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Death Notice: Tony Bruckner

Anthony "Tony" Bruckner, 86, of Conde passed away January 20, 2017 at Sanford Hospital, Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Saturday, Jan. 21

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court at 10 a.m.

Debate at Watertown

Robotics at GHS Gym

Wrestling at Arlington Tourney at 9:30 a.m.

Basketball Doubleheader with Potter County in Groton. Girls JV at 2 p.m., Boys JV at 3 p.m., Girls Varsity at 4:30 p.m., Boys Varsity at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22

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

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

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran, Groton: Worship at 9 a.m. followed by annual meeting, Sunday School at 10 a.m.

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

Monday, Jan. 23

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, fruit crisp, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, breadstick.

Emmanuel Lutheran, Groton: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Groton Area School District Constituents & Patrons;

Over the course of the past calendar year, the Groton Area Board of Education, its administration, and its staff have been engaged in an analysis of the condition and challenges posed by the district facilities and infrastructure, including several opportunities for public input.

During the summer of 2016, a series of public meetings were held in the district communities to present initial findings, challenges and needs, and to request feedback on potential solutions to the issues that had been identified. Plans were presented for consideration that addressed those infrastructure issues. Those valuable public meetings led us to two conclusions that we believe are those most supported by the communities that we served. Those conclusions, in summary, are that the Elementary facility needed our immediate attention and secondly, that the 1934 addition to the Middle and High School facility should be considered for replacement as opposed to spending the necessary money on bringing the facility up to standard.

In September, the board formalized a decision to move forward with the project to address the infrastructure and space improvements to the Groton Area Elementary School funded through the sale of capital outlay certificates, established a steering committee, and continued the process of determining how to responsibly address our needs for that facility. User group and steering committee meetings were held during the months of October through December. To date, plans have been finalized and bid documents are being finalized as I write this letter with the intention that bids will be opened and approved during the month of February. Construction on this project will begin in the spring of 2017 and the comprehensive classroom renovations are scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year.

In keeping with the feedback that was garnered from our public meetings, the board retained the services of Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson Inc. to further develop plans for the replacement of our 1934 middle and high school building. Since last fall, project developers have worked through user group meetings with members of the middle and high school staff and the steering committee has recommended approval of the plans to the Board of Education. At their regular meeting on January 9, 2017, the Board of Education approved the plan to replace the 1934 middle and high school building and determined that a bond election would be held on April 11, 2017.

From the beginning of this process, which began over one full year ago, we've acknowledged that public input is important and taken measures to secure a level of public feedback in order that we might make decisions supportable by the public. During our series of public meetings last summer, I personally mentioned that our intention was to take feedback learned, revise our plans accordingly, and return to the public asking for their support of the plans. The \$14M plans have changed significantly, and we are very excited about where our process has led us. I will be honoring my commitment to return for public meetings on the updated plans between now and the election on April 11. Please be on the lookout for meeting dates and take the opportunity to learn about our plans so that you may make an informed vote in April that will significantly impact our local educational system on a long-term basis.

In February, the board will be considering the final bonding resolution for this project which will establish the maximum borrowing amount including contingencies and set the repayment term. At that time we'll be able to provide better information relating to the specific tax impact of the proposed project.

I hope you've had an opportunity to view the work that we've completed up to this point. If you haven't yet had a chance to take a look at the proposals including potential tax impact, please do so. The information is available at www.grotonarea.com. If I can answer any questions for you, please give me a call, 605-397-2351. We are excited to work alongside the community to confront these facility issues and to continue providing our students with the best education possible.

Joe Schwan, Groton Area Superintendent

Roncalli boys edge past Groton Area

It was a high intensity, run and gun boys' basketball game Thursday night as Aberdeen Roncalli edged out the Groton Area Tigers, 52-47.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank, Krueger Brothers, Blocker Construction, Groton Dairy Queen, John Sieh Agency, The Tax Lady of Aberdeen, Producer's Hybrids with John Wheeting and Weber Landscaping.

The lead changed hands six times before Roncalli got the edge and took a 19-15 lead at the end of the first quarter. Roncalli jumped ahead by seven points, 24-17, then Groton scored seven straight points to tie the game at 24. Roncalli held on to a 27-26 lead at half time.

The Cavaliers outscored Groton Area, 11-3, to start out the third



Brandon Keith looks for an open player. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Seric Shabazz brings the ball upcourt and directs the offense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Luke Thorson sets in his point position and gets ready to hand off the ball to Seric Shabazz. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Bennett Shabazz took his turn to bring the ball upcourt and direct the offense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Marshall Lane and Roncalli's Colton Cox make eye contact.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Sean Schuring tries to get past Roncalli's Gus Reede. (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 41-15. Scoring for Groton Area: Jonny Doeden four, Treyton Diegel three, Darrien Shabazz two, Marshall Lane two, Austin Jones two and Alex Morris two.

Roncalli had a clean sweep, winning the C game, 33-31. Scoring for Groton: Cade Guthmiller 14, Darrien Shabazz 11, Hunter Schaller 3, Alex Morris 2 and Anthony Schinkel 1.

quarter to take a 38-29 lead, and upped it to a 13-point lead, 44-31. Roncalli led, 44-33, at half time. Groton rallied to close to within four, 44-40, and then to within three, 46-43. The Tiger defense forced several turnovers; however, the Tigers were unable to capitalize on them which would have given Groton the lead. The Cavaliers went on to win, 52-47.

Groton Area made 36 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 45 percent. The Tigers were six of 21 in three-pointers for 29 percent and the Cavaliers were four of 13 for 31 percent. Groton Area made 11 of 14 free throws for 79 percent off of Roncalli's 15 team fouls. Roncalli made 11 of 17 free throws for 65 percent off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Bennett Shabazz for Groton Area and Conner Fiedler for Roncalli both fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Groton Area had four offensive rebounds while Roncalli had eight. The Cavaliers had 25 defensive rebounds while the Tigers had 20.

Groton Area had eight assists with Sean Schuring having three. Roncalli had 11 assists with Conner Deutsch and Alec Sommers each having three. Groton Area had 13 turnovers, seven of which were steals. Roncalli had 15 turnovers, nine of which were steals with Schuring having three.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Bennett Shabazz and Sean Schuring with 11 each, Brandon Keith had six and Petyon Johnson with two. Schuring had five rebounds.

Roncalli was led by Gus Reede with 20 points followed by Braden Sommers and Conner Deutsch with 11 each, Conner Fielder had six, Josh Hammrich had three and Brady Morgan two.

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Anthony Schinkel is greeted by Roncalli's Conner Deutsch.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Wednesday, January 18th
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Jan. 21

Boys JV at 3 p.m., Girls Varsity at 4:30 p.m., Boys Varsity at 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23: Northwestern Boys in Groton, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Webster Area girls in Groton, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26: Groton girls at Sisseton, 8 p.m.

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Groton City Council Jan. 16 Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Fliehs, Peterson, Opp, Glover, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, and Justin Olson.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,573.73 ss & wh; AFLAC 749.62 emp ins; Andela Antonsen 720.00 overpayment refund; Badger Meter 54.00 water gateway; Banyon Data Systems 2,385.00 comp support; Border States Electric 487.42 meters; Car Quest 103.67 auto parts; Darrels 285.90 batteries; Dearborne National Ins 93.46 life ins; Galls 113.58 uniforms; Grafix 485.36 graphics; Groton Ford 121.44 repairs; Groton Independent 39.44 publishing; Guardian Insurance 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 89,815.69 power; Duane Kavanaugh 98.39 overpayment refund; Ken's Food Fair 652.93 gas, supplies; Shawn Lambertz 206.81 mileage, meal; Anita Lowary 227.82 med flex; McGannon Plumbing & Heating 949.57 repairs; MJs Sinclair 714.50 gas, propane; RDO- John Deere Credit 440.77 cutting edges; SD Municipal League 20.00 meal; SD One Call 21.00 notices; SD State Treasurer 9,403.54 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,260.00 emp retirement; Share Corp 97.57 sweeping comp; WEB Water 9,442.39 water; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,256.67 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 30,520.24 power

Mayor Hanlon leaves the meeting at this point and President McGannon assumes the chairmanship.

At 7:15pm the following received gravel bids for 2017 supply of crushed gravel were opened and read aloud: Krueger Brothers Gravel & Dirt - \$16.79 per yard; Hanlon Brothers - \$16.90 per yard. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to award the 2017 contract to Krueger Brothers for the low bid of \$16.70 per yard. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reenters the meeting at this point and assumes the chairmanship. Councilperson Fliehs leaves the meeting at this point.

Tire quotations for the bucket truck were reviewed. MJ's Sinclair = \$1,632.00 Hankook;

Darrel's Sinclair = \$1,611.38 Hankook or Goodyear; Graham Tire = \$1680.84 Goodyear.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to accept the low quotation of \$1,611.38 from Darrel's Sinclair for the bucket truck tires. All members present voted aye.

Councilperson Fliehs reenters the meeting.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Electric Supt Shawn Lambertz to attend the SDMEA Superintendent's Conference in Watertown on Feb 28-Mar 1. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to get full insurance coverage on the electric power system, including poles, wire, connectors, transformers, insulators. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary announced that the Groton Airport was granted an operating license again.

Discussion was held on the replacement of the copier and printers at City Hall. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to lease a new copier from A & B Business Products for \$162.80 per month and continue shopping for printers. All members present voted aye.

The National Guard officers are looking for local projects to help communities and will visit the Council at their next meeting.

