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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.

## 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.

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

**School Lunch:** Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

**7th/8th Boys' Basketball** host Ipswich. 7th grade at 3 p.m., 8th grade at 4 p.m.

**Boys' Basketball** hosts Ipswich. C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

## Wednesday, Jan. 18

**Senior Menu:** Cheeseburger soup, ham salad sandwich, pineapple tidbits, cookie.

**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Super nachos, tater tots, fruit, Romaine salad.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

## Apts for Rent

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**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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## Philip Invitational Tournament 2017 Results for Groton Area

Groton Area wrestlers went to Philip over the weekend where Trevor Pray placed first at 126 pounds, Brandyn Anderson placed third at 285 pounds, Wyatt Locke was fourth at 220 pounds, and Drager Monson placed eighth at 113 pounds.

### 113 - Dragr Monson (3-7) placed 8th and scored 6.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Champ. Round 2 - Jadyne Coller (Philip Area) 18-4 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 (Fall 3:33)

Cons. Round 2 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 won by fall over Hayse Steffen (Clark/Willow Lake) 0-12 (Fall 1:54)

Cons. Round 4 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 won by decision over Jett Blakeman (Belle Fourche) 5-10 (Dec 8-3)

Cons. Round 5 - William George (Douglas) 13-4 won by major decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 (MD 10-2)

7th Place Match - Darien Malone-X (Douglas) 8-7 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-7 (Fall 2:16)

### 120 - Hunter McClean (0-7)

Champ. Round 1 - Sal Centore-X (Douglas) 5-7 won by fall over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-7 (Fall 0:26)

Cons. Round 1 - Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Cayden Wolfe (Belle Fourche) 4-4 won by fall over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-7 (Fall 1:17)

### 126 - Trevor Pray (11-2) placed 1st and scored 28.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 11-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 11-2 won by fall over Nick Preble (Rapid City Central) 8-11 (Fall 4:46)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 11-2 won by fall over Jesse McCann (Harding County) 1-3 (Fall 2:42)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 11-2 won by fall over Hunter Borah (Beresford/Alcester/Hudson) 7-4 (Fall 1:50)

### 132 - Wyatt Kurtz (6-6) scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Hunter Peterson (Philip Area) 8-2 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 6-6 (Fall 2:21)

Cons. Round 1 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 6-6 won by fall over Daniel Gleason-X (Douglas) 1-5 (Fall 1:23)

Cons. Round 2 - Isiah Dubray-X (Douglas) 6-5 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 6-6 (Fall 3:28)

### 145 - Thomas Cranford (1-8)

Champ. Round 1 - CJ Carlson (Beresford/Alcester/Hudson) 6-5 won by major decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-8 (MD 11-1)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Levi Mines (Custer) 13-8 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-8 (Fall 0:58)

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## **152 - Lane Krueger (0-8)**

Champ. Round 1 - Nick Donnelly (Philip Area) 26-1 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-8 (Fall 1:39)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-8 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Austin Jones (Custer) 4-2 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-8 (Fall 0:15)

## **170 - Grady O`Neil (0-9)**

Champ. Round 1 - Bailey Lawrence (Belle Fourche) 12-9 won by fall over Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Round 1 - Manny Leonard (Douglas) 7-6 won by fall over Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 0:16)

## **220 - Wyatt Locke (8-7) placed 4th and scored 12.00 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 8-7 won by fall over Logan Dalton (McCook Central/Mon-trose) 3-16 (Fall 4:19)

Semifinal - Jory Rodgers (Philip Area) 10-8 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 8-7 (Dec 4-2)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 8-7 won by decision over Lathan Norling (Beresford/Alcester/Hudson) 6-8 (Dec 6-0)

3rd Place Match - Kobe Bradford (Rapid City Central) 6-8 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 8-7 (Fall 4:21)

## **285 - Brandyn Anderson (11-1) placed 3rd and scored 18.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 11-1 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 11-1 won by fall over Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) 11-10 (Fall 2:16)

Semifinal - Trent Rus (Beresford/Alcester/Hudson) 18-4 won in tie breaker - 1 over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 11-1 (TB-1 4-1)

Cons. Semi - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 11-1 won by fall over Tate Shape (Clark/Willow Lake) 11-6 (Fall 0:56)

3rd Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 11-1 won by decision over Chase Sigdestad (Web-ster Area) 11-10 (Dec 1-0)

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**Dragr Monson took 8th place in the Jan 13-14 Phillip Tournament.**

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1st place, Trevor Pray, #126



**Brandyn Anderson 285 lb. Heavyweight. Took 3rd place there.**

## Online Option for Grain Checkoff Payments

PIERRE, S.D.- Grain elevators in South Dakota have a new option for submitting payments to the state's grain checkoff funds.

Until recently, the quarterly reporting and payment of agricultural grain checkoff fees could only be done by using paper forms. Now, elevators also have the option of using an online reporting tool.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA), the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications and South Dakota's grain checkoff boards, commissions and councils worked together to develop the Unified Checkoff Remittance option for the payment and distribution of grain checkoff fees collected by elevators.

Use of the Unified Checkoff Remittance online calculator by grain elevators is voluntary. It allows elevators to enter quarterly grain purchases and accurately report corresponding fees through a secure page on the SDDA website, <http://sdda.sd.gov>, then click on the Unified Checkoff Remittance button at the top of the page.

SDDA is responsible for receiving, collecting, reconciling and distributing over \$17 million in grain checkoff revenue annually. The funds come from over 200 individual, private grain elevators. SDDA does not charge a fee to use the new online option to submit grain checkoff information and payments.

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## Repealing Obamacare First Step Toward Replacing it with a Truly Affordable, Patient-Centered Plan

When I ran for Senate, I ran on the promise to do everything I could to repeal and replace the unworkable Affordable Care Act (ACA) and mitigate the damaging effects it was having on South Dakota families, health care providers and small businesses. After two years and a Republican entering the White House eager to work with us, the 115th Congress has finally begun the process of repealing and replacing the ill-advised law.

The Senate took the first steps recently by passing a repeal resolution, a necessary component that will allow us to repeal the law later this year by a simple majority vote. Meanwhile, the Senate continues to work on a replacement that is affordable, market-driven and truly centered around the patient. These are the fundamental principles that Obamacare has failed to deliver to the American people.

As the repeal timeline is established, there will be a transition period before its replacement is fully implemented. We recognize the need to protect healthcare benefits during this transition. There is agreement that continuation of coverage is an important part of any replacement plan. We anticipate that there will be many options made available for health care design and coverages through this replacement legislation. However, all will include a guaranteed renewal of coverage, portability of coverage and children remaining on their families' plans until the age of 26.

Since the partisan law was enacted seven years ago, Americans have been painfully aware of its shortcomings. Supporters of the law promised that premiums would go down. Instead, they continue to skyrocket, increasing 37 percent in South Dakota this year alone. Supporters also promised that those who liked their coverage could keep it, yet since the ACA was enacted nearly 5 million Americans lost the health care plans they enjoyed.

Americans are also left with fewer health care options when seeking coverage. Because insurers are losing so much money on Obamacare, many have left the marketplace altogether. Over half of the Obamacare co-ops have already failed. South Dakota is one of nine states which have only two health care providers offering insurance plans on the exchange. Five more states have only one provider in their state, a dramatic decrease from the pre-Obamacare era.

Countless South Dakotans have contacted my office to share their problems with Obamacare. One father of three from Rapid City wrote me recently to explain that his family's premium was rising 357 percent for 2017. "I do not know what my next year will bring," he wrote, "but I do know that I will likely be unable to afford my premiums or my needed health care."

Another gentleman, from Sioux Falls, is facing a 47 percent increase in his premium this year, on top of an increase in copays and the deductible. A South Dakota veteran also wrote asking Congress to provide Obamacare relief to small business owners after seeing his premium more than double from \$800 a month to more than \$1,600 between 2014 and 2016. Hard-working, middle-class South Dakotans "are falling through the cracks," he pleaded. I couldn't agree more.

Since the law was being debated in 2009, I have warned that Obamacare is unaffordable and unsustainable, and that it would eventually crumble under its own weight. That is what we are seeing today, and that is why the 115th Congress acted swiftly to begin the process to repeal it. As we continue the march toward repeal, we will also work on a replacement that is truly affordable, patient-centered and market-based.



## Nothing Less than a Miracle

March 4, 1797, marked one of the most important days in American history: the inauguration of our second president and the first transition of power. In the two-plus centuries since, more than three dozen men have stepped aside as George Washington did, watching as their successor placed his hand upon the Bible and promised to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." While the inauguration ritual can seem ordinary to us today, President Ronald Reagan reminded America during his 1981 inaugural address that "this every-four-year ceremony we accept as normal is nothing less than a miracle."

January 20, 2017, will mark the first time I get to observe this "normal miracle" up close. I'll have the opportunity to sit behind President-elect Trump on a stage built at the doorstep of the people's legislative house, the U.S. Capitol, as Chief Justice Roberts administers the 35-word Oath of Office. It's a rare meeting of the federal government's three branches and a powerful symbol of our constitutional government.

Behind us, five American flags will be hung. At the center, our current flag with 50 stars to represent the Union the president-elect will lead today. To the left and right, flags with as many stars as there were states when New York – President-elect Trump's home state – joined the Union, pointing us back to our roots as a republic. At the far left and right, flags symbolizing our small, yet united, beginning, with 13 stars shaped to form an unending circle.

From this stage to the ceremony itself, Inauguration Day is a moment of unity, joining the past with the present, the states with the federal government, the Executive Branch with the Legislative and Judicial, Republicans with Democrats.

For many, 2016 was one of the ugliest elections of their lifetime. But as divided as we may feel today, America is still rooted in a truth John Adams expressed during his inaugural address: we have a government where those writing and executing our laws are fellow citizens that have been selected "by their neighbors." This is a government in which we, the people, govern ourselves. It's a government, not administered by those who were born into power, but by those who were chosen by their neighbors to lead.

As President-elect Trump places his hand on the Bible, the history of America will be laid out before him. From the stage, he'll be able to see the Lincoln Memorial, a striking symbol of the leadership required to unite a nation. He'll see the World War II Memorial, which represents America's power when we work as one while also reminding us all this freedom we enjoy comes at a cost.

Most prominently, the president-elect will see our monument to America's first president, the man who is often credited with asking: "What is most important of this grand experiment, the United States? Not the election of the first president but the election of its second president. The peaceful transition of power is what will separate this country from every other country in the world."

As I take in this same view on Inauguration Day, George Washington's example of leadership will not be lost on me. I can't possibly express how humbled I am to take part in this historic event. After all, it really wasn't that long ago that I would have been getting ready for calving season, never dreaming I'd be attending a presidential inauguration, sitting in awe of this American routine that is nothing less than a miracle.

## Obtain Firewood from In-State Sources

PIERRE, S.D.- Camp fires or fire pits are becoming a common sight year round in South Dakota. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) reminds people to get firewood from the local area to prevent transportation of unwanted forest pests into and around the state.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture forest health specialist Dr. John Ball says, "There are nearly two million forested acres in South Dakota and an additional one million acres of non-forested land with trees. Many states in the Great Plains region near South Dakota have areas under quarantine for pests such as emerald ash borer (EAB), gypsy moth and Asian longhorned beetle."

Federal law makes it illegal to move any regulated items from quarantined zones out of those states and into South Dakota without a state or federal inspection certificate or a stamp certifying compliance of proper treatment, such as a heat treatment.

Dr. Ball says, "While firewood is the vector for movement, it's not campgrounds anymore. It is firewood moved to homes carrying the unwanted insects, hence the increase in pest discoveries, such as EAB, in more residential neighborhoods."



## 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**

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## Amazon's Big Step In The Right Direction

South Dakota is a state with a low tax burden. We are one of only seven states without a personal income tax. We also have no corporate income tax, no business inventory tax, no personal property tax and no inheritance tax. People who live here get to keep more of their earnings.

We are a state that instead relies on a sales tax. Unfortunately, sales tax revenues have been below projections every month of the current fiscal year, which began in July. The farm economy is one reason for weakness in the sales tax. Another reason is the continued growth of online sales.

Online spending in the United States has grown more than 12 percent each year for the past seven years. Under current federal law, an online retailer is not required to collect and remit sales tax unless they have a physical presence in South Dakota. If you buy a new iPad at your local retailer, you pay the sales tax. If you buy it online at BestBuy.com or WalMart.com, you pay the sales tax, because those businesses have retail operations in South Dakota. But if you buy your iPad from TigerDirect.com, you don't pay sales tax – simply because Tiger Direct has no warehouse or other physical location in South Dakota. Thus the burden to pay the tax falls upon the individual purchaser, and in most cases, those sales do not get reported.

We have been actively addressing this issue for years, but most recently in the 2016 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed and I signed Senate Bill 106. This legislation requires remote sellers with no physical location in South Dakota to collect and remit sales tax on online purchases. Our South Dakota legislation deliberately conflicts with federal law, to prompt litigation now working its way through the courts.

This is not a new tax. It is an issue of tax uniformity. If South Dakota retailers must collect sales taxes, their online competitors should as well.

The Department of Revenue has been reaching out to many online retailers to encourage them to remit sales tax. Thanks to the Department's efforts, 101 online businesses without a physical presence in our state are voluntarily collecting sales tax from their customers and remitting those dollars. In my State of the State Address, I announced that the state has reached an agreement with Amazon to collect and remit state and local sales taxes in South Dakota. Amazon will begin collecting sales taxes on Feb. 1 and remitting those dollars beginning in late March.

Amazon is a leading online merchant, growing every year by double digits. Amazon's decision to collect sales tax doesn't solve the sales tax issue for online purchases, but it's a big step in the right direction – for our state and our local businesses. I hope other online companies will follow Amazon's lead.

## **SDPB LAUNCHES 24-HOUR KIDS CHANNEL AND LIVE STREAM**

SDPB Kids, the new 24-hour TV channel and live stream, is launching.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting will launch new, free 24/7 children's programming services on Monday, January 16. Provided by SDPB, the free services include a new TV channel and live stream on digital platforms. The effort is SDPB's latest initiative to support early learning in South Dakota.

SDPB will broadcast PBS KIDS shows 24 hours a day on an additional television channel called SDPB Kids and offer a live stream, making it easy for South Dakota children to watch their favorite series 24-hours-a-day, including during primetime and other after-school hours when viewing among families is high. Viewers will be able to watch the SDPB-branded live stream through [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org) and on the PBS KIDS Video App, which is available on a variety of mobile devices and tablets. The live stream complements on-demand clips and full episodes, which will continue to be available for free on the PBS KIDS Video App and streaming via [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org).

