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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.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m.

Groton Area girls beat Langford Area

Groton Area defeated Langford Area in girls basketball action last night, 50-36. Groton led at the quarterstops at 10-8, 16-10 and 37-28. Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each had 11 points to lead Groton while Ady Dwight had 12 for the Lions.

Further info will be coming in an upcoming edition.

Apts for Rent

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

Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

For those of you who follow the news, you know that the first week of the legislative session has been eventful. On Tuesday, the Senate conducted organizational votes, during which I was elected to serve as the President Pro Tempore this year. I had previously prevailed during a caucus vote, but nothing was official until the matter was brought before the full body for a vote of all members from both parties. In the two months between the caucus vote and the official vote, I was

charged with making several decisions that are required of the President Pro Tem. These included making committee assignments, assigning committee chairmanships and vice-chairmanships, hiring staff and selecting pages who will work for us during the session, and attending preliminary meetings. Of course, if the full Senate body had chosen somebody else to serve as PPT, the decisions I had made would have likely changed, but I was honored to have received a unanimous vote of the members. This truly is a humbling experience, and with it comes great responsibility. During session, I will be charged with assigning all bills to the proper committees and presiding over the Senate should the Lieutenant Governor be gone at any time. I want to thank those of you who have supported me in my endeavors to serve you, and I want to express my gratitude to the Senators for putting their trust in me. I am truly blessed!

After the Senate adjourned on Tuesday, we heard the Governor's State of the State address. As much of what he outlined concerning his agenda has been well publicized, I will not go into the details. I will just say that I felt it was a pretty straightforward address without a lot of potential controversy. Of course, some of the initiatives will be more scrutinized than others, but there were no real "land mines" in terms of major new initiatives or tax increases discussed. Other notable speeches during the first week were the State of the Judiciary delivered by Chief Justice Gilbertson and the State of the Tribes delivered by Yankton Sioux Tribal Chairman, Robert Flying Hawk.

To date, much of the discussion behind the scenes has been what to do about the currently-enjoined Initiated Measure 22. According to a court ruling, IM 22 appears to be unconstitutional on several fronts. Accordingly, there is virtually no reasonable expectation that any element contained within IM 22 is likely to be upheld. This measure was brought to South Dakota by an operative from Massachusetts and was bankrolled nearly entirely by out-of-state interests. The Legislative Research Council had advised the sponsor of the measure that it was likely unconstitutional, yet there was no effort made to address the problematic language. When the Attorney General wrote the ballot explanation, he, too, stated if the measure passed it would likely face a constitutional challenge. In the end, it took very little time before the judge issued the injunction, rendering the measure ineffective until another court rules differently. That leaves us with a question as to whether to pursue replacing the measure or going into a holding pattern. At this time, I believe the legislature is serious about trying to put in place some of the elements contained within the initiated measure (in a constitutional fashion) that upholds the spirit of the voters, while weeding through the portions that most voters were not even aware were in the measure. For example, to date, I have not heard from one person that they feel we should fund our political campaigns in SD using tax dollars. This would pit politicians versus public schools, nursing homes, adjustment training centers, and a whole host of other budgetary concerns that are clearly of a higher priority than the public financing of campaigns that the "Mess"-achusetts operatives thought would be a good idea. It is notable that one particular SD political operative is attempting to raise money to bankroll future efforts. I would encourage you to keep your checkbooks in your pockets, as this effort has already cost you tax dollars during the legal challenge.

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My hope is that the group who brought this matter before the voters and engaged in an exceedingly dishonest campaign that focused on innuendo of corruption that they couldn't substantiate will ultimately be required to reimburse the state taxpayers for the money they have seemingly wasted. It is also notable that the promoters of said measure were not honest enough to tell the voters what was contained in their 70-section monstrosity of a measure.

Incidentally, this past summer our Secretary of State had commissioned a group of bipartisan legislators and citizens to engage in a discussion seeking to overhaul our campaign finance laws. I was one of the members of that panel, and I believe the work of that group will be well-received by the people of South Dakota. The Secretary has introduced two bills seeking to address the weaknesses identified by the group. These measures are SB 53 and 54. These embody a common-sense South Dakota approach to increasing transparency relative to campaign finance reporting requirements. I will keep you updated on this/these matters as they continue to develop.

I hope this finds you well. Here's wishing you a prosperous new year! As always, your emails, phone calls, personal visits, and especially your prayers are very welcome as we proceed throughout the session. My NEW state email address is brock.greenfield@sdlegislature.com. God bless you and yours!



Wednesday, January 18th
thru
Saturday, January 21st

**CRAZY
DAYS
SALE**

Lori's Pharmacy

And



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* Buy one gift item at full price, get another (of equal value or less) at 1/2 price!

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*Christmas is now 60% off!

*Everyday Home Decor - 30% off!

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Thinking About Health

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Hospitals Are Penalized for Harming Patients

Anyone facing a hospital stay for themselves or a family member should look at new data the government released right before Christmas showing that it <http://khn.org/news/769-hospitals-penalized-for-patient-safety-in-2017-data-table/> penalized 769 of the nation's hospitals for having high rates of patient injuries. The monetary penalties – a reduction for the year in their reimbursement for treating Medicare patients – do bite. Larger teaching hospitals could lose as much as \$1 million or more.

This is the third year the government has penalized hospitals in an effort to prevent avoidable patient deaths in hospitals, which emerged as a big issue about 18 years ago. This year the government added injuries caused by MRSA and C diff infections to their list of other harmful conditions patients contract in a hospital such as urinary tract and surgical site infections resulting from hysterectomies and colon procedures. MRSA – a staphylococcus bacterium - can cause pneumonia and bloodstream infections. C diff is a germ that can multiply in the gut when patients are taking other antibiotics to kill other germs.

While some facilities like those serving children and psychiatric patients and critical care hospitals are exempt from penalties, this year's data show that more than 200 facilities, including some of the nation's most well-known hospitals, have the dubious distinction of being on the government's penalty list for all three years. They include the Cleveland Clinic, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital. The message for patients: A hospital's TV advertising campaign for its great cancer care may obscure significant safety issues.

Have penalties and other harm reduction initiatives made hospital care safer?

This time 347 hospitals penalized last year are not on the bad-guy list, which shows that some are paying attention. But hospital injuries have not vanished. The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality says there were 3.8 million hospital injuries last year. That translates to 115 injuries per 1,000 patient stays.

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria infect some two million people annually. One quarter of a million cases occur in hospitals.

I wanted to know why more progress hasn't been made. While the new government data reflect improvements at many hospitals, why is there still such a long way to go? I rang up Lisa McGiffert, the head of Consumers Union's Safe Patient Project who has been a leading voice since 2004 to bring attention to infections and medical errors. She told me there's been a significant shift in the way hospitals view infections. Twelve years ago they used to say they were not preventable. "Now, most people in healthcare believe most infections are."

In the early days of her campaign, government agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were reluctant to back public reporting of hospital mistakes and other data to help patients. Now they support it. Still, she says, "what I am most frustrated about is the lack of urgency in the country and at the agencies for eliminating these infections. They are aware of them, but there's not a sense of urgency to stop them."

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The financial penalties levied by the Medicare agency have made a significant difference because they get the hospital CEO's attention. Unless the CEO is involved, change is not going to happen.

But the penalties along with the entire program to eliminate hospital-acquired conditions were authorized under the Affordable Care Act. They could be in jeopardy if the law is repealed. Some hospitals probably would be happy if they disappeared.

Patients need to make use of the data that is available and study it to inform their decisions about where to go for care when they have a choice. McGiffert advises looking at how your hospital compares to similar facilities. Look for improvement. If a hospital was penalized the first or second year of the program but not this year, that indicates it could be serious about safety. Also look to see if a facility's scores are moving in the right direction. If the numbers show they are not performing as well on some dimension as they previously were, patients need to ask why.

Some states and some hospitals are using other strategies. Illinois and California, for example, have passed legislation that requires hospitals to screen for MRSA when patients are admitted. Some hospitals have stewardship programs to address the overuse of antibiotics, which contributes to drug resistance.

To start learning about your hospital, consult the government's Hospital Compare website <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>. Follow the prompts to find the hospital you are looking for and then search the tabs for "complications." This will let you look at actual numbers to help you see how your hospital is doing.

What experience have you had with patient harm in a hospital? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Weekly Playoff Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The second week of the NFL playoffs have come and gone, and only four teams remain in their quest for the Lombardi Trophy.

The weekend started with the Seattle Seahawks traveling across the country to face the Atlanta Falcons. This game featured one of the best defenses in the league (Seattle) attempting to stop the best offense in the NFL (Atlanta). Falcons' quarterback Matt Ryan threw for 338 yards and three touchdowns, helping the home team defeat the visiting Seahawks, 36-20.

Saturday night concluded with the Houston Texans visiting the New England Patriots. The Texans made it to the second round of the playoffs because of an injury to their first-round opponents, but then they ran into the New England juggernaut. The Texans' defense was able to get a lot of pressure on Tom Brady, and this game was a lot closer than most people thought it would be, but at the end of the day the Texans were no match for the Patriots. New England won, 34-16.

Sunday was supposed to kick off with the Steelers versus the Chiefs, but an ice storm forced the NFL to move the game back to later in the day. The wait was well worth it, however, as the two games on Sunday were the two best of the playoffs so far.

