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GBB at Sisseton. C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity game. Postponed to January 26th.

Sunday, Jan. 15

Emmanuel Lutheran Church: Worship with communion at 9 a.m. (Installation of WELCA), Sunday School at 10 a.m., MM Bible Study serves at Golden Living Center at 3 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

United Methodist Parish: Worship in Conde at 9 a.m., coffee fellowship time at 10 a.m. and worship in Groton at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship at 10 a.m.

Open Gym for JH-8 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and for grades 6-12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 16

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Prince Edward island vegetable, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church: Bible Study at 6:30 A.M.

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

7th Grade Boys' Basketball host Leola-Frederick at 6 p.m.

Girls' Basketball at Langford Area with JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Senior Menu: New England ham dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail cake and ice cream.

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

Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**



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Varsity Game Stats

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT									
10 <u>Medenwald</u> ,	*	3	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	9	0	5	0	1	32:00	
24 <u>Thompson</u> ,	*	3	6	0	0	6	7	2	3	5	2	12	2	5	0	0	24:00		
32 <u>Steichen</u> ,	*	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	0	1	16:00		
34 <u>Iyarpeya</u> ,	*	2	4	0	1	8	11	0	9	9	0	12	1	1	0	2	32:00		
42 <u>White</u> ,	*	4	6	2	4	2	2	0	5	5	2	12	0	1	0	0	16:00		
12 <u>Schaunamen</u> ,		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
14 <u>Ryan</u> ,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00		
20 <u>Schubert</u> ,		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
22 <u>Nielsen</u> ,		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
30 <u>Archer</u> ,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	16:00		
50 <u>Heinecke</u> ,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
54 <u>Beatherstone</u> ,		1	5	0	0	3	4	2	4	6	3	5	0	1	0	1	16:00		
TEAM REBOUNDS								2	5	7				0					
Team Totals		14	32	5	11	20	26	7	33	40	14	53	3	17	0	5	160		

Total FG% - 1st: 10/19 0.526 2nd: 4/13 0.308 Game: 0.438 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/8 0.500 2nd: 1/3 0.333 Game: 0.455 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 5/6 0.833 2nd: 15/20 0.750 Game: 0.769 (4,0)

HOME: Groton ()

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT									
4 <u>Shabazz</u> , Bennett	*	0	8	0	5	6	10	2	4	6	3	6	4	2	0	1	32:00		
12 <u>Schuring</u> , Sean	*	1	9	1	6	2	2	3	2	5	5	5	1	2	1	2	16:00		
20 <u>Keith</u> , Brandon	*	2	7	2	6	0	0	1	1	2	5	6	0	1	0	2	16:00		
42 <u>Shabazz</u> , Seric	*	3	12	1	9	3	3	0	1	1	1	10	0	0	0	2	24:00		
50 <u>Thorson</u> , Luke	*	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0:00		
3 <u>Sippel</u> , Anthony		0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	16:00		
10 <u>Lane</u> , Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	24:00		
14 <u>Diegel</u> , Treyton		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00		
24 <u>Wuestewald</u> , Frankie		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
30 <u>Doeden</u> , Jonny		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16:00		
32 <u>Thurston</u> , Mitch		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00		
34 <u>Jones</u> , Austin		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00		
40 <u>Johnson</u> , Peyton		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0:00		
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	1	1				0					
Team Totals		8	44	4	28	11	15	6	13	19	21	31	6	10	1	8	160		

Total FG% - 1st: 4/19 0.211 2nd: 4/25 0.160 Game: 0.182 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/11 0.182 2nd: 2/17 0.118 Game: 0.143 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/4 0.500 2nd: 9/11 0.818 Game: 0.733 (1,0)

Technical Fouls: Siss (0)
 : groto (0)

OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
<u>Sisseton</u>	12	17	8	16	53
Groton	6	6	6	13	31

Last FG: Sisseton 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Sisseton by 22 4th-08:00, Groton NONE
 Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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Junior Varsity Game Stats

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
14 Ryan,	*	6	8	4	6	0	0	0	1	1	1	16	1	6	0	3	24:00
22 Nielson,	*	3	7	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	8	2	1	0	1	8:00
30 Archer,	*	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	8:00
44 Hanson,	*	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	16:00
54 <u>Wetherstone</u> ,	*	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	6	0	2	2	1	8:00
40 <u>Nerlaw- JV</u> ,		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
40 Peterson,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	8:00
42 Moen,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
50 Flute- JV,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
50 Heinecke,		4	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	8	1	1	1	0	16:00
52 Holy Bear,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	5	6			0			
Team Totals		18	33	6	11	0	0	2	17	19	4	42	7	11	3	7	120

Total FG% - 1st: 9/18 0.500 2nd: 9/15 0.600 Game: 0.545 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/3 0.333 2nd: 5/8 0.625 Game: 0.545 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.000 (0,0)

HOME: Groton ()

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
3 Sippel, Anthony	*	1	4	1	4	0	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	8:00
14 Diegel, <u>Treyton</u>	*	1	8	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	16:00
30 Doeden, Jonny	*	2	5	1	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	5	0	2	0	1	16:00
32 Thurston, Mitchell	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
34 Jones, Austin	*	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	16:00
5 <u>Shabazz</u> , Darien		3	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	16:00
10 Lane, Marshall		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	8:00
22 <u>Guthmiller</u> , Cade		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
40 Johnson, Peyton		2	5	1	1	0	0	2	2	4	0	5	0	2	0	3	16:00
42 Morris, Alex		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
50 Thorson, Luke		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	4	5			2			
Team Totals		10	32	4	14	0	0	5	13	18	0	24	3	11	0	7	120

Total FG% - 1st: 4/14 0.286 2nd: 6/18 0.333 Game: 0.313 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/9 0.333 2nd: 1/5 0.200 Game: 0.286 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.000 (0,0)

Technical Fouls: Siss (0)
 : groto (0)

OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
<u>Sisseton</u>	19	0	15	8	42
Groton	11	0	7	6	24

Last FG: Sisseton 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Sisseton by 21 3rd-08:00, Groton by 1 1st-08:00
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 2 times

Redmen control boards, hand Groton boys first loss

Ice cold shooting and Sisseton used its height to dominate the boards as the Sisseton Redmen handed the Groton Area boys its first loss of the season, 53-31. The game was played Friday in Groton.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Ken's Food Fair, Krueger Brothers of Groton

Sisseton allowed the Tigers only one shot for the most of the night as the Redmen snagged down 33 defensive rebounds and the shots were not going through the net. Groton made 18 percent of its shots in the first quarter compared to 27 percent for Sisseton as Sisseton took a 12-6 first quarter lead. In the second quarter, Groton Area made 17 percent compared to 85 percent from the Redmen as Sisseton led at half time, 29-12. Groton Area made 8 percent of its shots in the third quarter compared to 11 percent from Sisseton as Sisseton took a 37-18 lead. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made 17 percent and the Redmen 33 percent.

For the game, Groton Area made eight of 44 field goals for 18 percent and was four of 28 in three-pointers for 14 percent. Sisseton made 14 of 32 field goals for 44 percent and made five of 11 three-pointers for 46 percent.

Foul trouble also plagued the Tigers on Friday the 13th with Sean Schuring and Brandon Keith fouling out. Groton Area had 21 team fouls which led to Sisseton making 20 of 26 free throws for 77 percent. Sisseton had 14 team fouls as Groton Area made 11 of 15 free throws for 73 percent.

Sisseton had 40 rebounds compared to Groton's 19.

Scoring wise, Seric Shabazz finished the night with 10 points which included one three-pointer and three of three free throws. Bennett Shabazz was six of 10 from the line to finish with six points. Brandon Keith made two three-pointers in the fourth quarter to finish with six points. Sean Schuring had one three-pointer and was two for two from the line for five points. Luke Thorson and Peyton Johnson each had two points.

Three players hit double figures for Sisseton with Benji Thompson, Dion Iyarpeya and DJ White each having 12 points, Hunter Medenwald had nine points, Spencer Weatherstone had five and Austin Steichen had three points.

Groton Area had 10 turnovers, five of which were steals. Sisseton had 17 turnovers, eight of which were steals with Schuring, Keith and Seric Shabazz each having two. Sean Schuring had one block. The Tigers had six assists with Bennett Shabazz having four and Sisseton had three assists.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 42-24. Scoring for Groton Area: Peyton Johnson 7, Darien Shabazz 5, Jonny Doeden 5, Anthony Sippel 3, Marshall Lane 2, Treyton Diege 2.

The Redmen made it a clean sweep, winning the C game, 42-19. Groton Area Scoring was Cade Guthmiller 5, Alex Morris 4, Darien Shabazz 3, Chandler Larson 3, Cyrus DeHoet 2 and Hunter Schaller 2.

Groton Area boys take down Aberdeen Christian Knights

Groton Area got back on the winning track Saturday with a 50-45 win over Aberdeen Christian at the Redfield Classic. But it took a strong fourth quarter for the Tigers to pull out the win.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Ken's Food Fair, Krueger Brothers of Groton, Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, S & S Lumber and Blocker Construction. The Tigers jumped out to an opening 3-0 lead before the Knights scored 13 straight points to take a 13-3 lead en route to a 14-6 first quarter lead. In the first quarter, Groton Area made two of 11 field goals for 18 percent while the Knights made six of 18 for 33 percent.

The Tigers came back to tie the score at 21 with 1:21 left in the half, but Aberdeen Christian held the 23-21 lead at half time. Groton Area made five of 19 field goals for 26 percent in that quarter while Aberdeen Christian made four of 11 for 36 percent. Through the first half, Groton Area made three of eight free throws while the Knights made three of six free throws. Sean Schuring had eight points and six rebounds by half time, and that ended up being his final stats for the game as well.

Groton Area tied the game at 23 to start the third quarter, but the Knights regained a 10-point lead at 37-27. Then the Shabazz boys started to light the nets on fire, including a three-quarters court shot at the buzzer to conclude the third quarter as Aberdeen Christian had a 39-33 lead going in the fourth quarter. In the third quarter, Groton Area made four of 14 field goals for 28 percent and Aberdeen Christian was four of 11 for 36 percent.

The Tiger defense went to work in the fourth quarter, completely shutting down the Knights in the fourth quarter. Groton Area tied the game at 41 and 43 before taking a 46-43 lead. The Knights were six of six from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, but Bennett Shabazz made nine points in the fourth quarter and Seric Shabazz added eight points. Groton Area made four of 15 field goals for 26 percent in the fourth quarter and Aberdeen Christian was zero of eight. Groton went on to win, 50-45.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 20 points including four three-pointers. Bennett Shabazz had 17 points including three three-pointers. Sean Schuring had eight points and six rebounds. Anthony Sippel had seven rebounds. Brandon Keith had three points and Jonny Doeden had two points.

Trey Harms led the Knights with 15 points followed by Jackson Becker with 13 points and eight rebounds, Cramer Johnson had eight points and seven rebounds, Nehemiah Becker five points and Andrew Rohrbach added four points.

For the game, Groton Area made 15 of 54 field goals for 27 percent, was 10 of 14 from the line for 71 percent off of Aberdeen Christian's 19 team fouls, 25 rebounds and seven turnovers.

Aberdeen Christian made 14 of 48 field goals for 29 percent was 16 of 20 from the line for 80 percent off of Groton Area's 21 fouls, had 28 rebounds and 11 turnovers.

