDS							
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
	3 Sippel, Anthony	*	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
	10 Lane, Marshall	*	1	7	1	1	2	4	1	2	3	2	5	1	2	0	1	16:00
	14 Diegel, Treyton	*	5	13	4	6	3	4	0	5	5	2	17	1	1	0	0	16:00
	30 Doeden, Jonny	*	2	8	0	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	5	2	2	0	4	16:00
	50 Thorson, Luke	*	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	8:00
	3 Schinkel, Anthony		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	8:00
	12 Thurston, Riley		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00
	22 Guthmiller, Cade		2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	16:00
	32 Thurston, Mitch		0	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	16:00
	34 Jones, Austin		1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	5	6							
Team Totals			12	43	7	17	6	10	6	18	24	7	37	5	9	0	9	120

Total FG% - 1st: 5/21 0.238 2nd: 7/22 0.318 Game: 0.279 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/8 0.250 2nd: 5/9 0.556 Game: 0.412 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/2 0.000 2nd: 6/8 0.750 Game: 0.600 (1,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Deuel		5	4	11	10	30
Groton Tigers JV		9	3	16	9	37

Last FG: Deuel 4th-08:00, Groton Tigers JV 4th-08:00  
 Largest lead: Deuel NONE, Groton Tigers JV by 13 4th-08:00  
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 0 times



## Bjerke leads Groton Area girls to win over Deuel

It was a slow start, but a fast finish as the Lady Tigers raced past the Deuel Cardinals Friday night in Groton, 58-26. Groton led at the quarter stops at 9-7, 27-12 and 48-18.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Blocker Construction, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Northern Plains Psychological Associates LLC and Doug Abeln Seed Company.

Everyone seen playing time for the Lady Tigers as Jessica Bjerke led Groton Area with 11 points followed by Audrey Wanner with nine, Taylor Holm eight, Katie Koehler seven, Jennie Doeden six, Alex Stange and Gia Gengerke each had four and Payton Maine and Madison Sippel each had two points.

Groton Area made 24 of 48 field goals for 50 percent, was seven of 19 from the line for 37 percent off of Deuel's 17 team fouls, had 30 rebounds with Jennie Doeden having six and Jessica Bjerke five, had 18 turnovers, 17 assists with Audrey Wanner having five and Harleigh Stange four, and 18 steals with Jessica Bjerke having four and Audrey Wanner, Harleigh Stange, Payton Maine and Miranda Hanson each having three as the Cardinals had 31 turnovers. Deuel made eight of 26 field goals for 31 percent, was four of 10 from the line for 40 percent off of Groton's 12 team fouls.

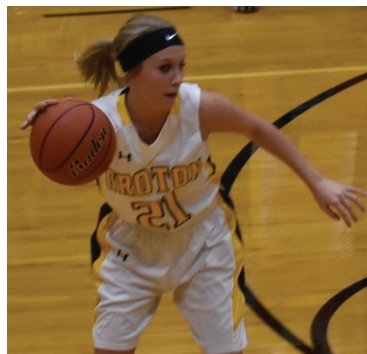
Britney Lovre led the Cardinals with 12 points followed by Jaydyn TeGantvoort with six, Saycia Sime had three, Courtney Mack and Kendra Damm each had two and Sarah Ronne added one point.

Groton Area is now 1-1 on the season and will travel to Frederick today.

There were no preliminary girls games.



**Audrey Wanner**



**Katie Koehler**



**Jessica Bjerke**



**Jennie Doeden**



**Payton Maine**

**Photos by  
Julianna  
Kosel**

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## Today in Weather History

December 10, 2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 8 inches fell across parts of Lyman and Jones Counties on the 10th and 11th. Some amounts included 6 inches at Kennebec and Okaton and 8 inches at Murdo.

December 10, 1699: A severe ice storm hit Boston, Massachusetts causing much damage to orchards.

December 10, 2002: A shower of tiny fish rained down on Korona, a village in the mountains of northern Greece. A Greek television reported the incident was caused by a waterspout on Lake Doirani.

1699 - A severe ice storm hit Boston, MA, causing much damage to orchards. (The Weather Channel)

1946 - The temperature at New York City soared to 70 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1949 - The barometric pressure at Las Vegas, NV, reached a record low reading of 29.17 inches (987.8 millibars). (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought high winds to the eastern slopes of the Northern and Central Rockies. Winds gusted to 97 mph at Mines Peak CO. In Wyoming, up to a foot of snow blanketed the Teton Village Ski Resort, northwest of Jackson. Strong chinook winds in the Central High Plains Region, gusting to 61 mph at Scottsbluff NE, warmed temperatures to near 70 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Squalls produced heavy snow in the Lower Great Lakes Region. Totals in northeastern Ohio ranged up to 14 inches at Harpersfield, and totals in western New York State ranged up to 14 inches at Sodus. In the snowbelt of Upper Michigan, the Ontonogon area reported two feet of snow in two days. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Heavy snow fell across the northern and central mountains of Colorado, with 24 inches reported at Steamboat Springs. Six to twelve inches of snow fell in the Denver and Boulder area delaying plane flights and snarling traffic. Heavy snow also spread across the Central Plains into the Mississippi Valley. Winner SD received 11 inches of snow, and more than ten inches of snow was reported north of Sioux City IA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992 - A slow-moving Nor'easter storm batters the northeast U.S. coast killing 19 people.



## House for Sale

3 bedroom house for sale. Groton S. D. Detached garage. 1/2 block from high school. Call (605) 397-8405.

A promotional graphic for the Groton Chamber of Commerce. It features a Christmas tree background with red and gold ornaments. The text reads: "GROTON Chamber Of Commerce Sign Up for Groton Chamber Bucks at the Holiday Boxes Located This week at the James Valley Telco and Professional Mgt. Services Week of Dec. 12: Olde Bank Floral 'n More and Subway".

**GROTON**  
Chamber Of Commerce








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Week of Dec. 12: Olde Bank Floral 'n More and Subway



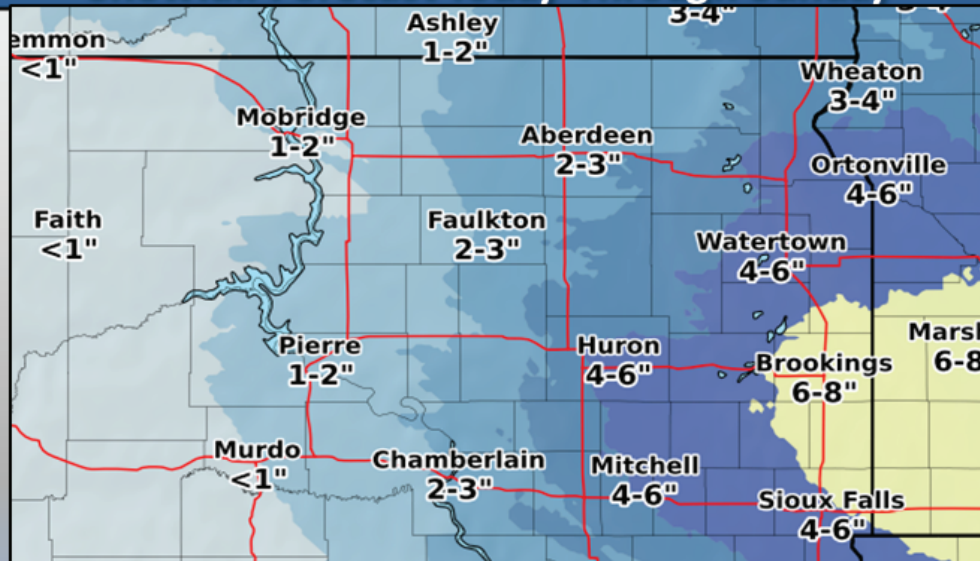
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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
 40% → 70%	 80%	 70% → 40%		 30%	 30%	
Chance Snow then Snow Likely	Snow	Snow Likely then Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow and Blustery	Chance Snow then Mostly Cloudy	Cold
High: 10 °F	Low: 8 °F	High: 13 °F ↓	Low: -5 °F	High: 10 °F	Low: -6 °F	High: 7 °F

## A Snowy Weekend Forecast

### Snowfall Forecast Today Through Sunday



- **Light snow today through Sunday morning**
- **Generally 2 to 6 inches east of the Missouri River**
- **Winds 10 to 25 mph – minor blowing snow impacts**

**National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD**



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 12/10/2016 5:37 AM Central

Published on: 12/10/2016 at 5:44AM

Snow has begun this morning across portions of central South Dakota. This activity will spread east through the day, with round two expected later tonight. Additional snow development will accompany upper level support later tonight, with additional accumulations. When all is said and done by Sunday afternoon, most areas east of the Missouri River will see 2 to as much as 6 inches of snow. The highest amounts will be over eastern South Dakota into Minnesota. Winds should not be a huge issue with this system, with speeds generally in the 15 to 25 mph range, so only minor blowing snow issues are expected.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 6.5 F at 2:04 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: -9.1 F at 5:11 AM**

**High Gust: 11.0 Mph at 12:57 PM**

Precip:

## Today's Info

**Record High: 58° in 1979**

**Record Low: -29° in 1972**

**Average High: 27°F**

**Average Low: 7°F**

**Average Precip in Dec.: 0.18**

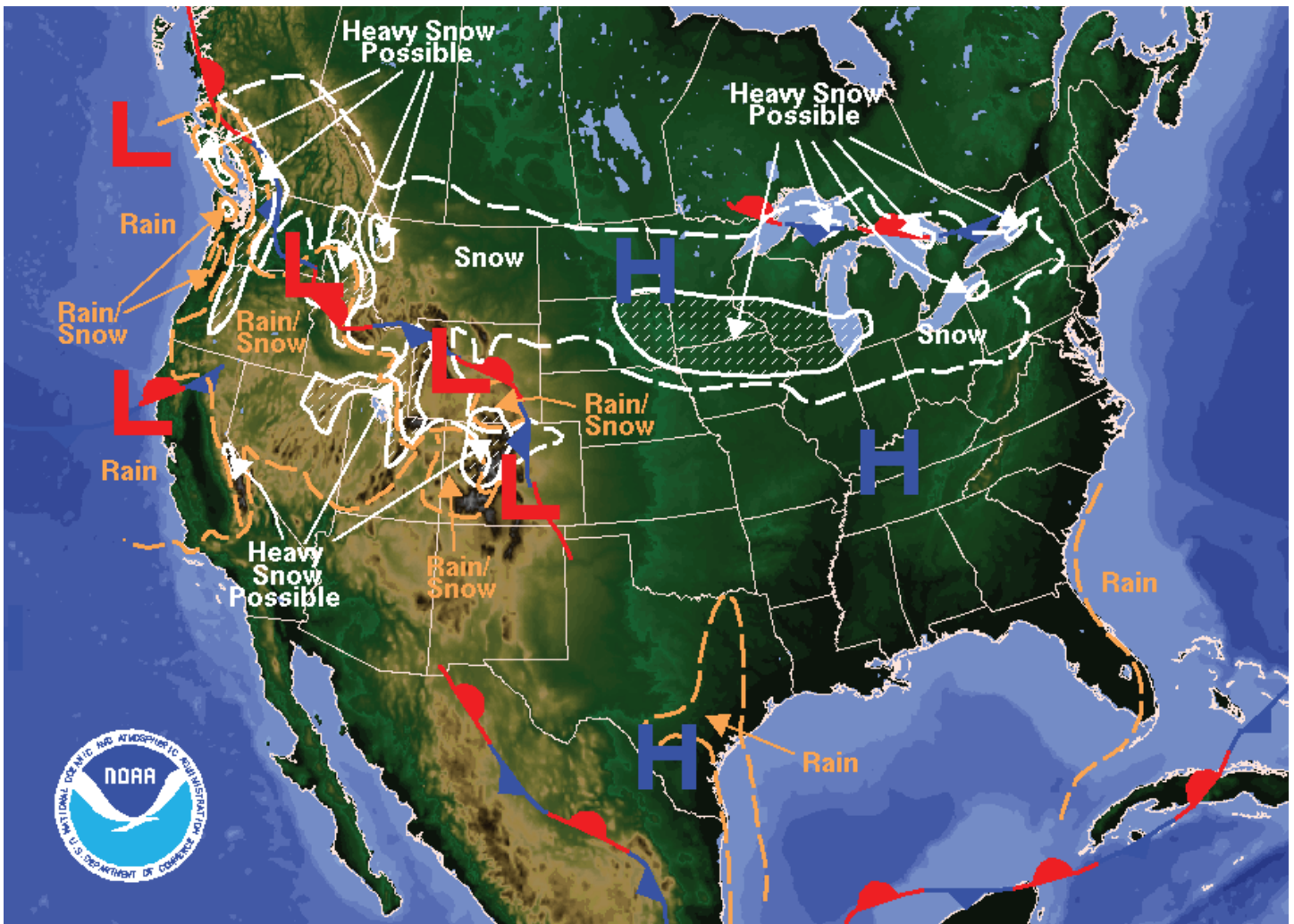
**Precip to date in Dec.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 21.38**

**Precip Year to Date: 17.34**

**Sunset Tonight: 4:50 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:03 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Sat, Dec 10, 2016, issued 4:03 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts





## NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

His old bicycle was worn out. He begged his dad for a new one.