The first game on Sunday featured the Green Bay Packers taking on the Dallas Cowboys. This game was a rematch from earlier in the year, and the Packers were looking for retribution. The Cowboys outperformed the Packers for the most part, but the Packers had a secret weapon by the name of Aaron Rodgers. With a little over four minutes left in the game, Dallas overcame an eight-point deficit to tie the game. The Packers got the ball back and drove down the field to take a three-point lead with a minute and a half left. Dallas then drove 42 yards in under a minute and tied the game, and it was looking like the game might go to overtime. Aaron Rodgers had other plans though, driving 43 yards in 35 seconds to put the Packers in place to kick the game-winning field goal as time expired.

The divisional round of the playoffs ended with the Chiefs hosting the Steelers. Pittsburgh had one of the best offenses in football this year, but they were unable to put the ball in the endzone against a stingy Kansas City defense. The Steelers did manage to kick six field goals (NFL playoff record), which was just enough to squeak by the Chiefs, 18-16.

Looking ahead, the Conference Championships will be on Sunday starting at 2:05 CT. The weekend kicks off with the Green Bay Packers traveling to Atlanta to take on the Falcons. This game will feature two of the most potent offenses in the league, and should be a shoot-out that comes down to who has the ball last. The weekend will end with the New England Patriots hosting the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers have an incredible offense, but it will be hard to bet against Tom Brady and Bill Belichick of the Patriots.

Some Couples Invest in Their Future in Ways Other Than a Diamond Ring

By Nathaniel Sillin

What does an engagement ring look like? For many people, my wife included, the answer is a diamond ring. While that's a concept that didn't become widely accepted until the diamond industry's marketing campaigns in the mid-1900s, it's one that holds strong today. However, some couples are going in an alternative direction. The intention isn't to be cheap, but rather to use the savings to make a different kind of meaningful investment in their future together.

When and how a proposal happens can be a surprise, but hopefully, the answer won't be. That is likely doubly true if the question is popped without a diamond engagement ring, or perhaps without a ring at all. As always in a relationship, communication is key. While some people may be excited by the idea, it could be a deal breaker for others.

What will a meaningful investment look like to the both of you? A friend of mine recently shared with me the story of how he proposed to his now wife, and the decision to forgo an engagement ring altogether.

When they first started discussing marriage and engagement rings, she said she'd rather put the money towards a down payment because starting a home together was more meaningful to her than a ring. He didn't ask right away, but when he did take a knee, ringless, and ask her to marry him – clearly she said yes. Today they live in the home the savings helped buy, wear only wedding bands and he says neither of them regrets the decision.

A down payment might not make sense for you, but there are other ways to invest in your future together. For some couples, paying down debts or saving for their wedding so that they don't go into debt might be a better fit. Or, you might want to start a travel or honeymoon fund.

Consider your options if you want to buy a ring. Understandably, the idea of proposing without an engagement ring isn't for everyone, and there is a middle ground. A less expensive engagement ring with the savings going towards your shared goal.

Here are few options you could discuss with your significant other:

Alternative stones. There are a variety of alternative precious and semi-precious stones you could pick for the ring. Matching a stone's color to the person's eyes or choosing their birthstone could imbue the ring with a personal touch. However, be careful about picking a "soft" gem that could be easily scratched if it's worn daily.

Diamond look-alikes. You could choose a synthetic diamond or a stone that looks similar to a diamond but costs much less, such as a cubic zirconia. Some of the man-made and alternative options can look more brilliant than genuine diamonds, and you don't need to worry about whether or not the stone is conflict-free.

A solid band. While it won't have the same flash as a ring with a large gemstone, choosing a smaller diamond or solid metal band with a symbolic meaning could be just as meaningful to your partner.

Family heirlooms can also make for memorable engagement rings and often there isn't a price tag attached (although a lengthy discussion might be in order). A vintage ring could appeal to some people's style, or the center stone could be reset in a modern band. In either case, there's something special about wearing a gemstone that's been in one of your families for generations.

Decide on your priorities as a couple and act accordingly. According to The Knot's 2015 Real Weddings Study, an average of \$5,871 was spent on engagement rings. For some, there's no better way to spend money. After all, it's a ring that's going to be worn for decades.

However, you can discuss engagement ring expectations before you ask someone to marry you. If a diamond isn't particularly important, an alternative ring or gemstone, or no ring at all, can be an equally timeless and beautiful gesture of love when you both know the money is going to an important step in your future together.

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

- Councilman Ward I (two year term)
- Councilman Ward II (two year term)
- Councilman Ward III (two year term)

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2017 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 209 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8am and 5pm central standard time not later than the 24th day of February, 2017 at 5pm.

Anita Lowary
Finance Officer

The Livestream logo features a red and white stylized 'L' icon to the left of the word 'livestream' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Jan. 17

8 p.m.: Ipswich boys at Groton

Thursday, Jan. 19

Boys Basketball at Aberdeen Roncalli

8 p.m.

gdilive.com

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Today in Weather History

January 17, 1996: Two to as much as fifteen inches of snow, high winds from 40 to 60 mph, and cold arctic air resulted in blizzard conditions and extreme wind chills from 40 below to 70 below from the middle morning of the 17th to the early evening of the 18th. Most schools, federal, state, and county offices were closed. Various activities also canceled. Travel was tough due to the near zero visibility with some vehicles stranded. Highway 12 from Webster to the Minnesota border and Interstate-29 closed on the 18th. Hundreds of people were stranded with some people stranded in their vehicles. Some pheasants and wildlife were lost due to the snow packed so hard they could not dig out. Some snowfall amounts include; 2 inches at Highmore, 3 inches at Pierre and 9NE Reliance, 5 inches at Mobridge, Presho, Roscoe, 10SE Stephan, and Ree Heights, 6 inches at Tulare, 7 inches 12W Tulare and 5E 3S Faulkton, 8 inches 11E 2S Hosmer and at Doland, 9 inches at Mellette, Aberdeen, and Redfield, and 10 inches at Eureka and Britton, and 12 inches at Wilmot, Rosholt, and Ortonville, Minnesota. Fifteen inches occurred at Wheaton, Clinton, and Graceville. The extreme wind chills along with some blowing snow continued across central and north central South Dakota into the early evening of the 18th.

January 17, 2012: Below are some very rare lake effect waterspouts. Chris Westcott took these pictures in the vicinity of Lower Brule. The waterspouts form from the instability created when the air associated with the relatively warm open waters of the Missouri River interacts with the frigid air located just above the surface. These types of waterspouts have a very short lifespan and dissipate just as quickly as they form. Chris saw six of them at one time.

1817 - A luminous snowstorm occurred in Vermont and New Hampshire. Saint Elmo's fire appeared as static discharges on roof peaks, fence posts, and the hats and fingers of people. Thunderstorms prevailed over central New England. (David Ludlum)

1893 - The mercury dipped to 17 degrees below zero at Millsboro, DE, to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - A single storm unloaded 77.5 inches of snow at Summit, MT, to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - Strong chinook winds caused severe wind damage in Boulder, CO. Wind gusts to 118 mph was recorded on the roof of the Environmental Research Laboratories (ERL), and a wind gust to 137 mph was measured atop the roof of the NCAR building (in the southwest part of the city, 600 feet above ground level). The high winds uprooted trees and damage roofs. (Storm Data)

1987 - A winter storm spread snow from the Southern Rockies into the Middle Mississippi Valley and southwestern sections of the Great Lakes Region, and freezing rain across Texas and Oklahoma. Snowfall totals ranged up to 16 inches at Tulia TX, with 12 inches at Wellington KS. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A Pacific storm battered the southern coast of California. Winds gusting to 65 mph uprooted trees in San Diego. Los Angeles reported an all-time record low barometric pressure reading of 29.25 inches. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong chinook winds along the eastern slopes of the Rockies gusted to 90 mph near Rollinsville CO, and reached 94 mph near Big Timber MT. Heavy snow blanketed parts of the Upper Mississippi Valley, with eight inches reported in Douglas County WI. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Twenty cities across the southeastern half of the country reported record high temperatures for the date. Record highs included 61 degrees at Williamstown PA and 85 degrees at Brownsville TX. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds from eastern Texas to Mississippi. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2010 - A series of strong Pacific storms impacted Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah from January 17th through 23rd, leaving behind several feet of snow across the higher terrain and breaking numerous lowest barometric pressure records across the region. Sunrise Mountain, Arizona received 77 inches of snow, while Mammoth Lakes, California received 90 inches. (NCDC)

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Today



Sunny

High: 26 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 11 °F

Wednesday



Sunny

High: 33 °F

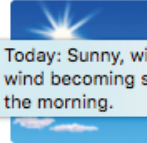
Wednesday
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 17 °F

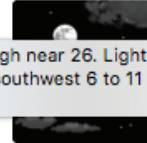
Thursday



Sunny

High: 33 °F

Thursday
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 22 °F

Friday



Partly Sunny

High: 35 °F

Today: Sunny, with a high near 26. Light south wind becoming south southwest 6 to 11 mph in the morning.

Warming Trend This Week!

~ Today – Highs 25 to 35F

~ Wednesday – Friday
Highs 30s to around 40F

National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen

National Weather Service Aberdeen

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Updated: 1/17/2017 5:31 AM Central

Published on: 01/17/2017 at 5:38AM

Dry conditions are expected through the work week. The region will experience above normal temperatures with highs reaching the 30s and 40s by Wednesday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 22.3 F at 2:45 PM

Low Outside Temp: 2.9 F at 11:58 PM

High Gust: 19.0 Mph at 10:46 AM

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 48° in 1947

Record Low: -32 in 1997

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.28

Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.28

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jan 17, 2017, issued 4:29 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Charlie Brown decided that he would take a break from baseball and take up archery. His friend and advisor, Lucy, approached him one day while he was practicing. She became rather puzzled. He would place an arrow on the string of his bow, pull it back and then let the arrow fly into the fence. Then he would do it again. And again. And again.

