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Death Notice: Fern Kersting

Fern Kersting, 86, of Groton passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017 at her home. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garner Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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Monday, Jan. 30

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken strip, wedge fries, breadsticks, fruit, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Turkey Tetrazzine, green beans, honey fruit salad, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.

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

5:00 pm: JHBBB at Redfield (7th grade at 5 p.m., 8th grade at 6 p.m.)

GBB hosts Northwestern (C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity)

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Boys Basketball at Langford: 7th and 8th grade times to be determined. JV boys at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, muffin, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Senior Menu: Breaded fish, parsley buttered potatoes, Prince Edward Island Vegetable, Sherbet, whole wheat bread.

NAEP Testing at GHS

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m.,

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Carnival of Silver Skates



Katie Koehler was crowned the 2017 Carnival of Silver Skates queen by the 2014 Silver Skates Queen Breanna Marzahn. After the crowning of the queen, the court and Marzahn pulled Koehler around the rink the Silver Skates sleigh.



Breanna Marzahn puts the crown and cape on Katie Koehler, the new Silver Skates Queen.



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Kindergarten: "When I Grow Up"

Abby Fjeldheim, Tenley Frost, and Aurora Washenberger

Instructors: Nicole Marzahn and Madeline Schuelke



3rd Grade "It's a Hard Knock Life"

Mia Crank, Emma Davies, Rylee Dunker, Breslyn Jeschke, Jerica Locke, Paisley Mitchell, Jaedyn Penning, and Cali Tollifson

Instructors: Tasha Dunker and Alexa Schuring

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Specialty Act "True Colors"
Guest Skater, Rachel Scheidt -
Watertown Figure Skate Club



5th Grade "Let's Hang On"

Cadence Feist, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Sydney Leicht, Sara Menzia, Hannah Monson, Kate Profeta, Emma Schinkel, and Ashlyn Sperry
Instructor: Jasmine Schaller

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8th Grade "One"

Tessa Erdmann, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Hailey Monson, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, and Grace Wiedrick. Instructor: Kami Lipp



In 2009, the Carnival committee started a new tradition, each year recognizing a Groton area business which has been instrumental in their support of the Carnival.

This year, they have selected the Groton Daily Independent as Carnival of Silver Skates business of the year. For several years, GDI has printed our programs at no charge.

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4th Grade "Good Morning Baltimore"

Emma Bahr, Elizabeth Flihs, Ashley Johnson, Jeslyn Kosel, Emma Kutter, Karlie McKane, Nicolette Nickeson, Emily Overacker, and Laila Roberts. Instructor: Shonna Harry



7th Grade "Popular"

Kennedy Anderson, Megan Flihs, Brooklyn Imrie, Julianna Kosel, and Tina Zoellner
Instructor: Breanna Marzahn

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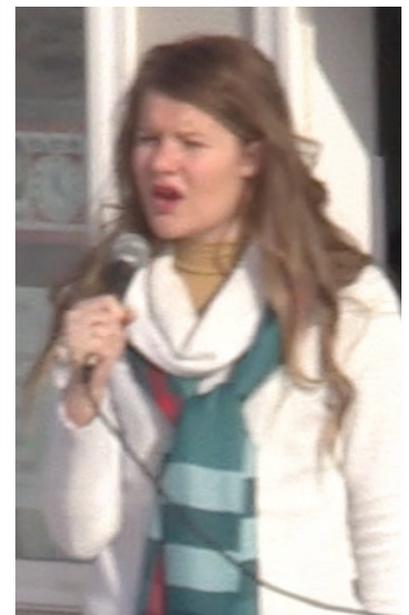
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2nd Grade "My Favorite Things"

Caroline Bahr, Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Brenna Imrie, Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke, and McKenna Tietz.

Instructor: Lindsey Tietz



Gabbie Kramer sang the National Anthem.

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1st Grade "Dancing Queen"

Raelynn Feist, Ella Kettner, and Sydney Locke

Instructors: Hannah Lewandowski and Jasmine Schinkel

Specialty Act "All That Jazz"
Guest Skater, Courtney Heath - W-
tertown Figure Skate Club

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9th Grade "Seasons of Love"

Caitlynn Barse, Ashley Flihs, Nicole Marzahn, Jenny Pigors, and Madeline Schuelke
Instructors: Coralea Wolter and Katie Anderson



Finale "On Broadway"

As the 2017 Carnival of Silver Skates comes to a close, please welcome all 84 skaters back to the ice for the finale of "Broadway on Ice!" We hope our musical selections brought back fond memories or introduced you to a new Broadway musical. These skaters sure had a great time!

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6th Grade "When Will I Be Loved"

Brenna Carda, Sierra Ehresmann, Kamryn Flihs, Shallyn Foertsch, Aspen Johnson, Ava Kramer, KayLynn Overacker, Marlee Tollifson, and Ellie Weismantel
Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel



Specialty Act "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile"

Duet - Alexis and Teagan Hanten

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10th Grade "Sunshine of Your Love"

Kaitlyn Anderson, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Sam Menzia, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson, and Shannon Wiedrick

Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel



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Boys Group "If I Were a Rich Man"

Sam Crank, Karsten Flihs, Korbin McKane, Kamryn McKane,
and Owen Sperry
Instructor: Naomi McKiver



11th & 12th Grades "Chim Chim Cher - ee"

Hannah Lewandowski, Jasmine Schinkel, Madison Sippel, Katie Koehler, and Gabrielle Kramer

Instructors: Coralea Wolter and Katie Anderson

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Lady Tigers calm the winds of the Cyclones for the win

Groton Area calmed the winds of the Cyclones Friday night in Clark to win the Northeast Conference game, 57-49.

Groton held a 16-15 lead after the first quarter. The Tigers trailed once in the second quarter and the game was tied twice before taking a 28-25 lead at half time. Groton Area score five straight points to take a 43-31 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Jessica Bjerke with 12, Harleigh Stange had 11, Katie Koehler nine, Miranda Hanson five and Jennie Doeden two.

Janae Kolden, who was five of six from the line and has over 1,000 high school career points, led the Cyclones with 25 points followed by Mikenna Burke with seven, Charity Kabwe and Abbie Bratland each had six and Taylor Hartley added two.

Groton Area made 47 percent of its shots in the first quarter, 29 percent in the second and 33 percent in the third and finished the game making 35 percent. Clark-Willow Lake made 38 percent in the first, 48 percent in the second and 10 percent in the third and finished the game making 34 percent.

Groton Area made 14 of 16 free throws off of Clark-Willow Lake's 18 team fouls with Kolden fouling out. Clark-Willow Lake made 12 of 17 free throws off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. The Tigers had 14 turnovers and the Cyclones had 16. Wanner and Doeden each had eight of Groton Area's 35 rebounds, Wanner had five and Stange had four of Groton Area's 12 steals and Wanner had six of the team's 14 assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 44-25. Scoring for Groton Area: Payton Maine 11, Taylor Holm 6, Sam Menzia 5, Eliza Wanner 5, Kaycie Hawkins 4, Payton Colestock 4, Nicole Marzahn 3, Miranda Hanson 2, Gia Gengerke 2 and Caitlynn Barse 2.

Morgan Burke led Clark-Willow Lake with 13.

Groton Area 57, Clark-Willow Lake 49

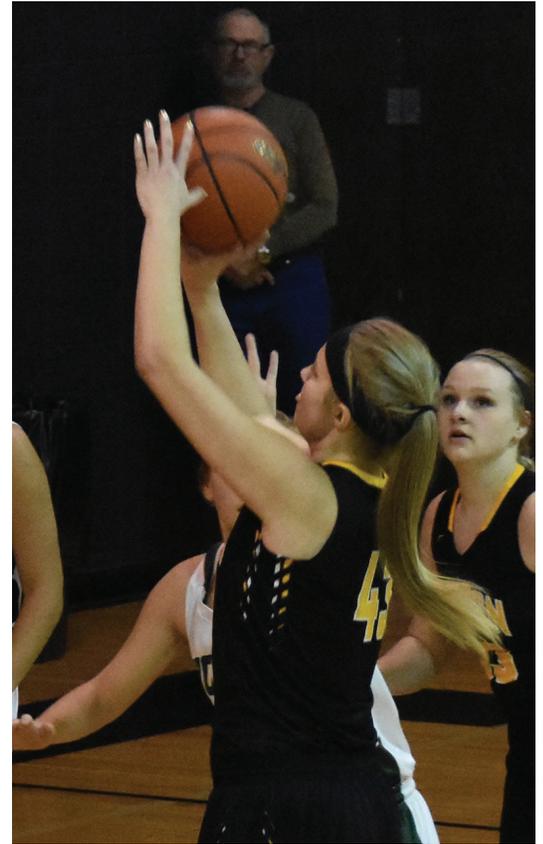
	2-pt	3-pt	FT	Pts	Rbs	Steals	Assists	TO	Fouls
Audrey Wanner	7-11	0-2	4-5	18	8	5	6	4	2
Katie Koehler	1-5	2-2	1-2	9	7	1	0	4	3
Jessica Bjerke	3-6	1-5	3-4	12	7	0	0	0	2
Harleigh Stange	4-7	0-3	3-3	11	2	4	2	2	1
Jennie Doeden	1-3	0-0	0-3	2	8	1	3	1	1
Taylor Holm	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Miranda Hanson	0-0	1-5	2-2	5	1	1	1	2	2
Payton Maine	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	1
TOTALS	16-34	4-17	13-19	57	35	12	14	14	13

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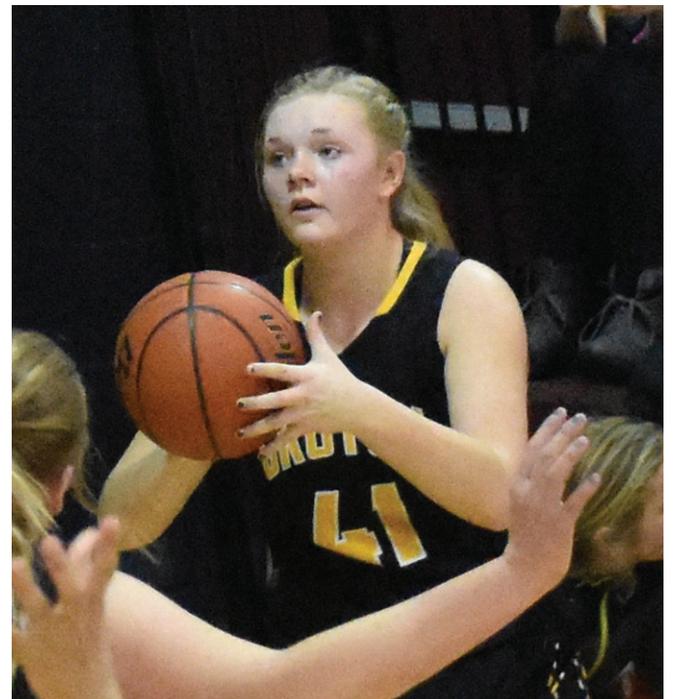
Harleigh Stange and Jennie Doeden



Taylor Holm



Payton Maine



Jessica Bjerke

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Miranda Hanson



Katie Koehler



Jennie Doeden and Audrey Wanner



Harleigh Stange and Jennie Doeden

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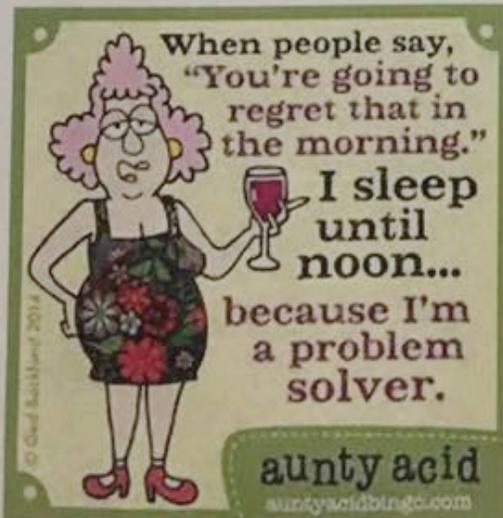
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Kiwanis Pancake Brunch

The Groton Kiwanis Club held its pancake brunch on Sunday at the Groton Community Center. Pictured left to right are President Tom Paepke, Lee Schinkel, Chairman Steve Simon and volunteer Jim Lane.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 30

8 p.m.: GBB hosts Northwestern

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Boys at Langford: JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00

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Today in Weather History

January 30, 2001: Widespread freezing rain, accumulating from 1/8 to 1/2 inch, changed over to snow late in the evening of the 29th. The snow accumulated from 6 to 12 inches over much of central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. The combination of ice and snow caused significant travel problems, school and flight cancellations and delays, business closings, and numerous vehicle accidents. Several highways were closed along with large portions of Interstates 29 and 90. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Murdo, 14 SSW Hayes, and 8 E of Eden, 7 inches at Castlewood and 5 NE of Peever, 8 inches at Miller, Gann Valley, Iona, Watertown, Ortonville, and 2 NW Stephan. Nine inches of snowfall accumulated 18 S of Harrold with 10 inches at Tulare and Kennebec, 11 inches at Clark, Clear Lake, and Wheaton, 12 inches at Carpenter, Willow Lake, Milbank, and Browns Valley, and 13 inches at Wilmot.

January 30, 2011: Heavy snow of 6 to 9 inches fell across part of northeast South Dakota from the afternoon of the 30th to the afternoon of the 31st. Travel was disrupted especially along Interstate-90. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Webster, Summit, and Clear Lake; 7 inches at Watertown and Milbank; 8 inches at Wilmot and Sisseton and 9 inches at Bryant, Waubay, and Andover.

1607: The Bristol Channel floods in England, resulted in the drowning of a large number of people and the destruction of a large amount of farmland and livestock. Recent research has suggested that the cause may have been a tsunami. Cardiff was one of the most badly affected towns, with the foundations of St. Mary's Church destroyed.

1936 - Birmingham, AL, established a single storm record and 24 hour record with 11 inches of snow. (29th-30th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1954: A tornado touched down near White Point Beach, Nova Scotia. A great deal of hail and lightning was reported along the coast near Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

1966: The Blizzard of 1966 temporarily isolated Buffalo, New York and paralyzed the region. Train service was disrupted. Numerous highways, the New York State Thruway from Albany to the Pennsylvania state line, and the Buffalo Airport as well as other airports throughout western and central New York were closed. Hardest hit was the Syracuse-Oswego area. 100 inches of snow was reported at Oswego, NY. Some schools in Orleans County were closed for the entire week following the blizzard. Economic loss from the storm was estimated at \$35 million dollars. Winds gusting to 60 mph and temperatures in the teens along with heavy and blowing snow created severe blizzard conditions.