Finally it was his birthday. When he came home from school that afternoon, he discovered a beautiful new bicycle in the garage. With great excitement he rode down the street to show it to his best friend.

Soon he returned home and waited for his father. When his dad arrived, he began to cry, "George got a new bike, too. It has a light on the handlebar. It's better than mine."

Jealousy! It begins at birth, rages in most hearts, and for some, lasts a lifetime.

In the Bible "jealousy" is sometimes described as the opposite of love and thankfulness and the enemy of gratitude.

It is the "attitude of gratitude" that exposes our faith in God. Often we only feel secure in what we have, not Whom we have, Jesus Christ. When times are good, bank accounts growing, the economy flourishing, and jobs secure, we rarely notice what others have.

As Christians we need to look at our lives through God's eyes. Looking at our lives through His eyes may enable us to find joy in the smallest event, happiness in the smile of a child, satisfaction in a job well done.

Embracing our lives just as they are and being thankful for what we have will enable us to give up the struggle to acquire what we want but do not need. Where we are and what we have is exactly the way things are to be. Rejoice and be thankful!

Prayer: Help me, Lord to accept all that I have as gifts of Your goodness, especially my salvation. Remove jealousy from my heart and envy from my mind. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture: Philippians 4:11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

## 70th Wedding Anniversary



**Open House 70th Wedding Anniversary for Robert and Ruth Pray Sr. on December 11, 2016 from 2-4 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton. Hosted by their children Jeanette, Jill and Bobby. Anniversary wishes may be sent to them at 1502 N Broadway Groton, SD Lot 9**

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## News from the Associated Press

### Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

#### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Alcester-Hudson 59, Freeman Academy/Marion 23  
Arlington 56, Elkton-Lake Benton 48  
Belle Fourche 62, Hill City 60  
Brandon Valley 57, Harrisburg 48  
Brookings 60, Pierre 39  
Canistota 58, Centerville 13  
Chamberlain 59, Sully Buttes 41  
Colman-Egan 43, Castlewood 41  
Crow Creek 67, Flandreau Indian 60  
Dell Rapids 65, West Central 29  
Elk Point-Jefferson 61, Canton 58  
Flandreau 80, Chester 72  
Florence/Henry 56, Great Plains Lutheran 51  
Gayville-Volin 54, Baltic 47  
Groton Area 48, Deuel 31  
Hamlin 54, Britton-Hecla 50, OT  
Hanson 55, Ethan 36  
Lake Preston 62, DeSmet 54  
Little Wound 79, St. Francis Indian 70  
Milbank Area 53, Tiospa Zina Tribal 38  
Mitchell Christian 61, Iroquois 49  
New Underwood 31, Edgemont 30  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 59, Dell Rapids St. Mary 40  
Rapid City Stevens 59, Sioux Falls Washington 46  
Redfield/Doland 55, Webster 41  
Scotland 51, Burke/South Central 25  
Sioux Falls Christian 82, Lennox 56  
Sioux Valley 103, Howard 24  
Spearfish 47, Custer 46  
St. Thomas More 54, Hot Springs 23  
Stanley County 45, Bennett County 42  
Sturgis Brown 63, Aberdeen Central 60  
Tea Area 73, Dakota Valley 64  
Todd County 85, Valentine, Neb. 34  
Tri-State, N.D. 64, Waubay/Summit 40  
Tri-Valley 76, Garretson 54  
Vermillion 64, Bon Homme 50  
Viborg-Hurley 63, Freeman 55  
Waverly-South Shore 58, Wilmot 28  
White River 84, Jones County 35  
Winner 63, Wagner 27  
Gillette Invitational  
Scottsbluff, Neb. 71, Rapid City Central 59

#### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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Aberdeen Central 66, Sturgis Brown 35  
Avon 66, Gregory 36  
Belle Fourche 52, Hill City 28  
Crow Creek 63, Flandreau Indian 47  
Douglas 49, Lead-Deadwood 33  
Elk Point-Jefferson 68, Canton 30  
Elkton-Lake Benton 68, Arlington 45  
Florence/Henry 35, Great Plains Lutheran 30  
Gayville-Volin 42, Baltic 38  
Groton Area 58, Deuel 26  
Lennox 64, Sioux Falls Christian 48  
Leola/Frederick 45, Langford 25  
New Underwood 51, Edgemont 19  
Pierre 72, Brookings 67  
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 51, Sioux Falls O’Gorman 38  
Sioux Falls Washington 71, Rapid City Stevens 68  
Tea Area 70, Parkston 40  
Timber Lake 64, Lyman 35  
Todd County 76, Valentine, Neb. 41  
Tri-State, N.D. 52, Waubay/Summit 36  
Tri-Valley 36, Garretson 24  
Vermillion 62, Bon Homme 21  
Watertown 59, Huron 44  
Winner 60, Wagner 46

## Daugaard names new head of Bureau of Finance and Management

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is appointing a commissioner to replace the state’s former chief financial officer who left the administration shortly after getting placed on leave.

Daugaard announced Friday that Liza Clark, of Pierre, will be the new commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management. Her appointment is effective in January.

Clark has focused on higher education, human resources and labor and regulation as a policy adviser in the governor’s office since 2014. She previously worked as a budget analyst at the Bureau of Finance and Management.

She succeeds Jason Dilges, who departed last month after being placed on administrative leave. The governor’s office hasn’t offered many details on those circumstances.

State Economist Jim Terwilliger, who has headed the bureau in the interim, will become deputy commissioner.

## Dakota Access pipeline court battle to linger into new year

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal court battle over whether the developer of the Dakota Access oil pipeline can finish the \$3.8 billion project will linger at least into the first couple months of the new year.

Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners last month asked U.S. District Judge James Boasberg to declare it can legally lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota — the last remaining large chunk of construction on the 1,200-mile, four-state pipeline to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois.

The Army has declined to give permission due to opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux, who fear any leaks would contaminate drinking water. The Army cites a need for more study of the Lake Oahe crossing and consideration of alternative routes.



ETP believes it already has the necessary permission and has asked Boasberg to concur. Company lawyers earlier proposed a schedule that included an early January hearing. Boasberg on Friday gave the government until Jan. 6 to file its opposition to ETP's request for permission. Boasberg won't hear arguments until at least February.

The two tribes filed documents Wednesday saying they are willing to put their claims on hold while the Army Corps of Engineers does more study. The tribes earlier this year challenged the government's decision to grant permits at more than 200 water crossings.

"Plaintiff tribes applaud the decision by the Corps and intend to work in good faith with the Corps through the (study) process in hopes that a resolution of its concerns can be achieved without the need for further proceedings in this court," attorneys wrote.

The tribes also intend to oppose ETP's request to the judge for permission to drill under the lake. Boasberg also gave them until Jan. 6 to do so.

Tribal members and supporters have been protesting the pipeline for months, based at a camp near the pipeline route in southern North Dakota. Harsh wintry weather is beginning to drive some people out of the camp.

The Morton County Sheriff's Office estimated Friday that between 1,800 and 2,200 people remain in the camp on federal land, spokesman Rob Keller said. That's down from estimates of 3,000 to 5,000 people before heavy snow and bitter cold settled in.

Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault this week called for the camp to disband, though Native American rights activist Chase Iron Eyes implored protesters to stay.

A coalition of grassroots groups opposing the pipeline issued a statement Friday saying they support a transition to protesting against project investors in communities. However, they said they also support pipeline opponents who choose to stay in camp overwinter.

The groups included the Indigenous Environmental Network, Honor the Earth, Sacred Stone Camp and the International Indigenous Youth Council.

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## **Wild horse sale being moved after auction is harassed**

PHILIP, S.D. (AP) — The sale of hundreds of wild horses seized from a troubled sanctuary in north-central South Dakota is being moved after Philip Livestock Auction was allegedly harassed and threatened.

Dewey County Sheriff Les Mayer made the announcement in a social media post and declined to provide details to the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2gs8LSQ>).

The horses are from a Lantry-area ranch operated by the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros. Authorities seized the facility's animals in October after a state veterinarian found they were being neglected and a former ranch employee said they were being starved to death.

Society President Karen Sussman has denied wrongdoing.

Mayer says the sale of the horses is still set for Dec. 20, but he won't disclose the location until a few days before.

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

## **South Dakota Guard soldiers returning from Middle East**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls-based Army National Guard unit that served in the Middle East is coming home.

Thirty-eight soldiers with the Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade served 10 months in Kuwait. They returned to American soil on Wednesday and are going through demobilization at Fort Hood, Texas.

A welcome-home ceremony in Sioux Falls is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Sanford Pentagon. Mayor Mike Huether and state Guard commander Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch are to speak.

## **Brennan Rock & Roll Academy in Sioux Falls to close**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A music school in Sioux Falls is closing, citing a ballot measure passed by voters in November that caps interest rates on short-term loans.

The Brennan Rock & Roll Academy says it will close Dec. 23. Officials say a “large majority” of the academy’s funds have come directly or indirectly from payday lending chain Dollar Loan Center. Chuck Brennan founded both the chain and the payday loan business.

The academy’s board of directors says 150 volunteer instructors have been providing free lessons to more than 700 students.

Lenders predicted during the ballot measure campaign that the initiative would kill the businesses in South Dakota because the rate cap would prevent them from recouping the costs of providing loans.

## **Sanford to consolidate Sioux Falls-based corporate services**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sanford Health plans to create an administrative center in a Sioux Falls office building most recently occupied by the financial services company Capital One.

The Dakotas-based health system recently signed a 15-year lease on the space, the Argus Leader newspaper reported (<http://argusne.ws/2haRcpp>).

The plan is to consolidate corporate services spread around South Dakota’s largest city into the 158,000-square-foot building.

“We’ve been looking for quite some time,” chief marketing officer Cindy Morrison said. “We had these (services) in multiple locations across the city and were looking for a building that would bring them all together.”

Sanford plans to move hundreds of employees into the facility, beginning sometime next year. About 1,000 people worked there when Capital One leased it. That company pulled its call center operation out of South Dakota last year, but it left the building equipped with office furniture, computers and fixtures.

Sanford bills itself as one of the largest health systems in the nation, with hundreds of hospitals and clinics in nine states and three countries and 27,000 employees. The Sioux Falls-based services support the entire Sanford system. They include payroll functions, some patient financial services and corporate human resources.

“We got the building with the right layout for the right services in the right location. That doesn’t happen often,” Morrison said.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

## **Preparing for White House, Trump to attend Army-Navy game**

**By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump is partaking in one of the nation’s most storied football rivalries, saluting U.S. troops at the annual Army-Navy game on Saturday as he prepares to enter the White House.

The future commander-in-chief planned to attend the 117th game between the military academies at West Point and Annapolis, which is being held on relatively neutral ground, at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland.

Trump tweeted on Saturday morning that he was going to the game “as a show of support for our Armed Forces.”

The appearance caps a week of rolling out Cabinet picks, holding “thank you” rallies in North Carolina, Iowa and Michigan, and trying to cement his incoming Senate majority with Saturday’s runoff election in Louisiana.

The incoming president appeared jovial and relaxed as he plunged back into electoral politics on Friday, a full month after he won the presidency. He held large-scale events in Louisiana and in Michigan, where

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he regaled supporters in Grand Rapids by reciting his victories in battleground states.

Trump is the first Republican to win Michigan since George H.W. Bush in 1988. He attributed his feat to failures by Democrats.

"They forgot about you people," Trump said. "In four years they're not going to forget. But it's not going to work because you're not going to forget." Several protesters were removed from his rally at DeltaPlex Arena, prompting the president-elect to declare at one point, "Get 'em out of here."

Trump introduced Betsy DeVos, his choice for education secretary who hails from west Michigan, and announced that Andrew Liveris, the chief executive of Dow Chemical, would lead his American Manufacturing Council. Taking the stage, Liveris said the company would soon bring a new research-and-development center to Michigan.

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Trump campaigned for Republican John Kennedy, the state treasurer who faces off Saturday against Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell, a Democrat, for the seat of retiring Republican Sen. David Vitter. Neither won a majority in the November primary. Polls found Kennedy with a comfortable lead in the runoff.

While candidate Trump was often at odds with the establishment wing of his party, GOP leaders have broadly supported him as president-elect, and he's trying to consolidate any lingering factions, most immediately in Louisiana, where a Kennedy win would cement the party's four-vote advantage in the new Senate.

In private, people close to Trump said he was expected to name yet another Goldman Sachs executive to his White House team. The president-elect's National Economic Council is to be led by Gary Cohn, president and chief operating officer of the Wall Street bank, which Trump repeatedly complained during the election campaign would control Hillary Clinton if she won.

Major decisions remain — most importantly Trump's choice for secretary of state. The deliberations have become a source of tension within his transition team, with chief of staff Reince Priebus said to be backing Mitt Romney while other advisers oppose the idea of selecting the 2012 GOP nominee, given his fierce criticism of Trump during the campaign.