Mayor Hanlon announced the reappointment of Chris Khali to Planning and Zoning Commission. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve this appointment. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary notified the Council that Mary Fliehs, Ed Opp, and Jay Peterson that their terms would be up for election this year.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to move the 2nd meeting date in February from Feb 20 to Feb 21 due to the President's Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

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At 7:30pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover to discuss legal and personnel matters SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:30pm.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to pay Justin Olson \$250 per month as skating rink manager in addition to his attendant time. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

Gun show set for Aberdeen

GUN SHOW: Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association 15th Annual Aberdeen Gun Show. Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aberdeen Ramkota Hotel on Highway 281 North. Roger Krumm 701-851-0129.



Annual Kiwanis Pancake Brunch Sunday, January 29th

Groton Community Center
Serving 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adults \$6.00 - Children \$3.00 - Age 0-5 Free



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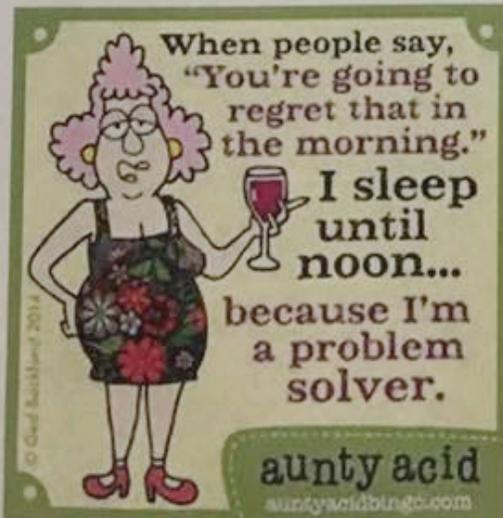
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trip call [Keri Kline](tel:605-233-0144) 605-233-0144 Seats are limited!! Bus will depart Clark at 8:30am and Watertown at 9:15am on Wednesday March 1st. It's going to be a trip of a lifetime and you will be doing things you have never done before???? So jump on the bus sit back and wonder where this bus will be taking me today and tomorrow.



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Today in Weather History

January 21, 1999: Widespread dense fog and freezing drizzle created treacherous driving conditions across part of northeast South Dakota from the evening of the 21st to around noon on the 22nd. The freezing drizzle ended in the early morning hours of the 22nd. As a result, slippery conditions developed, especially across Hamlin, Deuel, and Codington counties. Many vehicles slid into the ditch. There were a few accidents resulting in minor injuries. Numerous activities were canceled the evening of the 21st and many schools had delayed starts on the 22nd.

1863 - A severe coastal storm dropped heavy rain on the Fredericksburg area of Virginia. It disrupted a Union Army offensive in an ill fated "mud march." (David Ludlum)

1982 - The second of two major snowstorms to hit southern Minnesota came to an end. Minneapolis received 20 inches of snow in 24 hours to break the previous record of 17 inches in 24 hours established just a few days earlier. A record 38 inches of snow covered the ground following the two storms, with drifts ten feet high. (David Ludlum)

1985 - Three days of snow squalls at Buffalo NY finally came to an end. The squalls, induced by relatively warm water in Lake Erie, produced 34 inches of snow at the International Airport, with up to 47 inches reported in the suburbs of Buffalo. The New York "blizzard of '85" left many counties disaster areas. (19th-21st) (Weather Channel) (Storm Data) President Reagan was sworn in for a second term in the coldest Inauguration Ceremony of record. Cold and wind resulted in wind chill readings as much as 30 degrees below zero. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1985: Jacksonville, Florida recorded its all-time record low of 7 degrees. Macon, Georgia had its coldest day ever with a temperature of 6 degrees. It was the coldest Inauguration day in history as President Reagan is sworn in for a second term during cold and winds that resulted in wind chill readings of 30 degrees below zero. Because of the bitter cold temperatures, many of the outdoor Inauguration events were cancelled and President Reagan was sworn in the Capitol Rotunda.

1987 - Low pressure over Minnesota produced high winds in the Northern Plains Region. Winds gusted to 66 mph at Rapid City SD, and reached 70 mph at Belle Fourche SD. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - High pressure over northern Nevada and low pressure off the coast of southern California combined to produce high winds in the southwestern U.S. Wind gusts in the San Francisco area reached 70 mph at Fremont. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

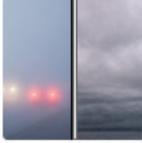
1989 - Cold and snow prevailed in the northeastern U.S. Up to 13 inches of snow was reported between Woodford and Searsburg in Vermont. Montpelier VT reported a wind chill reading of 42 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the state of Florida. Eight cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including West Palm Beach with a reading of 86 degrees. Rain in southern New England changed to freezing rain, then to sleet, and then to heavy snow during the late morning. Most of Massachusetts was blanketed with 6 to 10 inches of snow. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999: A major tornado outbreak occurred from southwest into central and northeast Arkansas during the afternoon and evening. In the Little Rock Area, 30 tornadoes tracked across 15 counties. Homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed in areas like Little Rock, Beebe, McRae, and in areas farther north and east. Eight deaths resulted from the tornadoes with 140 to 150 injuries also reported.

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Fog	Cloudy	Patchy Fog then Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Snow	Chance Snow
High: 31 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 34 °F	Low: 21 °F	High: 32 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 30 °F

Cloudy and Foggy Conditions Continue Be on the Lookout for Black Ice



National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen

National Weather Service Aberdeen

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Updated: 1/21/2017 5:33 AM Central

Published on: 01/21/2017 at 5:39AM

Mostly cloudy skies are expected to remain across the region through at least tonight. Areas of fog can be expected as well, mainly across northeastern South Dakota and western Minnesota. Drizzle or freezing drizzle could be possible with the fog.

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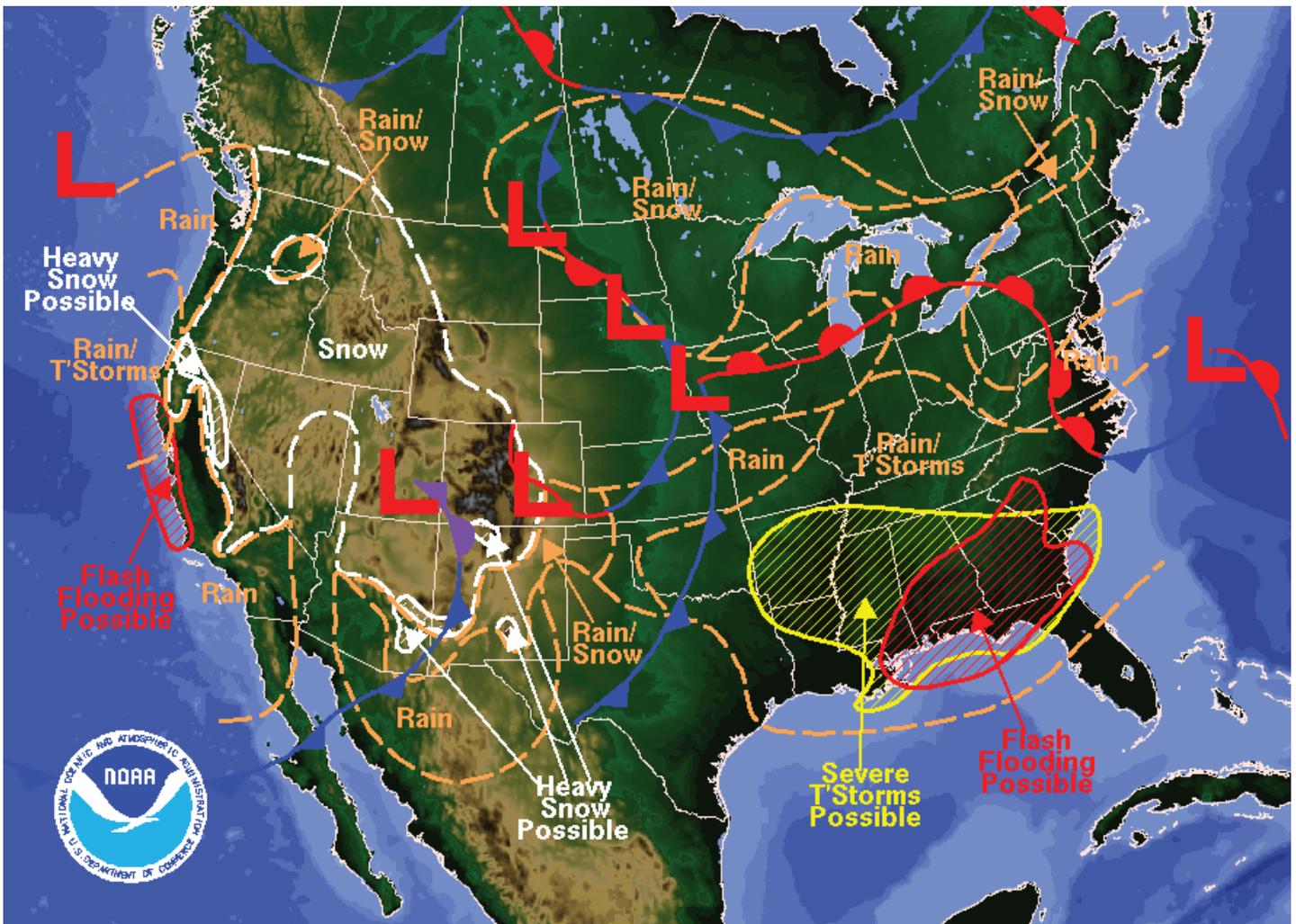
Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 37.6
Low Outside Temp: 34.5 F
High Gust: 14 Mph

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 57° in 1942
Record Low: -31 in 1949
Average High: 23°F
Average Low: 1°F
Average Precip in Jan.: 0.34
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.34
Precip Year to Date: 0.00
Sunset Tonight: 5:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jan 21, 2017, issued 3:44 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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PEOPLE POTENTIAL

Many years ago an obscure inventor built a racing car. He didn't give it a name, he gave it a number: 999. After many tests he hired a cyclist named Barney Oldfield to drive it in a race. During the race the car hit a top speed of sixty miles an hour – a mile a minute. That race brought the driver and the builder of the car much attention and launched their careers.