After he had several arrows sticking in the fence he would walk up to each one and draw a target around it.

"Charlie Brown," said Lucy, "that's not right. You always do things the wrong way and you are wrong again. You are supposed to draw the target first and then shoot at it!"

"I know," he said. "But if you do it my way you never miss."

Many of us go through life the same way. We do not have a courage-based faith that enables us to step out in a faith that trusts God for and in all things.

A good example is Abraham. God "called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance." Upon God's command he left home without asking God one question: Why? Because he not only believed God but also trusted Him. He left not knowing where he was going; only knowing Whom he trusted. And the result?

He was a pioneer and founded an empire for God.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to believe Your word, knowing that when we place our faith in You, You will not only guard us, but guide us in the paths we should take. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

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News from the Associated Press

Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 50, Britton-Hecla 29
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 52, Parkston 36
Chamberlain 81, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 56
Dell Rapids 70, Garretson 44
Freeman 57, Lyman 49
Harding County 68, Dupree 30
Sisseton 57, Flandreau Indian 43
Sully Buttes 50, Winner 48
Timber Lake 56, Bison 54, OT
Waverly-South Shore 60, Great Plains Lutheran 35

POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City, Iowa vs. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, ppd.
Lennox vs. West Central, ppd.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Britton-Hecla 55, Aberdeen Christian 32
Canistota 53, Freeman Academy/Marion 34
Groton Area 50, Langford 36
Hamlin 67, Deuel 29
Hankinson, N.D. 51, Wilmot 39
Herreid/Selby Area 41, South Border, N.D. 26
McCook Central/Montrose 58, Chester 29
Mitchell Christian 30, Corsica/Stickney 27
Northwestern 63, Potter County 36
Sioux County, Neb. 57, Edgemont 39
Sunshine Bible Academy 52, Iroquois 19
Wall 60, Philip 50, OT
Waverly-South Shore 54, Great Plains Lutheran 34
Webster 70, Florence/Henry 41
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
First Round

Colman-Egan 40, Arlington 18
Deubrook 57, Estelline 17
Elkton-Lake Benton 58, Lake Preston 52
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Viborg-Hurley vs. Freeman, ppd. to Jan 30.

965 Sioux Falls students reported homeless in past year

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls School District has identified 965 school-aged children that lived without a home at some point in the past school year.

Homelessness, along with poverty and affordable housing are issues that affect children living in Sioux Falls, and are the focus of a newly formed coalition, Sioux Falls Thrive.

KELO-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/2jCRPZI>) that the group released an Affordable Housing Needs Assessment on Monday, showing low-income families in Sioux Falls must navigate a complex system that lacks a defined point of entry to housing resources.

According to the report, homeless households accounting for nearly 500 children applied for assistance in the first six months of 2016. Since 2010, the number of children living in poverty in the city grew by 48 percent.

Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

Lawmakers to take up bills on retirement system, drug abuse

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers are set to consider measures on drones, the state's retirement system and drug abuse this week. Here's a look at some of the proposals they plan to take up:

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Changes could be coming for South Dakota Retirement System members, as the House Retirement Laws Committee is set to consider measures Wednesday, including one meant to make sure the public employee retirement system is solvent into the future by tying cost-of-living adjustments for recipients more closely to inflation.

Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard supports the plan, saying such adjustments need to be better in line with the retirement system's earnings and the rate of inflation.

GOP Rep. Craig Tieszen, chairman of the House committee, said he thinks he'll support the bills. "It just ensures the future of our retirement system, of which I'm a member," Tieszen said.

DRUG ABUSE

Bills from a legislative study committee that examined meth and prescription drug abuse are set to get their first hearing Wednesday.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will consider a measure that would require pharmacists to report daily — not weekly — to the prescription drug monitoring program about prescriptions dispensed for controlled substances. A second bill would require the Board of Pharmacy to report annually to lawmakers the number of opioid prescriptions in South Dakota for the past three years and any changes made to the prescription drug monitoring program.

DRONE REGISTRATION

The Senate Transportation Committee is set to consider Wednesday whether some unmanned aircraft should be exempt from state registration requirements.

A bill introduced at the request of the state Department of Transportation would excuse the owners of drones weighing less than 55 pounds from being required to register them as aircraft.

Department Secretary Darin Bergquist has said that drones currently must be registered with the Federal Aviation Administration. Republican Sen. Ernie Otten, the committee's chairman, said he's still studying the issue.

LOBBYIST RESTRICTIONS

A Senate rules committee deferred action on a proposal last week that would have barred public employee lobbyists from the Senate chamber and other reserved areas between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The panel is set to reconvene Tuesday.

Once lawmakers reach a decision, Senate President Pro Tempore Brock Greenfield would decide how to apply it, potentially broadening the rules to bar private-sector lobbyists from areas near the chamber from three hours before session through an hour after it ends.

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Daugaard began the session Jan. 10 with his State of the State address, in which he announced that online retail giant Amazon has agreed to begin collecting state and local sales taxes on purchases in South

Dakota.

A state House committee approved one part of an anti-meth package Friday that would allow authorities to wiretap cellphones. Later that day, the full Senate approved a different bill that would allow authorities to publicly release mug shots.

Man accused of shooting Patrol trooper set to change plea

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. (AP) — A rural Kimball man accused of shooting a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper two years ago is expected to plead guilty but mentally ill.

Trial was to start Tuesday for Donald London, 44, but it's been canceled in anticipation of London's new plea, The Daily Republic newspaper reported (<http://bit.ly/2jQbN2q>). London's attorney, Tim Whalen, confirmed the defense is contemplating a guilty but mentally ill plea.

London earlier pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges including attempted murder in the January 2015 shooting of Patrol Sgt. John Koenig, who recovered.

The charges against London carry a maximum punishment of 125 years in prison. A defendant who pleads or is found guilty but mentally ill may receive the same sentence, but the defendant might serve some or all of the time in a psychiatric treatment facility rather than in prison.

Attorney General's Office spokeswoman Sara Rabern said a plea agreement will be brought forth at a change of plea hearing scheduled for Jan. 25, but she declined to provide details.

The January 2015 standoff at the London family farm outside began after London allegedly made threats against Chamberlain police officers. It lasted more than a day and eventually involved 130 law enforcement officers. Authorities said 100 shots were fired, but only about a dozen were fired by police.

Donald London's 67-year-old father, Michael London, had been accused of aiding in the alleged assault of Koenig before he died in October 2015.

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

Woman in emaciated children case wants statements thrown out

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Pine Ridge woman facing criminal charges after authorities say two emaciated toddlers were found in her home last fall is asking a judge to throw out statements she made to law officers.

Fifty-year-old Roberta Featherman faces assault and child abuse charges that could land her in prison for life. She's pleaded not guilty.

The 2- and 3-year-old children were found Nov. 11. Authorities say they each weighed only 13 pounds, and authorities say they would have died if they hadn't been found. Seven people have pleaded not guilty in the case.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/2iDH76L>) Featherman's attorney wants statements her client made to the FBI excluded from evidence. She acknowledges Featherman waived her right to remain silent but says her client wasn't informed about charges.

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

Forever a mystery? MH370 search ends after nearly 3 years

By KRISTEN GELINEAU, Associated Press

SYDNEY (AP) — The nearly three-year search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 ended Tuesday, possibly forever — not because investigators have run out of leads, but because the countries involved in the expensive and vast deep-sea hunt have shown no appetite for opening another phase.

Late last year, as ships with high-tech search equipment covered the last strips of the 120,000-square kilometer (46,000-square mile) search zone, experts concluded they should have been searching a smaller

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area immediately to the north. But by then, \$160 million had already been spent by Malaysia, Australia and China, who had agreed over the summer not to search elsewhere without pinpoint evidence.

The transport ministers of those countries reiterated that decision Tuesday in the joint communique issued by the Joint Agency Coordination Center in Australia that announced the search for Flight 370 — and the 239 people aboard the aircraft — had been suspended.

“Despite every effort using the best science available, cutting-edge technology, as well as modeling and advice from highly skilled professionals who are the best in their field, unfortunately, the search has not been able to locate the aircraft,” said the agency, which helped lead the hunt for the Boeing 777 in remote waters west of Australia.

“Accordingly, the underwater search for MH370 has been suspended. The decision to suspend the underwater search has not been taken lightly nor without sadness.”

Relatives of those lost on the plane, which vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014, responded largely with outrage. A support group, Voice 370, issued a statement saying that extending the search is “an inescapable duty owed to the flying public.”

Without understanding what happened to the plane, there’s a “good chance that this could happen in the future,” said K.S. Narendran, a member of the group.

But last year, Australia, Malaysia and China — which have each helped fund the search — agreed that the hunt would be suspended once the search zone was exhausted unless new evidence emerges that pinpoints the plane’s specific location. More than after of those aboard the plane were Chinese.

Since no technology currently exists that can tell investigators exactly where the plane is, that means the most expensive, complex search in aviation history is over, barring a change of heart from the three countries.

There is the possibility that a private donor could offer to bankroll a new search, or that Malaysia will kick in fresh funds. But no one has stepped up yet, raising the bleak possibility that the world’s greatest aviation mystery may never be solved.

For the families of the aircraft’s 227 passengers and 12 crew members, that’s a particularly bitter prospect given the recent acknowledgment by officials that they had been looking for the plane in the wrong place all along.

In December, the transport bureau announced that a review of the data used to estimate where the plane crashed, coupled with new information on ocean currents, strongly suggested that the plane hit the water in an area directly north of the search zone.