Following its initial launch, the localized live stream experience will expand to offer an integrated games feature, enabling children to toggle between a PBS KIDS show and an activity that extends learning – all in one seamless digital experience. The live stream and games feature is grounded in research demonstrating that measurable gains in learning are achieved when children engage with PBS KIDS content on multiple platforms. The games will align with the learning goals of each TV series, deepening children's involvement and supporting learning.

On SDPB Kids, children can watch their favorite PBS Kids series – including Sesame Street, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, Thomas & Friends, Odd Squad, Wild Kratts, as well as PBS Kids' newest series Splash and Bubbles, Nature Cat and Ready Jet Go! SDPB will continue to offer children's programming from PBS KIDS on its main TV channel.

"SDPB has been an integral part of South Dakota for years, delivering content and services that parents trust and that impact early childhood learning," said Julie Overgaard, Executive Director, SDPB. "We are excited to build on the work we do every day for South Dakota's families by adding these new 24/7 services to our offerings, ensuring that our proven educational content is accessible anytime and anywhere to all kids – especially those who need it the most."

There are several ways viewers can receive the programming:

**Over-the-air:** Television sets, including digital TVs, with a connected antenna properly tuned can receive the signal free, over-the-air. Viewers who already have an antenna or a convertor box should perform a channel scan or "re-scan" to find SDPB Kids. For more information about receiving the signal over-the-air, consult SDPB's online tutorial at [SDPB.org/cuttingthecord](http://SDPB.org/cuttingthecord)

**Online:** The 24-hour channel can also be accessed online at [SDPB.org/Kids24](http://SDPB.org/Kids24) or via the PBS Kids Video App via mobile devices like tablets and smartphones. The service will be added to over-the-top platforms, such as Roku and Apple TV, later in 2017.

SDPB is working with local cable providers to add the channel to their line-up. Cable subscribers are encouraged to contact their local cable company for more information. Until then, viewers may try attaching an antenna to receive the channel free, over-the-air.

A printable SDPB Kids schedule is available at [SDPB.org/buddy](http://SDPB.org/buddy)

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**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## A Health Care System That Works for South Dakotans

The Republican-led Congress heard the American people loud and clear on Obamacare. The law is broken beyond repair, and Americans are looking for a better, more patient-centered approach. According to a recent poll, eighty percent of Americans want to see the law substantially changed or repealed and replaced entirely. In South Dakota alone, I've heard from hundreds of people who have been negatively affected by Obamacare, and it is heart wrenching to read some of their stories.

One person in particular told me the premium for his family's health insurance spiked by 357 percent this year. Stories like this one are why South Dakotans are upset and why they feel let down by a political party in Washington that sold them a lemon of a health care system. Obamacare was supposed to drive down costs, but premiums and deductibles have skyrocketed. It was supposed to increase choices, but some Americans have been relegated to a single option for coverage. That's not choice, and it's not affordable either.

The law isn't working, and the sooner my Democrat colleagues accept that reality, the sooner we can move toward a health care system that actually works for the American people. Democrats have been so focused on the number of people they claim have signed up for Obamacare that they forget about the millions of Americans who lost the coverage they had and liked before the president signed the bill in the first place. They also forget that when it comes to Obamacare, "coverage" and "affordability" aren't exactly synonymous. The deductibles for some plans are so high that it's hard to even call it coverage at all.

That's why Republicans have for years pledged that when we had majorities in both houses of Congress and a willing partner in the White House, we would repeal this failed law once and for all and replace it with common-sense reforms that put the American people first. Congress has already taken some important first steps that have laid the groundwork to fully and finally repeal and replace Obamacare, but there's more work ahead.

It's important to know that when we send a repeal bill to President Trump, we won't be pulling the rug out from under the American people. Our plan will include a transition period to protect Americans with existing Obamacare coverage from being left high and dry. While we're still determining how long that transition period should be, Republicans are unified in our goal to repeal Obamacare, which is why we're using it as a starting point.

When it comes to replacing Obamacare, you're not going to see Republicans roll out a massive government-knows-best bill that takes over the nation's health care system. Democrats tried that with Obamacare, and it failed miserably. Republicans will work toward replacing Obamacare with step-by-step reforms that actually lower costs and increase access to care. It's what the American people deserve and have been asking for, and I hope Democrats join us in working toward this important goal as well.

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## Today in Weather History

January 16, 1967: In Minnesota, a fast moving blizzard brought winds in excess of 75 mph. The snowfall was light to moderate with extensive blowing and drifting snow. Visibility was near zero for an extended period of time. Temperatures fell rapidly during the storm and by the morning of the 18th, many records low were set. Many vehicles went into the ditch. Thousands of motorists and school children found shelter wherever they could as travel came to a standstill. A Wheaton man froze to death. In South Dakota, rain followed by a sudden drop in temperatures of nearly 30 degrees in 2 hours resulted in widespread freezing rain and significant icing on roads and trees. Strong winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 75 mph along with the ice halted most travel. The wind and icing also caused the toppling of a 270 foot radio tower near Aberdeen.

January 16, 1997: An intense Arctic High brought widespread blizzard conditions and dangerous wind chills of 40 to 70 below to central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. One to 3 inches of snow fell on top of the already deep snowpack of 2 to 5 feet. The blizzard winds brought another round of widespread heavy drifting, blocking area roads and highways. Also, many area schools were closed once again to add to their large number of days missed for the winter season. Fortunately, this blizzard as compared to previous blizzards was short-lived and the people were better prepared.

January 16, 2014: A strong area of surface high pressure building into the region behind an Arctic cold front brought high winds to central and north central South Dakota during the early morning hours of the 16th. Some of the strongest wind gusts include; 69 mph near Whitlocks Bay; 68 mph near Bullhead; 67 mph near Trail City; 66 mph in Foster Bay; 65 mph near Mellette and in Presho; 64 mph near Harrold and in Murdo; and 63 mph in Pierre, Reliance, and Miranda. The strong winds diminished during the late afternoon hours of the 16th. A clipper system passing across the region brought light snowfall and very strong northwest winds gusting in excess of 70 mph at times resulting in blizzard conditions. The highest wind gusts include; 76 mph at the Brown County Landfill; 69 mph in Aberdeen and Cravens Corner; 52 mph near Webster; and 52 mph in Sisseton. Blizzard conditions ended during the late afternoon hours. A no travel advisory was issued in Grant, Codington, Hamlin, and Spink Counties due to poor visibilities. The blizzard led to the cancellation of several area activities and schools and nearly impossible travel conditions.

1831 - A great snowstorm raged from Georgia to Maine. Snowfall totals greater than 30 inches were reported from Pennsylvania across southern New England. (David Ludlum)

1964 - Fort Worth, TX, received 7.5 inches of snow, and Dallas reported a foot of snow. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A winter storm produced a total of 61 inches of snow at Rye CO, and wind gusts to 100 mph in Utah. The storm then spread heavy snow from the Texas panhandle to Indiana. Tulia TX received 16 inches of snow, and up to 14 inches was reported in western Oklahoma. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A small storm in the western U.S. produced a foot of snow and wind gusts to 70 mph in the Lake Tahoe Basin of Nevada. Showers and thunderstorms produced 2.28 inches of rain at Brownsville TX, their third highest total for any day in January. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong chinook winds plagued much of the state of Wyoming. Winds gusted to 80 mph at Cody, and wind gusts to 100 mph were reported in eastern and northwestern Wyoming. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990: Heavy snow fell across Prince Williams Sound and the Susitna Valley of southern Alaska. Valdez was buried under 64.9 inches of snow in less than 2 days including a record 47.5 inches in 24 hours. The heavy snow blocked roads, closed schools and sunk 6 vessels in the Valdez harbor under the weight of the heavy snow.

2012: Iwamizawa City, Hokkaido Island, Japan saw heavy snowfall of 78 inches from the 15 through the 16th. This is the city's highest accumulation since records began in 1946.

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Day



Mostly Sunny

High: 21 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy

Low: 5 °F

Tuesday



Mostly Sunny

High: 25 °F

Tuesday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 18 °F

Wednesday



Mostly Sunny

High: 36 °F

Wednesday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 21 °F

Thursday



Sunny

High: 35 °F

## Dry Weather Continues



Highs in the low to mid 20s



Lows 5 to 15°



Warm up scheduled for mid week!

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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

Updated: 1/16/2017 4 am

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While a winter storm of snow and ice impacts areas across far southeastern SD and southern MN today, dry weather will continue across central to northeastern SD and west central MN through at least Friday. The January thaw is on the way! After near normal temperatures early this week, expect above normal temperatures in the 30s from Wednesday through the upcoming weekend. A few readings in the 40s will even sneak in across western and southern SD Wednesday and Thursday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 18.9 F at 2:30 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: -2.5 F at 6:53 AM**

**High Gust: 19.0 Mph at 10:46 AM**

Rain: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 49° in 1942**

**Record Low: -30 in 2005**

**Average High: 22°F**

**Average Low: 1°F**

**Average Precip in Jan.: 0.27**

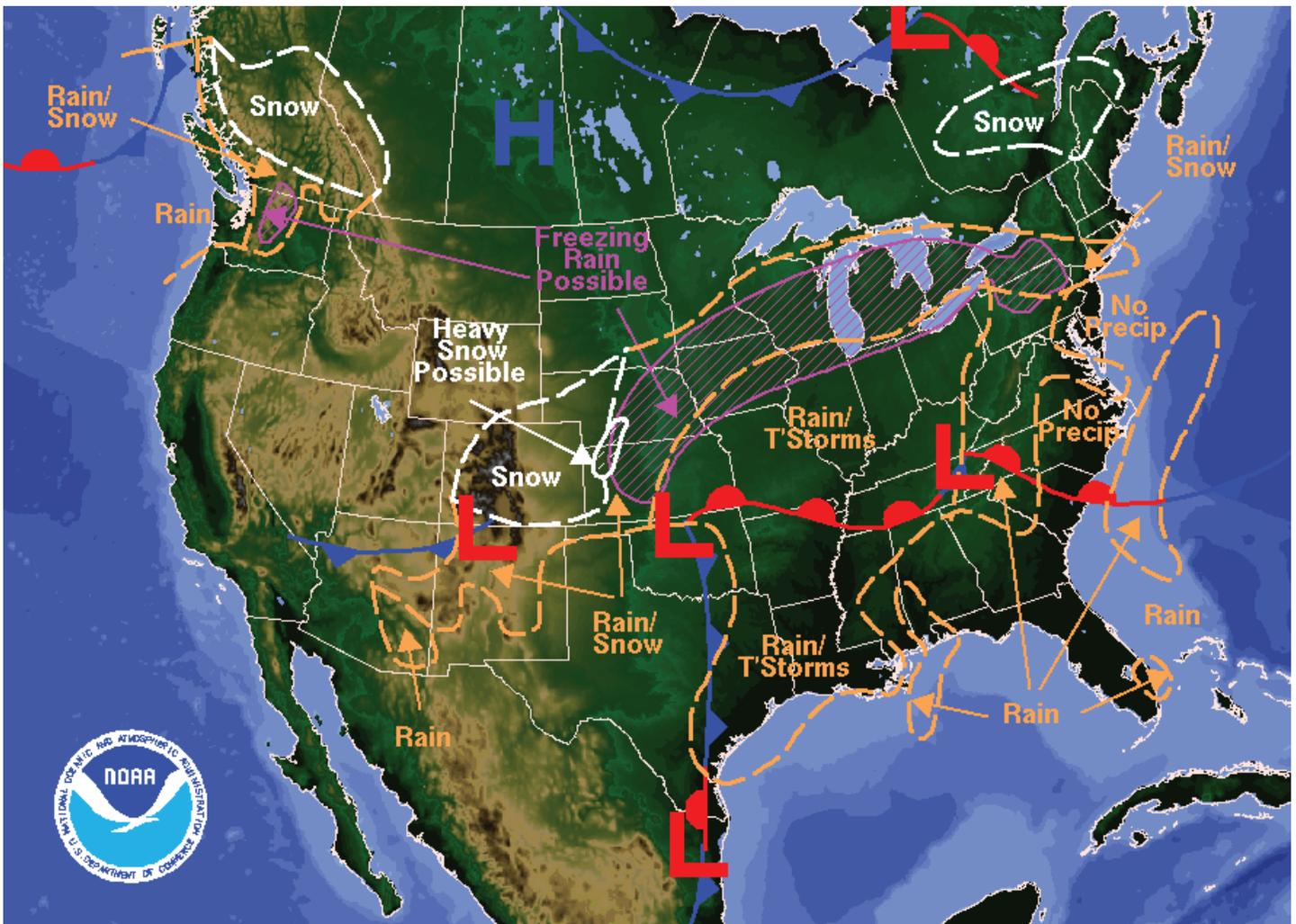
**Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 0.27**

**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 5:18 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.**



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## THE PROCESS AND THE PRODUCT

The village blacksmith was known for his strength and skills. He was also known for his extreme suffering and unending patience. Everyone also admired his deep and abiding faith in God and his love for his Lord.

One day a new resident of the village stopped by to meet and talk with him. Shortly after they began their conversation, the visitor to his shop said, "I understand that you have a great faith in God. But with all of the pain and suffering you have endured throughout the years, do you really believe that He loves you?"

"Oh yes," said the blacksmith, "yes I do."

"Prove it then, if you will," said the man.

Picking up a piece of metal the blacksmith said, "For me to make something useful of this metal, I must put it into the fire and allow the heat to make it soft. Then I must put it on the anvil and hammer it with blow after blow if it is to become a useful item. Unless I heat it until it is soft and then hammer it until it takes shape and becomes something useful, it is worthless."

When days are difficult and nights have no guiding lights it is not because God wants to harm us. It is because He loves us and has a unique plan for each of us and wants us to trust Him. In times of doubt, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and see trust in action.

Prayer: Lord, even Your Son experienced a time in His life when He openly asked "if there was another way." And when there was none He accepted the "heat." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Read Mark 15

## News from the Associated Press

### Army bunkers for lease in South Dakota

By Seth Tupper, Rapid City Journal

EDGEMONT, S.D. (AP) — An area where miners once dug for uranium to supply nuclear bombs may become a sanctuary in case nuclear bombs fall or some other disaster threatens humanity.

California businessman Robert Vicino's company, Vivos, is offering 575 former military bunkers in southwestern South Dakota for lease as doomsday shelters. The price is \$25,000 upfront and then \$1,000 per year. The costs to outfit the empty bunkers will be borne by the tenants.

Vicino, speaking Jan. 5 to the Journal by phone from San Diego, said interest has been high since he began accepting inquiries in October.

"We have an abundance of reservations, but we don't put out specific numbers," Vicino said. "Today alone, I think we've had 50 requests."

The bunkers are remnants of the former Black Hills Ordnance Depot, which was operated as ammunition storage and maintenance facility by the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1967, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2jweCth>) reported. Its operation overlapped with a uranium-mining boom in the Edgemont area from the 1950s to the 1970s, when most of the uranium was used in Cold War nuclear weapons.