1977 - The great "Buffalo Blizzard" finally abated after three days. The storm added a foot of new snow to 33 inches already on the ground. Winds gusting to 75 mph reduced visibilities to near zero, produced snow drifts twenty-five feet high, and kept wind chill readings 50 degrees below zero. The blizzard paralyzed the city, and caused 250 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A winter storm brought more heavy snow to the North Atlantic Coast Region, with 13.6 inches reported at Hiram ME. January proved to be the snowiest of record for much of Massachusetts. Worcester MA reported an all-time monthly record of 46.8 inches of snow. (National Weather Summary)

1988 - Strong southerly winds, gusting to 53 mph at Kansas City MO, spread warm air into the central U.S. Nineteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Snow and strong northwest winds ushered cold arctic air into the north central states. The temperature at Cutbank plunged from 54 degrees to a morning low of 7 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - The temperature at McGrath, AK, dipped to 62 degrees below zero, and Fairbanks reported a reading of 51 degrees below zero, with unofficial readings in the area as cold as 75 degrees below zero. The massive dome of bitterly cold air began to slide down western Canada toward the north central U.S. Strong southwest winds ahead of the arctic front pushed the temperature at Great Falls MT to 62 degrees, and gusted to 124 mph at Choteau MT, overturning trucks and mobile homes, and a dozen empty railroad cars. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A major winter storm produced heavy snow from Indiana to New England. It was the biggest storm in two and a half years for eastern New York State. Snowfall totals in the mountains of Maine ranged up to 20 inches at Guilford and Lovell. Other heavy snowfall totals included 17 inches at Utica NY, and 19 inches at Bethel VT, Ludlow VT, and New London NH. The storm claimed three lives in eastern New York State, and four lives in Vermont. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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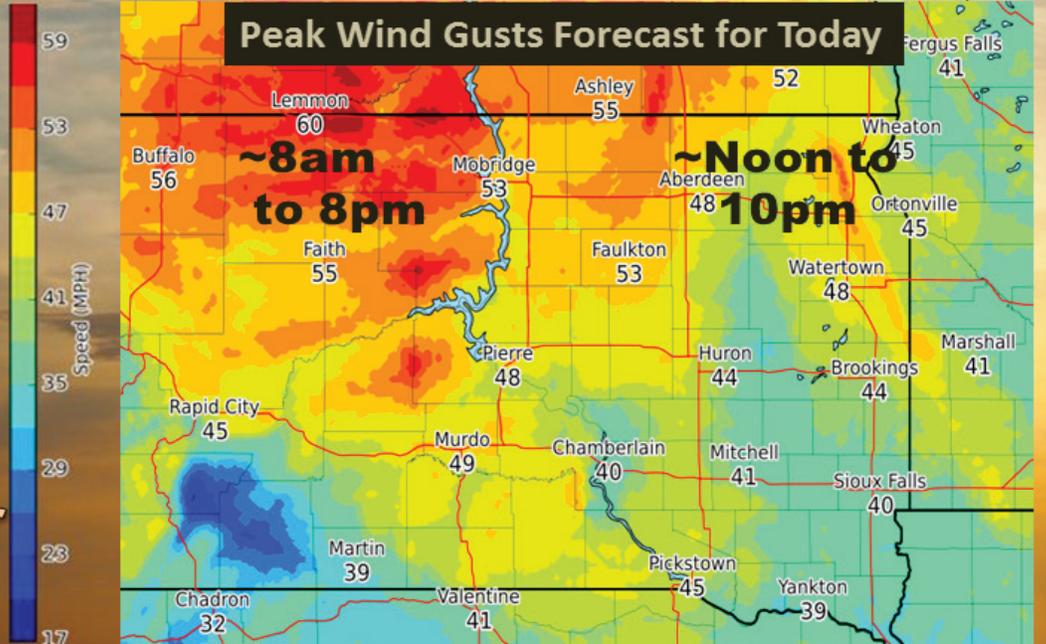
Wind Advisory		Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
Today	Tonight					
Mostly Sunny and Windy	Mostly Cloudy and Windy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 12 °F	High: 17 °F	Low: 3 °F	High: 15 °F



Today: Gusts 45 to 65mph



winds spread east through the day
very mild highs over 40°



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 1/30/2017 5:40 AM Central

Published on: 01/30/2017 at 5:45AM

Strong winds will translate down to the ground today, with wind speeds from 45 to 65mph. Thankfully, the recent mild temperatures, including today with highs in the 40s means that most of our snow has crusted over. Temperatures will be colder for the rest of the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 37.1 F at 2:28 PM

Low Outside Temp: 24.6 F at 6:42 AM

High Gust: 10.0 Mph at 10:31 AM

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 1931

Record Low: -32 in 1916

Average High: 24°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.46

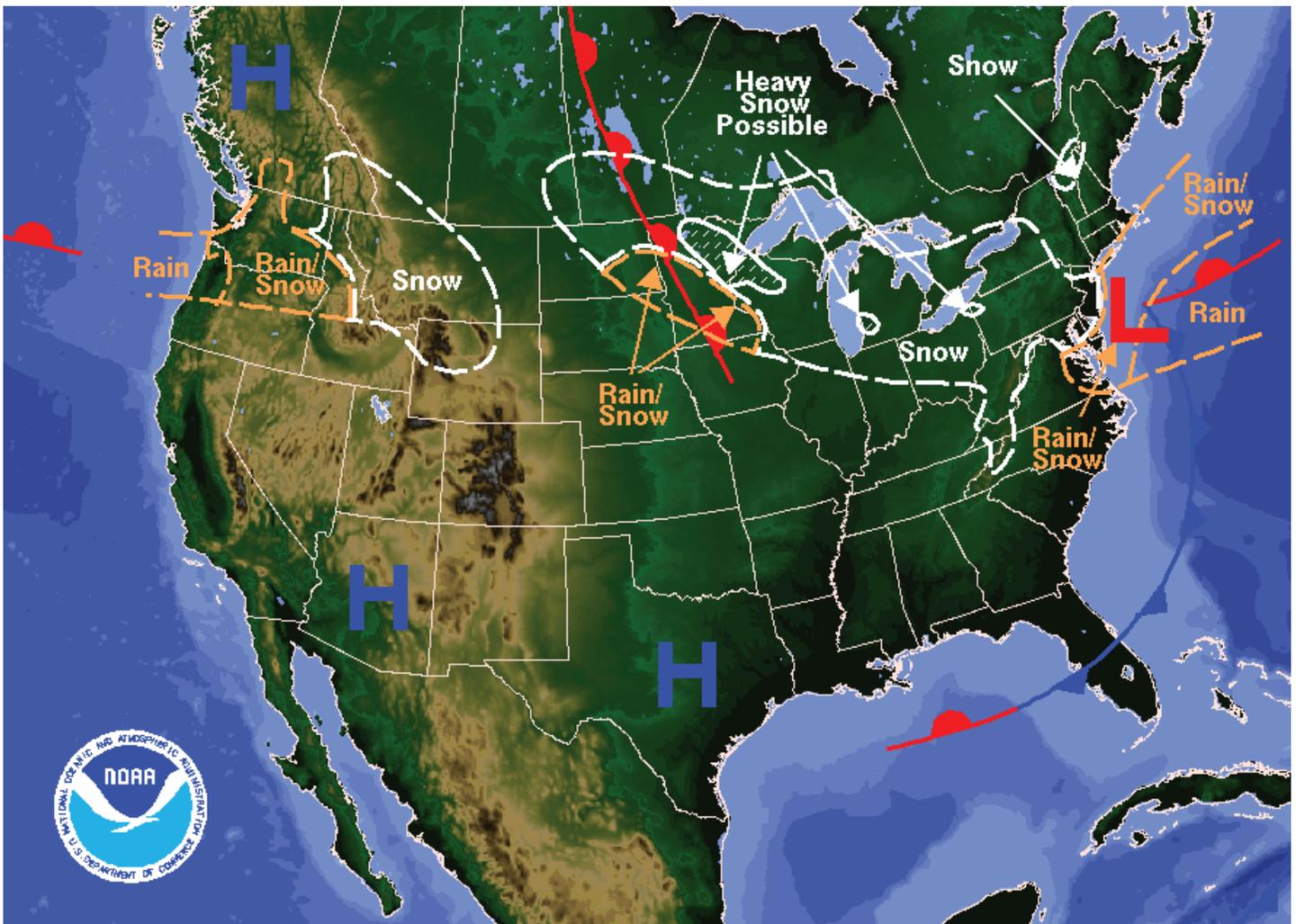
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.46

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:38 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:55 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jan 30, 2017, issued 4:02 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LIMITED BY CHOICE

James Corbett was a one-time bank teller who became a world champion heavyweight boxer. One day while strolling through the woods he came upon a man fishing for trout. Intrigued, he paused to watch him.

Eventually he pulled out a very large trout, examined it carefully and threw it back into the stream. After a short time, he caught another large trout, measured it and then threw it back into the stream as he had with the first one. Finally he caught a trout half the size of the first two and kept it. Puzzled "Gentleman Jim" Corbett asked, "Why did you throw the two large trout back into the stream and keep the small one?"

"Small frying pan," said the fisherman casting his line back into the stream.

Our vision can keep us in bondage. If we have small ideas about what we want to accomplish for God that is exactly what we will do. If we attempt nothing, we will accomplish nothing and our lives will amount to nothing.

If, on the other hand, we look to God for ideas that are worthy of Him, He will give them to us. And not only will He give us the ideas, but the inspiration and confirmation that we can do all things through Him if we do all things for Him. "By His mighty power," Paul said, "He can accomplish more than we can ask or hope."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, it is obvious that You want us to do great things for You. Give us an unlimited view of what we can do for You and inspire us to do great things for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

News from the Associated Press

Health experts take steps to prolong life span in SD

By Patrick Anderson, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Paralyzed by a stroke, Trevor Jackson heard his doctor tell his ex-wife to plan for the worst.

That was the first time the 47-year-old Hartford resident faced his own mortality. It happened again years later when a heart stress test led to a five-bypass surgery.

He came in for the test on a Tuesday. By Thursday, he was on the table.

"Making money and having things and striving to climb the corporate ladder doesn't really mean anything to me anymore," Jackson said. "It's mostly my family, my church, my kids and trying to live as long as I can."

Health experts are taking steps to prolong the lifespan of South Dakotans like Jackson. That means going after the state's deadliest killers.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in South Dakota, according to a list kept by the state Health Department. Its terrifying reign as the deadliest force in the state goes back decades, except for a couple of years in 2010 and 2011 when it was replaced by the state's number two killer: Cancer.

Cancer and heart disease are by far the deadliest, killing more than three times as many people than respiratory disease, the next leading cause of death, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2jrM6YW>) reports. Heart disease claimed the lives of 1,712 victims in 2015, as cancer killed 1,695.

The ability to prevent heart disease and its deadliness are a frustrating dichotomy for physicians, said Dr. Tom Stys, medical director of Sanford Heart Hospital.

"The scope of cardiovascular disease as a problem for our society in health care is huge," Stys said.

One way to prevent premature death from heart disease is to get tested, like Jackson did before his 2014 bypass. He makes regular trips to the gym after work to stay healthy. He wants to be able to see his son get married, see his grandchildren.

"I have to do something to make a difference in my life so I can be around," Jackson said.

The American Heart Association is hosting low-cost heart screenings Feb. 3 at the El Riad Shrine, 510 S. Phillips Ave. Education and increased screenings account for some of the drop in heart disease deaths in the past couple of decades, along with laws outlawing smoking in public spaces, said Dr. Tad Jacobs, Chief Medical Officer for Avera Medical Group.

"Patients are more educated," Jacobs said. "We get these folks in for screenings earlier, we identify their risks factors earlier."

Early detection and screenings are key to prevention, but so is access to healthy food and lifestyle. Health experts in Sioux Falls are shifting their focus to environment and what they call "social determinants of health" as they try to improve the quality and length of life of the city's residents.

Different pockets of the same city can have different life expectancies, based on a number of varying factors. That means instead of worrying just about cholesterol numbers, the American Heart Association also pays attention to topics such as bike lanes or tobacco use in city parks.

"You would never expect the American Heart Association to get involved in affordable housing," said Chrissy Meyer, spokeswoman for the association's Midwest affiliate. "Now we see ourselves playing in that sphere."

Sioux Falls city officials are trying to draw attention to the link between lifestyle and lifespan. They teamed up with health groups and both hospitals on the 2016 Community Health Report, with dozens of pages of local health indicators.

Among the findings are dangerously high blood pressure rates for young men, problems with access to fresh food, and near-obscene eating habits. The four-county metro area ranks last in the nation — compared to 180 metros — in the percentage of people who eat at least five fruits or vegetables.

"Health is not just the Health Department's job," said Mary Michaels, public health prevention coordinator for the city. "How do we do this as a community?"

Health experts are expanding the scope of their advocacy when it comes to the fight against South Dakota's heart disease epidemic. Trying to get one person to improve their own cardiovascular health can be challenging, Meyer said.

"Now we're talking about individual behavior, right?" Meyer said. "That's really hard to impact, so that's where as an organization, we kind of took a step back and said maybe this isn't just about advocating for individual behavior change, maybe it's about creating environments and cultures of health."

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

Sandbox Coworking Space opens in Yankton

By Rob Nielsen, Yankton Press and Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Sandboxes can be a great place for children to interact with each other, "work" and exchange ideas.

On Jan. 5 adults got their own version with the grand opening of the Sandbox Coworking Space in downtown Yankton.

Owner-operator Mollie Grey had a busy day, speaking at One Million Cups to talk about the sandbox concept and opening the doors to the facility an hour later with an appearance by Sioux Falls mayor Mike Huether.

Coworking spaces are locations where those who work remotely without a set office or other professionals have an opportunity to work in one place together, the Yankton Press and Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/2jgQxUd>) reports.

Grey said the space offers a lot of different opportunities to patrons.

"It's basically a shared working space for people to work out of, but we've taken the best elements of your office, the best elements of a coffee shop and pretty much brought it to downtown Yankton," Grey said. "It's a shared working space, but it is so much more than that. It's a place where your business can put on events. It's a place where you can fuel your small business. It's a lot of different things into one, and that's why I've said sometimes that title of 'coworking space' can be misleading."

The location gives freelancers, entrepreneurs and other professionals a location where they can work together with amenities such as bottomless coffee, high-speed internet, workshops, 24/7 access and member events.

Grey said the idea for the space arose from her own experiences working remotely.

"I worked remote for two years," she said. "Working out of your home and having that flexibility is great, but in my situation, I was not performing in my job. There was always laundry, there was always chores and there was always something to do that distracted and disrupted my daily routine. When you're working 100 percent remote, performing is super difficult."

She added that co-working spaces provide an alternative that can help users be more productive.

"What I've found, first-hand, is co-working spaces alleviate that," she said. "You get to sit around and work amongst people that are like-minded individuals that want to perform, wanting to integrate, wanting to collaborate so it has its advantages in that regard."

The concept greatly benefited Grey herself.

"When I was working remote out of Atlanta, I worked out of a co-working space eventually," she said. "I was spending, on average, \$6 per day on Starbucks — not to mention wear and tear on your car to get there, disruptions, the Wi-Fi (wasn't) the best. What I ended up doing was discovering there was rental space near my home in Atlanta and I ended up working out of a co-working space."

In Yankton, Grey said there is already some interest popping up in membership from freelancers, corporate partners who would allow a few employees to utilize the space at a time and entrepreneurs. The goal for the year is to have at least 50 members.

In addition to providing a space for people to work and meet in, Grey said the new space helps contribute to the ongoing revitalization of downtown Yankton.

"I love that I've achieved a goal that I set for myself, which was renovate a building and set a standard for others, hopefully, to follow that you can make a building look really cool and modern in downtown Yankton," she said. "I want to consistently put on events each week. I want to pick up programs like Entrepreneurial Week, Women in Business Week and things like that. I want consistency, I want members and I want to have the look and feel of a modern cool place in downtown Yankton."

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

Dozens at South Dakota airport to protest immigration order

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Dozens of people have gathered at the Rapid City Regional Airport to protest President Donald Trump's immigration order.

KNBN-TV reports the demonstrators prayed for refugees and sang songs during Sunday's rally. Speakers also talked about why they were there to support refugees, after Trump's order that temporarily bans entry to the U.S. for people from certain countries.

Several of the protesters carried signs. One of them said: "Today, Anne Frank is a Syrian girl." It's one of many protests happening nationwide on Sunday.

Information from: KNBN-TV, <http://www.newscenter1.com>

Wyoming minimum wage bill rolled back to federal minimum

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A proposal to raise the minimum wage in Wyoming has been ratcheted back to match the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

The amended wage change cleared its first hurdle at the state Legislature on Friday.

The bill would not change much for most Wyoming employees, The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported. But it would no longer make Wyoming tied for the lowest minimum wage in the country among the states that have minimum wages.

Originally, House Bill 140, brought by Rep. James Byrd, D-Cheyenne, would have raised Wyoming's minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour for non-tipped employees and \$5.50 for tipped employees.

But such an increase was too much for the House Labor, Health and Social Services Committee, and members amended the bill to simply match the federal wage.

Wyoming's current minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour, which can be paid by employers not covered by the federal minimum wage.

Only a small portion of Wyoming workers fall under that wage, a representative of the Department of Workforce Services said, since the vast majority of employers are subject to the higher federal minimum wage.

The state and federal minimum wage for tipped employees is \$2.13 per hour, and employers are supposed to ensure workers make enough tips to reach the regular minimum wage, or else employers have to make up the difference. The amended bill does not affect the tipped employees' wage.

Byrd said the minimum wage should be at least closer to a wage that would pay for basic living expenses for full-time employees.

"If you work hard at your job 40 hours a week, you should be entitled to some basic necessities," he said.

But the minimum wage increase was opposed by representatives of the state's hospitality and convenience store industries, saying minimum wage is supposed to be an entry-level wage.

They also said that market forces dictate wages, and some entities pay higher than the minimum wage to attract employees.

Chris Brown of the Wyoming Restaurant and Lodging Association said businesses would not be able to absorb the cost of raising the wage by as much as Byrd proposed. Nearly all employers in his industry already fall under the federal minimum wage, he said.

Tom Jones also spoke on behalf of the Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association, which represents

convenience stores. He said minimum wage jobs are a way to get people started in the workforce.

"We're not causing people to starve," he said.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, every state around Wyoming has a higher state-level minimum wage for non-tipped employees.

Utah and Idaho have matched the \$7.25 federal wage; Montana is set at \$8.15 for all businesses, except those with less than \$110,000 in annual sales, which have a \$4 minimum wage; South Dakota is set at \$8.65; Nebraska is at \$9, and Colorado is at \$9.30.

Colorado's minimum wage will increase to \$12 by 2020.

In all, 29 states have wages above federal minimum wage, and five states, all in the South, have no minimum wage.

The Labor Committee advanced the wage increase to \$7.25 by a 5-4 vote.

Information from: Wyoming Tribune Eagle, <http://www.wyomingnews.com>

Smaller states rejoice as Amazon finally collects sales tax

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Many online shoppers in the United States have for years had to pay state sales taxes whenever they buy goods from Amazon. But the Seattle e-commerce giant has dragged its feet on collecting sales taxes in small and sparsely populated states where it doesn't have any distribution centers or corporate offices.

That's quickly changing this year. And governors and state legislators looking to balance their beleaguered budgets are rejoicing as they brace for a boost of revenue from Amazon sales.