Officials investigating the plane’s disappearance recommended that search crews head north to a new 25,000-square-kilometer (9,700-square-mile) area identified in a recent analysis as where the plane most likely crashed. But Australia’s government rejected that recommendation, saying the results of the experts’ analysis weren’t precise enough to justify continuing the hunt.

“Whilst combined scientific studies have continued to refine areas of probability, to date no new information has been discovered to determine the specific location of the aircraft,” the transport ministers of the three countries involved said in their statement Tuesday.

The lack of resolution has caused agony for family members of the flight’s passengers, who have begged officials to continue the hunt for their loved ones.

“The whole series of events since the plane disappeared has been nothing but frustrating,” said Grace Nathan, a Malaysian whose mother was on board Flight 370. “It continues to be frustrating and we just hope they will continue to search. ... They’ve already searched 120,000 square kilometers. What is another 25,000?”

Investigators have been stymied again and again in their efforts to find the aircraft. Hopes were repeatedly raised and smashed by false leads: Underwater signals wrongly thought to be emanating from the plane’s black boxes. Possible debris fields that turned out to be sea trash. Oil slicks that contained no jet fuel. A large object detected on the seafloor that was just an old shipwreck.

In the absence of solid leads, investigators relied largely on an analysis of transmissions between the plane and a satellite to narrow down where in the world the jet ended up — a technique never previously

used to find an aircraft.

Based on the transmissions, they narrowed down the possible crash zone to a vast arc of ocean slicing across the Southern Hemisphere. Even then, the search zone was enormous and located in one of the most remote patches of water on earth — 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) off Australia's west coast. Much of the seabed had never even been mapped.

For years, search crews painstakingly combed the search area in several ships, largely pinning their hopes on towfish, small vessels equipped with sonar that sent information back to the boats in real-time. The ships slowly dragged the towfish through the ocean just above the seabed, hoping the equipment would detect some trace of the plane. Unmanned submarines were used to examine areas of rougher terrain and objects of interest picked up by sonar that required a closer look.

The search zone shifted multiple times as investigators refined their analysis, all to no avail. Some began to question whether the plane had gone down in the Southern Hemisphere at all.

Then, in July 2015, came the first proof that the plane was indeed in the Indian Ocean: A wing flap from the aircraft was found on Reunion Island, east of Madagascar. Since then, more than 20 objects either confirmed or believed to be from the plane have washed ashore on beaches throughout the Indian Ocean. But while the debris proved the plane went down in the Indian Ocean, the location of the main underwater wreckage — and its crucial black box data recorders — remains stubbornly elusive.

If the plane is never found, the reasons for its disappearance and crash will probably never be known, though Malaysia has said the plane's erratic movements after takeoff were consistent with deliberate actions.

The sister of the pilot, Captain Zaharie Ahmad Shah, slammed authorities for ending the search without settling the mystery, saying her brother will not be absolved of suspicions he deliberately crashed the plane.

"How can they end the search like that? There will be finger-pointing again," Sakinab Shah said.

The transport ministers praised the efforts of the search crews and said the search had presented an "unprecedented challenge."

"Today's announcement is significant for our three countries, but more importantly for the family and friends of those on board the aircraft. We again take this opportunity to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives and acknowledge the enormous loss felt by their loved ones," the ministers wrote. "We remain hopeful that new information will come to light and that at some point in the future the aircraft will be located."

German supreme court rejects bid to outlaw far-right party

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press**

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's supreme court on Tuesday rejected a bid by lawmakers to outlaw a fringe far-right party accused of pursuing a racist and anti-Semitic agenda.

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Justice Minister Heiko Maas said the government respected the verdict, but warned against complacency.

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It was the second attempt to ban the National Democratic Party, better known by its German acronym NPD. In 2003, the court rejected a previous application because paid government informants within the group were partially responsible for evidence against it.

Vosskuhle, in explaining the verdict, cited the party's political irrelevance, pointing out that it has only a single seat in the European Parliament and that the NPD's election results have in recent years been "on a low level."

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The rise of the nationalist Alternative for Germany party, which has assailed Chancellor Angela Merkel for allowing large numbers of migrants into the country and appeals to a much broader range of protest voters, has eroded the NPD's support in recent years.

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The NPD could not immediately be reached for comment, but celebrated the verdict on Facebook saying it was "now fully back in business."

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Trump tries to calm tensions after Lewis squabble

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump spoke of national unity to a son of Martin Luther King Jr., seeking to ease friction over the president-elect's squabble with Rep. John Lewis, a protege of the slain civil rights leader.

"He said that he is going to represent all Americans. He said that over and over again," Martin Luther King III told reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower Monday after a nearly hour-long meeting. "I believe that's his intent."

Trump met with King's son on the holiday marking the life of the assassinated civil rights icon, just days after the president-elect had gone on Twitter to strike back fiercely at Lewis for questioning the legitimacy of the billionaire businessman's election as president. Lewis and the elder King were among the Big Six civil rights leaders of the 1960s.

In a post on his Twitter account, Trump had accused Lewis of being "all talk" after the Georgia Democrat said he didn't think Trump had come to the presidency legitimately. Trump also tweeted that the Southern congressman should pay more attention to his "crime ridden" Atlanta-area district.

Trump's comments drew widespread criticism, and have done little to reassure those uneasy about the transition from the Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, to a president-in-waiting who struggled to connect with many nonwhite voters during the campaign.

The younger King downplayed the incident Monday, saying that "in the heat of emotion a lot of things get said on both sides." King, who said he pressed Trump on the need for voting reform to increase participation, called their meeting "constructive." King said that while he disagreed with the president-elect's comments where Lewis is concerned, he believes "at some point in this nation, we've got to move forward."

"I think we also have to consistently engage with pressure, public pressure," King said. "It doesn't happen automatically."

Trump, who struggled for support from minority voters on Election Day, briefly joined King in the lobby of Trump Tower but ignored reporters' shouted questions about his comments on Lewis, a civil rights legend in his own right.

The congressman said late last week he didn't consider Trump a "legitimate president," blaming Russian interference in the election. Lewis said he would boycott Friday's inauguration. More than two dozen Democratic members of Congress have said they will sit out the Trump swearing-in ceremony. Among them is Tennessee Rep. Steve Cohen, who said Monday "this president 'semi-elect' does not deserve to be president of the United States. He has not exhibited the characteristics or the values that we hold dear."

The Martin Luther King holiday is meant to honor community service and volunteerism, and many Americans, including President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama spend part of the day undertaking a service project in their community. Trump, who canceled a planned trip to Washington, spent the day inside the Manhattan skyscraper that bears his name.

Also this week, Trump's picks for Cabinet posts continue their trek to Capitol Hill to win support from lawmakers considering their confirmation for Cabinet positions.

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On Tuesday, Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke of Montana was scheduled to make his case to be interior secretary. And Betsy DeVos, Trump's pick for education secretary, has a confirmation hearing Tuesday evening.

Trump's tweets have stirred things up internationally, as well.

European Union nations bracing for Trump's ascension showed defiance Monday in the face of the president-elect's stinging comments on everything from NATO and German cars to the crumbling of the European Union.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the U.S. president-elect's view that NATO was obsolete and his criticism that European allied members aren't paying their fair share had "caused astonishment."

Trump also said that Britain's decision to leave the 28-nation EU would "end up being a great thing," and he predicted that other countries would also leave.

At a meeting of EU ministers, French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said the best response to such comments was simple — "it is the unity of the Europeans."

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel insisted: "We Europeans have our fate in our own hands."

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Istanbul gunman captured after more than 2 weeks on run

By MEHMET GUZEL, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish police captured the gunman who carried out the deadly New Year's nightclub attack in Istanbul, with officials saying Tuesday that he's an Uzbekistan national who trained in Afghanistan and confessed to the massacre.

The man was being questioned by police, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim told reporters in Ankara. Yildirim expressed hope that the interrogation would unveil the "forces" behind the attack, which killed 39 people and has already been claimed by the Islamic State group.

Hundreds of people were gathered at the swanky Reina nightclub to celebrate the end of a tumultuous 2016 only to become the first victims of 2017. The gunman shot a police officer and a civilian outside the club, before storming the club.

Most of the dead in the attack were foreign nationals, mainly from the Middle East.

"The vile terrorist who attacked the place of entertainment on New Year's Eve and led to the loss of so many lives has been captured," Yildirim said.

He added: "What is important is for the suspect to be captured and for the forces behind it to be revealed."

The premier wouldn't provide further details on the arrest or the investigation, saying authorities would provide specifics "in time."

Moments later in separate remarks, Istanbul governor Vasip Sahin said that the suspect is an Uzbekistan national who trained in Afghanistan. He is believed to have entered Turkey in January 2016. Sahin identified him as Abdulkadir Masharipov, saying he was born in 1983 without giving an exact birthday. Turkish media have reported the suspect's first name as Abdulgadir.

Sahin said that the man, captured late Monday, confessed to carrying out the massacre and that his fingerprints matched those of the attacker. He can be held for up to 30 days under Turkey's state of emergency, which was introduced after a failed coup attempt in July, before he is charged and formally arrested. It could take prosecutors several months to prepare for a trial.

The suspect, according to Sahin, was a well-educated terrorist who speaks four languages and had clearly carried out the attack in the name of IS. He was operating under the alias "Ebu Muhammed Horasani."

The police operation to apprehend him drew on the review of 7,200 hours of security camera footage and about 2,200 tipoffs from the public. Police searched 152 addresses and 50 people were taken into custody.

Authorities seized nearly \$200,000, two guns and two drones during the suspect's arrest.

"Together with the terrorist, an Iraqi man was detained as well as three women from various countries — from Egypt and from Africa," Sahin said. "There is a high chance that they may be connected (to IS)

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because they were staying in the same house.”