Trump announced that Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor who was an early favorite, was no longer under consideration.

On a busy Friday, Trump also spoke by telephone with Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who broke with protocol during the campaign to endorse Hillary Clinton and said afterward she would not maintain "a diplomatic silence in the face of attitudes of racism, sexism, misogyny or intolerance of any kind."

Sturgeon's office said she used Friday's call to emphasize the "values Scotland and the United States share." Trump's transition team described the conversation as a "short congratulatory call."

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## The Latest: Trump says CNN reporting 'rediculous' fake news

NEW YORK (AP) — The Latest developments related to President-elect Donald Trump (all times local): 6:45 a.m.

Donald Trump is tweeting about television again — this time accusing CNN of reporting "rediculous" fake news and asserting that he won't let his television show conflict with his presidency.

Trump's Saturday morning tweets follow an announcement by Mark Burnett, the creator of "The Apprentice," that the president-elect remains an executive producer on the show.

Trump's spokeswoman, Kellyanne Conway, said on CNN Friday that Trump's ties to his reality show are being reviewed for potential conflicts of interest.

At 6:28 a.m., the president-elect tweeted that he has "NOTHING to do with The Apprentice except for fact that I conceived it with Mark B & have a big stake in it. Will devote ZERO TIME!"



Ten minutes later, he tweeted again, saying that "reports by @CNN that I will be working on The Apprentice during my Presidency, even part time, are ridiculous & untrue - FAKE NEWS!"

2:50 a.m.

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## Advocates call Alabama execution an 'avoidable disaster'

By **KIM CHANDLER and KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press**

ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — Defenders of a condemned inmate in Alabama are calling his execution an "avoidable disaster."

For 13 minutes after he was sedated to avoid an unconstitutionally painful death, Ronald Bert Smith Jr. was seen coughing, gasping and moving.

Smith's legal team says these movements Thursday night show "he was not anesthetized at any point during the agonizingly long procedure."

Alabama's Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn disputes that Smith was in pain after being injected with midazolam, a sedative some states are using now that pharmaceutical companies are refusing to make other drugs available for executions.

Smith was sentenced to die for shooting convenience store clerk Casey Wilson in 1994 robbery that prosecutors described as an execution-style murder.

His final movements will likely be fiercely debated as Alabama resumes executions after years of litigation and a drug shortage created by campaigns against the death penalty. Inmate advocates argue that Alabama's process is too flawed and secretive, raising the risk of botched executions.

Smith coughed and heaved his chest repeatedly during the 30-minute execution process and appeared to move his arms slightly after two tests were administered to determine consciousness.

Attorneys with the Alabama Federal Defenders Program, who watched the execution, issued a statement expressing profound disappointment "that the state and courts failed to intervene at any stage and take steps to prevent this avoidable disaster."

Dunn said Alabama's execution protocol has been upheld by the courts, and he disputed that the condemned man felt any pain.

"Early in the execution, Smith, with eyes closed, did cough but at no time during the execution was there observational evidence that he suffered," Dunn's statement said, noting that an "autopsy will determine if there were any irregularities."

"No autopsy can measure the extent of Ron Smith's suffering as he died," his lawyers said.

This was Alabama's second execution using midazolam to render an inmate unconscious before injections of rocuronium bromide and potassium chloride to stop the lungs and heart.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 last year that midazolam wasn't proven to violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. Inmates have continued to challenge its use, saying it is a sedative, not an anesthetic, and cannot reliably render a person unconscious.

"I think we saw last night what we, unfortunately, have seen so many times before, which is that midazolam, which was never intended to be used this way, is not effective and can't be used this way," said Cassandra Stubbs, who directs the capital punishment project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Arizona, Ohio and Florida also have used midazolam. Mississippi and Arkansas, which have not executed

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an inmate in several years, have also announced plans to use the sedative. Virginia has approved its use as well.

Critics have pointed to problems with midazolam in other states' executions. In Ohio, inmate Dennis McGuire repeatedly gasped and snorted for more than 26 minutes while being put to death. In Arizona, Joseph Rudolph Wood gasped and snorted for more than 90 minutes after his execution began.

Soon after Smith received the first injection, he clenched his fists and raised his head before letting it fall back onto the gurney. Then, he coughed and heaved his torso repeatedly for 13 minutes.

A corrections officer gave Smith two consciousness checks, which involved stroking the area around his eyes, saying his name and pinching his left arm. If the inmate does not respond, the warden, from the control room, administers the final two drugs, Dunn said.

Smith's lawyers believe the state gave him an additional dose of midazolam after he moved his arm slightly in response to the first consciousness test, but Dunn declined to say if a second dose was used, saying the department won't discuss specifics of the protocol.

The first check was given about 10:37 p.m. Smith's left arm moved slightly after the pinch. A second check was performed 10 minutes later. Smith did not immediately respond but shortly afterward, his right hand and lower arm appeared to lift up slightly.

Smith's breathing and coughing then slowed to the point they were no longer visible. The curtains to the viewing room closed at 10:59 p.m. A prison system spokesman said a doctor pronounced Smith dead at 11:05 p.m.

Alabama has been trying to resume executions after a lull caused by a shortage of execution drugs and litigation. The state executed Christopher Eugene Brooks in January for the 1993 rape and beating death of a woman. That was Alabama's first execution using midazolam, and apparently went as planned, causing the inmate no obvious signs of distress.

## After weeks of protests, crowds celebrate Park's impeachment

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The previous time South Korea's parliament voted to impeach a president, ruling party lawmakers bawled and hurled ballot boxes, a man set himself on fire in front of the National Assembly, and thousands glumly held candlelight vigils night after night to save late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun.

Twelve years later, the mood couldn't have been more different, with massive crowds returning to Seoul's streets on Saturday, a day after lawmakers voted in favor of removing disgraced President Park Geun-hye. The vote for impeachment left protesters basking in pride, believing that they had repaired a damaged democracy with their weekly demonstrations.

Thousands of people marched near streets close to the presidential palace where the notoriously aloof Park will remain mostly alone for up to six months until the Constitutional Court rules whether she must step down permanently.

Carrying signs, flags and yellow balloons, they gleefully shouted for her to quit immediately rather than weather the court process.

The demonstrators waved their arms to the beat of gongs and drums and followed an effigy of Park dressed in prison clothes and tied with rope into a narrow alley near the presidential offices and residence, known as the Blue House.

"Park Geun-hye, get out of the house! Get out of the house now!" the marchers chanted.

"Come down and go to jail!"

Seemingly, tens of thousands of demonstrators packed a large nearby boulevard, which was the center of massive protests in recent weeks.

"We got off to a good first step (on Friday). It was a day when we all realized how strong we can collectively be," said Kim Hye-in, 51, an out-of-towner who spent her sixth consecutive Saturday in Seoul protesting against Park. "But we aren't there just yet. We need to keep gathering strength and protest

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until the court officially removes her from office.”

Protest organizers said about 600,000 people turned out on Saturday. On Friday, the opposition-controlled parliament passed an impeachment motion against Park, which stripped her of her presidential duties and pushed Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn into the role as government caretaker until the court rules on Park’s fate.

The impeachment came after millions of people demonstrated for weeks demanding the removal of Park, who state prosecutors accuse of colluding with a longtime friend to extort money and favors from South Korea’s biggest companies and to give that confidante extraordinary sway over government decisions. Park has apologized for putting trust into her friend, Choi Soon-sil, but has denied any legal wrongdoing.

In 2004, the Constitutional Court reinstated Roh after two months, saying that minor election law violations and accusations of incompetence weren’t enough to justify his unseating as president. The chances of the court restoring Park’s powers are considered low because her charges are much graver, although some believe the court will need more than a couple of months to decide because her case is more complicated than Roh’s.

Park will be formally removed from office if at least six of the court’s nine justices support her impeachment, and the country would then hold a presidential election within 60 days.

While the historically large protests that helped push lawmakers to vote to impeach Park have been peaceful, the festive atmosphere kicked up a notch on Saturday as demonstrators let out relief that the president they so desperately want removed was finally halfway out the door.

“We accomplished a peaceful revolution,” said Park Seong-su, a frequent anti-Park protester who faces a court trial for throwing what he said was dog feces at a Seoul prosecution office on Oct. 31 as Choi, Park’s now arrested longtime friend, arrived for questioning.

“For long, people were told by politicians what to do, but on Friday, it was the will of people that forced politicians what to do.”

Others weren’t as comfortable, saying that protesters should continue to rally every weekend to apply pressure on the court until it decides to formally remove the president.

Kim Hyeong-seok, another protester, said that the weekly rallies may turn violent if the court decides to reinstate Park.

“Then the candles will turn into torches,” he said.

There was tension Saturday hours before the large demonstration when thousands of Park supporters, most of them in their 60s or older, rallied in nearby streets, waving the country’s flags and shouting for Park’s “demagoguery impeachment” to be nullified.

Some of them exchanged bitter diatribes with anti-Park protesters.

Similar scenes played out on Friday when scuffles broke out between angry anti-Park farmers, some of whom had driven tractors to the National Assembly, and police. When impeachment happened, many of those gathered — some 10,000, according to organizers — raised their hands in the air and leapt about, cheering and laughing.

On Saturday, Hwang, as the acting president, held a meeting with Cabinet ministers at a government building near the presidential Blue House to discuss issues related to national security, foreign relations and financial markets.

The handover of power prompted the prime minister on Friday to order South Korea’s defense minister to put the military on a state of heightened readiness to brace for any potential provocation by North Korea. No suspicious movements by the North were reported.

The impeachment is a remarkable fall for Park, who convincingly beat her liberal opponent in 2012. Park’s single, five-year term was originally set to end Feb. 24, 2018.

The political turmoil around Park comes after years of frustration over a leadership style that inspired comparisons to her father, slain military dictator Park Chung-hee.

Critics saw in Park an unwillingness to tolerate dissent as her government cracked down on press freedom, pushed to dissolve a leftist party and allowed aggressive police suppression of anti-government protests, which saw the death of an activist in September.

She also was heavily criticized over her government’s handling of a 2014 ferry sinking that killed more



than 300 people, mostly school students, and was partially blamed on official incompetence and corruption.

## Who's next? A look at South Korean presidential contenders

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Fresh off impeachment, South Korean President Park Geun-hye's days in office may be numbered.

Her potential successors include the outgoing secretary general of the United Nations, an ambitious mayor who has been compared to both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, and the man who conceded the presidential race to Park four years ago.

Park was suspended as president following a parliamentary impeachment vote Friday. She will be formally removed from office if six of the Constitutional Court's nine justices support her impeachment in a review that could take up to six months.

The chances of the court reinstating Park are considered low, and if she's unseated, the country must hold a presidential election within 60 days.

A look at the contenders:

### BAN KI-MOON

A career diplomat, Ban has been seen as a future South Korean president ever since the U.N. made him secretary general in October 2006.

He could be the best hope for conservatives to win back the Blue House — South Korea's presidential office — after Park's collapse complicated politics for her party.

Ban will step down as U.N. chief at the end of the year after two five-year terms. Questioned on the matter countless times, Ban has never officially declared an ambition to run for South Korean president. But he has never denied interest either.

In a visit to South Korea in May, Ban told reporters that he would "think hard about what to do as a citizen" after he returns home on Jan. 1. Local media saw this as a clear hint at a presidential bid.

If he does make a run for the Blue House, Ban could represent Park's ailing Saenuri Party, which is likely to regroup soon around anti-Park reformists. Or he could be the face of a new party created by defectors from Saenuri and the liberal opposition.

Ban's supporters point to his credibility as an internationally known and respected diplomat and say he would show more imagination and skill in dealing with nuclear-armed North Korea than the rigid Park. His detractors point to his lack of domestic experience and argue that he did an unremarkable job in a high-profile post.

### LEE JAE-MYUNG

Lee, the outspoken mayor of Seongnam city and member of the main opposition Democratic Party, entered the year as a fringe presidential contender. But he has enjoyed a meteoric rise in popularity in recent months amid rage over the Park scandal.

Lee, a factory worker and human rights lawyer before entering politics, brands himself as an anti-establishment figure and has a habit of firing off diatribes on Facebook and Twitter. He doesn't mind comparisons to Trump, although he says he would prefer to be a "successful Bernie Sanders."

Lee calls for stronger policies to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor and help blue-collar families. He also endorses breaking up the "chaebol" — the large, family-owned conglomerates that dominate the country's economy. They have been long accused of hurting competition and breeding a culture of corruption through bribery of politicians for favors. The message has won him many fans in recent weeks.

His supporters portray him as a passionate reformist; critics see a dangerous populist riding a tide of public anger.

"We have been ruled by a small class of the privileged ... let's make with our own hands a democratic

republic where everybody is treated equally," Lee told a cheering crowd during one of the massive rallies calling for the removal of Park, who prosecutors accuse of colluding with a confidante to extort money and favors.

## MOON JAE-IN

While Ban and Lee have been hogging headlines, opinion polls show it's actually Moon, the liberal runner-up to Park in the 2012 election, who's the favorite.

