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Monday, Feb. 13

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

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

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, Romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

JHBBB hosts Roncalli: 7th grade at 3 p.m., 8th grade at 4 p.m.

BBB hosts Roncalli: C game at 5:15 p.m., JV and varsity games to follow.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church council meeting at 7 p.m.

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

School Lunch: Chicken drumstick, baked tiny

Apts for Rent

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Leg pain that goes away with rest

Mr. D, a diabetic patient of mine, came into the clinic with exercise induced leg pain which would go away if he stopped a minute, but lately it's been coming on while walking less than a block. He said, "Now the pain is meaner and lasts longer after I stop."

The diagnosis of Mr. D's condition is claudication, a condition where arterial flow to the legs is blocked. I immediately called the vascular specialist for an urgent appointment. Two weeks later the patient returned to the office after having had his blocked arteries dilated with a balloon followed by the placement of stents to hold them open. Happily, he told me he could once again walk for miles without pain.

His vascular doctor had started artery dilating meds, lipid meds, and daily baby aspirin. I renewed my encouragement for Mr. D to eat fewer calories, exercise daily, keep his blood sugars controlled, and the most important advice, "Stay away from sitting long on that darn couch. It's like smoking."

The narrowing process, called atherosclerosis, can be the result of genetic tendencies, diabetes, smoking, high blood pressure, high blood lipids, and even normal aging. Arteries usually narrow gradually, but atherosclerosis can sometimes trigger a clot and a sudden complete blockage resulting in a sudden, and devastating event. It can occur in coronary arteries of the heart, cerebral arteries of the brain, renal arteries of the kidneys, and peripheral arteries of the legs. And, in general, when it's happening in one, it's happening in all.

Narrowing of blood flow can deprive muscles, skin, ligaments, and nerves downstream of precious blood flow and oxygen, resulting in an aching and agonizing hurt that would bring anyone to their knees. When it happens in the legs, like what happened with Mr. D., the pain symptom is called claudication and the condition is called peripheral artery disease or PAD.

PAD affects five percent of all people over 50, but more than 30 percent of all diabetics in the same age group. There can be a curve ball with diabetes or with aging, as these people sometimes lose feeling in their legs and feet due to nerve destruction, setting them up for PAD without pain. The presenting sign then would be painless sores on the feet which won't heal. This is especially treacherous because, without good blood flow, the healing is very slow and the patient, having no pain, is not as motivated to do the work required to heal ulcers.

Leg pain that goes away with rest may not sound so bad, but peripheral arterial disease is one of the most formidable challenges in modern medicine.

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Varsity Stats vs. Mobridge-Pollock

VISITOR: Groton ()

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
3	Sippel, Anthony	*	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	16:00
4	Shabazz, Bennett	*	0	9	0	4	1	2	0	3	3	4	1	1	3	1	2	16:00
12	Schuring, Sean	*	2	9	0	6	4	4	1	6	7	4	8	1	1	0	3	16:00
20	Keith, Brandon	*	2	5	2	4	1	4	0	1	1	3	7	1	1	0	1	24:00
42	Shabazz, Seric	*	3	6	1	4	0	1	0	4	4	3	7	3	3	0	1	24:00
10	Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
14	Diegel, Treyton		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
30	Doeden, Jonny		6	10	2	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	16	1	1	0	1	24:00
50	Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									3	2	5				1			
Team Totals			13	43	5	25	8	13	7	20	27	19	39	8	12	1	9	120

Total FG% - 1st: 6/22 0.273 2nd: 7/21 0.333 Game: 0.302
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/13 0.231 2nd: 2/12 0.167 Game: 0.200
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/3 0.333 2nd: 7/10 0.700 Game: 0.615

Deadball
Rebounds
(3,0)

HOME: Mobridge-Pollock ()

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
2	Fischer,	*	6	13	0	2	1	4	1	3	4	2	13	3	6	0	1	24:00
3	Sjomeling,	*	3	10	0	3	1	2	2	3	5	1	7	2	2	0	2	24:00
12	Dockter,	*	3	5	0	0	2	8	2	9	11	4	8	0	1	0	2	8:00
21	Albers,	*	2	4	1	1	4	4	1	3	4	2	9	1	0	0	0	16:00
35	Hitland,	*	2	6	0	0	1	2	1	3	4	3	5	0	3	0	0	16:00
5	Cerney,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16:00
32	Halsey,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									2	2	4				0			
Team Totals			16	38	1	6	9	20	9	25	34	12	42	6	13	0	5	120

Total FG% - 1st: 9/19 0.474 2nd: 7/19 0.368 Game: 0.421
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/4 0.250 2nd: 0/2 0.000 Game: 0.167
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 9/20 0.450 Game: 0.450

Deadball
Rebounds
(4,0)

Technical Fouls: groto (0)
: MoPo (0)

OFFICIALS :
ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	5	11	14	9	39
Mobridge-Pollock	10	9	7	16	42

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Mobridge-Pollock 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton by 9 4th-08:00, Mobridge-Pollock by 9 2nd-08:00
 Score tied: 2 times, Lead changed: 4 times

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Junior Varsity Stats vs. Mobridge-Pollock

VISITOR: Groton ()

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
5 <u>Shabazz, Darien</u>	*	2	5	0	2	9	10	0	3	3	1	13	0	1	0	0	24:00
10 Lane, Marshall	*	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	4	24:00
14 <u>Diegel, Treyton</u>	*	0	6	0	6	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	32:00
30 <u>Doeden, Jonny</u>	*	6	9	2	4	0	-1	0	3	3	2	14	1	1	0	0	8:00
50 <u>Thorson, Luke</u>	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	3	0	1	2	0	1	8:00
12 <u>Thurston, Riley</u>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
22 <u>Guthmiller, Cade</u>		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	24:00
32 <u>Thurston, Mitchell</u>		0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
34 <u>Jones, Austin</u>		3	5	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	7	0	0	0	2	32:00
42 <u>Morris, Alex</u>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	5	5				0			
Team Totals		11	34	2	13	11	12	5	17	22	12	35	7	6	0	8	160

Total FG% - 1st: 4/16 0.250 2nd: 7/18 0.389 Game: 0.324 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/6 0.000 2nd: 2/7 0.286 Game: 0.154 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/2 1.000 2nd: 9/10 0.900 Game: 0.917 (0,0)

HOME: Mobridge-Pollock ()

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
5 <u>Cerney,</u>	*	5	9	0	1	1	5	2	3	5	0	11	3	1	0	1	24:00
15 <u>Fried,</u>	*	3	7	2	6	2	2	1	0	1	2	10	0	4	0	0	32:00
25 <u>Feyereisen,</u>	*	1	4	0	1	0	0	5	6	11	5	2	0	1	0	1	24:00
30 <u>Henssler,</u>	*	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	32:00
32 <u>Halsey,</u>	*	1	6	0	2	2	2	0	3	3	1	4	0	3	0	0	24:00
21 <u>Norder,</u>		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0:00
40 <u>Marrowbone,</u>		2	5	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3				1			
Team Totals		12	36	2	12	5	9	9	20	29	11	31	5	11	0	3	160

Total FG% - 1st: 5/15 0.333 2nd: 7/21 0.333 Game: 0.333 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/4 0.250 2nd: 1/8 0.125 Game: 0.167 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/7 0.429 2nd: 2/2 1.000 Game: 0.556 (2,0)

Technical Fouls: groto (0)
 : MoPo (0)

OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	4	6	6	19	35
Mobridge-Pollock	10	4	4	13	31

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Mobridge-Pollock 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton by 7 4th-08:00, Mobridge-Pollock by 8 2nd-08:00
 Score tied: 4 times, Lead changed: 1 times

Groton Area runs past Mobridge-Pollock with 20 point run

Groton Area went on a 20-point scoring run in the second half to run away from Mobridge-Pollock in girls' basketball action. The game was played Saturday in Mobridge with Groton Area winning, 43-30.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, Groton Ford, Harry Implement of Ferney, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton and McKiver Collision of Groton.

Mobridge-Pollock jumped out to a 12-5 first quarter lead and held a 19-16 lead at half time. Groton trailed by seven, 23-16, before scoring 20 straight points to take a 36-23 lead by midway in the third quarter.

Audrey Wanner led the Lady Tigers with 16 points followed by Katie Koehler with 10, Taylor Holm had eight points, Jessica Bjerke had five, Miranda Hanson three and Harleigh Stange one.

Groton Area made 40 percent of its field goals and was six of 18 from the line. Mobridge-Pollock made 26 percent of its field goals and was three of six from the line.

Audrey Wanner had eight of the team's 32 rebounds, Wanner and Harleigh Stange each had four of the team's 15 steals, Stange had three of Groton Area's three assists and the Tigers had 22 turnovers and 10 fouls. Mobridge-Pollock had 20 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 47-35. Scoring for Groton Area: Taylor Holm 10, Miranda Hanson 8, Payton Maine 7, Sam Menzia 6, Kaycie Hawkins 6, and Gia Gengerke 2.



Jennie Doeden

Groton Area 43, Mobridge-Pollock 30

	2-pt	3-pt	FT	Pts	Rbs	Steals	Assists	TO	Fouls
Audrey Wanner	5-8	1-1	3-6	16	8	4	2	6	3
Katie Koehler	4-5	0-1	2-5	10	2	0	1	3	1
Jessica Bjerke	1-4	1-4	0-0	5	11	2	2	4	1
Harleigh Stange	0-2	0-3	1-2	1	2	4	3	3	0
Jennie Doeden	0-3	0-0	0-1	0	4	2	0	2	4
Taylor Holm	4-7	0-0	0-1	8	4	2	0	1	1
Miranda Hanson	0-1	1-2	0-0	3	1	1	1	2	0
Gia Gengerke	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payton Maine	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sam Menzia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14-31	3-11	6-18	43	32	15	9	22	10

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Harleigh Stange



Taylor Holm



Jessica Bjerke



Miranda Hanson

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Payton Maine



Katie Koehler

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Audrey Wanner

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Holland Invitational Results for Groton

Three Groton Area wrestlers placed the Holland Invitational Wrestling Tournament held this past weekend in Howard.

Wyatt Locke took first, Brandyn Anderson took second and Trevor Pray took third.

126 - Trevor Pray (27-3) placed 3rd and scored 12.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Skyler Swatek (Elk Point/Jefferson) 26-15 (Dec 7-3)

Semifinal - Dylan Hanisch (Canton) 37-2 won by major decision over Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 (MD 14-5)

Cons. Semi - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 35-5 (Dec 8-6)

3rd Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton) 27-3 won by decision over Chance Stuwe (Potter County) 23-10 (Dec 7-2)

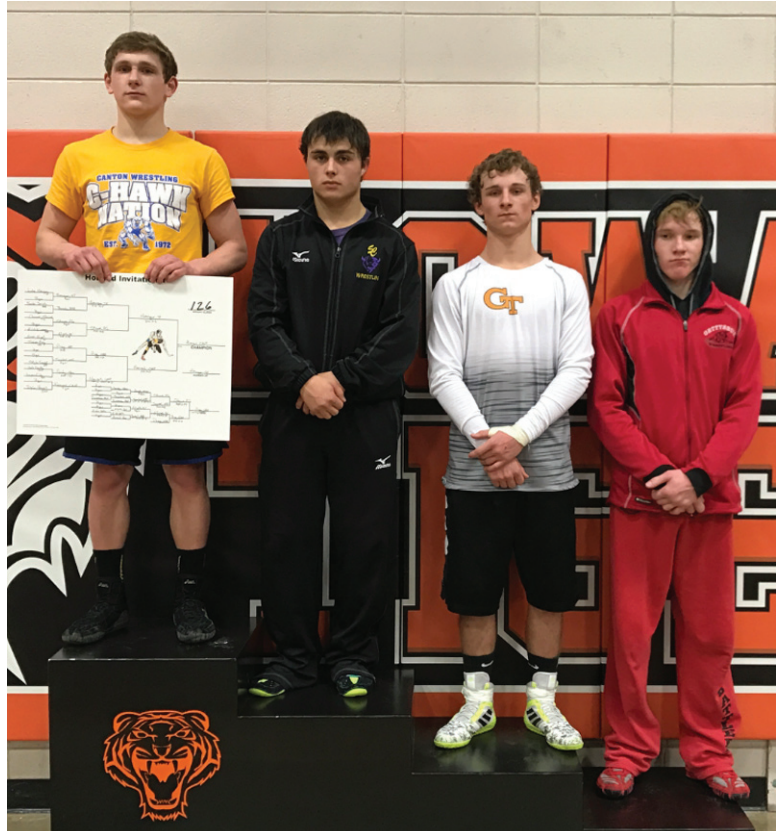
170 - Grady O`Neill (3-18) scored 4.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O`Neill (Groton) 3-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Alex Martinez (Potter County) 31-17 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton) 3-18 (Fall 0:30)

Cons. Round 2 - Grady O`Neill (Groton) 3-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Grady O`Neill (Groton) 3-18



Trevor Pray took third place at the Holland Invite held this past weekend in Howard.

Team Scores

1. Canton	197.0
2. Beresford/Alcester-Hudson	157.5
3. Howard	122.0
4. Parker	94.0
5. Elk Point/Jefferson	88.5
6. Marion-Freeman	83.0
7. Potter County	74.0
8. Stanley County	71.0
9. Groton	60.0
10. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney	47.0
11. Faulkton	45.0
12. Sioux Valley	42.0
13. Deuel	17.5
14. Andes Central/Dakota Christian	0.0

won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Canton) 27-15 (For.)
Cons. Semi - Clayton Smith (Marion-Freeman) 13-24 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton) 3-18 (Fall 0:52)

220 - Wyatt Locke (17-12) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 1-6 (For.)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by fall over Trevor Petrik (Howard) 9-21 (Fall 3:26)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton) 17-12 won by decision over Marshall Baldwin (Canton) 9-2 (Dec 5-3)

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285 - Brandyn Anderson (23-5) placed 2nd and scored 20.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 won by fall over Jacob Maynard (Andes Central/Dakota Christian) 3-12 (Fall 0:46)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 won by fall over Ernie Johnson (Marion-Freeman) 14-23 (Fall 1:09)

1st Place Match - Adam Miller (Canton) 32-6 won in the ultimate tie breaker over Brandyn Anderson (Groton) 23-5 (UTB 5-4)



Brandyn Anderson placed second at the Holland Invite held this weekend in Howard.

Valentines Day – Tuesday, Feb 14th

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Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

An issue that a few folks contacted me about last year contemplated establishing "buffer strips" as a separate type of agricultural ground for taxation purposes. Such buffer strips are generally areas that are adjacent to small bodies of water on tracts of land. These are not tilled and sowed into crops for several reasons. First, doing so would be a gamble because excess rainfall would flood the area out.

Second, it would cause excessive erosion. Third, such areas are particularly ideal for wildlife. Last year's bill passed the legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor, not because he objected to the concept, but because of the way the bill was crafted. This year's SB 66 seeks to "specifically classify certain agricultural land as riparian buffer strips, to establish the criteria for the riparian buffer strip classification, and to provide for the taxation thereof." This bill addresses the concerns expressed by the Governor and it was introduced at his request. It appears to iron out the wrinkles associated with the bill from last year, and it passed the Senate last week on a unanimous vote.

We have seen a host of bills this year that seek to revise SB 73 from 2015 which was known as the Juvenile Justice Reform bill. MANY people have expressed that SB 73 created a lot of issues for local counties, law enforcement, and schools. Last week, we passed SB 82 which amends "certain provisions regarding the review of juvenile corrections" and SB 164 which "revises the length of the maximum probationary period for juvenile probationers. Additionally, we have seen and passed at least two other bills on the Senate side seeking to provide fixes to SB 73. I won't go in-depth on the bills, but I will note that we are trying to address the problems of truancy that was exacerbated by the 2015 bill, as well as to find solutions to the problems the bill created for law enforcement with respect to enforcing the law and putting some teeth into the diversion/probation programs contemplated by that bill. The bills this year have all passed with unanimous support. It is a direct reflection on the efforts of some of you who have identified problems and have asked that they be dealt with sooner than later. I would ask those of you who are interested in these bills to remain engaged in the process. If you see any ways this year's legislation needs to be strengthened, please be in touch as we try to alleviate the concerns those of you closest to the situations have brought to the forefront.

Back in 2008, then-Representative Al Koistinen brought a bill to ban Alcohol-Without-Liquid (AWOL) Devices. AWOL devices had been identified as a new technology that was utilized by people to inhale concentrated alcohol vapors to achieve a quick and intense intoxication. That bill had hit a little hiccup in the road on the Senate side as some people did not foresee AWOL devices as being a problem in SD. After being killed in committee, we smoked it out and eventually passed it overwhelmingly. Where AWOL technology had been utilized, people were essentially overdosing on alcohol and dying of alcohol poisoning. I provide that as a little background for SB 81 this year. This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or possession of powdered, condensed, or concentrated alcohol. Again, this is something that has not yet found its way to SD, but its introduction into the market or underground market was imminent. As with AWOL delivery devices, powdered alcohol has proven to be exceedingly dangerous, as it presents too great an opportunity for people to over-indulge, often simply because they do not understand exactly how strong their concoctions are. Where powdered alcohol is available, people have suffered alcohol poisoning and sometimes died from the otherwise unregulated use of an alcohol product. In spite of some questions about the need to regulate something that isn't yet within our state's borders (to our knowledge), the bill

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ultimately passed without any opposition.