Years later the builder and the driver of the race car met one another. The builder, Hendry Ford, looked at Oldfield and said, "You made me, Barney, and I made you."

"True," replied Oldfield. "But you must admit I did a better job than you did."

Every day we look into the eyes of someone who is waiting to be discovered. A great example is Andrew and Peter.

John tells us that "the first thing" Andrew did after he began to follow Jesus was to "find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah...'"

That invitation to follow Jesus changed history. That is why He gave him a new name, Cephas or Peter, meaning "rock." And in spite of his failures, he became a solid rock in the early church. He became one of the "inner three" in the life of Jesus, the voice of God at Pentecost and his enthusiasm inspired many. He never gave up in spite of his failures and always followed Jesus closely. What about you?

Prayer: Help us, Father, to see people the way Jesus did – not who they are, but who they could become if they placed Christ in the center of their lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 1:40-43 ...The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ)...

News from the Associated Press

Black Hills State University considers solar panel project

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Black Hills State University is considering a project to install solar panels on the roofs of four buildings on campus.

Each panel would be tied directly to the building and would reduce the energy the university would have to purchase from its two current providers, The Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2jEZJUS>) reports.

"We want to be known as the campus that cares about the environment, cares about the Black Hills, and cares about our surroundings," said Kathy Johnson, vice president for Finance and Administration at Black Hills State University.

Information from the South Dakota Board of Regents says the first-year cash savings is projected at \$10,000. The solar panels will produce an estimated 1.5 million kilowatt hours, or approximately 17 percent, of the university's electricity use over a year. The panels are expected to last 40-50 years.

Director of university and community relations Corinne Hansen said the school is working on a contract with a third party so the panels would not cost the university anything.

Hansen said the third party would own the panels and the university would buy the electricity from them.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

In South Dakota, lawmaker dealings with interns scrutinized By JAMES NORD and HANNAH WEIKEL, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota House member's admission this week that he had sexual contact with two interns has raised questions — and conflicting accounts — about the ways legislators and interns interact in this tiny government town.

One former intern says drinking with lawmakers was commonplace, with occasional flirting. A former state representative said she often saw lawmakers giving unwanted attention to interns and pages, and a "what happens in Pierre stays in Pierre" mindset.

Many current lawmakers said otherwise.

"I've known legislators around these halls on and off for 40 years," said House Speaker Pro Tempore Don Haggar, a Republican. "Almost to a man and a woman, they're outstanding people in every facet of their lives."

The issue came to the fore this week when GOP state Rep. Mathew Wollmann, a 26-year-old former Marine, acknowledged the contact with interns in 2015 and 2016. In his admission, which came minutes after the House voted to set up a committee to investigate his conduct, Wollmann apologized and said he was ready to accept punishment.

He said both interns were over 21 and the contact was consensual. The Associated Press has been unable to verify that. A woman believed to be one of the two women did not respond to messages, and the AP was unable to identify the second woman.

Wollmann is the second South Dakota lawmaker in roughly a decade to be investigated for alleged misconduct involving interns or pages. In 2007, the state Senate censured Democrat Dan Sutton after he was accused of fondling an 18-year-old page when they shared a motel room during the 2006 legislative session. Sutton denied the allegation and was re-elected.

In South Dakota, interns are college students, some 21 or older. Pages are high school students. While interns are forbidden to socialize with pages, no such prohibition exists between interns and legislators.

Legislative rules also don't explicitly ban sexual contact or relationships between lawmakers and interns, although they do prohibit sexual harassment and call on lawmakers to maintain "the highest of moral and ethical standards."

Wollmann's public admission came shortly after a legislative committee voted down a new rule — proposed by a lawmaker who had raised questions privately about Wollmann's conduct — to explicitly bar

legislators from sexual contact with interns and pages. One lawmaker who spoke against the change said he felt the current rules were sufficient.

Former Democratic state Rep. Peggy Gibson, who served eight years before retiring last year, said she noticed unwanted attention from lawmakers toward interns and pages, such as too much touching in the hallways or sexual references and jokes.

"What happens in Pierre stays in Pierre and that's kind of been the philosophy," Gibson said.

The AP contacted seven people who had served as interns and three who had served as pages since 2014. Most declined to be interviewed or didn't respond.

Olivia Siglin, a legislative intern in 2014, said drinking with lawmakers was common and that she saw occasional flirting between legislators and college-age interns. Many of the interns would accompany legislators to receptions at hotels or meeting centers around the city, and later to bars, Siglin said.

"Past interns had told me about the drinking," Siglin said. "You can avoid that pretty easily if you want to, but you miss out on networking. If you avoid the events you miss out on a lot of the bonding opportunities."

Menno Schukking, a legislative intern in 2014, said he attended some receptions where there was alcohol. But he said he saw no flirting and knew of no sexual relationships between politicians and interns.

House Majority Leader Lee Qualm said lawmakers and interns may attend the same banquets or functions, but he said as far as "going any place to get together with the interns, that doesn't happen."

Interns and pages are overseen by the Legislative Research Council. A manual instructs that they should attend only after work social functions to which they are invited, but doesn't discuss consuming alcohol, Director Jason Hancock said in an email. During orientation, interns are advised to tell their supervising lawmaker or the LRC if they are subjected to sexual harassment, Hancock said.

The House committee that will consider potential discipline for Wollmann meets Tuesday.

Follow James Nord on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Jvnord> and Hannah Weikel at <https://twitter.com/hanweikel>.

Sioux Falls archive storage facility ready needs more money

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A planned 29,000-square-foot archive storage facility in Sioux Falls will need funding from City Hall before construction can begin.

Siouxland Heritage Museums director Bill Hoskins tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2joFKKf>) that he hopes construction on the facility can begin in March.

The facility is planned to include two micro climate rooms, a space for textile storage, a lobby and public work space area.

Construction would also leave room for a future addition.

Currently, items such as newspaper archives and historic photographs are being stored at the Old Courthouse Museum or the Pettigrew Museum.

"The collection is literally stuck in every nook and cranny," Hoskins said. "If we can move those things into one place, I think the management will be much more efficient than it is today. It will be much easier for the general public to come in and get to see what they would like at that time."

Plans for the facility were developed and approved by the Minnehaha County Commission and the Sioux Falls City Council in 2013. At that time, the two groups agreed to cover \$1.3 million of the estimated \$3.9 million construction costs. The rest would be paid for with funds generated from the sale of 20 acres of land donated to the county for the sole purpose of raising money for the facility.

Hoskins said there was a four-year delay in construction has likely driven up the costs to as much as \$4.5 million.

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Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 63, Faulkton 61
Britton-Hecla 45, Deuel 44
Clark/Willow Lake 53, Webster 45
Crazy Horse 60, Oelrichs 58
Douglas 65, Little Wound 54
Flandreau 82, McCook Central/Montrose 50
Florence/Henry 65, Great Plains Lutheran 48
Hot Springs 45, Belle Fourche 37
Huron 49, Watertown 44
Irene-Wakonda 50, Crofton, Neb. 47
Langford 58, Castlewood 43
Lennox 63, Platte-Geddes 43
Leola/Frederick 70, Northwestern 50
Lower Brule 75, Flandreau Indian 55
Madison 67, Sioux Falls Christian 64
Newell 66, Hulett, Wyo. 37
Potter County 65, Stanley County 58
Rapid City Stevens 67, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 43
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 49, Rapid City Central 30
Sisseton 50, Redfield/Doland 34
Sturgis Brown 73, Spearfish 46
Tea Area 96, Garretson 50
Timber Lake 68, Lemmon 57
Tri-Valley 65, Dakota Valley 46
Viborg-Hurley 68, Baltic 57
Waverly-South Shore 54, Wilmot 39
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Dell Rapids St. Mary 63, Estelline 15
Deubrook 48, Elkton-Lake Benton 44
Semifinal
Arlington 49, Lake Preston 47
Colman-Egan 57, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 52

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 54, Groton Area 22
Belle Fourche 56, Hot Springs 25
Beresford 55, Canton 39
Crofton, Neb. 53, Irene-Wakonda 32
Dakota Valley 47, Tri-Valley 33
Dell Rapids 72, Sioux Valley 54
Deuel 50, Britton-Hecla 37
Ethan 62, Corsica/Stickney 15
Eureka/Bowdle 46, Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 15
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Platte-Geddes 49, Scotland 27
Red Cloud 61, Bennett County 24
Sioux Falls Christian 66, Madison 62
Sioux Falls O’Gorman 48, Rapid City Central 41
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 54, Rapid City Stevens 49
Spearfish 48, Sturgis Brown 35
Viborg-Hurley 34, Baltic 33
Watertown 42, Huron 35
Waverly-South Shore 39, Wilmot 27
Webster 58, Clark/Willow Lake 20
West Central 47, Vermillion 44
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Dupree 65, Tiospaye Topa 31
Lemmon 49, Harding County 38
Semifinal
Faith 69, McIntosh 45
Timber Lake 62, Bison 29
Southern Plains Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Colome 46, Gregory 32
White River 52, Jones County 31
Semifinal
Kadoka Area 67, Stanley County 53
Lyman 55, Burke/South Central 38

Arts institute to open on Cheyenne River Indian Reservation

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A nonprofit that for almost three decades has provided youth programs on South Dakota’s Cheyenne River Indian Reservation is establishing a formal arts institute this year that will offer greater access to traditional Lakota arts, fine art, and graffiti and street art.