The governor said it was believed that they arrived three days earlier at Esenyurt, an overall low-income neighborhood of Istanbul that has witnessed a construction boom.

The state-run Anadolu Agency said that the gunman’s 4-year-old son was taken into protective custody.

Hurriyet newspaper earlier reported that the suspect’s wife and 1-year-old daughter were caught in a police operation in the neighborhood of Zeytinburnu, a working class district of Istanbul, on Jan. 12.

In another report citing police officials, the newspaper said the gunman had picked up his son from the working-class neighborhood of Zeytinburnu after attacking the nightclub.

Sahin said the boy wasn’t with the gunman on the night of the police operation, although he had taken the child with him and left his daughter with his wife.

IS has claimed responsibility for the nightclub massacre, saying the attack in the first hours of Jan. 1 was in reprisal for Turkish military operations in northern Syria. The man identified as the suspect had been on the run since the attack.

Days after the attack, Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said an intelligence agency may have been involved, an assertion he reiterated Monday. But Sahin, when asked about it, declined to comment saying: “It is too soon to say anything about such connections.”

Anadolu said police have also carried out raids on members of a suspected Uzbek IS cell in five Istanbul neighborhoods, and detained several people.

Photographs from raids, widely published in the Turkish media, showed a bruised, black-haired man in a gray, bloodied shirt being held by his neck. NTV television said the gunman had resisted arrest.

Turkish media also circulated a photograph of the Iraqi suspect lying on the floor facedown, hands bound behind his back with the boot of an unidentified man pressed to the back of his head.

Speaking in Ankara, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the operation to apprehend the suspect was successful and thanked his country’s security and intelligence agencies for their efforts.

“In this country, no one will slip through the net, everyone will be held to account within the limits of the rule of law,” he said.

Turkey, a member of NATO and a partner in the U.S.-led coalition against IS, has endured multiple attacks attributed to the extremist group. IS said the assault on the nightclub was retaliation for Turkey’s military operations in northern Syria.

The country has also witnessed an uptick in violence linked to the resumption of conflict between the Turkish state and Kurdish militants.

Associated Press writer Suzan Fraser in Ankara, and Dominique Soguel in Basel, Switzerland, contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. MOST ENDURING AVIATION MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

After nearly three years, the hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is called off, as crews complete their Indian Ocean search without a trace.

2. ISTANBUL NIGHTCLUB ATTACKER CAUGHT

Turkish authorities capture the gunman who carried out the deadly New Year’s assault, with officials saying that the suspect is an Uzbekistan national who trained in Afghanistan and carried out the attack on behalf of IS.

3. TRUMP INHERITS MANY DIFFERENT AMERICAS

AP journalists traveled to four corners of the U.S. — Westminster, California, Lula, Georgia, Plymouth, Pennsylvania and Lincoln, Nebraska — to hear from citizens about their hopes and fears.

4. UK PREMIER TO SIGNAL ‘HARD BREXIT’

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Theresa May is preparing to make a speech that will signal that Britain will make a clean break from the European Union and not seek to remain "half-in, half-out."

5. CHINA TAKING DAVOS BY STORM

President Xi Jinping leads a Chinese delegation of over 100 officials and scores of business executives attending the World Economic Forum, a tectonic shift at the nearly half-century-old event.

6. WHAT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PICK IS SAYING

Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke says he would never sell, give away or transfer public lands — a crucial stance in his home state of Montana and the West.

7. ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB GUNMAN'S WIFE FACES CHARGES TIED TO ATTACK

Noor Salman, 30, is arrested on charges that authorities say include obstruction of justice and providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

8. GOP TARGETS LANDMARK ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

One of the government's most powerful conservation tools, the act has faced decades of complaints that it hinders drilling, logging and other activities.

9. GM PLANNING BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

The giant automaker is expected to declare a \$1 billion investment in its factories that will create or keep around 1,000 jobs, AP learns.

10. DEADLINE FACING PRINCE ESTATE

It has until the weekend to file a tax return that is expected gobble up more than half of the \$200 million value of the late superstar's assets.

DeVos likely to advance school choice as education secretary

By MARIA DANILOVA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charter schools and school choice are expected to be a major focus of education policy under the new Trump administration.

Betsy DeVos, Trump's choice for education secretary, has spent over two decades advocating for school choice programs, which give students and parents an alternative to traditional public school education. Her confirmation hearing was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Here is a look at the main players, concepts and controversies surrounding school choice.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are funded with taxpayers' dollars, but run by private organizations bound by various charters. Because they are operated privately, charter schools have more freedom to choose their own curriculum, staff and budget. Charter schools have expanded dramatically in the United States over the past two decades from less than 2,000 schools, or 2 percent of the total number of schools across the country in 2000, to about 6,700 schools or some 7 percent in 2014, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The number of students enrolled in charters has risen from 500,000 in 2000 to 2.7 million in 2014.

PRAISE

Proponents say charter schools provide real alternatives to low-income families who cannot afford private schools but are dissatisfied with public school options. Because charter schools have more flexibility, they can opt for more rigorous curricula, more learning hours and stricter discipline and thus push children to achieve better academic results. Since charter schools face fewer bureaucratic restrictions and regulations, they are more prone to innovate and experiment with new approaches. Free-market advocates believe that injecting competition in the sphere of education and allowing parents to choose among a variety of schools for their children benefits the system as a whole.

CRITICISM

Opponents point to studies which show that charter schools don't necessarily produce better academic

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outcomes. While some charter schools have in fact demonstrated superior results, other charters have performed significantly worse than public schools, leading to school closures and leaving parents scrambling to find new schools for their children in the middle of school years. Because charter schools are subjected to less government oversight than public schools, opponents say that some charters have been known to suspend and expel students in greater numbers than at public schools, which they say is unfair. Finally, critics say charter schools don't fully meet the requirements of students with special needs, such as children with disabilities or English language learners.

PUBLIC MONEY FOR FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS?

Even some of the supporters of the charter school movement have another problem with DeVos' policies. Nearly one-half of charter schools that DeVos has helped advance in her home state of Michigan operate as for-profit organizations, leading to criticism that their key goal is enriching their owners at the expense of taxpayers' money, not educating students. Advocates, however, counter that there is nothing intrinsically wrong with for-profit institutions and that if parents are dissatisfied with their children's education, they can always find an alternative school.

VOUCHERS

Another option for low-income families is to send their children to a private or parochial school using vouchers, which are essentially publicly funded scholarships. Advocates say government subsidies have existed for many years in higher education and in housing. While many states use their own funds for school voucher programs, the one in the District of Columbia is federally funded. Critics object to using vouchers in religious schools, saying that public money should not be used to fund religious activity. They also point to data that shows that in some cases voucher recipients were not underprivileged students from public schools but students who had already been attending private schools previously and that the voucher programs was essentially funding private schools with public money.

Interior nominee Zinke to be quizzed on public lands, coal

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke says he would never sell, give away or transfer public lands, a crucial stance in his home state of Montana and the West where access to hunting and fishing is considered sacrosanct.

Zinke feels so strongly that he resigned as a delegate to the Republican National Convention last summer because of the GOP's position in favor of land transfers to state or private groups. But Zinke's commitment to public lands has come into question in recent weeks and is likely to be a point of contention Tuesday as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee considers his nomination to be interior secretary under President-elect Donald Trump.

Zinke, 55, a former Navy SEAL who just won his second term in Congress, was an early Trump supporter and, like his prospective boss, has expressed skepticism about the urgency of climate change.

A self-described "Teddy Roosevelt Republican," Zinke has supported legislation to boost land and water conservation and recreation on public lands. Zinke has also advocated for increased oil and gas drilling and coal-mining on Western lands.

The Interior Department and other U.S. agencies control almost a third of land in the West and even more of the underground "mineral estate" that holds vast amounts of coal, oil and natural gas.

Zinke's position on public lands came under fire after he voted in favor of a measure from House Republicans that would allow federal land transfers to be considered cost-free and budget-neutral, making it easier for drilling and development.

Zinke "says he's against transfer of federal lands, but there's a big gap between what he says and what he does in that regard," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and largest environmental group.

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"You'd think the congressman would be on his best behavior going into a job interview, but instead he's taking steps to once again jeopardize the future of Montana's outdoor economy," Nancy Keenan, executive director of the Montana Democratic Party, said after the Jan. 3 vote.

Zinke's spokeswoman said the congressman maintains his position against the sale or transfer of federal lands.

Supporters calls the dispute overblown and say Zinke's vote was on a much larger package that sets House rules in the new Congress.

Indeed, his support for public lands was a crucial reason why Zinke was chosen by Trump. The president-elect and his son, Donald Trump Jr., both oppose sale of federal lands. The younger Trump, an avid hunter, has taken a keen interest in Interior issues and played a key role in Zinke's selection.

Coal is likely to be another focus on Tuesday. Montana boasts the largest coal reserves in the nation, and Zinke has warned environmentalists and the Obama administration that to take coal out of the energy mix would be "a disaster."

"I don't agree with keeping it in the ground," he said during his re-election campaign.

Eric Washburn, a lobbyist and former aide to Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, said Zinke will likely be asked to "defend federal ownership over federal lands" and detail how he would balance energy development with the need to conserve fish and wildlife habitats.

Zinke "appears to be a straight shooter, someone that energy and conservation interests can both work with," Washburn said.

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership endorsed Zinke, calling him "a leader on many issues important to America's hunters and anglers."

Brune, of the Sierra Club, scoffed at the comparison to Roosevelt, saying the only way to connect the men is "to describe the ways Zinke wants to undo TR's legacy" of conservation.

Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington state, the top Democrat on the energy panel, said she is eager to ask Zinke about modernizing the federal coal program "to make sure American taxpayers aren't short-changed for the benefit of corporate interests." Cantwell also said wants reassurances that Zinke will protect the interests of American consumers and native tribes — "not just the coal and mining companies."

Zinke spent 23 years as a Navy SEAL, serving in Kosovo and Iraq, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars for combat missions. He currently serves on the House Natural Resources and Armed Services committees.

He made an unsuccessful 2012 run for Montana lieutenant governor before shifting his ambitions to Congress in 2014. Before his selection for Interior, Zinke had been considered a likely challenger to Democratic Sen. Jon Tester in 2018.

Orlando nightclub gunman's wife faces charges tied to attack

By **ERIC TUCKER** and **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The wife of Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen faces a court hearing in California after being arrested there in connection with his Florida shooting rampage that left 49 people dead.

Noor Salman, 30, is scheduled to make an initial appearance in federal court Tuesday morning in Oakland, following her arrest a day earlier on Florida charges that authorities said include obstruction of justice and providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization. They gave no further details on her alleged role or what specific actions led to the charges.

Salman is from the San Francisco Bay Area and in the aftermath of the Orlando attack that also left her husband dead she returned here with their son, whose name she has since sought to change.

She had been repeatedly questioned by FBI investigators over whether she had any knowledge of her husband's plans.

Her attorney Linda Moreno said after her arrest that she "had no foreknowledge nor could she predict

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what Omar Mateen intended to do that tragic night.”

Salman knew her husband had watched jihadist videos but was “unaware of everything” regarding his intent to shoot up the club, Salman said in a New York Times interview published in November.

Salman also said he had physically abused her, which her attorney reiterated Monday.

“Noor has told her story of abuse at his hands,” Moreno said. “We believe it is misguided and wrong to prosecute her and that it dishonors the memories of the victims to punish an innocent person.”

The San Francisco office of the FBI said Salman was taken into custody Monday morning in Rodeo, which is the small Bay Area community where she grew up and where her family lives. Jail records, however, say she was arrested about 30 miles away in Dublin. The reason for the discrepancy wasn’t clear.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a Monday interview with MSNBC that “from the beginning, we were going to look at every aspect of this, of every aspect of this shooter’s life to determine not just why did he take these actions — but who else knew about them? Was anyone else involved?”

Salman met Mateen online and the two married in 2011.

They lived in Fort Pierce, Florida, at the time of the shooting.

Mateen pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in a 911 call during the three-hour standoff that ended in his death. Forty nine patrons were killed and another 53 were hospitalized.

“Nothing can erase the pain we all feel about the senseless and brutal murders of 49 of our neighbors, friends, family members and loved ones,” Orlando Police Chief John Mina said Monday. “But today, there is some relief in knowing that someone will be held accountable for that horrific crime.”

Tucker reported from Washington. Follow him on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/etuckerAP>

China’s Xi takes spotlight at Davos as US makes transition

By JAMEY KEATEN, Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — China is taking the world’s most elite annual gathering by storm.

President Xi Jinping leads a Chinese delegation of over 100 officials and scores of business executives attending the World Economic Forum, embodying a tectonic shift at an event that started nearly a half-century ago among Europeans and Americans.

Xi’s opening plenary address Tuesday to political and business leaders is shaping up as perhaps the highlight both of this year’s WEF and Xi’s one-country European visit to ultra-stable and chronically neutral Switzerland.

“The two countries will strive to maintain world peace and stability, promote common development and jointly maintain a global trade system which is open and tolerant,” Xi told reporters at a joint briefing with Swiss President Doris Leuthard on Monday. “We will push global governance toward a fairer and more reasonable direction.”

It comes as mainstream Western democratic leaders have been grappling with populist movements at home, including the one that helped undergird Donald Trump’s U.S. presidential election victory. Trump’s transition team plans to have only one top adviser, Anthony Scaramucci, attending the forum ahead of Friday’s presidential inauguration.

Such transitions have given an opening for Xi, who arrived by train in the Alpine snows of Davos to a red carpet welcome Monday, to project political stability while drumming up business for China.

The bumpy run-up to the Trump administration — Trump’s poll numbers are low for an incoming president — has given the Chinese leader a convenient opportunity to advance his goal of giving his country a more assertive leadership role on the world stage.

China previously sought to capture the mantle as a supporter of world trade after Trump said he would pull the United States out of the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal championed by President Barack Obama.

Chinese media have trumpeted Xi’s moves in the global arena as a force for stability. But analysts say he isn’t likely to address Trump straight on.

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"People will be asking, 'Will he say anything about Trump?'" Steve Tsang, director of SOAS China Institute in London, said. "He would want to play his cards close to his chest at this stage. It would not make sense for him to say anything about Trump at the moment."

Francois Godement, head of the Asia and China program at the European Council on Foreign Relations, said the Chinese are "extremely careful about what they say about the incoming Trump presidency."

"I think right now they must be very busy watching and wondering what will come next," Godement said. "But I have no doubt that he (Xi) will try to portray China as open, corporatist, stable, predictable, reliable on a number of global issues. Even if he doesn't cite the Trump administration, he'll try to project a contrast."

Xi is the first Chinese head of state to visit Davos, and he will be trailed by four government ministers.

Russia also will be represented, with two deputy prime ministers and dozens of business leaders attending the gathering. When the first Davos conference took place in 1971, it was all about European leaders trying to tap into U.S. business acumen.

Speaking Monday before the conference's official opening, WEF Founder Klaus Schwab said this year's event is "not just a Western meeting." One-third of the participants are from the emerging world — including the largest-ever delegations from China and India, Schwab said.

In today's era of populism, a presence at uber-elite Davos can be a bit unseemly for Western leaders.

"Bear in mind that elites, bankers and top businessmen are not usually popular with voters in democracies, so I can see that democratically elected leaders don't rush to show themselves in Davos," Godement said.

"Whereas, more authoritarian regimes, they believe in business....So they think of Davos as an arena for influence for the people who matter," he said.

Gillian Wong in Beijing and Pan Pylas in Davos, Switzerland, contributed to this report.

Tax deadline looms for Prince estate; government to get half

By STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — "Money Don't Matter 2 Night," Prince once sang. But his money matters a lot to the IRS, and the case provides a cautionary tale not just for the wealthy, but not-so-rich Americans as well.

Prince's estate has until Saturday to file an estate tax payment for the late rock superstar, and the taxes are expected to ultimately swallow nearly half the estate's estimated \$200 million value, meaning a likely windfall of roughly \$100 million for the government. Estate law experts say Prince could have prevented that. Here are the issues:

WHY THERE'S SO MUCH MONEY

Prince left no known will when he died in April of an accidental painkiller overdose, and apparently did nothing to shelter his assets from the taxman. So, federal and state taxes will claim roughly half of it, said Mark Bakko, leader of the tax practice in the Minneapolis office of the accounting firm Baker Tilly, which is not involved in the case.

The value of Prince's estate when he died is subject to a federal tax of 40 percent and Minnesota's tax of 16 percent. With exclusions and deductions, the total bite will be closer to 50 percent. The estate can seek an extension for filing the return but can't delay the first payment.

DAMAGE COULD HAVE BEEN LIMITED

Experts say Prince could have set up an estate plan with trusts to benefit any relatives and charities he chose — while leaving little if anything to be taxed.

"The reality is there are only three options," said Robert Strauss of the Los Angeles estate law firm Weinstock Manion, which isn't involved either. "There's family and friends, there's charity, and there's Uncle Sam. And most clients would rather that Uncle Sam got less."

Instead, Prince's six siblings are expected to equally split what's left.

Estates worth under \$5.45 million for individuals and \$10.9 million for couples aren't subject to federal

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estate taxes. But David Herzig, a tax law professor at Valparaiso University, said the case is a reminder that there are good reasons to have a will and estate plan, even if taxes aren't an issue, because they can set up trusts that keep assets private and out of the probate process.

"(People) think they have to be as rich as Prince before they need estate plans," said Jeffrey Scott, a St. Paul estate attorney. "If your net worth is a couple hundred thousand dollars, you need some kind of estate plan."

COMING UP WITH THE CASH

The estate doesn't have to pay the entire bill by Saturday. Big estates can make payments over time. That helps because Prince wasn't very liquid. A recent inventory listed about \$110,000 in cash, about \$830,000 in gold bars but no stocks or bonds. It also listed real estate worth about \$25.4 million. That inventory doesn't include his entertainment assets, which are still being valued.

LESSONS FROM MICHAEL JACKSON

It's not clear whether the IRS and Prince's estate will agree on the value of his music catalog because it's difficult to put a dollar value on such assets.

The experience of Michael Jackson's estate suggests a long slog in court if they can't agree. Jackson died in 2009. The tax case finally goes to trial in Los Angeles next month over more than \$700 million in taxes, interest and penalties.

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Warriors rout defending champion Cavaliers 126-91 in rematch

By JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Now, everybody can sit back for a few months and envision the possibility of another scintillating NBA Finals between Cleveland and Golden State.

LeBron James vs. Stephen Curry for the third straight time, complete with the hard-nosed play of Draymond Green, dazzling dunks from Kevin Durant and sharp shooting from Kyrie Irving.

This regular-season round went to the Warriors, who dominated from the start on Monday — and it wasn't even close. The defending champs were dismantled on the very floor where they captured the franchise's first title last June.

Curry and his superstar supporting cast certainly looked ready to trade more postseason blows with Cleveland. The two-time reigning MVP hit five 3-pointers on the way to 20 points while matching his season best with 11 assists in Golden State's 126-91 rout of the Cavaliers.