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NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
4	<u>Shabazz, Bennett</u>	*	5	13	3	8	4	6	3	1	4	4	17	4	1	0	2	24:00
12	Schuring, Sean	*	3	10	2	6	0	0	0	6	6	4	8	0	2	0	2	16:00
20	Keith, Brandon	*	1	4	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	4	3	0	2	0	2	16:00
42	<u>Shabazz, Seric</u>	*	6	17	4	10	4	5	0	6	6	2	20	2	3	0	3	24:00
50	Thorson, Luke	*	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	8:00
3	Sippel, Anthony		0	2	0	1	0	1	2	4	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	8:00
10	Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
14	<u>Diegel, Treyton</u>		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
30	Doeden, Jonny		0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0:00
34	Jones, Austin		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
40	Johnson, Peyton		0	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									3	3	6				0			
Team Totals			15	52	10	31	10	18	13	23	36	20	50	7	12	0	10	120

Total FG% - 1st: 7/24 0.292 2nd: 8/28 0.286 Game: 0.288 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/14 0.286 2nd: 6/17 0.353 Game: 0.323 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/8 0.375 2nd: 7/10 0.700 Game: 0.556 (2,0)

HOME: Aberdeen Christian ()

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
1	Rohrbach,	*	1	5	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	3	4	1	7	0	0	8:00
3	Harms,	*	3	7	1	4	8	10	0	3	3	4	15	2	0	0	1	24:00
23	Becker,	*	2	6	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	3	5	1	2	0	0	24:00
24	Becker,	*	4	7	0	0	5	8	3	5	8	4	13	0	3	0	2	16:00
30	Johnson,	*	3	8	0	2	0	0	1	7	8	4	6	1	3	0	0	24:00
10	Vilhauer,		0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8:00
11	<u>Sangster,</u>		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
30	Block,		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	5	5				0			
Team Totals			14	38	1	11	16	23	5	30	35	19	45	6	16	0	3	120

Total FG% - 1st: 10/25 0.400 2nd: 4/13 0.308 Game: 0.368 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/7 0.000 2nd: 1/4 0.250 Game: 0.091 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/7 0.429 2nd: 13/16 0.813 Game: 0.696 (3,0)

Technical Fouls: groto (2) 1st 08:00 42 Seric Shabazz, 3rd 08:00 Coach
 : ABRCh (0)

OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	21	0	12	17	50
Aberdeen Christian	23	0	16	6	45

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Aberdeen Christian 3rd-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton by 5 4th-08:00, Aberdeen Christian by 10 1st-08:00
 Score tied: 4 times, Lead changed: 2 times

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

**Fill the Cooper house
this year!**

Open House

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**208 N. 2nd St., Groton
Refreshments Served**

 **livestream**

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 16.

7 p.m. City Council Meeting

8:00 p.m.: Groton girls at Langford

Tuesday, Jan. 17

8 p.m.: Ipswich boys at Groton

gdilive.com

The Life of Sylvia Campbell

Services for Sylvia Campbell, 102, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 16th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Sunday from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Sylvia passed away January 11, 2017 at Golden Care Center, Groton.

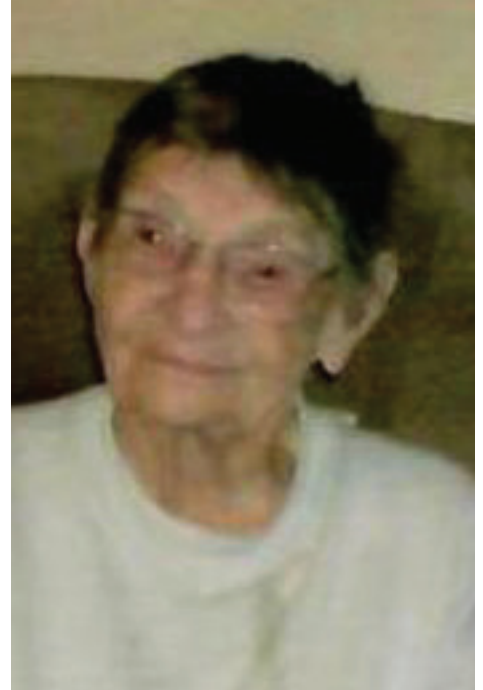
Sylvia Augusta was born on November 28, 1914 in Andover to Henry and Ida (Mefs) Jensen. She was raised and attended school in Ferney. On April 9, 1937, she was united in marriage with Francis Campbell in Groton and together they were blessed with six children. From 1962-1972, Sylvia worked for Kolbo's Dairy. She then began working at Tillie's Café until 1977, and the Cozy Café until her retirement. Her husband passed away in 1992.

Sylvia loved cooking and baking, especially Angel food cakes and Christmas Cookies. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and enjoyed playing Bingo.

Celebrating her life are her children: Gerald (Sharon) Campbell of Milbank, Kenneth Campbell of Oelichs, Ronald (Donna) Campbell of Hot Springs, JoAnn Nash of Groton, Allen Campbell of Hot Springs and David Campbell of Watertown. Sylvia is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and 2 sisters.

Casketbearers will be Aaron McAdam, CJ Campbell, Wallace Campbell, Darrell Campbell, Cris Campbell, and Curtis Campbell.



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Today in Weather History

January 15, 1982: Snowfall amounts of one to four inches and powerful northwest winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 60 mph caused blizzard conditions with widespread drifting across much of South Dakota and Minnesota from the early morning of the 15th to mid-afternoon on the 16th. Wind chills were lowered to 50 to 80 degrees below zero and visibilities were near zero across most of the area. One death was attributed to exposure. There were numerous weather related accidents. Some of the major accidents included; a truck blown off Interstate 90 near Murdo injuring the driver; a truck blown off Highway 281 and turned upside down in a ditch, and a truck slamming into a bridge on Interstate 90 near Murdo. The extreme cold killed numerous fruit trees at a nursery in Watertown.

January 15, 1985: Heavy snow fell in central and south central South Dakota from early evening of the 15th to around noon on the 16th with areas around Pierre receiving up to 18 inches. Generally 5 to 10 inches fell with numerous minor traffic accidents reported. Interstate 90 had a no travel advisory in a 95-mile stretch from Kimball to Murdo until the afternoon of the 16th due to low visibility and heavy drifting. Also, many schools and businesses were closed. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Kennebec, 6 inches at Murdo, and 10 inches at Pierre.

January 15, 2009: The Arctic high pressure area settled in on the morning of the 15th bringing the coldest temperatures to the region in many years. The combination of a fresh and deep snow pack, clear skies, and light winds allowed temperatures to fall to record levels at many locations on the 15th. Daytime highs remained well below zero across the area. This was one of the coldest days that most areas experienced since the early 1970s. The records were broken by 1 to as much as 7 degrees.








1852: In 1852, the long, cold winter froze the Susquehanna River in Maryland to a depth of 2 to 3 feet, preventing all ferry service. Railroad officials overcame this perplexing situation by laying tracks across the ice, with trestles for inclines at either bank. During the several weeks from January 15 to February 29, approximately 1,300 cars with a total weight of 10,000 tons were hauled across the river from Havre de Grace, Maryland to Perryville, Maryland.

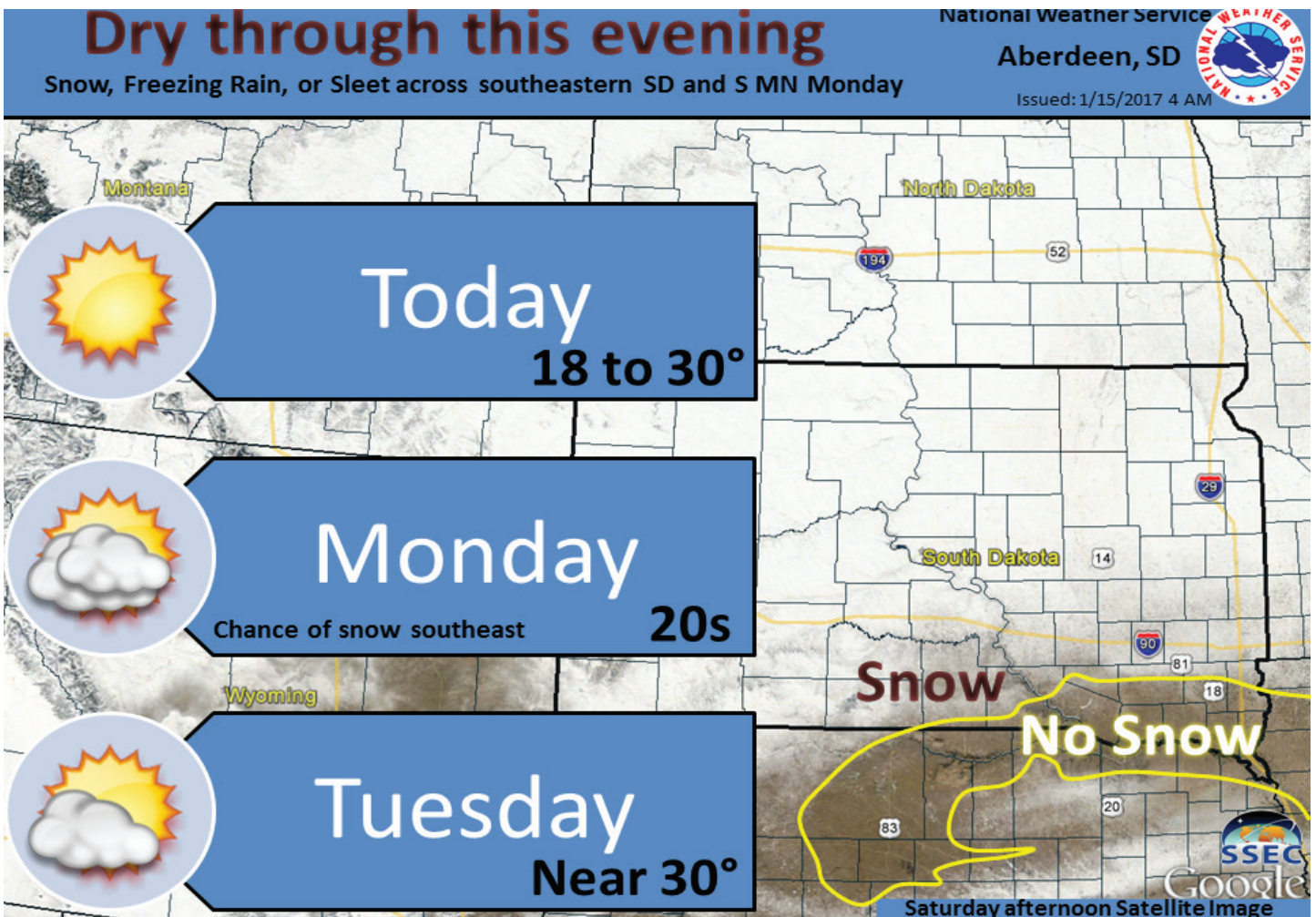
1967: The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, in Super Bowl I at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. From the weather station at the USC campus in downtown LA, the high temperature was 79 degrees and the low was 51. There was a light west wind.

1972: In Flint, Michigan, daytime temperature rose to only -3 degrees. This is the second coldest maximum temperature recorded in the city of Flint since 1921. Detroit's high temperature was zero.

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Today	Tonight	M.L.King Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 18 °F	Low: 6 °F	High: 23 °F	Low: 5 °F	High: 27 °F	Low: 19 °F	High: 37 °F



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Dry weather will persist through this evening, before a wintry mix of precipitation slides into southeastern South Dakota and southern Minnesota Monday. Those with travel plans to areas near and southeast of Sioux Falls Monday will want to stay up to date on the latest forecast! The background satellite image was taken yesterday afternoon and shows the wide area of snow cover across the Northern Plains. Thanks to highs in the 30s the next few days over southern South Dakota, the southern edge of the snow will be slowly retreating.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 12.6 F at 3:55 PM

Low Outside Temp: -5.5 F at 8:24 AM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 12:57 AM