SB 131 revises the length of time a person who has served as an elected official has to be out of office before being allowed to serve as a paid lobbyist. This issue was contained within IM 22 that was passed during the November election. Under current law, the length of time a person is prohibited from lobbying after serving in office is one year. IM 22, and subsequently SB 131, calls for the length of time to be extended to two years. This legislation has bipartisan support and passed the Senate unanimously. It is one of a package of several bills that seek to put elements of IM 22 into our statutes in a way that does not conflict with our SD Constitution. It seems to be a logical measure, in that a person cannot choose to end his or her political career, only to show up one calendar year later to lobby those with whom he or she had just served. It cuts down on the perception that our political system is somehow corruptible by allowing the "good ol' boys or girls" to wield undue influence nearly immediately after serving in office.

A rather curious bill that managed to pass the Senate was SB 93, which increases the fee on marriage licenses. However, it calls for the fee to remain the same as it currently is if a couple has undergone marriage counseling. Nobody had expressed the need for a fee increase, and the prime sponsor merely touted the idea that couples who go through marriage counseling prior to tying the knot are less likely to get divorced later on. If we are trying to socially engineer people in such a way that they go through marriage counseling, I would suggest that we could simply incentivize doing so, rather than raising the fee, only to waive the additional expense if they do what Big Brother says they should do. I voted for an amendment that would have left the fees the same, while reducing them for those who go through counseling, but that amendment failed. In the end, the bill eked by in the Senate by a vote of 20-15. I expect it to face increased scrutiny in the House.

Finally, one bill I found particularly interesting was SB 120, which calls for the Legislative Planning Committee to be repealed. In 2012, there was a push by legislative leadership to centralize power by establishing this committee and stacking it with legislative leadership. I opposed the bill, as I felt it was unnecessary, it cost money that did not need to be expended, and it was an affront to the rank-and-file members of the legislature. SB 120 seeks to disband the committee, and it is supported by many of the very people who supported it at its inception. They now say that it was not serving the purpose it was originally intended to. Although five years ago they felt it would strengthen the legislative branch, they say it has become just another panel that simply asks bureaucrats to justify things they are doing, rather than providing vision and direction that would accomplish more legislative initiatives. Although I am now in a leadership post and would both serve on the committee and appoint three other members to serve on it, I supported the push to repeal it, as my feelings about the committee have never changed. The bill passed the Senate 27-4 and heads to the House where they, too, will consider removing this committee from the law books.

I appreciate those of you who read my articles and provide feedback throughout session. I also appreciate those of you who tell me you are praying for us. One specific prayer request, in addition to asking that we serve our constituencies with wisdom and integrity, is that you would raise up our collective health. A number of legislators and staffers have missed time this year, some of whom have had some extended bouts with illness. I thank you in advance. God bless each of you.

The Life of Joyce Schaller



Joycelin Jean Ebert was born on May 31, 1930 to Andrew and Selma (Breitkreutz) Ebert at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She attended school in Beaver Dam and graduated from Beaver Dam High School.

Following graduation, she moved to Ferney, South Dakota to visit and work for her aunt and uncle at their gas station/café. This is where she met the love of her life.

On June 9, 1950, she was united in marriage to Orville Schaller at Ferney. After their marriage the couple made their home in Groton. Joyce stayed home to raise their three children, Sandra, Steven, and Sherry. Joyce occasionally helped out at the car dealership owned by her husband for many years. They were very fortunate to travel extensively as a result of that business. Joyce also was the manager at the first tanning salon in Aberdeen, which was owned by her son. She was a huge dog lover of favorite pets no longer with us: Precious, Angie, Simba (Poodles) and Pomeranian, Zoe. And a frequent overnight guest the grandchildren's dog, Kisses.

Joyce was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Groton. She enjoyed bowling and spent many years in leagues and competing in tournaments. She was instrumental in starting a youth bowling league at S&A Service in Groton. She also enjoyed sewing for which she created many Halloween and skating costumes for all 3 children. She also loved music and listening to country recording artists, Billy Ray Cyrus, Tim McGraw and Josh Turner. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren constantly provided her with unending joy and entertainment.

She will be greatly missed by her children; Sandra Schaller and Steven Schaller both of Groton, SD, former daughter-in-law; Julie Schaller of Groton, SD, one brother; Wayne (Sally) Ebert of St. Germaine, WI, five grandchildren; Stephy (Tim) Hanigan of Aberdeen, SD, Arielle Cameron of Groton, SD, Cheyenne Schaller of Orlando, FL, Jasmine Schaller of Groton, SD and Hunter Schaller of Groton, SD. She is also survived by her husband, Orville, five great-grandsons; Colton, Kayson, Kyler, Bronsen, and Quinssen. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter; Sherry, and three brothers; Gerald, Ronald, and Dennis.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

With the 2016 NFL season behind us, now would be a great time to look back at the Vikings' roster. With help from the analytics of Pro Football Focus and the cap numbers of overthecap.com, we will take a look at last year's roster to see where the players rank amongst their peers.

This first article will cover the most important position in the National Football League: quarterback.

Last year was supposed to be the breakout season for Teddy Bridgewater. Instead, the Vikings' signal caller suffered a freak accident at the end of training camp and the Vikings were forced to send a first and a fourth-round pick to Philadelphia to acquire Sam Bradford.

Bradford took over the reigns in week two of the regular season, and had possibly the best season of his career. Over 15 games, Bradford threw for 3,877 yards, 20 touchdowns and only five interceptions. Sam also set the NFL record for completion percentage in a season, completing 71.6 percent of his passes. While a good chunk of those passes didn't travel very far past the line of scrimmage, setting an NFL record is still a great accomplishment. Bradford was given a player grade of 82.9 by PFF, which was the 12th highest grade given out to the quarterback position.

Teddy Bridgewater still has one year left on his contract, and the Vikings can extend it for one additional year if they pick up his fifth-year option this offseason. There are conflicting reports out there about when Bridgewater will be healthy enough to play again, but I fully expect the Vikings to pick up his option. If they decline, then it will be obvious they don't think he will ever fully recover. That would be a sad day indeed!

Regardless of what happens to Bridgewater, it's unlikely that he would be ready to play when the 2017 season opens, leaving Bradford as the starter for a little while longer at least. Bradford only has one year left on his contract, and his cap number is fairly high at \$18 million. There is a chance the Vikings and Bradford will come to terms on a contract extension that will lower his cap hit, but the most likely scenario will see the Vikings and Bradford parting ways next offseason once Teddy is back.

Shaun Hill was the Vikings' backup in 2016, and he started the first game of the season while Bradford was still learning the playbook. Hill's contract expired at the end of the 2016 season, and the Vikings will be unlikely to bring him back. Hill is 37 years old, and the Vikings will have a lot of money invested in the position because of Bradford.

Taylor Heinicke will be the Vikings' third-string quarterback entering next season. Heinicke injured himself last offseason, which really put the Vikings in a bind. Had he been healthy, the team likely wouldn't have traded for Bradford, instead choosing to let Shaun Hill and Heinicke lead the team. Heinicke still has a year left on his contract, so he will be back in 2017. The Vikings were very high on the undrafted quarterback out of Old Dominion, and entering his third season, it will be interesting to see if the team's faith was well placed. Taylor Heinicke has a cap hit of just over \$600,000 this year.

With Bridgewater, Bradford, and Heinicke all under contract, the Vikings won't likely look to bring in another, although there is always a chance the team takes a chance on a quarterback with potential in the later rounds of the draft. The best-case scenario will be if Teddy comes back at 100 percent, which would allow the Vikings to trade Bradford to a QB-needy team. Trading Bradford would clear a lot of space from the cap, as well as replace some of the capital the Vikings had to give up to acquire him.

Tune in next week, as we cover the running back and full back positions. The Vikings have a lot of money tied up in Adrian Peterson, and there are plenty of question marks surrounding the future hall of famer.

Have any questions or comments? Feel free to reach out to me on Facebook: [facebook.com/skoljwright](https://www.facebook.com/skoljwright) or e-mail me at skoljwright@gmail.com!



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Welke Letter to the Editor

Well, they did it. Once again the Republican majority in the state legislature reversed the will of the people. It is hard to believe that they would do it again. The last time they did this the voters let it be known that they really did know what they had voted for and passed. They brought the issue back and once again voted to increase the minimum wage thus overturning the action of the legislature. But now they did it again. They voted to repeal IM 22. This time they resolve to fix it. "Trust us. Be patient." Have they earned that trust when you consider how they have dealt with EB 5 and Gear Up? And there are other issues, too. The fact that SD is at the top of the list in terms of corruption is disappointing but not surprising. Because nothing had been done to curtail these problems the people worked very hard to bring the initiative (IM 22) before the voters of our great state. Besides overturning the law the party-in-power is attempting to go even farther and restrain the rights of the people by making it much more difficult to exercise their democratic right to initiate or refer laws. This is alarming. Direct Democracy is the purest form of democracy and it should be protected. The people spoke out and acted on this issue because the party-in-power refused to do anything. Now they say trust us, we will make it better. We are watching but the past makes us uneasy.

Chuck Welke
Warner



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Lana's Annals

Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative

Greetings to all. The week in Pierre was busy with many talkers on the House floor. HB1094, which discussed landowner tag transfer, was one of the floor's featured bills. Some thought that landowners had a right to apply for deer tags and then re-sell them in order to re-coup some of the crop deprivation caused by the critters. Others thought landowners should not be commercializing the tags and selling them to the highest bidder. I was in the latter group, and cast a "nay" vote. Thanks to many who wrote and expressed your views; they were appreciated.

Another bill that was not without emotion was the approval of the Concealed Carry in the Capitol. While it passed the House, the Governor has vowed to veto it. We shall see how the Senate Committee votes. I voted "aye" after mulling it around several sides. It is not that I fear for my safety, but I have to consider all people who are there. Our office workers and constitutional officers are there year round, and

their work areas are very cramped. With only one way out of some areas, I am not sure I would feel comfortable voting "nay" and be a factor in shaping their possible fate.

Our commerce committee heard HB1120, which would create protections and accommodations for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers in their places of employment. The concept sounds decent enough, but the employer should be the one to set up the policy on this, not the legislature. Therefore, it was sent to the 41st day.

HB1079 was heard in Local Government. This deals with collection of overdue city and waste management bills. The municipalities are hard pressed to enforce any collections of these, so the burden would then fall onto the county auditors to tack the arrears onto the owner of the land to be paid at tax time. If the owner was only a landlord, he may get to the courthouse and find out that his taxes were considerably higher than expected. The "discussion" would then take place in the county office, not the municipality. There are many thoughts on this: when the landlord takes on a renter, perhaps he/she should come with references of good credit. Maybe the landlord should just include water and garbage in the monthly price of the rent. The worst scenario would be to shut off utilities or services after two months of non-payment. To me the ideal would be choice two. I do not think it should be the duty of the municipality nor the county to be a debt collector. I voted "nay" to pass it on to county tax collection.

Another bill we heard, once again, was to allow publications of school, commission, and municipalities to go online instead of being printed in the newspaper. The push this time was to allow cities with population of 5000 or more to put the information online. It was mentioned that if people wanted to see the legals, they could go to the library to access the information. Another option would be to request to get them in the mail. Now, I really think that if people had a computer and knew how to work one, they could go online, but some do not. To go to the library in lieu of finding information would be very difficult, especially for those who do not know how to use a computer in the first place. On the next point, would it really be feasible for a large city to send out monthly mailings of county commission, city council, or school board regular meetings, special meetings, or official notices? How bizarre! The prime sponsor did admit that it would not be a cost saving to do all of these mailings in comparison to print costs, but rather that we should move to keep up with the changing times. I know how important it is for people who are in assisted and nursing homes, hospitals, and other shut-ins to stay somewhat connected to the outside world and newspapers, are a way to do so. We sent the legislation to the 41st day, thus letting it die in committee....a good place for it, I thought.

This week I had the chance to meet with the civil air patrol of which I am an honorary member. I flew around Pierre at 7 a.m. in a four seat Cessna while Pilot Becker explained procedures for search missions of people and animals, which they are often called to do. This time of the year it would seem almost impossible to be able to make immediate discoveries on a snow-covered ground. I found the information to be fascinating and would encourage any young person ages 12-18 that are interested in survival camps, searches, etc. to get in touch with the Civil Air Patrol. Adult volunteers are also welcome. We have groups in Brookings, Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Rapid City.

Some of the state leaders in FCCLA made a visit this week. Among them were Jazzlyn Tschetter, Doland, who was accompanied by her mom, Tina. Jazzy shadowed me on Thursday morning. It was fun to show them around so they could learn more of what actually takes place at the capitol.

Please feel free to contact me; lane.greenfield@gmail.com or Lana.Greenfield@sdlegislature.gov. I can be reached on weekends at 635-6932. Have a good week.

Rep. Lana Greenfield

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Today in Weather History

February 13, 1995: Snow fell over a broad strip from southwest to northeast South Dakota. The snow began as freezing rain in the northeast, and there were several vehicle accidents attributed to the icing. The heaviest snow was at Custer in the Black Hills with 14 inches. A few amounts of six to eight inches were reported over the plains of the southwest, central, and northeast South Dakota. Strong winds caused some blowing and drifting snow in northeastern South Dakota.

1784 - Ice floes blocked the Mississippi River at New Orleans, then passed into the Gulf of Mexico. The only other time this occurred was during the "Great Arctic Outbreak" of 1899. (David Ludlum)

1885 - The "Friday the 13th" avalanche at Alva, UT, killed sixteen persons, and left thirteen others buried for twelve hours before being rescued. (David Ludlum)

1889 - It was the coldest morning of record along the Gulf Coast. The temperature dipped to 7 above zero at New Orleans LA and Pensacola FL, and plunged to -1 degree at Mobile AL. The mercury dipped to -2 degrees at Tallahassee, the coldest reading of record for the state of Florida. (David Ludlum)

1905: Freezing temperatures were recorded over the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri. Morning lows of 29 degrees below zero at Gravette, Arkansas, 40 below at Lebanon Kansas, and 40 below at Warsaw Missouri established all-time records for those three states.

The low temperature at Vinita, Oklahoma plummeted to 27 degrees below zero. This temperature would be tied in the city of Watts in January 1930, and at Blackwell and Medford in February 2011. The negative 27-degree reading is cold enough to be the 2nd lowest temperature on record in Oklahoma. The coldest is 31 degrees below zero, recorded at Nowata on February 10th, 2011.

1958: Tallahassee, Florida recorded their largest snowfall on record with close to 3 inches.

1995: A National Weather Service Survey Team concluded a weak (F1) tornado occurred at the General Motors Desert Proving Grounds facility in Mesa Arizona. Moderate damage was observed. A roof was damaged, and about 20 vehicles were damaged and moved around. One car was lifted, moved several feet, and set down inside a roped off area containing solar exposure equipment. The tornado moved northeast and lasted about five minutes. Damage was initially estimated around \$200,000.

2000: Late in the day and into the early morning hours of the 14th, severe thunderstorms spawned six tornadoes over southwestern Georgia that killed 19, injured 202, and caused \$35 million dollars in damages. An F3 tornado hit southern Camilla, killing 11 and injuring 175 in the town.