The bunkers sprawl across an 18-square-mile plain about 10 miles southwest of Edgemont and are covered with earth, making them look a bit like igloos and inspiring the name "Igloo" for the short-lived community that was built to house the depot's employees and their families.

The bunker complex is now privately owned, and much of it is controlled by a South Dakota-based corporation, S&S Land and Cattle Co., which has a partner corporation called Fort Igloo Bunkers LLC. Officers of those corporations referred the Journal's interview requests to Vicino, who said his company has obtained a lease agreement allowing it to sublet the bunkers.

Besides the 575 bunkers being offered up by Vivos, roughly 225 more are controlled by other private owners and are not part of the project.

The bunkers have been empty for decades while serving mostly as windbreaks for cattle that graze around them, but Vicino sees them as perfect places to endure the end times. His company already offers doomsday shelter communities in Indiana and Germany, according to the company website, and sells turnkey shelters for installation anywhere.

At the Igloo site, each bunker is 13 feet tall at its highest interior point, and nearly 27 feet wide at the floor and either 60 or 80 feet long, which means the floor space ranges from about 1,600 to 2,100 square feet.

Vicino calls the Igloo site Vivos xPoint and describes it as the largest survival community on Earth, with room for 5,000 inhabitants. The typical customer, he said, is likely to be concerned about electromagnetic pulse weapons that could wipe out the electrical grid, the outbreak of a third world war, catastrophic natural phenomena such as asteroid strikes, and other potential disasters. Customers are also likely to have modest financial resources, according to Vicino.

"Everybody thinks we're catering to the elite, but we're not," Vicino said. "The elite have their own shelters that cost tens of millions of dollars each."

Vicino said he was inspired to create doomsday shelters about 35 years ago.

"I had an inspiration, from God as far as I'm concerned, that I needed to build underground shelters for thousands of people to survive something that was coming our way."

Vicino said he was running a manufacturing company back then and did not act on the idea until

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decades later, when he was selling high-end villas to co-owners under arrangements described as fractional ownership.

In 2007, he finally got serious about the idea. Now, at "about 60" years of age, he is devoted full-time to providing what he calls "life assurance" against doomsday scenarios.

For those who might accuse him of preying on and profiting from the apocalyptic fears of paranoid people, Vicino has a response.

"We're just providing a solution to people who are looking for it," he said. "They can have better peace of mind knowing they have a solution if any of this happens."

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

## Sioux Falls resident brings creativity to city

By Patrick Anderson, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — He wanted a light above his daughter's desk.

Wes Eisenhauer gestured to show where the light should go, just one of the list of instructions he gave to an electrician who walked with him through a partially built house.

Eisenhauer is building his family a house — one he plans on staying in, in a neighborhood he loves, in the city he loves, Sioux Falls.

The lanky, blue-eyed 35-year-old entered the local scene as a rapper, one-third of the trailblazing hip-hop trio Soulcrate. Today, he's making himself known as an artist and entrepreneur, pursuing a cornucopia of creative projects from photography to coffee roasting.

In the last year he's returned to the recording studio for a solo album due later this year. Meanwhile, he and his wife welcomed a second daughter and broke ground on a two-story in the McKennan Park neighborhood.

Eisenhauer's chaotic schedule, busy and varied as it is, might just be a perfect fit for the city that holds both his heart and future home. The mass of particle board and two-by-fours is more than the skeleton of a future residence.

The house represents a homecoming of sorts, to the core of Sioux Falls, where he developed his love for skateboarding and punk rock and the same do-it-yourself ethic that led to Soulcrate, the photography, The Breaks Coffee and the decision to purchase a lot and don the hat of general contractor instead of buying one of the thousands of homes in Sioux Falls that already come with four walls and a roof.

Once, he adopted a rap pseudonym to honor his attention deficit disorder. Now, he's putting down roots, and doing it in a city he once fled from and antagonized in lyrics.

Maybe Sioux Falls caught his attention at the right time, just before Soulcrate exploded and right after he met his future wife.

Maybe the city changed.

Maybe he changed.

Eisenhauer's childhood was filled with stitches and broken bones.

There were bike ramps in the driveway and half pipes in the backyard. In first grade, Eisenhauer flung himself from a swing and fractured both arms.

"Everything that he did as a kid was with all of his might," mother Deb Eisenhauer said. "Nothing got him down."

When the family moved from Massachusetts to a house on 14th Street, across from Sunshine Grocery, Eisenhauer and his brother, Dan Eisenhauer, fell in with the neighborhood kids, who listened to loud music and skateboarded at Meldrum Park.

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After Wes left for culinary school in Portland, Oregon, Dan met future Soulcrate DJ Corey Gerlach at a skate park and started fiddling around with drum beats and lyrics.

"I bought a little four-track recorder and I was recording hip-hop songs in my room," Dan Eisenhauer said. "And that's when Wes came back and he pressed play on it, and he's like, oh, you're writing rap music?"

Eisenhauer had returned to Sioux Falls with a bag of possessions, planning to return to his life out west.

Instead, he stayed.

Eisenhauer's decision had cultural implications for Sioux Falls, as did Soulcrate's decision to remain in South Dakota and develop a local scene instead of riding national attention to a bigger metro, said Robert Morast, who covered the group in the early 2000s for Argus Leader Media.

Their loyalty to the local music scene is one of the "biggest things to happen to Sioux Falls' culture," Morast said.

"It just spoke to this sense of local pride," Morast said.

Soulcrate helped create a hip-hop scene in Sioux Falls, said local rapper Deeno Babik. His first concert was a Soulcrate show, and Eisenhauer is someone he knows he can call if he needs guidance.

"He's gone out of his way to help me find clarity," Babik said.

Packaging albums and performing on coast-to-coast tours gave Eisenhauer a chance to hone his own do-it-yourself philosophy and learn how to use it to his advantage.

"Do it yourself, don't ask permission, if you have something in your head and you want to see it exist, make it exist," said Alex Hagen, a longtime friend who recently helped the group buy a former warehouse north of downtown that's become a roof for their more grown-up endeavors.

For every need, the band looked inward for solutions. They recorded in an apartment, running cable between rooms. They made album art. They organized shows.

Jake Anderson, a Minneapolis-based rapper who goes by Prof, found kinship with Soulcrate because both cultivated local followings in their respective cities by working hard and not relying on others for direction.

"At the drop of a hat he was ready to do something creative," Anderson said.

So when the band wanted photos and videos, they didn't hire a photographer. They bought a camera. The lens was a catalyst for Eisenhauer.

The camera, a Canon 5D, came the year his oldest daughter, Jonah, was born.

"He had somebody to practice on," wife Becca Eisenhauer said. "He wanted to capture these very beautiful pictures of her."

He dove into his new art form with abandon, with little else than the support of his wife and the belief he could make a life out of capturing something beautiful.

"It felt really powerful," Eisenhauer said. "I wanted to learn everything I could about it, and I just got consumed."

He made videos for other music groups, including Phantom Balance, another Sioux Falls-based hip-hop group, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2jw61Xz>) reported. He made videos for Bush Foundation grant winners, including the First Peoples Fund and the Cheyenne River Youth Project for Passenger Productions, a Sioux Falls film company. He made a video of the "Welcome to Sioux Falls" mural painted across his buildings' roof, which went viral and led to other paying gigs.

That's how Eisenhauer seems to operate. Get a shot the world will love, worry later about practicality.

His photo of a buffalo reflected in a water basin was grabbed by National Geographic. A video of the night sky near Custer captured a rare astronomical explosion and went viral online.

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Her husband is a big-picture thinker, who learned how to harness his ADD, Becca Eisenhower said. And he has a gift for making things beautiful.

In his rap lyrics, Eisenhower once slammed Sioux Falls as a "land of endless mini malls, Starbucks and Walgreens" and blasted the Washington Pavilion for refusing to host rap concerts.

But instead of complaining about what he doesn't see, like he did 10 years ago, Eisenhower now creates to fill the void. (He helped with the Pavilion's marketing materials this year.)

Thousands of fans gathered in the parking lot of the Eight and Railroad Center in September to watch Eisenhower, his brother and Gerlach headline the group's annual "That Sounds Decent." Soulcrate organizes everything, books the other bands, sets up the stage and then cleans up the mess.

"This was the life that we were always kind of looking after," said Isaac Show, a collaborator and friend. "You've got to be constantly hustling, man, to be that freelancer, to work for yourself."

Eisenhower shot 18 weddings this year in addition to the other photo and video work he does for his photography company. He helped design marketing and packaging for the Breaks.

"I think he's teaching the community some things," said Brienne Maner, communications and membership director for Downtown Sioux Falls Inc.

Eisenhower has brought national attention to the city with his social media following and his ability to be creative with photo and video. And he's serving as an example for young entrepreneurs and artists who will follow in his footsteps, Maner said.

Eisenhower refuses to be limited by a single interest, but at least one project seems to have captured his attention.

Sioux Falls is a blank slate, he said.

Perfect for a man who prefers to do things himself.

Even if it means building his own house.

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

## 1 dies when semitrailer goes off bridge in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One man has died after the semitrailer he was driving went off an interstate bridge in Sioux Falls and hit a car below.

The woman driving the car suffered minor injuries.

The crash happened at about 4:20 a.m. Sunday.

The 43-year-old driver of the semitractor-trailer was northbound on Interstate 229 when the truck went off the roadway, hit the guardrail and fell onto the road below.

The truck landed on the front end of a car driven by a 23-year-old woman. She was taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

## Widow of slain Oregon standoff leader carries on his mission

By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Leaders of an armed occupation of a federal wildlife refuge in rural Oregon were driving to a public meeting a year ago when police shot and killed one of them at a roadblock.

Now, LaVoy Finicum's widow and their children are planning to hold that meeting later this month in the same town, John Day. Speakers are slated to talk about the Constitution, property rights and other issues.

"It is the anniversary of my husband's death. We want to continue with his mission," Jeanette Finicum told The Associated Press. "The people within counties and states should decide how to use those

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properties, not the federal government.”

LaVoy Finicum was the spokesman for several dozen occupiers during the 41-day takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and has become a martyr for the movement to transfer ownership of federal lands to local entities. The U.S. government owns nearly half of all land in the West, compared with 4 percent in other states, according to the Congressional Overview of Federal Land Ownership.

Finicum’s cattle brand, an L connected to a V with a floating bar, adorns bumper stickers, black flags and T-shirts seen at conservative gatherings.

Jeanette Finicum has become something of a cause celebre in the year since her husband’s death. She spoke at a rally on the steps of Utah’s capitol. The Tri-State Livestock News, based in South Dakota, recently ran a story describing her dispute with the Bureau of Land Management over grazing fees. The agency administers 245 million acres of public lands and manages livestock grazing on 155 million acres of those lands.

“It’s been a horrific year,” Jeanette Finicum said in a phone interview from her Cane Beds, Arizona, home. “There’s been so much going on that most people don’t have to deal with when they lose a loved one, like we did.”

She met LaVoy at a barn dance. He told her he was a bad dancer.

“He was right. He had no rhythm,” Jeanette Finicum said with a laugh. They got married 14 days later.

“There isn’t anyone like him that I met in my lifetime, and I don’t expect there will be anyone else who will measure up,” she said, choking up with emotion.

She was a stay-at-home mom all 23 years they were married.

“With him gone, all of the responsibilities have fallen to me,” she said. “I spent the year rounding up, branding and calving.”

Oregon State Police shot LaVoy Finicum three times on Jan. 26, 2016, after he exited a vehicle at a police roadblock in the snowy Malheur National Forest, held up his hands and then reached toward his jacket.

Authorities concluded the officers were justified because they thought Finicum was going for his pistol. But at least one FBI Hostage Rescue Team operator fired two shots at Finicum’s vehicle — shots that were not disclosed during the investigation.

In March, the inspector general of the U.S. Justice Department began investigating possible FBI misconduct and whether there was a cover-up. The inspector general’s office declined to discuss the investigation last week. The U.S. attorney’s office in Portland said it was ongoing.

Jeanette Finicum insists her husband was not a threat and that he was murdered. Her lawyer has said the family plans a wrongful-death lawsuit, and Finicum said she will release more details during the Jan. 28 meeting.

It’s being held at the fairgrounds in Grant County, which neighbors the county containing the refuge.

Public lands make up 66 percent of Grant County’s 4,529 square miles. Jeanette Finicum bristled when asked if those attending the meeting might be inspired to take over federal sites.

“That’s a ridiculous question,” she said. “We will peacefully demonstrate, peacefully teach and stand for liberty.”

Fairgrounds manager Mindy Winegar said local logger Tad Haupt rented a pavilion for the meeting that seats up to 500 people. Haupt, a vocal opponent of U.S. Forest Service management practices, is the one who invited the occupation leaders to speak in John Day, a town of about 1,700, on Jan. 26, 2016.

The FBI expressed no concern about the upcoming meeting.

“Everyone has a constitutional right to assemble, and to free speech,” spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said.

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Grant County Judge Scott Myers granted permission for the fairgrounds, a county facility, to be used for the event, saying rejecting the request could have had more repercussions than allowing it to happen.

Myers said he doubts it will pose a threat but then added, "I have steadfastly tried to convince myself that over the past few months."

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Follow Andrew Selsky on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/andrewselsky> .

## Winter wheat plantings at long-time lows in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Winter wheat plantings in South Dakota last fall totaled only 900,000 acres, down nearly one-fourth from the previous year to one of the lowest levels in years.

In its first estimate of the crop Thursday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported the numbers, which are down 24 percent from the 1.18 million acres planted in September 2015.

The reason for the drop includes more than just the growth in popularity of corn and soybeans in recent years, the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2jNblpx>) reported.

South Dakota Wheat Commission Executive Director Reid Christopherson said farmers likely planted fewer acres of winter wheat because there was a big-yielding crop last year, which produced lower protein content and brought down the price of winter wheat.

"When we were back, about the end of August, just when a lot of decisions were being made about planting (winter wheat for 2017 harvest), the spot price for winter wheat in central South Dakota slipped below \$2 a bushel," he said.

The drop has made farmers look into other crops, like corn, soybeans and sunflowers, for income. This means, a smaller amount of acres that will be planted in South Dakota in September.

The gap between winter wheat prices and spring wheat prices has also been high at about \$1.30 a bushel, Christopherson said, with spring wheat more valuable.

"We basically have full year's crop of wheat in the bin in South Dakota," Christopherson said.

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Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

## No-fee promise comes into canyon debate

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — An 11-year-old promise by a former South Dakota official to never charge the public a fee for access to some parts of Spearfish Canyon is up for debate during discussion of a proposal to turn the canyon into a state park.