A recent survey measured Moon's support at 23.5 percent, ahead of Ban's 18.2 percent. The Democratic Party's presidential primaries may become a showdown between Moon and Lee, who had 16.6 percent support.

Moon, a former human rights lawyer and aide to late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun, pledges to fight income inequality, strengthen social welfare systems and push business reforms to curb chaebol excesses and create a level playing field for smaller companies.

While Moon would be a safe choice, there are questions about whether he can win; in the presidential election four years ago, his 48 percent of the vote fell short of Park's 51.6 percent.

Conservatives over the years have attacked Moon over his links with the Roh government, which pursued rapprochement policies with North Korea that led to big trade and cultural exchanges between the rivals. Such policies were criticized after Pyongyang expanded its nuclear weapons and missiles programs; subsequent conservative governments scrapped the effort.

Moon continues to argue that Seoul should put dialogue over sanctions in persuading Pyongyang to give up its nuclear ambitions.

## OTHERS

— Ahn Cheol-soo, a businessman-turned-politician from the country's second-largest opposition party, calls for economic reforms aimed at creating more jobs and also preaches for more flexibility in dealing with North Korea.

— Park Won-soon, the mayor of Seoul and a harsh Park critic, could turn the Democratic Party primaries into a three-way race.

— If Saenuri fails to land Ban, there's former floor leader Yoo Seong-min, an anti-Park member seen as a champion of working-class interests.

## Dylann Roof's confession and journal detail racist beliefs

By JEFFREY COLLINS, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Prosecutors are using the Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof's own words to portray him as a cruel angry racist at his death penalty trial.

Roof's two-hour confession to killing nine people at a church Bible study, recorded the day after the shooting, was introduced as evidence Friday, along with a handwritten journal found in his car.

"How could our faces, skin color and body structure be so different, but our brains exactly the same?" Roof wrote in one of the less offensive passages.

In the video, Roof laughed repeatedly and made exaggerated gun motions as he described the massacre. He wanted to leave at least one person alive to tell what happened, he explained, complaining that his victims "complicated things" by hiding under tables.

He thought about shooting drug dealers, but they might shoot back, he said. Instead, Roof told the FBI, he picked the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in June 2015 because there likely wouldn't be white people there, and the people he chose to slaughter were more likely to be meek.

"I knew that would be a place to get a small amount of black people in one area," Roof said, later adding, "They're in church. They weren't criminals or anything."

Roof's lawyers have conceded that he carried out the attack, and are focused on persuading jurors to spare his life in the penalty phase of the trial. They said in opening statements they will call few or no witnesses. Testimony continues next week, and prosecutors said they may rest their case Wednesday.

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Along with the overt racism, Roof's confession and notes show the then-21-year-old as naive and immature. He wrote a note apologizing to his mother and saying "as childish as it sounds, I wish I was in your arms."

But Roof meticulously prepared for the shootings. He carried eight magazines that could each hold 13 rounds, but loaded only 11 each so that he could shoot 88 times. That's a revered number among white supremacists, standing for "Heil Hitler" because H is the eighth letter of the alphabet.

At one point, an agent asked if Roof had thought about killing more blacks.

"Oh, no. I was worn out," Roof said.

Roof said he left bullets in a magazine so that he could kill himself after the slayings, but changed his mind when he didn't immediately see any police.

He apparently hadn't heard the news during his 17 hours on the run. About 45 minutes into his interview with the FBI, an agent decided to tell him that nine people were dead.

"There wasn't even that many people in there," Roof said incredulously. "Are you lying to me?"

The video is blurry, making it hard to see Roof's facial expressions. After being told the details, an agent asked how he felt.

"Well, it makes me feel bad," said Roof, who earlier in the confession estimated he might have killed five.

Roof said he wanted to kill black people because he believed they rape white women daily. Agents asked why he chose Emanuel AME; he said it's because he saw it described online as the oldest black church in the South.

Survivor Felicia Sanders testified that said Roof sat through the Bible study beside pastor Clementa Pinckney, and opened fire as the rest of the group of 12 closed their eyes for a final prayer.

"I was sitting there thinking about whether I should do it or not. That's why I sat there for 15 minutes. I could have walked out," Roof said.

Church surveillance videos indicate Roof was actually inside for about 45 minutes.

Roof also said the killing of Trayvon Martin was a turning point in his life. Martin, a young unarmed black man, was killed by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in 2012. Zimmerman was acquitted in the shooting. Roof said he started researching black crime against whites on the internet.

He told the agents he didn't talk about his racist beliefs with his friends or family: "They probably won't agree with me — you know what I'm saying?"

Roof hardly looked up as his confession played, mostly shuffling papers in front of him, as he has through much of the trial.

In the recording, he told FBI agents he could never look at the families of his victims. And throughout the trial, he has not looked at the dozens relatives in the courtroom.

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## At least 45,000 homeless after Aceh quake in Indonesia

By STEPHEN WRIGHT, Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — At least 45,000 people have been displaced by the powerful earthquake that hit Indonesia's Aceh province, authorities said Saturday, as the government and aid agencies pooled efforts to meet the basic survival needs of shaken communities.

The estimate of the number of homeless people continues to grow while relief efforts fan out across the three districts near the epicenter of Wednesday's magnitude 6.5 quake, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told a press conference.

"The basic needs of refugees must be met during the evacuation," the agency said in statement.

Humanitarian groups are now coordinating their efforts from a main command post in the worst affected district Pidie Jaya, the agency said.

At least 100 people were killed and hundreds injured in the quake, which also destroyed or damaged more than 11,000 buildings, mostly homes but also several hundred mosques and schools. The displaced

are staying in temporary shelters and mosques or with relatives.

On Saturday, sniffer dogs were again used in the search for bodies and possible survivors in the devastated town of Meureudu, where a market filled with shop houses was largely flattened. Four other locations in Pidie Jaya are also the focus of search efforts.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo traveled Friday to worst-hit areas of the province and promised to rebuild communities.

Australia's government said on Saturday it will provide 1 million Australian dollars (\$750,000) of humanitarian aid through the Indonesian Red Cross.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said Australia is ready to respond to additional requests for assistance from the Indonesian government.

## Shutdown averted, Senate backs stop-gap spending bill

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and **MATTHEW DALY**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With less than an hour to spare, the Senate late Friday backed legislation averting a government shutdown as coal-state Democrats retreated on long-term health care benefits for retired miners but promised a renewed fight for the working class next year.

The vote was 63-36 and sent the stop-gap spending bill to President Barack Obama, who signed the measure early Saturday morning. The Senate also passed and sent the president a \$10 billion water bill with money for the California drought. The vote was 78-21.

The votes came hours after Democrats dropped threats to block the spending measure in hopes of using the shutdown deadline to try to win a one-year respite for 16,500 miners facing the loss of health care benefits at year's end. Instead, the legislation provides benefits at a cost of \$45 million for four months.

Democrats evoked President-elect Donald Trump, a working class hero in coal country, in pressing for more benefits. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., a potential member of the Trump Cabinet, led the fight of coal-state Democrats.

But House Republicans were unrelenting — and had already vacated the Capitol for a three-week holiday — forcing Democrats to concede. Manchin acknowledged Friday night that he did not have the votes to block the bill, but said "the fight will continue" next year.

"I'm born into a family of coal miners. If I'm not going to stand up for them, who is?" he asked reporters.

Manchin was meeting with Trump on Monday.

The fight gave Democrats, who suffered devastating election losses a month ago at the hands of working-class voters, a chance to cast themselves and not the GOP as the champion of the common man. Manchin was joined by other coal-state Democrats who face re-election in 2018 in states Donald Trump won last month, including Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"We're just getting warmed up," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., vowing a fight next year. "These miners and their families kept their promise, put their lives at risk. ... It's not too difficult for a senator or House member to keep a promise."

The dispute over health benefits and a separate fight over controversial legislation to shift more of California's scarce water resources to inland farmers were the final battles of a two-year session marked by constant quarreling. It was capped by a burst of productivity on legislation to authorize hundreds of water projects, repair Flint, Michigan's lead-tainted water system, and keep the government running through April.

Congress will take a break before reconvening on Jan. 3 to get a swift start on repealing key elements of the Affordable Care Act and confirming Trump's Cabinet.

The underlying funding bill would keep the government running through April 28 to buy time for the incoming Trump administration and Congress to wrap up more than \$1 trillion in unfinished agency budget work. It also provides war funding, disaster aid for Louisiana and other states, and an expedited process for considering Trump's nominee for defense secretary, retired Gen. James Mattis.

The trucking lobby won permanent relief from recent Transportation Department rules mandating more



rest and overnight breaks for long-haul drivers, though the White House and Main Street Republicans were denied in a bid to revive the Export-Import Bank's ability to approve export financing deals exceeding \$10 million.

The miners' issue had history. Seventy years ago, President Harry S. Truman guaranteed a lifetime of health and pension benefits for retired miners to avert a strike.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the four-month extension was better than nothing. McConnell himself represents thousands of miners in the struggling coal industry and said he tried to get a longer solution in talks with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

"Would I have preferred that provision to be more generous? Of course I would have," the Republican said in a speech on the Senate floor.

The House had left town on Thursday, creating a dynamic in which the Senate had little choice but to adopt the stopgap measure. Both the funding measure and a water projects bill passed there by sweeping bipartisan votes.

Democratic opponents of the popular water projects bill, led by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., assailed provisions to divert more water to corporate farmers. The bill also authorizes long-delayed funding of \$170 million to help Flint, Michigan, to fix its lead-tainted water system.

Democrats griped that GOP negotiators on the water bill dumped a permanent "Buy America" provision requiring U.S.-produced steel be used in water projects. But that effort lost steam Friday.

The spending bill also would provide \$7 million to reimburse the New York Police Department for the cost of security around Trump Tower in Manhattan, far less than the \$35 million the city requested.

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## Inside Kirk Douglas's intimate 100th birthday celebration

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Kirk Douglas knows how to make an entrance. With boxing gloves in every centerpiece and the theme from "Rocky" blaring over the speakers, Douglas, one of the golden age of Hollywood's last living legends, walked confidently into the Sunset Room at the Beverly Hills Hotel Friday afternoon to celebrate his 100th birthday at an intimate gathering of friends and family.

Flanked by Anne Douglas, his wife of over 62 years, his son Michael Douglas, his daughter-in-law Catherine Zeta-Jones and his grandchildren, Kirk Douglas looked out over the crowd of about 150 people, including Don Rickles, Jeffrey Katzenberg, his Rabbi and many of his closest friends and smiled. Not only was he surrounded by friendly faces, he knew, as promised by his doctor years ago, that if he lived to 100, he would get to have a glass of vodka.

But before the vodka was presented in a comically large martini glass, Kirk Douglas got to sit and listen to words from his loved ones as images from his many classic film credits such as "Spartacus," "Lust for Life," "Paths of Glory" and others played on a screen behind him.

Michael Douglas kicked off the proceedings, saying that it's not just about age, but about the life he's lived and what he's accomplished.

"One of the things that I find most incredible about dad is the third act of his life," said Michael Douglas. "After all he accomplished in his professional career and what he's given for his country, at the point in his life where he's faced adversity, losing a son, having a helicopter crash, having a stroke, and what he's accomplished in this third act in his life, I find quite extraordinary."

Kirk Douglas kept his remarks brief.

"I wonder who he was talking about? He said some nice things about someone I don't know," Kirk Douglas said, joking that Michael Douglas was chosen to organize the proceedings because "he has the most money."

Kirk Douglas also thanked everyone for coming and marveled at seeing most of his family in the crowd. Zeta-Jones then lit the 12 candles on the cake.

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"I'm so glad there's not 100!" she exclaimed, before leading the room to sing "Happy Birthday" with a string quartet accompaniment.

It was only the start of the afternoon, which included remarks from a few of his seven grandchildren, his Rabbi and his doctor. Charley King's Bluebell Events oversaw the afternoon tea where each table was designated not by numbers but by Kirk Douglas's films. The birthday boy was seated at the "Lonely Are the Brave" table, which is his favorite film.

Don Rickles lightened the reverent and respectful mood, quipping to the crowd from his seat that he wanted to go home.

He poked fun at Kirk Douglas's good looks and physique saying that he had to hear the "I'm Spartacus crap" every day, and how Burt Lancaster used to advise him that Kirk Douglas "doesn't know what he's talking about."

Rickles did get a bit choked up by the end.

"You are an outstanding man because you've been blessed with warmth and love and class, and ... ah, forget it, you're all of that and more," He said. "May god give you strength and may you be with us for 100 more. If that's his wish, so be it, if not, I know in heaven you'll be in charge."

Off to the side, actress and dancer Neile Adams, who was Steve McQueen's first wife, recalled Douglas's mischievous side.

"Kirk was terrible when he was a young man! You could not sit beside him without his hand crawling up your leg. When Steve would leave the room suddenly he'd be on me," she said with a hearty laugh. "But he was cute."

She recalled his resilience, when a few years ago he had both of his knees replaced. Michael Douglas, she said, tried to encourage him to just do one and get a chair. Kirk Douglas, however, had a different idea and it didn't involve a wheelchair.