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Upcoming Events

Monday at Groton








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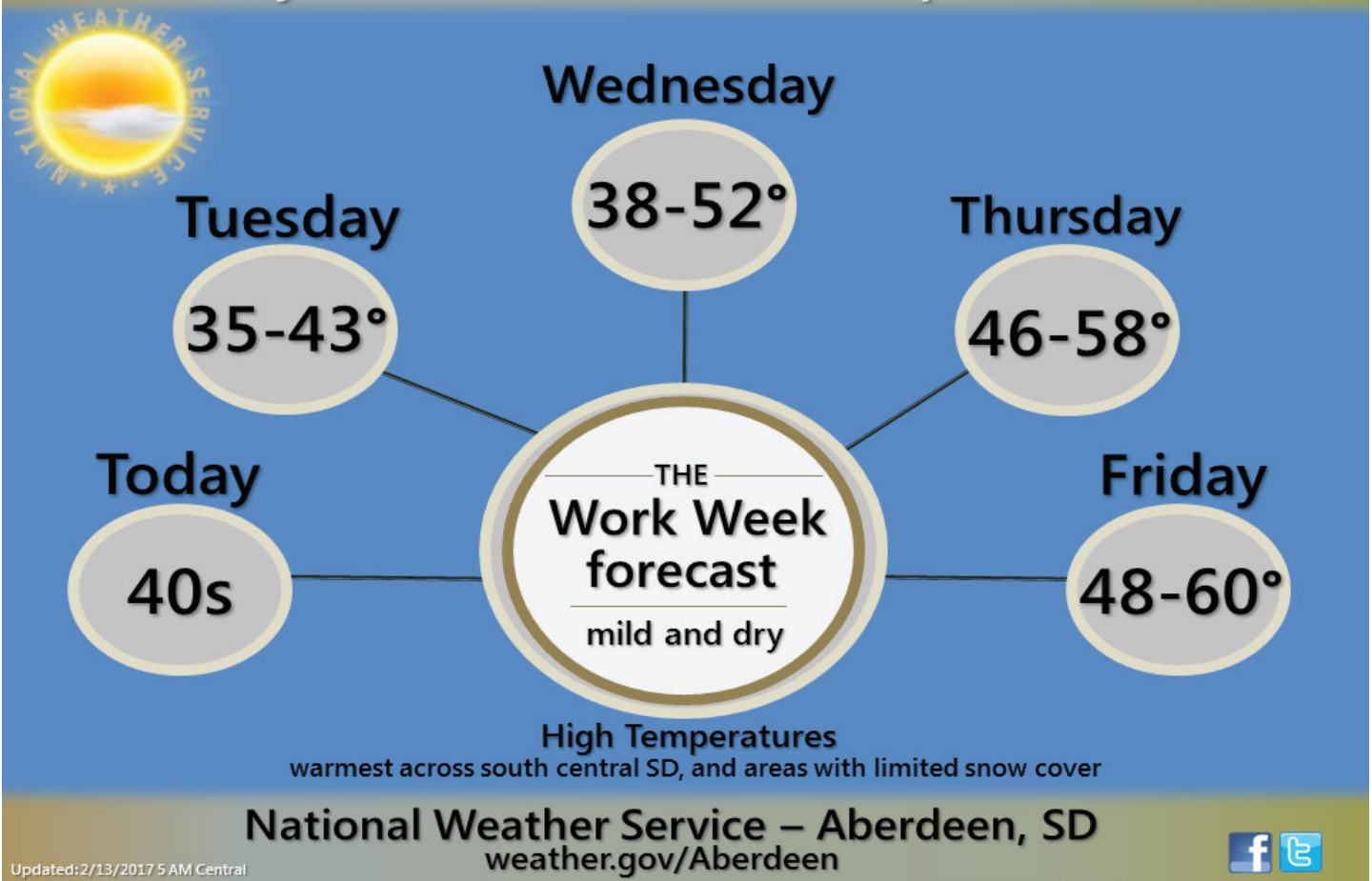
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 18 °F	High: 40 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 47 °F

Dry with above normal temperatures!



The mild and dry conditions will continue through at least Friday. Expect high temperatures to increase into the 50s to near 60 degrees for the end of the work week. As a result, the February snow melt will continue each day.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 40.5 F at 3:11 PM

Low Outside Temp: 26.6 F at 7:53 AM

High Gust: 29.0 Mph at 12:06 AM

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 60° in 1901

Record Low: -34 in 1905

Average High: 27°F

Average Low: 6°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.21

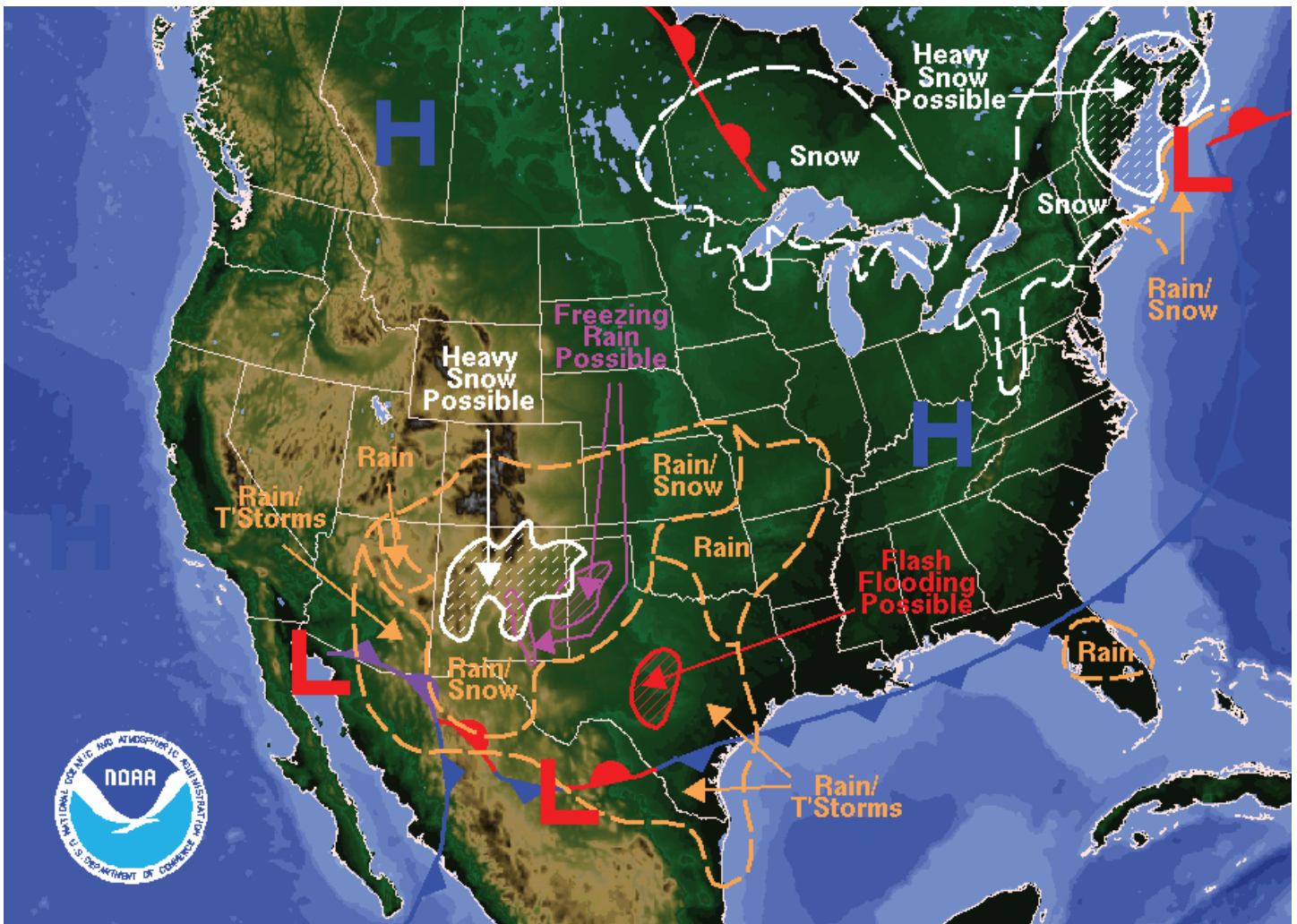
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.68

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Feb 13, 2017, issued 4:11 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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KNOWING AND DOING

A young, energetic salesman approached a wise, old farmer and offered to sell him a set of newly published books on "Farming: Things You Need to Know."

"If you buy them, read them carefully and study them thoroughly," said the confident young man, "you'll farm twice as good as you do now."

"Listen, young fellow," said the farmer, "I ain't farming half as good as I know how to now!"

It's not what I do not know or understand about the Bible that troubles me, it's what I know and often do not apply as I go about my daily responsibilities.

At the conclusion of one of His lessons, Jesus said, "You know these things – now do them! That is the path of blessing."

Often we are anxious to purchase a new Bible that promises to provide insight and knowledge about the teachings of Scripture. And it seems as though there are new study Bibles published every month that offer "easy-to-understand" interpretations of difficult passages. Other editions promise to teach the reader how to study the Bible "inductively" or "deductively." Others focus on time lines and prophecies, culture and geography.

What is most helpful, however, is to actually read the Bible every day, think carefully on its teachings and ask God, through His Holy Spirit, to teach us His ways.

Prayer: Father, help us to accept and apply Your Word that challenges us to "realize what is wrong in our lives"...and know that it will straighten us out to do right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

News from the Associated Press

Judge to hear arguments on Dakota Access pipeline work

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — A federal judge in Washington, D.C., is hearing arguments on whether to stop work on the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline until a legal battle with American Indian tribes is resolved.

The Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux argue the pipeline threatens drinking water and cultural sites. The tribes also say it threatens their freedom of religion, which depends on pure water.

Developer Energy Transfer Partners last week received final approval from the Army to lay pipe under the Missouri River in North Dakota — the final chunk of construction for the 1,200-mile pipeline to move North Dakota oil to Illinois.

Work is underway. U.S. District Judge James Boasberg is to hear arguments this afternoon on whether it should be stopped while the lawsuit plays out.

Homicides on Pine Ridge reservation nearly doubled in 2016

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The number of homicides on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation nearly doubled in 2016.

Data from the FBI shows there were 17 homicides in 2016, compared with nine in 2015. In addition, authorities have expressed concern because five of the homicides in 2016 involved firearms, while none involved firearms a year earlier.

FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Robert Perry told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2l8uMJj>) that an increase in illegal drug use, particularly methamphetamine, is one factor in the spike. He said the drugs on Pine Ridge are not being produced locally but are coming from outside areas, such as Denver.

"When you're in that drug trade, when there's money involved, you feel the need to protect your product, to protect yourself, and that's why I believe there's more guns involved," he said.

Perry's concerns about meth use echo those of local law enforcement officers across the region, including the Rapid City Police Department. Rapid City police Chief Karl Jegeris says meth use has been fueling an increase in violent crime in the city in recent months.

The FBI investigates homicides on Pine Ridge, along with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Last year's homicides on the reservation included the shooting death of 13-year-old Te'Ca Clifford as she walked home with friends in July, and Vinnie Brewer III, 29, who was fatally shot outside a community center in daylight in October.

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

More farmers eye organic operations amid increased demand

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Organic farming proponents say more and more farmers are looking to adjust their operations to meet the growing demand for organic products.

The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service reports that the number of certified organic operations has increased over the last decade more than 250 percent in the U.S., according to the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2lgbfo3>).

"It's getting bigger. People want to know where their food is coming from," said Eden McLeod, the executive director of the farmer-to-farmer network Foundation for Agricultural and Rural Resource Management and Sustainability, or FARRMS. "It's not going away, so why not get on board?"

McLeod spoke during a presentation at the Northern Plains Sustainable Ag Society Winter Conference in Aberdeen last month. She said statistics show that consumer demand for organic products hits double digit growth each year. That demand, she said, means a need for more production.

Based on feedback evaluations, several of the 550 conference attendees were looking to start transition-

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ing their operations or were already in the process, said Susan Long, office manager at Northern Plains Sustainable Ag Society, or NPSAS.

It generally takes three years to transition commercial land to organic and one year to transition most livestock. Those timeframes can vary per National Organic Program regulations. And the countdown starts over if soil gets contaminated during those first years.

Record keeping is vital if farmers or ranchers are looking to make the transition, as is evaluating the potential market, time constraints and selecting a certification agency, McLeod said. Establishing strong relations with neighboring farmers is also key, especially if those farms practice conventional farming, she said.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

1 dies in Sioux Falls house fire

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say one person is dead after a house fire in Sioux Falls.

The fire was reported shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday, after a police officer on patrol noticed the fire at a single-family home on north 10th Avenue.

The first fire crew to arrive reported heavy smoke coming from the house. Fire officials went inside and pulled one person from the house, but that individual suffered fatal injuries. No details about the person's age or gender were released.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

Sioux Falls fire officials say the fire was brought under control in about 45 minutes and the house sustained major fire damage.

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Alcester-Hudson 63, Burke/South Central 43
Beresford 61, Gayville-Volin 22
Bison 64, New Underwood 26
Clark/Willow Lake 71, Flandreau 66
Colome 66, Menno 40
Dakota Valley 83, Little Wound 62
Eureka/Bowdle 70, Wakpala 25
Gregory 60, Jones County 38
Harrisburg 60, Sturgis Brown 50
Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 70, Garretson 57
James Valley Christian 63, Estelline 29
Madison 72, Canton 59
McLaughlin 68, Crow Creek 66
Mobridge-Pollock 42, Groton Area 39
Philip 75, Dupree 56
Pierre 56, Yankton 48
Potter County 70, Hitchcock-Tulare 47
Rapid City Christian 65, Newell 57
Sioux Falls Lincoln 64, Rapid City Stevens 62
Sioux Falls Washington 64, Rapid City Central 41
Sioux Valley 96, Hamlin 62
St. Francis Indian 74, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 73
Stanley County 61, Wall 53

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Tea Area 75, Lennox 68
Timber Lake 78, Crazy Horse 77
Tri-Valley 61, Sisseton 36
Viborg-Hurley 64, Ethan 41
Watertown 58, Mitchell 46
Wolsey-Wessington 68, Aberdeen Christian 48
DWU Culver's Classic
Bridgewater-Emery 70, Corsica/Stickney 50
Chamberlain 52, Langford 47
Chester 75, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 44
Dell Rapids 53, St. Thomas More 51
Irene-Wakonda 56, DeSmet 52
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 66, Pine Ridge 55
Sioux Falls Christian 86, Aberdeen Roncalli 52
White River 50, Sully Buttes 47
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Aberdeen Central 63, Brandon Valley 59
Burke/South Central 48, Alcester-Hudson 33
Castlewood 60, Arlington 17
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 73, St. Francis Indian 60
Dakota Valley 65, Aberdeen Roncalli 57
Eureka/Bowdle 58, Wakpala 25
Faith 61, Mott-Regent, N.D. 28
Flandreau 61, Clark/Willow Lake 36
Groton Area 43, Mobridge-Pollock 30
Hamlin 69, Sioux Valley 39
Hanson 57, Corsica/Stickney 37
Harrisburg 69, Sturgis Brown 45
Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 68, Garretson 44
Lennox 63, Tea Area 36
Lower Brule 64, Tiospa Zina Tribal 59
Lyman 66, Wessington Springs 27
McLaughlin 62, Crow Creek 53
Menno 56, Colome 31
New Underwood 55, Bison 24
Newell 58, Rapid City Christian 24
Oelrichs 61, Edgemont 23
Philip 52, Dupree 16
Rapid City Central 64, Sioux Falls Washington 50
Sioux Falls Lincoln 57, Rapid City Stevens 42
St. Thomas More 51, Hill City 24
Todd County 75, Miller 67
Wall 58, Stanley County 41
White River 71, Bennett County 38
Wolsey-Wessington 71, Aberdeen Christian 34
Yankton 54, Pierre 44
Dakota Plains Invitational
Third Place
Marty Indian 66, Santee, Neb. 60
Warner Classic

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Freeman 71, Ipswich 36
Herreid/Selby Area 47, Florence/Henry 45
Northwestern 64, Wilmot 49
Warner 52, Timber Lake 34
Waubay/Summit 45, Jones County 27
Waverly-South Shore 52, Highmore-Harrold 33

Lederman unseats incumbent to win South Dakota GOP chair

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Republican Party has a new leader following a vote that upset a decades-long tradition.

Former state Sen. Dan Lederman unseated incumbent Chairwoman Pam Roberts on Saturday, marking the first time in recent memory that the position saw a contested election and that a candidate won without the governor's endorsement, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2lDfcmS>) reported.

Lederman won the party chairmanship in a 73-53 vote in Pierre by members of the State Central Committee.

Roberts, chairwoman of the state GOP for the past two years, had been endorsed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. She also was supported by U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds, and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem.

Support for Lederman showed a split in the party: He was supported by Republican National Committee members Sandye Kading and Ried Holien.

Lederman, 44, of Dakota Dunes offered himself as a candidate for the position last month. He previously served as the Senate assistant majority leader and as the Union County GOP chairman for 12 years.

In his new role, Lederman will guide the South Dakota Republican Party over the next two years as it looks to hold onto its dominance in state elections. His responsibilities will include managing party communications and campaign strategies ahead of the next gubernatorial race and mid-term elections.

Roberts helped collect two new seats for Republicans in both the House and Senate last year, deepening the party's supermajorities in the Legislature. Last week, Daugaard told reporters that Roberts had cut expenses "significantly" for the party.

Lederman told the Argus Leader ahead of the vote that he felt hopeful about winning after speaking with party leaders across the state. He said he could be more responsive than Roberts and promised to give county leaders elevated roles and stronger voices in the party.

"I think I represent their enthusiasm," he told the newspaper. "I am part of this feeling of excitement for a new direction."

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

South Dakota hangs on to beat South Dakota St

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Matt Mooney hit five 3-pointers and scored 25 points, Tyler Flack hit two crucial free throws in the final 10 seconds, and South Dakota hung on to beat arch-rival South Dakota State 91-89 on Saturday.

The Jackrabbits stormed back from a double-digit deficit to take a 76-75 lead with 6:13 left. The game remained tight the rest of the way.

A Matt Daum 3 and jumper on consecutive possessions cut South Dakota State's deficit to 89-88 with eight seconds to go. Flack then stepped to the line and drilled a pair of free throws to push it back to a three-point game. The Jackrabbits did not get a final look to win it, as South Dakota fouled Daum to prevent a potential game-tying 3.

