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## Thursday, Jan. 26

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, cake, whole wheat bread.

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

**School Lunch:** Cheese stick, mixed vegetables, Romaine salad, fruit.

**Northeast Conference Wrestling in Groton:** Weigh-ins at 5 p.m., tourney starts at 5 p.m.

**Girls' Basketball at Sisseton:** C game at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

## Friday, Jan. 27

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

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

**School Lunch:** Meatballs, tea bun, baked tiny potato, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Debate** at Yankton

**Basketball Doubleheader at Clark:** Girls JV and boys JV both at 5 p.m., Girls varsity at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys varsity game.

## Saturday, Jan. 28

10 a.m.: Wrestling Tournament in Groton.

## Sunday, Jan. 29

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

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

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

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## Groton to hold 79th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

Groton will host the 79th annual Carnival of Silver Skates, featuring more than 100 figure skaters, on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Two performances of this unique outdoor ice skating show will be held at the Groton ice rink at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

The rink is located on the west side of town, near the baseball complex. This year's theme is "Broadway on Ice." The theme was suggested by a student skater, and audience members will enjoy a wide variety of Broadway music while enjoying the performances of more than 100 Groton area figure skaters from pre-school to high school age. There will also be several specialty acts and a guest skater from Watertown, SD.

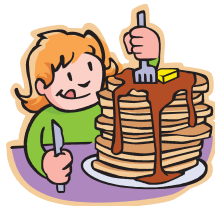
The show promises to be entertaining and inspiring, with beautiful costumes and wonderful music. Spectators will be transported back in time with "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music and "Chim chim cher-ee" from Mary Poppins. Modern Broadway makes an appearance with "Seasons of Love" from Rent and "Popular" from Wicked. New spectators to the show each year often marvel at the beautiful, professional-looking costumes, thanks in large part to costume coordinator, Pam Barse.

Following tradition, we will crown the 2017 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen during the 2:00 PM performance. This year's candidates are seniors Katie Koehler and Gabrielle Kramer and juniors Hannah Lewandowski, Jasmine Schinkel, and Madison Sippel.

Admission for the show is just \$3.00 for those 13 and older, \$2.00 for ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Plan now to attend "Broadway on Ice" in Groton on January 29th at 2:00 PM or 6:30 PM. Watch from the comfort of your own vehicle, listening to music and narration from your radio. There will be plenty of parking, with only cars allowed on the ice and larger vehicles allowed on upper tiers. Attendees are asked to limit vehicles to one per family, please. Parking on the ice will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday for the first show and again at 4:30 PM for the evening show. Or, dress for the weather of the day and enjoy the show from the bleachers, which will be provided.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>

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

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





**Pictured left to right, Anne Marie Smith, Erin Smith, Mitchell Koens, Gabrielle Kramer, Tylan Glover, Thane Henschel, Jenifer Fjelstad, Madeline Schuelke, and Sarah Honerman. (Not pictured but in the crew is Hattie Weismantel)** (Courtesy Photo)

## **Groton's One Act Play receives superior rating, moves on to state competition**

On Tuesday, Groton's one act play, "Shakespeare for Kids!", performed at the regional one act festival. Six total schools competed – Britton-Hecla, Sisseton, Groton, Milbank, Aberdeen Roncalli, and Webster. Of those six schools, only two were nominated with superior ratings to move on to state. Aberdeen Roncalli and Groton are the two that are moving on in the competition. In addition to placing at the regional contest, all six of our actors received superior acting awards. Those students are: Anne Marie Smith, Erin Smith, Mitchell Koens, Tylan Glover, Thane Henschel, and Madeline Schuelke.

The state festival takes place next week Thursday, February 2 through Saturday, February 4. It is held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on Northern State University's campus. The students will be competing on a much larger scale this time. By last count, there are 16 AA schools performing, 12 A schools performing, and 16 B schools performing. Groton will be performing at 9:00 pm on Thursday, February 2 for the state competition. There is no admission charge to come and see the students perform.



## The Life of Anthony Bruckner



Services for Anthony "Tony" Bruckner, 86, of Conde will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26th at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial will follow in Conde Cemetery.

Tony passed away January 20, 2017 at Sanford Hospital, Aberdeen.

Anthony "Tony" Herman Bruckner was born on December 8, 1930 to Steven and Gertrude (Kosters) Bruckner of Selby, SD, where he was raised and attended a small country school near Lowry, SD. In January of 1952, Tony was united in marriage to Marcene Holsing at the Zion Lutheran Church of Ipswich and to this union were born 4 children: Trudy, Leslie "Bud", Ken, and Terry. On February 5, 1952, Tony was drafted into the US Army and served until January of 1954 during which he spent time in Germany. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Tony returned to Ipswich to farm until March of 1956 when they moved to Conde to farm until the time of his death.

Tony enjoyed hunting and fishing along with his love to fix or weld or help out with anything he was asked to do. Tony was a member of the Conde Township Board for many years. He worked for the SD Livestock Sale Barn of Watertown for over 17 years and attended the Conde United Methodist Church.

Tony is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marcene; children: Trudy (Jeff) Taylor of Big Stone City, Leslie "Bud" (Julie) Bruckner of Conde, Ken (Denise) Bruckner of Menno, and Terry (Tony) Mach of Aberdeen; eight grandchildren: Lyndsey (Steve) Peik, Jenni (Kelly) Mergen, Cary Bruckner, Shane Bruckner, Bo (Jade) Bruckner, Tate Bruckner, Josh (Stephanie) Mach, and Andrew Mach; three great-grandchildren: Bryer Peik, Monroe Mach, and Lennyn Mach; and his siblings: MaryAnn Clausen of Overland Park, KS; Margaret Cooley of Northern California; Steve (Janet) Bruckner of Pine Bluff, Wyoming; Elizabeth "Betty" Stewart of San Diego, CA; Ardell (John) Albertson of Costa Mesa, CA; and Florence "Honey" Whipple of Susanville, CA; and sisters-in-law Adeline Bruckner of Aberdeen, SD; and Susie Bruckner of Susanville, CA.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brothers Freddie, Joe, Leonard, Vern, and Frank; brother-in-law Mel Clausen and sisters-in-law Leota Bruckner and Evelyn "Evie" Bruckner.

Honorary Casketbearers are granddaughters and spouses and grandsons' spouses Steve and Lyndsey Peik, Stephanie Mach, Jade Bruckner, and Kelly and Jenni Mergen.

Casketbearers are grandsons Josh Mach, Andrew Mach, Cary Bruckner, Shane Bruckner, Bo Bruckner, and Tate Bruckner.

## Seasonal Outlook Shows Potential Drought Improvement for Western South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As South Dakota faces yet another winter storm, the climate outlooks for early spring have been released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which allows us to look to the end of the 2017 winter season.

"Precipitation outlooks for the next three months show higher likelihood of wetter than average conditions through April for the western and northern regions of the state," said Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards added that the current precipitation outlook is consistent with what we have seen this winter season. "The southeast corner of the state is projected to have equal chances of wetter, drier or near average precipitation through April," she said.

Edwards said this projection of wetter than average conditions could be good news to those who suffered through the drought of 2016.

"Although there have been some improvements in the severity of drought in western South Dakota, there are still some lingering concerns of having sufficient water to meet the demand, especially for agricultural production in 2017," she said.

Snow reports from the Black Hills have been close to average, if not slightly above average, so far this season.

With at least another month of winter left to go, Edwards said there is still time for more precipitation to fall and improve drought conditions before the growing season begins.

With the southeast now showing equal chances of wetter, drier or near average precipitation through April 2017, Edwards said there is no concern over whether or not there will be enough moisture to begin the growing season.

"With the wet fall and early winter, there is enough moisture in the soils to begin in the spring, with just a little more than average for this time of year," she said.

For the southeast region, Edwards said drought is not much of a concern for the early spring season.

### **Temperatures predicted to be colder than average**

The temperature outlook for February through April indicate that colder than average temperatures are more likely to prevail in the northern and northwestern counties of South Dakota.

"This is consistent with La Nia as it will wane in the late winter," Edwards said.

Historically, Edwards explained, climate patterns like this have been cooler than average in the month of February.

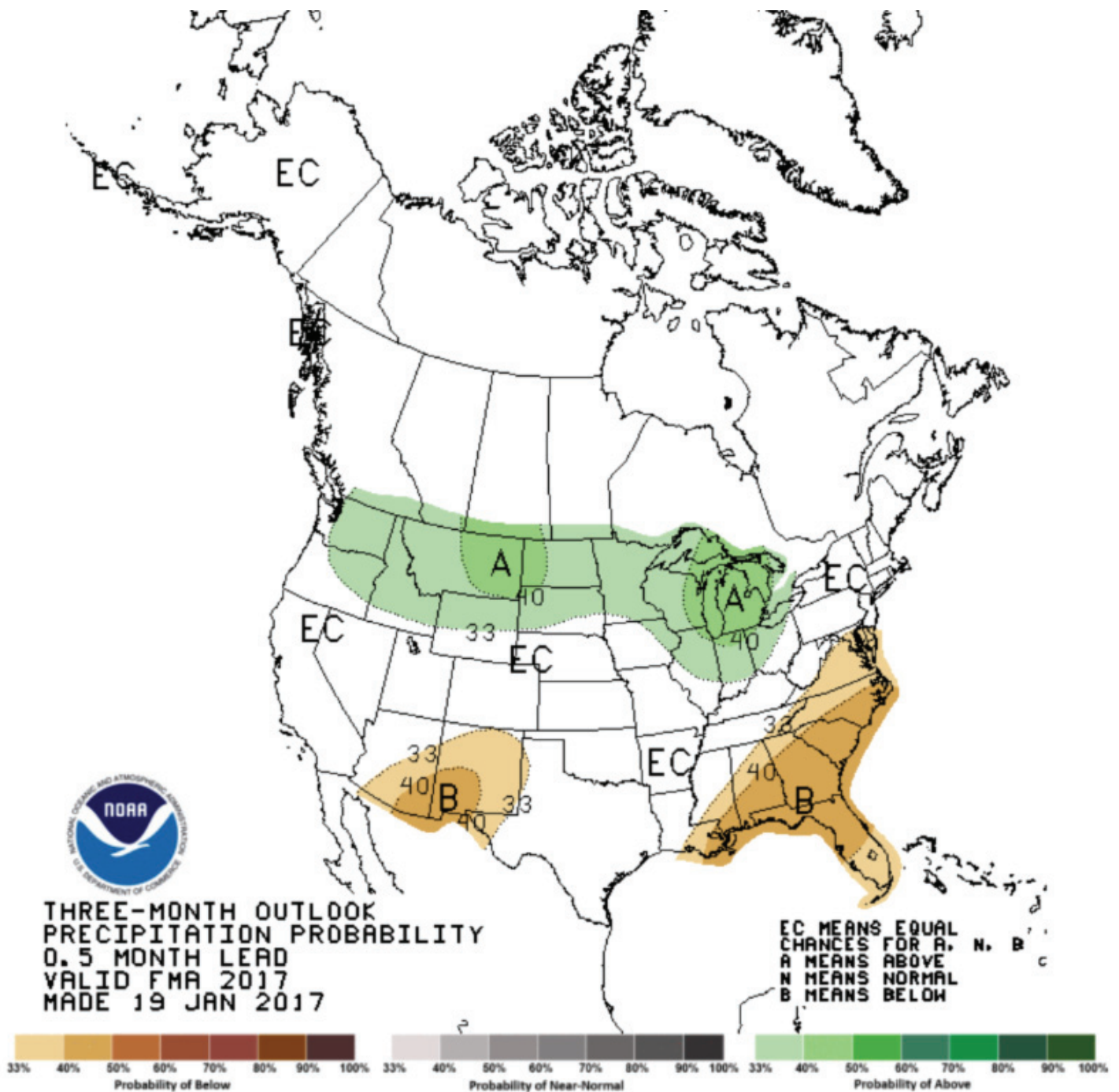
"Colder than average temperature is currently the most challenging aspect of the outlook for the spring, as this can hold back planting and spring fieldwork in the northern counties," she said. "Looking ahead at the climate outlook for late winter and early spring, the forecasters for this outlook are less confident than in recent months."

Edwards explained that spring can often bring large swings in both temperature and precipitation.

"Climate patterns like La Niña are less reliable in the spring season, so forecasters tend to focus on two to three weeks at a time," she said.

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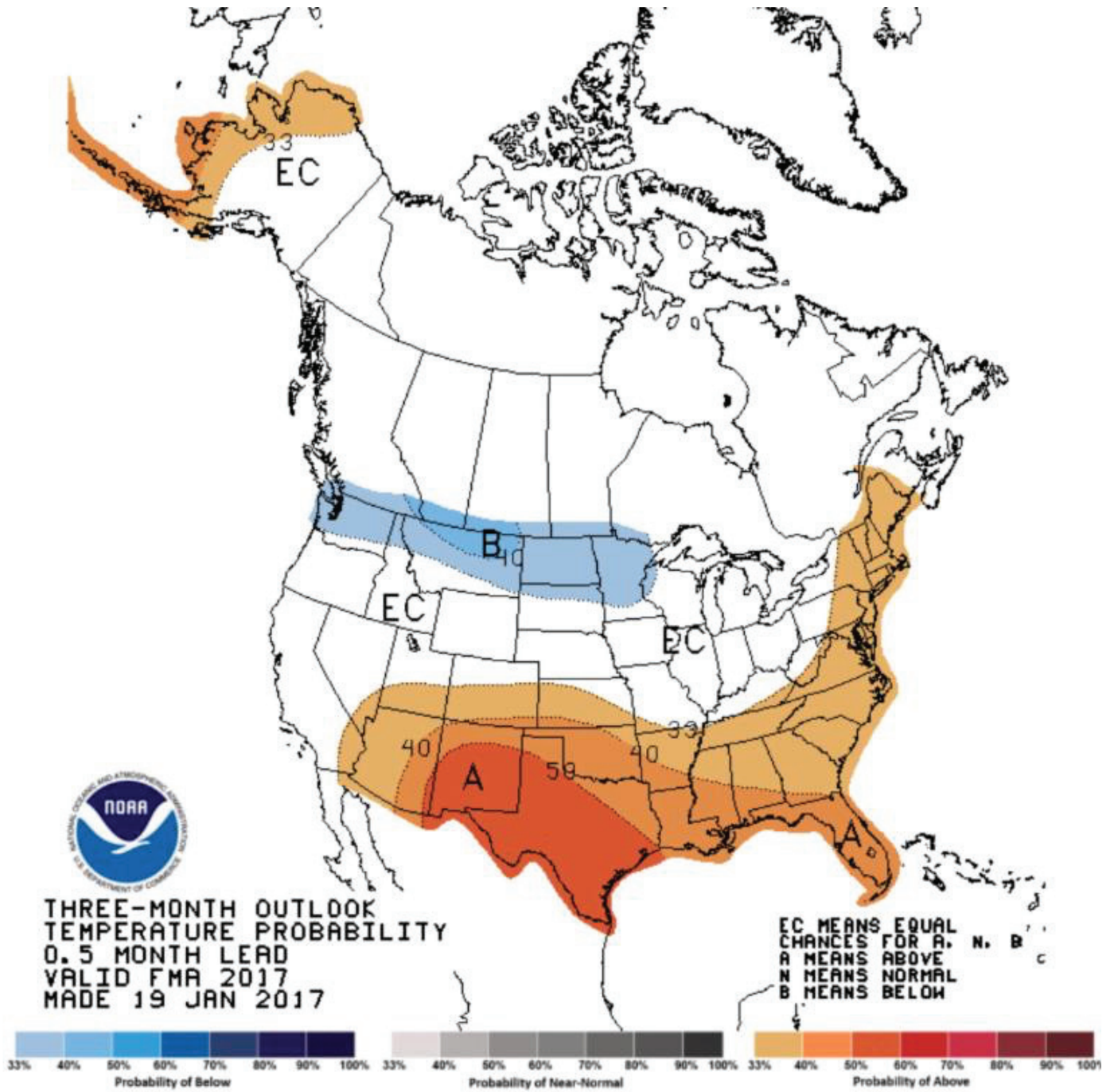


Precipitation outlook for February through April 2017. Most of South Dakota is favored to be wetter than average in the late winter/early spring, with the exception of the southeast.