Amazon customers in at least 10 states will begin paying sales taxes on their website purchases for the first time this winter. Tax collection begins Wednesday in Mississippi, Missouri, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont. It already started this month in Louisiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Utah, and begins in Wyoming on March 1.

The company didn't return request for comment and hasn't explained its rapid shift, but the move follows last month's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that rejected a challenge to a Colorado law requiring online sellers to notify customers about how much they owe in taxes. Colorado officials had estimated they were missing out on as much as \$172.7 million a year.

To avoid collecting taxes, Amazon has historically relied on another high court ruling that predates the era of online shopping. That 1992 decision bans states from forcing out-of-state retailers to collect taxes if they don't have a physical presence in the state.

Rhode Island, which has long fought for Amazon to remit sales taxes, is now counting on nearly \$35 million in tax revenue next year from the company and other online retailers that follow its lead.

"Amazon's doing the right thing," said Robert Hull, the director of the state's revenue department. "They're an \$85 billion revenue animal that's making sales, historically, into Rhode Island and not paying the 7-percent sales tax."

Customers might not be as pleased as state budget-writers. Those in Rhode Island and other states were technically supposed to declare the taxes owed on items bought online at the end of the year, but almost no one did. A proposed Rhode Island law would mimic Colorado's in ordering companies that don't collect sales taxes to post a "conspicuous" online pop-up notice informing customers about what they owe and following that up with an email and an annual tax obligation mailing. The measure is a way to effectively coerce companies to collect the tax if they don't want to burden their customers with unpleasant notices.

Excluding states that don't have a sales tax, only six states remain where Amazon doesn't collect sales taxes or hasn't announced plans to do so. Amazon already collects sales taxes in the most populous states and has been for years, so expanding to the entire country is unlikely to hurt its appeal to customers, said R.J. Hottovy, an e-commerce analyst for Chicago-based Morningstar, Inc.

"It really hasn't been that big of a deterrent in preventing people from shopping on Amazon's platform," Hottovy said. "Expedited shipping is almost as important as price in making a purchase decision."

Not celebrating the boost to state coffers is Rhode Island state House Republican Minority Leader Pa-

tricia Morgan, who said the tax comes out of the pocket of average customers, not companies. She said it makes sense that online retailers no longer have an unfair advantage over brick-and-mortar shops but it's wrong to look at the increased revenue as an excuse for increased spending.

"Let's not give a 'high-five' over this," Morgan said. "Who is it coming from? Families that are already strained by a high cost of living."

Arkansan to be first black chief judge on 8th circuit court

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A Hope, Arkansas, native is to become the first black chief judge of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Judge Lavenski Smith, now of Little Rock, is to become chief judge of the St. Louis-based on March 11. He succeeds Judge William Jay Riley, whose seven-year term as chief judge is expiring.

The 58-year-old Smith was appointed in 2001 by then-President George W. Bush to the court that hears appeals from Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota.

Smith was in Washington last week for orientation and told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (<http://bit.ly/2kHiesP>) that he met with people ranging from information technologists to budgeting.

Court clerk Michael Gans said the position is routinely passed on to the next most-senior judge on the court who is 65 or younger.

Spearfish Fire Department reaches 1-year mark

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The Spearfish Fire Department is passing its one-year milestone this month and is looking to do more for the community in 2017.

The city fire department was established in 2016 and began transitioning from an all-volunteer department to a combination department, the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2kjK9PA>) reported.

Now, the department has three paid staff positions, including fire chief, assistant chief and administrative assistant.

"It isn't a different department. The department's going a different direction, but it's the same department," Fire Chief Mark Sachara said. "We're doing the same things, just a little bit differently."

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Mathis, Jr. said the idea of a combination department is not uncommon and is happening nationwide.

After starting on staff in Spearfish in June 2016, Sachara presented staff positions to the city council by July 2016, following recommendations of the Spearfish Fire Department Taskforce.

Mathis and Sachara have both previously experienced combination departments.

This year the department hopes to focus on training, volunteer recruitment and relationship strengthening. Also on the agenda for 2017 is to remind employers of the value of allowing volunteers to respond to fire calls.

According to Sachara, the fire department will always have a need for more volunteers. He said the most fire departments in the U.S., including South Dakota, rely on volunteers. But he said most people believe their local fire department is paid.

Volunteer firefighter Travis Ladson said volunteering is no easy task and that the responsibility of balancing a job with the fire department wouldn't be practical to do long term.

"The hours that were starting to be put upon certain people in higher positions was too much for somebody to really work a 40-50-hour job and then put another 30-40 hours in (as a volunteer on the fire department). There's no way anybody could do this for a long term," he said.

A full fire department roster would be 63 people, and the Spearfish department currently has 54.

South Dakota lawmakers could scrap voter-backed ethics rules

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota legislators are set to dismantle new ethics regulations that voters imposed on them less than three months ago, a brazen test of whether elected officials or their constituents should have the final say.

The ethics crackdown is one of several November ballot measures that are now facing scrutiny in statehouses across the nation. But the South Dakota law appears to be under the most imminent danger of repeal and directly affects the very lawmakers who are weighing its fate.

“When you do something that is this unpopular with the public, like repealing a new anti-corruption law, the rational thing to do is to backtrack and to let the will of the voters prevail,” said Josh Silver, director of Represent.Us, a Massachusetts-based group that funded the initiative. “What the South Dakota Legislature is doing is both unethical and irrational, because it’s self-destructive to themselves and to the state.”

Under the new South Dakota law, called Initiated Measure 22, voters could tap a state fund to give two credits worth \$50 each to participating political candidates. It limits lobbyist gifts to lawmakers to \$100 annually, a major change given there were previously no caps. It also calls for an independent commission to ensure state ethics laws aren’t violated and administer the public campaign finance program.

Top Republican lawmakers contend those provisions are unconstitutional. They challenged the overhaul in state court, which put the initiative on hold while the case moves forward.

Elsewhere, Maine Gov. Paul LePage has said he wants to mitigate the “severe” damage done by citizen initiatives, including a minimum wage hike, while Massachusetts and North Dakota have delayed marijuana initiatives to give officials more time.

But the South Dakota push appears to be the most concrete effort so far to overturn a 2016 ballot measure, said Josh Altic, ballot measures project director at Ballotpedia, an encyclopedia of American politics.

At least 10 states, albeit not South Dakota, have provisions to protect citizens’ initiatives from state lawmakers, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. For example, Alaska and Wyoming lawmakers can’t repeal an initiative within two years. It takes a two-thirds majority in Arkansas and Nebraska to amend or repeal, while the California Legislature can’t repeal or amend an initiated statute unless the measure specifically allows it.

After the South Dakota measure barreled through the state House, the Senate was to vote on the repeal bill, but Republicans used a procedural move to postpone further debate into this week. GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard has said he plans to sign the bill if it reaches his desk. It would take effect immediately and couldn’t be referred back to the ballot.

GOP Rep. Larry Rhoden, the repeal bill’s main sponsor, said the ethics initiative is an “absolute train wreck.” Republicans have criticized advertisements during the campaign depicting lobbyists handing officials cash, calling them deceptive.

Ben Bycel, a former chief ethics officer for the city of Los Angeles and the state of Connecticut, said he’s heard similar criticisms throughout his career as arguments to kill ethics reforms.

“That’s the standard playbook,” Bycel said. “It’s like a Spielberg movie. It’s the agent of doom.”

Speaking before a Senate committee, Roxanne Weber, 48, of Pierre, acknowledged that lawmakers found the ads offensive.

“What I find offensive is to have to sit here and beg for my right as a citizen to have a say in what happens to be a bill that I voted for,” she said.

Lawmakers have filed several proposals that would replace provisions of the initiative, including similar restrictions on lobbyist gifts and more limited watchdog commissions. Senate Majority Leader Blake Curd said the Legislature is trying to “incorporate the will of the people in a constitutionally valid fashion,” not reject it.

Doug Kronaizl, a spokesman for pro-initiative group Represent South Dakota, said in a statement that the replacement bills the Legislature is considering are merely “deceitful window dressing that would protect the corrupt status quo” in the state Capitol.

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Most religious groups come out against Trump refugee order

By RACHEL ZOLL, AP Religion Writer

Rabbi Joel Mosbacher had just finished the morning's Shabbat service when he got an urgent message: Rabbis were needed at New York's Kennedy Airport. People were being detained under President Donald Trump's sharp travel restrictions on refugees. Would he come pray?

By sundown, Mosbacher was part a group of rabbis at the airport, playing guitar and conducting a Havdalah service marking the end of the Sabbath. About 2,000 people gathered to rally against the new policy.

"We know what it's like to be the stranger," said Mosbacher, a Reform rabbi at Temple Shaaray Tefila, noting that Jewish refugees were at times turned away from the U.S. "As a person of faith, it was so important to be there."

From pulpits to sidewalk vigils, clergy have been part of a religious outpouring against Trump's plan to suspend refugee entry from seven majority Muslim countries. Faith leaders who support the president's executive order as a way to fight terrorism have been far less vocal, ceding the religious discussion to those overwhelmingly opposed to the president's sweeping immigration order, which suspends refugee admissions for four months and indefinitely bars refugees from Syria.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which runs the largest refugee resettlement network in the country, said it "strongly disagreed" with the prohibitions and pledged to work "vigorously to ensure refugees are humanely welcomed." The Orthodox Union, the largest association for American Orthodox synagogues, acknowledged the complexities of fighting terror, but said "discrimination against any group based solely upon religion is wrong and anathema to the great traditions of religious and personal freedoms upon which this country was founded."

Trump's executive order gives preference to refugees fleeing their countries over religious persecution. The president told the Christian Broadcasting Network he aims to prioritize Christian refugees. Still, relatively few evangelicals have voiced support for the idea.

Among those who did offer support was the Rev. Franklin Graham, whose aid agency, Samaritan's Purse, works with refugees in Iraq, Greece and other nations. Graham said in a statement that he backed a closer examination of refugees' views on "freedom and liberty" and that Islamic law was incompatible with the Constitution.

The Rev. Robert Jeffress, the leader of First Baptist Dallas and a vocal supporter of Trump, told "Fox & Friends" television show that Trump was "fulfilling his God-given responsibility to protect this country." A few protesters gathered outside his church during services, with one carrying a sign that read, "Love Thy Neighbor."

"We believe in security. We believe in careful vetting. We just don't think a full shutdown is the right reaction," said Scott Arbeiter, head of World Relief, the humanitarian arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, which resettles large numbers of refugees. "These are people who are running from the very terror as a nation we're trying to stop."

Beth Hood, who attended Mass at St. Camillus Church in Silver Springs, Maryland, said her priest did not directly discuss the refugee restrictions, "but the whole tenor of the Mass was somber" and the reason why was obvious.

The Roman Catholic parish serves a large immigrant population from El Salvador, Guatemala, West Africa and Bangladesh. The Scripture reading for the day was from the Beatitudes, the blessings from the Sermon on the Mount, including blessings for peacemakers.

"There was just a real synchronicity between what we were feeling and readings for the day and again the somber tone of the homily," said Hood, a social worker who works with Central American immigrants. She called Trump's action "mean-spirited, abrupt and callous."

A Mass near the White House organized in protest of Trump's policy drew hundreds of participants, who

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knelt as they received Holy Communion on Sunday evening.

Many clergy had to take special care with how they addressed the issue during Sunday services, given a mix of political views in their congregations.

At Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, a Marietta, Georgia, evangelical church that resettles refugees, a pastor at an early morning service prayed that the congregation would "lift up the Syrian refugee families that we are sponsoring," noting they may never see some members of their family again. The pastor also asked God to grant "wisdom" to Trump so he would make appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court "that can protect the right to life, protect the unborn."

The Rev. Gary Manning, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, said he started revising his sermon at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, anxious to strike the right tone for his politically mixed suburban Milwaukee parish. Worried his preaching would be "not fiery enough for some and not practical enough for others," he ended up speaking about mercy and reflecting on what can be done to help others.

"One of my Trump supporters walked by and said, 'Thank you for keeping it subtle. I don't think I could have handled being screamed at today,'" Manning said. "It's incumbent upon me to remember that the people in my congregation are doing their best to live out their Christian values."

Episcopal Bishop Sean Rowe, who leads the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Northwestern Pennsylvania, said he has never seen such a strong, across-the-spectrum religious response to a social issue. His dioceses include programs to settle refugees, including a Syrian family that had been expecting a relative to come soon — a plan now on hold indefinitely. Rowe said he planned meetings this week with his own clergy and leaders of other faiths on what they should do next to oppose Trump's policy.

"I find it outrageous at every level," Rowe said. "There's a real sense that the church cannot be silent about this."

Associated Press Writer David Warren in Dallas contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. SIX PEOPLE KILLED IN SHOOTING AT QUEBEC CITY MOSQUE

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau calls the attack during evening prayers an act of terrorism.

2. TRUMP BEGINS GOVERNING BY CHAOS

An AP analysis details the numerous ways Trump could have avoided at least some of the havoc wreaked by his temporary halt to the U.S. refugee program.

3. SENATE TO FACE PRESSURE ONCE TRUMP NOMINATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Liberals will demand Democrats block the choice, while the new president is insisting Majority Leader Mitch McConnell blow up longstanding rules to secure confirmation.

4. WHAT CALIFORNIA HASN'T DONE TO CONFRONT CLIMATE CHANGE

The state considered a world leader on global warming hasn't started tackling how to pay for all the expected damage, including moving expressways and public buildings as waters rise.

5. TOYOTA RELINQUISHES TITLE OF WORLD'S BIGGEST AUTOMAKER

The company reports that it sold 10.175 million vehicles worldwide in 2016, fewer than Volkswagen's 10.31 million.

6. HOW FLYING CARS MIGHT BECOME REALITY

Nearly a dozen companies around the globe are competing to be the first to develop a new kind of aircraft that will enable commuters to glide above crowded roadways.

7. TRUMP IMMIGRATION BAN TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT AT SAG AWARDS

In speech after fiery speech at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, winners strike a defiant tone against Trump's sweeping measures.

8. HUGO CHAVEZ COMES BACK TO LIFE ON TELEVISION

The life of the late leader who mesmerized Venezuela's impoverished masses before dying of cancer in 2013 is being dramatized in a Spanish-language TV series that Chavez's allies have angrily criticized.

9. MYANMAR MOURNS ASSASSINATION OF TOP SUU KYI ADVISER

Ko Ni, a prominent member of Myanmar's Muslim minority, was shot in the head as he walked out of the Yangon airport, shocking many because attacks on prominent people are rare in Yangon.

10. WHO WON THE MISS UNIVERSE CROWN

The title went to Iris Mittenaere, a 23-year-old dental student from France, in only the second Miss Universe win for a French woman in more than 60 years.

Trump denies immigration restriction is 'a Muslim ban'

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is vigorously defending his immigration restrictions, as protests spread throughout the country, saying "this is about terror and keeping our country safe."

Trump released a statement asserting, "To be clear, this is not a Muslim ban, as the media is falsely reporting."

The president addressed the issue late Sunday in a statement as some Republicans in Congress — including Ohio's Sen. Rob Portman — urged caution amid legal challenges to the order banning travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries. Top congressional Republicans have largely remained behind Trump on the issue.

"America is a proud nation of immigrants and we will continue to show compassion to those fleeing oppression," Trump said, "but we will do so while protecting our own citizens and border. This is not about religion — this is about terror and keeping our country safe."

"I have tremendous feeling for the people involved in this horrific humanitarian crisis in Syria," he said. "My first priority will always be to protect and serve our country, but as President I will find ways to help those who are suffering."

In a background call with reporters Sunday, a senior administration official declared the order's implementation "a massive success story," claiming it had been done "seamlessly and with extraordinary professionalism."

That, despite widespread confusion and an apparent walk-back about how the order, which temporarily bars the citizens of seven majority Muslim nations from entering the U.S., would be applied to certain groups, like U.S. legal permanent residents.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly issued a statement Sunday saying that, absent information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, residency would be a "dispositive factor in our case-by-case determination." That means citizens of the seven countries who hold permanent U.S. residency "green cards" will not be barred from re-entering the U.S., as officials had previously said. It remains unclear what kind of additional screening they will now face.

Trump's order, which also suspends refugee admissions for 120 days and indefinitely bars the processing of refugees from Syria, has sparked widespread protests and denunciations from Democrats and a handful of Republicans. Many have accused the administration of rushing to implement the changes, resulting in panic and confusion at the nation's airports.

"You have an extreme vetting proposal that didn't get the vetting it should have had," said Portman, who urged the new president to "slow down" and work with lawmakers on how best to tighten screening for foreigners who enter the United States.

"In my view, we ought to all take a deep breath and come up with something that makes sense for our national security" and reflects the fact that "America's always been a welcoming home for refugees and immigrants," he said.

Several Democrats in Congress said they would be introducing legislation to stop the ban.

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway said the changes were "a small price to pay" to keep the nation safe.

But it's unclear whether the order will accomplish that. The order does not address homegrown extremists already in America, a primary concern of federal law enforcement officials. And the list of countries in

Trump's order doesn't include Saudi Arabia, where most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from.