Flack finished with 23 points for South Dakota (18-10, 9-4), which equaled its highest ever win total (9) in Summit League play with the win. The Coyotes finished 9-7 in 2014-2015.

Reed Tellinghuisen scored 28 and Daum added 22 to lead the Jackrabbits (12-16, 5-8).

New Rapid City Airport strategy seeks additional flights

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Regional Airport is trying a new digital marketing strategy, which officials hope will eventually lead to additional flights.

The 2017 Spring Digital Strategy with Lawrence & Schiller, a Sioux Falls-based advertising agency, was approved by the Airport Board of Directors on Tuesday in the amount \$56,000, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2kKhtzr>) reported.

Its goal will be to market the airport and the Black Hills as a destination to people in Chicago, Minneapolis and Dallas. Its target audience will be families that are active, affluent and spend time outdoors.

"We chose those three for this particular campaign because we know the South Dakota Department of Tourism and other tourism entities are marketing heavily in Chicago and Minneapolis," Toni Broom, deputy airport director for finance and administration, said. "Dallas also shows a high propensity of people who would come to the Black Hills."

According to a memo, the strategy approved is part of a larger marketing plan for the airport, which will include a full analysis of data, which will determine final markets and target audiences in the next couple of years.

The advertising agency will create a new home page for the airport for travelers can book their flights, and will include a complete Black Hills vacation package, said the airport's executive director Patrick Dame.

Broom said this is the first time the airport has aimed to market to inbound traffic rather than outbound.

The campaign will be running until April.

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

Rapid City Hospital makes second major policy change

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Regional Hospital has announced that is no longer taking in certain types of mentally ill patients and will instead contact the Pennington County Sheriff's Office to take those individuals in to custody.

This is the second major policy change recently made by the hospital that limits on the type of mental health care the hospital will provide, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2lfAIkq>) reported.

The decision has received criticism from local law enforcement officials, who say the policy change was made suddenly and without their input.

"I don't think it's any one entity's problem," said Barry Tice, director of Pennington County Health and Human Services, "but if we don't choose to try to figure this out together, in 10 years we're going to have the same discussion and ask, 'Why didn't we do something different?' It's not good for the human side of things."

A letter sent to Rapid City police Chief Karl Jegeris in January said the hospital would no longer admit behavioral health patients, who don't have acute medical needs to the main hospital when the Behavioral Health facility is at capacity. The change went into effect Feb. 1.

If the Behavioral Health Center was full then Regional's main hospital building would treat a mentally ill person seeking help. But now mentally ill people without "acute medical needs" will be denied treatment and will call authorities once the Behavioral Health Facility is at capacity.

"Unless we hear differently, we will contact the sheriff's office to take custody of involuntarily detained persons when the Behavioral Health Facility is at capacity," the letter reads.

South Dakota law states a person who hasn't been charged with a crime can be arrested by law enforcement for a maximum 24 hours.

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

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Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 69, Clark/Willow Lake 63
Alcester-Hudson 76, Baltic 56
Bennett County 63, New Underwood 23
Brandon Valley 64, Aberdeen Central 55
Brookings 62, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 46
Canton 79, Irene-Wakonda 68
Chamberlain 69, Wagner 38
Colman-Egan 52, Arlington 46
Crazy Horse 90, Tiospaye Topa 44
Custer 51, Belle Fourche 47
Dakota Valley 73, Dell Rapids 70
Deuel 56, Tiospa Zina Tribal 53
Elk Point-Jefferson 58, Beresford 53
Florence/Henry 69, Wilmot 32
Gayville-Volin 69, Centerville 35
Gregory 51, Scotland 34
Hamlin 50, Redfield/Doland 48
Harrisburg 65, Spearfish 46
Herreid/Selby Area 67, Eureka/Bowdle 47
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 66, Faith 48
Kimball/White Lake 62, Sunshine Bible Academy 22
Langford 66, Faulkton 37
Lennox 70, West Central 54
McLaughlin 77, Winner 71
Milbank Area 66, Britton-Hecla 43
Parker 66, Viborg-Hurley 37
Pierre 63, Watertown 47
Platte-Geddes 61, Bon Homme 49
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 72, Highmore-Harrold 58
Sioux Falls Lincoln 71, Rapid City Central 59
Sioux Falls Washington 56, Rapid City Stevens 37
Sisseton 43, Webster 36
Sully Buttes 63, Ipswich 43
Tea Area 75, Parkston 39
Timber Lake 48, Newell 46
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 63, Avon 61, OT
Waubay/Summit 50, Great Plains Lutheran 40
Dakota Plains Invitational
Marty Indian 68, Santee, Neb. 52

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 73, Clark/Willow Lake 40
Alcester-Hudson 44, Baltic 34
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 55, Kimball/White Lake 47
Avon 46, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 36
Belle Fourche 56, Custer 40
Castlewood 47, Waverly-South Shore 31

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DeSmet 60, Deubrook 42
Edgemont 43, Hot Springs 42
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Elkton-Lake Benton 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 39
Faith 68, Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 30
Faulkton 65, Langford 41
Groton Area 50, Redfield/Doland 24
Harding County 69, Rapid City Christian 30
Harrisburg 63, Spearfish 20
Herreid/Selby Area 54, Eureka/Bowdle 27
Howard 58, Garretson 43
Irene-Wakonda 57, Canton 44
Kadoka Area 67, Colome 43
McLaughlin 45, Winner 35
New Underwood 64, Bennett County 16
Parker 60, Viborg-Hurley 34
Philip 66, Lyman 59
Platte-Geddes 59, Bon Homme 19
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 67, Highmore-Harrold 27
Scotland 57, Gregory 46
Sioux Falls Christian 61, Chester 46
Sioux Falls Lincoln 65, Rapid City Central 59
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 47, Brookings 33
Sioux Falls Washington 72, Rapid City Stevens 62
Sully Buttes 85, Ipswich 53
Timber Lake 60, Newell 33
Tri-Valley 51, Tea Area 48
Wagner 68, Chamberlain 30
Wall 65, Dupree 40
Warner 54, Freeman 45
Watertown 63, Pierre 54
Wolsey-Wessington 39, Sunshine Bible Academy 30
Dakota Plains Invitational
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Marty Indian 72, Santee, Neb. 60
DWU Culver's Classic
Bridgewater-Emery 52, Parkston 45
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Hanson 60, Pine Ridge 42

Nearly 200,000 remain under evacuation near California dam

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ** and **DON THOMPSON**, Associated Press

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Nearly 200,000 people remained under evacuation orders Monday as California authorities try to fix erosion of the emergency spillway at the nation's tallest dam that could unleash uncontrolled flood waters if it fails.

About 150 miles northeast of San Francisco, Lake Oroville — one of California's largest man-made lakes

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— had water levels so high that an emergency spillway was used Saturday for the first time in almost 50 years.

The evacuation was ordered Sunday afternoon after engineers spotted a hole on the concrete lip of the secondary spillway for the 770-foot-tall Oroville Dam and told authorities that it could fail within the hour. "I'm just shocked," said Greg Levias, who was evacuating with his wife, Kaysi, two boys and a dog.

What they couldn't fit in their trunk they piled as high as they could in their downstairs Yuba City apartment and joined the line of traffic attempting to leave the city where they had moved just three weeks ago.

Panicked and angry residents sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic hours after the evacuation order was given.

Raj Gill was managing a Shell station where anxious motorists got gas and snacks while waiting for gridlocked traffic to clear. His boss told him to close the station and flee himself, but he stayed open to feed a steady line of customers.

"You can't even move," he said. "I'm trying to get out of here too. I'm worried about the flooding. I've seen the pictures — that's a lot of water."

A Red Cross spokeswoman said more than 500 people were at an evacuation center in Chino, California. The shelter had run out of blankets and cots, and a semi-tractor trailer with 1,000 more cots was stuck in the gridlock of traffic fleeing the potential flooding, said Red Cross shelter manager Pam Deditch.

A California Highway Patrol spokesman said they would have two planes out Monday to help with traffic control as well as search and rescue.

State Fire and Rescue Chief Kim Zagaris said at least 250 law enforcement officers from throughout the state are in the area or on their way to help with the evacuation.

Late Sunday, officials said the evacuation orders remained in place despite the fact water was no longer spilling over the eroded area.

"There is still a lot of unknowns," Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said at a news conference. "We need to continue to lower the lake levels and we need to give the Department of Water Resources time to fully evaluate the situation so we can make the decision to whether or not it is safe to repopulate the area."

About 188,000 residents of Yuba, Sutter and Butte counties were ordered to evacuate.

Acting Director Department of Water Resources Bill Croyle said officials will be able to assess the damage to the emergency spillway now that the lake levels have been lowered.

The erosion at the head of the emergency spillway threatens to undermine the concrete weir and allow large, uncontrolled releases of water from Lake Oroville. Those potential flows could overwhelm the Feather River and other downstream waterways, channels and levees and flood towns in three counties.

Oroville Lake levels had decreased by Sunday night as they let water flow from its heavily damaged main spillway.

Croyle said the department will continue releasing as much as 100,000 cubic feet per second from the main spillway to try and reduce the dam's level by 50 feet ahead of storms forecast to reach the area Wednesday.

Department engineer and spokesman Kevin Dossey told the Sacramento Bee the emergency spillway was rated to handle 250,000 cubic feet per second, but it began to show weakness Sunday after flows peaked at 12,600 cubic feet per second.

Honea said there was a plan to plug the hole by using helicopters to drop rocks into the crevasse. But Croyle said at that no repair work was done after officials looked at the flow and available resources.

Gov. Jerry Brown late Sunday issued an emergency order to fortify authorities' response to the emergency at the dam and help with evacuations.

Adjutant General David S. Baldwin of the California National Guard said at a news conference late Sunday that eight helicopters will be available Monday to assist with emergency spillway reconstruction.

The California National Guard put out a notification to all 23,000 soldiers and airmen to be ready to deploy if needed, he said. Baldwin says an alert for the entire California National Guard hadn't been issued since the 1992 riots.

Earlier Sunday, officials stressed the Oroville Dam itself was structurally sound.

Unexpected erosion chewed through the main spillway during heavy rain earlier this week, sending chunks of concrete flying and creating a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep hole that continues growing. Engineers don't

know what caused the cave-in, but Chris Orrock, a Department of Water Resources spokesman, said it appears the dam's main spillway has stopped crumbling even though it's being used for water releases.

The lake is a central piece of California's government-run water delivery network, supplying water for agriculture in the Central Valley and residents and businesses in Southern California.

Rodríguez reported from San Francisco.

UN Security Council meeting sought over NKorea missile test

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The United States, Japan and South Korea have requested urgent diplomatic talks at the United Nations on Monday over North Korea's latest ballistic missile launch, with Seoul condemning what it called "serious military and security threats" and predicting more such tests.

A spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations said Sunday night that the meeting is expected to take place Monday. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

The U.N. Mission for Ukraine, which holds the rotating Security Council presidency, later confirmed that closed consultations on North Korea will take place late Monday afternoon.

The banned missile test, which was conducted early Sunday, is seen as an implicit challenge to President Donald Trump, who has vowed a tough line on Pyongyang but has yet to release a strategy for dealing with a country whose nuclear ambitions have bedeviled U.S. leaders for decades.

North Korean state media said leader Kim Jong Un was at the site to observe the launch and expressed pleasure at the North's expansion of its strategic strike capabilities.

"These are serious military and security threats," Jeong Joon-hee, spokesman at the Ministry of Unification, told reporters. "Pyongyang has no intention of backing away from its goal to become a country with nuclear weapons."

A report on the launch carried early Monday by the North's Korean Central News Agency said Kim watched from an observation post and gave the order to fire the "Pukguksong-2," which it said was a "Korean style new type strategic weapon system."

It is believed to have flown about 500 kilometers (310 miles) before splashing down into the ocean in international waters.

The report said the test proved "the reliability and security" of a new mobile launching system, the solid fuel that was used and the guidance and control features of the ballistic missile. Solid fuel can give missiles longer range and make detecting them before launch more difficult because they can be readied faster than liquid fuel missiles.

The report also said the test verified control and guidance capabilities and said the missile can be "tipped with a nuclear warhead."

It suggested the launch conducted in a "lofted" style, which puts the missile into a high trajectory rather than a lower one that gives it more range, in order take "the security of the neighboring countries into consideration."

It added that Kim "expressed great satisfaction over the possession of another powerful nuclear attack means."

"Now our rocket industry has radically turned into high thrust solid fuel-powered engine from liquid fuel rocket engine and rapidly developed into a development- and creation-oriented industry, not just copying samples," he said. "Thanks to the development of the new strategic weapon system, our People's Army is capable of performing its strategic duties most accurately and rapidly in any space: under waters or on the land."

North Korea had warned it was ready to test its first intercontinental ballistic missile. The U.S. Strategic Command, however, said it detected and tracked what it assessed to be a medium- or intermediate-range missile. The reports of the launch came as Trump was hosting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and

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just days before the North is to mark the birthday of leader Kim Jong Un's late father, Kim Jong Il.

Appearing with Trump at a news conference at Trump's south Florida estate, Abe condemned the missile launch as "absolutely intolerable." He read a brief statement calling on the North to comply fully with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions. He said Trump had assured him of U.S. support and that Trump's presence showed the president's determination and commitment.

Trump followed Abe with even fewer words, saying in part: "I just want everybody to understand and fully know that the United States of America stands behind Japan, its great ally, 100 percent."

Stephen Miller, Trump's chief policy adviser, said Trump and Abe had displayed "an important show of solidarity" between their nations.

"The message we're sending to the world right now is a message of strength and solidarity; we stand with Japan and we stand with our allies in the region to address the North Korean menace," Miller said during an interview Sunday with ABC's "This Week."

China, facing criticism that it is not doing enough to pressure North Korea to drop its nuclear program, said Monday that the root cause of North Korean missile launches is friction with the United States and South Korea. Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China opposed the launch, which violated U.N. Security Council resolutions that call for an end to North Korea's nuclear and missile tests.

The firing of the missile is a major challenge for the Trump administration, said George Lopez, an expert in economic sanctions and nuclear disarmament and a professor emeritus of peace studies at the University of Notre Dame.

"The Sunday test of an intermediate-range ballistic missile by the North Korean regime is in clear violation of past United Nations Security Council resolutions and recent warning from the U.S.," Lopez said. "As such, it is a significant challenge to the Trump Administration because it has yet to develop its policies toward the region, toward North Korea, or its role in the UN and its use of economic sanctions. So we may learn a lot about Mr. Trump's crisis diplomacy in the coming days."

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile was fired from around Banghyon, North Pyongan Province, which is where South Korean officials have said the North test-launched its powerful midrange Musudan missile on Oct. 15 and 20.

The missile splashed down into the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, according to the U.S. Strategic Command. Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters it did not hit Japanese territorial seas.

The North conducted two nuclear tests and a slew of rocket launches last year in continued efforts to expand its nuclear weapons and missile programs. Kim Jong Un said in his New Year's address that the country had reached the final stages of readiness to test an ICBM, which would be a major step forward in its efforts to build a credible nuclear threat to the United States.

Though Pyongyang has been relatively quiet about the transfer of power to the Trump administration, its state media has repeatedly called for Washington to abandon its "hostile policy" and vowed to continue its nuclear and missile development programs until the U.S. changes its diplomatic approach.

Just days ago, it also reaffirmed its plan to conduct more space launches, which it staunchly defends but which have been criticized because they involve dual-use technology that can be transferred to improve missiles.

"Our country has clearly expressed its standpoint, that we will continue to build up our capacity for self-defense, with nuclear forces and a pre-emptive strike capability as the main points, as long as our enemies continue sanctions to suppress us," Pyongyang student Kim Guk Bom said Sunday. "We will defend the peace and security of our country at any cost, with our own effort, and we will contribute to global peace and stability."

South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, who is also the acting president, said his country would punish North Korea for the missile launch. The Foreign Ministry said South Korea would continue to work with allies, including the United States, Japan and the European Union, to ensure a thorough implementation of sanctions against the North and make the country realize that it will "never be able to survive" without discarding all of its nuclear and missile programs.

Associated Press writers Kim Tong-Hyung in Seoul, South Korea, Jill Colvin in Palm Beach, Florida, and Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations contributed to this report.

AP image of Turkish assassin wins World Press Photo award

By MIKE CORDER, Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Associated Press photographer Burhan Ozbilici won the 2017 World Press Photo competition Monday, with jurors and colleagues lauding his courage and composure in capturing his image of a gun-wielding off-duty Turkish policeman standing over the body of Russia's ambassador, whom he had just fatally shot.

Ozbilici's image was part of a series titled "An Assassination in Turkey" that also won the Spot News - Stories category. The photos were captured in the moments before and after policeman Mevlut Mert Altintas drew a handgun and shot Ambassador Andrei Karlov at a photo exhibition in Ankara on Dec. 19.