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Temperature outlook for February through April 2017. Colder than average temperatures are more likely across northern counties of South Dakota.

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Jan. 26 GBB at Sisseton**  
JV girls game at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game

**Friday, Jan. 27**  
Double header at Clark

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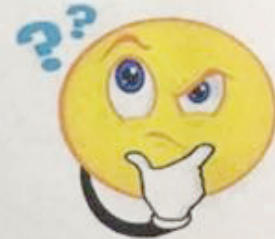
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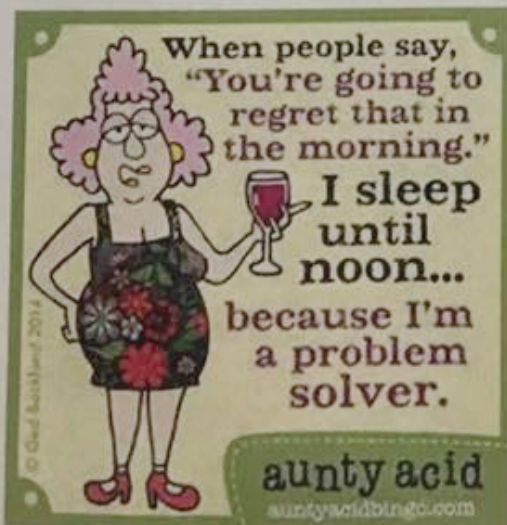
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## Today in Weather History

January 26, 1977: Four days of very strong winds occurred from the 26th through the 29th with a strong low pressure area over western Ontario. Strong northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph with gusts into the 60s caused widespread blowing and drifting snow with most roads closed with many traffic accidents. The winds combined with subzero temperatures to create wind chills of 60 to 80 below zero. Many schools were closed for several days.

January 26, 2014: A strong Alberta Clipper system generated light snow and strong winds across the region resulting in blizzard conditions. On Sunday morning, a band of moderate to heavy snow showers developed over North Dakota and swept down through our region producing cloud to ground lightning and thundersnow at times. Snowfall amounts were generally three inches or less. Wind gusts ranged from 45 to 55 mph at times. Several no travel advisories were issued due to poor visibilities in blizzard conditions with state officials closing a large portion of Interstate-29 from Brookings to the North Dakota border.

1772: Possibly the greatest snowfall ever recorded in Washington started on this day. When the storm began, Thomas Jefferson was returning home from his honeymoon with his new bride, Martha Wayles Skelton. The newlyweds made it to within eight miles of Monticello before having to abandon their carriage in the deep snow. Both finished the ride on horseback in the blinding snow. The newlyweds arrived home late on the night of January 26th. In Jefferson's "Garden Book," he wrote "the deepest snow we have ever seen. In Albermarle it was about 3. F. deep."

1937: The wettest month ever in Cincinnati, Ohio is January 1937 when 13.68 inches fell. Their average January amount is 3.00 inches of precipitation. The overabundance of precipitation over the Ohio River basin caused near record to record flooding in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. On this day, the river gauge reached 80 feet in Cincinnati, the highest level in the city's history. The Ohio River reached 57 feet in Louisville, Kentucky on the 27th, also setting a new record by ten feet. Seventy percent of the city was under water at that time.

1978 - A paralyzing blizzard struck the Midwest. One to three feet of snow fell in Michigan, and 20 to 40 inches was reported across Indiana. Winds reached 70 mph in Michigan, and gusted above 100 mph in Ohio. The high winds produced snow drifts twenty feet high in Michigan and Indiana stranding thousands on the interstate highways. Temperatures in Ohio dropped from the 40s to near zero during the storm. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The California coast was battered by a storm which produced record high tides, thirty-two foot waves, and mudslides, causing millions of dollars damage. The storm then moved east and dumped four feet of snow on Lake Tahoe. (22nd-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A winter storm spread heavy snow across the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast States, with 18 inches reported at Vineland NJ, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Chatham MA. Snow cover in Virginia ranged up to thirty inches following this second major storm in just one week. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A snowstorm in the northeastern U.S. produced 19 inches at Austerlitz NY and Stillwater NY. A storm in the Great Lakes Region left 16.5 inches at Marquette MI, for a total of 43 inches in six days. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)






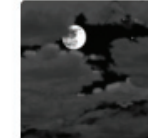

1989 - Snow and high winds created blizzard-like conditions in northwestern Vermont. Winds at Saint Albans gusted to 88 mph. In Alaska, the town of Cold Foot (located north of Fairbanks) reported a morning low of 75 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A winter storm spread high winds from the northwestern U.S. to Wyoming and Colorado, with heavy snow in some of the high elevations. Stevens Pass WA received 17 inches of snow, half of which fell in four hours. In extreme northwest Wyoming, Togwotee Mountain Lodge received 24 inches of snow. Winds in Colorado gusted to 90 mph at Rollinsville. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



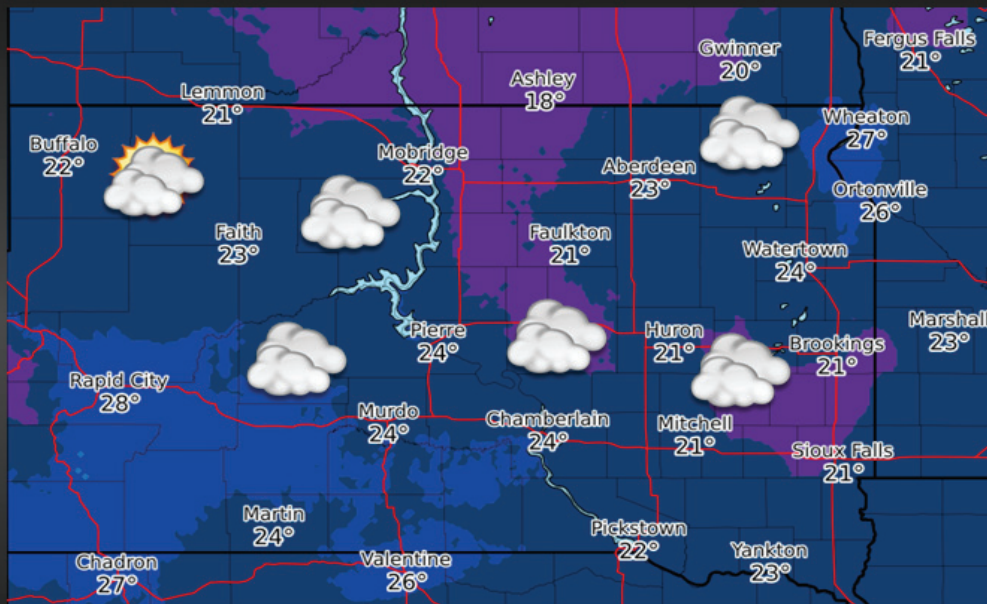
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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Chance Flurries	Decreasing Clouds	Partly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Blustery	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Chance Wintry Mix	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 23 °F	Low: 12 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 31 °F



## Seasonal Temps & Persistent Clouds Today



**Breaks Of Sun For Friday**

*Warmer Temperatures Friday – Monday  
Highs in the 30s*

*Another Shot At Light Snow Saturday  
(1-2 inches)*

**National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD**



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 1/26/2017 5:06 AM Central

Published on: 01/26/2017 at 5:09AM

Clouds are starting to break up in eastern Montana and western North Dakota, however this area of clearing will not reach most of us till after sunset. We will however get to see a few breaks for Friday. Temperatures will also be mild - with highs in the 30s Friday through Monday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 25.1

Low Outside Temp: 21.7

High Gust: 22.0 Mph

Rain: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1947

Record Low: -30 in 1950

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.41

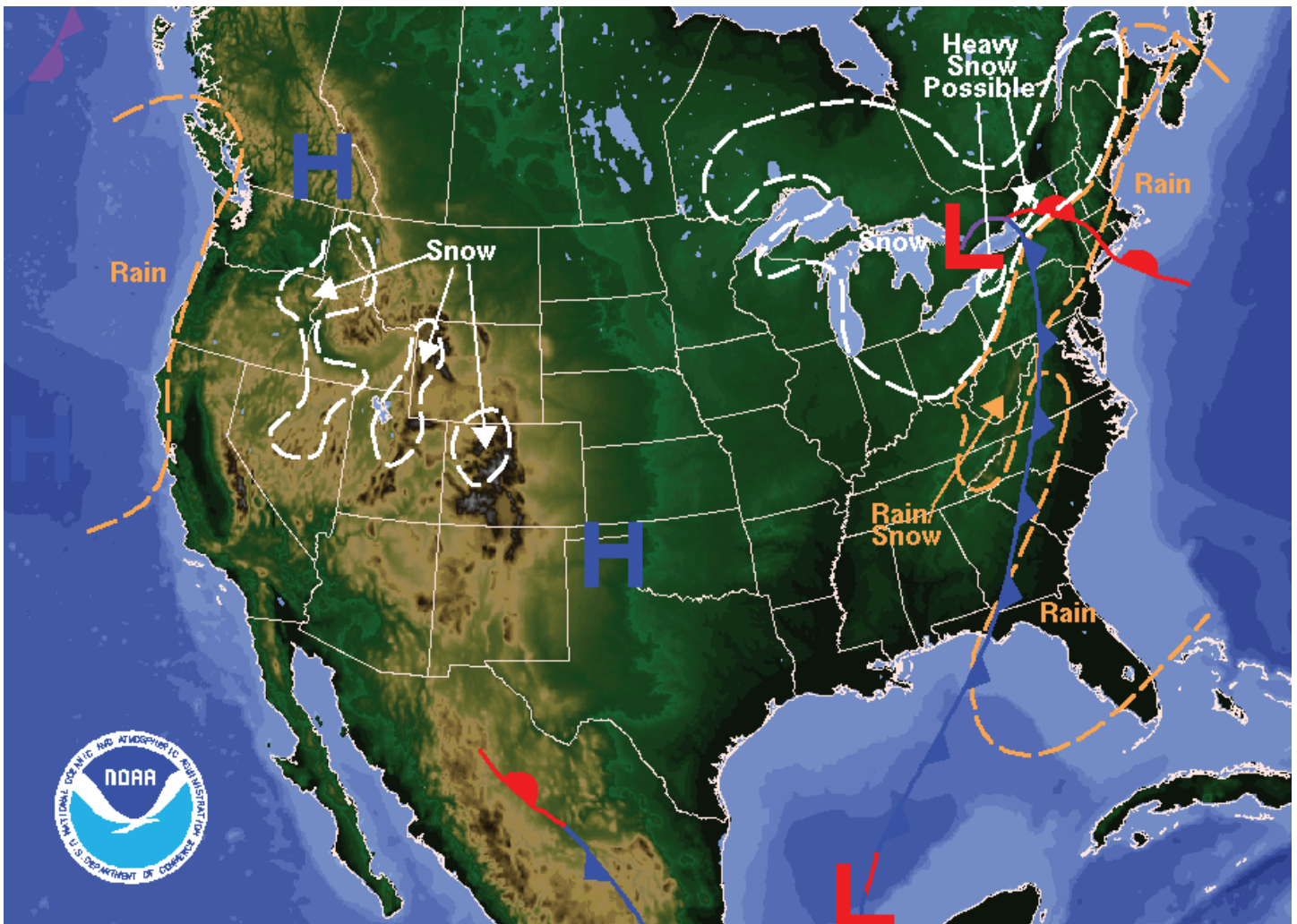
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.41

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:32 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:59 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 26, 2017, issued 3:49 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## HOW GOD LOVES

Little Nancy had kept every doll that her family and friends had given her. Over the years they had become tattered and worn. Some had missing eyes and ears and a few had lost some or most of their hair.

One day a friend of her mother came for a visit. With pride Little Nancy invited the guest to visit her bedroom and meet her dolls. All of her dolls were carefully displayed on her bed. "I love these dolls," she said to the guest.

Picking up a doll with a button missing from an eye, part of the thread missing from its lips and a face that had become worn from being held so very much, she said, "I love this one the most," she said with a charming smile.

"Why?" asked the friend.

"Well," she replied, "if I didn't, probably nobody would."

How like our Heavenly Father. When we read John 3:16, we are confronted with a love that includes everyone – no exceptions or preconditions. When Jesus said whosoever He included everyone.

Often when we see those who are marred by sin and self-destructive behaviors or catch a glimpse of those who are dirty and grimy and homeless, we look away in disgust. Not Jesus. He sees a life He died for.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to see those for whom You died as You do. May we realize the great price You paid for their salvation and do what we can to win them to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Full Senate to take up voter-approved ethics overhaul repeal**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Senate plans to take up a Republican-backed bill that would sweep away a government ethics overhaul approved by voters in November.

The chamber on Thursday is scheduled to consider the bill, which would repeal the ballot initiative that created an ethics commission, public campaign funding and limitations on lobbyist gifts to lawmakers.

The Senate is likely the last stop before the bill reaches GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who supports it.

Initiative supporters say lawmakers are attempting to thwart the will of the voters who passed the law. Republican legislators have criticized the campaign for the ballot measure as deceptive and have said the initiative is likely unconstitutional.

The embattled law isn't in effect while a legal challenge from Republican legislators and others moves forward.

### **Pemberton scores 25, Denver beats S Dakota State 91-82**

DENVER (AP) — Jake Pemberton set career highs with 25 points and five 3-pointers to lead Denver to a 91-82 win over South Dakota State on Wednesday night.

C.J. Bobbitt scored 14 points, Thomas Neff added 13, Joe Rosga had 12, and Christian Mackey grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds. The Pioneers (13-8, 5-3 Summit) made 20 of 24 free throws (83.3 percent) and shot 30 of 60 from the field, while the Jackrabbits made 15 of 26 from behind the arc (57.7 percent).

Denver led by as many as 18 in the second half before SDSU closed to 61-50 on A.J. Hess' layup with 12:32 to play, then trailed 81-74 after Mike Daum's 3-pointer with 2:31 to go. Denver made six free throws in the final 57 seconds to seal it.

Rosga's 3-pointer put Denver up, 14-12, for good and the Pioneers led 44-31 at halftime.

Daum scored 29 points with five 3-pointers and Hess added 19 with four 3s for South Dakota State (9-14, 2-6).

### **South Dakota overcomes poor first half to beat W. Illinois**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Matt Mooney scored 16 points and added six rebounds to help lead South Dakota to a 62-55 win over Western Illinois on Wednesday night.

Mooney, who is the second leading scorer through eight games of Summit League play, finished 5 of 12 from the field. Tyler Hagedorn finished with his first double-double of the season, posting 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Coyotes (13-9, 5-3).

Dalan Ancrum led Western Illinois with 13 points and eight rebounds. Garret Covington also had 13 points for the Leathernecks (6-13, 3-5).

South Dakota finished a rough first half with just six field goals on 29 attempts (20.6 percent), but the Coyotes trailed just 25-22. South Dakota righted the ship in the second, doubling its field goal output (13) and percentage (46.4) to take control of the game.

Hagedorn hit two free throws to give South Dakota the lead, and a Trey Burch-Manning layup extended it to a game high nine.

### **Lawmakers offer potential replacements of ethics measure**

**By JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Republican-backed bill that would dismantle South Dakota's voter-approved government ethics initiative is headed to the full Senate after passing through a committee Wednesday.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 7-2 to approve the bill, which would repeal the ballot initiative that created an ethics commission, public campaign funding and limitations on lobbyist gifts to lawmakers. The embattled law — called Initiated Measure 22 — isn't in effect while a legal challenge from Republican



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legislators and others moves forward.

As the repeal bill barrels toward GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard's desk, lawmakers have floated several proposals that could replace pieces of Initiated Measure 22.

Here's a look at how some of lawmakers' potential replacement plans compare to the original:

## PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDING

Under Initiated Measure 22, voters who want to use the public campaign finance program could tap a state fund to give two "democracy credits" worth \$50 each to political candidates who agree to campaign contribution and spending limits. Each election year, participating legislative candidates could receive up to \$15,000 in democracy credit funds, while a gubernatorial candidate could collect up to \$700,000, with varying amounts for other offices.