"You'll never see Spartacus in a (expletive) chair!" Adams remembered him saying.

Later in the afternoon, Katzenberg reflected on the generosity of the Douglas's, who are famous for their charitable giving.

"You have remained and will always remain my hero," Katzenberg said. "I will remind you of your words that you gave to me and I try to give to other people all the time which is 'you haven't learned how to live until you learn how to give.'"

Steven Spielberg, who arrived late, and on crutches having recently broken his foot on set came with a very specific message.

"I wanted to come here and say I've been shooting movies and television shows for now 47 years and I've worked with the best of them and you're the only movie star I ever met," Spielberg said. "There is something that you have that no one else ever had ... When you watch Kirk's performance in anything, in anything he's ever done, you cannot take your eyes off of him. It's not possible to look away from him."

He called it an optimistic ferocity and it's something he challenges all his actors to achieve in his films.

"You're a miracle man," he said.

And, even after 100 years to show for it, he's still fighting.

## AP sources: Mattis received anonymous email in Petraeus case

By TED BRIDIS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump's choice for defense secretary was among U.S. military officials who, the FBI concluded, received anonymous emails from the woman whose affair with then-CIA director David Petraeus led to his downfall, The Associated Press has learned.

The emails to now-retired Marine Gen. James Mattis and others, warning them to stay away from Tampa, Florida, socialite Jill Kelley, led to the discovery of the affair and revelations that Petraeus had shown classified secrets to his lover and biographer, Paula Broadwell.

The FBI concluded that the emails were from Broadwell, and as they investigated, they also learned of the affair and determined that Petraeus had shared classified materials with Broadwell.

According to an FBI report and a U.S. official, agents interviewed Mattis, who said he always had proper

interactions with Kelley. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

The bizarre scandal surfaced four years ago but has crept back into headlines in recent weeks because Petraeus is among candidates Trump is considering to become secretary of state.

Petraeus resigned as CIA director in November 2012, and later pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information. He was also fined \$100,000 and remains on probation.

The scandal unfolded when the FBI investigated anonymous emails sent to high-ranking military officials and to Kelley's husband, warning them about what was described as Kelley's inappropriate behavior toward the men. The FBI concluded that the emails were from Broadwell, Petraeus' biographer, and as they investigated, they learned of the affair and learned that Petraeus had shared classified materials with Broadwell.

One of the officials who received an anonymous email was Mattis, who Trump announced last week would become his nominee for secretary of defense.

Mattis had been interviewed by the FBI about the email and his statement was memorialized in FBI reports. He told investigators he could not understand why anyone would send him a warning because he always had above-board interactions with Kelley, who he described to the FBI as holding an honorary ambassador title. Mattis had met Kelley when he served as a top officer at U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa.

Mattis did not immediately respond to a message left with Trump's transition team.

Emails between Mattis and Kelley were disclosed last year, released under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. In some emails, Mattis referred to Kelley as "Young Jill." Kelley has said she never behaved inappropriately with Petraeus or any of the military officials she was emailing.

Separately, agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Office of Special Projects had interviewed Mattis about counterintelligence aspects of the case, a U.S. official told the AP. It was considered by the agents to be an especially sensitive assignment because of the allegations against Petraeus about mishandling classified information. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss details of the investigation publicly.

Broadwell was not accused of a crime. She told "CBS This Morning" this week that "it was a bit of a shocker that Petraeus was being considered for a Cabinet position," but said both she and Petraeus should be allowed to move on with their lives.

In a text sent Friday to the AP, Kelley wrote: "Paula Broadwell's stalking brought months of unwanted terror to my innocent family, not to mention the national security breaches she created by her anonymous emails to our most senior generals by illegally accessing General Petraeus' government emails — based on her irrational & sexist suspicions. Of course she wants to 'move on' after she ruined countless careers and reputations of the victims she stalked because her affair ended."

## Obama orders review of election-season hacking

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has ordered intelligence officials to conduct a broad review of election-season cyberattacks, including the email hacks that rattled the presidential campaign and raised fresh concerns about Russia's meddling in U.S. elections, the White House said Friday.

The review, led by intelligence agencies, will be a "deep dive" into a possible pattern of increased "malicious cyber activity" timed to the campaign season, White House spokesman Eric Schultz said. The review will look at the tactics, targets, key actors and the U.S. government's response to the recent email hacks, as well as incidents reported in past elections, he said.

The president ordered up the report earlier this week and asked that it be completed before he leaves office next month, Schultz said.

"The president wanted this done under his watch because he takes it very seriously," he said. "We are committed to ensuring the integrity of our elections."

U.S. intelligence officials have accused Russia of hacking into Democratic officials' email accounts in an attempt to interfere with the presidential campaign. The Washington Post reported Friday that the CIA has concluded that Russia aimed specifically to help Donald Trump win the presidency.

The Post said the CIA presented its assessment to senators last week. The newspaper's report cited anonymous U.S. officials who were briefed on that closed-door meeting.

Trump's transition team was dismissive of the hacking claims Friday night, releasing a statement referring to intelligence agents as "the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction."

The Kremlin has rejected the hacking accusations.

In the months leading up to the election, email accounts of Democratic Party officials and a top Hillary Clinton campaign aide were breached, emails leaked and embarrassing and private emails posted online. Many Democrats believe the hackings benefited Trump's bid. Trump has downplayed the possibility that Russia was involved.

Schultz said the president sought the probe as a way of improving U.S. defense against cyberattacks and was not intending to question the legitimacy of Trump's victory.

"This is not an effort to challenge the outcome of the election," Schultz said.

Obama's move comes as Democratic lawmakers have been pushing Obama to declassify more information about Russia's role, fearing that Trump, who has promised a warmer relationship with Moscow, may not prioritize the issue.

Given Trump's statements, "there is an added urgency to the need for a thorough review before President Obama leaves office next month," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., senior Democrat on the House intelligence committee. If the administration doesn't respond "forcefully" to such actions, "we can expect to see a lot more of this in the near future," he said.

The White House said it would make portions of the report public and would brief lawmakers and relevant state officials on the findings.

It emphasized the report would not focus solely on Russian operations or hacks involving Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and Democratic National Committee accounts. Schultz stressed officials would be reviewing incidents going back to the 2008 presidential campaign, when the campaigns of Sen. John McCain and Obama were breached by hackers.

Intelligence officials have said Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney were targets of Chinese cyberattacks four years later.

## Giuliani removes himself from State Department consideration

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani formally withdrew from consideration for a post in President-elect Donald Trump's administration Friday, putting an end to his ill-fated bid to lead the State Department. Trump is now seriously considering Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson for the post.

Giuliani's prospects to serve as secretary of state had already dimmed, in part because of questions about his overseas business ties.

Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP presidential candidate, is still in the mix.

The deliberations have divided Trump's senior advisers, with some bluntly warning in public that tapping Romney would anger the president-elect's loyal supporters. Trump himself has sent mixed messages about Romney in recent days, according to people who have spoken with him, suggesting in some conversations that Romney isn't getting the job and saying in others that he is still in contention.

The president-elect is said to be intrigued by the prospect of filling the diplomatic post with an international businessman and has told those close to him that he likes the idea of an impressive-looking Cabinet stocked with generals, the business elite and the extremely successful. And while he is said to be enamored with how Romney looks the part of a statesman, he also likes how Tillerson projects success and gravitas from running a massive global corporation, according to a person not authorized to speak publicly about private discussions.



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Tillerson has led Exxon since 2006, a period when record high oil prices and record corporate profits helped make it the most valuable public company in the world. He rose to prominence through the company's Russian energy business and was awarded Russia's Order of Friendship last year.

Giuliani, a loyal Trump supporter throughout the presidential race, quickly emerged as a top contender for secretary of state. But his financial ties, as well as his frequent public campaigning for the job, are said to have given Trump pause. Those close to the president-elect said he had concerns that the 72-year-old Giuliani may lack the stamina and charisma for the high-profile, globe-trotting position.

The former mayor said he removed himself from consideration on Nov. 29.

"The whole thing was becoming kind of very confusing and very difficult for the president-elect," Giuliani said on Fox News. "My desire to be in the Cabinet was great, but not that great."

After leaving the government, Giuliani advised foreign political figures and worked for lobbying and security firms whose clients have had complicated relationships with the U.S. government. While not personally involved in lobbying, Giuliani spent years at firms that represented governments and multinational companies. He also made speeches demanding the State Department remove an Iranian opposition group from a U.S. terror blacklist.

In a statement Friday, Trump said Giuliani would have been an "outstanding member of the Cabinet in several roles." Incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, who is seen inside the transition team as favoring Romney, said the former mayor was vetted for possible conflicts and "passed with flying colors."

Kellyanne Conway, Trump's senior adviser, said Giuliani's decision to remove himself from consideration was a "mutual decision" with the president-elect. Conway has been an outspoken critic of Romney, publicly warning Trump that his supporters would feel betrayed if he tapped the 2012 Republican nominee for the prominent and powerful Cabinet post.

Romney had blasted Trump as a "fraud" who was playing the American public "for suckers." But he emerged from a private dinner with Trump last week — their second meeting since the election — full of praise for the president-elect.

Still, Trump moved to expand his pool of contenders following that meeting. He met this week with Tillerson in New York this week and has also had discussions with Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker and John Bolton, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Some Trump advisers had hoped Giuliani would be interested in being nominated for Homeland Security secretary, where they believed his financial ties would not be as much of a concern. But Giuliani made clear he was only interested in the diplomatic post.

Friday's announcement means several of Trump's most ardent campaign supporters will not be joining his administration. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has said he doesn't plan to have a formal role. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was initially seen as a contender for a few posts, but is expected to be left empty-handed.

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## Trump returns to campaign trail in Louisiana and Michigan

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Appearing jovial and relaxed, Donald Trump plunged back into election politics Friday, a full month after he won the presidency, thanking Michigan voters and prodding Louisiana Republicans to turn out for Saturday's Senate runoff election.

Trump regaled supporters in Grand Rapids with a lengthy recitation of his victories in a string of battleground states, including Michigan, which had not previously backed a Republican presidential candidate since 1988.

"They forgot about you people," Trump said of his Democratic opponents. "In four years they're not going to forget. But it's not going to work because you're not going to forget."

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Several protesters were removed from his rally at DeltaPlex Arena, prompting the president-elect to declare at one point, "Get 'em out of here."

Trump introduced Betsy DeVos, his choice for education secretary, who hails from West Michigan, and announced that Andrew Liveris, the chief executive of Dow Chemical, would lead a national manufacturing council. Liveris told the audience that Dow would soon bring a new research-and-development center to Michigan.

In Louisiana, the incoming president addressed a large crowd at an airport hangar, and at one point tossed his trademark "Make America Great Again" hat to a supporter. He noted that he'd been named Time's "Person of the Year" and asked the crowd if the magazine should go back to its former "Man of the Year."

Gauging the boisterous response, he declared the answer was yes.

Trump campaigned for Republican John Kennedy, the state treasurer who faces off Saturday against Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell, a Democrat, for the seat of retiring Republican Sen. David Vitter. Neither won a majority in the November primary, leading to the runoff. Polls have shown Kennedy with a comfortable lead.

While candidate Trump was often at odds with the establishment wing of his party, the incoming president has been broadly supported by GOP leaders since the election. And he is trying to consolidate any lingering factions, most immediately in Louisiana, where a victory by Kennedy would cement the party's four-seat advantage in the new Senate.

"We need John in Washington," Trump said, speaking in front of a lectern that urged voters to "Geaux Vote. Vote GOP." Trump said he needed Kennedy to help him enact his agenda.

In private, people close to Trump said he was expected to name yet another Goldman Sachs executive to his White House team. The president-elect's National Economic Council is to be led by Gary Cohn, president and chief operating officer of the Wall Street bank, which Trump repeatedly complained during the election campaign would control Hillary Clinton if she won.

Washington state Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a member of the GOP House leadership team, emerged as a leading candidate to head the Interior Department, according to a person involved in the transition.

Major decisions remain for Trump, most importantly his choice for secretary of state. The deliberations have become a source of tension within his transition team, with chief of staff Reince Priebus said to be backing Mitt Romney while other advisers oppose the idea of selecting the 2012 GOP nominee, given his fierce criticism of Trump during the campaign.

Trump announced that Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor who was an early favorite, was no longer under consideration.

On a busy Friday, Trump also spoke by telephone with Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who broke with protocol during the campaign to publicly endorse Hillary Clinton and said afterward she would not maintain "a diplomatic silence in the face of attitudes of racism, sexism, misogyny or intolerance of any kind."

Sturgeon's office said she used Friday's call to emphasize the "values Scotland and the United States share." Trump's transition team described the conversation as a "short congratulatory call."

Trump brimmed with optimism during his two rallies, eager to begin implementing his agenda.

Come January, Trump told the crowd in Michigan: "The American people will be in charge. Your voice, your desires, your hopes, your aspirations, you will never again fall on deaf ears."