In the winning photo, the gunman, wearing a suit and tie, stands defiantly, pistol in his right hand pointed at the ground and with his left hand raised, his index finger pointing upward. His mouth is wide open as he shouts angrily. The ambassador's body lies on the floor just behind Altintas.

Another image in the series showed the ambassador before the shooting, with Altintas standing behind him.

Ozbilici said his professional instincts kicked in despite the shocking scene unfolding in front of him.

"It was extremely hot, like I had boiled water on my head, then very cold, very cold. Extremely dangerous," Ozbilici said in an interview. "But at the same time I understood that this was big history, it was history, (a) very, very important incident."

So the veteran AP photographer did what he has learned to do over some 30 years: "I immediately decided to do my job because I could be wounded, maybe die, but at least I have to represent good journalism," he said.

The winning image announced Monday was among 80,408 photos submitted to the prestigious competition by 5,034 photographers from 125 countries. The jury awarded prizes in eight categories to 45 photographers from 25 countries.

"Burhan's striking image was the result of skill and experience, composure under extreme pressure and the dedication and sense of mission that mark AP journalists worldwide," said AP Executive Editor Sally Buzbee. "We are enormously proud of his accomplishment."

Jury chair Stuart Franklin called Ozbilici's image "an incredibly hard-hitting news photograph" and part of a strong series documenting the assassination.

"I think Burhan was incredibly courageous and had extraordinary composure in being able to sort of calm himself down in the middle of the affray and take the commanding pictures that he took," Franklin said. "I think as a spot news story it was terrific."

Denis Paquin, AP's acting director of photography, said Ozbilici's actions that day were typical of his professionalism.

"Burhan would tell you he was just doing his job. His humble professionalism, combined with incredible courage, enabled him to capture these unforgettable images," he said.

Speaking after receiving the award, Ozbilici said he felt a responsibility to his entire profession as he stood his ground in the Ankara gallery.

He said he felt like journalists from all over the world were saying, "Hey man, you are representing all of us. Don't go away! Stand! We are supporting you, we are praying for you."

Ozbilici said the award would not change him, "but I will have more responsibility. The young generation, especially, they need more support, more courage to continue because their journalism, independent journalism, is suffering. So I wanted to show with this photo that the world will need good journalism forever."

The eclectic selection of winners highlighted the dominant news topics of the last year — including conflict in Syria and Iraq, the migrant crisis, the death of longtime Cuban leader Fidel Castro and the Olympic Games in Rio. Among winning nature photos were images depicting humanity's devastating effect on

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wildlife, including a gruesome photograph of a poached rhino with its horn hacked off and another showing a turtle swimming while enmeshed in a green fishing net.

Among other winners, Jonathan Bachman of the United States, a photographer for Thomson Reuters, won the Contemporary Issues - Singles category with an image of Ieshia Evans being detained in Baton Rouge during a protest on July 9 over the death of Alton Sterling, a black man killed by police. Evans stands bolt upright in a flowing dress as two police officers in heavy body armor and helmets move to take her into custody.

Franklin called Bachman's image "an unforgettable sort of comment on passive resistance. It's really a lovely photograph. You'll never forget it."

AP photographer Vadim Ghirda, based in Romania, won second prize in the Contemporary Issues - Singles category with an emotionally charged photo of migrants crossing a river as they attempt to reach Macedonia from Greece, while another AP photographer, Felipe Dana, came third in the Spot News - Singles category for his image of an explosion in Mosul, Iraq. And Santi Palacios won second in the General News - Singles category for a photo that ran on the AP wire of two Nigerian children who said their mother died in Libya aboard a rescue boat in the Mediterranean Sea.

For the first time, World Press Photo awards for still images were announced at the same time as those for Digital Storytelling, with prizes awarded for Innovative Storytelling, Immersive Storytelling, Long Form and Short Form covering issues including modern relationships, the rise of walls and fences around the world and the story of an American boxer from Flint, Michigan. Among media whose work was recognized were The New York Times, The Washington Post and smaller independent producers.

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. NEARLY 200,000 UNDER EVACUATION ORDER NEAR CALIFORNIA DAM

Authorities in Oroville warn an emergency spillway in the United States' tallest dam is in danger of failing and could unleash flood waters on towns below.

2. WHAT TRUDEAU HAS PLANNED IN WASHINGTON

The Canadian prime minister will participate in a roundtable discussion about women in the workforce, meet with Trump to talk about trade and participate in a working lunch.

3. WHERE DESPERATE IMMIGRANTS ARE HEADING

Canada is increasingly being seen as a haven for asylum seekers turned away by the U.S., and migrants are willing to chance a walk across the border in dangerous cold to get there.

4. TRUMP TRAVEL BAN SPARKS IRAQI ANGER

Also breeding resentment and suspicion are the U.S. president's statements that the Americans should have taken Iraq's oil and his hard line against close ally Iran — this as a critical phase of the battle for Mosul against IS looms.

5. SENATE NEARS CONFIRMATION OF TREASURY PICK

This despite complaints by Democrats that Steven Mnuchin failed to protect thousands of homeowners from unnecessary foreclosures when he headed OneWest Bank.

6. RIGHTS GROUP: PAKISTAN FORCING AFGHAN REFUGEES HOME

Human Rights Watch charges that Islamabad is forcing hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees back to their homeland, which is still beset by war and crushing poverty.

7. NEW CIVICS COURSE IN SCHOOLS: HOW TO AVOID FAKE NEWS

Teachers say classroom instruction can play a role in deflating the kind of "Pope endorses Trump" headlines that muddied the waters during the 2016 presidential campaign.

8. AP IMAGE OF TURKISH ASSASSIN WINS WORLD PRESS PHOTO AWARD

Burhan Ozbilici won the competition for his image of a gun-wielding off-duty Turkish policeman standing

over the body of Russia's ambassador, whom he had just fatally shot.

9. WHO WAS STILL BELLE OF THE BALL

Even though Adele flubbed one of her live performances at the Grammys, she took home all five awards she was nominated for, including album, record and song of the year.

10. YOU JUST MIGHT RECOGNIZE THESE FURRY FRIENDS

Some of the thousands of dogs competing at the Westminster Kennel Club show have been in movies and TV shows, stage productions, magazine pages and ads.

Senate nears confirmation of Trump's pick to head Treasury

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is poised to confirm President Donald Trump's pick for Treasury secretary despite complaints by Democrats that Steven Mnuchin failed to protect thousands of homeowners from unnecessary foreclosures when he headed OneWest Bank.

Votes on Trump's Cabinet picks have exposed deep partisan divisions in the Republican-controlled Senate, with many of the nominees approved by mostly party-line votes.

The vote Monday evening on Mnuchin is expected to follow the same pattern. Finance Committee Republicans unanimously voted in favor of Mnuchin after committee Democrats boycotted the vote.

The Senate is also scheduled to vote on the nomination of David Shulkin to head the Department of Veterans Affairs. His confirmation has gone much smoother than others. The Senate Veterans Affairs' Committee voted unanimously to approve him.

Republicans said Mnuchin's long tenure in finance is an ample prerequisite for the Treasury job. Mnuchin is a former top executive at Goldman Sachs.

"This Treasury nominee is smart, he's capable, and he's got impressive private-sector experience," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "We need him confirmed as soon as possible so he can begin to tackle these challenges and reverse the last eight years of economic heartache."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., said Mnuchin's bank was a "foreclosure machine" whose business practices were "sleazy and out of line."

"Mr. Mnuchin is the ultimate Wall Street insider. From the moment he graduated from college until today, he has worked at a big bank or a hedge fund," Warren said. "If Wall Street threatens to blow up the economy again, does anyone seriously expect Mr. Mnuchin to get tough with his old buddies and tell them to knock it off?"

Democrats also complained that Mnuchin failed to disclose nearly \$100 million in assets on forms he filed with the Senate Finance Committee.

In his testimony before the committee, Mnuchin defended his actions while heading OneWest. He said he had worked hard during the financial crisis to assist homeowners with refinancing so that they could remain in their homes.

He told the committee that his bank had extended more than 100,000 loan modifications to borrowers.

Mnuchin called his failure to disclose assets an oversight. After meeting with committee staff Mnuchin amended his disclosure forms and also disclosed his position as director of Dune Capital International in the Cayman Islands, a well-known offshore tax haven.

When pressed by Democrats to explain the omissions, Mnuchin said: "I did not use a Cayman Island entity in any way to avoid taxes for myself. There was no benefit to me."

The Treasury Department is responsible for a wide range of activities, including advising the president on economic and financial issues. The department oversees the IRS, negotiates tax treaties with other countries, imposes economic sanctions against foreign governments and individuals, and targets the financial networks of terrorist groups and drug cartels.

The department also issues the bonds that finance the government's deficit spending.

Embattled national security adviser's fate uncertain

By JILL COLVIN and JULIE PACE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled national security adviser Michael Flynn's fate as one of President Donald Trump's senior aides is uncertain following reports that he discussed U.S. sanctions with a Russian envoy before Trump's inauguration.

A top White House official sidestepped repeated chances Sunday to publicly defend him. The president, who spent the weekend at his private club in Florida, has yet to comment on Flynn's status. Nor has Vice President Mike Pence, who previously denied that Flynn had discussed sanctions with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Pence and Flynn spoke twice on Friday, according to an administration official.

Trump has told associates he is troubled by the situation, but he has not said whether he plans to ask Flynn to step down, according to a person who spoke with him recently. Flynn was a loyal Trump supporter during the campaign, but he is viewed skeptically by some in the administration's national security circles, in part because of his ties to Russia.

The administration official and both people with ties to Trump spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Stephen Miller, Trump's top policy adviser, skirted the issue on several Sunday news shows, saying it was not his place to weigh in on the "sensitive matter" or to say whether the president retains confidence in Flynn.

Several other White House officials did not respond Sunday to questions about whether Trump had confidence in his national security adviser. Their silence appeared to reflect some uncertainty about the views of the president, who is known to quickly change his mind.

On Friday, The Washington Post reported that Flynn addressed sanctions against Russia in a call with Kislyak. The report contradicted repeated denials from Trump officials, including Pence, who vouched for Flynn in a televised interview.

Flynn has since told administration officials that sanctions may have come up in the calls, which coincided with the Obama administration slapping penalties on Russia for election-related hacking.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who led Trump's transition planning before the election, said Flynn would have to explain his conflicting statements about his conversations with Kislyak to Trump and Pence.

"Gen. Flynn has said up to this point that he had not said anything like that to the Russian ambassador. I think now he's saying that he doesn't remember whether he did or not," Christie said on CNN. "So, that's a conversation he is going to need to have with the president and the vice president to clear that up, so that the White House can make sure that they are completely accurate about what went on."

The controversy surrounding Flynn comes as the young administration grapples with a series of national security challenges, including North Korea's reported ballistic missile launch. The president, who was joined at his Mar-a-Lago estate by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe over the weekend, voiced solidarity with Japan.

Trump meets Monday with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and later in the week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The White House is also dealing with fallout from the rocky rollout of Trump's immigration executive order, which has been blocked by the courts. The order was intended to suspend the nation's refugee program and bar citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.

Advocacy groups contend the government has rounded up large numbers of people as part of stepped-up enforcement. The agency calls the effort no different from enforcement actions carried out in the past.

Trump moves spark Iraqi anger, calls against future alliance

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA and SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Reverberations from President Donald Trump's travel ban and other stances are threatening to undermine future U.S.-Iraqi security cooperation, rattling a key alliance that over the past two years has slowly beaten back the Islamic State group.

Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, has sought to contain any backlash from public anger sparked by Trump's executive order banning Iraqis from traveling to the U.S. Also breeding resentment and suspicion are Trump's repeated statements that the Americans should have taken Iraq's oil and his hard line against Iran, a close ally of al-Abadi's government.

Al-Abadi and Trump spoke Thursday night for the first time since Trump's inauguration. The U.S. leader, who has pledged a stronger fight against IS militants, promised increased help for Iraq against terrorism, and al-Abadi asked him to remove Iraq from the travel ban, according to an Iraqi official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the telephone call.

Iraqi anger at Washington comes at a crucial juncture in a long and often contentious relationship. U.S.-backed Iraqi forces are about to launch an assault aimed at retaking the western half of Mosul that is still under Islamic State control. If Mosul is completely secured, it largely would break the extremist group's "caliphate" in the country.

However, Iraqi and U.S. officials have said maintaining security in a post-IS Iraq will be just as difficult — preventing a resurgence of the militants and containing political divisions among Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds. Both countries have talked of keeping some U.S. troops long term to back Iraq's security forces in that task, a recognition that complete American withdrawal at the end of 2011 was a mistake.

Now the Iraqi leader is coming under pressure. Lawmakers are demanding he reduce cooperation with Washington in the future, limit or prevent American troops from staying in the country after the defeat of IS, and reciprocate for any travel ban on Iraqis. Members of powerful Shiite militias have outright warned of retaliation against Americans if the U.S. carries out any military action against Iran, their patron.

"Trump embarrassed al-Abadi," said Saad al-Mutalabi, a lawmaker and long-time ally of former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, one of al-Abadi's most powerful political opponents.

"There will be a general consensus that Americans should not stay in Iraq after Mosul, after the statements and the executive order from Trump," he said. "We believed that we had a strategic agreement with the U.S."

"We are fighting ISIS on behalf of the entire world," he added, using an alternative acronym for IS. "This has been a severe, severe disappointment among all Iraqis."

Publicly, al-Abadi has maintained measured tones. While he called Trump's ban an "insult," he refused to enact a reciprocity measure despite a strong call from Parliament to do so.

The U.S. government has been reaching out regularly to al-Abadi's government to try to prevent the situation from escalating, sending the message that the U.S. is well aware of the potential consequences if Iraqis turn against it, said a U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Thursday's call was seen as a positive step toward defusing some of the tension, with Trump telling al-Abadi he would see what he could do to lessen the impact on Iraqis who shouldn't be kept out of the U.S., the official said. Since Trump announced the order, many in the U.S. government have been encouraging the White House to remove Iraq from the list. Although there has been no indication that Trump plans to delist Iraq entirely, he could take steps to exempt more Iraqis from the ban.

Within Iraq's military, some are galled at being grouped in with terrorists by the travel ban when they have been engaged in slow, grueling combat against IS for more than two years.

Iraqi forces backed by U.S.-led air power and American special forces have pushed IS out of cities in western Anbar province, along the Euphrates and up the Tigris river valley to Mosul in the north. Since October, they have taken back the eastern half of Iraq's second-largest city.

Iraqi special forces Sgt. Maj. Hussein al-Kabii, stationed in Mosul, called Trump's statement about taking

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Iraq's oil and his travel ban "just unbelievable."

"I have fought Daesh in Anbar, Fallujah, Salahuddin and now I'm currently fighting them in Mosul," he said using the Arabic acronym for IS. "We have given a lot of blood fighting Daesh."

Lukman Faily, the former Iraqi ambassador to the United States, said the ban still sways Iraqi perceptions of the U.S. despite being temporarily blocked by a U.S. federal court ruling.

"Iraqis will not want to have long-term security cooperation with the United States if the United States views them as terrorists," he said.

Iraq's Kurds, who have autonomous rule in the north, have been more enthusiastic about Trump — despite the flap over his statements about Iraq's oil, some of which they control. That is in part rooted in the distrust of Iraq's Arab majority by many Kurds. Some Kurds welcome Trump's more unbridled tough talk against Islamic militancy, which many see as an Arab phenomenon, and believe it will bring Trump closer into alliance with them. Some have said they understand why the U.S. would bar Iraqis' entry — though they argue an exception should be made for Kurds.

Some in Baghdad and the Iraqi military would likely welcome stepped-up U.S. military help. But Trump's early moves frustrate an already rocky relationship with Washington.

After the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that ousted Saddam Hussein in 2003, the American troop presence grew as high as 168,000. The war that ensued killed nearly 4,500 American troops and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis.

Many among the Iraqi public, as well as the military and political class acknowledged the need for — even welcomed — U.S. forces and political support. But that has been mixed with anger over abuses and civilian casualties caused by U.S. troops, as well as frustration that U.S. policy missteps following the 2003 invasion, including disbanding the Iraq army after Saddam's fall, helped foster the insurgency, eventually leading to the creation of al-Qaida in Iraq and later the Islamic State group.

The fight for Mosul has brought Iraq and the U.S. closer. There are now some 6,000 U.S. forces inside Iraq, U.S. troops have moved closer to frontline fighting and American special forces have conducted greater numbers of raids into IS-held territory aimed at taking out key leaders.

But Iraqi politics is still dominated by powerful Shiite blocs with close ties to Iran. Throughout his time in office, al-Abadi has struggled to balance his reliance on the two rivals, the United States and Iran.

A smaller U.S. presence in Iraq post-IS would likely usher in a larger role for armed groups with close ties to Iran, a scenario similar to what happened in the days following Mosul's fall in 2014. After IS overran nearly a third of the country in a matter of days, Iran swiftly came to Iraq's aid with fighters and weapons, while the U.S. waited for weeks to begin a campaign of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes.