Such a plan doesn't appear to have support among lawmakers this year.

## LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

The ballot measure limits lobbyist gifts to lawmakers to \$100 annually, when previously there was no cap. A gift includes compensation, employment, beverages, food and things of value. Lobbyists and their employers are subject to the limitations when giving gifts to lawmakers, state officials and legislative and executive department staff. Gifts given to an official's immediate family member count toward their \$100 allowance. The initiative also bars lobbying by state officials and high-level employees for two years after exiting government.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers this year filed a measure that would impose an annual \$100 limit on lobbyist gifts to statewide officeholders, executive branch agency heads and legislators, or their immediate families. A gift would be defined as anything of value given without compensation, but it doesn't include food and beverage for immediate consumption, among other things.

## ETHICS COMMISSION

Initiated Measure 22 calls for an independent ethics commission meant to prevent corruption, ensure state ethics laws aren't violated and administer the public campaign financing program.

The commission is also charged with making recommendations to public agencies to minimize corruption and reviewing campaign finance and lobbying records to ensure compliance with the law. The panel can investigate potential violations of campaign finance or lobbying law, and the initiative entrusts the commission with maintaining a website and telephone hotline for the anonymous reporting of state government corruption.

Lawmakers have proposed similar panels this session. One bipartisan plan would create a state government accountability board, which would be attached to the attorney general's office. It would review and investigate issues, including bribery and theft of public funds.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs has proposed a bill creating a campaign finance ethics commission, which would be patterned after a disciplinary board and would evaluate and enforce complaints over reported campaign finance violations.

## CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Initiated Measure 22 lowers yearly individual contribution limits for candidates. Under the law, attorney general and lieutenant governor hopefuls dropped from a \$4,000 cap to \$2,000, with a \$1,000 limit for other statewide candidates. Legislative candidates went from a \$1,000 cap to \$750. It also limited political action committees to \$2,000, down from \$10,000, while political parties were cut in half to \$5,000.

Krebs has put forward a bill that would limit ballot question committees to \$10,000 annually from a person or entity. The bill would also allow organizations to donate directly to candidates in an effort to improve transparency. Businesses and other organizations right now funnel donations into political action committees, which can obscure the original source of the money by the time it reaches a candidate.

## National Park Service staff step up campaign against Trump

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service employees' Twitter campaign against President Donald Trump spread to other parks Wednesday with more tweets on climate change on official social media accounts.

A day after three climate-related tweets sent out by Badlands National Park were deleted, other park accounts have sent out tweets that appear to defy Trump. One, by Redwoods National Park in California, notes that redwood groves are nature's No. 1 carbon sink, which capture greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

"More redwoods would mean less #climatechange," the park said in a tweet.

Golden Gate National Park in California said in a tweet that 2016 was the hottest year on record for the third year in a row. The tweet directed readers to a report by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also known as NOAA.

Trump has called climate change a hoax, and many readers saw the climate-related tweets as a message of defiance to the new president.

Other park accounts got swept up in the conversation.

Death Valley National Park tweeted photos of Japanese Americans interned there during World War II, a message that some saw as objecting to Trump's pledge to ban Muslims from entering the country and a proposal to restrict the flow of refugees to the United States.

Park spokeswoman Abby Wines said the posts were not intended to be political criticism, and the woman responsible had been in tears earlier in the day because of the attention. "This is a topic we've done tweets on before," she said. "We've been doing ranger talks on this topic since 2012. This is part of Death Valley Park's history."

No one from the Trump administration has complained or asked them to remove the posts, she said.

Tom Crosson, the chief spokesman for the park service, declined to comment on any of the tweets sent out by park service accounts, but he said there is no restriction on agency use of Twitter or other social media.

"There's no gag order on national parks that would prevent people from tweeting," he said in a phone interview Wednesday.

Three climate-related tweets sent out by the Badlands park account were deleted after they went viral on Twitter, sparking debate over whether the park was defying the Trump administration.

The South Dakota park posted tweets Tuesday that accurately quoted climate science data, including the current record-setting high concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The park service said in a statement that several tweets on the Badlands account were posted by a former employee who was not authorized to use the account. "The park was not told to remove the tweets but chose to do so when they realized that their account had been compromised," the statement said.

Social media managers for the park service "are encouraged to continue the use of Twitter to post information relating to public safety and park information, with the exception of content related to national policy issues," the statement said.

The Badlands tweets were shared thousands of times, and the Democratic National Committee circulated the message by email with the subject line "Resist."

That message — resist — was featured on massive banner unfurled atop a 270-foot construction crane blocks from the White House. A spokesman for the environmental group Greenpeace said protesters who climbed the crane to place the banner are encouraging resistance to Trump and his agenda, including executive orders signed Tuesday to boost the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, both of which were blocked by President Barack Obama.

The tweets by the park service accounts came after the Interior Department briefly suspended park service accounts and others run by Interior in response to photos retweeted by the park service during Trump's inauguration.

The photos contrasted turnout at Friday's inauguration with previous ceremonies. Trump has claimed

without evidence that turnout at his event was larger than reported by news media.  
The Interior accounts were reactivated the next day.

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## South Dakota to consider transgender locker room bill

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers will consider restricting which locker rooms transgender students can use, reigniting a bitter fight from last year over what school facilities are open to transgender students.

The bill, introduced Wednesday by two Republican lawmakers, would require public school students to use the locker rooms, shower rooms and changing facilities that match their sex at birth. It comes after Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed a broader bill last year that also applied to bathrooms. His chief of staff, Tony Venhuizen, said Wednesday that Daugaard intends to veto a bill that is “substantially the same” as last year’s measure.

Republican Sen. Lance Russell, the main sponsor of this year’s bill, said shower and changing rooms are likely the “most sensitive places in the school.” It is important for the Legislature to set legal guidelines that would allow the South Dakota attorney general to be involved in a potential discrimination lawsuit brought against a school district, he said.

Libby Skarin, policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota, said in a statement that lawmakers should reject the bill and “and all attempts to codify discrimination.” It’s disappointing that legislators are targeting transgender kids, who are already very vulnerable, said Terri Bruce, a 53-year-old transgender man who fought against the bill last year.

“Transgender girls are girls. Transgender boys are boys. Period,” Bruce said. “Do we really have to do this again?”

Russell said he doesn’t believe the bill is discriminatory. The measure says that schools could provide accommodations such as a single-occupancy restroom or changing facility at someone’s request because of special circumstances.

“I am simply interested in protecting all of the students and giving reasonable accommodation to everyone involved,” he said.

Russell said he hasn’t had any direct discussions with Daugaard’s office. Venhuizen said that even with bathrooms removed, Daugaard still views it as an issue best dealt with locally.

A ballot measure that would require transgender students to use bathrooms corresponding with their sex at birth may go before voters in 2018. Ballot measure sponsor Jack Heyd of Box Elder has said he wants to protect children and ensure that students have privacy.

Pilot error determined as cause for 2014 Montana plane crash

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board has concluded that pilot error was the cause of a November 2014 plane crash in Montana that killed a priest from Lead, South Dakota.

The Rev. Peter Kovarik, 50, was piloting the single-engine Cessna 170B when it crashed, the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2jZWveK>) reported. Kovarik was the only person on board the private airplane.

Kovarik, who owned the plane, flew out of Black Hills Airport in Spearfish, South Dakota, at around 11 a.m. on Nov. 28, 2014. A flight plan wasn’t filed, but it also wasn’t required.

Authorities were notified of Kovarik’s disappearance the following day. Spearfish Civil Air Patrol cadets found the wreckage later that day in the Finger Buttes area of Montana, about 80 miles northwest of the Black Hills Airport.

The NTSB ruled that Kovarik lost control of his plane while maneuvering around mountain terrain. There were no witnesses to the crash.



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Toxicology reports show there were no findings of carbon monoxide, cyanide, volatiles or drugs. There also wasn't any indication of mechanical malfunctions or failures on the plane.

Kovarik had a Class 3 medical certificate without limitations or waivers, and his last medical exam was conducted in May 2014. He had nearly 1,600 hours of flight time.

The NTSB didn't require an autopsy as part of its investigation, according to Sheriff Neil Kittelmann of Carter County, Montana. A board spokesman said such a decision is made by local authorities.

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

## Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, Jan. 22

Greater police presence needed downtown

What will it take for the Rapid City Police Department to make the downtown a public-safety priority?

At Tuesday night's City Council meeting, Alderwoman Lisa Modrick told Police Chief Karl Jegeris the city has an "urgent need" that should be addressed. Alderman Jerry Wright called it an "extremely serious situation" and that he "can sense danger" while downtown. He would later make a motion to immediately appropriate \$200,000 to deal with the panhandling, loitering, public drinking and all the problems that come with that behavior.

Aldermen Jason Salamun, John Roberts and Steve Laurenti repeatedly asked what can be done "now" to shore up public safety in Rapid City's core business district.

The council members' questions followed public testimony from downtown business representatives who — as one said — were "asking for help." The Elks Theatre representative talked about the brick that was thrown through one of their windows last Sunday night by a vagrant who is well-known to police. Jegeris would say later that the man's 64 past interactions with police, 15 trips to detox units and countless nights in jail were "a cry for help."

The owner of the Firehouse Brewing Co. reported a theft that occurred Monday night at his busy downtown establishment when two men walked in and stole some wine. He said that at times it has become "scary" downtown.

Those testimonials took on additional meaning a few hours later when the city awoke Wednesday morning to the shocking news that a convenience store clerk had been stabbed to death while attempting to stop a beer theft on Mount Rushmore Road.

Through it all, however, Jegeris remained steadfast in his reluctance to commit additional long-term resources to address a problem of great concern for those who invest, work, live and spend money in downtown Rapid City.

Jegeris repeatedly said he does not have the resources to do this now even though he oversees a department with 129 officers and an annual budget of more than \$12 million.

He explained that it is a complicated social problem and cited the work of Rapid City Collective Impact, a group that is looking at a wide range of issues, as the source of a possible long-term solution. In an email he sent later in the week to the City Council, he advocated establishing an ambassador program that would be overseen by another organization and finding funds for a "social work team" to handle the problems that exist today.

The police chief offered many reasons on Tuesday night on why the department could not respond with more vigor to the council's requests or do little more than offer a temporary solution, continually citing the overwhelming nature of the problem that bedevils the downtown.

We now ask him to consider the reasons for committing more resources despite the challenges it poses to his department.

Business groups and the city itself have invested considerable resources and funds into making our downtown part of the Black Hills tourism experience and a place where locals can shop, eat and bring their children to a place like Main Street Square where they can dance in the water fountains in the summer

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and skate at the ice rink in the winter.

The downtown is populated by small businesses that play an essential role in its vitality and also collect sales tax, which is needed to fund our city operations.

In the past several years, we have seen many improvements in the City of Presidents, which now features statues of past presidents on downtown street corners where it is not unusual to see tourists mugging for photos with the works of local art.

Even now, the city is looking at a President's Plaza-style development on the corner of St. Joseph and Fifth streets. City government also has worked diligently to extend a revitalized downtown district east beyond Fifth Street and now has a master plan to guide it.

Rapid City is thinking big when it comes to its downtown, which is good for the entire community.

But we also have vacancies in downtown Rapid City. Alderman Roberts said Tuesday night that a friend recently decided to move his business out of the downtown due to safety concerns. Many people have their own stories of uncomfortable encounters while downtown.

The council ended Tuesday night's meeting by voting to form a task force to look at the problem and someday offer solutions. Before the vote, Mayor Steve Allender pointed out that over the past 30 years many task forces had been formed to tackle this persistent problem.

A task force is fine but no quick action can be expected from its work. Business owners and others have concerns that need addressing now, and it is the police department's duty to respond to those concerns rather than offer excuses or seek additional funding.

It's time to make the downtown a top public-safety priority, which can be as simple as putting more boots on the ground to start, which we have started to see since Tuesday's meeting, and then making the long-term commitment for an expanded police presence.

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American News, Aberdeen, Jan. 25

Students helping communities deserve praise

Our schools work best when students are taught the value of helping others.

The most recent example is the work being done by the boys and girls involved in the student group Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Known as FCCLA, it works to prepare students to be good citizens no matter what their vocational calling.

There are more than 60 FCCLA chapters in schools throughout South Dakota, but none in the state's three largest public districts: Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen. That is something state leaders hope to change, and that we would like to see change.

FCCLA sounds like a group that would benefit not only the largest of our schools, but more of the smaller ones as well.

"We really focus on service projects as well with the students," said state president Kaley Schweitzer, a senior at Redfield High School. "Our theme this year for state and nationals is U.P. — Unlimited Possibilities."

Pretty cool theme, as well as to have the group's state leader come from our area.

Including Redfield, area schools Bowdle, Eureka, Faulkton, Gettysburg, Highmore-Harrold, Miller, Selby Area, Sully Buttes, Clark, Doland, Groton, Hitchcock-Tulare, Rosholt, Sisseton and Webster Area have FCCLA chapters. In the past, the American News has shined its light to the good works of FCCLA chapters in some of those schools, just as we did recently on Redfield's chapter.

Students in this organization do great things for their communities. They help feed those without food, raise money for good causes and bring awareness — and, we hope, solutions — to problems with their communities.

"We really work on trying to have service projects help out the community," said Cindy Brace, family and consumer science teacher and FCCLA adviser at Redfield High School. "Sometimes organizations will come to us and say, 'We need your help, can you help us?'"

Students can be rewarded at the state and national levels for their work. But even if such awards don't come their way, they are often rewarded by the lives they touch and change for the better.

That kind of reward can't be beat.

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Community service is the biggest goal for any chapter of FCCLA. We like that philosophy, because when you make your community and its residents stronger, they have the ability to pass that strength on to even more people.

To get an FCCLA chapter, a school has to have a family and consumer science program. The chapters are a school-sponsored organization.

Students interested in joining an existing chapter should talk to their school's adviser or a member or officer. Schools interested in starting a new chapter can contact FCCLA state officials at [sdfccla.org](http://sdfccla.org).

Brace said she has seen FCCLA transform student members.

"As an adviser, when I watch these students join as a seventh-grader to a senior, it's amazing to see all the skills that come around and that they have developed, from their speaking skills to their organization skills to decision making," Brace said. "All these things that they do when they're putting projects together, from seeing a seventh-grader to a senior, it's amazing."

Congratulations to all FCCLA members. And thank you for your service.

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The Daily Republic, Mitchell, Jan. 23

Newspaper a source of information past, present, future

"The paper is a thing of the past for a lot of people."

That comment was made by Mitchell City Councilwoman Bev Robinson at the group's most recent meeting last week.

Robinson — appointed to the council by Mayor Jerry Toomey when Randy Doescher vacated his seat — is certainly entitled to her opinion. But it's not correct.

In fact, the content produced by our newspaper has never been viewed more when accounting for print and online readers, and we have figures to prove that.

Robinson's comment was made during a discussion on the city's recycling services, specifically addressing how Dependable Sanitation educates the public on the services it provides.

A company spokesman told the council that there were "some newspaper ads" purchased to which Robinson replied with the aforementioned statement.

We wish Robinson was educated more on the topic before speaking publicly about it.

So here are some facts:

— Our readership has never been stronger at The Daily Republic. Approximately 23,000 people read our print edition daily.

— We average more than 1 million page-views on our website, [mitchellrepublic.com](http://mitchellrepublic.com), every month.

— Our web audience has steadily increased since we began tracking it on Google Analytics in 2014. Last year, our website had 1.4 million users and more than 12 million page-views.

We strive to produce ample amounts of local content daily, and that in turn has helped us to be an award-winning product. Much of the information we have can't be found anywhere else, which is why we're so confused about Robinson's comments.

The position of a city councilperson should be to help support local business and not attempt to hurt them, especially in an open meeting, regardless of their agenda. What's surprising is Robinson is a local business owner and has typically advocated for supporting local business. Her statement last week, though, did not follow that trend.

We hope moving forward Robinson is educated about statements she makes publicly.

Our newspaper is a thing of the past, but we're also the main source of information in the present and will continue to be in the future.

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## Last pipeline protesters weigh whether to fight or leave

By JAMES MacPHERSON and BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Most of the demonstrators who gathered on the North Dakota plains to oppose the Dakota Access oil pipeline declared victory and departed their snowy protest camp last month after the Army announced it would halt the project.