Former state Department of Game, Fish and Parks Secretary John Cooper originally made the promise in a 48-page-long document in 2006. He promised not to charge fees in areas including Roughlock Falls, Savoy Pond and 300 acres at the canyon mouth. Those areas were obtained from mining companies in order to restore them from damage caused by gold mining, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2iWOvZ7>) reported.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard plans to now create a 1,600-acre state park that includes those areas in the canyon, concerning critics in terms of fees. Former state legislator Jerry Apa wrote in a Jan. 1 op-ed that the state park and entrance fee would violate the earlier promises.

"In terms of bureaucratic life, the ink isn't even dry on this document and GF&P is trying to circumvent the intent of the agreement between Homestake and GF&P," Apa said.

Current Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Kelly Hepler said no fees will be imposed to drive through

the canyon, but other potential fees are being discussed as part of the initiative. Hepler said some user fees will be necessary to operate the park because annual interest from the fund established in 2006 amounts to only \$6,000, while the cost to main visitor infrastructure at Roughlock Falls and Savoy Pond is about \$34,000 a year.

Other examples of fees Hepler said might be imposed include camping fees and special event fees.

"There are multiple ways you can do that, and it would be irresponsible for us to say at this point that we know exactly what this is going to look like, because we don't," he said.

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

## Mitchell fine arts center's grand opening delayed

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The grand opening of Mitchell's \$15.3 million fine arts center has been delayed about three months, but the facility will be open for events and students on Feb. 1.

Work on the center began in June 2015, The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2iL3pkC>) reported.

Some construction delays caused the Jan. 15 grand opening to be canceled. Superintendent Joe Graves said it will now be held on April 9 so all of the donors can attend.

Graves said a few minor touches are left to complete the facility and then all of the equipment can be moved in.

"It's good to have it done," Graves said.

The first event in the new facility will be the Palace City Jazz Festival on Feb. 7. Other major events include Mitchell High School's all-school talent show Feb. 24 and the Show Choir Classic on March 18.

Mitchell High School band director Ryan Stahl is disappointed with the delay, but excited to get into the facility in February.

"I'm probably more content with the fact that they're really making sure everything's is right, and not sidestepping any processes and making sure it's done the way it's supposed to," Stahle said.

Adding that the delay "is a small price to pay for eventually getting in there and use those facilities."

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

## Ethics measure supporters take aim at Republican lawmakers

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Democrats lost big in November, but Roxanne Weber celebrated a surprise victory when her favorite ballot measure narrowly passed. Now, she's questioning her vote's value as Republican lawmakers discuss dismantling the government ethics initiative just months later.

The 48-year-old Pierre resident went from handing out informational packets on the initiative this summer to freezing outside a Capitol rally last week urging lawmakers not to repeal it. It's part of a broader campaign aimed at saving the measure by pressuring lawmakers not to overturn the voters' will.

The same afternoon, Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in his State of the State address he will support efforts to repeal and replace the initiative, which instituted a public campaign finance system, tightened campaign finance and lobbying laws and created an ethics commission.

Top Republican lawmakers have taken aim in the Statehouse and in state court, which put the initiative on hold while the challenge from two dozen GOP legislators and others moves forward. The governor has criticized the campaign to pass the measure as deceptive and said voters were "hoodwinked."

A little over 51 percent of voters supported the initiative.

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"For the Legislature to turn around and say, 'Well, you weren't a smart enough voter to vote for this measure, but you were smart enough to vote me in office,' that's just hypocritical," said Weber, a software engineer. "That's not representing us. That's doing whatever they want."

Work to save the law, named Initiated Measure 22, is ramping up. South Dakotans for Integrity, which supported the proposal, hired a lobbyist and have said they're prepared to fight for it at the Capitol and again at the ballot box if needed.

A different pro-initiative group organized the rally of roughly a dozen people on the legislative session's opening day. Volunteers plan to attend events in certain districts to speak with lawmakers, said Doug Kronaizl, spokesman for Represent South Dakota.

The group is a local chapter of Represent.Us. The Massachusetts-based organization works to reduce the influence of money in politics and pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into the South Dakota ballot measure campaign.

Represent.Us didn't say how much money it's willing to put up to rescue the law.

The group has spent roughly \$15,000 so far in January. Their efforts include newspaper advertisements critical of several Republican lawmakers, mail pieces and telephone calls and a video targeting two Senate Republicans who are part of the lawsuit against the initiative, according to secretary of state's office records.

"The ads are meant make people notice, hold opponents of anti-corruption reform accountable and stop them from overturning the election results," Kronaizl said.

Republican Sen. Deb Peters, who was featured in online video and newspaper ads intended to shame her for being part of the lawsuit challenging the initiative, said the measure supporters are "trying to protect a political investment."

The GOP lawsuit argues that provisions in the law run afoul of the state or federal constitutions — or both.

The pro-initiative group also ran a full-page ad in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader and sent mailers urging Senate Majority Leader Blake Curd to release emails about contracts between the state and Sioux Falls Specialty Hospital, of which Curd is an owner. They charge that Curd is now suing to destroy the law created to "combat this kind of questionable activity." Curd has said he wasn't involved in contract negotiations.

"This attempt at pressure from an external entity doesn't have any real basis here in South Dakota, (and) doesn't change my opinion that this is a constitutional violation in its current form," said Curd, a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

## **Kyrgyzstan ministry says cargo plane crash kills 37**

**By LEILA SARALAYEVA, Associated Press**

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — A Turkish cargo plane crashed Monday in a residential area just outside the main airport in Kyrgyzstan, killing 37 people on the ground and in the plane, the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The Boeing 747 crashed on approach to the Manas airport, south of the capital, Bishkek.

Reports of the death toll ranged from 37 people, according to emergency officials in the Central Asian nation, to 31 reported by the presidential press office which also said rescue teams had recovered parts of nine bodies. Fifteen people including six children have been hospitalized.

Footage from the scene showed the plane's nose stuck inside a brick house and large chunks of debris scattered around. A dozen body bags were laid out on the ground in the yard of one of the homes. A car parked nearby was mangled, and a fridge lying open nearby.

Kyrgyz Emergency Situations Minister Kubatbek Boronov said that 23 out of 43 houses in the village

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have been destroyed. Several dozen private houses are near the fence separating the cottages from the runway.

The Manas airport has been considerably expanded since the United States began to operate a military installation there, using it primarily for its operations in Afghanistan. The U.S. handed the base over to the Kyrgyz military in 2014.

"I woke up because of a bright red light outside," Baktygul Kurbatova, who was slightly injured, told local television. "I couldn't understand what was happening. It turns out the ceiling and the walls were crashing on us. I was so scared but I managed to cover my son's face with my hands so that debris would not fall on him."

More than 1,000 rescue workers were at the scene by late morning, Abulgaziyev said.

The cause of the crash was not immediately clear. Emergency Situations Minister Boronov told reporters that it was foggy at Manas when the plane came down but weather conditions were not critical.

One of the two flight recorders has been recovered at the scene, the office of the Kyrgyz prime minister said on Monday afternoon.

The plane, which had departed from Hong Kong, belonged to Istanbul-based cargo company ACT Airlines. It said in an emailed statement that the cause was unknown.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Monday called his Kyrgyz counterpart, Erlan Abdildaev, to offer Turkey's condolences, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said.

The Turkish transportation ministry said it was sending two experts from its accident investigation board to Bishkek to assist Kyrgyz authorities.

The statement followed a telephone call between the Turkish and Kyrgyz transportations ministers, during which the Turkish minister conveyed his condolences and offered "every kind of support" to Kyrgyzstan.

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Suzan Fraser contributed to this report from Ankara.

## **Inauguration in sight, Trump continues Twitter assault**

**By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — His inauguration days away, President-elect Donald Trump is continuing to lash out at critics in the intelligence community and Democrats in Congress who are vowing to skip his swearing-in ceremony.

The tough-talking Republican questioned whether the CIA director himself was "the leaker of fake news" in a Sunday night tweet.

The extraordinary criticism from the incoming president came hours after CIA chief John Brennan charged that Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

"Now that he's going to have an opportunity to do something for our national security as opposed to talking and tweeting, he's going to have tremendous responsibility to make sure that U.S. and national security interests are protected," Brennan said on "Fox News Sunday," warning that the president-elect's impulsivity could be dangerous.

Trump shot back in a Twitter post Sunday, saying: "Oh really, couldn't do much worse - just look at Syria (red line), Crimea, Ukraine and the build-up of Russian nukes. Not good! Was this the leaker of Fake News?"

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The president-elect remained behind closed doors in his Manhattan high rise for the weekend as his team worked to answer questions about his plans at home and abroad once he's sworn into office on Friday.

Among Trump's immediate challenges: the United States' complicated relationship with Russia, crafting an affordable health care alternative that doesn't strip coverage from millions of Americans and dealing with an assertion by Rep. John Lewis, a civil rights icon, that his election was not legitimate.

Without providing details, Trump promised his plan to replace the nation's health care law would provide universal coverage, according to a Washington Post interview published late Sunday.

"We're going to have insurance for everybody," he said. "There was a philosophy in some circles that if you can't pay for it, you don't get it. That's not going to happen with us."

Meanwhile, several Democrats in Congress vowed to skip Trump's inauguration.

"There will be many more members who join us in this decision," Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., wrote Saturday on his Facebook page.

Trump's lieutenants pushed back hard, particularly against Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a civil rights legend who said Russian interference in Trump's election delegitimizes his presidency.

"I think it's incredibly disappointing and I think it's irresponsible for people like himself to question the legitimacy of the next United States president," incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said of Lewis on ABC's "This Week," insisting that Republicans did not question the legitimacy of President Barack Obama's victory eight years ago. Vice President-elect Mike Pence said on "Fox News Sunday" that he hopes Lewis will change his mind and attend.

Priebus later acknowledged that conservatives — led by Trump himself — spent years questioning Obama's eligibility to serve as president, suggesting he was not born in the United States.

Trump has done little to encourage unity in recent days, instead inflaming tensions with his critics through a series of tweets. The incoming president tweeted Saturday that Lewis should pay more attention to his "crime ridden" Atlanta-area district, adding that the civil rights leader was "all talk."

Questions about Trump's relationship with Russia have dominated the days leading up to his inauguration.

Ret. Gen. Michael Flynn, who is set to become Trump's national security adviser, has been in frequent contact with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. in recent weeks, including on the day the Obama administration hit Moscow with sanctions in retaliation for the alleged election hacking, a senior U.S. official said.

After initially denying the contact took place, Trump's team publicly acknowledged the conversations on Sunday.

"The conversations that took place at that time were not in any way related to the new U.S. sanctions against Russia or the expulsion of diplomats," said Pence.

Repeated contacts just as Obama imposed sanctions would raise questions about whether Trump's team discussed — or even helped shape — Russia's response. Russian President Vladimir Putin unexpectedly did not retaliate against the U.S. for the sanctions or the expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats, a decision Trump quickly praised.

Trump has repeatedly called for a better relationship between the U.S. and Putin's government. He suggested in an interview with The Wall Street Journal on Friday that he'd consider easing the latest sanctions on Russia.

"I think he has to be mindful that he does not have a full appreciation and understanding of what the implications are of going down that road," Brennan said.

## South Korea seeks arrest of Samsung scion in graft scandal

By YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In a departure from the leniency typically given South Korean big businesses, prosecutors on Monday requested the arrest of the de facto head of Samsung Electronics, the country's most valuable company, in an influence-peddling scandal that has toppled the country's president.

Lee Jae-yong, the 48-year-old vice chairman at Samsung Electronics, faces allegations of embezzlement, of lying under oath during a parliamentary hearing and of offering a bribe of 43 billion won (\$36 million) to a long-time friend of impeached President Park Geun-hye, according to Lee Kyu-chul, a spokesman for a special prosecutors' team investigating the political scandal.

It will surprise many that prosecutors requested the arrest of the man who symbolizes the future of South Korea's most important chaebol, as family-controlled conglomerates are known. Such leaders tend to be treated as vital for the national economy.

Samsung Electronics is South Korea's most successful company and a source of pride for many who equate its huge global success with national prestige. The company has gone through a rough patch in the past half-year, however, after its latest premium smartphone was found to be prone to catching fire.

Prosecutors understood worries that Lee's arrest could hurt the economy, but "we believed that it was even more important to carry out justice," Lee, the spokesman at the special prosecutors' team, told reporters.

A Seoul court said it will review the prosecutors' request on Wednesday. The request takes two to three days to review, according to a Seoul court official in charge of arrest warrants who declined to give his name because of office rules.

"The public demand that chaebol, especially Samsung, should not be an exception and that everyone should be equal before laws has become stronger," said Kim Sang-jo, executive director of Solidarity for Economic Reforms, a private watchdog on big businesses. "Prosecutors and judicial institutions cannot ignore the huge pressure from the public."

Samsung allegedly donated funds to various entities controlled by Choi Soon-sil, the jailed secretive confidante of the president, including two non-profit foundations and a winter sports center run by Choi's niece. This allegedly happened while the company was seeking the government's help with a leadership succession within the Samsung group to Lee Jae-yong from his father who has been hospitalized for more than two years.

Part of the money given to Choi allegedly was embezzled by the Samsung vice chairman, the spokesman for the prosecutors said. He declined to disclose the exact amount.

Samsung said it has never made donations to win favors.

Prosecutors also indicted ex-health minister Moon Hyung-pyo on Monday on charges he abused his power to compel the national pension fund to support a contentious Samsung merger in 2015.

"We cannot accept the special prosecutors' argument that there were unlawful favors related to the merger or the leadership succession," Samsung said in a statement.

The investigation of the Samsung chief could also target Park. Her impeachment is under review by the Constitutional Court, which will decide whether to restore her power or force her from office. The prosecutors' spokesman said investigators had evidence proving that Park shared wealth with Choi and was an accomplice in the Samsung bribery case. They plan to summon Park and will then decide whether to name her as a suspect in the Samsung case, he said.

The national pension fund is the biggest shareholder in Samsung C&T. Its vote in favor of the com-

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pany's merger with Cheil Industries helped facilitate Samsung's leadership succession, allowing Lee Jae-yong to increase his control over Samsung Electronics without spending any of his own money. Smaller shareholders said the merger unfairly benefited Samsung founding family members and hurt minority shareholders.

Samsung sought "unlawful favors" related to "leadership succession," the prosecutors' spokesman said.

Samsung Electronics was founded by Lee Jae-yong's grandfather. The younger Lee has been serving as its de facto head since his father suffered a heart attack in 2014.

Other leaders at Samsung, Hyundai Motor and SK, including Lee's father Lee Kun-hee, have been convicted in the past for embezzlement or tax evasion. But most avoided imprisonment and later won pardons from presidents who worried that the economy might suffer if they were jailed.