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 48° in 1942

Record Low: -42 in 2009

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.26

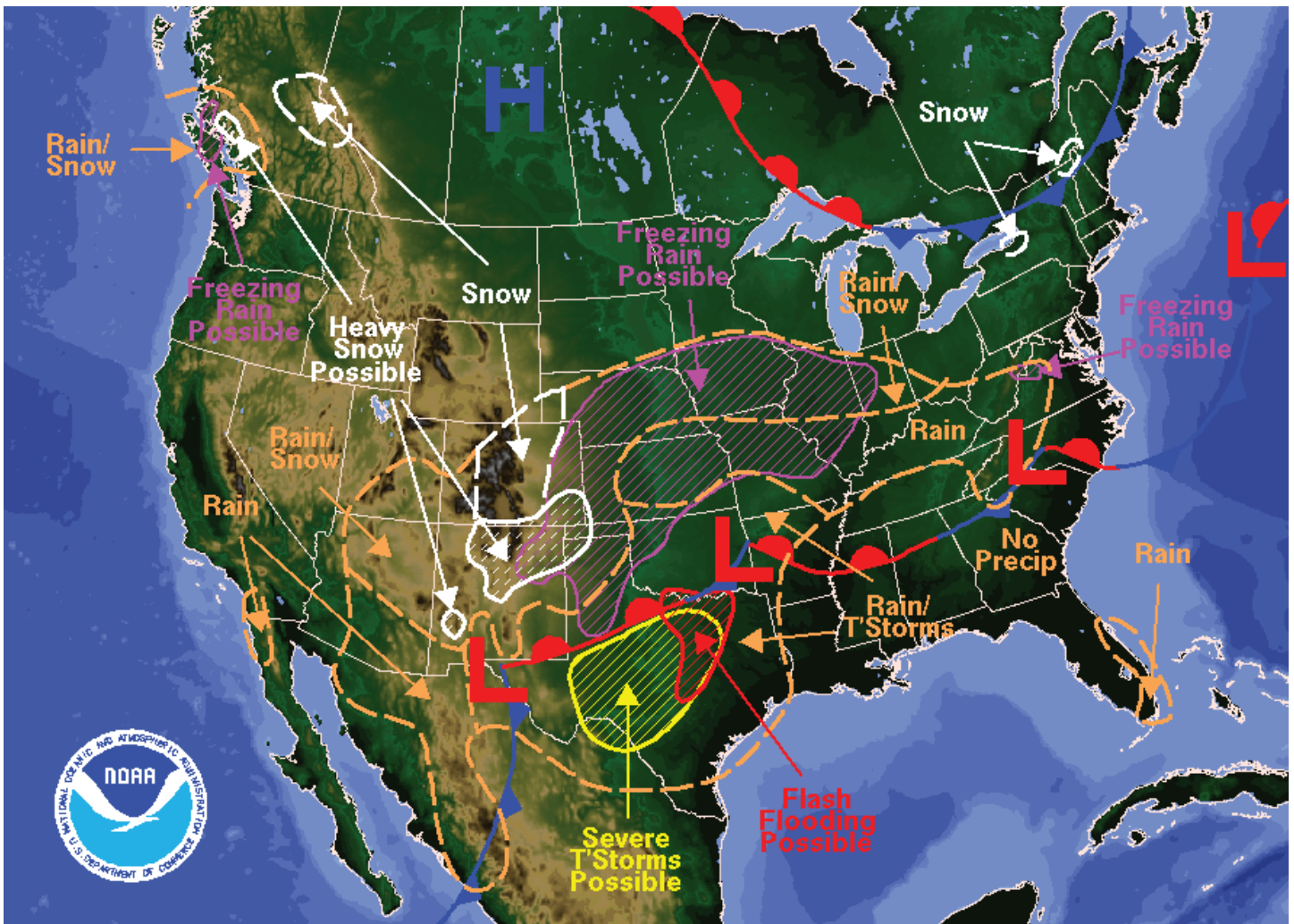
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.26

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:17 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jan 15, 2017, issued 4:41 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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VICTORY AT SEA!

Lord Nelson was England's most famous naval officer. He was highly esteemed for his inspirational leadership and brilliant grasp of naval strategies and unconventional tactics. His supreme knowledge of warfare at sea enabled him to win many significant victories for England. In fact, in one battle, with only 27 small vessels he destroyed 33 large battleships of Napoleon.

In spite of his brilliant career as a naval officer, he suffered from seasickness all of his life. Yet, he refused to allow this serious condition to become an excuse from what he believed he was called to do.

This is a significant lesson for each of us. All of us can find excuses not to do something whenever we want to. Whether we "talk" ourselves into a headache or turn a small task into an overwhelming, mountain-sized, life-threatening project, we can always – if we want to – find a way out of doing what God calls us to do.

Imagine standing before our Lord someday and hearing Him ask: "Do you remember when I asked you to teach Sunday school and you said you were too busy?" Or: "Can you explain why you didn't have time to help with Vacation Bible School...sing in the choir...volunteer to work at the homeless shelter...feed the poor...go to camp with the youth...contribute more...or...?"

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to serve You as You deserve. May we not look for excuses to refuse Your call, but to look for opportunities to serve You constantly. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Belle Fourche 60, Wright, Wyo. 53
Brandon Valley 48, Aberdeen Central 38
Brookings 61, Sioux Falls Washington 50
Campbell County, Wyo. 67, Rapid City Stevens 65
Chamberlain 73, Bon Homme 60
Eureka/Bowdle 56, Edmunds Central 27
Faulkton 66, Waubay/Summit 46
Gregory 67, Marty Indian 56
Harding County 46, Timber Lake 43
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 80, Bison 49
Highmore-Harrold 55, Wessington Springs 40
Hill City 77, Sundance, Wyo. 40
Irene-Wakonda 51, Parker 42
Langford 60, Great Plains Lutheran 46
Lemmon 69, Beach, N.D. 49
Miller 95, Northwestern 72
Sioux Falls Christian 85, MOC-Floyd Valley, Iowa 55
Tea Area 67, Canton 50
Windom, Minn. 61, Vermillion 29
281 Conference Tournament
First Round
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 61, Iroquois 32
Jones County Tournament
Seventh Place
Bennett County 55, Philip 51
Fifth Place
Lyman 64, Jones County 62
Third Place
Stanley County 52, Kadoka Area 34
Championship
Colome 52, White River 38
Pheasant Shootout
Groton Area 50, Aberdeen Christian 45
Little Wound 72, Warner 52
Redfield/Doland 49, Florence/Henry 46
Webster 74, Leola/Frederick 64
Sanford Classic
Aberdeen Roncalli 62, Lennox 49
Madison 46, St. Thomas More 36
South O'Brien, Paullina, Iowa 42, Arlington 39

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West River Tournament

Seventh Place

New Underwood 42, Edgemont 25

Third Place

Wall 48, Newell 37

Championship

Hot Springs 67, Faith 29

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Belle Fourche 61, Wright, Wyo. 34

Brandon Valley 48, Aberdeen Central 38

Chamberlain 42, Bon Homme 32

Eureka/Bowdle 61, Edmunds Central 32

Gregory 59, Marty Indian 56, OT

Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 63, Bison 23

Hill City 45, Sundance, Wyo. 30

Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 41, Garretson 21

Lemmon 71, Beach, N.D. 54

New Underwood 60, White River 43

Rapid City Stevens 80, Campbell County, Wyo. 74, 2OT

Sioux Falls Washington 63, Brookings 54

Tea Area 68, Canton 44

Timber Lake 62, Harding County 36

Wagner 47, Beresford 38

Waubay/Summit 64, Faulkton 49

Waverly-South Shore 52, Britton-Hecla 24

Windom Area, Minn. 25, Vermillion 5

DSU Classic

Freeman Academy/Marion 67, Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Minn. 62

Red Rock Central, Minn. 46, Elk Point-Jefferson 41

Tri-Valley 47, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 25

Viborg-Hurley 63, Mitchell Christian 23

West Central 67, Winner 53

Hanson Corn Palace Classic

Avon 59, Freeman 52

Dell Rapids 55, Flandreau 44

Howard 77, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 60

McCook Central/Montrose 62, Webster 51

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 72, Crofton, Neb. 66

Sully Buttes 60, Hanson 58

Warner 70, DeSmet 65, OT

Sanford Classic

Lennox 44, Milbank 37

McLaughlin 57, Platte-Geddes 56

South O'Brien, Paullina, Iowa 34, Red Cloud 33

West River Tournament

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Newell 64, Hot Springs 40
Championship
Faith 60, Moorcroft, Wyo. 8

LEGO hobbyist rebuilds strength in Yankton

By Reilly Biel, Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — In unforeseen setbacks, untapped strength can be found. Tom Cihak has been building that strength one LEGO brick at a time.

In 2013, Cihak suffered a stroke that was caused by atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat, a condition he wasn't aware of at the time. The irregular heartbeat created a blood clot that prevented blood from flowing to his brain.

The stroke affected the left hemisphere of Cihak's brain, which weakened the right side of his body, making it difficult for him to walk and grasp objects.

However, the worst effect of the stroke was the loss of his ability to speak. The condition, also known as aphasia, makes it difficult for a person to produce language, both written and verbal, the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/2i78IhQ>) reported.

This impairment was all the harder on Cihak due to him working at and owning Cihak Insurance in Yankton at the time of the stroke.

According to his wife, Rogene, he led an active social life.

"He was golfing several times a week and we were planning a big trip to Europe," she said.

He also had had several hobbies, including photography and golf.

After the stroke, Cihak began working with speech, occupational and physical therapists at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, which he continues to do regularly.

During his early recovery, the question was raised of what he could do to occupy his time.

Fortunately, an answer was soon found.

The Christmas before his stroke, Cihak received a LEGO kit from his son, Mike, of a Frank Lloyd Wright model house. Tom enjoyed putting together. The following Christmas, he received another LEGO kit from Mike, this one of the Sydney Opera House in Australia, which contained 2,989 pieces.

Rogene was apprehensive that her husband would be able to complete it.

"After a stroke, there's a lot of emotional damage that occurs," she said. "It was a big question mark of whether he'd be able to figure out the instruction manual and not get frustrated."

To her surprise, Tom was indeed able to comprehend the thick, detailed instruction manual for not just the Sydney Opera House, but each of the LEGO kits he received afterward. He's completed models ranging from basic buildings to a ship to the Disney castle, which is his favorite project to date.

Tom doesn't seem too picky in selecting a kit to work on, as long as it is complex. He is currently working on a LEGO model of the Death Star from the "Star Wars" film franchise, which has 3,449 pieces.

According to Rogene, he works on the model 2-3 times a day at 20-minute intervals. Completing a full model typically takes him 2-3 months.

In addition, all the models contain pieces, like LEGO people and items, meant to go inside them — for example, a model of a bank may contain a banker at their desk and a safe.

This work has helped Cihak along with his physical therapy.

"It works his fingers and strengthens his hands, his hand-eye coordination and his dexterity," Rogene said. "It's really supplemental to the therapy he receives at Avera."

She estimates that he currently has more than 60,000 LEGO bricks and pieces.

This level of dedication makes Cihak an AFOL — Adult Fan of LEGO — an official term that refers to adult hobbyists who build or collect LEGOS.

He proudly displays his finished projects in his Yankton home.

"He finds it rewarding and a little challenging," Rogene said. "It's fun for him to show it off."

This activity has undoubtedly helped him cope with the aftereffects of his stroke.

"With a stroke, there is so much anxiety and a lot of frustration that comes from that," Rogene said. "Doing a hobby like this really helps with his recovery."

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

Price of corn sets pace for local economy in South Dakota

By Patrick Anderson, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota roared out of the Great Recession.

In 2011, as the nation's economy slogged through a slow recovery, South Dakota's growth surged over 7 percent.

By 2014, the tables turned. South Dakota's economy limped along while the nation's picked up.

What makes South Dakota out of sync with the national economy?

In a word: corn.

Sioux Falls' status as growing retail, housing, and health care hub have pushed the state's economy forward, but none of those sectors carries as much weight as agriculture.

The price of corn has been a steady indicator of the state and metro area's economies in recent decades, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2iBk0Ky>) reported. When corn prices go up, the local economy outperforms the national economy. When corn prices go down, the local economy lags behind the national economy.

The latest dip in corn prices is among the biggest drags on the state's current budget. Gov. Dennis Daugaard said last month the state faces a \$26 million shortfall in the budget year that ends June 2017, and that agriculture and online sales are the biggest factors.

Slowing farm income is also being felt in the state's largest city, where City Hall is bracing for sales tax revenue to fall below projections.

The revenue dips come even as the state's employers hire more workers and builders start more homes. But farmers aren't making big-ticket purchases like they were a few years ago. That's in part because they're seeing less income but also because many bought new equipment ahead of schedule when income soared earlier this decade.

"Now we're seeing the hangover from that," Daugaard said.

Sioux Falls was riding high on economic success when Mayor Mike Huether gave his first state-of-the-city address in 2011, a year after taking office.

City Hall had come in under budget, bolstered its reserves to \$41.7 million and had less debt per capita than other, similarly sized cities. Sioux Falls' success was "rocket fuel" for the rest of the state's economy, Huether said at the time.

Actually, it was a different, less metaphorical fuel feeding the state's economy.

Most of South Dakota's corn crop goes to ethanol production. After Congress expanded standards in 2007 requiring fuel companies to blend their products with ethanol, corn prices started their march

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upward. The same year — the same month, in fact — Huether made his comment, corn topped \$6 per bushel for the first time.

Huether declined to be interviewed by phone but in an email said the city's economy is closely linked to the agriculture industry. Companies such as John Morrell and Co., Raven Industries and POET all connect the city to the surrounding acres of farmland, and so do the plethora of local dealers selling combines, tractors and other types of farm equipment, he wrote.

And the link between Sioux Falls and agriculture goes further, to entertainment and retail industries, said Slater Barr, president of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation. Unlike coastal cities, Sioux Falls doesn't have to compete with other metros when it comes to drawing in people from neighboring communities for concerts or shopping sprees.

"As discretionary income goes up, we are the destination," Barr said.

While politicians sometimes take the credit — or the blame — for up and down swings in the economy, Mike Allgrunn, a member of the governor's council of economic advisors, said the truth is, government officials have little sway when it comes to the economy, whether they serve at the local, state or federal level.