The developments came a day after a federal judge in New York issued an emergency order temporarily barring the U.S. from deporting people from the seven majority Muslim nations subject to Trump's 90-day travel ban.

The order barred U.S. border agents from removing anyone who arrived in the U.S. with a valid visa from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. It also covered anyone with an approved refugee application.

The Department of Homeland Security said Sunday the court ruling would not affect the overall implementation of the White House order.

Top congressional Republicans, meanwhile, were backing Trump despite concerns raised Sunday from a handful of GOP lawmakers and condemnation from the Koch political network, which is among the most influential players in the conservative movement.

Republican Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham warned of unintended consequences, expressing fear the order could "become a self-inflicted wound in the fight against terrorism."

"This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country. That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security," they wrote.

Trump fired back on Twitter, calling the pair "sadly weak on immigration."

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Myanmar ruling party mourns assassination of Suu Kyi adviser

By ESTHER HTUSAN, Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar politicians, activists and others shocked by the assassination of a longtime adviser to leader Aung San Suu Kyi gathered Monday at a cemetery for an emotional funeral ceremony, while police investigated the motive for the killing.

Ko Ni, a prominent lawyer and member of Myanmar's Muslim minority, was shot in the head at close range as he walked out of the Yangon airport Sunday.

"This is a great loss not only for our community but also for the country," Win Myint, a Muslim religious leader, said at the funeral. "He was necessary to our country's democratic system."

The killing shocked many in Yangon because attacks on prominent people are rare, although security forces are notorious for brutal behavior in remote rural areas, especially when dealing with ethnic minorities.

Ko Ni "is irreplaceable for both Aung San Suu Kyi and the party," Suu Kyi's ruling National League for Democracy party said in a statement. He was especially valued as an expert in constitutional law, looking for ways to sidestep provisions placed in the charter by an earlier military junta to retain power at the expense of elected governments.

He was seen as a familiar and helpful figure by journalists and human rights workers who have found Suu Kyi's government almost as difficult to deal with as the military-backed regime it replaced.

At the same time, Ko Ni was active in defending the rights of Muslims, who often face discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar. Last year, he helped found the Myanmar Muslim Lawyers Association, which was criticized by ultra-nationalist Buddhists monks as well as by some of his political allies, who feared it encouraged sectarianism.

Anti-Muslim sentiments have increased in the country in recent years following deadly intercommunal violence in the western state of Rakhine, home to many Muslims belonging to the Rohingya minority. Ko Ni was Muslim, but Burmese, the country's dominant ethnic group.

The suspect was arrested after he also shot a taxi driver who tried to stop him from fleeing the airport, the Information Ministry said in a video posted on state-run MRTV. The driver died on the way to a hospital.

Police seized two guns from the man, whom they identified as Kyi Linn of Mandalay. Authorities were searching for any possible accomplices. Speculation about the motive included political intimidation, anti-Muslim prejudice and a possible business dispute involving the victim's private law practice.

Members of Parliament, political activists and NLD party members gathered Monday for the funeral at a Muslim cemetery, said Tun Kyi, a prominent Muslim activist and a friend of Ko Ni.

Many of the thousands of people who streamed to the cemetery wept openly. Security was tight, with police even using bomb detectors on the baskets of flowers sent by mourners.

The overflowing crowd turned rowdy at times, jostling for space as the open pavilion, with a capacity for perhaps 500 people, was surrounded by at least ten times that number of people.

Those attending including U.S. Ambassador Scot Marciel, who called Ko Ni's death "a terrible loss."

"All I want to say is, of course we are all shocked and really sad," he said. "I knew Ko Ni and his commitment to his country and democracy."

There are important antecedents in Myanmar for political violence against influential leaders, including Suu Kyi and her father Gen. Aung San, who led the country to independence from Britain. Aung San was assassinated in 1947 along with six members of his provisional Cabinet, and some historians consider his lost leadership a reason for the country's unrest since then, since he could not oversee a power-sharing agreement he had made with ethnic minorities.

Suu Kyi was the evident target of an assassination attempt in 2003, when her motorcade was ambushed by a mob on a remote road in central Myanmar. Her driver maneuvered their car to escape, but other people in her entourage — four by government accounts, more according to other sources — were killed. The attack was generally thought to have been carried out by a faction of the military, although no one faced punishment.

Ethnic minority leaders have also been targets, most notably the monarch of the Shan minority, Sao Shwe Thaik, who was also the first president of Myanmar in 1948-1952. He was arrested by the military when it staged a coup in 1962 and died in unclear circumstances in custody. His son was shot dead on the day of the coup, and another, U.S.-educated, Shan noble disappeared after being arrested.

6 killed in Canada mosque shooting; Trudeau calls it terror

BY TRACEY LINDEMAN and ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

QUEBEC CITY (AP) — A shooting at a Quebec City mosque during evening prayers left six people dead and eight others wounded in an attack that Canada's prime minister called an act of terrorism. Police arrested two suspects.

More than 50 people were at the Quebec Islamic Cultural Centre at the time of Sunday's attack. Some of the wounded were gravely injured, Quebec provincial police spokeswoman Christine Coulombe said early Monday. The dead ranged in age from age 35 to 70, she said. Thirty-nine people were unharmed.

One suspect was arrested at the scene and another nearby in d'Orleans, Quebec. Police don't believe there are other suspects. They didn't release the names of the two, and didn't immediately speculate on a possible motive.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard both characterized the attack as a terrorist act, which came amid heightened tensions worldwide over President Donald Trump's travel ban on several Muslim countries.

"We condemn this terrorist attack on Muslims in a center of worship and refuge," Trudeau said in a statement. "It is heart-wrenching to see such senseless violence. Diversity is our strength, and religious tolerance is a value that we, as Canadians, hold dear.

"Muslim-Canadians are an important part of our national fabric, and these senseless acts have no place in our communities, cities and country," he said.

In the summer of 2016 a pig's head was left on the doorstep of the Quebec Islamic Cultural Centre. The incident occurred in the middle of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. Practicing Muslims do not eat pork.

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Canada is generally very welcoming toward immigrants and all religions, but less so in the French-speaking province of Quebec which has had a long-simmering debate about race and religious accommodation. A few years ago, Quebecers debated a "charter of values" under the previous separatist government, which called for a ban of ostentatious religious symbols such as the hijab in public institutions.

"The Muslim community was the target of this murderous attack," Couillard said at an early morning news conference.

Couillard said that there will be solidarity rallies across Quebec on Monday and says the province's people will all be together to express horror.

Quebec City Mayor Regis Labeaume appeared visibly shaken.

"No person should have to pay with their life, for their race, their color, their sexual orientation or their religious beliefs," Labeaume said.

Quebec City Islamic Cultural Centre President Mohamed Yanguie said the shooting in the provincial capital happened in the men's section of the mosque. He said he wasn't at the center when the attack occurred, but he got some details from people on the scene.

"We are sad for the families," he said.

Ali Hamadi said he left the mosque a few minutes before the shooting. He said his friend and co-worker Abdelkrim Hassen, who worked in IT for the government, was killed. He said Hassen has three daughters and a wife. He got the neighbor to bring the wife to the hospital so she could hear the news.

She asked, "was he badly hurt?" Hamadi said he had to tell her that Hassen was dead.

Quebec City police spokesman Constable Pierre Poirier said the mosque had been evacuated and the situation was under control.

Trudeau had earlier reacted to Trump's visa ban for people from some Muslim-majority countries by tweeting Saturday: "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength #WelcomeToCanada."

Trudeau also posted a picture of himself greeting a Syrian child at Toronto's airport in late 2015. Trudeau oversaw the arrival of more than 39,000 Syrian refugees soon after he was elected.

The mayor of Gatineau, Quebec, near Canada's capital of Ottawa, said there would be an increased police presence at mosques around his city following the attack.

The New York Police Department said it was also stepping up patrols at mosques and other houses of worship.

"NYPD is providing additional protection for mosques in the city. All New Yorkers should be vigilant. If you see something, say something," New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Twitter.

"Our prayers tonight are with the people of Quebec City as they deal with a terrible attack on a mosque. We must stand together," de Blasio said in another tweet.

Canada's public safety minister, Ralph Goodale, said on Twitter Sunday that he was deeply saddened by the loss of life. His office said no motive had been confirmed.

Francois Deschamps, an organizer of a refugee-support group in Quebec City, said the motive for Sunday's attack is unknown, but right-wing groups are very organized in Quebec City, distribute fliers at the university and plaster stickers around town.

Deschamps said he has received death threats after starting a refugee support group on Facebook and people have posted his address online.

"I'm not very surprised about the event," Deschamps said.

Associated Press writer Sean Farrell in Montreal contributed to this report. Rob Gillies reported from Toronto.

This story has been corrected to show that the New York City mayor's name is Bill de Blasio, not Bill Blasio.

A commuter's dream: Entrepreneurs race to develop flying car

By JOAN LOWY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before George Jetson entranced kids with his cartoon flying car, people dreamed of soaring above traffic congestion. Inventors and entrepreneurs have long tried and failed to make the dream a reality, but that may be changing.

Nearly a dozen companies around the globe, including some with deep pockets such as European aircraft maker Airbus, are competing to be the first to develop a new kind of aircraft that will enable commuters to glide above crowded roadways. A few of the aircraft under development are cars with wings that unfold for flight, but most aren't cars at all. Typically they take off and land vertically like helicopters. Rather than a single, large main rotor, they have multiple small rotors. Each rotor is operated by a battery-powered electric motor instead of a conventional aircraft piston engine.

It's no sure bet that flying-car dreams will turn into reality. There are many obstacles, including convincing regulators that the aircraft are safe, figuring out how to handle thousands of new low-flying aircraft over cities without collisions and developing batteries that will keep them aloft long enough to be useful.

But entrepreneurs are moving forward. They see a vast potential market for "air taxis" and personally owned small aircraft to transport people from the fringes of metropolitan areas to city centers as urban areas grow more congested and people spend more time stuck in traffic. They envision tens of thousands of one or two-person flying taxis delivering passengers to the rooftops of office buildings in city centers and other landing pads during rush hours.

"In as little as 10 years, products could be on the market that revolutionize urban travel for millions of people," said Zach Lovering, the leader of Airbus' project to develop an autonomous flying taxi called the Vahana. The name means the mount or vehicle of a Hindu deity.

Uber released a 98-page report in October making the business case for air taxis, which the company sees as the future of on-demand transportation. Uber doesn't have any plans to develop a flying car itself, but the online transportation network is advising several companies that have aircraft in the works.

"The role we want to play is as a catalyst for the entire industry," said Nikhil Goel, an Uber project manager for advanced programs.

Some of the aircraft are drones that will be preprogrammed for each flight and monitored or operated from the ground or a command center. Others are designed for human pilots.

It's unclear yet how much the aircraft will cost, although prices are likely to vary significantly. Some of the aircraft are designed to be individually owned, while others are envisioned more for commercial use. Designers hope that if demand is high, prices can be kept affordable through economies of mass production.

Several recent developments could make these aircraft possible. Advances in computing power mean the rotors on multi-copter drones can be adjusted many times per second, making the aircraft easy to control. Drones have also benefited from advances in battery and electric motor technology. Some companies, like Chinese dronemaker EHang, are scaling-up drones so that they can carry people.

Another aircraft under development, Santa Cruz, California-based Joby Aviation's S2, looks more like a conventional plane except that there are 12 tiltrotors spread along the wings and tail. And some, like the Vahana, a cockpit mounted on a sled and flanked by propellers in front and back, don't really look like any aircraft in the skies today.

"In terms of what you can make fly in a reliable manner, the solution speed gateway that (computer) chips have gone through recently have literally opened the door to a whole new world of flying machine possibilities," said Charles Eastlake, an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University professor emeritus of aerospace engineering.

But he also cautioned: "My best engineering guess is that people actually using autonomous air taxis in the next 10 or 15 years is possible, but definitely not certain. The challenges are big."

Key for many of the designs will be the development of longer-lasting lightweight batteries. Currently available batteries could probably keep an air taxi aloft about 15 to 30 minutes before it would have to land, experts said. Depending on how fast the aircraft flies, that probably isn't quite enough to transport

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passengers between nearby cities or across metropolitan areas, experts said.

Another hurdle will be winning Federal Aviation Administration certification for any radical new kind of aircraft when approval of even small changes in aviation technology can take years.

The FAA said in a statement that it is taking a "flexible, open-minded, and risk-based approach" to flying cars. FAA officials have discussed with several manufacturers the certification of aircraft that will be flown with a pilot in the beginning, and later converted to an autonomous passenger aircraft.

While further research is needed to ensure that autonomous aircraft are safe, "we believe automation technology already being prototyped in low-risk unmanned aircraft missions, when fully mature, could have a positive effect" on aviation safety," the agency said.

Reducing noise is another challenge since air taxis will be taking off and landing in densely populated areas. So is creating enough landing pads to handle lots of aircraft at the same time. A new air traffic control system would also likely be needed.

"It's pretty clear that the existing air traffic control system won't scale to the kind of density at low altitudes that people are talking about," said John Hansman, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor who chairs the FAA's research and engineering advisory committee.

NASA is developing an air traffic control system for small drones that perhaps could be expanded to include flying cars.

"There's no question we can build the vehicle," Hansman said. "The big challenge is whether we can build a vehicle that would be allowed to operate in the places where people want to use it."

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At SAG Awards, protest of immigration ban takes spotlight

By JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

Oscar season is looking more and more like one very well-dressed protest against President Donald Trump.

In speech after fiery speech at Sunday night's Screen Actors Guild Awards, winners struck a defiant tone against Trump's sweeping immigration ban. Their words varied from tender personal reflections to full-throated battle cries, but they were nearly uniform in channeling the nationwide demonstrations sparked by Trump's halting of immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim nations.

The SAG Awards culminated with the evening's top honor, best movie ensemble, going to the cast of "Hidden Figures," an uplifting drama about African-American mathematicians who aided NASA's 1960s space race, starring Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae and Octavia Spencer. Henson concluded the show the same way its first presenter, Ashton Kutcher, began it: with the kind of pointed politics that have traditionally been more an aberration than a constant at Hollywood award shows.

"This story is about unity," said Henson, who stars alongside Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae in "Hidden Figures." "This story is about what happens when we put our differences aside and we come together as a human race. We win. Love wins. Every time."

It was a surprise win for "Hidden Figures." With the Oscar front-runner "La La Land" (which took the Producers Guild Awards' top honor on Saturday) not nominated in the category, most expected a contest between "Moonlight" or "Manchester by the Sea." Such a result could now mean "Hidden Figures" is the strongest challenger to the "La La Land" dominance, or, perhaps, that none of the three films will be able to muster enough to topple the song-and-dance juggernaut.

Yet if Damien Chazelle's musical is to go on to win best picture, it will be just the second film to do so without a SAG ensemble nod in the category's history. Only Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" managed it in 1996.

But such Oscar handicapping — usually the prime drama at the SAG Awards — largely took a backseat to politics on Sunday. (That is, with the possible exception of Denzel Washington's surprise win over Casey Affleck.) Whichever film ultimately triumphs at the Oscars, it seems assured of being dwarfed by the growing off-screen clamor.

The immigration ban has already altered the Academy Awards. On Sunday, the revered Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, whose "A Salesman" is nominated for best foreign language film, said he would boycott

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the Oscars, even if he was allowed to travel for them.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who added another honor for her performance on the political satire "Veep," said she was the daughter of an immigrant who fled religious persecution in Nazi-occupied France.

"Because I love this country, I am horrified by its blemishes," said Louis-Dreyfus. "And this immigrant ban is a blemish and it is un-American."

Perhaps the most moving speech came from Mahershala Ali, who won best supporting actor for his acclaimed performance in Barry Jenkins' coming-of-age portrait, "Moonlight." Ali said the film, about a shy, gay Miami boy's hard life, held lessons of acceptance. "We see what happens when you persecute people," Ali said. "They fold into themselves."

Ali said his own relationship with his mother exemplified tolerance. The son of a Protestant minister, Ali converted to Islam 17 years ago.

"We put things to the side," Ali said of their differences. "I'm able to see her. She's able to see me. We love each other. The love has grown. That stuff is minutia. It's not that important."

Ali was among the several Oscar favorites who cemented their front-runner status, including best-actress winner Emma Stone for "La La Land" and best-supporting actress winner Viola Davis for "Fences." But best actor went to Davis's co-star (and director) Washington for his performance in the August Wilson adaptation. Most expected the award to go to Affleck, apparently including Washington himself.

"I'm a God-fearing man," he said, still shaking his head as he reached the podium. "I'm supposed to have faith, but I didn't have faith."

The most blistering speech was by David Harbour, who led the cast of Netflix's "Stranger Things" — another big surprise winner — on stage to accept best ensemble in a TV drama series. "We will hunt monsters," Harbour vowed in lengthy remarks that drew a standing ovation.

The hit Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black" won best ensemble in a comedy series for the third straight year.

"We stand up here representing a diverse group of people, representing generations of families who have sought a better life here from places like Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Ireland," said star Taylor Schilling, while a cast member added "Brooklyn!" "And we know that it's going to be up to us and all you, probably, to keep telling stories that show what unites us is stronger than the forces that divide us."