The Waniyetu Wowapi — Winter Count — Lakota Arts Institute, a project of the Cheyenne River Youth Project nonprofit, ultimately expects to offer more than 100 arts classes annually, events and a gallery featuring rotating exhibitions.

“We want to offer our kids opportunities to grow, help them become well-rounded people,” said executive director Julie Garreau. “A lot of kids get that in off-reservation school systems or bigger city areas, and they can say ‘Oh, I want to be a writer’ or ‘I want to be an artist.’ Well, we have limited resources on the reservation, so we’re working to complement what school systems can do.”

The organization received a more than \$300,000 grant last month as one of 29 projects that ArtPlace America — a collaboration of foundations, federal agencies and financial institutions — chose to fund out of a pool of 1,400 applicants.

Generations of Lakota painted and drew on walls, buffalo hides and tipis to preserve their history. These days, they celebrate their culture in paintings, jewelry and ceremonial regalia — creating earrings, rawhide bags, featherwork, drums and other artwork.

"There is no word for art in the Lakota language; it goes from arrow to article in the dictionary," said Craig Howe, executive director of the Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies. "So, that was not seen as a separate activity from everyday life and in society and in culture. So, on that basis, it's a way of life."

The Cheyenne River Youth Project estimates the institute will serve about 1,700 children and 400 families. Over the past two years, 400 youth have completed one of the organization's internship programs, guaranteeing them 80 hours of arts, job skills and leadership training.

About 70 percent of the nearly 16,000 members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe live on the central South Dakota reservation, according to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. With its 1.4 million acres, the reservation is among the largest in the nation, and like in many other tribal communities, poverty has been a constant for decades. Children and adults here are no strangers to domestic violence and drug abuse.

The new arts program could help students find their voices, said Rebecca Bourgault, head of art education at Boston University's College of Fine Arts.

"Students have to make their own choices. They also have to explain why they made those choices," Bourgault said. "So, if they are trying to draw something, and it has to have a sense of space, and they don't know how to do the illusion of space in drawing, they have to struggle. They come to their own understanding."

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South Dakota father delivers baby in family bathroom

CROOKS, S.D. (AP) — A former amateur baseball player says delivering his fourth child was both scary and amazing.

Dallas Schneiderman delivered his daughter, Pippon Marie Schneiderman, Jan. 12 on a bathroom floor at the family's home, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2jglPtx>) reported. Schneiderman delivered the 8-pound, 10 ounce baby after his wife, Janna Schneiderman, went into labor.

"She was like, 'We're not going anywhere. This is happening right now,'" Dallas Schneiderman said. "I was like, 'You've got to be kidding me.' It's actually a good thing we didn't make it to the car. That would've been a disaster."

Minnehaha County Deputy Chansey Ford was the first to arrive on the scene after receiving the 911 call and helped with the home delivery.

"I've been in law enforcement for almost nine years and I always get asked what's the coolest thing I've ever done," Ford said. "And this is now definitely at the top. It was one of the scariest but also most amazing things I've ever done."

Dallas Schneiderman, who played baseball for the Renner Monarchs, delivered the baby no more than 15 minutes after his wife's water broke.

"I'm sure delivering his own baby and witnessing all of that was not on his bucket list," Janna said of her husband. "It was definitely scary, but it was also kind of funny and, when it was over, pretty amazing. It wasn't until it was all over and he was tying off the umbilical cord when I kind of realized how cool it was that Dallas was able to make sure everything went OK."

Paramedics arrived shortly after the birth to take Schneiderman's wife and child to the hospital.

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

Bomb blast kill 22, wounds at least 50 in northwest Pakistan

By RIAZ KHAN, Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A bomb exploded Saturday in a market in a northwest tribal region bordering Afghanistan, killing 22 people and wounding at least 50, officials said.

Dr. Sabir Hussain at the main hospital in Parachinar, the capital of Pakistan's Kurram tribal region, said

two more wounded victims died in the hospital, increasing the death toll.

Shahid Khan, an assistant tribal administrator, said the explosion took place when the market was crowded with retailers buying fruits and vegetables from a wholesale shop. He said the attack was being investigated.

Lashker-e-Jhangvi, a banned sectarian militant group that has attacked minority Shiites Muslims in the past, claimed responsibility for the attack. The bombing took place in a predominantly Shiite area of Kurram, which has seen attack by Sunni militants who have hideouts there. Shiites are a minority in Pakistan.

"That was our combined work with Shahryar group of Mahsud Taliban," Ali Sufyan, a spokesman for the banned group, wrote in a text message to an AP reporter.

Kurram has been the scene of increased militant activities in recent years and the Army carried out a massive operation against extremists in the region but they still have the capacity to strike.

Khan said some of the wounded were airlifted to hospitals in Peshawar, the capital of northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Hospitals in tribal regions and rural areas of Pakistan typically are not equipped to handle such emergencies.

Khan said the number of wounded increased but they include those who sustained minor injuries. He also said the death toll had increased to 22.

Ashiq Hussain, who was lightly wounded, was being treated in Parachinar hospital. He said he was among the people purchasing fruits and vegetables loaded on a van when the explosion took place. "There was a big bang and I saw a dark cloud of smoke and dust before passing out," he said.

Ashiq Hussain said he saw bleeding bodies and severed limbs and heard cries when he came back to his senses. "I was just bleeding from my leg," he said. "Thank God I am alive."

Initially, seven people were brought dead from the vegetable market blast site and more than 60 wounded, according to Dr. Hussain. Thirteen of the critically wounded died earlier while being treated, he said.

Shiite leader Faqir Hussain said all the bodies were brought to a Shiite mosque.

Iqbal Zafar Jhagra, the provincial governor, told local Geo television that the remnants of militant groups targeted by security forces were trying to show their existence by such attacks.

"Terrorists largely eliminated by our security forces and the remaining will soon meet their fate if we all together rise against them," he said.

Associated Press writer Ishtiaq Mahsud in Dera Ismail Khan contributed to this report.

Trump opens first full day on job at church

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump opened his first full day as president Saturday at a national prayer service, the final piece of transition business for the nation's new chief executive before a promised full-on shift into governing.

Trump and his wife, Melania, and Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, sat in a front pew at Washington National Cathedral for the morning service after a day of pomp, pageantry and protests that accompanied his Friday inauguration.

The interfaith service is a tradition for new presidents and is hosted by the Episcopal parish, but the decision to hold a prayer session for Trump has sparked debate among Episcopalians opposed to his policies.

The service took place as throngs of women, many of them wearing bright pink, pointy-eared hats, descended on the nation's capital and other cities around the world Saturday for marches organized to push back against the new president.

After church, Trump planned to visit the CIA for a meeting with members of the nation's intelligence community that could be fraught with tension.

Trump has sharply criticized top U.S. intelligence officials over their conclusions that Russia interfered in the 2016 election on his behalf, as well as over leaks about classified briefings he received in the weeks before he was sworn into office on Friday.

Trump has signaled an intention to make a quick and clean break from the Obama administration.

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Before dancing with the new first lady at three inaugural balls Friday night, Trump signed an executive order aimed at former President Barack Obama's health care law. The order notes that Trump plans to seek the law's "prompt repeal." Meantime it allows the Health and Human Services Department and other federal agencies to delay implementing parts of the law that might impose a "fiscal burden" on states, health care providers, families or individuals.

Trump also cleared the way for members of his national security team to take their places.

He signed legislation granting James Mattis, his pick for defense secretary, a one-time exception from federal law barring former U.S. service members who have been out of uniform for less than seven years from holding the top Pentagon job. The restriction is meant to preserve civilian control of the military. Mattis, 66, retired from the Marine Corps in 2013.

Hours later, the Senate confirmed Mattis, and retired Gen. John Kelly to lead the Homeland Security Department. Both were sworn into office late Friday by Vice President Mike Pence.

Separately, White House chief of staff Reince Priebus issued a memo aimed at freezing some new regulations and halting ones the Obama administration had started.

Trump, his wife, children and grandchildren spent Friday night at the White House. His daughter, Ivanka, and her husband, senior White House adviser Jared Kushner, were seen snapping photos Saturday on the Truman balcony with a young girl who appeared to be their daughter.

The Justice Department released a memo concluding the president's "special hiring authority" allows him to appoint Kushner to the administration and the move does not contravene federal anti-nepotism laws.

The dustup over the prayer service marked another example of the backlash against Trump by religious leaders, artists, celebrities and others.

While some in the largely liberal congregation objected to hosting the service, Bishop Mariann Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington wrote in a blog post that she shared "a sense of outrage at some of the president-elect's words and actions" but also she felt an obligation to welcome all people without qualification, especially those who disagree and need to find a way to work together.

Associated Press writer Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

16 killed in fiery bus crash on Italian highway

By NICOLE WINFIELD and PABLO GORONDI, Associated Press

ROME (AP) — A bus carrying Hungarian school students home from a skiing trip to France slammed into a highway barrier in northern Italy and caught fire, killing at least 16 people, police said Saturday. Thirty-nine people survived, though some were seriously injured.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, and it wasn't clear why the bus hit the overpass support column on the highway near Verona just before midnight, said police commander Girolamo Lacquaniti.

Sixteen badly burned bodies were pulled from the wreckage. Of the 39 survivors, 26 were injured, some seriously, he said.

"One passenger is currently in an induced coma and in life-threatening condition," Hungarian Foreign Minister Szijjarto told reporters in Budapest.

According to Szijjarto, the bus driver lost control of the vehicle, which hit a guard rail and then the overpass support before catching fire. Investigators have found no brake marks at the scene, he said.

RAI state radio said a Slovenian truck driver who was traveling behind the bus had noticed a problem with one of the bus wheels and tried to alert the driver. But the driver didn't react quickly enough, RAI said. The truck driver stayed at the scene trying to help until investigators arrived, RAI said.