"I picture the economy like this big ocean liner, right? It's moving along," said Allgrunn, who also heads the economics department at the University of South Dakota. "One person isn't going to make America great again all by himself, nor is he going to tank it all by himself."

South Dakota is more reliant on agriculture than other states, and the financial implications of corn prices go beyond farmers. Farming and the agriculture industry account for nearly a third of the state's economic output, according to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

An analysis of federal farming data by Slate.com shows South Dakota had the second highest crop value per-capita in the nation in 2012, at \$6,591 per resident.

It's no surprise, then, fluctuations in farming hold such a huge sway over state and local economies.

"It will show up on Main Street," state economist Jim Terwilliger said. "You'll see some of that impact."

A number of forces came together to create the surging crop prices, buoying South Dakota's economy as the rest of the United States was recovering from the Great Recession. Increased demand for ethanol, along with growing demand globally for protein and grain drove corn prices higher. Then, a 2012 drought in the Corn Belt damaged supply, and stoked demand.

Three years of record crops followed, creating a cooling effect on prices, said Keith Alverson, president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association. Abundance eased the world's hunger for corn. Supply keeps soaring, and demand has yet to catch up.

Price fluctuations are part of farming. And South Dakota's low jobless rate continues to be a strong indicator of economic health, regardless of the price tag on a bushel of corn. The state's non-farm income increased in 2015 and was projected to grow in each of the next three years.

Ultimately, though, the price of corn sets the pace for the local economy, and no one knows when it will hit bottom or rebound.

Experts think the descent will continue, though nothing is certain.

"It's really hard to tell," Allgrunn said. "If we knew for sure, we'd all be placing bets."

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

Developer pulls plug on \$35 million condo-hotel in Deadwood

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Developers have pulled the plug for now on a \$35 million condominium-hotel project planned in the Old West gambling town of Deadwood.

In an email this week to Deadwood officials, the group behind The Chalets at Deadwood Mountain Grand informed the city that it was postponing its plan indefinitely. CEO Robert Ekman told them the overall costs weren't going to lead to a reasonable return on investment.

Initial plans called for 103 units in 10 four-story structures on a steep hillside adjacent to the existing Deadwood Mountain Grand.

But the proposal triggered a backlash from residents who feared it would dominate the views in Deadwood's historic district. The city's preservation office agreed the proposal would harm the historic character of Deadwood.

Mayor Chuck Turbiville hopes the developers will keep trying.

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

Black Hills ski patrol member injured in chairlift fall

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Ski Patrol member from Terry Peak in the Black Hills remains hospitalized with a severe spinal cord injury after falling from a chairlift.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/2jkO7Wy>) 24-year-old Drew Stephens was in fair condition at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

According to a GoFundMe page that's raised nearly \$18,000 for Stephens as of Saturday, he was finishing his last sweeps as an emergency medical technician and wilderness first responder when the accident happened last Sunday.

Stephens' family says on his CaringBridge page that he's undergone surgery, and that the next step will be moving him to a rehabilitation hospital.

With a summit at 7,100 feet, Terry Peak bills itself as offering the highest lift service between the Rocky Mountains and the Alps.

The accident remains under investigation.

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

Mooney's career-best 30 leads South Dakota by Fort Wayne

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Matt Mooney scored a career-high 30 points, including five in the final minute, to lead South Dakota to a 66-63 comeback win over Fort Wayne on Saturday.

The Coyotes (13-8, 4-2 Summit) held a 61-56 lead with 3:10 to play before Kason Harrell drilled a 3-pointer and Bryson Scott added back-to-back layups to give Fort Wayne a 63-61 lead.

Both teams went scoreless for over a minute until Mooney made a layup, was fouled by Fort Wayne's Brent Calhoun, and completed the 3-point play for a 64-63 Coyote's lead.

Two more Mooney free throws extended the lead to three, and Mo Evans' missed a 3 with five seconds left and sealed the Mastodons fate.

Tyler Hagedorn added 15 points for South Dakota, who shot just 37.8 percent but held a 20-8 advantage at the free throw line.

Bryson Scott led Fort Wayne (14-5, 3-2) with 21 points. Evans added 19.

Sioux Falls airport adds collection of local art

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Travelers passing through the Sioux Falls Regional Airport will soon be greeted by a collection of work by local and regional artists.

The full gallery will be installed in the next couple of weeks with the goal to provide a distraction for travelers and showcase the region's history, industry, culture and geography.

Airport Executive Director Dan Letellier said nine pieces were chosen to enhance the traveling experience in the newly reconfigured lobby area and elsewhere, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2jwarh3>) reported.

"We wanted to make it inviting and the central focus point for travelers and the family and friends there to greet them," Letellier said. "We wanted to make it inviting, and for new people to the area, we wanted to let them know this is more than a prairie city and airport. We have a lot going on in the airport and lot of great local artists."

A piece called "Flights of Fancy," which features glazed ceramic-tile mosaics by college professor Scott Parsons, was recently installed.

Sioux Falls-based TSP, Inc. designed the renovated airport. Architect Michelle Klobassa said the process to select art, as well as spaces to showcase it, began about a year ago.

"We determined which places would make the most sense to display art to draw people through the different spaces," Klobassa said. "We did walk-throughs with the artists to see the paint colors and materials we had designed into the space already and where we would need to add more backing to the wall."

Chosen artists include Ceca Cooper, Mary Groth, Michael Sweere, Michael Heinrich and Parsons.

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

Sanford to use stem cells for treatment in trial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls medical facility will begin a first-of-its kind clinical trial to treat rotator cuff tears using stem cells.

Patients have already started to be screened for the trial, in which Sanford Health will treat 12 people using stem cells and measure improvement compared to six other people receiving a cortisone shot.

Pioneered by Dr. Eckhard Alt in a Sanford portal clinic in Germany, stem cells are extracted from a patient's abdominal fat and treated with an enzyme mixture before being injected around the area being treated. The hope is that the stem cells will boost regeneration of surrounding tissue and cartilage, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2igKPD2>) reported.

Sanford leaders said the trial is the first to use stem cells from abdominal fat, and is designed to prove the safety of the procedure.

"The vision I have is that Sanford will legitimize the use of stem cells," Sanford Research president Dr. David Pearce said. "There's so much out there in terms of questions. Is this the right thing? Are they safe? We're going to be taking the lead."

The facility chose to start with treating rotator cuffs because they are a common injury. Patients for the trial include professional athletes.

The clinical trial is designed to show that first and foremost the procedure is safe, although it has already been proven safe in European trials. Alt said in all of his trials he has not seen any adverse effects.

The withdrawn stem cells from the abdominal fat supposedly will not make any visible difference in the patients' appearance. Pearce said the procedure should take about two to three hours.

After safety findings are provided to the FDA, Sanford will prove the treatment is effective and begin a larger trial to include more patients.

"Once we show the safety we're hopeful we get the green light to move to the next level, and there's no reasons to suspect we wouldn't," Pearce said. "We're trail blazing in showing how you can do this."

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

Puerto Ricans could ease South Dakota dairy labor shortage

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Unable to find enough workers to carry out the painstaking tasks of milk production, dairy producers in South Dakota hope to tap into a different labor force: unemployed residents of Puerto Rico.

It could be a tonic both for dairy operators and Puerto Rico, where the jobless rate stands at 12 percent but workers are far freer to travel to the U.S. for jobs than immigrants due to the island's status as a U.S. territory.

South Dakota dairy farms produced 209 million pounds of milk in 2016, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. That's far less than the more commonly known milk-producing states of California and Wisconsin, but the state's pilot project to find another labor source is gaining attention.

"If this is successful, this would be a significant success for the U.S. dairy industry, certainly South Dakota's industry," said Jaime Castaneda, senior vice president of the National Milk Producers Federation. "So, we are watching it. We are looking at what happens."

Certain agricultural industries are allowed to hire foreign-born workers seasonally under a visa category, but dairy farms do not qualify because they operate year-round. A study commissioned by the National Milk Producers Federation released in June 2015 concluded immigrant labor accounts for 51 percent of all dairy labor in the U.S.

The proposal from a team of agriculture experts to recruit a labor force from the Caribbean island to work on South Dakota's dairies would eliminate the need for a visa because Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens. Experts from the South Dakota State University Extension hope to bring about 20 workers by September.

They hosted recruiting sessions in November and December in three Puerto Rican communities that are home to dairies and addressed topics such as the farm routine, weather and cost of living. Of the 28 people who attended the sessions, half had an agricultural background. Others were electricians, nurses and construction workers. More sessions are planned for May.

The team is focused on developing a program that would help the workers adjust to life in the Great Plains. Karla Hernandez, an SDSU Extension forage field specialist, said producers in South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin who have hired Puerto Ricans have seen them last only short periods on the job after realizing the demands, pay and the stark differences between the two places.

"Say you have a person from Mexico who gets here, that person will stick around because he has a need to provide for himself and for his family back in Mexico. Now if you get a Puerto Rican and he doesn't like the job, he can go home very easily because he doesn't need to wait for any visa or passport," Hernandez said.

It's no secret that immigrant labor is crucial at many agricultural enterprises in the U.S. The American Farm Bureau Federation estimates that about 80 percent of the agricultural labor force is foreign born and over half is unauthorized to work in the U.S.

Castaneda said his organization is not speculating about what the incoming Trump administration might do in terms of immigration. But he said the group will continue to pressure Congress and the

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administration to approve changes that would allow immigrant dairy workers to stay in the U.S. for at least three years with the option of reapplying after a stay in their home countries.

For those who doubt the need of foreign-born workers on dairy farms, Walt Bones, part owner of the Turner County Dairy and former South Dakota secretary of agriculture, has a succinct answer: U.S.-born workers don't want to work that hard.

"They're not hungry enough to improve themselves that they don't want to work that hard. I think it's that simple," said Bones, whose dairy farm has 1,600 cows that are milked three times a day. "It's not easy work. It's repetitive, but at the same time, it's not bad work."

Gerson Cardona, a Guatemala native, began working on a dairy farm in South Dakota 15 years ago at the age of 15 by milking and washing cows. These days, he cares for days-old calves.

"If one enjoys the job, one can persevere," Cardona said in Spanish during a break. "If one enjoys working with the animals, then that's what motivates one to learn more and stay in one place. This (job) is a good source to be able to do something with one's life."

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Colman-Egan 67, Estelline 24
Corsica/Stickney 65, Kimball/White Lake 46
Crow Creek 49, Mobridge-Pollock 37
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Deuel 44, Redfield/Doland 39
Douglas 89, Belle Fourche 43
Elkton-Lake Benton 45, DeSmet 43
Flandreau 71, Flandreau Indian 30
Gregory 39, Burke/South Central 38
Harrisburg 47, Watertown 40
Hill City 48, Lead-Deadwood 29
Lake Preston 68, Dell Rapids St. Mary 60
Lemmon 66, Tiospaye Topa 35
Leola/Frederick 56, Eureka/Bowdle 19
Omaha Nation, Neb. 84, Marty Indian 50
Platte-Geddes 43, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 33
Ponca, Neb. 52, Elk Point-Jefferson 43
Rapid City Central 61, Campbell County, Wyo. 50
Richland, N.D. 66, Wilmot 40
Sioux Valley 68, McCook Central/Montrose 23

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Nowhere left to run away to: The final days of the circus

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Goodbye to death-defying feats — daring young men (and women) on the flying trapeze, whip-wielding lion tamers, human cannonballs. Goodbye to the scent of peanuts and popcorn, the thrill of three rings, the jaunty bum-bum-dadadada of circus music.

Send out the clowns. The Big Top is coming down — for good.

On Saturday, officials of the company that owns the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus announced that it will close in May, ending a 146-year run that dates back to a time before automobiles or airplanes or movies, when Ulysses S. Grant was president and minstrel shows were popular entertainment.

What killed the circus? There are many suspects: increased railroad costs. Costly court battles with animal rights activists that led to an end to elephant acts — and the fact that some people didn't want to see a show without elephants.

But mostly, in an era of Pokemon Go, online role playing games and YouTube celebrities, the "Greatest Show on Earth" doesn't seem so great.

"It's been through world wars, and it's been through every kind of economic cycle and it's been through a lot of change," said Kenneth Feld, chairman and CEO of Feld Entertainment, owner of the Ringling Bros. "In the past decade there's been more change in the world than in the 50 or 75 years prior to that. And I think it isn't relevant to people in the same way."

For a long time, the circus was more than relevant — it was the stuff that dreams were made of.

The first circuses were created in Europe; the American twist would be canvas tents that allowed mobile troupes to go to the far-flung audiences of the 19th century.