Lily Tomlin was the lifetime achievement honoree Sunday. The 77-year-old actress gave a warm, rollicking speech that dispensed both drinking advice and regret over wasting "a lot of time being ambitious about the wrong things."

"Did you hear? The Doomsday Clock has been moved up to two and a half minutes before midnight," said Tomlin. "And this award, it came just in the nick of time."

Sandy Cohen in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Longtime US residents, aspiring citizens caught up in ban

By JOHN ROGERS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman traveling to Indiana to care for her cancer-stricken mother, a family physician who has lived in the U.S. for two decades, and a Minneapolis woman about to become a U.S. citizen were among those caught in the net cast by President Donald Trump when he banned travelers from entering the country from Muslim-majority nations.

Here are their stories:

Sahar Algonaimi, a 58-year-old Syrian woman coming to the U.S. to care for her cancer-stricken mother was put on a plane Saturday and sent back to Saudi Arabia hours after arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

When her 76-year-old mother became ill, Algonaimi's sister, Nour Ulayyet, asked her to come to their

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home in Valparaiso, Indiana, to help take care of her. Their mother underwent a mastectomy Friday.

Algonaimi had visited just last year and still had a U.S. visa good until June 2018.

After texting to say her plane had touched down, she never arrived at the gate. A man identifying himself as an immigration officer eventually called Ulayyet to say her sister was being put aboard a flight back to Saudi Arabia, where she teaches school.

"I asked if I could speak to a supervisor," Ulayyet said. "He was very nice, very sympathetic, but he said, 'Literally for me to help I'm going to be breaking the law and I'm not going to break the law.'"

Before Algonaimi left officials had her sign paperwork that she told her sister she didn't understand. It canceled her visa.

"I really can't put it in words how much sadness I feel and the sense of injustice we feel," Ulayyet said Sunday as she choked up.

Dr. Sarwa Aldoori, a family physician from Bakersfield, California, was returning home Saturday from an eight-day religious pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia when she was startled to be pulled aside from the rest of her group.

"Everything was OK until I got to the customs checking point and my colleagues and friends went through and the guy looked at my passport and eyed me and he said step aside," Aldoori said Sunday, her voice shaking as she tearfully described the ordeal.

She was released and reunited with her husband after nine hours.

Aldoori, a legal permanent resident of the U.S., said she made a similar pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia last year — "a very special visit in the life of every Muslim" — without incident.

As she cried and asked to know why she couldn't leave the airport this time, the doctor, who has lived in the United States since 1996, said an officer finally told her, "It's because you were born in Iraq."

"I looked at him and I said, 'You know, I am 62 years old. What did I do wrong?' He didn't say anything, he just looked at the floor and said have a seat."

Although angry and shaken, she said she still plans to become a U.S. citizen someday.

"I'm not going to let something like that stop me," she said defiantly. "We used to have decent people in government and now we don't."

Fateme Farmad was returning from Iran to her Minneapolis home with her 11-month-old son when she was detained and questioned for more than 12 hours at Los Angeles International Airport.

Farmad and her family had traveled to Iran last month to visit relatives. Her husband, Masoud Samet, returned to the U.S. for work on Jan. 6 while she and other family members stayed for a wedding.

When the group returned Saturday, her brother, a U.S. citizen, was immediately allowed back in. She, her son and her mother were detained.

"They are OK, but they are very tired and the situation was unexpected and very horrible," said her husband.

Attorneys who filed legal action demanding Farmad's release accused officials at the airport of attempting to coerce her into signing papers relinquishing her permanent resident status.

Farmad, who has lived in the United States for five years, is scheduled to take her oath of citizenship on Feb. 13.

Nazanin Zinouri had only been in Iran a couple of days for a family visit when she began to hear rumors that citizens of Muslim-majority nations would be banned from returning to the United States.

The U.S. resident of nearly seven years tried to return home immediately but flights were delayed in Tehran by heavy snow. She'd only gotten as far as Dubai when the ban went into effect and authorities refused to let her board a plane to the United States.

She said by phone Sunday she's been spending her time following the news and worrying about her rescue dog, Dexter, her home, her car and her job. She works for a technology firm in South Carolina.

"What's going to happen to my dog? My dog is sick. Is anyone going to adopt him?" she asked. "Am I

going to lose my job forever?"

Zinouri, 29, has a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from Clemson University. She had gone to Iran to see her mother, brother and sister.

Abdollah Mostafavi was traveling to San Francisco for hip replacement surgery when the 80-year-old green-card holder was suddenly stopped at San Francisco International Airport.

Mostafavi, who has relatives in Canada and the U.S., splits his time between those countries and his native Iran.

When he was finally released after six hours Saturday his 8-year-old grandson ran to hug him as his 46-year-old daughter fought back tears.

"I'm worried sick," his daughter, Mozghan Mostafavi, had told the AP as she waited at the airport for him. "I don't know any Iranians who have been in a terrorist attack. It's so dehumanizing. It's so insulting. I grew up during the Revolution in Iran and I feel that same suffocation. It's hard to breathe."

She said Sunday her father told her he'd been held for hours in a room with about 15 other Iranians.

"He said it seemed they had the order to detain them but had no idea what to do next," she said.

An Iraqi immigrant couple who arrived in Maine with two daughters just days before citizens of Muslim-majority nations were banned from entering the country are awaiting word on the fate of their oldest daughter, who didn't get out in time.

Labeled Alalhanfy, his wife, Soso, and their 13- and 19-year-old daughters arrived in the United States from Baghdad on Tuesday.

Their 20-year-old daughter, Bananh, a student at the American University in Iraq, had planned to join them shortly.

"She is now very anxious and scared," said Alalhanfy.

He described his family as secular Muslims, which puts his daughter at some risk of remaining in Iraq without her family.

"The neighbors will start to notice. People will start questioning, especially because she is female. It is a critical situation," Alalhanfy said Saturday in an interview with the Portland Press Herald (<http://bit.ly/2k5RGhO>).

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White House defends immigration order in face of protests

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Sunday vigorously defended President Donald Trump's immigration restrictions, as protests against the order spread throughout the country. Some Republicans in Congress publicly opposed the changes amid legal challenges to the order banning travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries, though top congressional Republicans remain largely behind the new president.

In a background call with reporters, a senior administration official declared the order's implementation "a massive success story," claiming it had been done "seamlessly and with extraordinary professionalism."

But there was confusion at airports around the world, and late Sunday the administration appeared to walk-back how the order would apply to certain groups, like legal permanent U.S. residents.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly issued a statement Sunday saying that, absent information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, residency would be a "dispositive factor in our case-by-case determination." That means citizens of the seven countries who hold permanent U.S. "green cards" will be allowed to re-enter the U.S. Officials had previously said they would be barred from returning. It remains unclear what kind of additional screening they will now face.

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Trump's order, which also suspends refugee admissions for 120 days and indefinitely bars the processing of refugees from Syria, sparked widespread protests and denunciations from Democrats and a handful of Republicans. Many have accused the administration of rushing to implement the changes, resulting in panic and confusion at the nation's airports.

"You have an extreme vetting proposal that didn't get the vetting it should have had," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who urged the new president to "slow down" and work with lawmakers on how best to tighten screening for foreigners who enter the United States.

"In my view, we ought to all take a deep breath and come up with something that makes sense for our national security" and reflects the fact that "America's always been a welcoming home for refugees and immigrants," he said.

Several Democrats in Congress said they would introduce legislation to stop the ban.

During a round of Sunday show interviews, Trump's aides stressed that just a small portion of travelers had been affected by the order and emphasized its temporary nature.

"I can't imagine too many people out there watching this right now think it's unreasonable to ask a few more questions from someone traveling in and out of Libya and Yemen before being let loose in the United States," Trump's chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said. "And that's all this is."

As of Sunday afternoon, one legal permanent resident had been denied entry to the country as a result of the order, according to a federal law enforcement official. The official was not permitted to discuss the order's impact publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway said the changes were "a small price to pay" to keep the nation safe.

But it's unclear whether the order will accomplish that. It does not address homegrown extremists already in America, a primary concern of federal law enforcement officials. And the list of countries in Trump's order doesn't include Saudi Arabia, where most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from.

Priebus said that other countries could be added to the list. Trump spoke by phone Sunday with leaders from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Neither country is among the seven specified in Trump's order.

The president, meanwhile, defended his actions, insisting it was "not a Muslim ban, as the media is falsely reporting."

"This is not about religion — this is about terror and keeping our country safe," he said.

Trump also said he has "tremendous feeling" for the people fleeing the bloody civil war in Syria and vowed to "find ways to help all those who are suffering." The White House said later that King Salman of Saudi Arabia and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, had both agreed to support safe zones for refugees, but offered no further details.

The developments came a day after a federal judge in New York issued an emergency order temporarily barring the U.S. from deporting people from the seven majority Muslim nations subject to Trump's 90-day travel ban.

The court barred U.S. border agents from removing anyone who arrived in the U.S. with a valid visa from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. It also covered anyone with an approved refugee application.

The Department of Homeland Security on Sunday said the court ruling would not affect the overall implementation of the White House order.

"President Trump's executive orders remain in place — prohibited travel will remain prohibited, and the U.S. government retains its right to revoke visas at any time if required for national security or public safety," the department said in a statement.

Top congressional Republicans, meanwhile, were backing Trump despite concerns raised Sunday from a handful of GOP lawmakers and condemnation from the Koch political network, which is among the most influential players in the conservative movement.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he supports more stringent screening, though he cautioned that Muslims are some of the country's "best sources in the war against terror."

Republican Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham, meanwhile, expressed fear that the order could "become a self-inflicted wound in the fight against terrorism."

"This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country. That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security," they wrote.

Trump fired back on Twitter, calling the pair "sadly weak on immigration."

Priebus was on NBC's "Meet the Press" and "Face the Nation," Portman was on CNN's "State of the Union," while McConnell appeared on ABC's "This Week."

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Trump travel ban sows chaos at airports, outrage at protests

By DEEPTI HAJELA and MICHAEL TARM, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's immigration order sowed more chaos and outrage across the country Sunday, with travelers getting detained at airports, panicked families searching for relatives and protesters marching against the sweeping measure that was blocked by several federal courts.

Attorneys struggled to determine how many people had been affected so far by the rules, which Trump said Saturday were "working out very nicely."

But critics described widespread confusion and said an untold number of travelers were being held in legal limbo because of ill-defined procedures. Others were released. Lawyers manned tables at New York's Kennedy Airport to help families whose loved ones had been detained, and some 150 Chicago-area lawyers showed up at O'Hare Airport after getting an email seeking legal assistance for travelers.

"We just simply don't know how many people there are and where they are," said Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project.

Advocates for travelers say the chaos is likely to continue. The executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, Marielena Hincapie, said "this is just the beginning."

"We're really in a crisis mode, a constitutional crisis mode in our country, and we're going to need everyone," she said. "This is definitely one of those all-hands-on-deck moments."

On Sunday talk shows, White House officials defended Trump's actions.

"I can't imagine too many people out there watching this right now think it's unreasonable to ask a few more questions from someone traveling in and out of Libya and Yemen before being let loose in the United States," White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said.

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway described the changes as "a small price to pay" to keep the nation safe.

By Sunday evening, officials said nearly all of those who had been detained were free or soon would be, but the status of some travelers was unclear. The released included nine people held at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings' office said.

The people affected included a woman who was sent back to Saudi Arabia after traveling to Indiana to care for her cancer-stricken mother; a family physician who has lived in the U.S. for two decades who was held for nine hours; and a Minneapolis woman about to become a U.S. citizen who was questioned for 12 hours.

Meanwhile, protests continued across the country Sunday, from smaller airports like Rapid City Regional Airport in South Dakota to one of the nation's busiest, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Demonstrations first erupted Saturday, a day after Trump signed the order banning travel to the U.S. by citizens of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia or Yemen. The president also suspended the U.S.

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refugee program for four months.

In Washington D.C., hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the White House, some holding signs that read, "We are all immigrants in America." Demonstrations also unfolded at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, as well as in suburban Chicago, where a Jewish group organized a protest to support Muslims.

Lawyers in Chicago crowded into a food court Saturday at O'Hare, some walking around with signs offering legal help. One volunteer attorney, Julia Schlozman, was among those who jumped on a subway and headed to O'Hare.

"I just felt like I had to do something," she told the Chicago Tribune.

A federal judge in New York issued an order Saturday temporarily blocking the government from deporting people with valid visas who arrived after Trump's travel ban took effect. But confusion remained about who could stay and who will be kept out. Federal courts in Virginia, Massachusetts and Washington state took similar action.

A more decisive ruling on the legality of the Trump action by U.S. District Judge Ann M. Donnelly will probably take at least several weeks. Opponents and government attorneys will get a chance to lay out their arguments in filings and possibly in oral arguments in court, Gelernt said. Activists said their goal was to have Trump's order overturned entirely.

Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, known for usually tempering his public comments, did not hold back in a statement Sunday about Trump's measures: "Their design and implementation have been rushed, chaotic, cruel and oblivious to the realities" of security. They had, he added, ushered in "a dark moment in U.S. history."

The president of the University of Notre Dame, Father John I. Jenkins, was also among the ban's sharp critics.

"If it stands, it will over time diminish the scope and strength of the educational and research efforts of American universities," he said Sunday in a statement. And he added: "We respectfully urge the president to rescind this order."

An official with the Department of Homeland Security who briefed reporters by phone on Saturday said 109 people who were in transit on airplanes had been denied entry and 173 had not been allowed to get on their planes overseas.

No green-card holders were turned away from entering the U.S. as of Saturday, the official said, though several spent hours in detention before being allowed in.

After an appeal from civil liberties lawyers, Judge Donnelly issued an emergency order Saturday barring the U.S. from summarily deporting people who arrived with valid visas or an approved refugee application, saying it would likely violate their legal rights.

Before Trump signed the order, more than 67,000 refugees had been approved by the federal government to enter the U.S., said Jen Smyers, refugee policy director for Church World Service. More than 6,400 had already been booked on flights, including 15 families that had been expected over the next few weeks in the Chicago area from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Iran, Syria and Uganda.

The bulk of refugees entering the U.S. are settled by religious groups. All that work ground to a halt after Trump signed the order.

Tarm reported from Chicago. Associated Press writers Verena Dobnik and Karen Matthews in New York, Olga Rodriguez in San Francisco, Ezra Kaplan in Atlanta, Amy Forliti in Minneapolis, Hope Yen in Washington, D.C., and Rick Callahan in Indianapolis contributed to this report.

Military: First-known combat death since Trump in office

By JILL COLVIN and AHMED AL-HAJ, Associated press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been described as the greatest burden any commander in chief must bear. Just days into his young presidency, a U.S. service member has died in military action authorized by Donald Trump. It's the first known combat death of a member of the U.S. military since Trump took the oath of office on Jan. 20 and underscores the gravity of the decisions he now makes.

Three service members were also wounded Sunday during the firefight with militants from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula's branch in Yemen. The raid left nearly 30 others dead, including an estimated 14 militants. A fourth U.S. service member was injured when a military aircraft assisting in the mission had a "hard landing" nearby, according to U.S. Central Command.

"Americans are saddened this morning with news that a life of a heroic service member has been taken in our fight against the evil of radical Islamic terrorism," Trump said in a statement.

"My deepest thoughts and humblest prayers are with the family of this fallen service member," he said. The names of the casualties were not released.

Planning for the clandestine counterterrorism raid begun before President Barack Obama left office on Jan. 20, but Trump authorized the raid, according to a U.S. defense official, who was not authorized to discuss details beyond those announced by the Pentagon and so spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. has been striking al-Qaida in Yemen from the air for more than 15 years, mostly using drones. Sunday's surprise pre-dawn raid could signal a new escalation against extremist groups in the Arab world's poorest but strategically located country.

The action provides an early window into how the new president will put his campaign rhetoric into action when it comes to foreign intervention.

Trump had promised an "America first" approach and an end to the "era of nation building" if he won the White House. Many interpreted his language as isolationist and expected Trump to be more cautious about where the U.S. intervened.

At the same time, Trump had broadcast a stronger posture on the world stage. He pledged to beef up the military and said he aimed to achieve "peace through strength."

Sunday's raid was not the first time that the United States had conducted a counterterrorism raid on the ground in Yemen, but it was not the usual approach of striking from the air, the defense official said.

The raid was planned as a clandestine operation and not intended to be made public, but the loss of a service member changed that, the official said, adding that no detainees were taken in the operation.

An al-Qaida official and an online news service linked to the terror group said the raid left about 30 people dead, including women and children. Among the children killed was Anwaar, the 8-year-old daughter of Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical Yemeni-American cleric killed in a U.S. airstrike in Yemen in 2011, according to the girl's grandfather.

Nasser al-Awlaki told The Associated Press that Anwaar was visiting her mother when the raid took place. She was shot in the neck and bled for two hours before she died, he said.

In addition to killing the militants, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said U.S. forces "captured a whole host of information about future plots that's going to benefit this country and keep us safe."