In Budapest, a black flag flew from one of the flagpoles above the door of the Szinyei Merse Pal Gimnazium. About 60 students gathered for a vigil outside the school, lighting small candles and laying flowers in memory of the victims.

"We knew many of them but the ones we were closest to and in daily contact are mostly all right," student Tamas Mezo said after placing candles at the door of the school.

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He said the school organized a ski camp each year, involving about 50-60 students and a few teachers. "I was very much planning on going this year but in the end it didn't work out," Mezo said. "There were three or four teachers on the bus and unfortunately one of them did not survive. Our hearts our hurting because we loved him and he was really nice."

Parents of some of the children had arrived at the scene by midday Saturday to bring the survivors home, Hungaria's consul in Milan told RAI.

Hungary's Foreign Ministry said it had information that there were 54 passengers, including adults accompanying the students, and two drivers aboard, but it believes the actual number was higher.

Gorondi reported from Budapest. AP writer Colleen Barry contributed from Pescara, Italy. This corrects spelling of Girolamo Lacquaniti in earlier copy.

Europe's nationalist leaders kick off year of election hopes

By GEIR MOULSON, Associated Press

KOBLENZ, Germany (AP) — Declaring that 2017 will be the "year of the awakening of the people of continental Europe," French far-right presidential hopeful Marine Le Pen joined fellow nationalists Saturday at a conference in Germany to a show of populist confidence as Europe faces a series of high-stakes national elections.

Populist parties have been surging in polls in Europe and the leaders' mood was celebratory as they came together in support of one another, the day after Donald Trump was sworn in as U.S. president following a campaign buoyed by anti-establishment and protectionist themes.

"Yesterday, a new America. Today — hello Koblenz — a new Europe!" Dutch anti-Islam leader Geert Wilders said as he opened his speech under heavy security in the German city of Koblenz on the banks of the Rhine River.

"The people of the West are awakening. They are throwing off the yoke of political correctness," he said. "This year will be the year of the people ... the year of liberation, the year of the patriotic spring."

Wilders' anti-Islam Party of Freedom could win the largest percentage of votes in the March 15 Dutch parliamentary election. Le Pen, head of the far-right National Front, is among the top contenders in France's April-May presidential vote. And in September, Frauke Petry's four-year-old Alternative for Germany party hopes to enter the German parliament in that country's national election, riding high on anti-immigrant sentiment that rejects German Chancellor Angela Merkel's welcoming policy toward refugees.

The meeting of the Europe of Nations and Freedom group in the European Parliament also featured Matteo Salvini of Italy's conservative Northern League and Harald Vilimsky, the general secretary of Austria's right-wing Freedom Party, which last year narrowly failed to win the country's presidency.

"Just as Donald Trump in America shows the way out of a dead end, with new prospects — including for (resolving) international conflicts, we want to do that in the coming months and years for Europe," Petry told reporters.

"We are experiencing the end of one world and the birth of another," Le Pen said in her address to the conference. "We are experiencing the return of nation-states."

She denounced the 28-nation European Union as "a force of sterilization," and assailed Merkel — whose name was booed loudly — for allowing in large numbers of migrants.

"Everyone sees that this migration policy is a daily disaster," Le Pen said.

The first "real blow to the old order" was last June's British vote to leave the EU, Le Pen said — followed closely by Trump's election.

"His position on Europe is clear," Le Pen said. "He will not support a system of oppression of the people."

She added that "2016 was the year when the Anglo-Saxon world woke up and 2017, I am sure, will be the year of the awakening of the people of continental Europe."

Left-wing protesters staged a sit-in outside the hall shouting slogans like "No border, no nation, stop deportation."

Not far away, demonstrators from the global AVAAZ activist group placed statues of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Josef Stalin, among others, in front of a landmark statue of German Kaiser Wilhelm.

AVAAZ organizer Pascal Vollenweider said the statues of the dictators were meant to send a "strong message" to the nationalist politicians' meeting that "global citizens are rejecting their old dangerous ideas."

"They are not fascists in jackboots, it's a different type of fascism, of course. But if you look at the ideas ... it's very dangerous, and we have to face it. These guys are carrying old, dangerous, fascist ideas," he said.

Marcus Pretzell, Alternative for Germany's European lawmaker and Petry's husband, denied accreditation for the meeting to German public broadcasters and several other German outlets. Public broadcaster ARD has said it was refused access for "not meeting journalistic standards in its past reporting on the party," a claim it has rejected.

Wilders said the nationalist parties won't be deterred if they fail immediately to achieve their election aims this year.

"We will win, I'm very confident," he said. "And if we wouldn't, or if we would not win, all of us, the genie will not go back into the bottle."

"The people won't accept that kind of policy anymore," he added. "We will be here not only next year but many years more."

AP Interview: New Gambia leader says Jammeh leaving in hours

By KRISTA LARSON and CARLEY PETESCH, Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Gambia's new president says defeated leader Yahya Jammeh is expected to leave for Guinea within hours, and he plans to return home to take power once the situation is "clear."

A visibly tired Adama Barrow told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday that he will enter Gambia once a security sweep has been completed. He has been in neighboring Senegal for his safety during a political standoff that came to the brink of a regional military intervention.

Barrow, who won December's presidential elections, spoke just hours after Jammeh announced he would relinquish power, ending hours of last-minute negotiations with the leaders of Guinea and Mauritania.

"It is not yet confirmed information, but reliable sources are saying he's leaving today," Barrow told the AP. "We believe he'll go to Guinea, but we are waiting to confirm 100 percent."

He said he has not yet been given the communique which should spell out the terms of Jammeh's departure. "What is fundamental here is he will live in a foreign country as of now," he said.

Barrow was inaugurated Thursday at Gambia's embassy in Senegal, with the backing of the international community.

As Jammeh prepared to leave the country after more than 22 years in power, human rights activists demanded that he be held accountable for alleged abuses, including torture and detention of opponents.

It was those concerns about prosecution that led the famously mercurial Jammeh to challenge the December election results, just days after shocking Gambians by conceding his loss to Barrow.

Jammeh once vowed to rule for a billion years. His agreement to step down has brought an end to the political crisis in this tiny West African nation of 1.9 million, which has promoted itself to European tourists as "the Smiling Coast of Africa."

"The rule of fear" in Gambia has ended with Jammeh's rule, Barrow told members of Gambia's diaspora late Friday.

Critics of Jammeh insisted he should be held accountable.

"Jammeh came as a pauper bearing guns. He should leave as a disrobed despot. The properties he seeks to protect belong to Gambians and Gambia, and he must not be allowed to take them with him. He must leave our country without conditionalities," said Jeggan Bahoum of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy in Gambia.

An online petition urged that Jammeh not be granted asylum and should instead be arrested.

"We aren't talking about prosecution here, we are talking about getting a truth and reconciliation commission," Barrow told the AP. "Before you can act, you have to get the truth, to get the facts together."

Jammeh, who first seized power in a 1994 coup, has been holed up this week in his official residence

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in Banjul, increasingly isolated as he was abandoned by his security forces and several Cabinet members. The West African regional bloc, ECOWAS, pledged to remove Jammeh by force if he did not step down. The group assembled a multinational military force including tanks that rolled into Gambia on Thursday. The force moved in after Barrow's inauguration and a unanimous vote by the U.N. Security Council supporting the regional efforts.

Jammeh's announcement to relinquish power is a good first step, said Jeffrey Smith, executive director of Vanguard Africa. "For the Gambia to truly move on, President Barrow must reside in State House and begin the task of governing. In an ideal scenario, Jammeh will also face justice for the many crimes he has committed since 1994," Smith wrote by email.

Fearing violence as the political crisis dragged on, about 45,000 people have fled Gambia for Senegal, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

After days of uncertainty, Banjul was peaceful Saturday. At the ferry terminal, Yassin Jallow helped hand out bread to families returning to the capital.

"There are so many people who couldn't go out, and nothing is working, the shops are closed, the bakeries are closed ... and we don't want anyone to starve," Jallow said.

Some wary Gambians said they would believe Jammeh's departure when they saw it.

"I heard he will step down, but leaving, that is the question," said student Haruna Jallow.

Petesch reported from Banjul, Gambia. Associated Press writer Abdoulie John in Karang, Senegal, contributed.

World jittery about Trump's 'America first' inaugural speech

By The Associated Press

President Donald Trump's inaugural speech promised "America first" policy led by a forceful executive, in contrast to the coalition building and international conferences which have featured strongly in past administrations.

The billionaire businessman and reality television star — the first president who had never held political office or high military rank — promised to stir a "new national pride" and protect America from the "ravages" of countries he says have stolen U.S. jobs.

"This American carnage stops right here," Trump declared. In a warning to the world, he said, "From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this moment on, it's going to be America first."

A look at some reactions from around the world:

AFGHANS DISAPPOINTED BUT HOPEFUL

Like many in the Afghan capital of Kabul, restaurant owner Mohammad Nahim watched the presidential inauguration ceremonies but was disappointed to not hear any mention of Afghanistan.

"Trump did not mention a word about Afghanistan in his speech and the salaries of the Afghan army and police are paid by the U.S.," he said. He added that if the U.S. stops helping Afghanistan, "our country will again become a sanctuary to terrorists. I hope Trump will not forget Afghanistan."

Mohammed Kasim Zazi, a shopkeeper whose home is in eastern Afghanistan's Khost province, where the feared Haqqani network is prominent, said he expected Trump to stay focused on Afghanistan.

"Trump said he will finish the terrorists in the world and that has to mean that Afghanistan will remain in the sights of the U.S.," said Zazi.

Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah said he was encouraged by Trump's speech to soldiers in Bagram. "There he announced his support to the troops and the continuation of support for their troops here and strengthening their troops, which is a good and elegant step and I am sure that our cooperation in other areas will continue as well."

SPEECH RESONATES IN MEXICO

Perhaps no country was watching the speech more closely than Mexico. Trump has made disparaging

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remarks about immigrants who come to the United States illegally and sought to pressure companies not to set up shop in Mexico by threatening a border tariff on goods manufactured there and exported to the United States.

So Trump's talk of "protect(ing) our borders," "America first" and "buy American and hire American" had particular resonance in America's southern neighbor.

Ricardo Anaya Cortes, president of the conservative opposition National Action Party, called for "the unity of all Mexicans, unity in the face of this protectionist, demagogic and protectionist speech we just heard. Unity against that useless wall, against deportations, against the blockade of investment."

"The challenge is enormous. ... We demand the federal government leave aside tepidity, that it tackle with absolute firmness and dignity the new relationship with the United States," Anaya said.

The United States is by far Mexico's largest commercial partner, buying some 80 percent of its \$532 billion in exports in 2015. Mexico is the second-largest market for U.S. exports.

"At least the word 'Mexico' was not heard in the speech. Nevertheless one can expect the United States to launch a hyper-protectionist project," said Ilan Semo Groman, a researcher at Iberoamericana University.

If Trump truly moves to block or drive away U.S. investment in Mexico, Semo said Mexico should focus its commercial efforts on other countries.

"There are very clear possibilities," Semo said.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto sent three tweets after Trump's inaugural speech Friday:

— "I congratulate @realDonaldTrump on his inauguration. We will work to strengthen our relationship with shared responsibility."

— "We will establish a respectful dialogue with the government of President @realDonaldTrump, to Mexico's benefit."

— "Sovereignty, national interest and the protection of Mexicans will guide the relationship with the new government of the United States."

PAKISTAN WORRIES ABOUT MUSLIM COMMENTS

A group of retired government officials gathered after morning prayers for a walk in a sprawling park in the heart of the federal capital of Islamabad and the topic of their conversation was President Trump's inaugural speech.

They expressed concern that Trump would target the Islamic world, particularly Pakistan, because of his campaign rhetoric about Muslims as well as his inaugural speech in which he promised to eradicate Islamic terrorism worldwide. Pakistan has often been accused of harboring militant insurgents and declared terrorist groups that have targeted neighboring India, against whom Pakistan has fought three wars, as well as Afghanistan. Pakistan denies the charges.

"Likely there is more trouble in store for the Islamic world and our country will take the most brunt of the harsh treatment from President Trump administration," said Mohammad Afzal.

His sentiments were echoed by Shafiq Khan, who said "the one main thing that the new president mentioned about the world outside America is to tackle Islamic radicalism and that should be the matter of concern for all of us."

Amanullah, a school teacher in Islamabad, feared Trump's reference to eliminating radical Islamic terrorism. "I think under this name he wants to malign and eliminate Islam," he said.

Umair Khan, an engineer, said of Trump: "Let him taste the burden of government and get settled, I am sure he will calm."

CONCERN IN TOKYO

Some Tokyo residents are worried that Trump's "America first" policy will usher in an era of populism and protectionism at the expense of the rest of the world.

Tadashi Gomibuchi, who works in the manufacturing industry, recorded Trump's inauguration speech overnight as he was keen to hear what the new president had to say.

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"Trump is trying to make big changes to the way things are. Changes are good sometimes, but when America, the most powerful, loses stability ... it's a grave concern," he said. "If you take his words literally, it may destabilize the world going forward and I'm really worried. I hope things will lead to a soft landing."

Retiree Kuninobu Inoue, who lived in the U.S. during the 1990s, is concerned about trade frictions between Japan and the U.S., citing Trump's decision to withdraw from the 12-nation Trans Pacific Partnership.

"Japan-U.S. relations are not just about security. Our good relations rely so much on trade," he said.

Protectionist policies such as the withdrawal from TPP and renegotiation of NAFTA will have a negative impact on the global economy including Japan's, said Akio Mimura, head of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"These policies only enhance protectionist and populist movement spreading around the world, and could largely shake the free trade system that has supported global growth," he said.

In his congratulatory message to Trump, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stressed the importance of the Asia-Pacific region as a source for growth but also tensions.

"In the 21st century, while the Asia-Pacific region is the source of the global economic growth, the security environment of the region is becoming more severe," he said.

CHINA BRACES FOR TROUBLE AHEAD

A Chinese state-run nationalist tabloid, the Global Times, says President Trump's inauguration speech indicates that the U.S. and China would inevitably face trade tensions.

The newspaper said in a Saturday commentary following Trump's inauguration that "dramatic changes" lay ahead for the U.S. and the global economic order.

"Undoubtedly, the Trump administration will be igniting many 'fires' on its front door and around the world. Let's wait and see when it will be China's turn," it said.

The paper noted that Trump blamed foreign trade policies for failing to put "America first," and said trade tensions between the U.S. and China seemed "inevitable within the four years ahead."

The paper says it expects that the Trump administration, in seeking to bring factories back to the U.S. from China, will use the U.S. government's relations with Taiwan as "merely a bargaining chip for them to put trade pressure on China."

In Beijing, Independent scholar and commentator Zhang Lifan drew a contrast between Trump's focus on domestic issues and Chinese President Xi Jinping's emphasis on international cooperation.

"The new U.S. administration's policy toward China is not clear now. In my view, Trump will deal with China like a businessman, especially on trade negotiations," Zhang said.

TAIWAN TWEETS

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen tweeted her congratulations to Trump, saying: "Congratulations @realDonaldTrump. Democracy is what ties Taiwan and the US together. Look forward to advancing our friendship & partnership."

Trump didn't mention the self-ruled island in his speech, but he angered China and broke diplomatic protocol by talking by phone with Tsai shortly after winning November's election.

He has said earlier that Washington's "one China policy" under which it recognized Beijing in 1979 was open to negotiation, and questioned why the U.S. should be bound by such an approach without China offering incentives.

SOUTH KOREANS PUT SECURITY FIRST, WORRY ABOUT ALLIANCE, TRADE

Some in South Korea worried that President Trump would ask Seoul to shoulder a bigger share of the cost of U.S. forces stationed in South Korea as a deterrent against aggression from North Korea, or that their country will be caught in a conflict between the U.S. and China.

"I think the biggest challenge is the national defense," said Park Geon-rok, a 30-year-old designer, adding that South Korea was "heavily influenced by the U.S."

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In an editorial, the English-language JoongAng Daily said South Korea's relations with the U.S. under Trump will face a challenge as the new leader will likely ask Seoul to pay more for the cost of the U.S. military forces in the country, and renegotiate a bilateral free trade agreement. But the paper also notes it is "fortunate" that Trump has a strong position on North Korea's nuclear weapons.

There were concerns about potential conflicts between the U.S. and China, South Korea's key business partner. Kim Kyung-jin, a spokesman for the opposition People's Party, said that the international economic order might collapse as the U.S. seeks its own economic interest. Kim urged Trump to ease such worries.

"There is a possibility of us becoming an innocent bystander who gets hurt in a fight," said Nam Hae-sook, a 62-year-old homemaker. "Also, I think President Trump will be different from President-elect Trump. I think things will work out."

In place of impeached President Park Geun-hye, Acting President and Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn said in his congratulatory message to Trump that South Korea wishes to bolster the already close ties with the U.S. and cooperate on stopping North Korea's nuclear development.

INDIANS FRET ABOUT IMMIGRATION PROSPECTS

Among dozens of young, urban Indians who watched Trump's inauguration and speech at a club in a New Delhi, the 27-year-old Jigar Gorasia said getting work visas for professionals and green cards will become a problem.

"It is going to be a little bit challenging for those," said Gorasia, who studied and worked in Chicago before moving back to India last year.

Divya Narayanan, a 21-year-old student of journalism, said that Trump as president worried her. "Someone at the level of the U.S. president coming out and saying things which are bigoted, which are sexist, it sets a precedent for other people in the country, right?"

Indian newspapers highlighted Trump's protectionist policies in his speech. "America First President," read the banner headline of The Indian Express newspaper.

"Protectionist Trumpet: Buy American, Hire American," was the headline of The Times of India newspaper.

VIETNAMESE SAY SPEECH TOO AMERICA-FOCUSED

A Vietnamese analyst said Trump's speech was disappointing because it mainly served the domestic audience.

"I think this speech would be right for an election campaign, but not an inauguration speech," said Nguyen Ngoc Truong, president of Hanoi-based private policy think-tank Center for Strategic Studies and International Development.

"It should not be that simple because in an inauguration speech, you must introduce an objective and multi-faceted vision, not just one-sided vision to the American public," he said. "I don't think Trump could have a magic stick to be able to manage America to realize the goals that he outlined."

AUSTRALIANS FIND SPEECH DIVISIVE

An Australian father of two, Marek Rucinski, found Trump's speech "very divisive" and lacking substance. "Normally these speeches are used to rally and unite people," he said. "It was, again, more bluster."

Rucinski was among some 8,000-10,000 people who attended a Women's March anti-Trump rally in Sydney's Hyde Park.

Self-described feminist, Niall Anderson, watched the president's inauguration in disbelief.

"Just disbelief that this can happen in 2017," the 35-year-old said.

The Australian newspaper's Foreign Editor Greg Sheridan wrote that "Trump answered one big question with his inauguration address: There is to be no transition from campaign Trump to presidential Trump."

"Donald Trump is always Donald Trump. This consistency is perhaps his chief virtue," Sheridan wrote.

"And his inauguration address made it clear that he intends to govern just as he campaigned, taking swings at his opponents, extolling his populist mantras, speaking in the slightly weird argot of contempo-

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rary down market celebrity," he added.