Phineas Taylor Barnum's traveling menagerie was wildly popular, while the five Ringling brothers performed juggling acts and skits in Wisconsin. Eventually, Barnum, the Ringlings and another performance-minded businessman named James Bailey pooled their resources and knowledge. Some of the early performances were merely zoos on wheels and a few human oddities, but over time, the acts became truly spectacular — attractions like Jumbo, touted as the world's largest elephant.

Sprawling companies traveled around America by train, wowing audiences with the sheer scale of entertainment and exotic animals. Deborah Walk, assistant director of legacy and circus at The Ringling — circus impresario John Ringling's mansion, art and circus collection in Sarasota — said that the circus' impact on small town America is often overlooked.

"That wonderful show that you can see in Madison Square Garden crisscrossed the country and ended up in San Francisco. And every place in between saw the same thing," she said.

"In the 1880s, especially, here you had this huge colossal canvas city that tracked across the country. It brought the wonders of the world to your door. You didn't have to go to Africa or Asia to see the

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animals.”

The circus also heralded societal changes, she said. Women became performers around the turn of the 20th century (although there would be no African-American or female ringmasters until 2016).

When the circus came to town, kids dreamed of running away to join it and its ever-changing roster of stars: the sad-faced clown, Emmitt Kelly; the daredevil trapeze act, the Flying Wallendas; Gunther Gabel-Williams, blond-maned and fearless in the ring with the big cats.

The circus was so important to home-front morale that President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave Ringling Bros. special permission to use the rails during World War II.

“The circus is the only ageless delight that you can buy for money,” Ernest Hemingway wrote in a three-page essay for the Ringling Bros. program in 1953. “It is the only spectacle I know, that, while you watch it, gives the quality of a truly happy dream.”

But as the 20th century went on, kids became less enthralled. Movies, television, video games and the internet captured young minds. The circus didn’t have savvy product merchandising tie-ins or Saturday morning cartoons to shore up its image. After 1956, the circus no longer performed under tents, moving to arenas.

The public grew conflicted about animal acts. Circuses without animals — such as Cirque du Soleil — were smaller and growing in popularity.

Animal rights activists put pressure on cities where the circus toured. Los Angeles and Oakland prohibited the use of bull-hooks by elephant trainers. Asheville, North Carolina, banned wild or exotic animals from performing in the city-owned stadium.

In 2014, Feld Entertainment won \$25.2 million in settlements from groups including the Humane Society of the United States, ending a 14-year legal battle over allegations that circus employees mistreated elephants.

The initial lawsuit was filed by a former Ringling barn helper who accepted at least \$190,000 from animal-rights groups. The judge called him “essentially a paid plaintiff” who lacked credibility and standing to sue, and rejected the abuse claims.

Kenneth Feld testified about the elephants’ importance to the show at that 2009 trial.

“The symbol of the ‘Greatest Show on Earth’ is the elephant, and that’s what we’ve been known for throughout the world for more than a hundred years,” he said.

Asked whether the show would be the same without elephants, Feld replied, “No, it wouldn’t.”

And, it wasn’t. Feld Entertainment removed the elephants in 2016, sending all 40 of them to their Center for Elephant Conservation in Florida. Ticket sales plummeted. The circus, already an afterthought for many, receded further in the public mind.

Jeff and Carol Fouse of St. Louis, Missouri, toured the Ringling Circus Museum on a recent day. They saw the old-timey diorama of the circus encampments. They shuffled past the colorful, sequined ringmaster costumes and peered into the rail cars that were once filled with clowns and elephants and even a pygmy hippo.

Then they squinted into the bright Florida sunshine. “I don’t even know if there is a circus anymore,” said Jeff Fouse, a 63-year-old engineer, tilting his head.

The Feld family, which bought the circus in 1967, has branched out and bought and created other large-scale touring shows, such as Disney on Ice, Marvel Live and Monster Jam. Each was specialized with characters and stories, but Feld made sure that each had a bit of the circus in them, as well. It was, after all, about the show.

But the circus, itself, was dying.

The Felds said they looked at scenarios and costs. They ran numbers and tried new things — an interactive phone app, ice skaters in the show, adding motorcycle stunts — but nothing worked.

The show will go on at smaller and more specialized circuses. But come May, after almost a century and a half of spectacular revels, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will vanish, like a big, colorful, improbably long dream.

Sixty-three years ago, in his circus program essay, Hemingway marveled at the way performers made stunts and tricks in the ring look so simple.

"It is all wonderfully easy in your dreams," he wrote.

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World diplomats in Paris to urge renewed Mideast peace talks

PARIS (AP) — Fearing a new eruption of violence in the Middle East, more than 70 world diplomats gathered in Paris on Sunday to push for renewed peace talks that would lead to a Palestinian state.

The conference is meant to be a forceful message to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that much of the world wants peace and sees a two-state solution as the best way to achieve it in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"A two-state solution is the only possible one," French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said in opening the conference, calling it "more indispensable than ever" to solve the protracted conflict.

Netanyahu has snubbed Sunday's conference as "rigged" against Israel, and Trump's incoming administration isn't taking part.

The gathering is an "empty summit" that was cooked up behind Israel's back and is designed to force conditions on the country that are against its national interests, Netanyahu said.

French diplomats fear Trump will unleash new tensions in the region by condoning settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians and potentially moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to contested Jerusalem.

"Both parties are very far apart and their relationship is one of distrust — a particularly dangerous situation," Ayrault said at the conference. "Our collective responsibility is to bring Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table. We know it is difficult, but is there an alternative? No, there isn't."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is in Paris defending American interests at the conference, in his last major diplomatic foray before he leaves office. It marks the end of eight years of failed U.S. efforts at Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy.

Netanyahu declined an invitation to a special meeting after the conference, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was initially expected, but his visit to Paris was postponed.

The Israeli prime minister said the gathering would do little to promote peace and marks the "last flutters of yesterday's world."

"Tomorrow will look different and tomorrow is very close," he said in apparent reference to Trump's incoming administration.

According to a draft statement obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, the conference will urge Israel and the Palestinians "to officially restate their commitment to the two-state solution."

It also will affirm that the international community "will not recognize" changes to Israel's pre-1967 lines without agreement by both sides.

The final conference declaration also may warn Trump against moving the embassy, a move that could be seen as recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital after decades of insisting that the city's status

must be determined by direct negotiations.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have not negotiated even indirectly since a failed U.S.-led peace effort in 2014.

While the conference was underway, a few hundred pro-Israel demonstrators, waving Israeli flags and placards denouncing the summit, gathered outside Israel's embassy in Paris.

"The Palestinians and a number of Arab states have not expressed a will for peace," Serge Klarsfeld, a well-known famous French Nazi hunter, said. "If it existed and if the Arab world recognized the existence of Israel, we would find the means to solve all the problems very quickly."

The demonstrators loudly booed French lawmaker Pierre Lellouche when he took the podium and declared himself in favor of a "two-state solution" and the halting of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territories.

Ariel Goldman, president of the French Jewish association Fonds Social Juif Unifié, called the gathering a "mockery of dialogue, a mockery of peace, a historical mockery." Goldman said he was "sad that France is lending itself to such a maneuver."

Aron Heller in Jerusalem, and Philippe Sotto and Alex Turnbull in Paris contributed to this report.

Bahrain executes 3 convicted in deadly police bombing

By ADAM SCHRECK, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Bahrain on Sunday carried out its first executions since an Arab Spring uprising rocked the country in 2011, putting to death three men found guilty of a deadly bomb attack on police.

The executions of the Shiite men drew swift condemnation from human rights groups and sparked outrage among opponents of the Sunni-ruled government, who see the charges as politically motivated. Activists allege that testimony used against the condemned men was obtained through torture.

Bahrain's public prosecution said the death sentences were carried out by firing squad. Photos shared by activists purporting to show the bodies of the men showed a tight grouping of multiple gunshot wounds to the heart.

The executions were the first in the U.S.-allied nation since 2010 and followed a spike in protests in solidarity with the convicted men.

Abbas al-Samea, Sami Mushaima and Ali al-Singace were found guilty in 2015 of killing two Bahraini policemen and an Emirati officer deployed to bolster the country's security forces in a bomb attack the previous year. A court upheld their death sentences last Monday.

Bahrain is a tiny island nation off the coast of Saudi Arabia that hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, which patrols the waters around the Arabian Peninsula and is the naval counterweight to nearby Shiite powerhouse Iran.

Government forces crushed the 2011 uprising with help from allies Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, but the country continues to face low-level unrest led by a majority Shiite population that feels marginalized by the Sunni monarchy.

Bahrain also maintains close ties to Britain, which is building a naval base of its own in the country. Over the past two and a half months, Prince Charles, Prime Minister Theresa May and Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson have all paid visits to the island.

Johnson made a point of underscoring Britain's opposition to the death penalty hours after the sentences were carried out.

"The Bahraini authorities are fully aware of our position and I have raised the issue with the Bahraini government," he said in a statement.

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Hundreds of protesters took to the streets Saturday in solidarity with the condemned men as rumors spread that their executions were imminent. Images shared on social media showed activists blocking roads with burning debris and hurling petrol bombs in clashes with police.

Nicholas McGeehan, a researcher who monitors Bahrain for Human Rights Watch, called the executions inflammatory and unjust as he urged the kingdom's allies to "publicly and unequivocally condemn these killings." Amnesty International deputy director Samah Hadid called the executions "a deeply regressive step."

Protests and clashes continued Sunday despite a heavy presence of riot police deployed in predominantly Shiite areas. Witnesses said shops were shuttered in Daih, where the 2014 bombing happened. Garbage bins were seen overturned and set alight in the streets.

One police officer was wounded when several people shot at a police patrol in Bani Jamra, west of the capital Manama, the Interior Ministry said Sunday. It gave no further details.

The Ashtar Brigade, a Shiite militant group that claimed the 2014 police attack and a number of other bombings in Bahrain, took responsibility for the attack on the police officer on social media. The Associated Press could not immediately verify the post, though it came in a forum often used by the group.

Lebanon's Iran-backed Shiite group Hezbollah condemned the execution of the three men, calling it "a crime" and "extrajudicial killing" that would undermine any chance for a political solution in Bahrain.

The militant group, which has been critical of the Bahraini government's crackdown on the Shiite uprising, said international silence toward what takes place in Bahrain must be met with the "largest solidarity campaign."

Al-Samea and Mushaima alleged they were subjected to electric shocks, beatings, cigarette burns, sleep deprivation and sexual assault while in custody, Amnesty International reported in 2015. Al-Singace's mother says her son was also tortured, according to British rights group Reprieve.

"It is nothing short of an outrage — and a disgraceful breach of international law — that Bahrain has gone ahead with these executions," Reprieve director Maya Foa said. "The death sentences handed to Ali, Sami and Abbas were based on 'confessions' extracted through torture, and the trial an utter sham."

Government officials did not respond to a request for comment Sunday on the torture allegations. Bahraini officials have previously said the government is opposed to any kind of mistreatment and has safeguards in place to prevent it.

Bahrain's last execution was of a Bangladeshi man in 2010. A number of death sentences have been issued since then.

The three put to death Sunday were the first who had held Bahraini citizenship executed since 1996, according to Reprieve, though they were technically stateless at the time of their deaths after being stripped of their citizenship when convicted.

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Military: Mosul University fully liberated by Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S.-backed Iraqi government troops on Sunday fully liberated the sprawling complex of Mosul University, an Iraqi military spokesman said, a major step in the massive operation to retake the Islamic State group-held city of Mosul.

The spokesman for the Joint Military Command, Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool, declared the campus was under the full control of Iraqi special forces, officially known as the Counter Terrorism Service, who raised the Iraqi flag over its buildings.

The troops searched campus buildings and removed bombs left by IS militants, Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil of the special forces said. Fadhil added that the troops also entered the nearby Andalus neighborhood, which he expected would be fully retaken later in the day.

Iraqi forces had entered the university grounds Friday and managed to secure more than half of the campus the next day amid tough resistance from IS militants, who mainly deployed sniper and mortar fire to slow down the advancing troops.

Sunday's progress is the latest in a string of swift territorial gains in recent weeks by the U.S.-backed Iraqi military. Some 30,000 troops — a force that includes not only Iraq's conventional army but an array of other armed groups, including Shiite and Sunni paramilitary troops and Kurdish fighters — are taking part in the Mosul offensive which begun October 17.

The Islamic State group captured Mosul in 2014 along with nearly a third of Iraqi territory and large parts of neighboring Syria. Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul is the last major IS urban bastion in the country.

More freezing rain, temperatures expected for central US

By JIM SUHR, Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A third wave of sleet and drizzle could hit parts of the central U.S. on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, weather officials said, and temperatures threaten to stay near or below freezing and add to the treacherous mix.