The spokesman of one Shiite militia, Kataib Hezbollah, warned that his fighters were ready to target U.S. interests if the Trump administration goes too far against Iran.

"If the U.S. takes military action against Iran, we will return the favor," Jaafar al-Husseini said. "We have all the details of (U.S. troop) movements. They are right under our eyes."

Associated Press writer Josh Lederman in Washington contributed to this report.

Adele sweeps Grammys Awards with 5 wins, while Bowie wins 4

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even though Adele flubbed one of her live performances at the Grammys, she walked away the belle of the ball: She took home all five awards she was nominated for Sunday night, including album, record and song of the year.

She beat Beyonce in the top three categories with her comeback album "25," and repeated her accomplishments from 2012, when the British star also won album, song and record of the year at the Grammys. She's the first artist in Grammy history to sweep the top three categories twice, and now has a total of 15 Grammys.

Adele used her speech to honor Beyonce and her groundbreaking "Lemonade" album, which was also

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nominated. And backstage, she told press she voted for Beyonce when putting in her ballot for album of the year.

"But I can't really accept this award. And I'm very humble and I'm very grateful and gracious, but my artist of my life is Beyonce. This album you made, the 'Lemonade' album, is so monumental," Adele said to her fellow singer at the Staples Center in Los Angeles when accepting the album of the year trophy. "The way you make me and my friends feel, the way you make my black friends feel is empowering. And they stand up for themselves. And I love you. I always have."

The night for Adele wasn't all good though: The singer, who had trouble with her live performance at last year's Grammys, asked to restart her tribute to George Michael, telling the audience: "I can't mess this up for him." She stopped and used an expletive after singing some of a new arrangement of Michael's "Fastlove," as videos and photos of Michael played in the background. She re-sang the song and earned applause and support from the crowd, though Adele was teary eyed.

Michael died on Christmas Day. A number of other icons were honored Sunday, including Prince: Bruno Mars — rocking a glittery, Prince-like purple blazer — worked the guitar like a pro while singing the icon's "Let's Go Crazy." The Time — who worked closely with the Prince — brought the audience to its feet with funky performances of "Jungle Love" and "The Bird."

"Make some noise for Prince y'all," Mars yelled.

Mars was also a winner Sunday — he won for his producing work on Adele's album. Adele's other wins included best pop vocal album and pop solo performance.

Until Adele's abrupt restart, Beyonce was the talk of the show. In glittery gown, gilded crown and gold choker, a pregnant Beyonce took the Grammy stage in a lengthy performance of two songs from her critically acclaimed album "Lemonade." She was introduced by her mother and former stylist, Tina Knowles: "Ladies and gentlemen, with my mother's pride, my daughter, Beyonce."

Beyonce sang on top of a long table and later sang while sitting down in a chair that tilted alarmingly backward, still hitting high notes. She performed the songs "Sandcastles" and "Love Drought."

She earned a loud applause from the audience, including daughter Blue Ivy and husband Jay Z. Beyonce, who walked into the show with nine nominations, only won two: best music video ("Formation") and urban contemporary album ("Lemonade").

"My intention for the film and album is to create a body of work that would give voice to our pain, our struggles, our doubts, and our history, to confront issues that make us uncomfortable. It's important to me to show images to my children that reflect their beauty, so they can grow in a world, where they look in the mirror, first with their own families as well as in the Super Bowl, the Olympics, the White House and the Grammys and see themselves," said Beyonce, reading from a card. "This is something that I want for every child of every race, and I feel that it's vital that we learn from the past and recognize our tendencies to repeat our mistakes."

Beyonce's speech wasn't the only political moment: A Tribe Called Quest, along with Anderson .Paak and Busta Rhymes, gave a rousing performance and shouted "resist, resist!" at their end of the performance, which featured a number of people onstage, including women in hijabs.

Like Adele, David Bowie — who died last year from cancer — won all four awards he was nominated for. "Blackstar," his final album released days before he died, won best alternative music album and engineered album, non-classical. The title track won best rock song and rock performance.

Before Sunday, Bowie only won one Grammy in his career — in the 1980s for a music video.

Adele and Mars worked overtime onstage, each performing twice. Adele kicked off the show with "Hello" and Mars and his groovy band gave a memorable performance of "That's What I Like" — as Jennifer Lopez, Faith Hill, Rihanna and even some of the men in the audience watched closely, looking impressed.

Chance the Rapper won the first award in the live telecast for best new artist. He also won best rap album — the first streaming-only album to do so — and bested Drake and Kanye West.

"I didn't think we were gonna get this one," said Chance, who also won best rap performance.

Twenty one pilots won best pop duo/group performance for the hit "Stressed Out." They removed their pants when accepting the award in homage to their earlier days when they watched the Grammys at

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home in their boxers.

Producer Greg Kurstin won four honors: He shared album, song and record of the year with Adele, and was also named producer of the year, non-classical.

In the pre-telecast, Beyonce's younger sister, critical R&B darling Solange, won her first Grammy for best R&B performance (it was her first-ever nomination). Drake, who didn't attend the live show, won best rap song and rap/sung performance for the smash hit, "Hotline Bling."

West and Justin Bieber, nominated for album and song of the year, also didn't attend the show.

Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling!" — which is nominated for an Oscar — won best song written for visual media. Best new artist nominees The Chainsmokers won best dance recording for the pop hit "Don't Let Me Down," while Simpson, an album of the year nominee, won best country album for "A Sailor's Guide to Earth."

Joey + Rory won best roots gospel album for "Hymns," and Rory Feek was emotional onstage as he remembered his wife Joey, who died last year from cancer.

Some actors won Grammys, too: Don Cheadle picked up best compilation soundtrack for visual media for "Miles Ahead," where he is credited as a compilation producer, and Carol Burnett won the best spoken word album Grammy.

"The Color Purple" won best musical theater album, giving Jennifer Hudson her second Grammy and earning Tony winner Cynthia Erivo and "Orange Is the New Black" actress Danielle Brooks their first Grammys.

Online:

<http://www.grammys.com>

Fake news: Tips on how to distinguish it from the real thing

By CAROLYN THOMPSON, Associated Press

Teachers from elementary school through college are instructing students on how to decipher fact from fiction when it comes to online news, after an election season that saw made-up stories abound. Some of their media literacy lessons:

— URL look odd? That "com.co" ending on an otherwise authentic-looking website is a red flag. When in doubt, click on the "contact" and "about" links to see where they lead. A major news organization probably isn't headquartered in a house.

— Does it make you mad? False reports often target emotions with claims of outlandish spending or unpatriotic words or deeds. If common sense tells you it can't be true, it may not be.

— If it's real, other news sites are likely reporting it.

— How is the writing? Caps lock and multiple exclamation points don't have a place in most real newsrooms.

— Who are the writers and the people in the story? Google names for clues to see if they are legitimate, or not.

— What are fact-checking sites like Snopes.com and FactCheck.org finding?

— It might be satire. Sometimes foolish stories aren't really meant to fool.

— Think twice before sharing. Today, everyone is a publisher.

Heavy, wet snow once again blanketing Northeast

By DAVE COLLINS and MARINA VILLENEUVE, Associated Press

Heavy, wet snow is once again blanketing the Northeast just days after the biggest storm of the season dumped up to 19 inches of snow on the region.

Winter storm warnings are in effect into Monday from upstate New York to Maine, where blizzard conditions and 2 feet of snow are possible.

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Hartford, Connecticut, could get 4 to 8 inches of snow, the Boston area 6 to 10, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 12 to 18 and 16 to 24 in Portland, Maine, according to the National Weather Service, which also warned of strong winds and coastal flooding.

"It is a dangerous storm because of high winds, low visibility and heavy snow," said Lenore Correia, a weather service meteorologist in Taunton, Massachusetts. "It's a big snowstorm, but nothing we haven't seen before either."

Schools around the region delayed or canceled classes Monday including in Boston. More than 1,300 flights in the U.S. were scrapped Sunday and more than 6,000 delayed, according to the flight-tracking website FlightAware.com.

In Bedford, Massachusetts, a small plane with five people on board aborted takeoff and slid off a runway on Sunday at Hanscom Field, about 20 miles northwest of Boston. The plane was headed to Teterboro Airport in New Jersey. No one was injured. It was not immediately clear if the weather played a role.

A terminal at Boston's Logan International Airport was briefly evacuated Sunday evening due to high levels of carbon monoxide believed to be caused by a snow-melting machine. Massachusetts State Police said Terminal C was "vented" and returned to normal operations a short time later.

Massachusetts Republican Gov. Charlie Baker said the state Department of Transportation has more than 3,100 pieces of equipment and 700 employees treating and plowing roadways. The governor urged residents to avoid driving and instead use public transportation during the storm.

"We are implementing an 11 a.m. delayed start time for all non-emergency state executive branch employees to allow crews additional time to treat and clear roadways for tomorrow's commute as this winter storm continues," Baker said Sunday night.

In northern New England, the storm was welcome news at ski areas, which last year faced some of the lowest snowfall totals in years.

"It's the complete opposite of last year in terms of snow," said Rachael Wilkinson, director of marketing at Shawnee Peak in Bridgton, Maine. "It's night and day and everyone is absolutely thrilled."

The ski area is expected to get 20 to 26 inches of snow by the end of the day Monday.

And in Vermont, the governor declared Monday a "Powder Day," urging winter weather enthusiasts to take advantage of all the snow. Republican Gov. Phil Scott encouraged out-of-state skiers and snowmobilers to stay an extra day or two in Vermont and take advantage of the conditions.

"And while I can't grant official pardons out-of-state, I certainly hope all will be granted a 'snow day' pardon. Visitors can feel free to tell their boss Vermont's Governor asked them to stay," Scott said.

Associated Press photographer Steven Senne in Waltham, Massachusetts, contributed to this report.

Trudeau visits Trump in crucial meeting for Canada

By ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Donald Trump will participate in a roundtable discussion about women in the work force Monday, an early sign of cooperation as Trudeau seeks to have good relations so Canada is not targeted in trade talks.

In his first face-to-face meeting with the new U.S. president, Trudeau will also meet with Trump to talk about trade and participate in a working lunch.

A White House official and a senior Canadian government official said the two countries plan to launch a new task force called the United States Canada Council for the Advancement of Women Business Leaders-Female Entrepreneurs. The officials agreed to confirm the move only if they were not quoted by name because they were not authorized to make the information public.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter who has been an advocate for policies benefiting working women, was involved in recruiting participants and setting the agenda for the roundtable. Female executives from the United States and Canada are expected to participate.

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Trudeau's close cooperation with Trump and the first daughter could ease some worries among Canadians that the U.S. president will enact protectionist measures that could hurt the Canadian economy. It could also alleviate some fears that Trump will be as combative with Trudeau as he has been with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

The Canadian official said Trudeau's administration had suggested the task force, because the prime minister considers the issue of working women an important part of his agenda and economic growth plan.

"It's a smart thing if Canada proposed this," said Nelson Wiseman, a professor at the University of Toronto. "It takes attention off of NAFTA. And from Trump's point of view, it contributes to softening Trump's image, and he's got a problem with women."

Trudeau, 45, and Trump, 70, are polar opposites. Trudeau is a liberal who champions free trade and has welcomed 40,000 Syrian refugees. He calls himself a feminist and his Cabinet is 50 percent women. Trump has few women in his Cabinet. He has taken a protectionist stance on trade and wants to crack down on the inflow of migrants and refugees.

Trump's order to temporarily halt entry into the U.S. by people from seven predominantly Muslim nations, which is tied up in court, might come up during his bilateral meeting with Trudeau. But Trudeau is expected to focus on common economic interests.

Relations with the U.S. are crucial as more than 75 percent of Canada's exports go to the U.S., while 18 percent of U.S. exports go to Canada. There are fears among Canadians that they could be hurt as Trump targets Mexico in a re-negotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Roland Paris, a former senior foreign policy to Trudeau, said the prime minister needs to build a relationship with Trump to ensure Canada is not.

"The overriding priority will be for Canada to maintain secure and reliable access to the U.S. market and the supply chains that crisscross the border," Paris said.

Trudeau, whose father was the late Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, has been preparing for the Trump meeting for months. He will also meet with legislative leaders on Capitol Hill.

Associated Press writer Catherine Lucey in Washington contributed to this report.

UN Security Council meeting sought over NKorea missile test

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The United States, Japan and South Korea have requested urgent diplomatic talks at the United Nations on Monday over North Korea's latest ballistic missile launch, with Seoul condemning what it called "serious military and security threats" and predicting more such tests.

A spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations said Sunday night that the meeting is expected to take place Monday. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

The U.N. Mission for Ukraine, which holds the rotating Security Council presidency, later confirmed that closed consultations on North Korea will take place late Monday afternoon.

The banned missile test is seen as an implicit challenge to U.S. President Donald Trump, who has vowed a tough line on Pyongyang but has yet to release a strategy for dealing with a country whose nuclear ambitions have bedeviled U.S. leaders for decades.

North Korean state media said leader Kim Jong Un was at the site to observe the launch and expressed pleasure at the North's expansion of its strategic strike capabilities.

"These are serious military and security threats," Jeong Joon-hee, spokesman at the Ministry of Unification, told reporters. "Pyongyang has no intention of backing away from its goal to become a country with nuclear weapons."

A report on the launch carried early Monday by the North's Korean Central News Agency said Kim watched from an observation post and gave the order to fire the "Pukguksong-2," which it said was a "Korean style

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new type strategic weapon system.”

It is believed to have flown about 500 kilometers (310 miles) before splashing down into the ocean in international waters.

The report said the test proved “the reliability and security” of a new mobile launching system, the solid fuel that was used and the guidance and control features of the ballistic missile. Solid fuel can give missiles longer range and make detecting them before launch more difficult because they can be readied faster than liquid fuel missiles.

The report also said the test verified control and guidance capabilities and said the missile can be “tipped with a nuclear warhead.”

It suggested the launch conducted in a “lofted” style, which puts the missile into a high trajectory rather than a lower one that gives it more range, in order take “the security of the neighboring countries into consideration.”

It added Kim “expressed great satisfaction over the possession of another powerful nuclear attack means.”

“Now our rocket industry has radically turned into high thrust solid fuel-powered engine from liquid fuel rocket engine and rapidly developed into a development- and creation-oriented industry, not just copying samples,” he said. “Thanks to the development of the new strategic weapon system, our People’s Army is capable of performing its strategic duties most accurately and rapidly in any space: under waters or on the land.”

North Korea had warned it was ready to test its first intercontinental ballistic missile. The U.S. Strategic Command, however, said it detected and tracked what it assessed to be a medium- or intermediate-range missile. The reports of the launch came as Trump was hosting Abe and just days before the North is to mark the birthday of leader Kim Jong Un’s late father, Kim Jong Il.

After receiving word of the launch, Trump stood at his south Florida estate with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who called the move “intolerable.”

Appearing with Trump at a news conference at Trump’s estate, Abe condemned the missile launch as “absolutely intolerable.” He read a brief statement calling on the North to comply fully with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions. He said Trump had assured him of U.S. support and that Trump’s presence showed the president’s determination and commitment.

Trump followed Abe with even fewer words, saying in part: “I just want everybody to understand and fully know that the United States of America stands behind Japan, its great ally, 100 percent.”

Stephen Miller, Trump’s chief policy adviser, said Trump and Abe had displayed “an important show of solidarity” between their nations.

“The message we’re sending to the world right now is a message of strength and solidarity; we stand with Japan and we stand with our allies in the region to address the North Korean menace,” Miller said during an interview Sunday with ABC’s “This Week.”

The firing of the missile is a major challenge for the Trump administration, said George Lopez, an expert in economic sanctions and nuclear disarmament and a professor emeritus of peace studies at the University of Notre Dame.

“The Sunday test of an intermediate-range ballistic missile by the North Korean regime is in clear violation of past United Nations Security Council resolutions and recent warning from the U.S.,” Lopez said. “As such, it is a significant challenge to the Trump Administration because it has yet to develop its policies toward the region, toward North Korea, or its role in the UN and its use of economic sanctions. So we may learn a lot about Mr. Trump’s crisis diplomacy in the coming days.”

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile was fired from around Banghyon, North Pyongan Province, which is where South Korean officials have said the North test-launched its powerful midrange Musudan missile on Oct. 15 and 20.

The missile splashed down into the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, according to the U.S. Strategic Command. Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters it did not hit Japanese territorial seas.

The North conducted two nuclear tests and a slew of rocket launches last year in continued efforts to

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expand its nuclear weapons and missile programs. Kim Jong Un said in his New Year's address that the country had reached the final stages of readiness to test an ICBM, which would be a major step forward in its efforts to build a credible nuclear threat to the United States.

Though Pyongyang has been relatively quiet about the transfer of power to the Trump administration, its state media has repeatedly called for Washington to abandon its "hostile policy" and vowed to continue its nuclear and missile development programs until the U.S. changes its diplomatic approach.

Just days ago, it also reaffirmed its plan to conduct more space launches, which it staunchly defends but which have been criticized because they involve dual-use technology that can be transferred to improve missiles.