"This is high-quality basketball, at its highest level," Curry said. "These are the kinds of atmospheres that you live for. Whether you win or lose, regular season, playoffs, whatever, that you can play in that kind of environment that's always fun."

Klay Thompson scored 26 points with five 3s, and Green produced his third triple-double of the season with 11 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists. He also equaled his career best with five blocks — and had another confrontation with King James in the process.

James had 20 points on 6-of-18 shooting and eight rebounds. But he and Green became the talk once more as their relationship again turned testy.

"I don't think it's a rivalry," James reiterated. "It's two great teams that have aspirations. I don't believe I've ever had a rivalry in the NBA."

Durant added 21 points, six rebounds, five assists and three blocks for the Warriors in a much-hyped matchup merely weeks after Golden State lost 109-108 in Cleveland on Christmas.

The Warriors squandered a 14-point lead that day in a loss that fueled them going into Monday. They relinquished a 3-1 advantage in the Finals last year, a failure that motivates them to return to the big

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stage. And the teams' latest holiday game marked the Cavs' first trip back to Oracle Arena since capturing the title here seven months ago.

Irving — who hit game-winners against Golden State in the past two matchups, including the championship clincher — scored 17 points on an uncharacteristic day for the Cavs when they committed 15 turnovers to 11 assists.

"They did what they were supposed to do," Irving said. "Right from the start they jumped on us and never looked back."

Cleveland shot just 35.2 percent (31 for 88) overall. Beyond embarrassed, Cavs players headed for the tunnel before the final buzzer even sounded.

The latest altercation between Green and James came with 6:55 left in the first half. Golden State led 52-35 when James collided with Green near midcourt, resulting in a flagrant 1 foul on Golden State's emotional All-Star. Green's arm extended across the upper body of James, who went down hard and lay on the court. Green reacted by appearing to mock James for flopping.

After a long replay review, a double technical was called on Green and Richard Jefferson.

After Curry's pull-up 3 moments before halftime sent his team into the break with a 78-49 lead, the star guard did what looked like a little celebratory breakdancing move on his behind at the sideline.

You bet this one felt like more than just any game to the Warriors, looking to regain some swagger in this rivalry after Cleveland had won the past four meetings, including last year's NBA Finals.

"To me it was because they beat us four straight times and that's never fun when a team has your number for four games, so it felt good to redeem ourselves," Thompson said.

Durant, new to the rivalry this season, appeared downright possessed. KD's driving, emphatic tomahawk jam 1:43 before halftime sent Oracle Arena's sellout crowd into a frenzy.

Zaza Pachulia pulled down 13 rebounds as Golden State had a 58-35 edge on the boards. Andre Iguodala came off the bench to make all five of his field goal attempts for a season-high 14 points, and Shaun Livingston added 13.

With this one in the books, these teams are done with each other — for the time being.

"It's intense enough for two matchups," Green said. "If you want to play each other again, try to get to the NBA Finals. The fact you only play twice a year makes it even more exciting because you only have two cracks at it."

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: Cleveland, second in the NBA in 3-pointers (496) coming in and third in 3-point percentage (.385), shot 2 for 12 from behind the arc in the first quarter and had just one assist in the period. The Cavs were 9 of 34 from long range overall. ... Kyle Korver played in his 1,000th career game.

Warriors: Curry hit a 3 in his 100th straight home game, the second-longest such streak in NBA history behind Korver's 132. ... Golden State is 7-0 at home vs. the Eastern Conference and 13-1 overall, with that lone loss to the Cavs. ... Iguodala had his career-best streak of five straight games without a turnover snapped with one miscue, while dishing out five more assists for 22 during this span. ... MC Hammer was in the house.

UP NEXT

Cavaliers: Wrapped up a six-game road trip and will host Phoenix on Thursday.

Warriors: Host Oklahoma City on Thursday in the final game of a 10-game stretch without a plane ride, with the lone road game at Sacramento on Jan. 8. Durant beat his old Thunder team already at Oracle, 122-96 on Nov. 3.

Mexico town fears nightclub shooting means drug war has come

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN, Associated Press

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico (AP) — While authorities investigate what set off a deadly shooting at an electronic music festival event, residents said it came amid a growing and increasingly open drug scene in this resort town that has long been spared the violence of Mexico's cartel wars.

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Concerns that violence may be creeping into Playa del Carmen were voiced as people attended a Monday evening vigil in front of the Blue Parrot nightclub, where five people died and 15 were wounded or injured in the chaos before dawn.

"This is a sign of what has been happening," said Lenin Amaro, a local business owner and politician.

"It has reached us," Amaro said of the country's drug violence. "We were living in what you could call a bubble."

Investigators were trying to determine the motive of the shooting, but Quintana Roo state Attorney General Miguel Angel Pech said the gunfire erupted when security tried to stop a man from entering the club with a gun. He ruled out any terrorist intent.

Three of those killed were part of the security detail at the 10-day BPM electronic music festival, Pech said. The gunman apparently fled.

Gov. Carlos Joaquin attributed the shooting to "the intolerance and conflict of interests between two people," referring to it as "a personal conflict" between two people who exchanged gunfire. He did not specify what the conflict was.

Federal authorities have spoken of a strong presence of the Zeta cartels in the state for years, especially an hour to the north in Cancun. In 2010, Zetas were blamed for the firebombing of a bar in Cancun that killed eight people.

On Monday, officials released a list of the dead, who included one Canadian, one American, two Mexicans and one Italian. Fifteen people suffered injuries, including at least two Canadians and two Americans.

One man who was inside the club said he hid in a storeroom with four others until the shooting stopped. He said he is a local resident and veteran of the club scene, and he agreed to speak about it only if granted anonymity because of fears for his safety.

He said that the Zetas cartel controls all drug dealing in the resort and that in the big clubs it has multiple people selling drugs, usually out of the bathrooms. He said drug dealing has become more open in recent years.

"In this area there are Zetas that control everything and that's why everything is fine," he said. "All the clubs here, every club here is controlled. In the toilets, everywhere, they control the drugs. They offer you drugs openly. The businessmen, the people in nightclubs, they cannot do anything. They (the Zetas) can burn your building."

He said local officials tolerate drug dealers as long as they don't "mess up."

For that reason, he did not believe the Zetas were responsible for the shooting. "The Zetas didn't do this. Otherwise they're going to kill their own business," he said. "If there are no clients there are no drugs."

He and others speculated that a rival had tried to sell in the club or perhaps just wanted to hurt their business. He said security at the event was not using metal detectors.

The Blue Parrot's management did not immediately respond to requests for an interview.

A foreign promoter attending the electronic music festival who was at an event in another Playa del Carmen location during the shooting, said many people who came to town for the festival had been unnerved by the bloodshed and left for Tulum to the south. A number of parties that were unrelated to the festival, but had sought to take advantage of so many DJs in town during the coming days have been canceled, he said.

The promoter, who insisted on speaking anonymously out of concern for his safety, said it was unfortunate that organized crime was hurting the 10-day BPM festival.

Associated Press writer Mark Stevenson in Mexico City contributed to this report.

AP Source: GM to announce \$1B factory investment, new jobs

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors will announce a \$1 billion investment in its factories that will create or keep around 1,000 jobs, a person briefed on the matter said Monday.

The Detroit automaker will make the announcement Tuesday morning. The investment is part of the

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normal process of equipping factories to build new models, and it's been planned for months, the person told The Associated Press. The person didn't want to be identified because the announcement hasn't been made yet.

Multiple factories will get part of the money, but GM does not plan to state where the new jobs will go, according to the person. The company plans to use the announcement to tout both blue-collar and white-collar U.S. jobs it has created in recent years, the person said.

The announcement comes after President-elect Donald Trump has attacked GM and other automakers for building vehicles in Mexico and shipping them to the U.S.

Earlier this month, Trump threatened on Twitter to tax GM for importing the compact Chevrolet Cruze. While GM builds hatchback Cruzes in Mexico, most Cruze sales are Ohio-built sedans.

On the eve of the Detroit auto show press days last week, GM CEO Mary Barra said the company has no plans to change where it produces small cars due to Trump's threats.

Barra said the auto business has long lead times for where it produces vehicles, with decisions are made two to four years ahead.

Barra, who is part of a Trump economic advisory group, said it's too early to talk about a possible tariff. She said the company has more in common with Trump's goals on trade and jobs than differences.

Gene Cernan, last astronaut to walk on the moon, dies at 82

By **SETH BORENSTEIN** and **MICHAEL GRACZYK**, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronaut Gene Cernan traced his only child's initials in the dust of the lunar surface. Then he climbed into the lunar module for the ride home, becoming the last person to walk on the moon.

It was a moment that defined the Apollo 17 commander in both the public eye and his own.

"Those steps up that ladder, they were tough to make," Cernan recalled in a 2007 oral history. "I didn't want to go up. I wanted to stay a while."

His family said his devotion to lunar exploration never waned, even in the final year of his life. Cernan died Monday at age 82 at a Houston hospital following ongoing health issues, family spokeswoman Melissa Wren told The Associated Press.

"Even at the age of 82, Gene was passionate about sharing his desire to see the continued human exploration of space and encouraged our nation's leaders and young people to not let him remain the last man to walk on the Moon," his family wrote in a statement released by NASA.

On Dec. 14, 1972, Cernan became the last of only a dozen men to walk on the moon. Cernan called it "perhaps the brightest moment of my life. ... It's like you would want to freeze that moment and take it home with you. But you can't."