Ice buildups of one-quarter to slightly less than a half inch were expected late Saturday and Sunday

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morning from southeastern Kansas to central Missouri.

Becky Allmeroth, a state maintenance engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said ice is "the most difficult storm to fight."

"We are keeping up with the changing conditions, but it is a continual battle," she said of the department's around-the-clock scrambling to treat the glazed roads. "The precipitation is coming in waves, and we have to apply more salt."

Icy roads Saturday created dangerous conditions and travel headaches for many people who avoided authorities' pleas to stay indoors except for necessary outings.

Interstate 40 in western Oklahoma was closed in two places because of wrecks, including the jack-knifing of several semitrailers in icy conditions in Caddo County. And along an icy part of I-40 in Custer County, a 45-year-old Oklahoma City man died after his semitrailer struck two others early Saturday and then was hit by a car. The patrol is investigating the wreck.

Saturday's storm followed one Friday that dumped freezing rain from Oklahoma to southern Illinois.

A slick roadway was suspected in a Missouri wreck Friday that killed a 33-year-old woman whose sport utility vehicle slid on an icy freeway overpass south of St. Louis and struck several trees. Later Friday, icy conditions were blamed for a pileup involving more than 20 vehicles in Wichita, Kansas, but no serious injuries were reported.

The storm's onset prompted the NFL to move the AFC divisional playoff game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and host team the Kansas Chiefs to Sunday evening to allow more time to treat roads and parking lots at Arrowhead Stadium. The game was scheduled to kick off at noon but now will start at 7:20 p.m.

Many residents had prepared for the storms by stocking up on bread, milk and other necessities and by buying flashlights and generators to have on hand in case power gets knocked out.

Associated Press reporter Justin Juozapavicius contributed to this report from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

China again rejects Trump's suggestion to negotiate Taiwan

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's foreign ministry on Sunday again rejected President-elect Donald Trump's suggestion that he might use American policy on Taiwan as a bargaining chip between the two sides.

Spokesman Lu Kang said Sunday that the "one China" policy is "non-negotiable." Since recognizing Beijing in 1979, Washington has maintained only unofficial ties with Taiwan, the self-governing island that Beijing considers its territory — a status quo that Trump has repeatedly threatened to upend since winning the November election.

"The government of the People's Republic of China is the only legitimate government representing China," Lu said in a statement. "That is the fact acknowledged by the international community and no one can change."

Trump told The Wall Street Journal in an interview published Friday that "everything is under negotiation, including 'one China.'"

The interview is the latest indication Trump that he will shake up the U.S.-China relationship, particularly on Taiwan, which China considers a core national interest.

China was already angered by Trump's Dec. 2 phone call with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, the first time an American president or president-elect has publicly spoken to Taiwan's leader in nearly four decades. Beijing considers any reference to a separate Taiwanese head of state to be a grave insult.

Trump then said in a television interview that he didn't feel "bound by a one-China policy unless we make a deal with China having to do with other things, including trade."

After attacking China repeatedly during his campaign, Trump has continued to disparage China on his Twitter account over its military build-up in disputed areas of the South China Sea, allegedly manipulating its currency to put American companies at a disadvantage, and not doing enough to curb North Korea's nuclear program. He has also announced that a new White House trade council will be led by economist Peter Navarro, a sharp critic of Chinese economic policy who wrote a book titled "Death By China."

Trump told the Journal that he would not label China a currency manipulator as soon as he takes office, though he repeated his contention that China is manipulating the yuan.

So far, Beijing has reiterated its refusal to negotiate on Taiwan and to push for positive cooperation between the two sides, though state-run media have run several strongly worded editorials attacking Trump.

Chinese political observers on Sunday said they expected Beijing's response to change once Trump is inaugurated next week.

"Trump has not taken office yet, so he is an ordinary person now," said Shen Dingli, a professor of international relations at Fudan University. "Therefore, there's no need for China to take his remarks seriously or further respond to what he said."

Tang Yonghong, a professor at Xiamen University, said that China needed to convince Trump that "if he wants to make money from the Chinese mainland, he must be a friend of China instead of being an enemy."

"I think Trump is handling international relations, including Sino-U.S. relations, with a businessman's logic," Tang said. "He wants to see how China will respond to such provocation."

Associated Press researcher Henry Hou in Beijing contributed to this report.

Duterte orders troops to blast militants and their hostages

By JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said he has ordered his troops to bomb extremists who flee with their captives in a bid to stop a wave of kidnappings at sea, calling the loss of civilian lives in such an attack "collateral damage."

Duterte has previously stated that he had told his Indonesian and Malaysian counterparts their forces can blast away as they pursue militants who abduct sailors in waters where the three countries converge and bring their kidnap victims to the southern Philippines. He said in a speech late Saturday that he had given the same orders to Filipino forces.

He said he instructed the navy and the coast guard that "if there are kidnappers and they're trying to escape, bomb them all."

"They say 'hostages.' Sorry, collateral damage," he said in a speech to business people in Davao, his southern hometown.

He said such an approach would enable the government to get even with the ransom-seeking militants. "You can't gain mileage for your wrongdoing, I will really have you blasted," he said.

His advice to potential victims? "So, really, don't allow yourselves to be kidnapped."

Duterte's remarks reflect the alarm and desperation of the Philippines, along with Malaysia and Indonesia, in halting a series of ransom kidnappings primarily by Abu Sayyaf militants and their allies along

a busy waterway for regional trade.

On Saturday, ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf gunmen freed a South Korean captain and his Filipino crewman who were abducted three months ago from their cargo ship.

The gunmen handed skipper Park Chul-hong and Glenn Alindajao over to Moro National Liberation Front rebels, who turned them over to Philippine officials in southern Jolo town in predominantly Muslim Sulu province.

The Moro rebels, who signed a 1996 peace deal with the government, have helped negotiate the release of several hostages of the smaller but more violent Abu Sayyaf, which is blacklisted by the U.S. as a terrorist organization for kidnappings, beheadings and bombings.

Duterte's adviser dealing with insurgents, Jesus Dureza, said he was not aware of any ransom being paid in exchange for the freedom of the sailors. At least 27 hostages, many of them foreign crewmen, remain in the hands of different Abu Sayyaf factions, he said.

There have been persistent speculations, however, that most of the freed hostages have been ransomed off.

Without a known foreign source of funds, the Abu Sayyaf has survived mostly on ransom kidnappings, extortion and other acts of banditry.

A confidential Philippine government threat assessment report seen by The Associated Press last year said the militants pocketed at least 353 million pesos (\$7.3 million) from ransom kidnappings in the first six months of 2016.

The militants have mostly targeted slow-moving tugboats in the busy sea bordering the southern Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Trump clashes with civil rights leader as inauguration looms

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's feud with civil rights icon John Lewis is highlighting the president-elect's willingness to attack any and all political rivals even with his inauguration less than a week away.

The Republican billionaire slammed the Democratic congressman — and his Atlanta-area district — on Saturday, a day after Lewis described Trump as an illegitimate president. Lewis, like a handful of Democratic lawmakers, vowed to skip Trump's Friday swearing-in ceremony.

Trump tweeted that Lewis "should spend more time on fixing and helping his district, which is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results."

The incoming president added: "All talk, talk, talk - no action or results. Sad!"

Trump continued to jab Lewis on Saturday night, charging that the congressman "should finally focus on the burning and crime infested inner-cities of the U.S."

"I can use all the help I can get!" Trump tweeted.

Trump's response was in line with his aggressive style throughout his unorthodox campaign in which he found political success even while attacking widely lauded figures— a prisoner of war, parents of a slain U.S. soldier, and a beauty queen, among others.

Lewis is among the most revered leaders of the civil rights movement and devoted his life to promoting equal rights for African-Americans. He suffered a fractured skull while leading the march in Selma, Alabama more than a half century ago.

"The tweet is unnecessary, it's unfortunate," former Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele, who is African-American, said on MSNBC

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"John Lewis has a walk that very few people in this country — least of all Donald Trump — have ever walked. So you have to respect that and pay attention to that in a real sense," Steele said.

One of Lewis' Democratic colleagues, Rep. Ted Lieu, D-Calif., also declared he would skip Trump's inauguration, in part to defend Lewis.

"Trump — who lost the popular vote — has made a series of racist, sexist and bigoted statements. In addition, he has attacked Gold Star parents, veterans such as John McCain and now civil rights icon John Lewis," Lieu said.

He added, "For me, the personal decision not to attend the Inauguration is quite simple: Do I stand with Donald Trump, or do I stand with John Lewis? I am standing with John Lewis."

The weekend clash highlighted the sharp contrast between how many African-Americans view Trump's inauguration compared with that of Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, eight years ago. Trump critics also noted that his aggressive tweet came days before the national holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Trump's assertion that Lewis' district is "falling apart" and "crime infested" is hard to back up with facts.

Georgia's 5th Congressional District, which includes the Atlanta metro region, is considered one of the nation's fastest-growing areas, although its crime and poverty rates are higher than the national average.

The district has an 8.2 percent unemployment rate and the median household income is about \$48,000, according to the Census Bureau.

The area also covers part of the upscale Atlanta neighborhood of Buckhead, along with the headquarters for Fortune 500 companies such as Coca-Cola and Delta Air Lines, Emory University, Georgia Tech, several historically black colleges and universities and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, one of the world's busiest.

The Lewis-Trump feud began when the 16-term congressman said he would not attend Trump's swearing-in ceremony. It will mark the first time he skipped an inauguration since joining Congress three decades ago.

"You know, I believe in forgiveness. I believe in trying to work with people. It will be hard. It's going to be very difficult. I don't see this president-elect as a legitimate president," Lewis said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" set to air Sunday.

"I think the Russians participated in helping this man get elected. And they helped destroy the candidacy of Hillary Clinton," Lewis said.

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The big top comes down: Ringling Bros. circus is closing

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

ELLENTON, Fla. (AP) — After 146 years, the curtain is coming down on "The Greatest Show on Earth." The owner of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus told The Associated Press that the show will close forever in May.

The iconic American spectacle was felled by a variety of factors, company executives say. Declining attendance combined with high operating costs, along with changing public tastes and prolonged battles

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with animal rights groups all contributed to its demise.

"There isn't any one thing," said Kenneth Feld, chairman and CEO of Feld Entertainment. "This has been a very difficult decision for me and for the entire family."

The company broke the news to circus employees Saturday night after shows in Orlando and Miami. Ringling Bros. has two touring circuses this season and will perform 30 shows between now and May. Major stops include Atlanta, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and Brooklyn. The final shows will be in Providence, Rhode Island, on May 7 and in Uniondale, New York, at the Nassau County Coliseum on May 21.

The circus, with its exotic animals, flashy costumes and death-defying acrobats, has been a staple of entertainment in the United States since the mid-1800s. Phineas Taylor Barnum made a traveling spectacle of animals and human oddities popular, while the five Ringling brothers performed juggling acts and skits from their home base in Wisconsin. Eventually, they merged and the modern circus was born. The sprawling troupes traveled around America by train, wowing audiences with the sheer scale of entertainment and exotic animals.

By midcentury, the circus was routine, wholesome family entertainment. But as the 20th century went on, kids became less and less enthralled. Movies, television, video games and the internet captured young minds. The circus didn't have savvy product merchandising tie-ins or Saturday morning cartoons to shore up its image.

"The competitor in many ways is time," said Feld, adding that transporting the show by rail and other circus quirks — such as providing a traveling school for performers' children— are throwbacks to another era. "It's a different model that we can't see how it works in today's world to justify and maintain an affordable ticket price. So you've got all these things working against it."

The Feld family bought the Ringling circus in 1967. The show was just under 3 hours then. Today, the show is 2 hours and 7 minutes, with the longest segment — a tiger act — clocking in at 12 minutes.

"Try getting a 3- or 4-year-old today to sit for 12 minutes," he said.

Feld and his daughter Juliette Feld, who is the company's chief operating officer, acknowledged another reality that led to the closing, and it was the one thing that initially drew millions to the show: the animals. Ringling has been targeted by activists who say forcing animals to perform is cruel and unnecessary.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a longtime opponent of the circus, wasted no time in claiming victory.

"After 36 years of PETA protests, which have awoken the world to the plight of animals in captivity, PETA heralds the end of what has been the saddest show on earth for wild animals, and asks all other animal circuses to follow suit, as this is a sign of changing times," Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, wrote in a statement.

Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States, acknowledged the move was "bittersweet" for the Felds but said: "I applaud their decision to move away from an institution grounded on inherently inhumane wild animal acts."