The president "extends his condolences," he said on ABC's "This Week." "But more importantly, he understands the fight that our servicemen and women conduct on a daily basis to keep this country safe."

Just over a week ago, suspected U.S. drone strikes killed three other alleged al-Qaida operatives in Bayda in what was the first-such killings reported in the country since Trump assumed the U.S. presidency.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, long seen by Washington as among the most dangerous branches of the global terror network, has exploited the chaos of Yemen's civil war, seizing territory in the south and east.

The war began in 2014, when Shiite Houthi rebels and their allies swept down from the north and captured the capital, Sanaa. A Saudi-led military coalition has been helping government forces battle the rebels for nearly two years.

Ahmed al-Haj reported from Sanaa, Yemen. Associated press writers Maggie Michael in Cairo and AP National Security Writer Robert Burns in Washington contributed to this report.

This story has been corrected to reflect that Anwar al-Awlaki's daughter's name is Anwaar.

Hard work starts now for France's Socialist candidate

By JOHN LEICESTER and SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Beating a politically weakened ex-prime minister proved easy for Benoit Hamon, who will represent France's ruling Socialist Party in the country's presidential election. Far harder will be convincing voters that his hard-left platform isn't the recipe for ruin his critics claim.

Hamon's comfortable victory Sunday in a Socialist primary runoff against Manuel Valls owed much to his radical proposal to give all French adults a regular monthly income to protect them in an automated future where machines will take their jobs.

Hamon's winning margin — nearly 59 percent of the votes in the three-quarters of polling stations tallied — also appeared as a resounding rejection of unpopular outgoing President Francois Hollande and Valls, his prime minister for more than two years.

But the path forward for Hamon is littered with obstacles.

First, he will have to unite the Socialists behind him, which could be heavy lifting. Divisions are deep between the party's hard-left wing, which consistently criticized Hollande and Valls policies, and the advocates of more center-left views.

Another major challenge for Hamon will be negotiating with fiery far-left leader and fellow presidential candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon, who is trying to attract votes from disappointed Socialists. Hamon is proposing a coalition with Melenchon that might have a better chance of winning the general election.

Hamon will also face tough competition from outspoken centrist Emmanuel Macron, who has found increasing popularity with his pro-business views.

Such are the left's divisions that some Valls supporters may now shift to Macron's independent run for the presidency.

The outcome of the two-round vote in April and May looks increasingly uncertain.

Leading conservative candidate Francois Fillon, who also is a former prime minister, was rocked in the past week by allegations that his wife, Penelope, held a fake but handsomely paid job as a parliamentary aide. Financial prosecutors are investigating.

At a campaign rally in Paris on Sunday — where a boisterous crowd gave Penelope Fillon a standing ovation and chanted her name, Fillon said, "We have nothing to hide."

"Through Penelope they are trying to break me," he said. "I will never forgive those who chose to throw us to the wolves."

A priority for Hamon, a 49-year-old former junior minister and, briefly, education minister, will be to rally the Socialists, split ideologically and wounded by Hollande's five-year tenure as president.

"Our country needs the left, but a left that is modern and innovates," Hamon said.

Early polling has suggested the Socialist candidate will struggle to advance to the presidential runoff in May, where far-right leader Marine Le Pen could be waiting, campaigning on anti-Europe, anti-immigration and anti-Islam themes.

In defeat, Valls didn't throw his support behind Hamon, but cautioned against the risk of the country shifting to the right.

"We refuse that tomorrow Marine Le Pen becomes the face of France," he said.

In his speech Sunday, Hamon presented himself as an anti-populist candidate who can face the "unstable world" of U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin and protect the French people from the terror threat posed by extremists.

The turnout on Sunday, estimated at around 2 million voters, was more robust than in the first round of

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voting but still suggested a lack of enthusiasm among the French electorate of 44 million. The conservative primary attracted more than 4 million voters in November.

Hamon wasn't as tainted as Valls by Hollande's unpopularity, because he rebelled and quit the government in 2014.

Valls served as Hollande's prime minister for more than two years until last December, when it became clear the president couldn't win a second term. Having to defend the government's economic policies and labor reforms against Hamon proved an uphill fight for Valls.

Hamon's signature proposal for a 750 euros (\$800) "universal income" that would be gradually granted to all adults also proved a campaign masterstroke, grabbing headlines and underpinning his surprise success in the primary's two rounds of voting, first against six opponents and then against Valls in the runoff.

Sharply criticized by Valls as unrealistic and ruinous, Hamon says the no-strings-attached payments would cushion the French in an increasingly automated future, as machines take their jobs.

He proposes a tax on robots to help finance the measure's huge costs — by Hamon's reckoning, at least 300 billion euros (\$320 billion) if applied to more than 50 million adults.

Hamon also proposes legalizing cannabis and allowing medically assisted deaths.

First-time voter Maayane Pralus said Hamon "has a lot of the youth vote with him, which is sick of the old politics."

"People call him utopian, but that's the politics we've been waiting for," the 18-year-old student said.

'A Dog's Purpose' opens to \$18.4 million amid controversy

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Opening in theaters amid controversy over animal treatment on set and calls for a boycott, "A Dog's Purpose" still managed to earn \$18.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Tracking expectations had pegged the family film to open in the mid \$20-million range, but it had a healthy debut nonetheless for a movie that cost only \$22 million to produce.

Representatives of Universal Pictures, which distributed the Amblin-produced film starring Dennis Quaid, say the opening was in line with their hopes.

Audiences gave the film an "A" CinemaScore, indicating that word of mouth should be positive going forward.

"It's a great start for what I think is going to be a long-term payout on the title," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

First place at the box office went again to M. Night Shyamalan's multiple personality thriller "Split." It grossed \$26.3 million in its second weekend in theaters — a relatively minuscule 34 percent drop from its first weekend, which is nearly unheard of for a horror thriller.

Rounding out the top five were "Hidden Figures" in third with \$14 million, new opener "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter" in fourth with \$13.9 million, and "La La Land" in fifth place with \$12.1 million.

Damien Chazelle's candy colored musical crossed the \$100 million mark domestically after earning 14 Oscar nominations that helped fuel its earnings.

"They definitely got a nice boost," comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said. "They're riding that perfect wave of Oscar attention with the perfect release pattern."

But even with the newly anointed Oscar nominees and the sleeper hit of "Split," many eyes were on "A Dog's Purpose" this weekend. On Jan. 18, TMZ released a video of a frightened dog from "A Dog's Purpose" that apparently was forced into rushing water during the making of the film. The footage quickly went viral.

PETA called for a boycott of the film, while the studio and filmmakers canceled its press junket and premiere but still proceeded with releasing the film in over 3,000 locations as planned.

Carpou acknowledged that the video, which he and the filmmakers have said is "highly edited," surfaced at "a very inopportune moment in the buildup to the release of our movie" and they knew that it would have some effect.

And yet, Carpou said, "It's very difficult to qualify what is a success for this film by trying to quantify

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negative result because of some controversy.”

Other industry observers, like Dergarabedian, note that the video and the resulting media attention actually heightened awareness about the movie.

Dergarabedian also thinks that, even without the controversy, the weekend likely would have played out in the same way, with “A Dog’s Purpose” taking second place to “Split.”

“It had an impact, we just don’t know what the impact is,” Dergarabedian said. “To have close to \$20 million is a pretty good showing. I really feel like we just don’t know what the impact was. I think it’s a fine result for the film.”

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. “Split,” \$26.3 million (\$14.8 million international).
2. “A Dog’s Purpose,” \$18.4 million (\$3.7 million international).
3. “Hidden Figures,” \$14 million (\$1.5 million international).
4. “Resident Evil: The Final Chapter,” \$13.9 million (\$28.3 million international).
5. “La La Land,” \$12.1 million (\$23.5 million international).
6. “xXx: The Return of Xander Cage,” \$8.3 million (\$24 million international).
7. “Sing,” \$6.2 million (\$23.3 million international).
8. “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” \$5.1 million (\$3.8 million international).
9. “Monster Trucks,” \$4.1 million (\$2.6 million international).
10. “Gold,” \$3.5 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. “Journey To The West: The Demon Strikes Back,” \$85 million.
2. “Buddies in India,” \$44 million.
3. “Kung Fu Yoga,” \$40 million.
4. “Resident Evil: The Final Chapter,” \$28.3 million.
5. “xXx: The Return Of Xander Cage,” \$24 million.
6. “La La Land,” \$23.5 million.
7. “Sing,” \$23.3 million.
8. “Duckweed,” \$18.3 million.
9. “Confidential Assignment,” \$15 million.
10. “Split,” \$14.8 million.

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Plea in murder case from unlikely spot: the victim, a priest

By KATE BRUMBACK and JASON DEAREN, Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — The Rev. Rene Robert devoted his life to helping society’s most troubled, working with drug addicts and criminals and even signing a “Declaration of Life” that called for his killer to be spared execution in the event of his murder.

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More than two decades after filing that document, his wish will be tested.

Robert's body — shot multiple times — was found in the Georgia woods last year after a multistate manhunt led to the arrest of Steven Murray, a repeat offender Robert had been trying to help for months. Police said Murray asked the 71-year-old priest for a ride in Jacksonville, Florida, then kidnapped him and drove him across the state line. Days later, Murray led officers to the priest's body, police said.

Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty if Murray is convicted of murder, citing the slaying's aggravated nature. That decision was based on the facts alone, Augusta Judicial Circuit District Attorney Ashley Wright told The Associated Press.

"We don't look at whether the victim is a priest, a nun, a philanthropist, a drug dealer or something else," she said.

But Catholic officials from Georgia and Florida plan to protest Tuesday on the courthouse steps in Augusta, citing Robert's own words opposing capital punishment.

"I request that the person found guilty of homicide for my killing not be subject to or put in jeopardy of the death penalty under any circumstances, no matter how heinous their crime or how much I may have suffered," states the document Robert signed in 1995, notarized and witnessed by an attorney, that he insisted be kept in his personnel file.

Prosecutors frequently don't have access to the wishes of a murder suspect's victim when making such decisions, let alone a statement so clearly opposed to capital punishment. Even so, it's one of many factors, and the choice ultimately is the prosecutor's, said Georgia State University law professor Lauren Sudeall Lucas, who lectures on capital punishment.

"There's not a lot of legal precedent for this having any real impact," she said.

On a more subjective level, she said, a prosecutor could decide not to seek the death penalty because of Robert's statement. But ultimately the district attorney represents the state, not the victim, she added.

Murray's attorney, Ryan Swingle, has been a public defender for 15 years, working exclusively on capital cases for the last four. He's inspired by people like Robert, he said.

"It is both my personal and professional hope that his sincere wishes based on his faith will be honored," Swingle said. He's not sure what weight Robert's declaration will be given by the state, court or jury, but said "it should be considered thoughtfully by everyone involved."

Murray smiled and waved at TV cameras during his initial court appearance but has waffled between sorrow and defiance in public.

"I'm very sorry and if anybody really loves Father Rene, they'll forgive me because he was a man of God and forgiveness is forgiveness," he said after an early hearing in April. "I have mental problems, and I lost control of myself, and I apologize."

Murray struck a harsh tone after another hearing in September: "Tell the world I say f--- 'em," he told reporters.

Asked about his client's statements, Swingle said "I think he's expressed sincere remorse and has done so publicly, and I think that speaks for itself."

Since his latest arrest, Murray has twice attempted to kill himself in jail. He didn't respond to an interview request mailed to the Clayton County jail near Atlanta.

Murray grew up in South Carolina in an abusive family, said his sister Bobbie Jean Murray. A brother is in prison for murder, their father's been in and out of prison, and the abuse led Murray to drugs and crime at an early age. He met the priest through a girlfriend, Ashley Shreve; the couple did drugs together, and Robert often gave them money, against their families' wishes.

"They used him, no doubt," Bobbie Jean Murray said. "He gave Ashley a credit card. They used Father Rene to get what they wanted, and I do feel like he was an enabler."

Robert was so devoted to addicts that he'd lend them his car and walk home alone through high-crime neighborhoods, according to colleagues at San Sebastian Catholic Church in St. Augustine, Florida.

His compassion for the poor compelled him to scrape leftovers from dinner plates into baggies to feed people in the streets, the colleagues said.

"He spent almost all of his money on others and then begged for himself," said the Rev. John Gillespie,

the first to report the fellow priest missing. "I teach to students: Do the things Rene did, but don't do them the way he did them."

Fran Gradick, Shreve's mother, said a bank card in her daughter's name, linked to Robert's bank account, showed up in the mail after her daughter overdosed and went to jail, just before Robert disappeared.

"I begged him for years, this goes back 13 years, 'please step away, please quit,'" Gradick said.

Robert always honored the privacy of the people to whom he ministered, even when relatives had questions, said the Rev. Heriberto Vergara, who worked with Robert in prisons. They considered their work with even the most violent criminals to be like any confession — a private spiritual matter.

"He had the conviction of a priest that these people also are important to God," Vergara said in Spanish.

Robert's sister, Deborah Bedard, initially wanted Murray to be executed but told The Florida Times-Union newspaper she changed her mind after learning of her brother's letter.

Murray's sister sees the letter as heaven-sent.

"I feel like that was an act of God," Bobbie Jean Murray said. "I'm praying for a miracle, and God's got it in his hands."

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Federer beats Nadal in epic Aussie final to win 18th major

By JOHN PYE, AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — So here was Roger Federer, down a break in the fifth set in a Grand Slam final. Across the net was his nemesis, Rafael Nadal, the left-handed Spaniard he hadn't been able to beat in a major final in almost a decade.

The 35-year-old father of four was back in his first tour-level tournament after six months off letting his injured left knee recover, and he hadn't won any of the big four events in tennis since Wimbledon 2012. Nadal was returning from injury, too, and somehow the pair had renewed the Roger-Rafa rivalry in a throwback Australian Open final that transcended sport.

At that moment, an 18th Grand Slam title didn't feature in Federer's thinking.

Don't play the player, he reminded himself, just play the ball. Attack the serve.

With that, Federer recovered the break, and seized momentum in a roll of winning 10 consecutive points that helped propel him to a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 win late Sunday night. His fifth Australian title extended his buffer to four atop the list of all-time Grand Slam champions. Nadal remained tied with Pete Sampras in second place with 14.

"For me it's all about the comeback, about an epic match with Rafa again," Federer said, "... that I can still do it at my age after not having won a slam for almost five years.

"That's what I see. The last problem is the slam count — honestly, it doesn't matter."

Federer had lost six of the previous eight Grand Slam finals he'd played against Nadal and was 11-23 in their career meetings. His last win over Nadal in a major final was at Wimbledon in 2007.

"It remains for me the ultimate challenge to play against him," Federer said. "It's super sweet, because I haven't beaten him a Grand Slam final for a long time now.

"This one means a lot to me because he's caused me problems over the years."

With big wins come big celebrations, Federer said. "We're going to party like rock stars tonight."

By winning in Melbourne, where he first played in 2000 and where he kicked off his long reign at No. 1 with the title in 2004, he became the oldest man since Ken Rosewall in 1972 to win a slam.

Federer had lost five semifinals in Australia since winning his previous title here in 2010. He'd lost three major finals since winning that last Grand Slam in 2012. He hadn't played Nadal in a major final since losing at the French Open in '11.

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After twice rallying from a set down, Nadal was a break up in the fifth but couldn't hang on to become the first man in the Open era to win each of the four majors twice. Instead, Federer became the first man in the Open era to win three of Grand Slam events at least five times (7 Wimbledon titles, 5 U.S. Opens, 5 Australian Opens and 1 French Open).

"The magnitude of this match is going to feel different. I can't compare this one with any other one except for maybe the French Open in '09," Federer said. "I waited for the French Open, I tried, I fought. I tried again and failed. Eventually I made it. This feels similar, yeah."

Three months ago, Federer and Nadal were in the Spaniard's native Mallorca for the opening of a tennis academy wondering if they'd ever be able to contend for majors again.

Yet here they were, the first Grand Slam tournament of the season, renewing the classic rivalry that saw them dominate tennis a decade ago.

The long-odds final — No. 9 against No. 17 — unfolded after six-time champion Novak Djokovic was upset by No. 117-ranked Denis Istomin in the second round and top-ranked Andy Murray, a five-time losing finalist in Australia, went out in the fourth round to 50th-ranked Mischa Zverev.

Federer beat Zverev, and then U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka in a five-set, all-Swiss semifinal. That was the night before Nadal held off Grigor Dimitrov in an almost five-hour, five-set semifinal late Friday.

After four sets of a final where the momentum alternately swung, the fifth had all the tension and drama that these two players are famous for.

Federer had a medical time out for treatment on his upper right leg and was broken in his first service game of the deciding set.

But he rallied and put Nadal under pressure. Nadal saved three break points in the eighth game but lost momentum again when Federer finished off a 26-shot rally — the longest of the match — with a forehand winner down the line.

Federer got the pivotal break for 5-3, but Nadal made him work for the very last point.

Serving for the match, and after saving two break points, Federer was called for a double-fault at deuce. He challenged the out call on his second serve, however, and it was overturned. Tempo back in his court.