"Our country has clearly expressed its standpoint, that we will continue to build up our capacity for self-defense, with nuclear forces and a pre-emptive strike capability as the main points, as long as our enemies continue sanctions to suppress us," Pyongyang student Kim Guk Bom said Sunday. "We will defend the peace and security of our country at any cost, with our own effort, and we will contribute to global peace and stability."

South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, who is also the acting president, said his country would punish North Korea for the missile launch. The Foreign Ministry said South Korea would continue to work with allies, including the United States, Japan and the European Union, to ensure a thorough implementation of sanctions against the North and make the country realize that it will "never be able to survive" without discarding all of its nuclear and missile programs.

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Immigrants wait in fear after raids; Trump takes credit

By CLAIRE GALOFARO and JULIET LINDERMAN, Associated Press

Pastor Fred Morris looked out over his congregation Sunday as news ricocheted around the world that American authorities were rounding up immigrants in an enforcement surge that President Donald Trump promised on the campaign trail.

Parishioners did not smile as on any other Sunday morning. They stared down at their feet. Others didn't attend at all.

"There is a dreadful sense of fear. It's more than palpable. It's radiating. People are terrified," said Morris, whose United Methodist mission is in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood of Los Angeles. "They were just sitting there in stunned silence."

For days, fear and confusion have gripped immigrant communities after word spread that federal agents were rounding up hundreds of immigrants in cities across the country. The scope of the operation remained unclear on Sunday.

Advocates and immigration lawyers scrambled to contain the panic and to organize seminars and social media campaigns to teach people their rights.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said the efforts were "routine" and no different than the arrests carried out under former President Barack Obama that targeted those with criminal histories or multiple immigration violations.

But Trump took to Twitter to claim credit.

"The crackdown on illegal criminals is merely the keeping of my campaign promise," the president wrote. "Gang members, drug dealers & others are being removed!"

The raids included nearly 200 people in the Carolinas and Georgia, more than 150 in and around Los Angeles, and around 40 in New York, ICE confirmed. Among those arrested were a Salvadoran gang member and a Brazilian drug trafficker, officials said.

A decade ago, immigration officers searching for specific individuals would often arrest others encountered along the way, a practice that drew criticism from advocates. Under the Obama administration, agents

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focused more narrowly on specific individuals who posed a security or public safety threat.

Trump signed an executive order days after taking office that made clear that almost any immigrant living illegally in America could be targeted.

Immigrant-rights groups cite the case of Manuel Mosqueda, a 50-year-old house painter, as an example of how they believe ICE agents in the new administration are again going too far.

During last week's enforcement operation, ICE agents showed up at Mosqueda's home in the LA suburbs looking for someone else. While there, they inquired about Mosqueda, learned he was here illegally and put him on a bus to Mexico.

Karla Navarrete, a lawyer for the advocacy group CHIRLA, said she sought to stop Mosqueda from being placed on the bus and was told by ICE that things had changed. She said another lawyer filed federal court papers and got a judge to stop the deportation. The bus turned around, and Mosqueda is now jailed in Southern California, waiting to learn his fate.

In Virginia, agents who went to an apartment Thursday looking for a wanted man picked up everyone else in the apartment too, except for one woman with a baby in her arms, said Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, legal director for Legal Aid Justice Center's immigrant advocacy program in northern Virginia.

"Here's what happens on the ground: Somebody knocks on the door, they ask for a name, the people are very scared," said Tessie Borden, an advocate in Los Angeles. "Then they round everybody up and say 'We'll sort it out later.' But sorting it out later may mean separating families and breaking down support systems for these folks."

For supporters of Trump's immigration policies, the new and broader approach was welcome news.

"The main thing is to send the message that the immigration laws are actually being enforced again," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a think tank that advocates for tighter controls on immigration.

Immigration advocates said many immigrants are now afraid to send their children to school and afraid to go to church or work or the hospital. Panicked rumors spread as quickly as the truth.

"Every time so much as a white guy with a clipboard is walking around, everyone runs into their apartments and locks the doors," Sandoval-Moshenberg said.

One case that sowed widespread fear was that of Guadalupe Garcia de Rayos, a mother of two in Phoenix who pleaded guilty nearly a decade ago to a felony for using a false ID to get a job as a janitor. The government declined to deport her. On Wednesday, she showed up at the ICE building in Phoenix for a scheduled check-in with immigration officers and was deported to Mexico.

In Baltimore, another immigrant mother from Mexico said she's been afraid to let her children go outside after school. She's even considering giving up custody of her children, who are American citizens, in case she's deported. She said she feels powerless.

Adriana spoke to The Associated Press through a translator on the condition that her last name not be used because she is here illegally. She has lived in Baltimore for 12 years. She teaches Mexican art courses at a local nonprofit organization, babysits on the side and pays taxes.

At his Sunday service, Morris handed out a double-sided sheet listing congregants' civil rights: Don't open the door to anyone without a warrant. Don't talk. Don't sign any document.

He is planning a community meeting for Monday night.

He has another plan, too. He started organizing a phone chain. If he hears about a raid in his community, he will call five people, who will call five people and so on. They will all show up, stand on the sidewalk and chant: "ICE go home."

"The only weapon we have," he said, "is solidarity."

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Host Alec Baldwin, 'SNL' cast skewer Trump White House

By FRAZIER MOORE, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In tune with the new administration of alternative facts, viewers are embracing a comic alternative president.

Alec Baldwin, who has scored in guest shots on "Saturday Night Live" with his mocking impersonation of Donald Trump since the campaign's final weeks, presided Saturday night as guest host of the NBC comedy show, serving up yet another Trump masquerade.

In his spoof, President Trump made good on a tweeted vow to "see you in court" directed at the three Ninth Circuit federal judges who last week refused to lift a stay preventing his immigration ban from being enforced.

His chosen venue: "The People's Court," where he was suing the three judges.

"I'm right, they're wrong," Trump erupted. "I want the travel ban reinstated. I also want \$725."

Then, as a character witness, he brought in Russian president Vladimir Putin (Beck Bennett), who praised Trump as "my little American Happy Meal."

In another sketch, Baldwin, making his record 17th "SNL" hosting appearance, took social relevance to an outrageous level as an ad man brainstorming a Cheetos commercial for the Super Bowl. In another, he was an obstetrician examining Beyonce, pregnant with twins (played by a chatty Kenan Thompson and surprise guest Tracey Morgan).

But while Baldwin was the drawing card for viewers seeking political satire, the night belonged to ultra-versatile "SNL" cast member Kate McKinnon.

On "Weekend Update," she depicted Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who last week was silenced by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in the midst of final debate over the confirmation of Jeff Sessions, Trump's nominee for attorney general.

Also in the show, McKinnon was almost unrecognizable as newly sworn-in Sessions himself, played as drawling, cornpone and ghoulish.

And in yet another sketch, she encored her crowd-pleasing lampoon of White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, who this time was a crazed stalker pursuing CNN anchor Jake Tapper (Bennett).

Opening the show, Melissa McCarthy returned with her portrayal of hot-tempered White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer that wowed viewers on last week's show.

"I said that wrong when I said it," "Spicer" seethed when asked about a confusing remark. "Then you wrote it. Which makes YOU wrong."

Finally, losing all control, she mowed down the press corps on her motorized podium.

Mary J. Blige, Chance, Neil Diamond shine at pre-Grammy gala

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Mary J. Blige warned the audience at the Clive Davis Gala that she was not in a good place.

"I look happy, somewhat, but I'm going through some horrible stuff right now," said Blige, who was about to perform in tribute to Saturday night's honoree, BET Networks President Debra Lee.

"It's called a divorce."

Driven by her emotions, the R&B star went out to sing rousing renditions of "Thick of It" and "No More Drama" as the audience watched in awe. Diddy, Jennifer Hudson, French Montana, John Legend, LL Cool J and more stars stared closely from the front row, dancing along and cheering Blige on.

She screeched and screamed, ran from left to right, and even got on the floor to close her performance at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, held the night before the 2017 Grammy Awards.

"We are behind you and we love you to death," Recording Academy CEO Neil Portnow said following the performance.

Others, too, had shining moments almost as good as Blige's: Neil Diamond brought the house to its feet with "Sweet Caroline" and "Love on the Rocks" to end the black-tie event; Joe Jonas and his band DNCE was in strong form when singing the addictive pop hit "Cake by the Ocean"; and Brendon Urie of Panic!

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at the Disco, nominated for best rock album, hit all the right notes during an energetic performance that won over the crowd.

The night kicked off with Bell Biv Devoe, who sang their classic "Poison," which included full audience participation. Audience members included Stevie Wonder, Jane Fonda, Michael Keaton, Ringo Starr, Lena Dunham, Kris Jenner, Trevor Noah, Barry Gibb, Berry Gordy, Herbie Hancock and Wiz Khalifa, who was curled up with Amber Rose.

Lorde danced excitedly as seven-time Grammy nominee Chance the Rapper hit the stage, where he sang and rapped. And Hudson sang along as country singer and four-time nominee Maren Morris performed her hit, "My Church."

Maxwell paid tribute to Prince by singing "Nothing Compares 2 U," even changing the lyrics to also honor Whitney Houston.

"It's been five years since this day, since you took your music away," he sang softly.

Houston died in 2012 at the Beverly Hilton, hours before the Davis' pre-Grammy gala was to take place at the hotel. Davis only acknowledged Houston after Hudson performed, saying the public may be focused on those rappers leading in music, but that the traditional singers matter, too.

Hudson, in all-white, earned applause when honoring Leonard Cohen, who died last year, with his "Hallelujah."

The night, like many recent Hollywood events, also took some political turns.

"Did you see those photos of President Obama enjoying kitesurfing?" asked House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. "I think President Obama is the only person who is happy Obama isn't president."

"At BET we are saying 'yes to us' and it's something we all should be saying loudly. We must persist and say 'yes to us' at a time when we are faced with so many no's from growing economic, religious, racial, gender and sexual orientation barriers, bans and walls," said Lee, who is the first woman to receive the Grammy Salute To Industry Icons Award.

And Judy Collins, who sang in honor of attendee and icon Joni Mitchell, said the day after President Donald Trump won the election it became "the dark ages."

Davis's annual gala, which also featured a performance by song of the year nominee Mike Posner, was tighter than most years, where the party could last into early Sunday. It ended at midnight.

"We started on time and it's going to be a tight show," Davis said.

This story has been corrected to show that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said kitesurfing, not flight surfing.

US Tennis apologizes for Nazi-era anthem at Fed Cup match

By ROBERT COLLIAS, Associated Press

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — The United States Tennis Association has apologized after an outdated version of the German national anthem that later became associated with the Nazi regime was performed before a Fed Cup match in Hawaii.

The anthem was sung Saturday before a Fed Cup quarterfinal between American Alison Riske and Germany's Andrea Petkovic. It contained a verse that translates to "Germany, Germany, above all, above all in the world," which became identified with Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

The USTA issued a statement apologizing, saying: "In no way did we mean any disrespect. This mistake will not occur again, and the correct anthem will be performed for the remainder of this first-round tie."

Petkovic, who was born in Bosnia, told reporters after her match that she considered walking off the court as the anthem was sung.

She wrote Sunday on Twitter: "It was a mistake for which the Americans apologized to us. And again, it's not the worst that ever happened to me in my LIFE. But it is the worst that happened to me in my Fed Cup life."

Officials say Hamburg airport scare was likely pepper spray

BERLIN (AP) — Hundreds of passengers at Hamburg Airport were evacuated and more than a dozen flights canceled after some 68 people were injured by a hazardous material that likely spread through the airport's air conditioning system.

The airport said in a statement that police and firefighters had concluded from their initial investigation the substance most likely was pepper spray. Authorities still are working to determine how it got into the airport's air conditioning system, the statement said.

The 68 injured people — both passengers and staff members — had complained about breathing problems, burning eyes and nausea.

All outgoing and inbound flights were halted for about one hour due to the evacuation and unknown health hazard; 14 flights were canceled altogether and several planes also were diverted. Air traffic delays continued throughout the afternoon.

Evacuees who were uninjured had to wait outside in freezing temperatures.

Firefighters designated special areas outside the airport building where physicians examined people with physical symptoms of exposure.

Durant leads Warriors to win in return to Oklahoma City

By CLIFF BRUNT, AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — After a roller-coaster of emotions surrounding his return to Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant was glad to come out with a win and move on.

Durant scored 34 points while being booed throughout the night, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Thunder 130-114 in a chippy game on Saturday night.

It was Durant's first game back since he left the Thunder after eight seasons in Oklahoma City to join the rival Warriors as a free agent last summer. The crowd jeered him loudly during pregame warmups, starter introductions and whenever he touched the ball.

"Basketball is fun in general, especially in an environment like this," Durant said. "The crowd was amazing. They were loud — as loud as I've ever heard them."

Russell Westbrook did it all for the Thunder with 47 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. In the end, Golden State's depth and balance were too much. Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson both scored 26 points for the Warriors.

Emotions ran high throughout the game. At one point in the third quarter, Durant and Westbrook yelled at each other as they walked toward their benches during a timeout.

Westbrook said too much attention has been paid to his relationship with Durant.

"I do think it doesn't make sense," Westbrook said. "It's over with. He plays for his team, I play with my team. Let him do his thing, I do my thing, and that's it, plain and simple."

Later in the third quarter, Oklahoma City's Andre Roberson fouled Durant hard, and the two got in each other's faces and were called for technical fouls.

"It's part of the game and I respect that," Durant said. "We should have just kept playing. I don't even think they should have reviewed anything. It's a part of it. Hard fouls, (expletive) talking — all that stuff is just a part of the game. That's what makes it fun for us."

Oklahoma City kept it close early, but the Warriors gained their footing late in the first quarter. Golden State made 16 of 22 field goals in the second quarter, and Durant's dunk with four seconds left in the first half gave the Warriors a 73-50 lead at the break. The 43 points by the Warriors in the second quarter were a season high.

The Thunder cut Golden State's lead to 12 in the fourth quarter before Westbrook checked back in, but the Thunder couldn't cut the deficit further, and Durant punctuated his dominant performance with a 3-pointer over Westbrook that put the Warriors up 123-104 with 3:39 to play.

TIP INS

Warriors: C Zaza Pachulia sat out with a right rotator cuff strain and F David West missed the game with

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a fractured left thumb. ... It was Golden State's third convincing win over the Thunder in three meetings this season. The Warriors won the first two meetings by 26 and 21 points in Oakland. ... F Andre Iguodala was called for a technical foul in the third quarter during the altercation between Durant and Roberson.

Thunder: Westbrook had 21 points and nine rebounds in the first half. ... Westbrook usually rests at the end of the third quarter, but this time, he played the whole period and dunked in the closing seconds. ... Victor Oladipo scored 20 points. ... Westbrook committed 11 turnovers. ... Roberson had 11 rebounds.

STAT LINES

Durant has averaged 37.7 points and shot 65.6 percent from the field in Golden State's three wins over Oklahoma City this season.

QUOTABLE

Warriors coach Steve Kerr on how Durant handled the crowd: "I thought he was great. What a weird position to be in. I don't think any of us can even imagine what he was thinking out there."

UP NEXT

Warriors will play at Denver on Monday.

Thunder will play at Washington and former Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks on Monday.

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Trump, Abe express close bonds after NKorea's missile launch

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — For most of the day President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe used golf under the Florida sun to show the world the U.S.-Japan alliance remained strong. Then events half-a-world away provided a more significant example of cooperation.

After North Korea reportedly launched a ballistic missile, the two leaders appeared for hastily prepared statements in a ballroom of Trump's south Florida estate. Abe spoke first and longest, though his statement was terse.

"North Korea's most recent missile launch is absolutely intolerable," Abe said through a translator. He added that the North must comply fully with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, but also noted that Trump had assured him that the U.S. supported Japan.

"President Trump and I myself completely share the view that we are going to promote further cooperation between the two nations. And also we are going to further reinforce our alliance," he said.

Trump followed Abe with even fewer words, saying in part: "I just want everybody to understand and fully know that the United States of America stands behind Japan, its great ally, 100 percent." With that, they left the room, a surprise of sorts given that the usually outspoken Trump neither condemned nor denounced the launch.

In the opening days of his presidency, Trump's diplomacy had a rocky stretch that included contentious phone calls with the leaders of Mexico and Australia. In contrast, the first visit by a foreign leader at his Mar-a-Lago estate was a friendly weekend of meetings, dinners and golf that suggested the new president was willing to invest time in developing close personal relationships with leaders he feels he can work with.

The president and first lady Melania Trump hosted a delegation dinner with Abe and his wife on Saturday night at his Mar-a-Lago estate. At the time Trump ignored a shouted question about the North Korea launch. Focusing on the positive, he said the Abe visit had been "very, very good" and that he and the Japanese leader "got to know each other very, very well" over their two days of meals, meetings and golfing.