In May of 2016, after a long and costly legal battle, the company removed the elephants from the shows and sent the animals to live on a conservation farm in Central Florida. The animals had been the symbol of the circus since Barnum brought an Asian elephant named Jumbo to America in 1882. In 2014, Feld Entertainment won \$25.2 million in settlements from groups including the Humane Society of the United States, ending a 14-year fight over allegations that circus employees mistreated elephants.

By the time the elephants were removed, public opinion had shifted somewhat. Los Angeles prohib-

ited the use of bull-hooks by elephant trainers and handlers, as did Oakland, California. The city of Asheville, North Carolina nixed wild or exotic animals from performing in the municipally owned, 7,600-seat U.S. Cellular Center.

Attendance has been dropping for 10 years, said Juliette Feld, but when the elephants left, there was a "dramatic drop" in ticket sales. Paradoxically, while many said they didn't want big animals to perform in circuses, many others refused to attend a circus without them.

"We know now that one of the major reasons people came to Ringling Bros. was getting to see elephants," she said. "We stand by that decision. We know it was the right decision. This was what audiences wanted to see and it definitely played a major role."

The Felds say their existing animals — lions, tigers, camels, donkeys, alpacas, kangaroos and llamas — will go to suitable homes. Juliette Feld says the company will continue operating the Center for Elephant Conservation.

Some 500 people perform and work on both touring shows. A handful will be placed in positions with the company's other, profitable shows — it owns Monster Jam, Disney on Ice and Marvel Live, among other things — but most will be out of a job. Juliette Feld said the company will help employees with job placement and resumes. In some cases where a circus employee lives on the tour rail car (the circus travels by train), the company will also help with housing relocation.

Kenneth Feld became visibly emotional while discussing the decision with a reporter. He said over the next four months, fans will be able to say goodbye at the remaining shows.

In recent years, Ringling Bros. tried to remain relevant, hiring its first African American ringmaster, then its first female ringmaster, and also launching an interactive app. It added elements from its other, popular shows, such as motorbike daredevils and ice skaters. But it seemingly was no match for Pokemon Go and a generation of kids who desire familiar brands and YouTube celebrities.

"We tried all these different things to see what would work, and supported it with a lot of funding as well, and we weren't successful in finding the solution," said Kenneth Feld.

Jennifer Holliday backs out of Trump inauguration gig

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Broadway star Jennifer Holliday has backed out as a performer at next week's presidential inaugural following protests from her gay and black fans, further dimming the event's already low celebrity wattage.

Holliday, best known for her Tony-winning role in Broadway's "Dreamgirls," said in an interview Saturday she hadn't considered that singing at a Thursday concert by Washington's Lincoln Memorial would be judged a statement of support for President-elect Donald Trump.

She decided to withdraw at 3 a.m. after reading commentary about how her participation was being seen. She apologized for a lack of judgment.

"It just really hit home for me," she said. "The gay community has been a big part of my life and my career. I feel there really wouldn't be a Jennifer Holliday or a 'Dreamgirls' in the 21st Century without them. I needed to at least hear them out and learn why it would be such a great disappointment for them."

Several prominent entertainers have declined to perform at Trump inaugural festivities. Country star Toby Keith, the rock band 3 Doors Down and actor Jon Voight are in the lineup Thursday. Jackie Evancho will sing the national anthem at the inauguration Friday.

Holliday said it was painful to read racial epithets, insults such as "Uncle Tom" and people wishing that

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she were dead "just for singing a song." She had been scheduled to sing the Stephen Foster song "Hard Times Come Again No More."

"I had no idea it would be interpreted as a political statement," she said. "That's my fault for not paying attention to what the climate is like in the country right now."

She cited an article by Kevin Fallon in The Daily Beast, which explained why Holliday's role as Effie in "Dreamgirls" made her an icon in the gay and lesbian community during the initial AIDS outbreak in the 1980s. In that context, learning Holliday was performing at the inaugural "feels like a betrayal," Fallon wrote. "It is heartbreaking."

Holliday said she wasn't concerned about a social media backlash from Trump supporters, or the president-elect himself. It couldn't be worse than what she had already read from her supporters, she said.

President Barack Obama's inaugurations attracted top names like Beyonce, Bruce Springsteen, U2, Alicia Keys, Jennifer Hudson and others, in sharp contrast to those Trump has gathered. But Trump has insisted that's how he wants it, saying the swearing-in festivities should be about the people, not the A-list.

Star-studded inaugural events for Obama at the Lincoln Memorial in 2009, and for Bill Clinton in 1993, were televised at the time by HBO, but the network's chairman said Saturday that won't be the case this year.

HBO had been contacted shortly after Obama's election to discuss its interest in the inaugural show, and top talent had already committed to the project, said Richard Plepler, the network's chairman and CEO, on Saturday. By contrast, he said the Trump transition team contacted him two weeks ago and wasn't saying anything about performers.

"I didn't know what the show would be," Plepler said. "In order to do one of these things you must have the time and planning and coordination for the kind of production that would make it a good show."

He stressed that politics had nothing to do with HBO's decision.

Trump's team has made the concert available to air at no cost but no network has publicly come forth to say it would. CNN said Saturday it would cover the event, but it wasn't clear how much will be shown on the air.

Associated Press writer Nancy Benac in Washington contributed to this report.

Gadget mountain rising in Asia threatens health, environment

By **STEPHEN WRIGHT, Associated Press**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The waste from discarded electronic gadgets and electrical appliances has reached severe levels in East Asia, posing a growing threat to health and the environment unless safe disposal becomes the norm.

China was the biggest culprit with its electronic waste more than doubling, according to a new study by the United Nations University. But nearly every country in the region had massive increases between 2010 and 2015, including those least equipped to deal with the growing mountain of discarded smartphones, computers, TVs, air conditioners and other goods.

On average, electronic waste in the 12 countries in the study had increased by nearly two thirds in the five years, totaling 12.3 million tons in 2015 alone.

Rising incomes in Asia, burgeoning populations of young adults, rapid obsolescence of products due to technological innovation and changes in fashion, on top of illegal global trade in waste, are among factors driving the increases.

"Consumers in Asia now replace their gadgets more frequently. In addition, many products are de-

signed for low cost production, but not necessarily repair, refurbishment or easy recycling," said the study. It urges governments to enact specific laws for management of electronic waste or rigorously enforce existing legislation.

Only South Korea, Taiwan and Japan have long established recycling systems based on laws introduced in the 1990s. Open dumping of lead- and mercury-laden components, open burning of plastics to release encased copper and unsafe backyard operations to extract precious metals are the norm in most countries including Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia, which also lack laws governing the treatment of electronic and electrical waste.

The study said open burning and unsafe recycling is associated with a slew of health problems for workers and communities near recycling operations. They include infertility, childhood development problems, impaired lung function, liver and kidney damage, inheritable genetic damage and mental health problems.

Backyard recyclers are after gold, silver, palladium and copper, mainly from printed circuit boards, but the crude acid bath extraction process releases toxic fumes and is also inefficient, recovering only a portion of the valuable material.

Asia as a whole is the biggest market for electronics and appliances, accounting for nearly half of global sales by volume, and produces the most waste.

Guiyu, a heavily-polluted rural town in China that specializes in dismantling consumer electronics, some of it exported from rich countries, has become synonymous with the costs of a throwaway high-tech world.

China has cleaned up Guiyu and other centers like it but the Basel Action Network, which brought Guiyu to international attention, said most of the dangerous practices continue in Guiyu albeit concentrated within a new industrial park on its outskirts.

Ruediger Kuehr, one of the study's authors, said the amount of waste being generated is higher than governments estimate, partly because of their narrower definitions, and should be a wake-up call to policymakers and consumers.

"We are all benefiting from the luxury of these electrical and electronic products to a certain extent, it makes our lives easier, sometimes more complicated," he said. "However if we want to continue like this we must be reusing the resources contained in electronic and electrical equipment."

A smartphone, for example, uses more than half the elements in the periodic table, some of which are very rare, and in the longer-run will be exhausted without recycling, said Kuehr.

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The Latest: Lewis leads Pats over Texans 34-16 in playoffs

By The Associated Press

The Latest on the NFL's divisional playoff games Saturday (all times Eastern):

11:30 p.m.

Dion Lewis became the first player in NFL postseason history to score touchdowns by rushing, receiving and a kickoff return, leading New England to a 34-16 victory over the Houston Texans and pushing Tom Brady and the Patriots within two more wins of another title.

The Patriots (15-2) weren't perfect on Saturday night, but they didn't let their bye week throw them off their game on their way to a sixth straight appearance in the AFC championship game.

They intercepted Brock Osweiler three times and sent the heavy-underdog Texans (10-8) home on the strength of a breakout performance by their backup running back Lewis.

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Brady threw for two touchdowns, despite two interceptions in an 18-for-38 performance, and improved to 23-9 in the playoffs in his career.

Julian Edelman caught eight passes for 137 yards for the Patriots, who will host either Kansas City or Pittsburgh on Jan. 22 for a spot in the Super Bowl.

11:05 p.m.

Dion Lewis has developed into the latest postseason star for the New England Patriots, who have pulled away from the Houston Texans with the AFC championship game in sight.

Lewis became the first player in NFL history to score a touchdown by rushing, receiving and a kickoff return in the same postseason game. His 1-yard run midway through the fourth quarter put the Patriots up 31-16 on Saturday night.

In his second season with New England, Lewis has become quite the good-luck charm. He missed a full year of action because of a torn ACL, but the Patriots have yet to lose in the 15 games he's played.

10:55 p.m.

The Houston Texans haven't disappeared, despite enduring their share of setbacks in the second half in New England.

Nick Novak's 46-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter has cut the Patriots' lead to 24-16, pulling the Texans within a touchdown and a 2-point conversion on Saturday night.

Tom Brady has thrown two interceptions for the Patriots and has had trouble getting in a groove, but he has two TD passes and enough long gains to help the heavy favorites stay in front entering the final stretch.

Brady is 22-9 in his career in the NFL playoffs.

9:50 p.m.

The Houston Texans have made a game of this divisional round contest at New England, where they were supposed to be overmatched.

The Patriots lead 17-13 at halftime on Saturday night, but only thanks to a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Dion Lewis in the first quarter.

The hard-hitting Texans defense deserves most of the credit. They've intercepted a pass from Tom Brady, sacked him twice and knocked him down numerous times. Then they rebounded from a 48-yard completion to Julian Edelman on third-and-9 to thwart a first-and-goal situation from the 3. The Patriots had to settle for a field goal on the last play of the second quarter.

9:45 p.m.

Julian Edelman is now tied for ninth on the NFL's all-time postseason reception list.

The Patriots receiver caught two passes in the first half of Saturday night's game against the Houston Texans. That gave him 70 in his career, tied with Anquan Boldin and Fred Biletnikoff. Also within range are Cliff Branch (73) and Thurman Thomas (76).

Jerry Rice is first with 151.

9:15 p.m.

The Houston Texans are staying in the game against the New England Patriots by forcing turnovers. A.J. Bouye intercepted a pass from Tom Brady late in the first quarter on a pass that bounced off the hands of receiver Michael Floyd. That led to a 27-yard field goal that cut New England's lead to 14-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dion Lewis coughed up the ball on a hit from Akeem Dent. Eddie Pleasant fell

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on it at the Patriots 12, and two plays later Brock Osweiler hit C.J. Fiedorowicz from 8 yards out to cut the deficit to 14-13.

Brady only threw two interceptions during the regular season. With his 28 touchdown passes, that was the lowest ratio in NFL history.

8:55 p.m.

Dion Lewis is stealing the show so far for New England.

The running back who missed the first half of the season because of a knee injury has scored the first two touchdowns of the game against Houston on Saturday night, and neither score came by a rushing attempt.

He turned a short pass from Tom Brady into a 13-yard touchdown reception. Then later in the first quarter, Lewis returned Nick Novak's kickoff 98 yards for a score to put the Patriots up 14-3 after a decent drive by the Texans had gotten them on the board.

That was the first postseason kickoff return for a touchdown in Patriots franchise history.

8:45 p.m.

Stephen Gostkowski is moving up the NFL's career postseason scoring list.

The New England Patriots kicker made an extra point in the first quarter to pass Jerry Rice and move into third place on the league's career list. It was Gostkowski's 133rd postseason point, breaking a tie with the San Francisco 49ers receiver.

Next up are kickers Gary Anderson, David Akers and all-time leader Adam Vinatieri, who had half of his 234 career postseason points with New England before moving on to the Indianapolis Colts.

8:30 p.m.