In turn, the businesses often responded to such pardons by announcing big investments or jobs. A former South Korean president pardoned Lee Kun-hee, the ailing Samsung chairman, in 2009, in hopes he would help South Korea win a bid to host the Winter Olympic games.

He was reinstated as a member of the International Olympic Committee after the pardon and South Korea won the bid to host the 2018 Winter Olympics games in Pyeongchang.

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## Revelers, rally-goers to clog DC for Trump's inauguration

By JESSICA GRESKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to clog the nation's capital for Donald Trump's inauguration and a major demonstration the day after, but how many will actually arrive to party or protest is an open question.

Officials estimate that 800,000 to 900,000 people will be present Friday for the inauguration, a celebration that takes over the city, closing roads, taxing the city's Metro transit system and making getting around difficult. Trump himself has promised "massive crowds" but just what that will mean is unclear.

Hundreds of thousands of others are expected Saturday for the Women's March on Washington.

Trump showed he could draw crowds during the campaign, but his supporters weren't so quick to make plans to be in Washington for his inauguration.

Elliott Ferguson, the president of Destination DC, the city's convention and tourism bureau, said that before Election Day hotels had more events tentatively planned for a Hillary Clinton victory than a Donald Trump one. And when Trump won, the "level of enthusiasm" and demand for hotel rooms did not immediately reach that of past recent inaugurations, he said.

"No one's phones were ringing" on the day after the election, he said.

Things started to pick up after New Year's but some hotels have cut back minimum-night stays from four nights to two. Some hotels are only 50 percent full, though higher-end hotels apparently have more bookings, he said.

"It's been much, much slower than anyone would have anticipated for a first-term president," he said.

Saturday's march has helped drive more reservations, he said.

"The moment it was confirmed it was happening in the city our hotels were seeing reservations take place," he said.

City planners are betting that Trump's inauguration is more like President Barack Obama's second inauguration in 2013, which drew more than 800,000, rather than Obama's first in 2009, which drew 1.8

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million people. But while officials have experience and historical data to draw on to estimate crowds for Friday, guessing how many people will show up for Saturday's demonstration is harder. Women's March on Washington organizers said in applying for a demonstration permit that they expected 200,000 people.

Christopher Geldart, the District of Columbia's homeland security director, thinks the march will draw more than that. Some 1,800 buses have registered to park in the city on Jan. 21, which would mean nearly 100,000 people coming in just by bus, Geldart said. Amtrak trains into and out of the city are also fully booked on that day, Geldart said.

"Usually when I look at things like that, that tells me we've got a pretty substantial crowd coming in. That leads me to believe we're definitely above the 200,000-person mark," Geldart said.

In contrast, approximately 400 buses have registered to park in the city on Inauguration Day, said Terry Owens, a spokesman for the District Department of Transportation, though he said that number is growing daily.

For their part, march organizers are trying to get a headcount by asking people who plan to participate to fill out a questionnaire on their website. That will help ensure they have the right number of things like portable toilets, medical tents and food trucks, said Janaye Ingram, who is handling march logistics. More than 100,000 people have already registered using the form, Ingram said.

Rally, a New York City-based transportation company that connects people with bus rides to events, has organized many of the buses coming to Washington for Saturday's march. The tally includes buses from more than 200 cities in 26 states. The company's president and co-founder Siheun Song said the northeastern portion of the United States has "largely become sold out of motor coaches" for the day. Demand is so great the company is using school buses to bring people to the march from Maryland, she said.

"In six years of doing business we've never seen buses get sold out so quickly," she said.

For its part, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which runs the city's rail and bus system, is planning an all-day effort to move people on Inauguration Day. The system is opening at 4 a.m. — an hour earlier than normal — and running rush hour service for 17 hours until 9 p.m. But the system hasn't seen a need to change its usual Saturday operations. The rail system will open at 7 a.m., its normal time for the day, and run on a regular Saturday schedule.

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## **Oman says it accepts 10 Guantanamo Bay inmates at US request**

**By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Oman said Monday it accepted 10 inmates from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay ahead of President Barack Obama leaving office, part of his efforts to shrink the facility he promised to close.

There was no immediate word from the U.S. Defense Department about the transfer.

Oman's Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the state-run Oman News Agency that it had accepted the prisoners at Obama's request. It did not name the prisoners.

Omani and U.S. military officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

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The sultanate of Oman, on the eastern edge of the Arabian Peninsula, previously accepted 10 Guantanamo prisoners from Yemen in January 2016. Oman also took another six in June 2015. Meanwhile, Oman's neighbor Saudi Arabia took four prisoners on Jan. 5 and the United Arab Emirates took 15 prisoners in the largest-single transfer during Obama's administration on Aug. 15.

Oman, ruled by Sultan Qaboos bin Said since 1970, has served as an interlocutor between the West and Iran. It also has negotiated a number of prisoner releases in recent years for Western countries.

Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, remains in the grips of a civil war and a Saudi-led military offensive against the rebels — making returning Guantanamo inmates there impossible.

Days earlier, authorities said 19 of the remaining 55 prisoners at the U.S. military base in Cuba were cleared for release and could be freed in the final days of Obama's presidency.

It was part of an effort by Obama to shrink the prison since he couldn't close it.

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump said during his campaign that he not only wants to keep Guantanamo open but "load it up with some bad dudes."

The U.S. began using its military base on southeast Cuba's isolated, rocky coast to hold prisoners captured during the Afghanistan invasion, bringing the first planeload on Jan. 11, 2002, and reaching a peak 18 months later of nearly 680.

There were 242 prisoners when Obama took office in 2009, pledging to close what became a source of international criticism over the mistreatment of detainees and the notion of holding people indefinitely, most without charge.

Obama was unable to close Guantanamo because of Congressional opposition to holding any of the men in the United States. That ultimately became a ban on transferring them to U.S. soil for any reason, including trial, making the failure to close the detention center part of his legacy.

The majority of Guantanamo prisoners released have been sent to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

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## Obama speaks on Israel, Trump in last White House interview

By VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The increase of Israeli settlements has "gotten so substantial" that it is inhibiting the possibility for an "effective, contiguous Palestinian state," President Barack Obama said Sunday, in his final interview as president.

Speaking to CBS' "60 Minutes," Obama dismissed the idea that there is a "major rupture" in the relationship between the United States and Israel after last month's decision by the U.S. to abstain from a United Nations vote condemning Israeli settlements.

"Because of our investment in the region, and because we care so deeply about Israel, I think (the U.S.) has a legitimate interest in saying to a friend, 'This is a problem,'" Obama said. "It would have long-term consequences for peace and security in the region, and the United States."

The outgoing president reflected on his legacy and his biggest challenges during his eight years in office during the hourlong interview. A number of his policies — from health care to his contentious relationship with Israel — could be short-lived as President-elect Donald Trump becomes the 45th president later this week and vows to reverse some of those policies.

Trump has been vocal about his disapproval of many of Obama's policies, often voicing his disagreement or engaging in public disputes with the president on Twitter. Most recently, Trump lashed out over hypothetical comments Obama made that he would beat Trump if they ran against each other in

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a general election.

Over the holidays, Trump accused Obama of throwing up "inflammatory" roadblocks during the transition of power and his administration of treating Israel with "total disdain."

Obama acknowledged it's been an "unusual" transition, adding, "I suspect the president-elect would agree with that."

"We are moving into an era where a lot of people get their information through tweets and soundbites and some headline that comes over their phone," the president said. "There's a power in that. There's also a danger — what generates a headline or stirs up a controversy and gets attention isn't the same as the process required to actually solve the problem."

He warned people not to "underestimate the guy" and urged congressional Republicans and Trump supporters around the country to be sure "that as we go forward, certain norms, certain institutional traditions don't get eroded, because there's a reason they're in place."

Obama said there needs to be a focus on "making sure that our democracy stays healthy, and making sure that we maintain that sense of solidarity."

With that, he said he's been "disturbed" about intelligence reports over Russia hacking the U.S. election.

"I have been concerned about the degree to which, in some circles, you've seen people suggest that Vladimir Putin has more credibility than the U.S. government," he said. "You're not going to be able to make good decisions without building some relationship of trust between yourself and that community."

Obama also reflected on his approach to the civil war in Syria, as it approaches its sixth year with hundreds of thousands dead and millions displaced around the world.

The president acknowledged that his "red line" declaration about the use of chemical weapons by Syrian President Bashar Assad's government wasn't in his 2012 speech and that he didn't have to use those words. They later prompted harsh criticism, since the U.S. did not follow through on the threat.

"I would have, I think, made a bigger mistake if I had said, 'Eh, chemical weapons. That doesn't really change my calculus,'" he said. "And regardless of how it ended up playing, I think, in the Beltway, what is true is Assad got rid of his chemical weapons."

## A look at how Trump might shake things up in Asia

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Donald Trump has offered views on U.S. relations with Asia that could indicate radical shifts in long-standing policy toward the region. From opposing free trade agreements to confronting China and questioning Japan-South Korea alliances, he appears set to be charting a course far different from previous administrations.

Yet, in other areas, including North Korea, India and Pakistan, Trump appears ready to carry forward well-established U.S. policy. As Trump prepares to be sworn-in as president on Friday, here is a look at some of the stand-out issues and how developments might play out:

**TRADE** — Trump says he plans to scrap the 12-nation trade pact known as the Trans Pacific Partnership agreement, or TPP. The pact was the centerpiece of the Obama administration's outreach policy to America's Asian partners known as "the pivot," which also involves a greater military commitment to the region.

Obama said the TPP would allow the U.S. to impose higher labor, environmental and human-rights standards, as well as give U.S. businesses access to some of the fastest-growing economies. The deal

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would have slashed 18,000 taxes that other countries impose on American goods and services, but Congress failed to act amid skepticism from both Republicans and Democrats.

Trump's opposition to free-trade agreements has fueled fears of protectionism and puts him at odds not only with U.S. trading partners but also with many in the Republican Party. Killing the TPP may open the way for other regional free-trade initiatives, including those pushed by rival China.

"With the U.S. withdrawing from TPP, Japan will have to redesign its external economic policy," said Harukata Takenaka, politics professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. Other options "may not be easy," Takenaka said.

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CHINA — Trump raised China in speech after speech during his campaign, at times accusing the country of ripping America off in trade and threatening a 45 percent tariff on all Chinese imports.

Things turned far more serious after his election win when he took a phone call from the president of self-governing Taiwan, upending four decades of diplomatic protocol barring such direct contacts. Critics accused him of ignoring the "one-China policy," long considered unassailable in China-U.S. relations, to which Trump responded by questioning why the U.S. should be bound by such an arrangement without economic incentives.

He again touched on the issue in an interview with The Wall Street Journal published Friday, saying "everything is under negotiation, including 'one China.'" While the Chinese government's response was muted, the official China Daily newspaper said he was "playing with fire."

Trump has also criticized the Chinese military's island-building program in the South China Sea, and accused it of blocking U.S. imports through high taxes and manipulating its currency to the detriment of American exports.

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ALLIANCES WITH JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA — Trump raised eyebrows during the campaign when he appeared to question the inviolability of long-standing U.S. military alliances with Japan and South Korea, seen as bulwarks against North Korea's military threats and China's push for regional dominance. The two were included in a list of countries that Trump said he would be "respectfully asking ... to pay more for the tremendous security we provide them."

During the campaign, Trump suggested Japan and South Korea should obtain nuclear weapons so the U.S. would no longer be burdened with the costs of defending them, a disquieting notion in many Asian capitals. But after Trump's election win, Japan's Shinzo Abe became the first foreign leader to meet with him, sitting down in Trump Tower with the business mogul and his daughter, Ivanka.

Japan is concerned about how spill-over from China-U.S. conflicts might affect its economy and foreign relations, possibly compelling it to play a larger role in regional security, said Harukata Takenaka, politics professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. "Trump measures would be the top priority for Prime Minister Abe this year. The biggest question is that Trump is unpredictable," he said.

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NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT — Trump's approach to North Korea probably offers the least divergence from previous administrations, but he faces stark choices on countering North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's missile threat. After Kim, announced in his annual New Year's address that the country had reached the "final stages" of developing an intercontinental ballistic missile, Trump responded by Twitter: "North Korea just stated that it is in the final stages of developing a nuclear weapon capable of reaching parts of the U.S. It won't happen!"

Trump has not said how his approach to the North might differ from Barack Obama's, although his campaign's position paper talked of more "modern destroyers to counter the ballistic missile threat from

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Iran and North Korea." That would appear to indicate continued support for deploying the advanced Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, anti-missile system in South Korea, despite Chinese and Russian objections. Trump appears to be a firm believer that North Korea could be reined-in if only its sole significant ally China would tighten the screws.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN — During the campaign, Trump was largely positive toward both India and Pakistan, even while he piled negative rhetoric on China and other nations. However, his threat to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. has raised accusations of Islamophobia.

In the days after his win, Trump appeared to follow in the well-trodden path of seeking a balance between the nuclear rivals — albeit in his unorthodox style. A phone call between Trump and Pakistan's prime minister was remarkable mainly for the effusive praise he reportedly lavished on the struggling state. Pakistan is a U.S. ally in the battle against Islamic extremism but is also close to U.S. rival in Asia, China. In its readout of that call, Pakistan said Trump described the country as "amazing" and expressed a desire to visit — something President Barack Obama did not do.

India's national security adviser followed the Pakistan exchange with a low-key visit to Washington to meet with a senior Trump aide in a sign of New Delhi's desire to forge close ties with the incoming U.S. administration.

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Associated Press writer Mari Yamaguchi contributed to this report from Tokyo.

## China state media call Trump's Taiwan strategy 'despicable'

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump "speaks like a rookie," China's state-run media said Monday, describing his suggested use of America's position on Taiwan as a bargaining chip as "despicable."

The nationalist tabloid Global Times published an editorial blasting Trump's strategy and saying China would have a strong response to any reconsideration of the "one China" policy. 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.

"In the past, Trump infuriated us, but now we find him risible," said the newspaper, which is published by the People's Daily, the ruling Communist Party's mouthpiece. "With a skyrocketing ascent in his political life, he has been stunningly confident in his ostensible knowledge of the job, though he speaks like a rookie."

The English-language China Daily ran an editorial Monday accusing Trump of "playing with fire."

"If Trump is determined to use this gambit on taking office, a period of fierce, damaging interactions will be unavoidable, as Beijing will have no choice but to take off the gloves," the newspaper said.

Trump told The Wall Street Journal in an interview published Friday that "everything is under negotiation, including 'one China.'" It was the latest sign that Trump could shake up the U.S.-China relationship, particularly on Taiwan, which China considers a core national interest.

China's Foreign Ministry responded with a statement Sunday saying the "one China" policy was "non-negotiable."

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

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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."

On Sunday, Reince Priebus, Trump's incoming chief of staff, said that "there are no plans to change the one-China policy."