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Trump takes office, vows to stop 'American carnage'

By JULIE PACE, Associated Press

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Trump brought his signature style to the task of governing, sprinkling his comments at three inaugural balls with references to "phony polls," campaign victories and social media.

"Let me ask you: should I keep the Twitter going?" he asked a cheering crowd of supporters before dancing with his wife, Melania, to Frank Sinatra's "My Way" at the second ball. "The enemies keep saying, 'Oh that's terrible,' but it's a way of bypassing dishonest media."

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Fires, bricks mark daylong assault on inaugural festivities

By JESSICA GRESKO, MICHAEL BIESECKER and JACK GILLUM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protesters set fires and hurled bricks in a daylong assault on the city hosting Donald Trump's inauguration, registering their rage against the new president in a series of clashes that led to more than 200 arrests. Police used pepper spray and stun grenades to prevent the chaos from spilling into Trump's formal procession and evening balls.

Several spirited demonstrations unfolded peacefully at various security checkpoints near the Capitol as police helped ticket-holders get through to the inaugural ceremony. Signs read, "Resist Trump Climate Justice Now," "Let Freedom Ring" and "Free Palestine."

But about a mile from the National Mall, police gave chase to a group of about 100 protesters who smashed the windows of downtown businesses including a Starbucks, a Bank of America and a McDonald's as they denounced capitalism and Trump. Police in riot gear used pepper spray from large canisters to help contain the violence, which erupted periodically throughout the day.

"They began to destroy property, throw objects at people, through windows. A large percentage of this small group was armed with crowbars and hammers," said the city's interim police chief, Peter Newsham.

Six officers suffered minor injuries, he said.

The confrontation began an hour before Trump took the oath of office and escalated several hours later as the crowd of protesters swelled to more than 1,000, some wearing gas masks and with arms chained together inside PVC pipe. One said the demonstrators were "bringing in the cavalry."

When some crossed police lines, taunting, "Put the pigs in the ground," police charged with batons and pepper spray, as well as stun grenades, which are used to shock and disperse crowds. Loud booms echoed through the streets about six blocks from where Trump would soon hold his inaugural parade.

Some protesters picked up bricks and concrete from the sidewalk and hurled them at police lines. Some rolled large, metal trash cans at police.

Later, they set fire to a limousine on the perimeter of the secured zone, sending black smoke billowing into the sky during Trump's procession.

As night fell, protesters set a bonfire blocks from the White House and frightened well-dressed Trump supporters as they ventured to the new president's inaugural balls. Police briefly ordered ball goers to

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remain inside their hotel as they worked to contain advancing protesters.

Police said they charged 217 people with rioting, said Newsham, noting that the group caused "significant damage" along a number of blocks.

Before Inauguration Day, the DisruptJ20 coalition, named after the date of the inauguration, had promised that people participating in its actions in Washington would attempt to shut down the celebrations, risking arrest when necessary.

Trump supporter Brett Ecker said the protesters were frustrating but weren't going to put a damper on his day.

"They're just here to stir up trouble," said the 36-year-old public school teacher. "It upsets me a little bit that people choose to do this, but yet again, it's one of the things I love about this country."

At one checkpoint, protesters wore orange jumpsuits with black hoods over their faces to represent prisoners in U.S. detention at Guantanamo Bay. Eleanor Goldfield, who helped organize the DisruptJ20 protest, said protesters wanted to show Trump and his "misguided, misinformed or just plain dangerous" supporters that they won't be silent.

Black Lives Matter and feminist groups also made their voices heard. Outside the International Spy Museum, protesters in Russian hats ridiculed Trump's praise of President Vladimir Putin, marching with signs calling Trump "Putin's Puppet" and "Kremlin employee of the month."

Friday's protests spread across the nation and as far abroad as Australia.

In Sydney, thousands rallied in the city's central Hyde Park. One organizer said hatred, bigotry and racism are not only America's problems.

In San Francisco, thousands formed a human chain on the Golden Gate Bridge and chanted "Love trumps hate." In the city's financial district, a few hundred protesters blocked traffic outside an office building partly owned by Trump.

In Atlanta, protests converged at City Hall and a few hundred people chanted and waved signs protesting Trump, denouncing racism and police brutality and expressing support for immigrants, Muslims and the Black Lives Matter movement.

In Nashville, half a dozen protesters chained themselves to the doors of the Tennessee Capitol. Hundreds also sat in a 10-minute silent protest at a park while Trump took the oath of office. Organizers led a prayer, sang patriotic songs and read the Declaration of Independence aloud.

In the Pacific Northwest, demonstrators in Portland, Oregon, burned U.S. flags and students at Portland State University walked out of classes. Police in Portland used incendiary devices and tear gas to disperse a crowd that at one point numbered in the thousands. About 200 protesters gathered on the Capitol steps in Olympia, Washington, carrying signs that included the messages "Resist Trump" and "Not My Problem." Olympia police reported about 100 marchers causing some traffic disruptions downtown, and protesters also marched in Seattle.

The demonstrations won't end when Trump takes up residence in the White House.

A massive Women's March on Washington is planned for Saturday. Christopher Geldart, the District of Columbia's homeland security director, has said 1,800 buses have registered to park in the city Saturday, which could mean nearly 100,000 people coming in just by bus.

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1 wounded in school shooting, 'could have been much worse'

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press**

WEST LIBERTY, Ohio (AP) — A school shooting that left one student hospitalized and others scrambling out classroom windows could have been far worse if not for the heroics of staff members who stopped the shooter and had him pinned down when police arrived, authorities said.

The shooter, a 17-year-old senior, used a shotgun and intended to harm more than the student who was hit, Champaign County Sheriff Matthew Melvin said.

The shooter was in custody facing a preliminary charge of felonious assault, with an initial hearing scheduled Monday, authorities said.

"As tragic as this situation is, we are very, very fortunate," prosecutor Kevin Talebi said. "It could have been much worse. I'm very, very thankful that, as bad as it is, it didn't escalate to a much more tragic incident."

Authorities identified the victim as 16-year-old junior Logan Cole, who was hospitalized in Columbus in critical condition. He was a random victim, the sheriff said.

The West Liberty High School shooting, in a common hallway, was reported Friday morning just as classes were getting underway at the school complex, which is surrounded by farm fields 45 miles northwest of Columbus.

Superintendent Kraig Hissong called Cole "a good kid."

"He's a great student and a real positive person to have in our school system," Hissong said. "Our hearts are out with his family right now and with him as he's trying to recover from this."

The shooter had no significant disciplinary issues, Hissong said.

Cole's family asked for prayers for him and for the shooter and his family.

"We are certain they have been deeply hurt as well," Cole's family said in a statement. "We are confident that God has a purpose and plan through this tragedy."

Senior Ashley Rabenstein said she was in class down the hall at the time. When students first heard an odd noise, they weren't sure what it might be because construction has been occurring at the property, she said.

She said her teacher checked the hallway, then ran back and said there was a shooter and threw desks against the door to block it. Students fled through the windows and ran through a cornfield to regroup at nearby houses, Rabenstein said.

"Especially in ... such a small town like this, where you pretty much know everyone who lives in the town, you just never think that stuff like this is going to happen," she said.

Hissong said teachers and students followed their emergency training, barricading doors and then fleeing if possible.

The district evacuated the school three or four school buses at a time over several hours, loading up students and taking them to a park in nearby West Liberty, where they were met by families.

Parent Emily Thornburg was waiting there for her daughter, a fourth-grader. She said the community was very "tight-knit" and everyone was rallying to help each other.

Thornburg, who works at a candy store, described how she felt when she heard about the shooting.

"I just thought about how scared my kids probably were and that I couldn't be there to grab them," Thornburg said.

School activities were cancelled through the weekend, and administrators were deciding whether classes would resume Monday.

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El Chapo's new home: a jail that held mobsters, terrorists

By JAKE PEARSON and LARRY NEUMEISTER, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In the heart of bustling lower Manhattan sits one of the country's most secure federal lockups — and the new home of Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

Guzman, who pleaded not guilty on Friday to charges he ran one of the world's biggest drug-trafficking operations, can expect to be kept in a special unit inside the drab 12-story Metropolitan Correctional Center, where such other high-profile, high-risk inmates as Gambino crime family boss John Gotti and several former close associates of Osama bin Laden awaited trial.

"It's got extra security above and beyond what you would have in a restricted housing area," second only to the super-maximum security prison in Florence, Colorado, said Catherine Linaweaver, who served as the lockup's warden for 15 months before retiring in 2014. "There is no other unit in the Bureau of Prisons like the high-security unit in New York."

To authorities, it's a setting befitting a man who twice escaped from maximum-security Mexican prisons. Federal prosecutors wrote in a court filing that "it is difficult to imagine another person with a greater risk of fleeing prosecution" than Guzman.

The jail is sandwiched between federal prosecutors' offices and two federal courthouses and is protected by steel barricades that can stop a 7 1/2-ton truck. Cameras capable of reading a newspaper a block away are trained on the area.

Inmates can be transported to court through corridors linked to both courthouses, though Guzman will be ferried to and from court in Brooklyn, a potentially risky job for the U.S. Marshals Service.

In the 10th-floor Special Housing Unit, known by its acronym, the SHU, pronounced like "the shoe," around a dozen prisoners spend 23 hours a day in 20-by-12-foot cells, prohibited from communicating with one another. Meals are eaten in cells, and exercise is in a recreation area specifically for these inmates.

To reduce the risk that a wealthy inmate such as Guzman might try to corrupt jail staff, the number of jailers who have access to him will likely be limited and each will undergo extra screenings by top jail officials, Linaweaver said.