Now that President Donald Trump's administration is pushing to complete the pipeline, the few hundred protesters still living on the wind-whipped prairie must decide what to do — accept the likely defeat and leave, or stay and keep fighting.

Some vow to remain, but Trump's action seems unlikely to spark a major rejuvenation of the depleted camp of people who dubbed themselves "water protectors."

Dan Hein, a 43-year-old Ohio man who has been living at the camp since September, was packing Tuesday to go home.

"I knew this was coming," he said.

But Gena Neal, 43, who came from Oklahoma, said she was staying, even if protests remain subdued.

"We are proving action by just being here," she said Wednesday as snow swirled around a dozen people, many wearing donated ice grippers on their shoes.

Trump on Tuesday signed an executive action ordering the Army Corps of Engineers to quickly reconsider its Dec. 4 decision to stop the construction to allow time for more environmental study. Before the project can be finished, builders need permission to lay pipe under Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir from which an American Indian tribe draws its drinking water.

The tribe at the center of the protests, the Standing Rock Sioux, says the pipeline threatens its water and cultural sites. Developer Energy Transfer Partners disputes that.

The Oahe segment is the last major piece of the four-state pipeline designed to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois. It was not clear when the Corps will act on Trump's memorandum.

Local law enforcement agencies geared up for a possible resumption of protests after Trump's action, but no major incidents materialized, the Morton County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday.

There have been more than 625 arrests in the region since mid-August. Clashes and arrests tailed off dramatically in recent weeks after the tribal council told the protest camp to disband because of the Dec. 4 decision, the harsh winter weather and the need to get the area cleaned up before spring flooding.

At the camp's peak, several thousand people were packed into a half-mile square, living in teepees, tents, buses, motor homes and semi-permanent wooden structures. One occupant set up a portable radio station. Others established a school for children in a large tent.

Today, fewer than 300 people remain on the federal land along the confluence of the Cannon Ball and Missouri rivers.

The school and radio station are gone. The site is now dotted with abandoned tents, and many of the teepee tarps have been taken down, leaving only bare frames. The ground is covered with ice and several feet of snow that have buried abandoned vehicles and piled up against buildings that were left unfinished.

Even with its diminished population, the camp remains under constant surveillance from law enforcement officers and National Guard soldiers perched on nearby bluffs and in aircraft making regular flyovers.

Hein still believes in the cause but is resigned to leaving.

"People have dedicated months of their lives to this and now they're telling us to leave," he said. "If they don't want your help, what are you going to do?"

Not everyone feels that way. Cindy Lou, a 55-year-old New Jersey woman who has been at the camp since October, said she and her husband will stay or "all of this would be for naught."

The tribe is planning to focus on a court battle in distant Washington, D.C., against any reversal of the Dec. 4 decision.

Within hours of Trump's announcement, two leading pipeline opponents issued pleas on social media to maintain a presence in the area and for other supporters to come. But in interviews both LaDonna Brave Bull Allard and Chase Iron Eyes said they were not advocating a return to the large-scale protests of 2016.

Allard, who operates a separate camp on her own land, said she plans to convert it into a summer camp to teach people how to respect the land, culture, history and traditions. The anti-pipeline effort "will con-



tinue to be a world movement," she said.

Iron Eyes said he advocates maintaining a presence in the area, but that anyone who comes should not expect a large camp that can provide for them.

"We're asking for people to be self-sufficient," he said. "We don't expect the numbers — 15,000, 12,000 or whatever it was — it's just not sustainable."

Rather, he said, "we have to win the war of public relations. We expect to win in the court of public opinion."

Trump's action could re-ignite protests, but "to what degree, we don't know," said Dallas Goldtooth, with the Indigenous Environmental Network, which had been one of the main camp organizers before heeding the tribe's call to leave last month. That group and others have since called on pipeline opponents to spread out around the country.

"Standing Rock has ignited a fire in all of us," Goldtooth said. "We hope to see those fires continue to burn."

Helen Red Feather, 60, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, said she plans to stay and continue fighting the pipeline that opponents have dubbed "the black snake."

"I came here to kill the snake," she said. "And I'm staying here to kill the snake."

## Interstate 90 open again in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A portion of Interstate 90 is open once again in central South Dakota.

I-90 between Kadoka and Chamberlain was closed due to heavy snow and gusty winds on Tuesday evening and remained closed overnight. The interstate was re-opened Wednesday morning.

Officials say snow and strong winds are still making travel difficult, especially in the south central and southeastern part of the state.

## Daugaard names replacement of state lawmaker who resigned

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has moved quickly to name the replacement of a Republican representative who resigned after admitting to sexual contact with two interns.

Daugaard, a Republican, announced Wednesday that Marli Wiese of Madison will replace former Rep. Mathew Wollmann, who resigned from the Legislature on Monday.

Wiese will be sworn in on Jan. 31. She says the appointment is an honor. On top of helping operate a family farm, Wiese works part-time as a transcriptionist at West Center Baptist Church.

She is vice chair of the Lake County Republican Party. Wiese will represent District 8, which includes Lake, Miner, Moody and Sanborn counties.

## Williams sisters, Federer advance to Australian Open finals

By JOHN PYE, AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — It was one, two and three for the ages as Venus and Serena Williams set up another all-sisters final and Roger Federer ensured he'll contend for another Australian Open title.

They're calling it Throwback Thursday at Melbourne Park: three players with a combined 46 Grand Slam titles and a combined age of 106 advanced to the finals.

Six-time Australian Open winner Serena Williams overwhelmed Mirjana Lucic-Baroni 6-2, 6-1 in just 50 minutes in the second of women's semifinals, after Venus Williams beat fellow American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.

The only person standing between 35-year-old Serena Williams and an Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title is 36-year-old Venus Williams, the oldest player to reach an Australian Open women's final in the modern era. She is the oldest player since Martina Navratilova at Wimbledon in 1994 to reach a women's major final anywhere.

"It felt really good because I felt like it was in my hands to force this Williams final," Serena Williams

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said. "Believe it or not, I was feeling a little pressure about that, but it felt really good to get that win."  
At 35, Federer is the oldest man to reach a Grand Slam final since Ken Rosewall made the 1974 U.S. Open final at the age of 39.

He had a 7-5, 6-3, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3 win in an all-Swiss semifinal against Stan Wawrinka, who has won three majors — the Australian in 2014, the French in 2015 and the U.S. Open last year — in the time since Federer captured the last of his record 17, at Wimbledon in 2012.

Wawrinka broke his racket over his knee in the second set. He needed a medical timeout before the third, came out with his right knee taped, and rallied to force Federer to five for the first time before double-faulting to give up the vital break in the sixth game.

Federer, coming back from six months on the sidelines to rest his injured left knee, made no mistake in closing out. He will next play Sunday against the winner of Friday's semifinal between 14-time major winner Rafael Nadal and Grigor Dimitrov.

"I felt like everything happened so quickly," Federer said. "It feels amazing. I never, ever in my wildest dreams thought I was going to be coming this far here in Australia. It's beautiful."

The women's final on Saturday night will be the first all-Williams final here since 2003, when Serena won what Venus has described as a "battle royale."

Returning to her first final since then in Melbourne was a momentous occasion for Venus Williams, given her struggles to overcome an energy-sapping illness since being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome in 2011. She hasn't been in a Grand Slam final since losing 2009 Wimbledon to Serena.

"Everyone has their moment in the sun," she said. "Maybe mine has gone on a while. I'd like to keep that going. I've got nothing else to do so let's keep it going."

She was exuberant after clinching her win Vandeweghe on her fourth match point, putting hands up to her face, almost in disbelief, before crossing her arms over her heart. She then did a stylish pirouette on the court, smiling broadly, as the crowd gave her a standing ovation.

Serena Williams' celebration was more subdued after her lopsided win over 34-year-old Lucic-Baroni, who was playing her first semifinal at a major since Wimbledon in 1999. There was a warm embrace for the woman she'd played only twice before — both times in 1998.

Of all the comeback stories in the tournament, Lucic-Baroni's return to the top level after so much time struggling out of the game has captured the most heartfelt attention. After finishing the semifinal — notable for the record combined ages of the players at a major — Lucic-Baroni took a selfie with her cell phone on the court before waving and leaving Rod Laver Arena.

Serena Williams said Lucic-Baroni's comeback served as an inspiration for other players. Her own sister has also been an inspiration.

"Obviously I was really proud of Venus — a total inspiration, my big sister," Serena said. "She's basically my world and my life. I was so happy for her. For us both to be in the final is the biggest dream come true for us."

Venus Williams has won seven major titles, but none since Wimbledon in 2008. Her seven-and-a-half year gap between major finals is the longest for any player in the Open era. She's also lost six of the eight Grand Slam finals she's played against Serena, and is 11-16 in their career meetings at tour-level.

The 25-year-old Vandeweghe, playing her maiden Grand Slam semifinal, was the first player to take a set off Venus Williams in the tournament, but then had her serve broken four times.

Venus Williams said she'd take a winning attitude into the final against her sister, and had nothing to lose. "She's my toughest opponent — nobody has ever beaten me as much as Venus has," Serena Williams acknowledged. But, "I just feel like no matter what happens, we've won ... a Williams is going to win this tournament."

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

### 1. ANALYSIS: BORDER WALL FACES REALITY CHECK

U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill, starting with existing money in the Department of Homeland Security account, followed by congressional cuts for other domestic programs to come up with possibly billions of dollars more.

### 2. WHAT IS MARKING SHARP SHIFT FROM IMMIGRATION POLICY

Trump's executive actions tightening border security— and possibly restricting refugee flows — mean comprehensive immigration legislation is as elusive as ever.

### 3. CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS PREPARE TO HEAR FROM TRUMP

GOP lawmakers meeting in Philadelphia are about to find out whether he can stay focused on their goals in his first appearance before them as president.

### 4. EX-FOSTER KIDS: ABUSE WAS ROUTINE IN DISMEMBERED TEEN'S HOME

Three former foster children of a Pennsylvania woman charged in the rape, murder and dismemberment of her adopted daughter tell AP that Grace Packer grew up in an abusive environment.

### 5. WHY MANY AMERICANS ARE NOT CHEERING DOW 20K

Despite the spread of 401(k) retirement plans, the wealthiest 10 percent own roughly 80 percent of stock market wealth.

### 6. IVANKA TRUMP'S JUDAISM INITIALLY QUESTIONED

After issuing a ruling last year that raised doubts about her conversion to the faith, Israeli religious authorities seem to have changed their position since her father was elected president.

### 7. BEIJING TRYING TO TACKLE POLLUTION PROBLEM

Authorities say they will spend \$2.7 billion this year to help replace coal with natural gas, close heavily polluting factories and take older vehicles off the road.

### 8. HOW FARM-TO-TABLE MOVEMENT IS CHANGING AN INDUSTRY

Northern U.S. farmers are increasingly using greenhouses to meet wintertime demand for local produce.

### 9. SHIA LABEOUF ARRESTED IN NYC

The actor allegedly got into an altercation with another man outside a museum where he has been chanting "He will not divide us" in front of a live camera since Trump's inauguration.

### 10. WHO IS CLOSING IN ON TENNIS HISTORY

Serena Williams is one win away from a record 23rd Grand Slam title after setting up an all-Williams final at the Australian Open.

## Trump's immigration actions mark sharp shift in US policy

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's wide-ranging executive actions tightening border security— and the prospect of additional measures restricting refugee flows — mark a sharp shift away from Washington's elusive efforts to forge comprehensive immigration legislation.

"We do not need new laws," Trump said Wednesday during remarks at the Department of Homeland Security. "We will work within the existing system and framework."

The centerpiece of the measures Trump signed was an order to jumpstart construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall. He also ordered cuts in federal grants for immigrant-protecting "sanctuary cities" and a boost in the number of border patrol agents and immigration officers, pending congressional funding.

Sometime this week, Trump is expected to pause the flow of all refugees to the U.S. and indefinitely bar those fleeing war-torn Syria. The president's upcoming order is also expected to suspend issuing visas for people from several predominantly Muslim countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — for at least 30 days, according to a draft executive order obtained by The Associated Press.



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The actions, less than a week into Trump's presidency, would fulfill pledges that animated his candidacy and represent a dramatic redirection of U.S. immigration policy. They were cheered by Republican allies in Congress, condemned by immigration advocates and triggered new tension with the Mexican government.

Trump was expected to turn back to the economy Thursday, signing a notice to Congress that he plans to start bilateral trade negotiations with most of the countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact, according to a White House official. On Monday, Trump moved to pull the U.S. out of the 12-nation Pacific Rim agreement, which he said would be damaging for American workers. Instead, he said he wanted to negotiate with countries individually.

The official insisted on anonymity in order to confirm the executive action ahead of Trump's announcement.

For years, lawmakers in both parties have worked to pass immigration legislation that would provide some form of legal status for people living in the U.S. illegally, most recently in 2013. Given the growing political power of Hispanic voters, Republicans had feared the opposition from some in the party would deeply damage their prospects of winning back the White House. But Trump's ability to win on a hard-line immigration message has recalibrated the party's view.

Trump is unveiling his immigration plans at a time when detentions at the nation's southern border are down significantly from levels seen in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The arrest tally last year was the fifth-lowest since 1972. Deportations of people living in the U.S. illegally also increased under President Barack Obama, though Republicans criticized him for setting prosecution guidelines that spared some groups from the threat of deportation, including those brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

As a candidate, Trump tapped into the immigration concerns of some Americans who worry both about a loss of economic opportunities and the threat of criminals and terrorists entering the country. His call for a border wall was among his most popular proposals, and supporters often broke out in chants of "build that wall" during rallies.

Immigration advocates and others assailed the new president's actions. Omar Jadwat, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project, said Trump's desire to construct a border wall was "driven by racial and ethnic bias that disgraces America's proud tradition of protecting vulnerable migrants."

How Trump plans to pay for the wall project is murky. While he has repeatedly promised that Mexico will foot the bill, U.S. taxpayers are expected to cover the initial costs. The new administration has said nothing about how it might compel Mexico to reimburse the money.

In an interview with ABC News on Wednesday, Trump said, "There will be a payment; it will be in a form, perhaps a complicated form."

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto responded, "I have said time and again, Mexico will not pay for any wall." Peña Nieto was expected to meet with Trump at the White House next week, but a senior official said Trump's announcement led him to reconsider the visit.

Asked about Mexican resistance to his plan to require the payment, Trump said in the ABC interview, "He has to say that. He has to say that. I'm just telling you that there will be a payment."

Congressional aides say there is about \$100 million of unspent appropriations in the Department of Homeland Security account for border security, fencing and infrastructure. That would allow planning to get started, but far more money would have to be appropriated for construction to begin.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, in an interview Wednesday on MSNBC, said Congress will work with Trump on the upfront financing for the wall. Asked about estimates that the project could cost \$8 billion to \$14 billion, Ryan said: "That's about right."

Trump has insisted many times the border structure will be a wall. The order he signed referred to "a contiguous, physical wall or other similarly secure, contiguous and impassable physical barrier."

To build the wall, the president is relying on a 2006 law that authorized several hundred miles of fencing along the 2,000-mile frontier. That bill led to the construction of about 700 miles of various kinds of fencing designed to block both vehicles and pedestrians.

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The president's orders also end what Republicans have labeled a catch-and-release system at the border. Currently, some immigrants caught crossing the border illegally are released and given notices to report back to immigration officials at a later date.

Trump's crackdown on sanctuary cities — locales that don't cooperate with immigration authorities — could cost individual jurisdictions millions of dollars. But the administration may face legal challenges, given that some federal courts have found that cities or counties cannot hold immigrants beyond their jail terms or deny them bond based only on a request from immigration authorities.

The president also moved to restart the "Secure Communities" program, which was launched under President George W. Bush and initially was touted as a way for immigration authorities to quickly and easily identify people in the country illegally who had been arrested by local authorities.

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## Doing the wave: A primer on immigration in America

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigration to the United States has come in swells and dips over the past two centuries, driven by shifts in U.S. policy, the mood in the country and world events.