Las Vegas casinos tried to entice bettors to go against the Patriots. They're not, even facing one of the biggest spreads in playoff history.

New England is favored by more than two touchdowns on Saturday night, even though Houston's defense finished the regular season with the fewest yards allowed.

Odds listed by Pregame.com showed the line closed at many casinos at 16 or 17 points, after opening worldwide at 13.5 points favoring New England.

Sports books are generally hesitant to move a line on either side of a multiple of 7, since teams often win by a touchdown or two exactly and they don't want to be burned by bets on both sides of their line. The line movement shows bettors were gambling heavy on the Patriots.

8:25 p.m.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll says that cornerback DeShawn Sheard suffered a significant left knee injury.

Sheard went down on the second play of the second half in Saturday's 36-20 loss to Atlanta. Sheard was hurt in a non-contact injury as he appeared to plant and break on a pass play. He was helped off the field not putting any weight on his leg, but was walking with a limp on the sideline.

Carroll didn't have an exact diagnosis but called the injury significant and said, "That's what it looks like," when asked if it was an ACL injury.

7:50 p.m.

The Atlanta Falcons have advanced to the NFC championship game for the fourth time in franchise history, beating the Seattle Seahawks 36-20 in the NFC divisional playoff game on Saturday.

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Matt Ryan threw for 334 yards and three touchdowns as Atlanta won just its second playoff game since 2004. Atlanta last played in the NFC title game four years ago, losing to San Francisco at home. The Falcons will face either Dallas or Green Bay in the NFC championship game next Sunday.

The Falcons used a 19-point second quarter to take a 19-10 halftime lead and added a pair of touchdowns in the second half, capped by Ryan's 3-yard TD to Mohamed Sanu with 3:40 remaining.

Seattle lost in the divisional round for the second straight year and the Seahawks have not won a road game in this round of the postseason since 1983.

Russell Wilson threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns, but also fell in the end zone for a safety and threw two interceptions in the fourth quarter. Seattle started quick, taking a 10-7 lead, but never recovered from a momentum-changing penalty on a punt return in the second quarter that sparked Atlanta's surge.

7:25 p.m.

It appears two teams from the Seattle area are going to see their respective football seasons end in the Georgia Dome.

Mohamed Sanu caught a 3-yard touchdown from Matt Ryan to put Atlanta up 36-13 with less than four minutes left on Saturday night.

But the Seahawks chances of rallying in the fourth quarter took a major hit earlier when Russell Wilson was intercepted by Ricardo Allen with 8:31 remaining and the Falcons leading 29-13.

Two weeks ago, Washington saw its college football season come to an end when the Huskies lost to Alabama 24-7 in the Peach Bowl. The matchup between the Huskies and Crimson Tide was the final college football game to be played at the stadium. It remains to be seen if there will be one more NFL game.

7:20 p.m.

The NFC divisional playoff game against Atlanta is taking a toll on Seattle's tight ends.

Brandon Williams has been ruled out with a concussion and another backup Seahawks tight end, Luke Wilson, is being evaluated for a possible concussion.

Meanwhile, Seahawks cornerback DeShawn Shead has not returned since being helped off the field with a left knee injury early in the second half. Shead appeared to be unable to put weight on the left leg as he left the field.

While Seahawks right guard Germain Ifedi was out with an apparent left leg injury, Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson tripped over Ifedi's replacement, Rees Odhiambo, and fell in the end zone for a safety in the second quarter. Ifedi returned on the next possession.

The Falcons have lost defensive end Adrian Clayborn with a biceps injury suffered on Seattle's opening drive and will not return.

— Charles Odum in Atlanta.

7:10 p.m.

Emotions are heated again between Atlanta's offense and Seattle's defense. Just like when the teams played a tight game in Week 6.

After Devonta Freeman's 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, quarterback Matt Ryan was face-to-face with strong safety Kam Chancellor, and defensive end Michael Bennett was arguing with left tackle Ryan Schraeder.

Receiver Julio Jones and cornerback Jeremy Lane had a spirited discussion earlier in the period.

The teams went at it similarly in Atlanta's narrow loss at Seattle during the regular season. Corner-

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back Richard Sherman pulled down Jones' arm to prevent a late catch that would have put the Falcons in field-goal range. Bennett left the game with a knee injury after a legal cut block by left tackle Jake Matthews and was infuriated.

— George Henry reporting from Atlanta.

6:45 p.m.

The Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks have exchanged scores in the third quarter.

Devonta Freeman's 1-yard TD run on the opening possession of the second half gave Atlanta a 26-10 lead. Seattle answered with its own long scoring drive that was capped by a 26-yard field goal by Steven Hauschka to pull within 26-13.

Atlanta had its third touchdown drive of 75 or more yards capped when Freeman dived in from the 1. Seattle's defense had allowed just 11 touchdown drives of 75 or more yards over the final eight games of the regular season, but All-Pro Matt Ryan has found openings in Seattle's secondary.

Seattle went 80 yards in 14 plays on its scoring drive but stalled inside the Atlanta 10 and had to settle for Hauschka's second field goal.

6:35 p.m.

Seattle Seahawks cornerback DeShawn Shead is listed as questionable after being helped off the field with a left knee injury early in the second half of an NFC divisional playoff game against the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night.

Shead appeared to be unable to put weight on the left leg as he left the field.

Falcons defensive end Adrian Clayborn suffered a biceps injury on Seattle's opening drive and will not return. Seahawks right guard Germain Ifedi suffered an apparent left leg injury on the same drive.

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson tripped over Ifedi's replacement, Rees Odhiambo, and fell in the end zone for a safety in the second quarter. Ifedi returned on the next possession.

Also, Seahawks tight end Brandon Williams was being checked for a possible concussion.

— Charles Odum in Atlanta.

6:20 p.m.

Seattle cornerback DeShawn Shead appeared to suffer a serious injury to his left knee on the second play of the second half.

Shead was hurt in a non-contact injury as he appeared to plant and break on a pass play.

He was helped off the field not putting any weight on his leg, but was walking with a limp on the sideline. The team said Shead was questionable to return.

Shead was replaced by undrafted rookie DeAndre Elliott.

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Trump unleashes Twitter attack against civil rights legend

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump tore into civil rights legend John Lewis on Saturday for questioning the legitimacy of the Republican billionaire's White House victory, intensifying a feud with the black congressman days before the national holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Trump tweeted that Lewis, D-Ga., "should spend more time on fixing and helping his district, which

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is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results.”

The incoming president added: “All talk, talk, talk - no action or results. Sad!”

Lewis, among the most revered leaders of the civil rights movement, suffered a skull fracture during the march in Selma, Alabama, more than a half-century ago and has devoted his life to promoting equal rights for African-Americans.

The weekend clash highlighted the sharp contrast between how many African-Americans view Trump’s inauguration compared with Barack Obama’s eight years ago.

It also demonstrated that no one is immune from scorn from a president-elect with little tolerance for public criticism. Trump has found political success even while attacking widely lauded figures before and after the campaign — a prisoner of war, parents of a slain U.S. soldier, a beauty queen and now a civil rights icon.

Lewis, a 16-term congressman, said Friday that he would not attend Trump’s swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol next Friday. It would mark the first time he had skipped an inauguration since joining Congress three decades ago.

“You know, I believe in forgiveness. I believe in trying to work with people. It will be hard. It’s going to be very difficult. I don’t see this president-elect as a legitimate president,” Lewis said in an interview with NBC’s “Meet the Press” set to air Sunday.

“I think the Russians participated in helping this man get elected. And they helped destroy the candidacy of Hillary Clinton,” Lewis said.

Lewis’ spokeswoman, Brenda Jones, declined to respond to Trump and said the lawmaker’s “opinion speaks for itself.”

“We as a nation do need to know whether a foreign government influenced our election,” she said.

U.S. intelligence agencies have said that Russia, in a campaign ordered by President Vladimir Putin, meddled in the election to help Trump win. After spending weeks challenging that assessment, Trump finally accepted that the Russians were behind the election-year hacking of Democrats. But he also emphasized that “there was absolutely no effect on the outcome of the election including the fact that there was no tampering whatsoever with voting machines.”

Democrat Clinton received 2.9 million more votes than Trump but lost the Electoral College vote.

Lewis’ Democratic colleagues quickly came to his defense Saturday.

Rep. Ted Lieu, D-Calif, said he too would skip Trump’s inauguration: “For me, the personal decision not to attend the inauguration is quite simple: Do I stand with Donald Trump, or do I stand with John Lewis? I am standing with John Lewis.”

The Democratic Party of Georgia called on Trump to apologize to Lewis and the people of his district.

“It is disheartening that Trump would rather sing the praises of Vladimir Putin than Georgia’s own living social justice legend and civil rights icon,” state party spokesman Michael Smith said.

Trump continued to jab Lewis on Saturday night, charging that the congressman “should finally focus on the burning and crime infested inner-cities of the U.S.”

“I can use all the help I can get!” Trump tweeted.

Yet the president-elect’s assertion that Lewis’ district is “falling apart” and “crime infested” is hard to prove.

Georgia’s 5th Congressional District includes the Atlanta metro region, which is considered one of the nation’s fastest-growing areas. Its crime and poverty rates are higher than the national average.

Crime statistics for the specific district are not measured by the federal government. Atlanta officials have reported a significant drop in crime in recent years, although they created a gun violence task

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force last year to address an increase in murders.

The district has an 8.2 percent unemployment rate, and the median household income is about \$48,000, according to the Census Bureau.

The area covers part of the upscale Atlanta neighborhood of Buckhead, along with the headquarters for Fortune 500 companies such as Coca-Cola and Delta Air Lines, Emory University, Georgia Tech, several historically black colleges and universities and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, one of the world's busiest.

The dispute may be helping sales of Lewis' books.

Lewis' defenders have been urging Twitter followers to buy the congressman's books, a strategy apparently succeeding. By Saturday night, a bound collection of Lewis' "March" trilogy, graphic memoirs for young people about his civil rights activism, was No. 1 on Amazon. A more traditional memoir by Lewis, "Walking with the Wind," was No. 2.

Last fall, the third of Lewis' "March" books, on which he collaborated with Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, won the National Book Award in the young people's literature category.

Associated Press writers Pamela Sampson and Don Schanche in Atlanta contributed to this report.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2017. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru (jah-WAH'-hahr-lahl NAY'-roo) was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1947, the mutilated remains of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, who came to be known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force radar tower off the New Jersey coast collapsed into the Atlantic Ocean during a severe storm, killing all 28 men aboard.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of 2007.)

In 1987, entertainer Ray Bolger, perhaps best known for playing the Scarecrow in the 1939 MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz," died in Los Angeles at age 83.

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In 1992, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized Croatia and Slovenia as independent countries.

In 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

Ten years ago: The Iraqi government hanged two of Saddam Hussein's henchmen, including a half-brother, Barzan Ibrahim (BAR'-zahn EE'-brah-heem), who was decapitated by the noose. "Babel" won best movie drama and "Dreamgirls" was named best musical or comedy at the Golden Globes; "Grey's Anatomy" was named best TV drama series and "Ugly Betty" best TV comedy.

Five years ago: Addressing a conference in Beirut on democracy in the Arab world, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon demanded that Syria's president, Bashar Assad, stop killing his own people, and said the "old order" of one-man rule and family dynasties was over in the Middle East. At the Golden Globes, "The Artist" won best movie musical or comedy, while "The Descendants" won best drama; on the TV side, "Homeland" won best drama series while "Modern Family" was recognized as best musical or comedy series.

One year ago: Al-Qaida fighters attacked a hotel and cafe in Burkina Faso's capital, killing 30 people. A search began for two Marine helicopters carrying 12 crew members that collided off the Hawaiian island of Oahu during a nighttime training mission; there were no survivors. A federal judge rejected Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehvz) bid for a new trial and ordered him to pay victims of the deadly attack more than \$101 million in restitution. Actor Dan Haggerty, 74, died in Burbank, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Margaret O'Brien is 79. Actress Andrea Martin is 70. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy White is 64. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 60. Rock musician Adam Jones (Tool) is 52. Actor James Nesbitt is 52. Singer Lisa Lisa (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 50. Actor Chad Lowe is 49. Alt-country singer Will Oldham (aka Bonnie Prince Billy) is 47. Actress Regina King is 46. Actor Eddie Cahill is 39. NFL quarterback Drew Brees is 38. Rapper/reggaeton artist Pitbull is 36. Actor Victor Rasuk is 32. Actress Jessy Schram is 31. Electronic dance musician Skrillex is 29. Singer-songwriter Grace VanderWaal (TV: "America's Got Talent") is 13.

Thought for Today: "One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).