The special unit's strict confinement drew criticism in 2011 from the human rights group Amnesty International, which expressed concern that the sparse cells, exercise restrictions and isolation "amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment."

The jail saw an audacious escape attempt in 1982, when two armed people in a hijacked sightseeing helicopter tried to pluck an inmate off a roof. Four years earlier, three prisoners broke out by cutting through window bars.

Security there was tightened significantly after Mamdouh Mahmud Salim, described as a right-hand man to bin Laden and awaiting trial in a terrorism case, used a sharpened comb to stab a guard on Nov. 1, 2000. Salim, who later apologized for the stabbing, is serving a life sentence.

Guzman's case doesn't mark the first time federal authorities have grappled with how to hang onto a member of his Sinaloa drug cartel.

Authorities expressed concern that the cartel might attempt to break a son of one of Guzman's cartel partners out of a federal lockup in Chicago in 2011. Of particular concern in that case: A fenced rooftop recreation center officials feared could make a defendant susceptible to sniper fire.

The son was moved to a more secure facility.

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By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

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He left no doubt he considers himself the product of a movement — not a party.

Trump declared his moment a fulfillment of his campaign pledge to take a sledgehammer to Washington’s traditional ways, and he spoke directly to the alienated and disaffected.

“What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people,” he said. “To all Americans in every city near and far, small and large from mountain to mountain, from ocean to ocean, hear these words: You will never be ignored again.”

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While Trump did not detail policy proposals Friday, he did set a high bar for his presidency. The speech was full of the onetime showman’s lofty promises to bring back jobs, “completely” eradicate Islamic ter-

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Yet Trump's victory underscored that for many Americans, the recovery from the Great Recession has come slowly or not at all. His campaign tapped into seething anger in working class communities, particularly in the Midwest, that have watched factories shuttered and the certainty of a middle class life wiped away.

Randy Showalter, a 36-year-old diesel mechanic and father of five from Mount Solon, Virginia, said he felt inspired as he stood and listened to Trump's speech.

"I feel like there's an American pride that I've never felt, honestly, in my life," said Showalter, who donned Trump's signature "Make America Great Again" red hat.

Trump's journey to the inauguration was as unlikely as any in recent U.S. history. He defied his party's establishment and befuddled the news media. He used social media to dominate the national conversation and challenge conventions about political discourse. After years of Democratic control of the White House and deadlock in Washington, his was a blast of fresh air for millions.

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While most of Trump's first substantive acts as president will wait until Monday, he signed a series of papers formally launching his administration, including official nominations for his Cabinet. Sitting in an ornate room steps from the Senate floor, the president who had just disparaged the Washington establishment joked with lawmakers, including House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, and handed out presidential pens.

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On first day, Trump signs health care executive order

By KEN THOMAS and JOSH BOAK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump quickly assumed the mantle of the White House on Friday, making his first executive order one aimed at his predecessor's signature health care law and swearing-in members of his national security team to his Cabinet.

Hours after delivering a stinging rebuke of the political status quo in his inaugural address, Trump sat at the president's formal desk in the Oval Office as he signed the order that White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said was aimed at "minimizing the economic burden" of the "Obamacare" law.

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Moments later, Vice President Mike Pence administered the oath of office to Defense Secretary James Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, the first members of Trump's Cabinet to clear Senate confirmation.

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The swearing-in ceremonies came amid a hectic set of activity late Friday, before Trump was to attend three inaugural balls. As Trump signed the paperwork, the White House announced Priebus had sent a memorandum to agencies and departments outlining guidelines for slowing regulations.

Asked about his first day as president, Trump said, "It was busy but good — a beautiful day."

Although Trump campaigned on a detailed 18-point plan of things to do on Day One, he has since backed off some of his promised speed, downplaying the importance of a rapid-fire approach to complex issues that may involve negotiations with Congress or foreign leaders. Trump has said that he expects Monday to be the first big workday, his effective Day One.

On Friday, he switched between the official business of governing and the pageantry of his inauguration, making his first official moves as president in an ornate room steps from the Senate floor. Flanked by Pence and congressional leaders before his congressional luncheon, Trump praised each of his Cabinet nominees as he signed the papers formalizing their nominations. He also engaged in banter with his new congressional rivals, including Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Trump also signed a proclamation declaring a national day of patriotism, according to a tweet from White House spokesman Sean Spicer.

Priebus' memo says that agencies shouldn't submit any regulations to be published in the Federal Register unless a Trump-selected agency head approves it. That appears to mean that some regulations that had been approved by President Barack Obama's administration would be halted. It also freezes any regulations that are already in the pipeline to be published and allows time for other pending regulations to be reviewed by Trump's administration.

The memo is similar to one that Obama's chief of staff issued the day Obama was inaugurated in 2009.

Before Mattis could be confirmed by Senate, Trump had to sign a bill passed by Congress last week granting a one-time exception from federal law barring former U.S. service members who have been out of uniform for less than seven years from holding the top Pentagon job. The restriction is meant to preserve civilian control of the military.

Mattis, 66, retired from the Marine Corps in 2013. Hours later, he was confirmed by the Senate as Trump watched his inaugural parade from a stand outside the White House. The Senate later confirmed retired Gen. John Kelly to lead the Homeland Security Department.

There were others signs his new government was up and running. Federal websites and agencies immediately began reflecting the transfer of power, and WhiteHouse.gov was revamped for Trump's policy priorities as pages about LGBT rights and the Obama administration's climate change plan were eliminated.

Shortly after Trump became president, the Department of Housing and Urban Development suspended the Obama administration's planned reduction of mortgage insurance premium rates, a move that had been intended to make buying a home more affordable.

More significant policy announcements are expected in the early days of the Trump administration.

Trump's spokesman has said the president intends to withdraw from the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership deal, which he views as detrimental to U.S. businesses and workers. He has also promised to renegotiate the two-decades-old Clinton era North American Free Trade Agreement or withdraw from it.

Given Trump's opposition to Obama's immigration actions, he could also cancel the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which has protected about 750,000 young immigrants from deportation. The program also offered those immigrants work permits.

Trump also faces an early choice of naming a Supreme Court justice to fill the vacancy left by the late Justice Antonin Scalia. Trump has said he will announce a nominee in about two weeks.

Other issues poised to receive early action include energy, where Trump is likely to undo regulations on oil drilling and coal, and cybersecurity, where he has already said he will ask for a report on the strength of the nation's cyber defenses within 90 days of taking office.

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Ailing George H.W. Bush, wife, showing improvement

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HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors removed former President George H.W. Bush's breathing tube on Friday and he was breathing well on his own at a Houston hospital, his spokesman said.

The tube was inserted Wednesday while the 92-year-old former president was being treated for pneumonia. Bush remains in intensive care at Houston Methodist Hospital but is comfortable, family spokesman Jim McGrath said.

"He was extubated this morning, and is breathing well on his own with minimal supplemental oxygen," McGrath said. "President Bush is comfortable and watching inauguration coverage together with Mrs. Bush, their son Neil and daughter-in-law Maria."

Former first lady Barbara Bush also remained hospitalized Friday for treatment of bronchitis, but she's feeling better and "focusing on spending time with her husband," McGrath said. The 91-year-old is expected to remain in the hospital over the weekend as a precaution.

Their son, former President George W. Bush, offered thanks on Instagram on Thursday for all the messages "of love and support for Mother and Dad."

"Your prayers are working: 41 and Mom are doing much better today and fighting on," he said in his first public comments about their illnesses.

The younger Bush and his wife, former first lady Laura Bush, were at President Donald Trump's inauguration on Friday.

Trump and former President Bill Clinton have sent their well wishes earlier this week via Twitter, and Barack Obama offered similar thoughts earlier this week at his farewell presidential news conference.

The Bushes were married Jan. 6, 1945, and their 72-year marriage is the longest of any presidential couple in American history.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2017. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public establishments (the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., but not before one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was jailed overnight for refusing to pay a fine).

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1937, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sanh began during the Vietnam War. An American B-52 bomber carrying

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four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1982, convict-turned-author Jack Henry Abbott was found guilty in New York of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of waiter Richard Adan in 1981. (Abbott was later sentenced to 15 years to life in prison; he committed suicide in 2002.)

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

In 2010, a bitterly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress.

Ten years ago: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez) told U.S. officials to "Go to hell, gringos!" and called Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "missy" on his weekly radio and TV show, lashing out at Washington for what he called unacceptable meddling in his country's affairs. Lovie Smith became the first black head coach to make it to the Super Bowl when his Chicago Bears won the NFC championship, beating the New Orleans Saints 39-14; Tony Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.

Five years ago: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich scored an upset win in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary, dealing a sharp setback to Mitt Romney. Hundreds of angry Libyans stormed the transitional government's headquarters in the eastern city of Benghazi.

One year ago: The Obama administration tightened restrictions on European and other travelers who had visited Iran, Iraq, Syria or Sudan in the previous five years. Daniel Holtzclaw, a former police officer convicted of raping and sexually victimizing women while on his beat in a low-income Oklahoma City neighborhood, was ordered to spend the rest of his life in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 83. World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 77. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 76. Singer Mac Davis is 75. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 70. Country musician Jim Ibbotson is 70. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 67. Former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 67. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 66. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 64. Actor-director Robby Benson is 61. Actress Geena Davis is 61. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 54. Actress Charlotte Ross is 49. Actor John Ducey is 48. Actress Karina Lombard is 48. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 47. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 47. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 45. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 44. Actor Vincent Laresca is 43. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 41. Actor Jerry Trainor is 40. Country singer Phil Stacey is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokio (Dru Hill) is 38. Actress Izabella Miko (MEE'-koh) is 36.

Thought for Today: "It is the nature of all greatness not to be exact." — Edmund Burke, British statesman (1729-1797).