Labor shortages, racial tension, economic forces, religious prejudice and national security concerns all fit into the picture.

"Here we are, the United States, a nation of nations, with the iconic symbol of the Statue of Liberty, and yet we are still arguing about the peopling of America," says American University historian Alan Kraut. "We are constantly in a tension between, on the one hand, a desire to be altruistic and the desire to serve our national interests."

In the modern era, the foreign-born share of the U.S. population hit a low of 4.7 percent in 1970. It's now near historic highs, hitting 13.5 percent in 2015.

At times welcoming, at times restrictive, immigration laws have helped shape the complexion of an increasingly diverse nation.

As President Donald Trump moves on building a border wall and considers restricting refugee flows, a look at the waves of immigration that have helped to determine the nation's identity:

### COLONIAL WELCOME WAGON

The U.S. has been regulating immigration since not long after it won independence from Britain, according to a paper by the Pew Research Center's D'Vera Cohn.

A 1790 law limited citizenship to "free white persons" of "good moral character" who had lived in the U.S. for at least two years. A series of laws in 1798 tacked on some strict enforcement provisions, including a requirement that noncitizens live in the U.S. for 14 years before naturalization. Some portions of the law were repealed in 1802 and others expired.

Overall, though, for its first 100 years, "the United States facilitated immigration, welcoming foreigners to a vast country," Philip Martin, a professor emeritus at the University of California, Davis, wrote in a paper for the Population Reference Bureau.

For many of those years, it brought in slaves, too, treating them as property, not citizens. In 1870, people of African origin gained citizenship rights.

### FLEEING FAMINE, SEEKING GOLD

The years from 1820-1870 saw an influx of newcomers from Northern and Western Europe, mostly German and Irish, providing needed labor. About a third came from famine-wracked Ireland, stoking anti-Catholic sentiments.

The gold rush and jobs on the transcontinental railroad also attracted Chinese immigrants, generating

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economic and racial resentments.

Starting in 1875, the U.S. began imposing restrictions on the types of immigrants it would allow. Among those banned: "criminals, people with contagious diseases, polygamists, anarchists, beggars and importers of prostitutes," according to Cohn. A series of laws also put growing restrictions on immigrants from China, and even provided for the deportation of Chinese nationals already in the U.S.

Later laws barred immigration from most Asian countries.

Kraut says the push-pull between the need for more laborers and the tensions that immigration stirred led to a common expression: "America beckons, but Americans repel."

## ANOTHER EUROPEAN WAVE

Between 1881 and 1920, more than 23 million people came to the U.S., mostly from Southern and Eastern Europe, aided by cheaper trans-Atlantic travel and attracted by employers seeking workers.

Around the globe, in a period of industrialization and easier travel, "there were more people on the move than at any other time in human history," says Kraut.

Then came the Great Depression and more restrictive laws, sending U.S. immigration into a long, steady decline. Laws enacted in 1921 and 1924 for the first time set quotas based on nationality.

In 1920, immigrants made up 13.2 percent of the population. In 1970, the number bottomed out at 4.7 percent.

## FAMILY PLAN

In 1965, immigration policy underwent a dramatic shift from a quota-based system to one that favored the entry of people who already had relatives in the U.S. or had skills needed by employers. Since the enactment then of the Immigration and Nationality Act, immigration has been dominated by people from Asia and Latin America rather than Europe, according to Pew's Cohn.

Once the 1965 law kicked in, immigration started growing, with the immigrant population reaching 43.3 million people in 2015.

Where were all those immigrants from? The Americas, 53 percent; Asia, 30.6 percent; Europe, 11.1 percent; Africa, 4.8 percent, according to the Migration Policy Institute.

The architecture of the 1965 law still undergirds the U.S. immigration system. But changes in 1986 and 1996 that dealt with rising concerns about illegal immigration and terrorism are notable: The first legalized about 2.7 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally (most of them from Mexico and Central America) and tried to crack down on the hiring of people in the country illegally, with poor results. The second expanded reasons for deporting people or ruling them ineligible to come to the U.S., and gave state and local police power to enforce immigration laws.

The years since the 9/11 attacks of 2001 have brought laws to broaden terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and deportation.

And now, President Donald Trump's focus on building a wall at the U.S.-Mexican border and his consideration of a plan to suspend the U.S. program for admitting refugees show there is still plenty of tension at the intersection of illegal immigration and national security.

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## Actor Shia LaBeouf arrested outside New York City museum

By DEEPTI HAJELA, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Shia LaBeouf was arrested early Thursday after he allegedly got into an altercation with another man outside a New York City museum where he has been chanting "He will not divide us" in front of a live camera since Donald Trump's inauguration.

Police said LaBeouf pulled the scarf of an unidentified 25-year-old man outside the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, scratching his face in the process. They said he also pushed the man, who refused medical attention.

LaBeouf has spent the first few days of Trump's presidency swaying, dancing and repeating the phrase "He will not divide us" in front of a live camera outside the museum. The livestream is for a participatory



public art project LaBeouf and two collaborators intend to have running 24 hours a day for the next four years.

The camera went live the morning of the inauguration, along with a website inviting the public to show up and participate. LeBeouf has been a frequent, though not constant presence.

Technically, the project from LaBeouf and his performance art partners isn't about opposition to Trump, LaBeouf told The Associated Press in an interview conducted on Monday in front of the livestream camera.

"We're anti-division out here. Everyone's invited," LaBeouf said. "I'm just saying, 'Be nice to each other.'"

It's not immediately known what led to the alleged altercation Thursday morning.

LaBeouf faces a misdemeanor assault charge. It's unclear if he has an attorney who can comment.

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## May-Trump meeting to test UK-US 'special relationship'

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May has won the race to be the first foreign leader to meet President Donald Trump in Washington. But her trip to the U.S. capital is anything but a victory lap.

May's staff worked feverishly to secure the two-day trip, which includes a meeting with the president Friday at the White House. British officials hope it will help cement the U.K.'s place as a pre-eminent American ally and provide proof of what Britons — more often than Americans — call the trans-Atlantic "special relationship."

But May faces the challenge of persuading a president who has vowed to put "America first" of the benefits of free trade with Britain and the vital role of the 28-nation NATO military alliance.

And she must build a working relationship with a populist president whose protectionist outlook and loose way with facts have alarmed many European politicians, including some of May's own allies.

May insists she's up to the task of being America's steadfast but plain-speaking friend, telling British lawmakers on Wednesday that "I am not afraid to speak frankly to a president of the United States."

Her message in the U.S. will include elements of gentle history lesson, as she urges the two nations to "lead together."

In a speech to Republican legislators in Philadelphia on Thursday, May plans to say that the trans-Atlantic relationship "made the modern world" and built the institutions that have underpinned the global order since the end of World War II.

Linking Britain's vote to leave the 28-nation European Union with the win of political outsider Trump, she'll say that "as you renew your nation just as we renew ours, we have the opportunity — indeed the responsibility — to renew the special relationship for this new age."

Excerpts from the speech were released in advance by May's office.

May's seeming embrace of Trump — in the wake of his commitment to building a Mexico border wall and other recent edicts — drew criticism from the prime minister's opponents.

Former Labour Party leader Ed Miliband tweeted: "Today he starts on wall, praises waterboarding, bullies climate scientists. She says they can lead together. Surely decent Tories feel queasy?"

May is likely to get a warm welcome at the Republican retreat and in the White House.

Trump has already pronounced Britain "very special!" in one of his tweets. He has also restored to the Oval Office a bust of Britain's World War II Prime Minister Winston Churchill that was removed while Barack Obama was president, to the chagrin of some patriotically minded Britons.

May's office says she intends to admire the bust when she visits the White House. She'll also give Trump, whose mother was born in Scotland, a Quaich, a traditional Scottish cup of friendship.

Victoria Honeyman, a politics lecturer at the University of Leeds, said the effusive tone coming from Trump's White House marked a change from the Obama years.

"Obama has been a more Asia-Pacific-focused president, so this is a return — at least in rhetoric — to

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the good old days of the U.S.-U.K. special relationship," she said. "But it's very difficult to know exactly what Theresa May is going to get out of this other than warm words."

Britain needs more than words from the United States as it prepares to start divorce talks with the European Union. May has said the U.K. will be leaving both the bloc and its single market in goods and services, which now stretches over 28 countries including Britain and involves half a billion people.

By leaving, the U.K. is gaining the opportunity to strike new trade deals around the globe, and the U.S., as the top destination for British exports, is one of the biggest prizes around.

While Obama warned that Britain outside the EU would go to the "back of the queue" for a U.S. trade deal, Trump told the Times of London newspaper that a trade deal could be done quickly.

But any talks in Washington this week will be preliminary, since Britain is barred by EU rules from substantial negotiations on new trade agreements until it actually leaves the bloc — which is likely to be in 2019 at the earliest.

And May will face strong domestic opposition to any deal that forces Britain to bring its standards into line with the U.S. on things like genetically modified food — currently banned under EU rules — or the private sector's role in health care.

Trump has also been generally cool on trade agreements. He is pulling the U.S. out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership — a deal Obama worked hard on — and has promised to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico.

In other challenges for May, Trump has called NATO "obsolete" and called the EU "basically a vehicle for Germany" that Britain was "smart" to leave.

May told the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, last week that although the U.K. is leaving the EU, "it remains overwhelmingly and compellingly in Britain's national interest" that the bloc still succeed.

And while Trump said in his inauguration speech that "from this day forward, it's going to be only America first," May vowed in Davos "to stand up for free markets, free trade and globalization."

Political positions are not always a guide to personal relationships, however. Center-left Prime Minister Tony Blair and Republican President George W. Bush formed a friendship that surprised many — and led Britain into the divisive, costly Iraq War.

May and Trump could hardly be more different. He is a brash, spotlight-loving businessman whose closest British ally to date has been the bantering former U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage.

She is a small-town vicar's daughter who has risen to the top of politics through prudence and by avoiding personal ostentation or controversy. Her most flamboyant feature is a fondness for leopard-print shoes.

Quentin Peel, an associate fellow at think tank Chatham House, said "leaders try to create the chemistry that they need to create."

"When leaders of governments really want to make it work, they can make it work," he said.

Other leaders around the world — who will make their own visits to Washington in the coming months — will be watching closely to see if they do.

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## Congressional Republicans prepare to hear from Trump

By ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Congressional Republicans eager to deliver are about to find out whether Donald Trump can stay focused on their goals in his first appearance before them as president.

Trump will speak Thursday to House and Senate GOP lawmakers at their annual policy retreat. Despite a rocky start to his administration — Trump has veered off course to make false claims about voter fraud and his inaugural crowd size — many lawmakers remain optimistic at the prospect of the work they can do together. They hope to see a Trump focused on unity and results, not one veering off-course into conspiracy theories or re-litigating the election or the inauguration.

Ahead of Trump's appearance, House Speaker Paul Ryan sketched out an ambitious agenda to lawmak-

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ers including sending Trump a health care repeal bill by March and a rewrite of the tax code by summer's end. Also in the first 200 days Congress will confront paying for Trump's newly announced border wall, which Ryan confirmed could cost \$8 billion to \$14 billion, and will work on an infrastructure bill that Trump requested be added to the already packed agenda.

"I'm just so excited we finally have a chance to do this because we have the House and the Senate and a president who is with us," Ryan said Wednesday in an interview on MSNBC, discussing plans to overhaul the tax code, eliminating loopholes and lowering corporate rates to 20 percent or even the 15 percent sought by Trump.

"If you can clean up the cesspool of the tax code and give us a pro-growth tax code, that is how you grow the economy, that is how you take power and money out of Washington and give it back to the people," he said.

Lawmakers were generally enthusiastic to see Trump take quick action on immigration, oil pipelines and other issues via executive order, even though they criticized Barack Obama for overusing such administrative tools when he was president. This time around Republican lawmakers justify it by saying Trump, in many cases, is undoing what Obama did.

"People are more optimistic, the stock market's rising, companies are deciding to build, folks look at him approving the Keystone XL pipeline. He said he wanted to create jobs. I think there's a sense that he's working hard to create jobs and I think that's incredibly positive," said Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La.

As for Trump's fixation on supposed illegal voting by 3 million to 5 million people, which is untrue, and the attendance at his inauguration: "Those are distractions, and it's dwelled upon; I particularly don't care about it," Cassidy said.

Most Republicans took Cassidy's approach of downplaying the distractions. But others said there was real concern that Trump could be the GOP's own worst enemy at the very moment they've seized full control of Washington and believe they have a mandate to usher in sweeping change starting with repealing and replacing Obama's health care law.

"I'd rather not be revisiting and rehashing the election. It's over," said Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa. "We have to get onto the serious issue of governing. These other issues are distractions."

But Dent added: "I don't control the Twitter feed."

Lawmakers will also hear Thursday from Vice President Mike Pence and from British Prime Minister Theresa May, in the first instance in which a foreign head of state appears at the GOP retreat. Lawmakers said it was a chance to showcase the relationship with Britain in the visit from May, who vaulted to power as a result of the surprise Brexit vote many saw as a precursor to Trump's own victory.

When Trump speaks, lawmakers will be watching closely to see if he focuses on the work ahead or the distractions.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., asked about message discipline and communication with the White House, said: "It's a work in progress."

## Trump's wall met with skepticism, unease on US-Mexico border

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As President Donald Trump announced his plans for a wall on the U.S. border with Mexico, Border Patrol agents in San Diego on the lookout for drugs and smugglers drove all-terrain vehicles along a barrier that reaches 18 feet, topped by razor wire and reinforced by cameras and lighting.

Mexicans shopped at an outlet mall that bumps up against the border. And dozens of migrants huddled in tents outside a shelter in Mexico hoping to get into the U.S. someday.

To them, Trump's executive order Wednesday to build a wall seemed more like a symbolic and worrisome gesture of a new chapter in U.S.-Mexico relations than a real deterrent for people to enter the country illegally.

"Even if they build the wall, I will climb the wall. I bring a ladder the size of the wall, even from sticks or whatever, but I'll make it, and I'll jump over there," said José de Jesús Ramírez, a recently deported Mexican migrant whose wife and children are in the U.S.



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Ramirez's response echoed the mood along the border that was a combination of resentment, defiance — and business as usual. A crew of laborers was actually building a fence on the border as Trump made his announcement. On a cold morning in the desert, the workers installed concrete blocks on which the 22-foot steel fence will stand between the town of Sunland Park, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. The project has been underway for several months.

In Tijuana, a high school student went to a stone monument dedicated by both countries in 1848 as a sign of the friendship between the U.S. and Mexico. The monument once stood on the border but now is in Mexico, a few feet away from a giant wall of towering steel bars that lead into the Pacific Ocean.

The student, 17-year-old Brandon Dzul, said talk of another wall stirred up painful memories of his 34-year-old uncle who died in the desert six years ago after being abandoned by smugglers.

"He just had the American dream, you know, to make a better life," he said. "I think now we aren't going to be able to get in even with a visa."

Nearby, about 150 people gathered in tents outside a 40-bed migrant shelter that has been overwhelmed since May, when large numbers of Haitians began stopping in the Mexican border city on their way to the United States. Many moved to Brazil after Haiti's 2010 earthquake and went north after jobs dried up in the South American country.

Haitians generally turn themselves in to U.S. inspectors at San Diego's San Ysidro port of entry, the nation's busiest crossing, making no attempt to jump the fence or evade authorities. They were released on humanitarian parole until September, when the U.S. ended special treatment for Haitians and began deporting them just as they do people from other countries.

U.S. authorities lack resources to process Haitians quickly enough, leading Mexican authorities to create a ticketing system that leaves them waiting in Tijuana for weeks. Migrant shelters are full, forcing many to sleep on the streets.

Fences and other barriers already blanket about 700 miles of border, much of it in California and Arizona. In San Diego, they helped to virtually shut down what was the busiest corridor for illegal crossings in the 1990s. It's now one of the most fortified stretches of landscape on the 2,000-mile divide between the two countries.

Border Patrol sector chiefs were asked in November to identify areas where the fence could be expanded, though Trump and his advisers have yet to detail their next steps. Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council and a member of Trump's transition team, supports building a wall in strategic locations and reinforcing existing barriers in certain areas but not where there are natural obstacles, like the Rio Grande river in Texas.