"But certainly that policy is on the table if China doesn't also come to the table and work with us on trade, work with us on the South China Sea and what's happening there," Priebus said on ABC's "This Week."

After attacking China repeatedly during his campaign, Trump has continued to disparage China on his Twitter account over its military buildup 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 said Sunday that they expect 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."

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Associated Press researcher Henry Hou contributed to this report.

## Half Mary? Clutch Rodgers leads Packers past Cowboys 34-31

By SCHUYLER DIXON, AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Aaron Rodgers didn't need another Hail Mary this time.

Maybe just call it a "Half Mary."

Rodgers threw a 36-yard pass to a toe-dragging Jared Cook on the sideline, and Mason Crosby kicked a 51-yard field goal on the next play as time expired, sending the Packers to the NFC championship game with their eighth straight win while thwarting a Dallas rally in a 34-31 victory in the divisional round of the playoffs Sunday.

The throw on the run from Rodgers to Cook came on third-and-20 with 12 seconds left, and after the Cowboys tied the score twice in the final 4:08 after trailing by 18 in the first half and by 15 to start the fourth quarter.

"I love the opportunity to go out there and make plays," said Rodgers, who threw for two touchdowns to give him 21 during the winning streak, although he threw his first interception during the run.

"I was disappointed we had a chance there at 28-13 to go up three scores and make it really difficult for 'em and I threw a pick there on third down. We were able to come down and have two good drives

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toward the end of the game.”

Dallas’ rally was led by rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott in their playoff debuts, and the first two career postseason touchdown catches for star receiver Dez Bryant along with the first for 14th-year tight end Jason Witten.

“We’re not going to stop no matter what the score is, no matter the game,” Prescott said. “It shows the true character of this team.”

Crosby’s winner was the third field goal of more than 50 yards in the final 1:33 — two from Crosby and one from Dallas’ Dan Bailey. And Crosby had to make the winner twice after Dallas coach Jason Garrett called timeout before the first attempt.

“It’s kind of a blur right now,” Crosby said. “When we have 35 seconds on the clock and that our offense can move the ball into field goal range and a manageable kick, that’s just special.”

Rodgers, who sparked last week’s wild-card win over the New York Giants with another Hail Mary before halftime, is headed to an MVP showdown with Atlanta’s Matt Ryan next Sunday.

It will be Rodgers’ third NFC title game — all on the road for Green Bay (12-6) — and he got there in his first game at the home of the Cowboys since he won his only title as the Super Bowl MVP six years ago.

Cook, who had six catches for a team-leading 104 yards, kept both feet inbounds with a knee just above the ground out of bounds on the decisive play. The play was confirmed on review.

“I saw him rolling to the right it was underneath coverage in front of me,” Cook said. “If I got over the top of them, Aaron would put the ball in the right place. Put it right on the sideline with enough room to get my feet down. It was a heck of a throw by him.”

Prescott, whose 11-game winning streak during the regular season sent Tony Romo to the bench when he returned from a preseason back injury, rallied the Cowboys in a way that probably made Dallas’ 10-year starter proud.

The Cowboys (13-4) almost became the third team in the Super Bowl era to win in the playoffs after trailing by 15 in the fourth. The first was Dallas in 1972, when “Captain Comeback”, Roger Staubach, rallied the Cowboys in San Francisco.

Instead, top-seeded Dallas ended up with its fifth straight loss in the divisional round and a 21-year drought in trips to the NFC championship game.

In the same position nine years ago, the Cowboys lost to the New York Giants, the biggest disappointment of Romo’s tenure.

“I thought we were a team that was capable of taking this thing all the way,” owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. “I know we are now after that second half.”

Prescott — a fourth-round pick who was supposed to be the No. 3 quarterback before injuries changed everything — got Dallas’ rally going with a 40-yard touchdown toss in the first half to Bryant, the first playoff TD for the star receiver.

Then he set the stage for the first tying score on a 6-yarder to Jason Witten to get within 28-20.

After a 7-yard scoring pass to Bryant — who had nine catches for 132 yards — Prescott ran in the tying 2-point conversion with 4:08 to go.

Rodgers led the Packers to a go-ahead 56-yard field goal from Crosby with a big boost on a pass interference penalty against rookie Anthony Brown that wiped out an interception from Jeff Heath, whose pick earlier in the game helped Dallas rally.

The Cowboys answered with a 52-yarder from Bailey with 35 seconds remaining.

ROAD WINNER

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Green Bay's win was the first by a road team after 12 straight home victories in the playoffs dating to last season. The Packers were the previous road team to win — over Washington in last season's wild-card round.

## SPREADING IT AROUND

Rodgers didn't seem to miss receiver Jordy Nelson, out with a rib injury sustained in the win over the Giants. Rodgers found six different receivers, including a 34-yard touchdown to Richard Rodgers that was his longest since catching one of three successful Hail Mary passes from Aaron Rodgers in the past 13 months.

## DOING THEIR PART

Prescott and Elliott missed a chance to become the first rookie QB-RB combo in the Super Bowl era to win in a playoff debut. But both did their part. Prescott threw for 302 yards and was the first rookie QB in the Super Bowl era with three TD passes in a playoff game. Elliott, the NFL rushing champion, had 125 yards.

## PASSING A LEGEND

McCarthy passed Vince Lombardi and Mike Holmgren on Green Bay's coaching victory list with his 10th postseason win.

## UP NEXT

Packers: At Atlanta in the NFC championship game next Sunday.

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## Outgoing CIA chief rips into Trump on Russia threat

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **LAURIE KELLMAN**, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The outgoing CIA director charged on Sunday that Donald Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

John Brennan's pointed message on national television came just five days before Trump becomes the nation's 45th president amid lingering questions about Russia's role in the 2016 election even as the focus shifts to the challenges of governing.

"Now that he's going to have an opportunity to do something for our national security as opposed to talking and tweeting, he's going to have tremendous responsibility to make sure that U.S. and national security interests are protected," Brennan said on "Fox News Sunday," warning that the president-elect's impulsivity could be dangerous.

"Spontaneity is not something that protects national security interests," Brennan declared.

Trump, who has unleashed a series of aggressive tweets against the U.S. intelligence community and his political rivals in recent weeks, responded aggressively on Twitter several hours later.

"Was this the leaker of Fake News?" Trump tweeted Sunday evening, referring to a recent document that contains unverified financial and personal information that could be damaging to the president-elect. The Associated Press has not been able to verify the contents of the document.

The president-elect remained behind closed doors in his Manhattan high rise Sunday. His team worked to answer questions about his plans at home and abroad once he's sworn into office on Friday.

Among Trump's immediate challenges: the United States' complicated relationship with Russia, crafting an affordable health care alternative that doesn't strip coverage from millions of Americans, and

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growing questions about the legitimacy of his presidency.

Without providing details, Trump promised his plan to replace the nation's health care law would provide universal coverage, according to a Washington Post interview published late Sunday.

"We're going to have insurance for everybody," he said. "There was a philosophy in some circles that if you can't pay for it, you don't get it. That's not going to happen with us."

Meanwhile, civil rights legend Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is among several Democrats in Congress who vowed to skip Trump's inauguration, charging that Russian interference in the 2016 election delegitimizes his presidency.

"There will be many more members who join us in this decision," Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., wrote Saturday on his Facebook page.

Trump's lieutenants pushed back hard Sunday in a round of television interviews.

"I think it's incredibly disappointing and I think it's irresponsible for people like himself to question the legitimacy of the next United States president," incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said of Lewis on ABC's "This Week," insisting that Republicans did not question the legitimacy of President Barack Obama's victory eight years ago. Vice President-elect Mike Pence said on "Fox News Sunday" that he hopes Lewis will change his mind and attend.

Priebus later acknowledged that conservatives — led by Trump himself — spent years questioning Obama's eligibility to serve as president, suggesting he was not born in the United States.

Trump has done little to encourage unity in recent days, instead inflaming tensions with his critics through a series of tweets. The incoming president tweeted Saturday that Lewis should pay more attention to his "crime ridden" Atlanta-area district, adding that the civil rights leader was "all talk."

Lewis suffered a fractured skull when he led a march in Selma, Alabama, more than a half century ago and has devoted his life to civil rights.

The current White House chief of staff, Denis McDonough, said "Lewis has literally fought, bled and gone to jail" during what he called his "remarkable life." He encouraged the incoming president to move past Lewis' criticism.

"That would be the kind of thing that would not only send a message to the American people that we're prepared to work together, but would also send a message to the Russians that we are united," McDonough said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Questions about Trump's relationship with Russia have dominated the days leading up to his inauguration.

Ret. Gen. Michael Flynn, who is set to become Trump's national security adviser, has been in frequent contact with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. in recent weeks, including on the day the Obama administration hit Moscow with sanctions in retaliation for the alleged election hacking, a senior U.S. official said.

After initially denying the contact took place, Trump's team publicly acknowledged the conversations on Sunday.

"The conversations that took place at that time were not in any way related to the new U.S. sanctions against Russia or the expulsion of diplomats," said Vice President-elect Mike Pence, also in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

Repeated contacts just as Obama imposed sanctions would raise questions about whether Trump's team discussed — or even helped shape — Russia's response. Russian President Vladimir Putin unexpectedly did not retaliate against the U.S. for the sanctions or the expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats, a decision Trump quickly praised.

Trump has repeatedly called for a better relationship between the U.S. and Putin's government. He

suggested in an interview with the Wall Street Journal on Friday that he'd consider easing the latest sanctions on Russia.

"I think he has to be mindful that he does not have a full appreciation and understanding of what the implications are of going down that road," Brennan said.

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Kellman reported from Washington.

## Central US Ice storm falls short of dire forecasts

By JIM SUHR, Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sleet and drizzle glazed swaths of the central U.S. on Sunday, extending icy weather that some meteorologists acknowledged fell short of dire forecasts.

Much of the region remained under an ice storm warning on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as stretches continued getting pelted by rain, often in areas where temperatures hovered around freezing. A National Weather Service ice storm warning for the Kansas City and St. Louis areas expired Sunday afternoon as temperatures exceeded freezing. An identical warning remained in effect until Monday morning to the north, as the storm pressed into Nebraska and Iowa.

The freeze made roads harrowing. In Kansas near Kansas City, two troopers escaped injury when their vehicles were struck while working a crash along northbound Interstate 635. And in central Nebraska, authorities believe icy conditions contributed to a fiery crash involving two tractor-trailers shortly before 9 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 80, forcing a three-hour closure of 15 miles of Interstate 80. There were no injuries.

The Nebraska State Patrol urged motorists to use extra caution as the freezing rain made several roads dangerous to travel.

Authorities say ice contributed to a southwestern Kansas wreck Saturday night that killed a 35-year-old Oklahoma man and injured several others. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Thay Torres-Ocacio of Guymon, Oklahoma, died after the sport utility vehicle in which he was riding went out of control on an overpass and eventually overturned several times.

Some people lost power amid the storm. Nearly 11,000 electric customers were without power in Oklahoma, nearly all in northwestern part of the state. Woodward County Emergency Management Director Matt Lehenbauer said Sunday that the county was likely the hardest hit. He said that as some power is restored, the ice that's bent tree limbs begins to melt and the limbs snap back into place, sometimes knocking down additional power lines.

South of Kansas City, the latest round of storms dumped three-quarters of an inch of precipitation overnight, resulting in about one-quarter of an inch of ice.

Jared Leighton, a National Weather Service meteorologist near Kansas City, Missouri, said Sunday that while the breadth of the ice accumulations fell short of expectations, "that shouldn't distract from the impact of the storm."

"The amounts were never really the story; the impacts were," Leighton told The Associated Press. "The roads are still a mess, and the Highway Patrol is having their vehicles run into."

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."

Many residents had prepared for the storms by stocking up on bread, milk and other necessities and

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by buying flashlights and generators to have on hand in case power gets knocked out.

The storm prompted the NFL to move the AFC divisional playoff game in Kansas City between the Chiefs and the Pittsburgh Steelers 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 was pushed back to 7:20 p.m.

Hours before that game, rain that continued falling didn't dampen the tailgating that was in full swing outside of Arrowhead, where a gray tarp covered the field and hot air was being pumped under the tarp to keep the turf warm. The Chiefs put new sod on the field earlier this week.

## Thousands rally to resist Republican health law repeal drive

By COREY WILLIAMS, Associated Press

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — Thousands of people showed up in freezing temperatures on Sunday in Michigan to hear Sen. Bernie Sanders denounce Republican efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, one of dozens of rallies Democrats staged across the country to highlight opposition.

Labor unions were a strong presence at the demonstration in a parking lot at Macomb Community College in the Detroit suburb of Warren, where some people carried signs saying "Save our Health Care."

Lisa Bible, 55, of Bancroft, Michigan, said she has an autoimmune disease and high cholesterol. She said the existing law has been an answer to her and her husband's prayers, but she worries that if it's repealed her family may get stuck with her medical bills.

"I'm going to get really sick and my life will be at risk," said Bible, an online antique dealer.

President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to overturn and replace the Affordable Care Act, and majority Republicans in Congress this week began the process of repealing it using a budget maneuver that requires a bare majority in the Senate.

"This is the wealthiest country in the history of the world. It is time we got our national priorities right," Sanders told the Michigan rally.

The law has delivered health coverage to about 20 million people but is saddled with problems such as rapidly rising premiums and large co-payments.

Britt Waligorski, 31, a health care administrator for a dental practice, said she didn't get health insurance through work but has been covered through the health law for three years. While the premiums have gone up, she said she is concerned that services for women will be taken away if it is repealed.

"It's done a lot for women for their annual checkups, for mammograms -- women's health in general. If this gets repealed, we're going to go back to the old days when that's not covered," she said.

At the rally in San Francisco, Silvia Pena, a 45-year-old nanny, said she had never had held insurance until she enrolled in the Affordable Care Act six years ago.

"I don't have health issues, but you can need insurance any time. We should all have access to health services," said Pena, who held a sign that read "It's our right and our body. Keep Planned Parenthood and Obamacare."

About 2,000 people cheered and held rainbow and American flags and signs that read "Don't Make America Sick Again" and "Health Care For All" at the rally. Patients who survived cancer, strokes and other health difficulties are sharing stories on how they benefited from the mandated health insurance.

In Los Angeles, organizers of the rally outside the LA County/USC Medical Center warned that a repeal of the law without a replacement will throw the state's health care system into chaos and strip coverage from 5 million Californians.

Rallies in other cities in support of the health law also were well attended. Police estimated about 600 people showed up in Portland, Maine. Hundreds also attended events in Newark, New Jersey, Johnston,

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Rhode Island, Richmond, Virginia and Boston.

The health law has provided subsidies and Medicaid coverage for millions who don't get insurance at work. It has required insurers to cover certain services such as family planning and people who are already ill, and has placed limits on the amount that the sick and elderly can be billed for health care.