He rattled through some of the major themes of his campaign, vowing to renegotiate faulty trade deals, repair roads and bridges and "build a wall" to guard against unlawful immigration.

"We have people coming into our country by the thousands, thousands and thousands of people and now I don't have to campaign so I don't have to say Hillary's going to increase it by 550 percent," Trump said in Baton Rouge. "No, I don't have to say it anymore. Isn't it nice?"

Trump's day also included a meeting at his New York City tower with House Speaker Paul Ryan to discuss policy priorities.

"We are really excited about getting to work and hitting the ground running in 2017," Ryan said after the morning meeting.

Meanwhile, there apparently is a split over the next head of the Republican National Committee. Current chairman Priebus is heading to the White House to be chief of staff.

Priebus is said to support Michigan Republican Party chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel for the post, though other senior officials are backing Nick Ayers, an aide to Vice President-elect Mike Pence. McDaniel addressed the Michigan crowd before Trump took the stage but no RNC announcement was made.

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## Post-election, Trump closes companies tied to Saudi Arabia

By EILEEN SULLIVAN, CHAD DAY and RANDALL CHASE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump shut down some of his companies in the days after the election, including four that appeared connected to a possible Saudi Arabia business venture, according to corporate registrations in Delaware.

News of the move comes days before Trump was expected to describe changes he is making to his businesses to avoid potential conflicts of interest as the U.S. president.

The Trump Organization's general counsel, Alan Garten, described shutting down the four companies as routine "housecleaning," and said there was no existing Trump business venture in Saudi Arabia. The four Saudi-related companies were among at least nine companies that Trump filed paperwork to dissolve or cancel since the election.

The recent dissolutions represent a fraction of Trump's global network of companies — the breadth of which has raised conflict-of-interest concerns about whether Trump can balance being an international businessman while conducting the nation's business abroad as president.

Trump's holdings include more than 500 private companies, some of which he creates for prospective deals. The complex and changing structure makes it difficult for Americans to track his financial interests and partners. Trump has disclosed the names and some details about companies in public filings. But a complete picture of Trump's finances is unclear, given that he broke with decades of presidential precedent by not releasing his tax returns during the campaign.

Next week Trump said he plans to announce how he will separate himself from his business interests once he's president.

Trump operates branded hotels and resorts in a handful of countries around the world, though he and his executives have talked about expanding more globally. Last year, Ivanka Trump singled out the Middle East and Saudi Arabia as potential locations.

During the campaign, he created eight companies that included Jeddah, a major Saudi city, in their formal names. Four of those companies were shut down months after they were created. The other four were dissolved about one week after the election.

Trump for years has routinely named corporate entities after the projects to which they were connected. Companies set up as part of licensing or management deals in Indonesia and India bear the names of the cities where those projects are located. The same is true for some of his companies connected to properties and business ventures in the United States.

Garten said Friday that the dissolution of the companies, which occurred last month, was part of a periodic process to shed corporate entities that were no longer needed or were set up for ventures that did not materialize. Garten said he did not know why the companies were set up last year or whether they involved a business ventures in Saudi Arabia that didn't happen.

"I'm not aware of any deal in Saudi Arabia," Garten told The Associated Press. "I'll go further, there is no deal in Saudi Arabia."

Garten declined to say whether the closures were related to Trump's election or his expected announcement next week about how he will be handling his businesses as president.

There is nothing preventing Trump from establishing new businesses or using his existing companies to expand in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. There also is nothing to prevent his children from re-establishing the same companies he shut down, but in a different name.

Business deals in a country like Saudi Arabia — a strategic U.S. partner — raise potential conflicts of interest because there is not much distinction between the Saudi royal family and major Saudi businesses.

It's important that the U.S. president have a close relationship with the Saudi king and crown prince, said Lori Plotkin Boghardt, a fellow at the Washington Institute and expert in U.S.-Gulf relations. "But we also want to have a president who can talk frankly to the Saudis about any complications in the relationship and uphold American interests," she said.

Saudi Arabia has long been a key American ally in the Middle East, prized for years for its vast oil reserves and depended on by a succession of American presidents for its potential as a Persian Gulf peacemaker. But President Barack Obama and some U.S. counterterrorism officials have grown increasingly frustrated with Saudi Arabia's unofficial role in exporting ultraconservative religious dogma and funding terror groups and the militant Taliban movement.

Trump also shut down several shell companies that he had created over the past seven years which had no listed income or value. For instance, Trump Marks Magazine Corp., founded in 2007, had no listed value and was dissolved the day after the election, according to Delaware corporation documents.

Some of the now-dissolved Trump entities are U.S.-based limited liability companies, legal structures that provide owners with limited legal and tax protections. The entities, commonly abbreviated as LLCs, often offer owners "pass-throughs," ensuring that they are taxed only for the income they receive.

Chase reported from Dover, Delaware. Associated Press writers Stephen Braun and Jeff Horwitz in Washington contributed to this report.

## **John Glenn, astronaut and senator, to lie in state in Ohio**

**By DAN SEWELL and ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — John Glenn will lie in state in Ohio's capitol building before a celebration of his life of military and government service and two history-making voyages into space.

The public viewing at the Ohio Statehouse and a memorial service at Ohio State University's Mershon Auditorium are planned for late next week. The dates and times were being worked out Friday, said Hank Wilson, of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Statehouse officials meet Monday to authorize the public viewing.

Glenn, who died Thursday at age 95, was the first American to orbit the Earth, in 1962, and was the oldest man in space, at age 77 in 1998. A U.S. Marine and combat pilot, he also served as a Democratic U.S. senator, representing Ohio, for more than two decades.

Democratic President Barack Obama on Friday ordered flags at federal buildings and on ships around the world flown at half-staff until sunset on the day of Glenn's internment. Glenn is to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Tributes from the nation's leaders and others continued Friday.

"Throughout his life, Senator John Glenn embodied the right stuff," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a statement. "Our military in particular benefited from his courage and dedication. ... But just as important as what John Glenn accomplished is how he accomplished it: with a combination of fierce determination and profound humility, and always with integrity."

Glenn was a fighter pilot in World War II and Korea and served on the Senate Armed Services Committee, among other Washington service.

In his eastern Ohio hometown of New Concord, the John and Annie Glenn Museum, usually available



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this time of year only for special tours and events, opened Friday with free admission.

Char Lyn Grujoski, of Connersville, Indiana, stopped in after spotting a roadside sign for the museum while driving home from Pittsburgh and listening to a radio report on Glenn. The museum is in the astronaut's converted boyhood home. Grujoski and her daughter left impressed.

"He was a true American hero, someone who loved his country and served it," she said.

Glenn was known for his humility, said Hal Burlingame, who grew up in New Concord and was friends with Glenn for half a century.

"John Glenn that you see is the real John Glenn," Burlingame said. "He would be the same John Glenn if he happened to be sitting here today talking with us. He never took himself too seriously."

Glenn was born July 18, 1921, in Cambridge and grew up in nearby New Concord. He wed his childhood sweetheart, Anna Margaret Castor, in 1943. The couple spent their later years between Washington and Columbus.

He and his wife served as trustees at their alma mater, Muskingum College, and he promoted his namesake School of Public Affairs at Ohio State, which houses his private papers and photographs.

His long political career, which included a failed 1984 run for the Democratic presidential nomination, enabled him to return to space in the shuttle Discovery in 1998, 36 years after going into orbit in Friendship 7 as part of Mercury, the first U.S. manned spaceflight program. He turned his Discovery mission into an educational moment about aging.

Schools, a space center and the Columbus airport are named after him.

"For generations, Americans cheered John Glenn as he soared into the heavens," former House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican and fellow Ohioan, said in a statement. "Now he has taken his place there for eternity, a well-earned reward for an American life well and heroically lived."

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Sewell reported from Cincinnati. Associated Press writers Mike Householder in New Concord and Mark Gillispie in Cleveland and AP Science Writer Seth Borenstein in Washington contributed to this story.

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This story has been corrected to show the name of the institution is John Glenn College of Public Affairs, not John Glenn School of Public Affairs, and the woman's surname is Grujoski, not Grujoksi.

## Heisman Trophy: Sooner teammates are rare pair of finalists

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Together, Baker Mayfield and Dede Westbrook were practically unstoppable for Oklahoma.

Mayfield is one of the most productive quarterbacks in college football and something of a magician in the pocket, escaping trouble to make something out of nothing. Westbrook is a big play waiting to happen, a receiver who can turn just about any play into long touchdown.

A case could be made that neither would have been a Heisman Trophy finalist without the other, and Westbrook, for one, is happy to have a friend around during a hectic week on the awards circuit.

"I would be so much more nervous than I am if he wasn't here. It's just good to always look over and see him smiling and me just smiling back at him," Westbrook said.

The two Sooners, along with Michigan's Jabrill Peppers and Louisville's Lamar Jackson, met with reporters at a hotel in midtown Manhattan on Friday, not long after arriving in New York City. They were all in Atlanta on Thursday night at the College Football Hall of Fame for an awards show that was on ESPN.

Jackson took home the Maxwell Player of the Year and Westbrook won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver.

The other finalist, Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson, won the Davey O'Brien, beating out Jackson for the award that goes to the most outstanding quarterback. Watson was not scheduled to get to New York until Saturday. He had to stop in Baltimore to pick up the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award, which goes to the best upperclassman quarterback.

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The biggest prize gets handed out Saturday, and Jackson is the favorite.

Westbrook and Mayfield are the first teammates to be finalists since 2005, when Southern California's Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart finished one and three in the voting, respectively. The last time teammates finished in the top five of the Heisman voting was 2008, when another Big 12 pass-catch combo did it. Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell and wide receiver Michael Crabtree finished a distant fourth and fifth, respectively, behind Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy and Florida's Tim Tebow.

Mayfield leads the nation in passer efficiency rating and is on pace to break the FBS record at 197.75. He has thrown for 3,669 yards and 38 touchdowns for the Big 12 champions. Mayfield also leads the nation in yards per completion at 11.1, a number helped mightily by Westbrook. The senior is averaging 19.8 yards per catch. His 16 touchdowns have covered an average of 48.8 yards.

"You put in so much work during the offseason," Mayfield said. "The extra work that Dede and I put in together, with routes, just working on perfecting our craft. It's kind of like it's a reward for all the work we put in."

Westbrook is just happy to be here. He said he does not expect to win and is looking forward to hearing Mayfield's speech instead of making one himself as he did in Atlanta. Having Mayfield around is not always so calming for Westbrook. Especially when the quarterback was telling him about the millions of TV viewers that were going to be watching him Thursday night.

"He wasn't trying to make me nervous. He did make me nervous. And that's why I told him I'm not nervous now because I know tomorrow I'm not going to be walking up there accepting the Heisman Trophy, that he will," Westbrook said. "Trust me. I'm going to be in his ear."

Less than a minute later, Mayfield was in Westbrook's ear. As the quarterback walked behind his teammate, he gave Westbrook a wet willy the receiver never saw coming.

Mayfield finished fourth in last season's Heisman voting, but did not receive an invitation to New York. Those are determined by the margin between vote-getters. Never shy to voice his opinions, Mayfield said even though he did not think he was going to win, he was disappointed about not getting to be at the ceremony.

No complaints from Mayfield this year, though. He is enjoying the opportunity and Westbrook is glad to be along for the ride — even if it is just to poke fun at his friend.

"He's very cool and he can also dance," Westbrook said. "What I think is when he showers, in the mirror, like I think he practices his dance moves. I don't have the time to do that."

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## Trump deepens Goldman ties as he builds out economic team

By **JULIE PACE**, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the heat of the presidential campaign, Donald Trump accused primary rival Ted Cruz of being controlled by Goldman Sachs because his wife, Heidi, previously worked for the Wall Street giant. He slammed Hillary Clinton for receiving speaking fees from the bank.

"I know the guys at Goldman Sachs. They have total, total control over him," Trump said of Cruz. "Just like they have total control over Hillary Clinton."

Now, Trump is putting Goldman executives at the helm of his administration's economic team. He's expected to name bank president Gary Cohn to an influential White House policy post, according to two people informed of the decision, and has already nominated former Goldman executive Steve Mnuchin to lead the Treasury Department. Steve Bannon, Trump's incoming White House senior adviser, also worked at Goldman before becoming a conservative media executive.

Wall Street executives have long wielded influence in Washington, filling top jobs in both Republican and Democratic administrations. Goldman Sachs itself has produced several Treasury secretaries, White

House chiefs of staff and top economic advisers.

But the financial industry's high-level presence in Trump's burgeoning administration runs counter to some core campaign messages that energized his supporters.

Trump repeatedly warned that Clinton's Wall Street ties — the Democrat gave paid speeches to Goldman and other banks — meant she would never reform the financial industry. He promised that he would "drain the swamp" in Washington, a city he painted as beholden to financial and political special interests. And he cast himself as a champion for working-class people who watched the big banks grow wealthier after a government bailout, but haven't seen the effects of an improving economy in their own lives.

"I'm not going to let Wall Street get away with murder," Trump told voters in Iowa. "Wall Street has caused tremendous problems for us."