"We do not need a Great Wall of China from California to Texas," Judd said in an interview last week.

Away from the border, Trump drew support from his base. Tammy Allen, a 52-year-old supporter from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, applauded Trump's interest in curbing the number of refugees coming to the U.S. and building a wall.

"A lot of countries do. Why not us? Something has got to be done," she said.

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Associated Press writer Michael Kunzelman in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

## Tiger Woods at Torrey, no longer the favorite

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods was walking up the middle of the 18th fairway when he noticed someone walking briskly toward him, causing Woods to stop suddenly.

And then he smiled.

It was Billy Horschel, arms outstretched to embrace Woods.

"It's good to have you back," Horschel said.

Oddly enough, they were together at the Farmers Insurance Open the last time Woods was at Torrey Pines, under much different circumstances.

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Woods' game was a mess in early 2015, and on the practice range before the first round, Horschel appeared to be showing Woods different positions in the swing. Woods withdrew later that morning with tightness in his back and walked away from competition for 10 weeks to work on his game until returning at the Masters.

His game never really improved until a tie for 10th in the Wyndham Championship. And then he had two more back surgeries and was gone again.

Now he's returned, no instruction necessary.

Woods makes his latest PGA Tour comeback on Thursday when he tees it up at Torrey Pines alongside Jason Day and Dustin Johnson, who bring the kind of credentials that for so long only belonged to Woods.

Day is No. 1 in the world (Woods occupied the top spot for a record 683 weeks).

Johnson is the PGA Tour player of the year (Woods won the award a record 11 times).

And now the question is whether Woods can keep up with them.

"You always want to play against and with the best players," Woods said. "I'm trying to remind myself: 'Hey, I haven't played in a while. Hey, it's just the first two days and get yourself in contention, build your way up.' It's not Sunday. I've got a long way to go to get to that point where I have a chance to win this event."

Winning might be a surprise, even given his track record at Torrey Pines.

Woods has eight victories at Torrey Pines, including a major when he won the U.S. Open in 2008 on a shattered left leg. Think about that. What he has done at Torrey Pines alone is more than all but four players in the 156-man field at Torrey Pines have done in their entire PGA Tour careers.

But that was then, before his three back surgeries.

The now is a bit more clouded, and even Woods can't provide much clarity. He was asked Wednesday if he thought he could return to his level of play from 2013, when his five victories included a four-shot victory at Torrey Pines.

"I don't know," he said. "We all know I haven't played a full schedule in a very long time, so this is an unknown. I've been away from it for so long. I've played one tournament in that 15-month span and I haven't played a full-field event. I haven't got into the rhythm of playing weeks on end in a season."

Woods has returned nine times from a long layoff over the last 14 years. The first time was in 2003 at Torrey Pines, when he was coming off arthroscopic knee surgery. Back then, the attention wasn't on his knee. It was on Phil Mickelson's magazine interview in which Lefty said Woods was using "inferior equipment."

Woods got in the final word. He won by four shots.

Equipment was an issue again in this return, for different reasons. Woods announced Wednesday morning that he has signed a deal with TaylorMade to use its driver, fairway metals, irons and wedges. He already has a Bridgestone Golf deal to play its ball. He still has a Nike contract to wear the apparel. He's not getting paid to use his old Scotty Cameron putter, the one he used to win 13 of his majors.

There's nothing inferior about that putter.

Starting on Thursday, Woods finds out how his game stacks up against the best in the world. His swing looks just as good as it did in the Bahamas the first week of December when he played for the first time in 15 months against an 18-man field with no cut and no stress. He finished 15th, despite making 24 birdies. Woods put even more work into his game over the last seven weeks.

Even so, the measure will be his score in relation to the rest of the field.

Players whom he routinely beat for so long want to see Woods play his best again. So do the younger players, who only saw his best on television and were inspired.

It's really a strange turn of events best summed up by Padraig Harrington two years ago when he said, "Did you ever think you would hear a professional golfer genuinely and sincerely say, 'I hope Tiger Woods plays better?'"

## Pioneering TV actress Mary Tyler Moore dies at 80

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mary Tyler Moore didn't have it all on her 1970s sitcom, but what she had was enough.

A husband and kids, long the stock TV recipe for female contentment, were absent from "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Instead, Mary Richards combined work, friends and lovers into an alternative version of a modern young woman's full life.

Feminism already had said it was possible. Mary made it mainstream with her charm and million-watt smile, showing America that an independent woman could be admired and embraced.

She was so inspiring that even those lacking her perfect balance of grace and, yes, spunk, imagined themselves achieving their own success.

Moore, who died Wednesday at 80, "influenced my career more than any other tv role model," NBC newswoman Andrea Mitchell posted on Twitter. "She indeed turned on the world with her smile."

Marlo Thomas, who played another single woman intent on a career in the 1960s sitcom "That Girl," saluted Moore and their shared achievement. "I'm proud that we were in that groundbreaking sorority that brought single independent women to television. She will be deeply missed," Thomas in a statement.

In downtown Minneapolis, where Moore's sitcom was set, fans laid flowers at the base of a statue that depicts the opening-credits scene in which she joyfully, triumphantly throws her tam in the air.

Nichole Buehler, 35, who said she grew up watching the show with her great-grandmother, called Moore's character "a strong, independent" working woman.

Moore also was a daring actress whose talents extended beyond comedy, said Robert Redford, who directed her to an Oscar nomination in the 1980 family drama "Ordinary People."

"The courage she displayed in taking on a role ... darker than anything she had ever done, was brave and enormously powerful," Redford said in a statement.

Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s as frazzled wife Laura Petrie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show," went on to win seven Emmy Awards over the years.

As Laura, she traded in the housedress of countless sitcom wives for Capri pants that were as fashionable as they were suited to a modern American woman.

She wasn't perfect: Viewers identified with her flustered moments and her plaintive cry to her husband: "Ohhhh, Robbbb!"

Moore's chemistry with Van Dyke was unmistakable. Decades later, he spoke warmly of the chaste but palpable off-screen crush they shared during the show's run.

They also appeared together in several TV specials over the years and in 2003, co-starred in a PBS production of the play "The Gin Game."

"There are no words. She was THE BEST! We always said that we changed each other's lives for the better," Van Dyke tweeted.

But it was as the plucky Minneapolis TV news producer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1970-77), that Moore truly made her mark.

Mary Richards was comfortable being single in her 30s, and while she dated, she wasn't desperate to get married. She sparred affectionately with her gruff boss, Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner, and addressed him always as "Mr. Grant." And millions agreed with the show's theme song that she could "turn the world on with her smile."

The series ran seven seasons and won 29 Emmys, a record that stood for a quarter century until "Frasier" broke it in 2002.

"Everything I did was by the seat of the pants. I reacted to every written situation the way I would have in real life," Moore told The Associated Press in 1995.

"The Mary Tyler Moore Show" spawned the spin-offs "Rhoda," (1974-78), starring Valerie Harper; "Phyllis" (1975-77), starring Cloris Leachman; and "Lou Grant" (1977-82), starring Asner in a rare drama spun off from a comedy.

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"Mary Tyler Moore" was the first in a series of acclaimed, award-winning shows she produced with her second husband, Grant Tinker, who died in November 2016, through their MTM Enterprises. (The meowing kitten at the end of the shows was a parody of the MGM lion.) "The Bob Newhart Show" and "Hill Street Blues" are among the MTM series that followed.

Moore's seventh Emmy came in 1993 for a Lifetime network movie, "Stolen Babies." She had won two for "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and the other four for "Mary Tyler Moore." In 2012, Moore received the Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award.

On the big screen, Moore's appearances were less frequent. She was a 1920s flapper in the hit 1967 musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and a nun who falls for Elvis Presley in "Change of Habit" in 1969.

Moore was born in 1936 in Brooklyn; the family moved to California when she was around 8 years old. She began dance lessons as a child and launched her career while still in her teens, appearing in TV commercials.

She endured personal tragedy in her life. Her only child, Richard, who'd had trouble in school and with drugs, accidentally shot himself at 24. Her younger sister, Elizabeth, died at 21 from a combination of a painkillers and alcohol.

In her 1995 autobiography "After All," Moore admitted she helped her terminally ill brother try to commit suicide by feeding him ice cream laced with a deadly overdose of drugs. The attempt failed, and her 47-year-old brother, John, died three months later in 1992 of kidney cancer.

Moore herself lived with juvenile diabetes for some 40 years and told of her struggle in her 2009 book, "Growing Up Again." She also spent five weeks at the Betty Ford Clinic in 1984 for alcohol abuse.

In 1983, Moore married cardiologist Robert Levine, who survives her. Her marriage to Tinker lasted from 1962 to 1981. Before that, she was married to Dick Meeker from 1955 to 1961.

AP writers Frazier Moore in New York and Jeff Baenen in Minneapolis contributed to this report.

## **Dow 20,000: What does it mean and where does it go?**

**By The Associated Press**

With the Dow Jones industrials above 20,000, it's natural to ask what's going on and what, if anything, investors should do. Here are some answers to common questions that people have about the stock market.

Q. Can the stock market keep going higher?

A. The Dow has more than tripled from its low point during the recession seven years ago. Some experts have been surprised the market has continued to rise so much in recent months, particularly since corporate profits have been mostly shrinking over the last year and a half, but that doesn't mean the market can't go any higher. The market is now in the second-longest bull run since World War II, following the rally of 1990-2002.

The election of Donald Trump in November has made investors more optimistic about growth in the economy and the profit potential for industries like banking and energy, which are expected to benefit from his drive to roll back regulations, lower taxes and rev up economic growth.

But as financial advisers will tell you, it's best to base your investing decisions on your own needs and financial plans, not on what the market is doing any given moment. Don't load up on stocks if you're getting ready to retire, for example, since they're more vulnerable to short-term swings than bonds are. If you're younger and willing to tolerate the risks that come with owning stocks, they're generally considered a very good long-term investment.

Q. If the market keeps setting record highs, does that mean stocks are getting expensive?

A. By some measures, yes. The long drive up in the market has sent a key barometer of how expensive stocks are above its long-term average.

A stock's price is meant to reflect how much investors expect a company to earn in profits. If those profits grow, you'd expect the stock to rise. Sometimes, though, stock prices rise even if earnings don't, and that's when stocks start to look expensive relative to their historical norms.



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One widely used measure of value divides the price of the Standard & Poor's 500 index by the annual earnings at those companies over 10 years, adjusted for inflation. That number is currently 28.7, a bit above where it was 10 years ago but far below where it was prior to the dot-com implosion of 2000-2002. Since World War II, the average ratio has been 19.

Q. I'm embarrassed to ask, but what exactly does the Dow Jones industrial average measure?

A. The Dow Jones industrial average is calculated using the prices of 30 large, or "blue chip" stocks from various U.S. industries. It's been around since 1896, when it started out with 12 companies, one of which was General Electric, which is still in the index.

Q. How is the Dow Jones industrial average doing relative to the rest of the market?

A. Not bad, but some other parts of the market are doing even better.

Small-company stocks and transportation stocks have had even bigger gains than the Dow has. The Russell 2000 of smaller stocks is up an astounding 38.6 percent over the last 12 months, versus 26.3 percent for the Dow.

Investors have been flocking to small-company stocks partly because they expect them to benefit more than large multinationals from a pickup in U.S. economic growth and the lower taxes and deregulatory drive that President Trump is promising. Transportation stocks are up even more. The Dow Jones transportation average, a cousin to the better-known industrial average, has soared 41.6 percent over the last 12 months.

Other parts of the market are also up, but not as much as the Dow. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has also been setting records, as has the Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology and pharmaceutical companies. The S&P 500 is up 22.4 percent over the last year, and the Nasdaq composite, is up 25.2 percent.

Q. When did the Dow first close above 10,000?

A. On March 29, 1999.

Q: Does the Dow at 20,000 mean anything for my 401(k)?

A: Not directly. It's an indicator that stocks generally are doing well, but most stock funds in 401(k) and Individual Retirement Accounts track or compare themselves against other indexes.

The Dow had roughly \$36 billion in investments tied to it, as of last spring, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. The S&P 500, meanwhile, had more than \$2.1 trillion.

Q. So stocks have gone up a lot, what about bonds?

A. Bond prices have gone down a fair bit since the election, which has sent long-term interest rates higher. The day before the election, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which is used to set rates on mortgages and other loans, was 1.85 percent. It now sits at 2.52 percent.

Investors have been selling bonds because they expect that the infrastructure spending plans of the president-elect could lead to faster economic growth and higher inflation, both of which are bad for bonds.

Q. What about other markets around the world, how are they doing?

A. In general, not as well as the U.S. market. In Europe, Italy's market is up just 5.1 percent over the last year. France's index has gained about half as much as the Dow has over the past year, while indexes in German and Britain lag the Dow slightly. Japan's market is up 11.4 percent over the last 12 months, less than half of the Dow's gain.

AP Business Writer Bernard Condon contributed to this story.

## Trump moves to 'build that wall' with Mexico, curb refugees

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump moved aggressively to tighten the nation's immigration controls Wednesday, signing executive actions to jumpstart construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and cut federal grants for immigrant-protecting "sanctuary cities." As early as Thursday, he is expected to pause the flow of all refugees to the U.S. and indefinitely bar those fleeing war-torn Syria.

"Beginning today the United States of America gets back control of its borders," Trump declared during

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a visit to the Department of Homeland Security. "We are going to save lives on both sides of the border."

The actions, less than a week into Trump's presidency, fulfilled pledges that animated his candidacy and represented a dramatic redirection of U.S. immigration policy. They were cheered by Republicans allies in Congress, condemned by immigration advocates and triggered immediate new tension with the Mexican government.

"I regret and reject the decision of the U.S. to build the wall," Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto said Wednesday in a nationally televised address.

Trump is expected to wield his executive power again later this week with the directive to dam the refugee flow into the U.S. for at least four months, in addition to the open-ended pause on Syrian arrivals.

The president's upcoming order is also expected to suspend issuing visas for people from several predominantly Muslim countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — for at least 30 days, according to a draft executive order obtained by The Associated Press.

Trump is unveiling his immigration plans at a time when detentions at the nation's southern border are down significantly from levels seen in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The arrest tally last year was the fifth-lowest since 1972. Deportations of people living in the U.S. illegally also increased under President Barack Obama, though Republicans criticized him for setting prosecution guidelines that spared some groups from the threat of deportation, including those brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

As a candidate, Trump tapped into the immigration concerns of some Americans who worry both about a loss of economic opportunities and the threat of criminals and terrorists entering the country. His call for a border wall was among his most popular proposals with supporters, who often broke out in chants of "build that wall" during rallies.

Immigration advocates and others assailed the new president's actions. Omar Jadwat, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project, said the president's desire to construct a border wall was "driven by racial and ethnic bias that disgraces America's proud tradition of protecting vulnerable migrants."

How Trump plans to pay for the wall project is murky. While he has repeatedly promised that Mexico will foot the bill, U.S. taxpayers are expected to cover the initial costs and the new administration has said nothing about how it might compel Mexico to reimburse the money.

In an interview with ABC News earlier Wednesday, Trump said, "There will be a payment; it will be in a form, perhaps a complicated form."

Pena Nieto said Wednesday, "I have said time and again, Mexico will not pay for any wall." He has been expected to meet with Trump at the White House next week, although a senior official said Trump's announcement had led him to reconsider the visit.

Congressional aides say there is about \$100 million of unspent appropriations in the Department of Homeland Security account for border security, fencing and infrastructure. That would allow planning efforts to get started, but far more money would have to be appropriated for construction to begin.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, in an interview Wednesday on MSNBC, said Congress will work with Trump on the upfront financing for the wall. Asked about estimates that the project could cost \$8 billion to \$14 billion, Ryan said, "That's about right."

Trump has insisted many times the border structure will be a wall. The order he signed referred to "a contiguous, physical wall or other similarly secure, contiguous and impassable physical barrier."

To build the wall, the president is relying on a 2006 law that authorized several hundred miles of fencing along the 2,000-mile frontier. That bill led to the construction of about 700 miles of various kinds of fencing designed to block both vehicles and pedestrians.