After hitting a forehand crosscourt winner on his second match point, his celebrations were delayed when Nadal challenged the call.

Federer watched the replay, and leaped for joy when it showed his last shot was in — the perfect finish to his 100th match at the Australian Open.

"Congratulation to Roger ... Just amazing, the way he's playing after such a long time of him not being on the tour," Nadal said. "For sure, you have been working a lot to make that happen."

"I fight a lot these two weeks," he added. "Today, a great match, probably Roger deserved it a little bit more than me."

Federer's championship victory capped a remarkable weekend for 30-somethings — all four singles finalists were 30 or older — after 35-year-old Serena Williams beat her older sister, Venus, in the women's final to capture her Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title.

Trump wants to enlist local police in immigration crackdown

By JACQUES BILLEAUD and AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — To build his highly touted deportation force, President Donald Trump is reviving a long-standing program that deputizes local officers to enforce federal immigration law.

The program received scant attention during a week in which Trump announced plans to build a border wall, hire thousands more federal agents and impose restrictions on refugees from Middle Eastern countries.

But the program could end up having a significant impact on immigration enforcement around the country, despite falling out of favor in recent years amid complaints that it promotes racial profiling.

More than 60 police and sheriff's agencies had the special authority as of 2009, applying for it as the nation's immigration debate was heating up. Since then, the number has been halved and the effort scaled back as federal agents ramped up other enforcement programs and amid complaints officers weren't fo-

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ocusing on the goal of catching violent offenders and instead arrested immigrants for minor violations, like driving with broken tail lights.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio used the program most aggressively in metro Phoenix, and he became arguably the nation's best-known immigration enforcer at the local level in large part because of the special authority. In a strange twist, he was thrown out of office in the same election that vaulted Trump to the presidency, mostly because of mounting frustration over legal issues and costs stemming from the patrols.

In his executive order this week, Trump said he wants to empower local law enforcement to act as immigration officers and help with the "investigation, apprehension, or detention" of immigrants in the country illegally.

The move comes at a time when the country is sharply divided over the treatment of immigrants. Cities such as Chicago and San Francisco have opposed police involvement in immigration while some counties in Massachusetts and Texas are now seeking to jump in.

Proponents say police departments can help bolster immigration enforcement and prevent criminals from being released back into their neighborhoods, while critics argue that deputizing local officers will lead to racial profiling and erode community trust in police.

Cecillia Wang, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, said police bosses who want to get into immigration enforcement should consider what happened when 100 of Arpaio's deputies were given the federal arrest power.

The longtime sheriff used the authority to carry out traffic patrols that targeted immigrants. The patrols were later discredited in a lawsuit in which a federal judge concluded Arpaio's officers had racially profiled Latinos. The lawsuit so far cost county taxpayers \$50 million.

"There are people like Joe Arpaio who have a certain political agenda who want to jump on the Trump bandwagon," Wang said, adding later that the Arizona sheriff was "most vocal and shameless offender" in the program.

When asked to comment on Trump's effort to revitalize the program, a Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman said the executive orders would speak for themselves.

Traditionally, police stayed out of immigration enforcement and left those duties to federal authorities. But a 1996 federal law opened up the possibility for local agencies to participate in immigration enforcement on the streets and do citizenship checks of people in local jails.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement trained and certified roughly 1,600 officers to carry out these checks from 2006 to 2015.

The Obama administration phased out all the arrest power agreements in 2013, but still let agencies check whether people jailed in their jurisdiction were citizens. If they find that an inmate is in the country illegally, they typically notify federal authorities or hand them over to immigration officers. Today, more than 30 local agencies participate in the jail program.

Alonzo Pena, a retired deputy director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement who once oversaw such agreements with police agencies, said some officers were using the authority in ways that didn't match the agency's enforcement priorities.

He said federal officials need to closely monitor participants to ensure their actions don't veer away from the goal of catching violent offenders and confronting national security threats. "It's hard to regulate to make sure it's followed," Pena said.

In California, three counties nixed the program after state legislation and a federal court ruling in nearby Oregon limited police collaboration with immigration enforcement. Orange County still makes the immigration checks inside its jail and flags inmates for deportation officers, but won't hold anyone on behalf of federal authorities out of legal concerns.

"The window has narrowed to a large extent," said Orange County sheriff's Lt. Mike McHenry.

With Trump in office, the program has new life.

Even before the change in administration, two Republican county sheriffs in Massachusetts said they were starting programs. In Texas, Jackson County sheriff A. J. "Andy" Louderback said two officers will get trained to run immigration jail checks this spring and nearby counties want to follow suit.

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Louderback said teaming up with federal agents will cost his agency roughly \$3,000 — a small price to pay to cover for officers while they're on a four-week training course, especially in an area struggling with human smuggling. Once the program is underway, he said immigration agents will send a daily van to pick up anyone flagged for deportation from jail.

"It just seems like good law enforcement to partner with federal law enforcement in this area," he said. "It takes all of us to do this job."

Experts said Trump's outreach to local law enforcement will create an even bigger split between sanctuary cities that keep police out of immigration enforcement and those eager to help the new president bolster deportations.

"There is no question that in order to do the type of mass deportation that he promised, it will require him conscripting local law enforcement agencies," said Chris Newman, legal director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. "It is going to balkanize things ... and we're going to see more of the extremes."

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Israel's Netanyahu says US embassy should be in Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that the American embassy in Israel should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, injecting himself once again into a charged campaign trail promise of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Netanyahu's comments at his weekly Cabinet meeting appeared aimed at countering reports that Israel was concerned about the fallout of such a move, which is vehemently opposed by the Palestinians and has sparked fears of a renewed outbreak of violence. It comes a day after Netanyahu unilaterally endorsed Trump's call to build a wall along the Mexican border, saying the Israeli model along its border with Egypt has proven successful.

"I would like to clarify unequivocally that our view has always been, and continues to be, that the United States' embassy should be here in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said. "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and it is appropriate that not only the American embassy will be here but that all embassies will move here and I believe that in due course most will come here, to Jerusalem."

Currently, nearly all foreign embassies are located in the coastal city of Tel Aviv because their countries have refrained from recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital until its status is resolved in future peace talks. Israel has long called for the embassies to be relocated but hasn't pushed hard for it given the widespread international opposition.

But Trump's rise has emboldened Israel's nationalists. His campaign platform made no mention of a Palestinian state, a cornerstone of two decades of international diplomacy in the region, and he has signaled that he will be far more tolerant of Israeli settlement construction than his predecessors.

Both his designated ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, and his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, now a top aide and Mideast envoy, have deep ties to the settler movement. Friedman and Kushner's family foundation have both been generous contributors to the Beit El settlement, and a delegation of settler representatives was invited to Trump's inauguration.

The Palestinians want the West Bank and east Jerusalem — areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mid-east war — for their hoped-for state. Former President Barack Obama, like the rest of the international community, considered the building of settlements an obstacle to peace and frequently criticized their construction. But Trump did not comment when Israel announced a major housing drive last week.

At the Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu also said his government planned to introduce a bill to legalize dozens of West Bank settlement outposts later this week.

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There are about 100 outposts across the West Bank that Israel considers illegal but tolerates and often allows to flourish. The bill is being pushed by the pro-settler Jewish Home party, which has threatened to quit Netanyahu's coalition if it doesn't go through.

The bill was cited as one of the reasons the Obama administration allowed a United Nations Security Council resolution to pass that challenged the legality of the settlements.

U.S. officials said that after previously vetoing anti-Israel resolutions, they felt compelled to abstain because of continued Israeli settlement construction and efforts to retroactively legalize dozens of them in exchange for compensation for the original Palestinian landowners.

Also Sunday, Israeli troops killed an 18-year-old Palestinian and wounded five others after they came under attack in a refugee camp in the northern West Bank city of Jenin, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

Palestinian police said a group hurled rocks at the Israeli troops, who responded with fire and fatally shot Mohammed Khalefeh. The Israeli military confirmed the account, saying that its forces were attacked with pipe bombs before they responded. Israeli forces routinely carry out arrest raids in the West Bank against wanted Palestinian militants.

Since 2015, Palestinian attackers have carried out numerous stabbings, shootings and vehicular assaults that killed 40 Israelis and two visiting Americans. Israeli forces killed 235 Palestinians in the same period, most identified by Israel as attackers.

Palestinians and rights groups have accused Israel of using excessive force in some of the confrontations.

Israel says the violence is fueled by a Palestinian campaign of incitement compounded on social media sites that glorify and encourage attacks. Palestinians say it stems from frustration over decades of Israeli rule in territory they claim for a state.

'La La Land' takes top honors at Producers Guild Awards

By SANDY COHEN, AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "La La Land" is continuing to dance its way through Hollywood's awards season, claiming top honors at the 28th annual Producers Guild Awards.

The guild recognized the candy-colored musical with its Darryl F. Zanuck Award for theatrical motion picture production Saturday, a prize that often precedes the best picture Academy Award. (Last year was an exception, when "The Big Short" won the guild award, while "Spotlight" got the Oscar.) The nominees for the guild's top film prize echo Oscars' best picture nominees this year, with the exception of "Deadpool," which made the cut with producers but not the film academy.

But the guild's celebration at the Beverly Hilton Hotel of the year's outstanding film and television productions had a decidedly political tone, as President Donald Trump's ban on refugees and visitors from several Muslim countries triggered protests in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Seattle and other cities.

"Our America is big, it is free, and it is open to dreamers of all races, all countries, all religions," singer John Legend said as he introduced "La La Land" at Saturday's untelevised ceremony. "Our vision of America is directly antithetical to that of President Trump. I want to specifically, tonight, reject his vision and affirm America has to be better than that."

Ezra Edelman, producer and director of "O.J.: Made in America," which claimed the guild's documentary prize, echoed Legend's sentiments.

"Please keep telling stories that are about our humanity," he said.

Other winners Saturday included "Zootopia" for animated feature, "Atlanta" for episodic television comedy and "Stranger Things" for episodic TV drama.

Presenters included Justin Timberlake, Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Nicole Kidman, Jeff Bridges, Kerry Washington, Robert De Niro and Martin Scorsese. Veteran producers James L. Brooks, Tom Rothman and Irwin Winkler received special awards.

Dustin Hoffman presented the night's top prize. As producer Marc Platt accepted for "La La Land," he said, "The power of cinema cannot be denied and has no borders ... We must believe love can change our lives, much as it can change the world."

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Week 1 of Trump: dog years, old fights, new words, weirdness

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been a getting-to-know-you first week for both President Donald Trump and the nation.

Trump's personal traits on display during the campaign seemed more pronounced in the august setting of the White House.

The new president made haste to turn "the Trump effect" into action. Old fights took on new oomph. And as the nation was learning more about Trump, the president was learning more about the ways of Washington.

Some prominent themes from week one of Trump:

COUNT ON IT

On an almost daily basis, Trump demonstrated his fixation with putting a yard stick to the size of his support.

He vastly overstated turnout for his inauguration — repeatedly. He revived unsubstantiated claims that he lost the popular vote to Democrat Hillary Clinton only because 3 million to 5 million people voted illegally.

He rehearsed anew details of his "great victory" in November. He complained in advance that the press would undercount the size of Friday's anti-abortion rally in Washington. At the CIA, he speculated "probably almost everybody in this room voted for me."

The tussle over the size of the inaugural crowd led Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway to introduce a new phrase to the lexicon: "alternative facts."

TRUMP EFFECT

Trump held a series of meetings and signed a number of executive orders and actions in his first week aimed at showing he was ready to deliver on top campaign promises on everything from unwinding President Barack Obama's health law to building a wall on the Mexican border and ditching the trans-Pacific trade deal.

White House advisers styled it "the Trump effect," writ large.

By Day 2, Conway was suggesting an "unbelievable" level of presidential activity. "Everything in Trump world feels like we did it in dog years," she told one TV interviewer. "You have to multiply it by seven."

And Trump used his first weekly radio and Internet address to say his administration "has hit the ground running at a record pace, everybody is talking about it."

Caveat: All modern presidents have tried to get off to a quick start in their first week in office.

Jimmy Carter pardoned Vietnam draft dodgers, Ronald Reagan ordered cuts in federal spending, Bill Clinton put his wife in charge of overhauling health care and Obama ordered the closure of Guantanamo Bay prison within a year. Clearly, things didn't always turn out as planned.

RSVP REGRETS

Trump added some drama to week one by getting into a very public international spat with a key U.S. ally.

The president first announced a scheduled meeting with Mexico's president, then suggested maybe Enrique Pena Nieto shouldn't come if he didn't agree that Mexico should pay for the border wall.

Pena Nieto quickly took the hint and the meeting was off. The dispute between two nations with \$1.6 billion a day in cross-border trade played out — where else? — on Twitter.

The two leaders did talk by phone for an hour on Friday in what Trump called a "very, very friendly call." But former Mexican President Vicente Fox said the spat had put relations between the two countries "at the very lowest point since the war between Mexico and the United States."

DECLARING WAR

Trump seized on any opportunity to do battle in what he labeled a "running war" with the press. On his

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first full day in office, he called journalists "among the most dishonest people on earth." Another day he grouched: "Nothing fair about the media. Nothing."

Those weren't just offhand pokes.

Senior White House strategist Stephen Bannon flatly told The New York Times: "The media here is the opposition party."

At the same time, Trump showed he's happy to use the press when it works to his advantage. When aides ushered reporters out of a Roosevelt Room event as a union leader began praising Trump's inaugural address, the president called out: "Hey, press, get back in here."

At a Friday news conference, the often confrontational presidential told a British reporter who had questioned whether the president could be believed: "Actually, I'm not as brash as you might think."

IT'S COMPLICATED

The details for how to fulfill some of Trump's crystal clear campaign promises began to look fuzzy as the week went on, with the plan for getting Mexico to pay for the border wall emerging as Exhibit A.

Trump told one TV interviewer it could get "complicated."

And how.

Press secretary Sean Spicer announced at one point that the administration was working with Congress on a plan to impose a 20 percent tax on Mexican imports. Less than an hour later, Spicer summoned reporters to his office to hedge that the tax was "just one option" and no final decision had been made.

LOOK WHO'S WATCHING

What's the chatter on TV? You might get an idea from listening to the new president.

Trump watchers have been noticing a connection between the talk on TV and the subjects of Trump tweets.

Minutes after Fox News labeled convicted Army leaker Chelsea Manning an "ungrateful traitor," Trump tweeted the same description.

Shortly after a CNN show interviewed Texan Gregg Phillips, who has made unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud, Trump tweeted that he looked forward to seeing what Phillips uncovers.

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, MR. PRESIDENT

First word that Trump was renewing his complaints about widespread voter fraud in the presidential election leaked from a closed meeting that he held with Senate leaders from both parties.

Trump seemed dismayed that word had gotten out from a meeting that was supposed to be confidential. "The deal was we wouldn't talk to the press," Trump grouched to a TV interviewer. "And they go out and they talk to the press."

Given the porousness of leaky Washington, it would have been a bigger shock if meeting details hadn't leaked.

WEIRD, HUH?

Trump called it a "surreal" experience to suddenly be parachuted into life in the White House. He revealed to one interviewer that during his Inauguration Day ride with Obama from the White House to the Capitol for the swearing-in, he turned to the outgoing president and said: "This is a little weird, isn't it?"

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Evacuations from Syrian water rich region completed

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian military says the evacuation of rebels and their families from the Barada Valley as part of an agreement to surrender the capital region's primary water source has been completed.

The military says via the Telegram messaging system that 1,142 fighters and 760 members of their families have been evacuated from the region northwest of the capital Damascus. They were taken in buses

to the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib.

The evacuation marks the end of a nearly six-week-long standoff between rebels and pro-government forces that led to severe water cuts to some 5 million people around Damascus.

It said more people are to be evacuated from the nearby village of Harira but it has been delayed because the roads are closed with snow.

Federer beats Nadal in epic Aussie final to win 18th major

By JOHN PYE, AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — So here was Roger Federer, down a break in the fifth set in a Grand Slam final. Across the net was his nemesis, Rafael Nadal, the left-handed Spaniard he hadn't been able to beat in a major final in almost a decade.

The 35-year-old father of four was back in his first tour-level tournament after six months off letting his injured left knee recover, and he hadn't won any of the big four events in tennis since Wimbledon 2012. Nadal was returning from injury, too, and somehow the pair had renewed the Roger-Rafa rivalry in a throwback Australian Open final that transcended sport.

At that moment, an 18th Grand Slam title didn't feature in Federer's thinking.

Don't play the player, he reminded himself, just play the ball. Attack the serve.

With that, Federer recovered the break, and seized momentum in a roll of winning 10 consecutive points that helped propel him to a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 win late Sunday night. His fifth Australian title extended his buffer to four atop the list of all-time Grand Slam champions. Nadal remained tied with Pete Sampras in second place with 14.

"For me it's all about the comeback, about an epic match with Rafa again," Federer said, "... that I can still do it at my age after not having won a slam for almost five years.

"That's what I see. The last problem is the slam count — honestly, it doesn't matter."