To Democrats, the fact that Trump is now plucking advisers from Wall Street smacks of hypocrisy.

"Everyone who voted for Trump, who thought he'd defend working people, pay attention to the reality of what he's doing, not just his rhetoric," said Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who railed against Wall Street's influence in Washington when he ran against Clinton in the Democratic primary.

The concentration of power among so many players who once worked at Goldman is sure to feed suspicions of a government at the service of Wall Street. Goldman was involved in the securities market for subprime mortgages, the same financial instruments that helped fuel the housing bubble and ultimately led millions of Americans to lose their homes to foreclosure. Wall Street executives also opposed the Dodd-Frank financial reform legislation signed by President Barack Obama, legislation Trump has vowed to overhaul.

Trump's advisers dismiss charges that the president-elect is going back on his promises to put the interests of working-class Americans ahead of financial institutions. They say Trump is tapping people who bring real-world experience and business acumen to Washington.

"You're not going to find better people than those who have been at the top of finance, the top of our markets, understand the way our markets work," Kellyanne Conway, Trump's senior adviser, said on MSNBC.

Democrats are sure to make an issue of Mnuchin's Wall Street ties in his confirmation hearing. Cohn doesn't need to be confirmed in order to serve as director of the National Economic Council, the White House post Trump is expected to name him to.

The NEC helps coordinate domestic and global issues, providing economic policy advice to the president and monitoring how the White House's agenda is implemented across the government. If Cohn accepts the job, he also will be the third Goldman executive to run the NEC. Robert Rubin was the NEC director under Bill Clinton, and Stephen Friedman had the job during George W. Bush's administration

Goldman Sachs stocks are up 33 percent since Trump's election.

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## Trump transition team seeks details on Energy Dept. workers

By **MATTHEW DALY** and **RICHARD LARDNER**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump's transition team is asking Energy Department employees for information about the agency's operations and personnel, including a list of employees and contractors who attended international meetings on climate change over the past five years.

The detailed questionnaire seeks a list of all political appointees and senior executives and asks employees to offer their opinions on who "owns" the department's clean energy mission and other policy goals. The transition team also wants to know if there are any legal barriers to moving ahead with a nuclear waste dump in Nevada, a project that is staunchly opposed by the state's congressional delegation.

An Energy Department official called the 74 questions a hit list and said Trump's team appears to be going after top scientists and employees who work on subjects ranging from the Iran nuclear deal to the internal operations of the national energy labs. The official is not authorized to speak publicly and requested

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anonymity to discuss the document.

The official said questions about professional society memberships and websites that staff at the Energy Department's national laboratories maintain or contribute to could raise questions about Trump's commitment to scientific independence — a fundamental tenet at the agency.

Another question about the identities of the top 20 salaried employees of each lab raised alarms about whether these workers would be targeted for a particular reason, according to the official.

The Energy Department has a \$32 billion annual budget, yet the bulk of its workforce — nearly 100,000 employees — are supplied by private contractors. The agency has 14,000 government employees.

Bloomberg News first reported the questionnaire. The Associated Press independently obtained a copy of the document.

Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., sent a letter to Trump on Friday telling the president-elect that the new Trump administration would violate the law if any of the information being collected is used to punish department employees who carried out legal policy directives.

"Civil servants should never be punished for having executed policies with which a new administration disagrees," wrote Markey, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. "That would be tantamount to an illegal modern-day political witch hunt, and would have a profoundly chilling impact on our dedicated federal workforce."

The document offers a window into how far the incoming Trump administration may go to reverse President Barack Obama's worldview on pressing energy and climate policies. During his first term, Obama allotted more than \$90 billion in stimulus money to boost the clean energy industry to help shift the country away from foreign oil and to create jobs.

The solar company Solyndra was the first company to get a federal loan guarantee under an existing program that Obama expanded under the stimulus. But the company failed soon after receiving the guarantee, at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$500 million. Republicans and other critics have cited Solyndra as an example of wasteful spending under a program they say failed to boost the economy but drove up federal deficits.

The Trump transition questionnaire asks for a "full accounting of DOE liabilities associated with any loan or loan guarantee programs." The team also wants a status report on the department's recent issue of \$4.5 billion in loan guarantees for electric vehicles.

The creation of a high-level nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain northwest of Las Vegas is a hot-button issue. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and the state's other lawmakers have opposed the dump. But Reid, a Nevada Democrat and perhaps the project's most influential opponent, retires from Congress next month.

The transition team document asks whether there are any "statutory restrictions" to restarting the Yucca Mountain project and whether the department has a plan for resuming the proceedings to secure the needed licenses. The Obama administration cut off federal funding in 2010, effectively mothballing the project.

The questionnaire asks about the Energy Department's role in the Iran nuclear accord, an international deal negotiated by the U.S. and other world powers that stalls the threat of Tehran developing atomic weapons in exchange for relief from economic sanctions. Trump railed against the agreement during the campaign, calling it "stupid," a "lopsided disgrace" and the "worst deal ever negotiated."

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## **It's Trump's war soon: Afghan future is cloudy at best**

**By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan has fallen so far from Americans' consciousness that some may have forgotten it's called the forgotten war.

It also is America's longest war. Now in its 16th year and showing little sign of ending, it will soon be the responsibility of Donald Trump, two presidents removed from the October 2001 invasion.

During the presidential campaign, neither Trump nor Democrat Hillary Clinton offered new ideas for



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breaking the battlefield stalemate. They hardly mentioned the country, let alone a strategy.

And yet, the war that began as America's response to 9/11 grinds on as nearly 10,000 U.S. troops train and advise the Afghan army and police, hopeful that at some point the Afghans can stand on their own against the Taliban — or better, that peace talks will end the insurgency.

A look at the war Trump inherits from President Barack Obama, what U.S. troops are doing and why the outlook is so clouded.

## THE U.S. MISSION

While Obama was a longtime critic of the Iraq war, he always cast the Afghanistan fight as vital.

Shortly after taking office in 2009, Obama looked to fix what he saw as U.S. failures in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He tripled troop levels in Afghanistan, but the surge did not force the Taliban to the negotiating table. Pakistan remains a sanctuary for the Taliban.

In December 2014, the U.S. ended its combat role in Afghanistan, but there will be at least 8,400 troops there when Trump takes office.

American troops and their coalition partners perform two tasks: The first, Operation Resolute Support, is to train and advise Afghan forces fighting the Taliban. The second, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, is to hunt down and kill al-Qaida militants, as well as those affiliated with the Islamic State and other groups using the country as a hideout and potential launching pad for attacks.

"The interests we are pursuing here are clear and enduring," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said during a visit Friday. He cited the goals of preventing another 9/11-type attack on America and helping Afghanistan attain enough stability to remain a long-term security partner.

The U.S. performs its counterterrorism work in Afghanistan in two ways. First, it goes after al-Qaida and Islamic State operatives as a U.S.-only mission. Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in the country, said last week that U.S. special operations forces have conducted 350 such missions in 2016 — an average of nearly one per day. These killed or captured nearly 50 leaders and other members of al-Qaida, he said.

Secondly, U.S. forces operate with Afghan special forces in hunting Islamic State fighters; these operations have killed the top 12 IS leaders in Afghanistan, Nicholson said.

He said that of the 98 militant groups designated by the U.S. as terrorist organizations, 20 are in Afghanistan, the world's highest concentration. That alone says much about the inconclusive — some would say failed — outcome of Obama administration's efforts.

Nicholson said Friday the remnants of al-Qaida, the group whose 9/11 attacks were the reason the U.S. invaded, still "has the intent" to attack America.

## THE OUTLOOK

Nicholson and many U.S. generals who preceded him see reason for hope in the country. They point to modest progress against corruption and expanded opportunities for women.

He said he is confident the Afghan army, which suffered heavy losses in 2016, will continue to improve. "It was a tough year," he said. "They were tested. They prevailed."

His predecessor, retired Gen. John Campbell, says the Afghans deserve continued support.

"The Afghan government is now taking on the Taliban more so than ever before," he said Friday in an email exchange.

Some analysts, however, worry that the Obama administration missed opportunities to improve security and strengthen the government.

Frederick W. Kagan, a military historian and director of the Critical Threats Project at the American Enterprise Institute, says security has deteriorated despite U.S. efforts to build up the army and police.

"If that's not good," he said of Afghan security, "nothing else matters. And it's not good."

Kagan says Obama is leaving his successor a worrisome situation.

"We're sliding toward the collapse of this government and potentially a renewal of the civil war," he said.

## TRUMP'S WAR

Trump will not have an easy time disentangling the U.S. military from Afghanistan, short of an unlikely decision to simply walk away. He has said little about the country but has called broadly for an end to "nation-building" efforts.

Michael Flynn, the retired Army lieutenant general who will be Trump's national security adviser, sees Afghanistan as part of a broader war the U.S. must fight for generations.

"We defeated al-Qaida and the Iranians in Iraq, and the Taliban and their allies in Afghanistan. Nonetheless, they kept fighting and we went away," he wrote in his 2016 book, "Field of Fight." "Let's face it: Right now we're losing, and I'm talking about a very big war, not just Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. We're in a world war against a messianic mass movement of evil people, most of them inspired by a totalitarian ideology: radical Islam."

Trump's choice to lead the Pentagon, retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, is a veteran of combat in Afghanistan. He has written that the U.S. devotes too few resources, guided by too little strategic clarity, to Afghanistan. But how that translates into action by the next White House is unclear.

## Syrian forces squeeze Aleppo, bring new wave of evacuations

By ZEINA KARAM and PHILIP ISSA, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Nearly two weeks into a crushing blitz, Syrian forces and their allies have taken control of nearly all of what was once an opposition stronghold in eastern Aleppo, touching off a new wave of evacuations Friday and raising concerns about hundreds of men who have disappeared and are feared to have been seized by the government.

A flood of civilians streamed out on foot in the wake of the relentless campaign by forces loyal to President Bashar Assad to drive rebels from their rapidly crumbling enclave. They joined tens of thousands who have fled since Nov. 26, seeking shelter from the nonstop bombardment and crippling siege.

"The writing on the wall looks as if eastern Aleppo's battle is virtually over," said Staffan de Mistura, the U.N. special envoy to Syria, in an interview with The Associated Press at U.N. headquarters.

The U.N. human rights office expressed deep concern about reports that hundreds of men have vanished after crossing from eastern Aleppo into government-controlled areas.

Relatives reported losing contact with the men, who are between the ages of 30 and 50, after they fled opposition-held areas about a week to 10 days ago, said U.N. spokesman Rupert Colville. It was not clear whether they were fighters or civilians.

Colville also said the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights is also concerned by reports that some civilians trying to flee are being blocked by armed opposition groups and, in some cases, fired upon.

"Civilians are being used as pawns and prevented from leaving," he said at a briefing in Geneva. He estimated there may be about 100,000 civilians in areas under the control of armed opposition groups. They include about 500 medical cases of people in need of urgent evacuation.

Syrian state TV broadcast video of families emerging from the ravaged eastern districts, the enclave that had been held by rebels since 2012.

Government-owned al-Ikhbariya TV showed civilians on foot and at least one bus snaking through the Ballour crossing, saying they came from the Saleheen, Fardous and Sheikh Saeed neighborhoods in the southern part of eastern Aleppo.

On Thursday, Russia announced the Syrian army was suspending combat operations to allow for civilians to leave besieged rebel-held districts, but residents and medics in the neighborhoods said there was no letup in the bombardment.

"Bombing is truly round the clock," said Ziad Mohammed, a lawyer and father of three, who is still in the al-Mashhad neighborhood. "There are no hospitals, the remnants of the dead fill the streets and the wounded have to fend for themselves."

Mohammad, an outspoken government opponent, said he and many of those remaining were bracing for certain death.

"If staying here means dying here, then standing by my principles will have been enough," he said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Friday that Aleppo was still under intense fighting.

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"We saw, I think, a brief pause yesterday, but all too brief. There's been no consistent pause in the fighting that we have seen."

Earlier this week, efforts faltered to evacuate hundreds of wounded despite pleas from medical officials. A hospital administrator in the east said medics have submitted lists of patients who need to be moved out.

"There hasn't been a response yet, and the shelling continues," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation.

Rebel defenses have collapsed in the government offensive and intense bombing.

In a sign of the Assad government's growing confidence about Aleppo, the Foreign Ministry said officials were prepared to resume intra-Syrian talks on its own terms.

The ministry statement, carried on the state-run SANA news agency, did not specify whom the government would recognize as a partner for dialogue, a key sticking point in earlier failed rounds of talks with the opposition.

The government refers to its armed opponents as "terrorists." It said it would agree to return to talks "without preconditions or foreign interference."

Tens of thousands of people have fled to western Aleppo, and those remaining are now cornered in the southern part of the eastern neighborhoods.

Government forces and allied militiamen say they control nearly 90 percent of what was once rebel-held territory — a figure the opposition disputes.

"More than 30 percent of east Aleppo is controlled by us," said Osama Abu Zayd, an adviser to the loose rebel umbrella group known as the Free Syrian Army. Speaking from Turkey, where he is based, he said the Syrian army and Russians were still targeting rebel positions on the front lines.