Republicans want to end the fines that enforce the requirement that many individuals buy coverage and that larger companies provide it to workers. But they face internal disagreements on how to pay for any replacement and how to protect consumers and insurers during a long phase-in of an alternative.

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This version of the story corrects Lisa Bible's age and the name of the community college in Michigan.

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## World diplomats tell Trump, Israel: Mideast needs peace

By ANGELA CHARLTON and MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Sending a forceful message to Israel's prime minister and the incoming Trump administration, dozens of countries called Sunday on Israel and the Palestinians to revive work toward long-elusive peace — including an independent Palestinian state.

The closing declaration at a Mideast peace conference in Paris urged both sides to "officially restate their commitment to the two-state solution" and disassociate from voices that reject this. It also warned them against taking one-sided actions that could hurt talks, an apparent reference to Israeli settlement building.

While the Palestinians welcomed Sunday's declaration, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the conference "rigged" and cooked up behind Israel's back to force it to accept conditions against national interests.

The French organizers argued the conference was necessary to keep hopes alive for a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians — the solution favored by the international community for the past two decades.

Many members of Netanyahu's coalition want to abandon the two-state solution and expand settlements, and some have even called for annexing parts of the West Bank. Trump's campaign platform made no mention of Palestinian independence.

In a nod to Israel, the final declaration of Sunday's conference included criticism of incitement and "terror," a reference to Palestinian attacks. And some of the pro-Palestinian language in an earlier draft was removed after diplomats huddled in Paris.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been increasingly critical of Netanyahu, represented the U.S. at the talks and defended the effort.

He rejected Israeli criticism of the conference, saying the concept of a two-state solution to the conflict is "threatened" and must be reinforced if it is ever to happen. The communique, he said, endorses that without imposing a resolution.

"Given where things are going and what is happening, that is particularly important," he said.

He also warned that it's too early to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to contested Jerusalem, as proposed by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump. "This is not the right time," he said. "We think it's ill-advised."

Trump's administration did not take part in the meeting and didn't immediately comment on its final

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statement.

While Netanyahu has voiced support for a two-state solution, his critics, including Kerry, have said that continued settlement construction on occupied territories raises questions about his commitment to pursuing a peace deal.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon dismissed Sunday's conference, tweeting that it was "flat as a failed soufflé."

"A big show is no replacement for direct negotiations between the parties," he said.

French President Francois Hollande agreed on the need for direct talks. "It is not a question of dictating to the parties ... Only direct negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians can lead to peace. No one will do it in their place," he said.

"The world cannot, should not resign itself to the status quo," Hollande told the gathered diplomats from across Europe, the Mideast and other regions, as well as from the United Nations, the Arab League and other international organizations.

Hollande said he was sounding an "alert" that peace talks should be revived before violent extremists and Israeli settlements destroy any hope of a two-state solution. Hollande urged the diplomats to support peace efforts by offering economic incentives to Israelis and Palestinians.

The chief Palestinian representative to France warned the Trump administration not to "underestimate" the message of peace sent by the conference, or the U.N. resolution last month condemning Israel's construction of settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

Salman Elherfi, speaking to The Associated Press, insisted "the option of two states is not the dream of a single country, but it has become the concern of the whole world to protect it."

Palestinian officials hope the conference can lay out terms for eventual negotiations, notably on how to share Jerusalem and the need to stop Israeli settlements.

France and others expressed concern that the Trump administration could unleash new tensions in the region by condoning settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians and moving the U.S. Embassy. The embassy issue wasn't mentioned, however, in the final declaration.

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 marked 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.

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," said Serge Klarsfeld, a well-known French Nazi hunter. "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."

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Associated Press writers Josef Federman, Aron Heller and Ian Deitch in Jerusalem, and Philippe Sotto and Alex Turnbull in Paris contributed to this report.

## **Bahrain executes 3 over police bombing, triggering protests**

**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 intense protests by 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.

Hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets in several predominantly Shiite communities to protest the executions.

The rallies at times turned violent as youth hurled projectiles and petrol bombs while police responded with birdshot and tear gas, witnesses said. The sound of gunfire could be heard into the night. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

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.

Hundreds of protesters took to the streets Saturday in solidarity with the condemned men as rumors spread that their executions were imminent.

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. It gave no further details.

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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.

Iran, which supported the 2011 uprising but denies any role in the violence, condemned the executions.

"The lack of transparency in the unfair trial of the three Bahraini citizens was confirmed by the international community, human rights and all popular bodies all around the world," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi said in remarks carried by state-run media.

Lebanon's Iran-backed Shiite group Hezbollah also 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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## Davos forum chief: 'It's important to listen' to populists

By JAMEY KEATEN, Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — At the Davos economic conference, "it's important to listen to the populists," says the founder of the annual gathering of movers and shakers, adding that he hopes to welcome U.S. President Donald Trump "expressing his ideas" at the Swiss forum one day.

Critics often accuse the yearly World Economic Forum in the Swiss Alps of being a snow-covered playground for well-heeled business and political elites. But founder Klaus Schwab said this year's event, which opens Monday before a public start Tuesday, is reaching out to populist politicians who have ridden a wave of discontent among the masses.

"It's important to listen to the populists, and actually we have several sessions where we deal with

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these issues, and we have representatives of populist parties here with us," Schwab said in an interview Sunday with The Associated Press. "We have to take it (populism) seriously."

For a forum that strives to take the pulse of the world each year and produce "a real hub of a global discussion," Schwab said "it would be soundly unrealistic and far from realities if we did not integrate the concerns of populists very much into our own deliberation."

For this 47th Davos conference, a record turnout of some 3,000 people will gather around the theme of 'Responsive and Responsible Leadership,' alluding to the challenge of wise decision-making during a time of populist fervor.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, the first Chinese head of state ever to attend the forum, is perhaps the standout among 46 heads of state expected to be on hand. Xi's visit to Davos during an official visit to Switzerland is important, Schwab said, because it shows how the world is moving from a "unipolar to a multipolar world."

As for the United States, the incoming Trump administration will be represented by adviser Anthony Scaramucci, a financier who has attended Davos in the past. Schwab said WEF organizers knew Trump wouldn't attend this year because his inauguration Friday is on the conference's last day.

Trump has never attended the forum "and I'm looking forward to having him here, and having him expressing his ideas," Schwab said. "I hope he will join us. I cannot predict that, it depends very much on the future of the politics of the U.S. administration."

At the Swiss ski resort itself, snow blowers were out, setup crews were drilling their last rivets and audiovisual technicians were putting the final touches on big screens set to welcome glitterati like Matt Damon, will.i.am and Forest Whitaker. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry will also be attending the forum at the nearly mile-high Alpine village.

Rightly or wrongly, Davos has become one of the most potent symbols of a growing disparity between the haves and the have-nots since the global financial crisis of 2008.

Trump's election in November, Britain's June vote to leave the European Union and rising populist movements from Poland to the Philippines testify to a rising disgruntlement with ruling elites seen as detached from the people.

"This is among the most important meeting in the WEF's history because business has to take up the challenges that exist in a populist world," Richard Edelman, president and CEO of the Edelman marketing firm, told the AP.

Edelman said social and economic fears have been "allowed to fester" — and businesses are best-placed to address them "by paying their employees fairly, talking with, and empowering their employees."

John Drzik, president of the global insurance and risk management firm Marsh, said Davos can be useful if it helps to identify and address problems.

"Probably the most positive thing is that there is a collective recognition of something," he said. "People who are there certainly have the power to lead, and can shift course."

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This version corrects the exact Schwab quote to "expressing his ideas."

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Pan Pylas in Davos, Switzerland, contributed to this report.

## Crisis warnings sound as EU gears up for new migrant wave

By LORNE COOK, Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Tens of thousands of people seeking better lives are expected to trek across deserts and board unseaworthy boats in war-torn Libya this year in a desperate effort to reach European shores by way of Italy.

More than 181,000 people, most so-called “economic migrants” with little chance of being allowed to stay in Europe, attempted to cross the central Mediterranean last year from Libya, Africa’s nearest stretch of coast to Italy. About 4,500 died or disappeared.

Hundreds already have taken to the sea this month, braving the winter weather. In the latest reminder of the journey’s perils, more than 100 people were missing off Libya’s coast over the weekend after a migrant boat sunk.

Some European leaders are warning of a fresh migration crisis when sea waters warm again and more people choose to put their lives in the hands of smugglers.

“Come next spring, the number of people crossing over the Mediterranean will reach record levels,” Malta Prime Minister Joseph Muscat, whose country holds the European Union’s presidency, predicted. “The choice is trying to do something now, or meeting urgently in April, May...and try to do a deal then.”

The 28-nation EU already has a controversial deal to stem the flow of migrants from Turkey, which has agreed to try to stop the number of migrants leaving the country and to take back thousands more. In exchange, Turkey is supposed to receive billions of euros, visa-free travel for its citizens, and fast-tracked EU membership talks.

Now, the EU wants to adapt this outsourcing pact to the African nations that migrants are leaving or are jumping off from to reach Europe, despite criticism that the agreement sends asylum-seekers back to countries that could be unsafe for them.

The bottom line is that the Turkey deal works. The number of people arriving in the Greek islands, for instance, plunged over the last year despite political wrangling over whether Turkey’s government was meeting the conditions for securing the visa-free travel incentive.

And EU nations have even fewer scruples about turning away migrants who take the central Mediterranean route to Italy since they mostly are job seekers who would be ineligible for asylum.

Niger, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mali and Chad are all on the EU’s radar, and dealing with them is proving expensive. But the bloc’s arrangement with Turkey has shown that the best way of stemming migrant flows is to stop people taking to the sea. Libya and Egypt are the main migrant departure points, and pacts with them would probably have the biggest immediate impact.

Muscat wants to build on a deal Italy is trying to reach with Libya by adding EU funds and other support. He also thinks the EU’s anti-smuggler naval mission, Operation Sophia, should be extended into Libyan territorial waters to stop people in unsafe boats from reaching open water.

Easier said than done. The EU has been unable to secure United Nations backing for such a move, and Libya has no central authority with the reach or stability to negotiate a long-term agreement with the Europeans.

“The reality of Libya right now is that there is no unified government controlling all parts of the country, and no end of groups willing to upend things if there is an advantage in it for them,” Carlo Binda, a Libya expert with Malta-based political and development advisers Binda Consulting International.

Libya’s neighbor Egypt appears a more viable option. Many people have set out for Europe from Egypt in recent months, mainly migrants from the Horn of Africa trying to avoid dangerous Libya and increasingly Egyptians themselves, according to the EU’s border agency Frontex.

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Despite some instability, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, a former general who led the 2013 military removal of an elected Islamist president, is a man with whom the Europeans feel they can do business. Sissi also wields plenty of influence in Libya.

Egypt's economy has been battered by unrest since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. If there is one thing the world's biggest trading bloc does well, it is raise funds to pay for its problems.

"Egypt is the country with which one could come to some sort of agreement," Maltese Foreign Minister George Vella said. "There is stability to a certain extent, and they are interested because even they themselves have got their own problem with migration."

Time is of the essence. The EU has for several years tried to cobble together migration polices while people died at sea.

The refugee emergency — Europe's worst since World War II — also has raised tensions among EU member countries. Some countries have erected anti-migrant fences or reintroduced border controls amid deep disagreement over how to manage the challenge.

"Things are getting complicated. I would rather face the music now," Muscat said.

## 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 Ring-

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ling — 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 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 ringmaster until 1999 or a female ringmaster 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,"

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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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This story has been corrected to show that the first African-American ringmaster was introduced in 1999, not 2016.

## Secret WWI telegram holds lessons for today, historians say

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT, Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — In a secret telegram a century ago, Germany tried to get Mexico to join its side during World War I by offering it territory in the United States. Britain intercepted, deciphered and shared the "Zimmermann Telegram."

Historians, seeing parallels to today, say there's a lot to be learned.

They gathered at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, last week and discussed how a foreign government hacked a secret communication and used the information to sway American public opinion and policy. When it was released, there was a heated debate over whether it was real or what we now call "fake news."

The message's publication — and Germany's resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare — was the culmination of a series of events that drew the United States into the war.

Fast-forward a century. Today, the U.S. intelligence community says Russia hacked Democratic groups during the presidential campaign to help Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. President-elect Trump says the DNC was "totally open to be hacked" and praises his future chief of staff for ordering "hacking defense" at the Republican National Committee.

"The greatest strategic threat the U.S. faces is the general ignorance of the past and how the past is with us every day," said David Kohlen, interim executive director at the U.S. Naval War College Museum.

German foreign minister Arthur Zimmermann sent the telegram in January 1917 to the German representative in Mexico. Germany would resume sinking vessels without warning and Mexico could ally itself to reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, he wrote.

Germany wanted to keep the United States busy fighting Mexico so it couldn't send troops and supplies overseas.

The British waited to share the information to avoid compromising their intelligence-gathering meth-

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ods. But once the "German plot" appeared in headlines, President Woodrow Wilson had few options, said Kohnen, the conference organizer. The United States declared war April 6, 1917.

Retired Rear Adm. Samuel Cox, current director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, said he sees parallels with Russia's recent actions, but stressed that England wasn't trying to diminish U.S. influence in the world by discrediting its values and democracy.

Cox focused on how many people refused to accept the telegram's authenticity because it didn't fit with their preconceived notion of reality, which he said is a reminder of the importance of driving misinformation and rumor out of political debate.

"If you have an environment where the truth becomes optional, like we're kind of facing today, once you're in that environment it becomes difficult to break out of it," he said. "People refuse to believe the truth because they can't tell the difference."

Other historians pondered the consequences of the Germans' overconfidence in their abilities to encode messages. Cryptographers get too arrogant— they think no one will get into "my system," said David Hatch, a National Security Agency historian.

"It was true in 1917 and it's certainly true today," he said at the conference.

Cox has sent a memo to naval leaders about the significance of the Zimmermann Telegram so the lessons learned could prove useful.

## **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.

## **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."

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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 kidnapers 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.

## **Ivanka Trump to continue working on women's issues**

**By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — She may not be working in the White House, but that doesn't mean Ivanka Trump is staying out of politics.

Although she has said she will have no official role in her father's administration, Ivanka Trump has been quietly laying the groundwork for an effort that could make her perhaps the best-connected policy advocate in Washington. Trump, who has made clear she wants to push for policies benefiting women and girls, last week sought the advice of a group of female executives and media stars in New York City. And transition aides have reached out to congressional staff on childcare policies, an area she has urged President-elect Donald Trump to prioritize.

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In a Facebook post detailing her next moves, Ivanka Trump thanked people who had reached out on such issues and added that she is determining the “most impactful and appropriate ways for me to serve our country.”