Federer had lost six of the previous eight Grand Slam finals he'd played against Nadal and was 11-23 in their career meetings. His last win over Nadal in a major final was at Wimbledon in 2007.

"It remains for me the ultimate challenge to play against him," Federer said. "It's super sweet, because I haven't beaten him a Grand Slam final for a long time now.

"This one means a lot to me because he's caused me problems over the years."

With big wins come big celebrations, Federer said. "We're going to party like rock stars tonight."

By winning in Melbourne, where he first played in 2000 and where he kicked off his long reign at No. 1 with the title in 2004, he became the oldest man since Ken Rosewall in 1972 to win a slam.

Federer had lost five semifinals in Australia since winning his previous title here in 2010. He'd lost three major finals since winning that last Grand Slam in 2012. He hadn't played Nadal in a major final since losing at the French Open in '11.

After twice rallying from a set down, Nadal was a break up in the fifth but couldn't hang on to become the first man in the Open era to win each of the four majors twice. Instead, Federer became the first man in the Open era to win three of Grand Slam events at least five times (7 Wimbledon titles, 5 U.S. Opens, 5 Australian Opens and 1 French Open).

"The magnitude of this match is going to feel different. I can't compare this one with any other one except for maybe the French Open in '09," Federer said. "I waited for the French Open, I tried, I fought. I tried again and failed. Eventually I made it. This feels similar, yeah."

Three months ago, Federer and Nadal were in the Spaniard's native Mallorca for the opening of a tennis academy wondering if they'd ever be able to contend for majors again.

Yet here they were, the first Grand Slam tournament of the season, renewing the classic rivalry that saw them dominate tennis a decade ago.

The long-odds final — No. 9 against No. 17 — unfolded after six-time champion Novak Djokovic was upset by No. 117-ranked Denis Istomin in the second round and top-ranked Andy Murray, a five-time losing finalist in Australia, went out in the fourth round to 50th-ranked Mischa Zverev.

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Federer beat Zverev, and then U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka in a five-set, all-Swiss semifinal. That was the night before Nadal held off Grigor Dimitrov in an almost five-hour, five-set semifinal late Friday.

After four sets of a final where the momentum alternately swung, the fifth had all the tension and drama that these two players are famous for.

Federer had a medical time out for treatment on his upper right leg and was broken in his first service game of the deciding set.

But he rallied and put Nadal under pressure. Nadal saved three break points in the eighth game but lost momentum again when Federer finished off a 26-shot rally — the longest of the match — with a forehand winner down the line.

Federer got the pivotal break for 5-3, but Nadal made him work for the very last point.

Serving for the match, and after saving two break points, Federer was called for a double-fault at deuce. He challenged the out call on his second serve, however, and it was overturned. Tempo back in his court.

After hitting a forehand crosscourt winner on his second match point, his celebrations were delayed when Nadal challenged the call.

Federer watched the replay, and leaped for joy when it showed his last shot was in — the perfect finish to his 100th match at the Australian Open.

"Congratulation to Roger ... Just amazing, the way he's playing after such a long time of him not being on the tour," Nadal said. "For sure, you have been working a lot to make that happen."

"I fight a lot these two weeks," he added. "Today, a great match, probably Roger deserved it a little bit more than me."

Federer's championship victory capped a remarkable weekend for 30-somethings — all four singles finalists were 30 or older — after 35-year-old Serena Williams beat her older sister, Venus, in the women's final to capture her Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title.

Roe v. Wade play in DC as landmark abortion case in the news

By JESSICA GRESKO, The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential election helped rewrite the final line of Lisa Loomer's new play about Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide.

An early draft had ended: "Roe still stands."

But President Donald Trump's opposition to abortion and his pledge to appoint "pro-life" justices to the high court prompted her to tweak the last line of "Roe," now at Washington's Arena Stage through Feb. 19.

"As of this moment — Roe still stands," the play now ends.

"We now know that Roe is in real danger," said Loomer of the case, which was decided 44 years ago this month.

Loomer didn't set out to write a play that was so timely. In fact, she was skeptical when it was suggested she write about Roe. Court cases can be dry. But she said she ultimately found the case's central characters compelling.

Loomer's play, which premiered in Oregon last year, focuses on the two women at the center of the case: Sarah Weddington, the 26-year-old attorney who argued her case, and Norma McCorvey, her Texas client who wanted an abortion. McCorvey, who was known by the pseudonym Jane Roe, ultimately became an anti-abortion activist. The defendant in the case, Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, makes only a brief appearance.

Loomer has her characters tell their own stories about how they ultimately came to divergent views on abortion and their roles in the precedent-setting case.

"How 'bout you just tell your story, I tell mine," the McCorvey character tells her attorney — and the audience — early in the play.

To prepare to write, Loomer not only studied the 7-2 decision but also the books written by Weddington and McCorvey as well as articles about their lives after the case. She watched interviews they gave over the years and reached out to Weddington, who read the script; her efforts to reach McCorvey failed. She

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listened to audio recordings of the case being argued before the Supreme Court, some of which gets used in the play.

As a result, theatergoers will find a lot of information packed into "Roe," and even those who think they know the outlines of the case will find themselves learning something, whether it's that Weddington and McCorvey had their first meeting at a pizza parlor or that the Supreme Court's waiting room for lawyers didn't have a women's restroom when Weddington argued her case.

The audience comes to know Weddington and McCorvey too: Weddington, who herself had had an abortion but didn't tell her client, and McCorvey, a lesbian who was hoping to terminate her third pregnancy, a child born before Roe was decided and ultimately given up for adoption.

The play doesn't dodge the uncomfortable in the story's telling. At one point, aborted fetal tissue is described as looking like "cut up chicken parts swimming in blood." And there are frank discussions of the dangers women faced before Roe in obtaining illegal abortions or attempting to end their pregnancies themselves using things like turpentine, curtain rods, and chopsticks.

For a play on so serious a subject, there's also humor. There's a female character who attempts to find her cervix. The 9th Amendment gets explained to theatergoers, "in case you slept through class." And instead of saying that a group of male justices decided the case, it's noted that "not one of them had ever been pregnant." It would take until 1981 for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first woman on the court.

Loomer said she doesn't expect the play, which will go to California's Berkeley Repertory Theatre in March, will change anyone's views on abortion. She's not asking anyone to change their mind, either, she said.

She said she hopes theatergoers will see enough of their own views reflected in "Roe" to be willing to listen to other perspectives.

"I still believe a first step we can take is to listen to each other," she said.

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Hugo Chavez returns to life in TV show criticized by allies

By ALBA TOBELLA and JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The revolution will now be televised.

The life of Hugo Chavez, who mesmerized Venezuela's impoverished masses before dying of cancer in 2013, is being dramatized in a Spanish-language TV series that is generating a backlash even before it airs.

Produced by Sony Pictures Television, "El Comandante" premieres this week throughout Latin America and in the spring will be broadcast in the U.S. by the Telemundo network.

Conceived by a staunch Chavez critic, the 60-episode series aims to retell the leftist leader's improbable rise to power from his roots in poor, rural Venezuela while showing how the former tank commander's authoritarianism laid the groundwork for the country's current economic mess.

Former Venezuelan planning minister Moises Naim said he came up with the idea after spending years trying to explain Chavez's hold over Venezuelans to friends in Washington, where he now lives.

"There are two things nobody can dispute regardless of ideology: The first is that Chavez was an extraordinarily charismatic politician who seduced people all over the world, and the other is that Venezuela today has been destroyed by a major crisis," said Naim. "It's very hard to argue the current tragedy has nothing to do with Hugo Chavez."

Many of Chavez's achievements and failures during 14 years in power are already well-known. It would be hard to find a world leader who spent more time in front of the camera, making his presidency something of a performance.

Venezuelan co-director Henry Rivero said that to make the series more entertaining and less like a documentary it was necessary to speculate about what happened when the cameras weren't rolling.

At the Bogota studio where the series is being filmed, Colombian actor Andres Parra, playing Chavez, lit a cigarette and leaned over to an aide to confide his plans for a constitutional referendum that would let

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him run for re-election indefinitely.

"We're talking about changing everything, going from capitalism to socialism," says the fictional Chavez, who was never seen smoking in public.

To be sure, this non-sanctioned retelling of Chavez's life has drawn fire.

In a state of the nation speech this month, President Nicolas Maduro denounced the series as imperialist "trash." Chavez's ex-wife has threatened legal action against Sony.

Diosdado Cabello, leader of the ruling socialist party, has said that casting Parra, who previously played cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar, to depict Chavez is part of a right-wing, foreign-backed effort to tarnish the leader's image.

"They attacked him when he was alive and now he's not physically with us," Cabello said last week, urging government supporters to erect signs on buildings and in work places that read: "Here we don't talk bad of Chavez."

Venezuela's divisive politics aside, playing such a complex individual so fresh in people's memory is a dream, said Parra.

Before filming, the actor spends two hours getting fitted with a curly-haired wig, prosthetic double chin and skin-darkening makeup. He has worked with a voice coach for more than a year, spending hundreds of hours watching Chavez's marathon speeches on YouTube to mimic his high-pitched laugh and use of his left hand.

"The charisma Chavez had isn't something you can learn," said Parra, who greets visitors to the set with a wide smile and hand raised high in the style of the late populist leader.

The show won't be broadcast in Venezuela. That saddens Rivero, who said he thinks his compatriots could benefit from another look at recent history. He said when the project began he spent days in tears remembering the revolution's painful milestones, like the protests that preceded a 2002 coup attempt.

That so many Chavez allies have dismissed the series without seeing it shows how insecure they are about his legacy, Parra said.

"Maybe it's because they know the truth," he said. "Or maybe it's because through a TV series we have shown blemishes, or recreated situations, in which the image of the human being Hugo Chavez they wanted to construct doesn't stand so tall."

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Trump campaigned as a disrupter, begins governing by chaos

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump campaigned as a disrupter. Now he's governing by chaos.

Trump's temporary halt to the U.S. refugee program — the most consequential policy he's unveiled in his presidency's opening days — wreaked havoc at airports and sparked protests across the country. The order left Trump's own government agencies scrambling, his Republican Party divided and allies around the world uneasy. A federal judge issued an emergency order temporarily blocking part of the measure, setting up a legal battle ahead.

Trump could have avoided at least some of these consequences. He could have consulted significantly with the agencies tasked with implementing the order. He could have delivered a speech explaining his action and its intent in detail to the American people. His team could have prepared a contingency plan for the newly banned travelers already en route to U.S. as Trump signed the order.

Instead, Trump showed that not only does he intend to follow through on his controversial campaign promises, he plans to do so in the spirit of the mandate his advisers believe he has: disrupting Washington

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and setting fire to the playbook its leaders have long relied on.

It's not clear whether the White House acted Friday knowing the consequences that would follow. But on Saturday, as protesters crowded U.S. airports where legal U.S. residents were stuck in limbo, the president declared he was pleased with the results.

"It's working out very nicely," Trump said Saturday.

Trump is known to tolerate considerable instability and fluidity in his inner circle. His campaign was often improvisational and unpredictable, driven at times by the split decisions of the candidate. As a chief executive of a private company, Trump rarely had to contend with the complexity or scrutiny involved in operating the federal government.

Even before the chaos surrounding the refugee restrictions, Trump was sowing confusion in his first days in office.

He announced an investigation into voter fraud — on Twitter — but a scheduled signing of the executive action was canceled at the last minute. He clashed with the president of Mexico, one of America's most important international partners, over his planned southern border wall, prompting President Enrique Pena Nieto to cancel a visit to Washington. A spokesman raised the prospect of paying for the wall with a 20 percent tax on all imports from Mexico, only to quickly backtrack.

As the weekend wrapped up, Trump's White House appeared to be acknowledging the trouble with governing by decree. Top aides scrambled to explain the policy and offer guidance to those implementing it.

A statement from the president sought to clarify that Trump was not intending a ban on all Muslims. Aides also backed off earlier assertions that a full ban on entry from seven Muslim-majority countries applied to those with U.S. legal permanent residency "green cards." The White House, which was largely silent about details of the refugee restrictions after Trump signed the order, hastily arranged two briefings for reporters over the weekend.

Still, Trump heads into his second full week in office facing a test on which presidencies can rise and fall: selling a controversial and complicated policy to the public. He'll do so against the backdrop of a steady stream of sympathetic stories about families split up by the refugee ban, and children and the elderly detained at U.S. airports.

Meanwhile, experts dispute Trump's assertion that the policy is needed to keep Americans safe. Recent acts of deadly extremist violence have been carried out either by U.S. citizens or by individuals whose families weren't from the nations singled out.

Many of Trump's loyal supporters no doubt back his actions and his decisive, urgent approach. As a candidate, Trump called for a full ban on Muslims coming to the U.S., then shifted his focus to temporarily halting entry from countries with terror ties to give the government time to implement "extreme vetting" measures.

Some Republicans also leapt to Trump's defense, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, who said it was "time to re-evaluate and strengthen the visa-vetting process."

But Trump is otherwise left with few defenders, even within his own party. The White House spent little time briefing lawmakers on the order before the president signed it, leaving even those who might be inclined to support the directive with little information to help make Trump's case.

Other Republicans were willing to publicly break with their party's new president.

"This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country," Republican Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham said in a joint statement. "That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security."

The business executives and Silicon Valley moguls whose support Trump has been trying to cultivate also appeared caught off guard. Some issued statements criticizing the directive, noting the positive impact immigration has had on their businesses.

And allies— including British Prime Minister Theresa May, who spoke warmly about building a relationship with Trump after a visit to the White House Friday — panned the measure. For world leaders who depend on America's stability, Trump's action seems likely to only deepen their leering of his vows to govern unpredictably.

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"This will be one particularly egregious piece of evidence of their judgment of the whole man — and it's a pretty negative judgment," Eliot Cohen, a State Department counselor under former President George W. Bush, said of the world's response.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2017. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse (neh-too-RAHM' gahd-SAY'), a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for treason.

In 1815, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in agreeing to purchase the personal book collection of former President Thomas Jefferson to replace volumes lost when the British burned the U.S. Capitol and its congressional library during the War of 1812.

In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, New York.

In 1911, James White, an intellectually disabled black man who'd been convicted of rape for having sex with a 14-year-old white girl when he was 16, was publicly hanged in Bell County, Kentucky.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1945, during World War II, more than 500 Allied captives held at the Japanese prison camp in Cabanatuan (kah-bah-nah-TOO'-ahn) in the Philippines were liberated by U.S. Army Rangers, Alamo Scouts and Filipino guerrilla fighters. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

In 1997, the U.S. Marine Corps opened an investigation of two videotaped hazing incidents in 1991 and 1993 known as "blood pinnings" in which elite paratroopers had golden jump pins beaten into their chests. (The 1993 incident led to a recommended discharge for a sergeant.)

Ten years ago: A propane tank explosion leveled the Flat Top Little General Store in Ghent, West Virginia, killing four people. Two gunmen shot and killed Mellie McDaniel, the wife of the Jackson County, Florida, sheriff and a deputy sent to check on her; other deputies opened fire and killed the assailants. Hollywood writer-producer and novelist Sidney Sheldon died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 89.

Five years ago: All European Union countries except Britain and the Czech Republic agreed to sign a new treaty designed to stop overspending in the eurozone and put an end to the bloc's crippling debt crisis. A

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reactor at a northern Illinois nuclear plant shut down after an electrical insulator failed (the Unit 2 reactor at the Byron Generating Station resumed operating a week later).

One year ago: Two biker clubs clashed during a weekend motorcycle show in Denver, resulting in a brawl that left one person dead and seven others shot, stabbed or beaten. Virginia State Police found the remains of missing 13-year-old Nicole Madison Lovell in Surry County, North Carolina; two Virginia Tech engineering students were arrested in connection with her death. A boat carrying Syrians attempting the short sea journey from Turkey to Greece capsized, causing at least 37 people to drown, among them several babies and young children. Former Salvadoran President Francisco Flores died in the capital at age 56. Germany's Angelique Kerber won her first major title, upsetting Serena Williams 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to win the Australian Open.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Michael Anderson (Film: "Around the World in 80 Days") is 97. Actress Dorothy Malone is 92. Producer-director Harold Prince is 89. Actor Gene Hackman is 87. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 80. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 80. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 80. Country singer Norma Jean is 79. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 76. Rock singer Marty Balin is 75. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 68. Singer Phil Collins is 66. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 66. World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange is 62. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 59. Singer Jody Watley is 58. Actor-filmmaker Dexter Scott King is 56. The King of Jordan, Abdullah II, is 55. Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 50. The King of Spain, Felipe VI, is 49. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 45. Actor Christian Bale is 43. Rock musician Carl Broemel (My Morning Jacket) is 43. Actress Olivia Colman is 43. Actress-singer Lena Hall is 37. Pop-country singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 37. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 37. Actress Mary Hollis Imboden (TV: "The Real O'Neals") is 31. Actress Kylie Bunbury (TV: "Pitch") is 28. Actor Jake Thomas is 27. Actress Danielle Campbell is 22.

Thought for Today: "The excellent becomes the permanent." — Jane Addams, American social worker and Nobel Peace laureate (1860-1935).