But the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said only seven neighborhoods are entirely under opposition control.

In Russia, Lt. Gen. Sergei Rudskoi of the military's General Staff said 10,500 civilians — including 4,015 children — have left eastern Aleppo in the last 24 hours. The number could not be independently confirmed.

The U.N. said about 31,000 people have left, while the Observatory says more than 80,000 people have been displaced.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, speaking in Germany after talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, said military experts and diplomats would meet Saturday in Geneva to work out details of the rebels' exit from eastern Aleppo, along with civilians who are willing to leave.

De Mistura called the meeting extremely important because it could result in avoiding "massive destruction" if an evacuation plan is worked out. He said he hopes the meeting will lead to an alternative to the bloodshed that would surely come with the final fighting for the city.

Kerry says he is persisting in efforts to "save the city of Aleppo from being absolutely, completely destroyed."

Speaking to reporters at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, he described Aleppo's catastrophe as the worst "since World War II itself."

He said he hopes the Syrian sides and peace mediators "can find some way to get to the table" and "have a serious discussion about how to end this war."

The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted a nonbinding resolution demanding an immediate end to attacks on civilians and all besieged areas in Syria. It also expressed grave concern at the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the country and demanded "rapid, safe, sustained, unhindered and unconditional humanitarian access throughout the country for U.N. ... and all humanitarian actors."

In central Syria, Islamic State militants advanced on government positions in the countryside around the historic city of Palmyra, according to the Observatory. It said 49 soldiers were killed in 24 hours of fighting in the desert.

The IS group's Amaq News Agency distributed video showing what it says were Syrian soldiers fleeing their positions west of Palmyra.

The Syrian government, backed by Russian forces, recaptured Palmyra from IS in March to great fan-

fare. The militants had destroyed numerous monuments dating back to Roman times while they held the ancient city.

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## **New CDC data understate accidental shooting deaths of kids**

**By RYAN J. FOLEY, Associated Press**

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Government statistics released this week claiming that 77 minors in the U.S. were killed by unintentional gun discharges last year significantly understate the scope of an enduring public health problem.

A review of shootings nationwide by The Associated Press and USA TODAY Network found that at least 141 deaths of minors were attributed to unintentional or accidental shootings in 2015 — 83 percent higher than what the Centers for Disease Control reported.

Advocates for stricter laws and new technology meant to keep guns away from children argue that many of the deaths are preventable, and the undercount is significant because it can skew the public policy debate. Lobbyists for the firearms industry, including the National Rifle Association, cite the CDC statistics to argue that such deaths are so rare that voluntary education — not additional laws or regulations — are needed.

CDC officials have acknowledged that their statistics are low because they rely on how coroners classify the fatalities on death certificates. Some coroners rule deaths in which one child unintentionally shoots another as a homicide — rather than an accidental discharge — because they fit the definition of being killed by another. They also can classify them as undetermined if the intent is unclear — for example, if it's not certain whether a minor committed suicide or accidentally shot himself.

AP and USA TODAY Network counted fatal shootings that were declared accidental or unintentional by investigating agencies. The media organizations' review did not include deaths where guns were fired on purpose, such as cases of stray bullets or celebratory gunfire.

The undercount for 2015 is in line with, but more significant than, the one observed for 2014, when the CDC missed one-third of the 113 deaths documented by the media outlets.

The CDC data, released Thursday, does track a trend identified in the media organizations' review in which deaths of all minors are most common among 3-year-olds, who typically pick up unsecured, loaded guns in their homes and fire back at themselves. The data also shows another spike in deaths among 15- to 17-year-olds, who are more likely to be shot by another teen playing with a gun.

Mark Rosenberg, former director of the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, said he believes the nation could eliminate all unintentional gun deaths involving children. He said "it's crazy" the government isn't doing more research into how to prevent them, in part because of a 1996 law that declared the CDC cannot use research funding to advocate or promote gun control.

"I think people 30 years from now are going to look back at this time and say, 'My God, how did we, as parents, as a nation, tolerate these deaths? These shooting deaths where a toddler kills a sibling or where a child is gunned down by a gun that they found in their home — how did we ever put up with that?'" Rosenberg said. "We use the word 'accident' and lull ourselves into this deadly complacency that says, 'This is just the cost of having firearms in our country'. It's not."

Rosenberg said accurate data is needed to persuade lawmakers and firearm owners to make changes, for instance to adopt smart gun technology that would only allow the owner to fire the weapon.

The NRA said Friday that its Eddie Eagle gun safety program, which tells students not to pick up any guns they see, has helped reduce the number of unintentional shootings in the last two decades but that more can be done.

"The NRA believes firearms education, safety, and training is the key to preventing accidental shootings," spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said.

Cecily Wallman-Stokes, senior research manager for Everytown for Gun Safety, an advocacy group



founded by Michael Bloomberg, said the problem of inadequate data about gun violence goes far beyond unintentional shootings. For example, she said the government can't say how many people are injured by guns or how many women are shot to death by their dating partners.

"Timely, reliable data have led to lifesaving advances in other public health issues like traffic safety, tobacco use, and lead exposure," she said. "Gun violence deserves the same."

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## Report: Russian doping involved over 1,000 athletes

By **STEPHEN WILSON, AP Sports Writer**

LONDON (AP) — Russia's sports reputation was ripped apart again Friday when a new report into systematic doping detailed a vast "institutional conspiracy" that covered more than 1,000 athletes in over 30 sports and corrupted the drug-testing system at the 2012 and 2014 Olympics.

The findings were handed over to the International Olympic Committee, which will be under pressure to take action against the Russians ahead of the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

"It is impossible to know just how deep and how far back this conspiracy goes," World Anti-Doping Agency investigator Richard McLaren said. "For years, international sports competitions have unknowingly been hijacked by Russians. Coaches and athletes have been playing on an uneven field. Sports fans and spectators have been deceived."

McLaren's second and final report said the conspiracy involved the Russian Sports Ministry, national anti-doping agency and the FSB intelligence service, providing further details of state involvement in a massive program of cheating and cover-ups that operated on an "unprecedented scale" from 2011-15.

The Canadian law professor described the Russian doping program as "a cover-up that evolved over the years from uncontrolled chaos to an institutionalized and disciplined medal-winning strategy and conspiracy."

The findings confirmed much of the evidence contained in McLaren's first report issued in July, while expanding the number of athletes involved and the overall scope of the cheating program in the sports powerhouse.

"Over 1,000 Russian athletes competing in summer, winter and Paralympic sport can be identified as being involved in or benefiting from manipulations to conceal positive doping tests," McLaren said.

The names of those athletes, including 600 summer sports competitors, have been turned over to international federations to pursue disciplinary sanctions, he said.

The 144-page report provided further forensic evidence of manipulation of samples at the 2014 Sochi Winter Games, where sealed doping bottles were opened with special tools by intelligence agents and tainted urine was replaced with clean urine to beat the drug-testing system.

Russians who won 15 medals in Sochi had their samples tampered with, including two athletes who won four gold medals, McLaren found.

The report also found the Russian doping program corrupted the 2012 London Olympics on an "unprecedented scale." While no Russians tested positive at the time of the games, McLaren said the sports ministry gave athletes a "cocktail of steroids ... in order to beat the detection thresholds at the London lab."

The report said 15 Russian medal winners in London had been on a list of athletes who had been protected by Russian officials from testing positive before the games. Ten of those athletes have since had their London medals stripped after their samples were retested.

Declaring that McLaren's findings detailed "a fundamental attack on the integrity of the Olympic Games and on sport in general," the IOC said it would retest samples of all Russian athletes who competed in Sochi and London.

IOC President Thomas Bach said any athlete or official involved "in such as sophisticated manipulation system" should be banned for life from the Olympics.

The Russian Sports Ministry said it was studying the report and denied the country had any state-sponsored doping system.

McLaren's first report, issued in July, led WADA to recommend that Russia be excluded from the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. The IOC rejected calls for an outright ban, allowing international federations to decide

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which Russians could compete.

The IOC has two separate commissions that will study McLaren's report and make recommendations to the executive board for sanctions. While a blanket ban on Pyeongchang would seem unlikely, the IOC has indicated it will impose stiff sanctions.

"We now have detailed information which will allow us to take serious decisions, so let's take them," WADA President Craig Reedie, who is also an IOC member, told The Associated Press. "If you look at the statements made by the IOC, it seems to be pretty likely they will take the appropriate decisions."

Other findings in the report include:

— Six Russian athletes who won a total of 21 medals at the Sochi Paralympics had their urine samples tampered with.

— Two female hockey players at the Sochi Olympics had samples that contained male DNA.

— Eight Sochi samples had salt content that was physiologically impossible in a healthy human.

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart called McLaren's report "another staggering example of how the Olympic movement has been corrupted and clean athletes robbed by Russia's state-supported doping system."

Tygart said the Russian Olympic Committee should be suspended and no international sporting events should be held in Russia until its anti-doping program is in line with global rules.

While the report again accused the Russian Sports Ministry, it found no evidence of involvement of the Russian Olympic Committee. The IOC had repeatedly cited the fact that the national Olympic committee was not implicated in defending its decision not to ban the entire Russian team from the Rio Games.

McLaren's first report set off bitter divisions and infighting in the Olympic movement and those recriminations have dragged on since the Rio Games.

"I find it difficult to understand why we're not on the same team," he said. "We should all be working together to end doping in sports."

McLaren opened his investigation earlier this year after Moscow's former doping lab director, Grigory Rodchenkov, told The New York Times that he and other officials were involved in an organized doping program for Russian athletes. He detailed how tainted samples were replaced with clean urine through a concealed "mouse hole" in the wall of the Sochi lab.

The new report further backs Rodchenkov's account. McLaren's investigation found scratches and other marks left on the doping bottles. WADA investigators were able to recreate the method used by the Russians to pry open the sealed bottle caps.

The report also detailed how some Russian samples were diluted with salt or even coffee granules.

"The report has proved without a shadow of a doubt there was organized manipulation of the doping process in Russia," Reedie said. "Now the challenge is for Russia, first of all to admit that the report is worthy, and second to make sure they change their process so this does not happen again."

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko, the former sports minister in charge during the London and Sochi Olympics, said Russia would take legal action in response to the report. It was not clear what course any legal action might take.

Asked how he would respond to Russian critics, McLaren said: "I would say, 'read the report.'"

## Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Saturday, Dec. 10, the 345th day of 2016. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

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In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the co-recipient was Nicholas Murray Butler.

In 1946, newspaperman Damon Runyon, known for his short stories featuring colorful Broadway denizens, died at a New York hospital at age 66.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, saying he accepted it "with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

In 1972, baseball's American League adopted the designated hitter rule on an experimental basis for three years.

In 1984, South African Bishop Desmond Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1986, human rights advocate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel accepted the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1994, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres (shee-MOHN' PEHR'-ehs) and Yitzhak Rabin (YIT'-sahk rah-BEEN') received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East.

In 1996, South African President Nelson Mandela signed the country's new constitution into law during a ceremony in Sharpeville.

Ten years ago: Former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet died at age 91. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (jahL-LAHL' tahl-ah-BAH'-nee) criticized a bipartisan U.S. report on American war policies, saying it contained some "very dangerous" recommendations that would undermine the sovereignty of Iraq. Tenor Roberto Alagna walked out of a performance of Verdi's "Aida" at Italy's famed La Scala opera house when the audience booed his rendition of the aria "Celeste Aida."

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of Russians staged anti-government protests, charging electoral fraud and demanding an end to Vladimir Putin's rule. Robert Griffin III beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck to win the Heisman Trophy.

One year ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee rebuked Donald Trump by endorsing a nonbinding amendment, 16-4, that said barring individuals from entering the United States based on religion would be un-American (the Republican presidential front-runner had called for blocking Muslims from entering the country in the aftermath of attacks in the United States and abroad.) Russell Taylor, the former director of a foundation started by ex-Subway pitchman Jared Fogle, was sentenced by a judge in Indianapolis to 27 years in a federal prison for producing child pornography. (Fogle had been sentenced the previous month to more than 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to trading in child pornography and having sex with two underage prostitutes.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter (YEYE'-tur) is 86. Actor Tommy Kirk is 75. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 75. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 75. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 70. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 70. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 65. Actress Susan Dey is 64. Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is 60. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 59. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh (BRAH'-nah) is 56. Actress Nia Peeples is 55. TV chef Bobby Flay is 52. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 51. Rock musician Scot (cq) Alexander (Dishwalla) is 45. Actress-comedian Arden Myrin is 43. Rock musician Meg White (The White Stripes) is 42. Actress Emmanuelle Chriqui is 41. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 41. Actor Gavin Houston is 39. Violinist Sarah Chang is 36. Rock musician Noah Harmon (Airborne Toxic Event) is 35. Actor Patrick John Flueger is 33. Actress Raven-Symone is 31.

Thought for Today: "You can keep the things of bronze and stone and give me one man to remember me just once a year." — Damon Runyon (1880-1946).