It is not clear if Trump will establish herself independently or if she will eventually enter the White House. But operating from the outside may take her into uncharted territory, as there are few recent examples of a first family member without a White House office advocating for policies. The closest model is the first lady, who has an office in the East Wing.

For now, the businesswoman has said only that she is stepping away from executive roles at the Trump Organization and her lifestyle brand and is moving her family to Washington so that her husband Jared Kushner can take a job as a senior adviser. She has also stressed that she wants to focus on settling her three young children in a new home.

But Ivanka Trump is also thinking beyond that.

On Thursday, she attended a dinner with female executives at the home of her friend Wendi Deng, ex-wife of media executive Rupert Murdoch. The dinner was put together by Dina Powell, a Goldman Sachs partner who is joining the Trump administration as an assistant to the president and senior counselor for economic initiatives. Powell has been advising Ivanka Trump and is expected to continue working closely with her.

Other guests included MSNBC “Morning Joe” co-host Mika Brzezinski, model Christy Turlington Burns, former White House press secretary Dana Perino, Xerox Chairperson Ursula Burns, Deloitte CEO Cathy Engelbert, Glamour Editor-in-Chief Cynthia Leive and Time Managing Editor Nancy Gibbs. Another attendee, Pattie Sellers, executive director of Fortune’s Most Powerful Women Summits, wrote on Fortune.com that Ivanka Trump “explained that she wanted to learn from the efforts of leaders in their fields.”

Also there was Sheila Marcelo, founder of [www.care.com](http://www.care.com), a website that connects families with caregivers, said an attendee who spoke on condition of anonymity because it was a private dinner. Marcelo spoke about the high cost of caregiving — both for children and adult family members.

The attendee said the group also discussed the Trump transition team’s recent outreach to the House of Representatives’ Ways and Means Committee staff about Trump’s child care proposals. Asked about news reports about the outreach, Ivanka Trump noted that these were priorities for the president-elect, the source said.

A Trump Transition spokesperson declined to comment on the event.

Ivanka Trump’s interest and influence on these issues was clear during the campaign. Encouraged by his daughter, Donald Trump offered a child care plan in September, which includes guaranteeing six weeks of paid maternity leave for new mothers, as well as some incentives to encourage employers to provide childcare to workers.

The policy would require congressional approval — a considerable hurdle. Such proposals are not a high priority for Republican leadership and it’s not clear how well they’ll be received by conservatives in the GOP-controlled Congress.

Ivanka Trump has already made some outreach to lawmakers, including meeting with Republican women back in September. But it is not clear if, moving forward, she will lobby Congress directly.

There is little precedent for a president’s adult child seeking to have that sort of influence, said University of Minnesota law professor Richard Painter, who served as ethics counsel for President George W. Bush.

The closest comparison would be the policy work by first ladies, like Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” campaign. Painter said that first ladies are generally not subject to conflict of interest laws, though in

the past they complied voluntarily like past presidents.

But Painter said to avoid conflicts, Ivanka Trump should, like her husband, follow federal ethics laws. For example, he said she should not offer her father advice on international trade if she continues to have a financial stake in her clothing business. He said he did not think Ivanka Trump would need to register as a lobbyist if she was a policy advocate if she was she not paid.

Ivanka Trump has said she will take a "formal leave of absence" from her executive positions at the Trump Organization and her lifestyle brand — which offers shoes, clothes and messages of female empowerment. Her company will be run by the current president and a board of trustees.

The Trump team has said Ivanka Trump will divest some assets and will receive fixed payments rather than a share of the profits from the Trump Organization. No details have been released on her financial arrangement with the lifestyle brand.

## German ministers reject Trump remarks on car tariffs

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Senior German officials reacted with surprise and defiance Monday to comments made by President-elect Donald Trump, who said in an interview that NATO was "obsolete" and threatened Germany's automakers with hefty import taxes.

Trump said in an interview with German daily Bild and The Times of London that German car manufacturers could face tariffs of up to 35 percent if they set up plants in Mexico instead of the U.S. and try to export cars to the U.S. from there.

Such tariffs would make "the American auto industry worse, weaker and more expensive," Sigmar Gabriel, Germany's economy minister, told Bild.

Gabriel, who is also vice chancellor, suggested more self-confidence in dealing with Trump. He said: "We're not weak and inferior."

Trump, who in his interview Sunday singled out BMW, said the German carmaker could face tariffs if it goes ahead with plans to open a plant in Mexico and sell cars to the U.S.

Responding to Trump's complaint that German automakers don't behave fairly because a lot of German cars are seen in the U.S., but few American cars in Germany, Gabriel suggested the solution might be that "the U.S. needs to build better cars."

BMW said Monday that the company would stick to its plans to produce cars in Mexico.

"The production is aimed at the world market," BMW said, according to German news agency dpa. "Therefore the plant in Mexico will complement ... the production plants in Germany and China."

In his interview, Trump called NATO "obsolete because it wasn't taking care of terror" and said member organizations aren't paying their "fair share."

"A lot of these countries aren't paying what they're supposed to be paying, which I think is very unfair to the United States," Trump said. "With that being said, NATO is very important to me."

German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier, who was in Brussels to meet NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, said the president-elect's comments had caused "surprise and anxiety" among members of the trans-Atlantic alliance.

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Raf Casert in Brussels contributed to this report.

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## Muted reaction in Russia to Trump's talk of nuclear arms cut

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Suggestions by President-elect Donald Trump that sanctions against Russia could be lifted in exchange for a nuclear arms cut attracted a frosty reception in Moscow on Monday.

In an interview with the Times of London published on Sunday, Trump indicated that he could end sanctions imposed on Russia in the aftermath of the 2014 annexation of Crimea in return for a nuclear arms reduction deal.

Russia isn't so anxious to get the sanctions lifted that it is prepared to "sacrifice something, especially in what concerns security," said Konstantin Kosachev, the Kremlin-connected chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the upper house of parliament.

Kosachev also told the RIA Novosti news agency that Trump's comments to the Times should be treated with caution because it wasn't an official statement, since Trump hasn't assumed office yet.

Washington, along with the European Union, has imposed several rounds of economic sanctions on Russia and travel bans for individuals following Moscow's annexation of Crimea and interference in the conflict in eastern Ukraine. The latest round of U.S. sanctions came at the end of December.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, sounded similarly cautious with reporters in Moscow later in the day.

"Let's wait until he assumes office before we give assessment to any initiatives," Peskov said. He added that Russia never raises the issue of sanctions in talks with its foreign counterparts and doesn't intend to do so because it's not up to Moscow to scrap them.

Another influential Russian lawmaker, Alexei Pushkov, in a tweet late Sunday laughed off warnings of the CIA director about challenges that will follow lifting the sanctions.

Speaking on Fox News, CIA Director John Brennan said on Sunday that in his opinion Trump doesn't have "a full understanding of Russian capabilities and the actions they are taking on the world."

Pushkov replied on Twitter: "There aren't going to be any consequences.

"Except for their proponents getting a heart attack."

## Steelers hold off Chiefs on Boswell's 6 field goals, 18-16

By BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chris Boswell's pinpoint right leg and Le'Veon Bell's two dancing feet.

They do call it football, after all.

Indeed, Bell spent much of Sunday watching the film "Happy Feet."

"I wasn't nervous about the game," Bell said. "I don't watch ESPN or NFL Live, because I know they'll talk about the game. I don't necessarily want to think about the game.

"I watch stuff like 'Happy Feet.'"

Who needs to reach the end zone when you have Bell chewing up yards and the clock, and Boswell setting an NFL playoff record with six field goals? Throw in a stingy Pittsburgh defense for most of Sunday night, and a multitude of mistakes by Kansas City, and the Steelers' 18-16 victory sent them into the AFC championship game.

The Steelers (13-5) needed to hold off a last-ditch threat by the Chiefs (12-5) before advancing to face New England next Sunday night for a spot in the Super Bowl. The Patriots won at Pittsburgh 27-16, but Ben Roethlisberger was injured and didn't play.

"I think it's going to be a showdown," Bell said. "Two great quarterbacks going head to head. Two of the best teams in the AFC. It's time to settle it next week."

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Since 2001, the Patriots and Steelers have combined to win nine AFC titles.

Spencer Ware's 1-yard touchdown run took Kansas City within 18-16. The Chiefs at first converted the 2-pointer to tie it, but tackle Eric Fisher — the first overall selection in the 2013 draft — was penalized for holding. The next try failed.

With 2:43 remaining, Justin Gilbert misplayed the kick return and was tackled at the Pittsburgh 5. Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown for 7 yards on third down and Pittsburgh then ran out the clock, securing a ninth straight victory for the Steelers. The Chiefs have not won a home playoff game since 1994, losing five in a row.

"I feel like we left a lot of plays on the field that we should have made," linebacker Justin Houston said. "We didn't; it's the playoffs, every play counts."

The scoring started furiously in the opening minutes, then the game became a kicking exhibition by Boswell, who also had six field goals in the regular season against Cincinnati. And Bell put on a virtuoso running performance, patiently finding holes and then exploding through them. He added a team-record 170 yards rushing to the 167 he had in a win over Miami last week.

"The coaches put a lot of trust in me to get the job done," Bell said of his 30 carries. "Just run hard. Just picked my spots where I could and run hard."

The Steelers became the first team to win a playoff game without a TD since eventual Super Bowl champion Indianapolis in the 2006 AFC divisional round at Baltimore.

Using a no-huddle attack almost to perfection early on, the Steelers drove deep into Kansas City territory. But they bogged down inside the 5 and Boswell made a 22-yard field goal.

The Chiefs were just as efficient on a six-play march capped by receiver Albert Wilson lining up in the backfield, then slipping uncovered into the end zone for a 5-yard score.

Pittsburgh's answer came on a 52-yard heave to All-Pro Brown, who somehow was covered by Houston. That led to Boswell's second field goal, a 38-yarder. He added a 36-yarder to cap a 14-play drive on which Pittsburgh again barely huddled.

A clean game up until then turned to, well, turnovers, on successive series. Bud Dupree pounded Alex Smith, whose pass shot high into the air and was caught by linebacker Ryan Shazier.

The Steelers got to the Kansas City 5, where Frank Zombo leaped to deflect Roethlisberger's throw, and All-Pro safety Eric Berry — burned for 26 yards on the previously play — picked it off in the end zone.

Boswell's fourth field goal, from 45 yards, made it 12-7 at the half. His 43-yarder, setting the franchise record for a postseason game and tying the league mark of five, came on Pittsburgh's first series of the second half. A 43-yarder midway in the fourth quarter gave Boswell the NFL record.

"It's just about doing my job," Boswell said. "Coming out here, put it through the yellow pipes. Don't really think too much. Don't think like I'm the guy or anything. I'm just doing my job and doing my one-eleventh for the team."

Kansas City's Cairo Santos got in on the kicking act with a 48-yarder to make it 15-10. At that point, 10 seconds from the end of the third quarter, the Chiefs were outgained 333 yards to 150.

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Switching the game from noon local time to an evening kickoff to avert an ice storm had no effect on the crowd. Fans arrived early, tailgated in the rain as the worst of the storm never hit the area. But fog rolled into Arrowhead Stadium in the second quarter, obscuring some views from on high. Not that what was going on was worth watching for Chiefs fans.

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Bell rushed for almost as many yards (101) in the first half as the Chiefs gained (106). Bell ran for 144

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yards vs. Kansas City in October in his first game after a three-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.... Boswell's four first-half field goals tied the team record for an entire playoff game. ... Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce had a rough game, including a big drop and a 15-yard roughing penalty in the third period. He did finish with five catches for 77 yards. ... A sign of the Steelers' dominance for much of the night: Pittsburgh held the ball for 34:13, with Kansas City getting 7:06 of its possession time on its final drive.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2017. There are 349 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother, Elizabeth, and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nevada, while en route to California from a war-bond promotion tour.

On this date:

In 27 B.C., Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression, "Forty acres and a mule.")

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes. Classical music conductor Arturo Toscanini died in New York at age 89.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first U.S. secretary of transportation.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1987, Hu Yaobang resigned as head of China's Communist Party, declaring he'd made mistakes in dealing with student turmoil and intellectual challenges to the system. Broadway columnist Earl Wilson died in Yonkers, New York, at age 79.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Allied forces prevailed on Feb. 28, 1991.)

In 1992, officials of the government of El Salvador and rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war that had left at least 75,000 people dead.

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In 1997, entertainer Bill Cosby's only son, Ennis, was shot to death in Los Angeles during an apparent roadside robbery attempt. (Mikhail Markhasev was later convicted of Ennis Cosby's killing, and sentenced to life in prison.) Two bomb blasts an hour apart rocked a building in Sandy Springs, Georgia, containing an abortion clinic (serial bomber Eric Rudolph later admitted responsibility).

Ten years ago: Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., launched his successful bid for the White House. Jury selection began in the CIA leak trial of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. (Libby was later convicted of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI; President George W. Bush ended up commuting Libby's 30-month prison term.) Two car bombs exploded outside Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad, killing at least 70 people. Pookie Hudson, lead singer for the Spaniels doo-wop group, died in Capitol Heights, Maryland, at age 72. Actor Ron Carey (TV: "Barney Miller") died in Los Angeles at age 71.

Five years ago: Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney fended off attacks from rivals during a debate in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; hours before the debate, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman withdrew from the race and announced his support for Romney despite their differences. Jimmy Castor, funk and soul saxophonist, singer and songwriter whose tune, "It's Just Begun," morphed into an anthem for generations of musical acts, died in Las Vegas at age 71.

One year ago: The U.N. nuclear agency certified that Iran had met all of its commitments under a landmark deal, prompting the West to lift economic sanctions that had been in place for years. Taiwan elected Tsai Ing-wen as its first female president, handing her pro-independence party its first majority in the national legislature. Former NFL coach Ted Marchibroda, 84, died in Weems, Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Kennedy is 89. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 87. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 83. Hall of Fame auto racer A.J. Foyt is 82. Singer Barbara Lynn is 75. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 74. Singer Katherine Anderson Schaffner (The Marvelettes) is 73. Country singer Jim Stafford is 73. Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 70. Movie director John Carpenter is 69. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 58. Singer Sade (shah-DAY') is 58. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 55. Actor David Chokachi (CHOH'-kuh-chee) is 49. Actor-writer-director Josh Evans is 46. Actor-comedian Jonathan Mangum is 46. Actor Richard T. Jones is 45. Actress Josie Davis is 44. Model Kate Moss is 43. Actor/playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda (Stage: "Hamilton") is 37. Country musician James Young (The Eli Young Band) is 37. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 36. Actress Renee Felice Smith is 32. NFL quarterback Joe Flacco is 32. Actress Yvonne Zima is 28.

Thought for Today: "There are three ingredients to the good life: learning, earning, and yearning." — Christopher Morley, American journalist (1890-1957).