The president's orders also call for hiring 5,000 additional border patrol agents and 10,000 more immigration officers, though the increases are subject to the approval of congressional funding. He also moved to end what Republicans have labeled a catch-and-release system at the border. Currently, some immigrants caught crossing the border illegally are released and given notices to report back to immigration officials at a later date.

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Trump's crackdown on sanctuary cities — locales that don't cooperate with immigration authorities — could cost individual jurisdictions millions of dollars. But the administration may face legal challenges, given that some federal courts have found that cities or counties cannot hold immigrants beyond their jail terms or deny them bond based only a request from immigration authorities.

Some of the nation's largest metropolitan areas — including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago — are considered sanctuary cities.

The president also moved to restart the "Secure Communities" program, which was launched under President George W. Bush and initially touted as a way for immigration authorities to quickly and easily identify people in the country illegally who had been arrested by local authorities.

The program helped the Obama administration deport a record high of more than 409,000 immigrants in 2012. But Obama eventually abandoned the program after immigration advocates and civil libertarians decried it as too often targeting immigrants charged with low-level crimes, including traffic violations.

Among those in the audience for Trump's remarks at DHS were the families of people killed by people in the U.S. illegally. After reading the names of those killed, Trump said, "Your children will not have lost their lives for no reason."

Trump's actions on halting all refugees could be announced sometime this week. Administration officials and others briefed on the plans cautioned that some details of the measures could still be changed, but indicated that Trump planned to follow through on his campaign promises to limit access to the U.S. for people coming from countries with terrorism ties.

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## Asian stocks up after Dow breaks through 20,000 milestone

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian shares advanced Thursday as investors cheered the Dow Jones industrial average's first ever close above the 20,000 milestone.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 surged 1.6 percent to 19,368.40 and South Korea's Kospi gained 0.9 percent to 2,086.37. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index advanced 1.4 percent to 23,365.01. The Shanghai Composite index rose 0.1 percent to 3,153.77 and benchmarks in Southeast Asia were also higher. Australian and Indian markets are closed for holidays.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Asian markets are slated for higher prices in the day with the jubilation from Wall Street and ahead of the Chinese New Year holidays," said Jingyi Pan, a market strategist at IG in Singapore. "Into the end of the week, Asian markets excluding Japan have been showing substantial resilience."

WALL STREET: The Dow's breaking through the 20,000 mark on Wednesday was the latest milestone in a record-setting drive for the stock market. The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite also touched record highs of their own for a second day in a row. The Dow, which tracks 30 major industrial companies, gained 155.80 points, or 0.8 percent, to 20,068.51. The S&P 500 index rose 18.30 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,298.37. The Nasdaq added 55.38 points, or 1 percent, to 5,656.34.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude oil added 45 cents to \$53.20 per barrel in New York. The contract fell 43 cents to close at \$52.75 a barrel on Wednesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 49 cents at \$55.91 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar strengthened to 113.38 yen from 113.19 while the euro was steady at \$1.0757.

## Official: Mexico's president 'considering' scrapping US trip

By E. EDUARDO CASTILLO, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's president is "considering" canceling next week's visit to Washington following President Donald Trump's order to begin construction of a wall between the two countries, a senior official said.

In a nationally televised speech late Wednesday, President Enrique Pena Nieto condemned the U.S. decision and repeated that Mexico would not pay for the wall despite Trump's avowals that it would.

"I regret and reject the decision of the U.S. to build the wall," he said. "I have said time and again, Mexico will not pay for any wall."

Pena Nieto did not directly mention whether he would make the trip to Washington on Jan. 31, but said he would await reports from the high-level team of Mexican officials currently meeting with Trump administration officials in Washington.

"Based on the final report from the Mexican officials who are in Washington right now ... I will make decisions about what to do next," he said.

After talking tough about the wall, he held out an olive branch, saying "Mexico re-affirms its friendship with the people of the United States, and its willingness to reach agreements with its government."

The decision to possibly rethink the visit comes amid growing outrage in Mexico, and a sense among many that Pena Nieto has been too weak in the face of Trump's tough policy stance.

The senior official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press the administration "is considering" scrapping Pena Nieto's visit to the U.S. "That's what I can tell you."

It was not clear when a final decision may be made.

Trump's order came the same day Mexico's foreign relations and economy secretaries arrived in Washington, and its timing was seen by many in Mexico as a slap in the face.

Critics of Pena Nieto - whose approval ratings were just 12 percent in a recent survey, the lowest for any Mexican president in the polling era - have hammered him for his perceived weakness on Trump. Opposition politicians urged him Wednesday to call off the trip.

"The position is very clear," said Ricardo Anaya Cortes, president of the conservative opposition National Action Party. "Either one cancels the meeting with Donald Trump, or one attends it to say publicly and with absolute firmness that Mexico rejects the wall and we will not pay a single cent for it."

Trump has also promised to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Analyst Jorge Zepeda Patterson argued that Pena Nieto should keep the meeting as scheduled, saying Mexico should exhaust all possibilities for negotiating to minimize damage. He said Pena Nieto should try to reach an agreement that's enough to let Trump claim victory and then move on to another foil.

"Trump is more interested in boasting of an immediate success than an ambitious result. He is interested in appearances," Zepeda said.

The U.S. president has also promised to step up deportations. He launched his campaign with remarks calling immigrants crossing in illegally from Mexico criminals, drug dealers and "rapists." Trump added that "some" were presumably good people, but the comments nonetheless deeply offended many Mexicans.

Pena Nieto was roundly criticized after inviting candidate Trump to Mexico City last August and disappointed many of his countrymen by not publicly confronting Trump on the wall.

On Tuesday, ahead of their trip to Washington, the economy and foreign relations secretaries suggested that Mexico could leave NAFTA if negotiations with Washington are unsatisfactory - though that would not be the first choice.

Already Mexico is feeling the effects of the new tone from Washington. The Mexican peso has sharply devalued since Trump was elected, and several high-profile business ventures have been canceled amid threats to impose a border tax on goods made in Mexico and exported to the United States.



## 'Sanctuary cities' undaunted by Trump move to cut funding

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Politicians in New York, Seattle and other "sanctuary cities" that protect immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally declared Wednesday they won't be intimidated by a move by President Donald Trump to cut off millions in federal funding to such communities.

Many cities vowed legal action, arguing that the threatened punishment would be unconstitutional. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh promised to let immigrants who feel threatened by the administration's actions take shelter in City Hall if necessary.

"This city will not be bullied by this administration," Seattle Mayor Ed Murray said, adding that he instructed city departments to rework their budgets to prepare for the possibility that federal dollars could be lost. "We believe we have the rule of law and the courts on our side."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee called Trump's executive orders on immigration mean-spirited and unnecessary. California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat, tweeted: "See you in court."

In New York, Trump's hometown, city officials said the administration's action could take away over \$150 million in law enforcement funding mainly for counterterrorism efforts, protecting international missions and dignitaries and, arguably, safeguarding Trump Tower, city officials said.

"Here in New York City and in cities across this nation, this order could in fact undermine public safety," Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference Wednesday evening — a concern echoed by District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser.

While there is no formal definition of the term "sanctuary city," it generally refers to jurisdictions that do not cooperate with federal immigration officials.

In some cases, these cities tell police not to inquire about the immigration status of those they encounter, or they decline requests from immigration officials to keep defendants in custody while they await deportation.

Others say they do cooperate with such "detainer" requests as long as they're backed by court-issued warrants, but won't allow local officers to enforce federal immigration law.

Advocates say such noncooperation policies protect people who may not have exhausted their rights to apply for U.S. residency. They also say that crime victims and witnesses are more likely to cooperate with police if they are not afraid of being deported.

"We're not going to sacrifice any of our folks here in Providence," said Jorge Elorza, the mayor of Providence, Rhode Island. "My job is to represent every single resident in the city of Providence, and we will continue to do that."

Supporters of a crackdown on sanctuary cities point to cases like the fatal shooting of Kate Steinle in 2015 on a San Francisco pier. A man who had been previously deported and had been released by local law enforcement was charged in her death.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said the Trump administration is going to "strip federal grant money from the sanctuary states and cities that harbor illegal immigrants."

Trump signed an executive order that appeared more limited than that. It referred to withholding Justice Department and Homeland Security funds from only those jurisdictions that bar local officials from communicating with federal authorities about someone's immigration status.

Peter L. Markowitz, a professor at Cardozo Law School in New York, said such an attempt to cut off funding would face strong legal challenges.

"The Constitution prohibits the president from defunding jurisdictions that won't do his bidding," Markowitz said. "There's nothing in federal law that requires localities or states to participate in federal immigration enforcement. Second, the Constitution grants Congress — not the president — the power to determine how federal dollars are spent."

In California, local law enforcement officials are barred from holding immigrants arrested on lesser crimes for deportation purposes.

More than 100 immigration rights advocates crowded on the steps of San Francisco City Hall, holding

signs that said "Undocumented & Unafraid" and "Don't let hate Trump our values."

"When we know that there is a violation of human rights here, this is where we excel," San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer said to cheers. "This is where we lead the nation and we say, 'We will not back down and we will stand up for what we believe is right.'"

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This story has been corrected to reflect that Kate Steinle was killed in 2015, not last year as previously stated.

## Draft order would halt refugee processing for Syrians

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL and VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A draft executive order obtained by The Associated Press shows that President Donald Trump intends to stop accepting Syrian refugees and suspend the United States' broader refugee program for 120 days.

The president also plans to suspend issuing visas for people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen for at least 30 days, according to the draft. All are predominantly Muslim countries.

Trump is expected to sign the order this week. It was not clear if the draft will be revised before then.

The actions would continue Trump's rapid-fire attempts in his first week as president to move forward on signature issues of his campaign: cracking down on illegal immigration and blocking the entry of people from countries where terrorist organizations have a significant presence. On Wednesday, Trump issued orders aimed at moving ahead with a wall on the Mexican border and blocking federal funds from "sanctuary cities" that protect immigrants.

Trump's draft shows that he will order Homeland Security and State Department officials, along with the director of national intelligence, to review what information the government needs to fully vet would-be visitors and come up with a list of countries that don't provide it. The order says the government will give countries 60 days to start providing the information or citizens from those countries will be barred from traveling to the United States.

Exceptions would be made for diplomats, NATO visas or those people traveling to work at the United Nations.

During the campaign Trump, said vetting procedures were inadequate and suggested that terrorists could pose as Syrian refugees to infiltrate the United States.

During the Obama administration, vetting for Syrians routinely took years to complete and included in-person interviews overseas, where they provided biographical details about themselves, including their families, friendships, social or political activities, employment, phone numbers, email accounts and more. They also provided biometric information about themselves, including fingerprints and Syrians are subject to additional, classified controls that administration officials at the time declined to describe.

Word of the planned executive order prompted a fast-growing group of about 150 people outside the White House gates around dusk Wednesday. Protesters chanted, "this is what democracy looks like!" They waved banners with messages like, "refugees welcome" and "anti-Muslim=anti-American."

While suspending visas for Syrians, Trump is directing the Pentagon and the State Department to "produce a plan" for safe zones in Syria and the surrounding area within 90 days, but includes no details.

Safe zones, proposed by both Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton during the campaign, were considered by the Obama administration years ago and ruled out because of the resources required to implement them. Those challenges have only grown since Russia's military intervention, in which Moscow introduced advanced air defense systems into Syria.

That means U.S. personnel could potentially end up in direct military confrontation with the Russians or

with Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces if the U.S. tried to prevent Assad's warplanes from operating in the zones.

Trump has the authority to determine how many refugees are accepted annually and he can suspend the program at any time. Refugee processing was suspended in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, restarting months later.

During the last budget year, the U.S. accepted 84,995 refugees, including 12,587 people from Syria and President Barack Obama had set the refugee limit for this budget year at 110,000.

Trump, according to his yet-to-be-signed executive order, will cut that program by more half to 50,000. The order said while the program is suspended, the U.S. may admit people on a case-by-case basis "when in the national interest" and the government would continue to process refugee requests from people claiming religious persecution, "provided that the religion....is a minority religion in the individual's country." That suggests that would allow the admission of Christians from Muslim-majority countries.

Trump's order also directs government officials to make a variety of changes to how visas are issued, including requiring that everyone applying for a non-immigrant visa be interviewed in person. Previously, waivers could be granted to skip the interview.

The order says its purpose is to make sure anyone allowed to enter the United States doesn't "bear hostile attitudes toward our country and its founding principles."

"We cannot, and should not, admit into our country those who do not support the U.S. Constitution, or those who place violent religious edicts over American law," Trump said in the order. He added that the U.S. should bar foreigners who "engage in acts of bigotry and hatred," citing honor killings or other violence against women and religious persecution.

There is no religious test to enter the United States and the Immigration Act of 1990 all but eliminated the government's ability to exclude would-be immigrants on ideological grounds. But it does allow the government to block someone from the country if their "entry or proposed activities in the United States.... would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences."

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## **Extremist gunmen storm hotel in Somali capital, 11 killed**

**By FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH and ABDI GULED, Associated Press**

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — At least 11 were killed and 50 injured Wednesday as Somali security forces ended a siege by extremist fighters who stormed a hotel in the capital, police said.

Four al-Shabab attackers were also killed in the attack on Dayah hotel, which is often frequented by government officials, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior police officer. The death toll may rise, he said.

Survivors described chaotic scenes in which hotel residents hid under beds and others jumped out of windows of the four-story building to escape the attackers.

"They kicked down room doors and at some point posed themselves as rescue teams by telling those inside to come out (only) to kill them," said Hassan Nur, a traditional Somali elder.

He said two well-known clan elders were among those killed.

The assault on the hotel started when a suicide car bomb exploded at its gates. A second explosion soon followed.

Dozens of people, including lawmakers, were thought to have been staying at the hotel at the time of the morning attack, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein.

A nearby shopping center caught fire and dozens of people helped save goods from the flames.

Somalia's homegrown Islamic extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack via its online radio, Andalus, saying its fighters succeeded in entering the hotel.

Al-Shabab frequently targets hotels and other public places often visited by government officials and foreigners. Al-Qaida's East African affiliate is fighting to impose a strict version of Islam in this Horn of

Africa nation.

In June, gunmen stormed the Nasa-Hablod hotel, killing at least 14 people. Two weeks before that, gunmen killed 15, including two members of parliament, at the Ambassador hotel.

Despite being ousted from most of its key strongholds, al-Shabab continues to carry out deadly guerrilla attacks across large parts of south and central Somalia.

Earlier this month, a bomb explosion at a restaurant in Mogadishu killed three, and a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle at a security checkpoint near the international airport, killing at least three. That blast occurred a few hundred meters (yards) from the main base of the African Union peacekeeping mission.

Al-Shabab's assaults have threatened this nation's attempts to rebuild from decades of chaos. The presidential election, a key step toward recovery, already has been delayed several times because of security and other concerns.

Guled contributed from Hargeisa, Somalia.

## **Trump says torture works as his government readies a review**

**By BRADLEY KLAPPER, DESMOND BUTLER and DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declared Wednesday he believes torture works as his administration readied a sweeping review of how America conducts the war on terror. It includes possible resumption of banned interrogation methods and reopening CIA-run "black site" prisons outside the United States.

In an interview with ABC News, Trump said he would wage war against Islamic State militants with the singular goal of keeping the U.S. safe. Asked specifically about the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding, Trump cited the extremist group's atrocities against Christians and others and said: "We have to fight fire with fire."

Trump said he would consult with new Defense Secretary James Mattis and CIA Director Mike Pompeo before authorizing any new policy. But he said he had asked top intelligence officials in the past day: "Does torture work?"

"And the answer was yes, absolutely," Trump said.

He added that he wants to do "everything within the bounds of what you're allowed to do legally."

A clip of Trump's interview was released after The Associated Press and other news outlets obtained copies of a draft executive order being circulated within his administration.

Beyond reviewing interrogation techniques and facilities, the draft order would instruct the Pentagon to send newly captured "enemy combatants" to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, instead of closing the detention facility as President Barack Obama had wanted. Altogether, the possible changes could mark a dramatic return to how the Bush administration waged its campaign against al-Qaida and other extremist groups.