Decades later, Cernan tried to ensure he wasn't the last person to walk on the moon, testifying before Congress to push for a return. But as the years went by he realized he wouldn't live to witness someone follow in his footsteps — still visible on the moon more than 40 years later.

"Neil (Armstrong, who died in 2012) and I aren't going to see those next young Americans who walk on the moon. And God help us if they're not Americans," Cernan testified before Congress in 2011. "When I leave this planet, I want to know where we are headed as a nation. That's my big goal."

Cernan died less than six weeks after another American space hero, John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962. Their flights weren't the first or last of the Mercury and Apollo eras. Yet to the public they were the bookends of America's space age glory.

Cernan guided the lander, named Challenger, into a lunar valley called Taurus-Littrow, with Harrison "Jack" Schmitt at his side on Dec. 11, 1972. He recalled the silence after the lunar lander's engine shut down.

"That's where you experience the most quiet moment a human being can experience in his lifetime," Cernan said in 2007. "There's no vibration. There's no noise. The ground quit talking. Your partner is mesmerized. He can't say anything."

"The dust is gone. It's a realization, a reality, all of a sudden you have just landed in another world on another body out there (somewhere in the) universe, and what you are seeing is being seen by human

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beings — human eyes — for the first time.”

Three days earlier, Cernan, Schmitt and Ronald Evans had blasted off atop a Saturn rocket in the first manned nighttime launch from Kennedy Space Center. Evans remained behind as pilot of the command module that orbited the moon while the other two landed on the moon’s surface. Cernan and Schmitt, a geologist, spent more than three days on the moon, including more than 22 hours outside the lander, and collected 249 pounds of lunar samples.

“In that whole three days, I don’t think there’s anything that became routine,” Cernan recalled. “But if I had to focus on one thing ... it was just to look back at the overwhelming and overpowering beauty of this Earth.”

“To go a quarter of a million miles away into space and have to take time out to sleep and rest ... I wished I could have stayed awake for 75 hours straight. I knew when I left I’d never have a chance to come back.”

Completing their third moon walk on Dec. 14, Schmitt returned to the lunar module and was followed by Cernan.

“We leave as we came and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace and hope for all mankind,” Cernan said.

He later acknowledged that he had grasped for words to leave behind, knowing how the world remembered Neil Armstrong’s “giant leap for mankind” on stepping on the moon in 1969.

Before heading home, Cernan said he drew the letters “TDC” — the initials of his then 9-year-old daughter, Teresa Dawn — with his finger on the dusty gray lunar surface. He said he imagined someone in the distant future would find “our lunar rover and our footprints and those initials and say, ‘I wonder who was here? Some ancient civilization was here back in the 20th century, and look at the funny marks they made.’”

Eugene A. Cernan was born in 1934 in Chicago and graduated from Indiana’s Purdue University in 1956 with a degree in electrical engineering. (Armstrong also was a Purdue grad.)

He had been a Navy attack pilot and earned a master’s degree in aeronautical engineering when NASA selected him in October 1963 as one of 14 members of its third astronaut class.

Cernan had the looks of an astronaut from central casting. “He’s your classic sort of handsome debonair flyboy,” said space historian Roger Launius, associate director of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

In 1966, he was pilot of Gemini 9, a three-day flight with command pilot Tom Stafford where they used different techniques to rendezvous with a docking adapter that was previously launched. On the flight, Cernan became the second American to walk in space, spending more than two hours outside the Gemini spacecraft.

Cernan would later call the mission, “that spacewalk from hell.”

“It was very serious,” said Launius, the historian. “He lost all kinds of water, his equipment did not work effectively. He overheated. His visor glossed over with water, he could barely see. He barely got back in the spacecraft.”

Cernan’s sweat so much he lost 13 pounds. The space agency was forced to go back to the drawing board.

“That was a really important learning experience,” Launius said. “The difficult thing about that is they put an astronaut’s life at great risk there. They learned the lesson.”

With the Apollo program underway, Cernan flew on Apollo 10 in May 1969. It was a dress rehearsal for the lunar landing on the next flight and took Cernan and Stafford, aboard the lunar module Snoopy, to within 9½ miles of the moon’s surface.

The mission was marked by a glitch when the wrong guidance system was turned on and the lunar module went out of control before Stafford righted it by taking manual control.

Cernan often joked that his job was to paint a white line to the moon that Armstrong and the rest of the Apollo 11 crew could follow. Yet Cernan was one of only three people to voyage twice to the moon — either to its surface or in moon orbit. James Lovell and John Young are the others.

In 1973, Cernan became special assistant to the program manager of the Apollo program at Johnson Space Center in Houston, assisting in planning and development of the U.S.-Soviet Apollo-Soyuz mission. He was senior U.S. negotiator with the Soviets on the test project.

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He retired from NASA three years later. He worked for a Houston energy firm, Coral Petroleum, then in 1981 began his own aerospace consulting company. He eventually became chairman of an engineering firm that worked on NASA projects. He also worked as a network television analyst during shuttle flights in the 1980s.

A documentary about his life, "The Last Man on the Moon," was released in 2016.

Teresa was Cernan's only child with his wife Barbara. The couple married in 1961 and divorced 20 years later. In 1987, he married again, to Jan Nanna, and they lived in Houston.

In all, Cernan logged 566 hours and 15 minutes in space, more than 73 hours of them on the moon's surface.

"I can always walk on Main Street again, but I can never return to my Valley of Taurus-Littrow, and that cold fact has left me with a yearning restlessness," he wrote in his 1999 autobiography, also entitled "The Last Man on the Moon."

"It was perhaps the brightest moment of my life, and I can't go back," he said. "Enriched by a singular event that is larger than life, I no longer have the luxury of being ordinary."

Cernan is survived by his wife, Jan Nanna Cernan, his daughter and son-in-law, Tracy Cernan Woolie and Marion Woolie, step-daughters Kelly Nanna Taff and husband, Michael, and Danielle Nanna Ellis and nine grandchildren.

Borenstein reported from Washington. Associated Press writer David Warren contributed from Dallas.

Poll: Young Americans fear they will be worse off post-Trump

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A new GenForward poll shows that young Americans are more likely to expect they'll be worse off than better off after four years of a Donald Trump presidency.

Young blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans are particularly concerned, while young whites are more evenly divided.

GenForward is a survey of adults age 18 to 30 by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The first-of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of a new generation.

Americans aged 18 to 30 are far more likely to think Trump will divide than unite the country, by a 60 percent to 19 percent margin.

Today in History **By The Associated Press**

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2017. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.

On this date:

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first meeting, in London.

In 1950, the Great Brink's Robbery took place as seven masked men held up a Brink's garage in Boston,

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stealing \$1.2 million in cash and \$1.5 million in checks and money orders. (Although the entire gang was caught, only part of the loot was recovered.)

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc.*, ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1987, hundreds of Ku Klux Klan members and supporters disrupted a "brotherhood anti-intimidation march" through all-white Forsyth County, Georgia.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

In 1997, a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.

Ten years ago: A year after disclosure of a domestic spying program that President George W. Bush maintained was within his authority to operate, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced the administration had shifted its position and would seek the approval of an independent panel of federal judges. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, saying the world was nudging closer to nuclear or environmental apocalypse, moved the hands of its symbolic Doomsday Clock two minutes nearer to midnight, from 11:53 to 11:55 p.m. Pulitzer Prize-winning satirist Art Buchwald died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

Five years ago: Italian officials released a recording of a furious Coast Guard officer, Capt. Gregorio De Falco, demanding that Capt. Francesco Schettino (frah-n-CHEHS'-koh sheh-TEE'-noh), commander of the grounded Costa Concordia, re-board the ship to direct its evacuation after the vessel rammed into a reef on Jan. 13. (Schettino can be heard resisting the order, making excuses that it was dark and that the ship was listing.) Johnny Otis, the "godfather of rhythm and blues" who wrote and recorded the R&B classic "Willie and the Hand Jive," died in Los Angeles at age 90.

One year ago: Ahead of the Iowa caucuses, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders engaged in their most contentious debate to date, tangling repeatedly in Charleston, South Carolina, over who was tougher on gun control and Wall Street and how to shape the future of health care in America. Iran released three Americans, former U.S. Marine Amir Hekmati (ah-MEER' hehk-MAH'-tee), Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian (reh-ZY'-ahn) and pastor Saeed Abedini (sah-EED' ah-beh-DEE'-nee), as part of a prisoner swap which also netted Tehran some \$100 billion in sanctions relief.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 95. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 91. Actor James Earl Jones is 86. Talk show host Maury Povich is 78. Pop singer Chris Montez is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 72. Actress Joanna David is 70. Actress Jane Elliot is 70. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 64. Singer Steve Earle is 62. Singer Paul Young is 61. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 60. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 58. Movie director/screenwriter Brian Helgeland is 56. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 55. Actor Denis O'Hare is 55. First lady Michelle Obama is 53. Actor Joshua Malina is 51. Singer Shabba Ranks is 51. Rock musician Jon Wysocki is 49. Actor Naveen Andrews is 48. Electronic music DJ Tiesto is 48. Rapper Kid Rock is 46. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 42. Actor-writer Leigh Whannel is 40. Actress-singer Zooey Deschanel is 37. Professional dancer Maksim Chmerkovskiy (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 37. Singer Ray J is 36. Actor Diogo Morgado is 36. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson is 35. NBA player Dwyane Wade is 35. DJ/singer Calvin Harris is 33. Folk-rock musician Jeremiah Fraites is 31. Actor Jonathan Keltz is 29. Actress Kathrine (cq) Herzer is 20.

Thought for Today: "Whether it is the best of times or the worst of times, it is the only time we have."
— Art Buchwald (1925-2007).