Trump spokesman Sean Spicer, questioned about the draft order, said it was "not a White House document" but would not comment further.

House Speaker Paul Ryan told MSNBC the draft order was not written by the Trump administration. "My understanding is this was written by somebody who worked on the transition before. ... This is not something the Trump administration is planning on, working on," Ryan said.

The draft says U.S. laws should be obeyed at all times and explicitly rejects "torture." But its reconsideration of the harsh techniques banned by Obama and Congress raises questions about the definition of the word and is sure to inflame passions in the U.S. and abroad.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, President George W. Bush authorized a covert program that led to dozens of detainees being held in secret locations overseas and to interrogation tactics that included sleep deprivation, slapping and slamming against walls, confinement in small boxes, prolonged isolation and even death threats. Three detainees faced waterboarding. Many developed psychological problems.

While some former government leaders insist the program was effective in obtaining critical intelligence,



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many others say the abuses weakened America's moral standing in the world, hurt morale among intelligence officers and proved ineffective before Obama shut it down.

The AP obtained the draft order from a U.S. official, who said it had been distributed by the White House for consultations before Trump signs it. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity.

The Pentagon didn't immediately comment and Spicer, Trump's press secretary, said, "I have no idea where it came from." But reports of the upcoming order quickly sparked alarm among Republicans and Democrats.

"The president can sign whatever executive orders he likes. But the law is the law," said Republican Sen. John McCain, tortured himself as a prisoner during the Vietnam War. "We are not bringing back torture in the United States of America."

On the campaign trail, Trump spoke emphatically about toughening the U.S. approach to fighting the Islamic State group. He said he would authorize waterboarding and a "hell of a lot worse." After winning the election, however, he appeared to backtrack, pointedly citing Mattis' advice that torture is ineffective.

Pompeo, Trump's CIA director, said in his confirmation hearing that he would abide by all laws. But he also said he'd consult with CIA and other government experts on whether current restrictions were an "impediment to gathering vital intelligence to protect the country or whether any rewrite of the Army Field Manual is needed."

Specifically, Trump's draft order calls for reinstating an executive order — "to the extent permitted" by current law — that President Bush signed in 2007 and Obama later revoked.

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Among the interrogation techniques banned by the manual were forced nakedness, hooding, beatings, sexual humiliation, threatening with dogs, mock executions, electric shocks, burning and waterboarding.

Any changes would face steep legal and legislative hurdles.

McCain, the Senate Armed Services Committee's chairman, may be the most formidable opponent in Congress, but he is not the only one.

"It is wrong and I hope he will rethink it," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said.

On Guantanamo, the draft order says detention facilities "are a critical tool in the fight against international jihadist terrorist groups who are engaged in armed conflict with the United States, its allies and its coalition partners." About 40 detainees remain in Guantanamo.

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U.S. intelligence agencies say 17.6 percent of detainees released from Guantanamo are confirmed to have re-engaged in conflict. An additional 12.4 percent are "suspected" of re-engaging.

Trump pledged on the campaign trail to "load it up with some bad dudes."

But it's unclear who the new detainees would be. As American ground troops have stepped back this decade from the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan, captures of high-level detainees have become much rarer, and Obama tried to direct them through the U.S. justice system.

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## Chicago mayor welcomes help, warns against deploying troops

By DON BABWIN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A day after President Donald Trump declared he was ready to "send in the Feds" if Chicago can't reduce its homicides, Mayor Rahm Emanuel warned against deploying the National Guard, saying it would hurt efforts to restore trust in the police.

Trump offered no details on what kind of federal intervention he was suggesting or if it could involve troops, but the mayor cautioned that using the military could make matters worse.

"We're going through a process of reinvigorating community policing, building trust between the community and law enforcement," the mayor told reporters Wednesday. Sending troops "is antithetical to the spirit of community policing."

He said he welcomed federal help battling "gangs, guns and drugs."

On Tuesday night, Trump tweeted: "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on, 228 shootings in 2017 with 42 killings (up 24% from 2016), I will send in the Feds!"

If the president was suggesting the use of federal troops, such a plan could face practical and constitutional obstacles. A law dating back to 1878 prohibits the deployment of federal troops to do the jobs of domestic police, with some rarely invoked exceptions.

In his campaign, Trump talked regularly about getting tough on crime, sometimes singling out Chicago, which was in the midst of a year in which the death toll soared to 762 — the most killings in the city in nearly two decades and more than New York and Los Angeles combined.

His tweet also came less than two weeks after the Justice Department issued a scathing report that

found years of civil rights violations by Chicago police. The investigation was launched after the release of a video showing the 2014 death of a black teenager who was shot 16 times by a white officer.

The Justice Department documented cases in which officers shot people who did not pose a threat and used stun guns for no other reason except that people refused officers' commands.

Emanuel, a Democrat who once worked as former President Barack Obama's White House chief of staff, said the police department already partners with federal agencies such as the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration to combat crime, including efforts to halt the flow of illegal guns pouring into Chicago from elsewhere. He said he would like to see that cooperation "expanded dramatically."

On Tuesday night, the mayor told WTTW's "Chicago Tonight" that he welcomed government assistance in the form of more money to hire officers and more resources to track illegal guns. But he also bluntly said the government has not done nearly enough, something he reiterated on Wednesday.

Over the years, he said, when it comes to after-school activities, summer jobs and other youth programs, the government "has walked away."

Trump's tweet came a day after Emanuel criticized Trump for worrying about the size of the crowd at his inauguration.

The figures cited by Trump are the same as those published Monday in the Chicago Tribune. The tweet was posted about the time Tuesday evening that the figures were cited on Fox television's "O'Reilly Factor."

The numbers were slightly different from the latest tally by the Chicago Police Department. As of Tuesday, police said, 234 people have been shot in 2017, including 38 who died. At this point last year, 227 people had been shot, including 33 deaths.

Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi explained that the department's numbers are slightly different because they do not include shootings by officers, shootings that were considered "justified," such as those that were in self-defense, and shootings that were investigated by state police because they occurred on expressways.

It appears that the president's numbers for homicides came from the county's medical examiner's office, Guglielmi said.

Earlier this month, before he took office, Trump tweeted that Emanuel should ask for federal help if he isn't able to bring down the number of homicides.

Rep. Luis Gutierrez, a Chicago Democrat, called the president the "tweeter-in-chief" and said Trump would "rather spend his time on Twitter" than look for ways to reduce gun violence.

"The president wants publicity and to be seen beating up on Democratic elected officials and appearing hostile to a big city like Chicago in the eyes of his suburban and rural voters," Gutierrez said.

Another Chicago Democrat, Rep. Mike Quigley, called Trump's threat "reckless and misguided" and a "gross overreach of federal power." He called on the president to increase funding for federal programs that he said were cut by Republicans but would help local law enforcement. He also called on Trump to support "commonsense, pragmatic gun laws."

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Associated Press Writer Michael Tarm contributed to this report.

## **Butch Trucks, founding member of Allman Brothers, dies at 69**

**By KRISTIN M. HALL, Associated Press**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Drummer Butch Trucks, one of the founding members of the Southern rock legend The Allman Brothers Band, has died. He was 69.

Page Stallings, Trucks' booking agent, said Trucks died Tuesday at his home in West Palm Beach, Florida. Stallings didn't know the cause of death.

Trucks was one of two original drummers, along with Jai Johanny "Jaimoe" Johanson, who helped formed the rhythms and the drive for The Allman Brothers. Formed in 1969 and led by Duane and Gregg Allman, the group helped define the Southern rock sound that incorporated blues, rock, country and jazz.

Originally from Jacksonville, Trucks joined with the Allman siblings to form the band, including guitar-



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ist Dickey Betts and bassist Berry Oakley. They moved to Macon, Georgia, to cut their first record with Capricorn Records.

In a statement released Wednesday, Gregg Allman mourned the loss of his longtime friend and partner. "I'm heartbroken. I've lost another brother and it hurts beyond words. Butch and I knew each other since we were teenagers and we were bandmates for over 45 years. He was a great man and a great drummer and I'm going to miss him forever. Rest In Peace Brother Butch," Allman said.

The two drummers melded their individual styles, with Trucks considered to be the straightforward, driving train rhythm player, while Johanson added his R&B and jazz drumming influences.

The band's 1971 live album, "At Fillmore East," became their seminal breakthrough album, featuring a fusion of jazz, blues and rock. It featured songs like "You Don't Love Me" and a 22-minute-long version of "Whipping Post."

But Duane Allman died shortly after that record in 1971 and Oakley died in 1972. The band continued to record and tour before breaking up in the late '70s. Over the last three decades, they have reformed several times with additional band members.

In 1995, The Allman Brothers Band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Trucks also helped encourage a family lineage of musicians. One nephew, Derek Trucks, is the frontman of the Tedeschi Trucks Band and also joined The Allman Brothers band in 1999 as a guitarist. Another nephew, Duane Trucks, is the drummer for Widespread Panic.

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## Government bites back: Civil servants troll Trump, leak info

By LISA LERER and JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Across the government, an unprecedented digital insurrection is taking shape. President Donald Trump spent much of his campaign bashing the federal government, a system he described as awash in “waste fraud and abuse.”

Now, the bureaucracy is biting back.

In response to Trump’s hiring freeze for federal agencies and a communications blackout, some official social media accounts have tweeted out messages decidedly at odds with his agenda and leaks are flowing into newsrooms from across the federal government.

Some agencies have been notably subversive in their messages, posting quotes and commentary that could be seen as trying to bait their new boss into a confrontation.

The Defense Department used Twitter on Wednesday to publicize an article about an Iraqi refugee who became a U.S. Marine.

“From refugee to #Marine. @USMC Cpl Ali J. Mohammed takes the fight to the doorstep of those who cast his family out,” the department wrote of his fight in Iraq.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Trump’s aides said a few hours earlier that the president is working out the details of plans to restrict refugees coming into the country.

Former Cabinet officials say the president would be wise not to underestimate the power of the civil service, which not only has the ability to slow the progress of new regulations but also the inside knowledge to sound alarms when needed.

Roughly 4,000 of more than 2 million federal government jobs can be filled by presidential appointment, meaning that career employees far outnumber the high-profile advisers, agency directors, special assistants, ambassadors and Cabinet officials selected by Trump and his team.

“Trump’s statements have poisoned the well to a degree,” said Christine Todd Whitman, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency under President George W. Bush. “If the career staff doesn’t believe you, if they don’t trust you, then things can get very cumbersome.”

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Wednesday that certain government agencies are taking action to address an “inappropriate” use of social media.

But despite broad orders not to engage with the public or media without permission, it’s going to be tricky for the White House to plug all the possible leaks or to stop public outbursts from angry or concerned government workers.

Even before he took office, employees at the Energy Department shared information about a Trump transition team request for the names of department staffers who’d worked on President Barack Obama’s climate-change initiatives. The ensuing backlash prompted transition officials to disavow the questionnaire as a mistake.

On Wednesday, The Associated Press obtained a draft of an executive order showing that Trump is considering a major review of America’s methods for interrogating terror suspects and the possible reopening of CIA-run “black site” prisons outside the United States. The same order would reverse the planned closure of the U.S. detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Trump, who has no government experience and led a family-owned company, may not fully understand what, exactly, he’s facing. His Cabinet, stocked largely with former business executives and members of Congress, has a more limited knowledge of the intricacies of the federal government, said Kathleen Sebelius, a secretary of Health and Human Services in the Obama administration.

“A CEO of a private company doesn’t answer to shareholders or a board,” said Sebelius. “If you say jump, somebody jumps. That, thank God, is not the way government operates.”

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Further limiting Trump's control of the federal bureaucracy has been the slow pace at which his own people are taking over. Trump has filled just 31 of the 690 key political positions requiring Senate confirmation, according to the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service, which is tracking executive branch nominations. Only four of his appointees have been confirmed by Congress.

"Right now, I'd say it's advantage government because you're up against people who don't know how the game is played," said Paul Light, a public service professor at New York University.

One of the first bureaucracies to enter a standoff with Trump was the usually straight-laced Office of Government Ethics, which helps executive branch employees resolve conflicts of interest before taking their posts.

Director Walter Shaub channeled Trump's online persona in a series of nine bravado-inflected tweets calling for Trump to sell off his financial holdings, which the president has said he will not do.

This week, Shaub was admonished by Democratic and Republican members Congress for his actions.

Most of the resistance is coming from agencies with a focus on environmental protection and scientific research. Several federal Twitter accounts have begun posting social media messages, some of them simply facts about climate change. Trump has notably expressed skepticism about climate science.

Tuesday tweets by South Dakota's Badlands National Park - one read, "Today, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is higher than at any time in the last 650,000 years" - were deleted soon after they were posted; the National Park Service said the Badlands account had been compromised by a former employee.

The rebellion of the nation's parks went viral on Inauguration Day, when the official Twitter account of the National Park Service reposted side-by-side photographs of the massive crowd assembled for Obama's swearing-in ceremony and the less dense one for Trump's.

The account later deleted the tweet and apologized.

Associated Press writers Michael Sisak in Philadelphia and Michael Biesecker in Washington contributed to this report.

## Florida woman accused of throwing tampon at police officer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A Florida woman has been charged after police say she hit an officer with a tampon.

Local news outlets report that 28-year-old Tacora Fields was arrested and charged with aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer.

A police report says Fields was involved in a fight when a St. Petersburg police officer responded.

Police say Fields threatened to hit the officer with her tampon. Authorities say Fields then removed the feminine hygiene product and threw it at the officer, hitting him in the shoulder.

Police say Fields tried to flee the scene, but the officer used a stun gun on her and she was taken into custody. It's unclear if she has an attorney.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Thursday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2017. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to head to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

On this date:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.



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In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

In 1939, during the Spanish Civil War, rebel forces led by Gen. Francisco Franco captured Barcelona.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

In 1988, Australians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country as a grand parade of tall ships re-enacted the voyage of the first European settlers. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Ten years ago: The White House said President George W. Bush had authorized U.S. forces in Iraq to take whatever actions were necessary to counter Iranian agents deemed a threat to American troops or the public at large. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told a news conference that a congressional resolution opposing President Bush's troop buildup in Iraq undercut U.S. commanders and emboldened the enemy. Nine black youths were convicted in juvenile court in Long Beach, California, of beating three white women in a racially charged attack on Halloween night. (The nine were later sentenced to probation and house arrest after spending about three months in custody during their trials.)

Five years ago: The Pentagon outlined a plan for slowing the growth of military spending, including cutting the size of the Army and Marine Corps, retiring older planes and trimming war costs. An aggressive Mitt Romney repeatedly challenged Republican rival Newt Gingrich in their final debate before the critical Florida primary. Capping three days of mourning, some 12,000 people — including Penn State students, fans and football stars — paid tribute to the late Joe Paterno in a campus memorial service that exposed a strong undercurrent of anger over his firing. Actor Robert Hegyes, 60, died in Edison, New Jersey.

One year ago: The FBI arrested the leaders of an armed group that was occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon for more than three weeks during a traffic stop that left one man, Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, dead. Pope Francis held talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani (hah-SAHN' roh-HAH'-nee) at the Vatican, calling on Tehran to play a key role in stopping the spread of terrorism. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced that its symbolic "Doomsday Clock" remained at three minutes to midnight, citing rising tension between Russia and the U.S., North Korea's recent nuclear test and a lack of aggressive steps to address climate change. Character actor Abe Vigoda, 94, died in Woodland Park, New Jersey.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 94. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 88. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 82. Actor Scott Glenn is 78. Singer Jean Knight is 74. Activist Angela Davis is 73. Actor Richard Portnow is 70. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 69. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 68. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 64. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 62. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 59. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 59. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 56. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 54. Actor Paul Johansson is 53. Director Lenny Abrahamson is 51. Actor Bryan Callen is 50. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 47. Actor Nate Mooney is 45. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 44. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 43. Actor Gilles Marini (ZHEEL ma-REE'-nee) is 41. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 41. NBA player Vince Carter is 40. Actress Sarah Rue is 39. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 36. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 34.

Thought for Today: "Thinking is easy, acting is difficult, and to put one's thoughts into action is the most difficult thing in the world." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (GU'-tuh), German poet, dramatist and author (1749-1832).