Trump and Abe, both frequent golfers, left Mar-a-Lago early Saturday morning and headed north to one of Trump's golf courses in Jupiter, Florida. Reporters and photographers from both countries, who were held in a room with blacked-out windows, did not catch a glimpse of the pair as they played. But Trump later posted a photo of them giving each other a high-five on the golf course and tweeted, "Having a great time hosting Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in the United States!" Pro golfer Ernie Els joined them on the greens.

In a sign of unity, neither Japanese nor White House officials volunteered the pair's final score. Instead,

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the White House issued a statement saying the day was "both relaxing and productive" and that Trump and Abe had "had great conversations on a wide range of subjects."

As their husbands golfed, Mrs. Trump and Akie Abe toured the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in nearby Delray Beach. It was Mrs. Trump's first solo event as first lady. The women had lunch together at Mar-a-Lago.

The two couples touched down in Florida on Friday afternoon and headed straight to Mar-a-Lago, where they enjoyed a late dinner at its crowded patio restaurant. They were joined by Robert Kraft, the owner of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, and several interpreters. Paying members and club guests took in the scene and mingled with Trump and Abe into the night.

Trump also was scheduled to tend to other business in Florida: calling Tunisian President Beji Caid Es-sebsi and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos as he continues conversations with foreign leaders.

Trump and Abe appear to have hit it off early, despite Trump's sometimes hostile rhetoric toward Japan on the campaign trail. Abe was the only world leader to meet with Trump before his inauguration, and Trump welcomed Abe to the White House with a hug.

Trump and Abe had plenty to discuss, including the defense treaty between the nations and their trade relations. One of Trump's first actions as president was to withdraw the U.S. from a 12-nation, trans-Pacific trade agreement that was negotiated by the Obama administration and strongly supported by Tokyo.

Abe has said that Japan may be open to a bilateral trade deal with the U.S., but reaching such a deal could be political difficult. Japan logged the second largest trade surplus with the U.S. last year.

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More than 200 whales swim away after New Zealand stranding

By NICK PERRY, Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Whale lovers in New Zealand finally got some good news on Sunday after more than 200 stranded whales managed to refloat themselves overnight and swim away, while volunteers managed to save another 17 whales at high tide.

More than 650 pilot whales had beached themselves along Farewell Spit at the tip of the South Island in two separate mass strandings over recent days. About 350 whales have died, including 20 that were euthanized. Another 100 have been refloatated by volunteers and more than 200 have swum away unassisted.

Hundreds of volunteers from farmers to tourists have spent days at the beach dousing the whales with buckets of water to keep them cool and trying to refloat them.

"People seem to have an emotional attachment to marine mammals," said Department of Conservation spokesman Herb Christophers. "They've been singing songs to them, giving them specific names, treating them as kindred spirits."

Christophers said everyone is hoping the strandings are finally over, although he said it's possible some of the whales will return to the beach and strand themselves again.

The first group of more than 400 beached whales was found early Friday, with many of them already dead.

"You could hear the sounds of splashing, of blowholes being cleared, of sighing," said Cheree Morrison, a magazine writer and editor who first stumbled upon the whales. "The young ones were the worst. Crying is the only way to describe it."

Volunteers managed to refloat the surviving whales from that stranding on Saturday, only to hear of a second mass stranding hours later.

Department of Conservation spokesman Andrew Lamason said they were sure they were dealing with a separate pod because they had tagged all the refloatated whales from the first group and none of the new group had tags.

In recent days volunteers have formed human chains in the water to try to stop the creatures from beaching themselves again. The volunteers were warned that one of the whales had been found with marks that looked like a shark bite.

Officials will soon need to turn to the grim task of disposing of hundreds of carcasses.

Lamason said one option was to tether the carcasses to stakes or a boat in the shallow tidal waters and let them decompose. The problem with towing them out to sea or leaving them was that they could become gaseous and buoyant, and end up causing problems by floating into populated bays.

Farewell Spit, a sliver of sand that arches like a hook into the Tasman Sea, has been the site of previous mass strandings. Sometimes described as a whale trap, the spit's long coastline and gently sloping beaches seem to make it difficult for whales to navigate away from once they get close.

There are different theories as to why whales strand themselves, from chasing prey too far inshore to trying to protect a sick member of the group or escaping a predator.

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of whale strandings in the world, and Friday's event was the nation's third-biggest in recorded history. The largest was in 1918, when about 1,000 pilot whales came ashore on the Chatham Islands. In 1985, about 450 whales stranded in Auckland.

Pilot whales grow to about 7.5 meters (25 feet) and are common around New Zealand's waters.

US withdraws stay request in transgender bathroom case

By JAMIE STENGLE, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — President Donald Trump's administration is stepping back from a request made by former President Barack Obama's administration in an ongoing lawsuit over bathroom rights for transgender students in public schools.

In a filing Friday with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the federal government asked to withdraw a motion filed last year that asked a judge to scale back a temporary injunction blocking Obama's guidance on the issue.

The Department of Justice's filing, which came a day after Jeff Sessions was sworn in as Trump's attorney general, said the parties were "currently considering how best to proceed in this appeal."

Texas and 12 other states filed the lawsuit last year challenging the former president's guidance, which directed public schools to allow transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identity.

A federal judge temporarily blocked the directive nationwide in August. The Obama administration later requested that the hold only apply to the 13 suing states while it appealed the ruling. A hearing on the request was set for Tuesday, but the Friday court filing asked that the hearing be cancelled.

Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said Saturday afternoon that the agency declined to comment beyond the filing. Calls to the Texas attorney general's office were not returned.

Sarah Warbelow, legal director for the Human Rights Campaign, said they were "incredibly disappointed" by the filing on Friday.

"Our concern is that it's a very clear signal that at a minimum the Department of Justice — and possibly more broadly throughout the Trump administration — will not protect transgender students," she said.

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor blocked the Obama administration order in August. The Obama administration had cited Title IX, a federal law guaranteeing equality in education. But the judge, in issuing a temporary injunction, said the Title IX "is not ambiguous" about sex being defined as "the biological and anatomical differences between male and female students as determined at their birth."

The ruling, he said, was not about the policy issues of transgender rights, but about his conclusion that federal officials simply did not follow rules that required an opportunity for comment before such directives are issued.

In the meantime, the U.S. Supreme Court is set in late March to hear the case of a Virginia school board that wants to prevent a transgender teenager from using the boys' bathroom at a high school.

The Virginia case involves 17-year-old Gavin Grimm, who was born female but identifies as male. He was allowed to use the boys' restroom at his high school in 2014. But after complaints, the school board adopted a policy requiring students to use either the restroom that corresponds with their biological gender or a private, single-stall restroom. A lower court ordered the school board to accommodate Grimm,

but that order is on hold.

Dominican paper apologizes for using Baldwin photo for Trump

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Alec Baldwin does a pretty convincing Donald Trump impersonation - just ask a newspaper in the Dominican Republic.

El Nacional published an apology on Saturday after mistakenly running a photo of the actor doing his impression of the U.S. president on "Saturday Night Live" instead of Trump himself.

Accompanying an article in its Friday edition headlined in Spanish: "Trump says settlements in Israel don't favor peace," a photo of a scowling Baldwin in a blond wig appears next to a photo of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

In a statement posted on its website, the Dominican newspaper said a photo of Baldwin imitating Trump - over the caption "Donald Trump, president of the USA" - was published on page 19 and the mistake went unnoticed by the newspaper's staff.

"El Nacional apologizes to its readers and anyone who felt affect by the publication" of the photo, the statement said.

Trump has lashed out at the way "Saturday Night Live" has lampooned him, saying Baldwin's semi-regular portrayal of him "stinks."

Yale drops slavery proponent Calhoun from college name

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — After years of debate, Yale University announced Saturday it will change the name of a residential college that honors a 19th century alumnus and former U.S. vice president who was an ardent supporter of slavery.

Yale trustees said the Ivy League university is renaming Calhoun College after trailblazing computer scientist Grace Murray Hopper, a mathematician who earned Yale degrees in the 1930s, invented a pioneering computer programming language and became a Navy rear admiral.

Yale said it was the final decision in a controversy over former Vice President John C. Calhoun's legacy that had simmered for years and boiled over with campus protests in 2015. Four people were arrested in a peaceful protest as recent as Friday after they blocked street traffic.

The university's president, Peter Salovey, announced in April that the school would keep Calhoun's name. But, in August, he appointed an advisory panel to consider whether the name should be changed after all.

"We have a strong presumption against renaming buildings on this campus," Salovey said Saturday. "I have been concerned all along and remain concerned that we don't do things that erase history. So renamings are going to be exceptional."

The board of trustees made its decision to rename the college Friday. Salovey, who sits on the board, said the case was exceptional because Calhoun's principal legacy is at odds with the university's values and mission, and his views were contested in his own time.

Calhoun, a member of the Yale class of 1804, was a senator from South Carolina and a leading voice for those opposed to abolishing slavery. He served as vice president from 1825 to 1832.

"John C. Calhoun. White supremacist. Ardent defender of slavery as a positive good," Salovey noted. "Someone whose views hardened over the course of his life, died essentially criticizing the Declaration of Independence and its emphasis on all men being created equal."

Chris Rabb, a 1992 Yale graduate, said in a telephone interview Saturday that just changing the name from a "bad person to a good person" is not enough.

Rabb has spoken out against the name since his own days living at Calhoun College when he successfully lobbied for the removal of a stained glass window depicting a black man in shackles kneeling before Calhoun.

"I'm underwhelmed," said Rabb, an educator and state representative in Pennsylvania who co-founded an alumni network for black Yale graduates. "This choice makes no corrective move toward reconciliation in light of not just the legacy of John C. Calhoun, but Yale University's ties to slavery and systemic racism."

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The residential college was named for Calhoun when it was established in the early 1930s. The name received new attention as protesters on campuses around the country called for universities to address the legacies of historical figures, such as Woodrow Wilson at Princeton University in New Jersey.

In an online essay Saturday in The New York Times, Yale senior Tobias Holden, a black Calhoun descendant, said it's wrong to treat Calhoun as a benign symbol of history.

"Get my racist ancestor's name off of Yale's campus" was the essay's title.

A flare-up of the controversy last summer followed the arrest of a black dining services worker, Corey Menafee, who used a broomstick to smash a stained-glass window at the college that depicted slaves. Criminal charges have since been dropped and Yale has rehired Menafee, who had described the image as offensive.

University officials said Saturday the school will not remove symbols of Calhoun on campus, such as engravings and a statue atop the landmark Harkness Tower. It also won't discourage alumni if they want to continue associating with the Calhoun name instead of Grace Hopper College.

But Salovey said he hopes the university community will "embrace Grace Hopper and get to know her better." She graduated from Yale in 1930 and earned a doctorate in mathematics and mathematical physics from there in 1934, just a year after Calhoun College was established.

After teaching math at Vassar College in New York for nearly a decade, she enlisted in the Navy and "used her mathematical knowledge to fight fascism during World War II," the university said.

A programming language her team invented in the 1950s was a predecessor to the widely-used COBOL. She retired as a Navy rear admiral at age 79, and died in 1992 at age 85. She was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom last year.

Rockets hit Baghdad's Green Zone after protests turn violent

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two rockets landed in Baghdad's highly fortified Green Zone on Saturday night following clashes at anti-government protests that left five dead, according to Iraqi security and hospital officials.

The rocket attack left no casualties as the munitions landed on the parade grounds in the center of the highly fortified Baghdad compound that is home to Iraq's government and most foreign embassies. It was not immediately clear who fired the projectiles.

Saturday's protests were called for by influential cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and clashes that erupted as crowds pushed toward the Green Zone left two policeman and three protesters dead, according to police and hospital officials.

The officials said six other policemen were injured along with dozens of protesters. The violent outbreak prompted the government to call for a "full investigation."

The demonstrators loyal to al-Sadr gathered in Baghdad's downtown Tahrir square demanded an overhaul of the commission overseeing local elections scheduled this year. Al-Sadr has accused the commission of being riddled with corruption and has called for its overhaul.

Shots rang out in central Baghdad as security forces used live fire and tear gas to disperse the crowds. An Associated Press team at the scene witnessed ambulances rushing away protesters suffering from breathing difficulties.

Hospital officials who spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not allowed to brief journalists said the policemen died of gunshot wounds. They gave no details as to the cause of death of the protesters.

While at times the crowds advanced toward Baghdad's highly fortified Green Zone, by afternoon they began to disperse after a statement from al-Sadr's office called on his followers to refrain from trying to enter the compound.

Meanwhile, Iraq's prime minister ordered an investigation into the violence.

"The prime minister ordered a full investigation into the injuries among security forces and protesters during the demonstration today in Tahrir square," read a statement from Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's office Saturday evening.

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Al-Sadr's office issued another statement Saturday night following news of protester casualties claiming that "excessive force" was used against the demonstrators and threatened greater protests. "The next time the blood of our martyrs will not go in vain," the statement read.

"We will not give in to threats," said the head of the electoral commission, Serbat Mustafa, in an interview with a local Iraqi television channel Saturday afternoon. Mustafa said he would not offer his resignation and accused al-Sadr of using the commission as a political "scapegoat."

Al-Sadr has been a vocal critic of al-Abadi, and last year protests that included many of his followers breached the highly fortified Green Zone twice.

Attention in Iraq is generally focused on the war against the Islamic State group, with Iraqi forces currently fighting the militants in Mosul, but al-Abadi is also facing a serious power struggle in Baghdad. A deepening economic crisis and persistent insurgent attacks in the Iraqi capital have fueled support for powerful political opponents of al-Abadi like al-Sadr.

Al-Abadi has said that he respects the rights of all Iraqis to peacefully demonstrate but called on the protesters Saturday to obey the law and respect public and private property.

The Green Zone is home to most of Iraq's foreign embassies and is the seat of the Iraqi government.

Associated Press writer Murtada Faraj contributed to this report.

Church shootings leave holes in the fabric of Charleston

By JEFFREY COLLINS, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The bullet holes in the fellowship hall at Emanuel AME church have been patched, but the holes in the fabric of life in Charleston remain.

Sharonda Coleman-Singleton is absent from Goose Creek High School, her exhortations still ringing in the ears of girls who ran track for her. At the library, there's no one to give just the right guidance, to find the right book, as Cynthia Hurd did. The strong voice of Emanuel's pastor-legislator, Clementa Pinckney, does not resound, here or at the capitol in Columbia.

Dylann Roof, killer of these worshippers and six others at one of the South's first African-American churches, is headed to death row after an agonizing and therapeutic trial. But if justice has been served, the community has not moved on; the shots that rang out on June 17, 2015, still resonate.

They are amplified by the unfinished case of a white North Charleston police officer charged with murder in the death of a black driver. Efforts go on to build a museum to tell the stories of more than three centuries of African-American struggles, and to place this community's recent suffering in context.

And at Emanuel, churchgoers still assemble for Bible study on most Wednesdays, vowing that love and faith will prevail.

The girls who ran track for Singleton called her Mom.

Sometimes, she wore sweatpants under her skirt to make it easier to get from her job as a speech therapist at the school to the track. She sat her chair in the middle of the track so she could keep an eye on everything. And she worried as much about grades and character as she did sprint times and long jump distances.

"She would take you in like you were her daughter, then she would teach you how to be a lady," said senior Alexis Simmons.

Singleton's death stung the close-knit team. "There were so many days at the end of practice I'm wiping away tears and holding girls on my shoulder because they think they have to do this for her and they forget they have to find themselves too," said Doris Simmons, who was hired as an assistant coach after Singleton's death (she is not related to Alexis Simmons).

The team had its best season ever just before Singleton was killed. They had even more athletes make the state meet the year after her death. And Goose Creek High has managed to make one of Singleton's dreams come true — the school will host a track tournament next month in Singleton's honor.

"She loved on them, and it is good to see it pour back out," Doris Simmons said. "We all know this could

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have went the opposite way. You would have a couple of girls rebelling because of the pain, and you just see these girls just wrap their arms around them."

After 27 years working with the library system in her home county, leaders promoted self-professed book nerd Cynthia Hurd to one of their most important branches, the cozy building now named the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St. Andrew's Regional Library.

Graham's brother Malcolm said she may have become a librarian for her love of books, but over time, her love for people blossomed too.

So many people sought Cynthia Hurd out by name at the library. She would help with a resume, give advice on where in the community to turn for help, or just listen, said Charles Greene, who had been coming to the library much of his life.

"She was a servant, a true servant, to everyone and to the Lord," Greene said. "When you lose someone like that — it's never going to be replaced."

Hurd's family is sustaining her life's work. At Roof's death penalty trial, brother Melvin Hurd rattled off a dozen things named in his sister's honor — along with the library named for her, there are Cynthia Graham Hurd scholarships at two universities.

"And that's just what I could remember off the top of my head," he said.

"Think about Dylann Roof," said Michael Moore. "I don't believe he could have done what he did if he knew about the humanity of the people in that room."

Moore — the great-great grandson of Robert Smalls, a man who freed himself, a ship's crew and their families from slavery by commandeering a ship from Confederates in 1862, and later served in Congress — believes that education can help fill the emptiness in the souls of people like Roof. He is president of the \$75 million African-American history museum proposed for the site of the old wharf where nearly half of the slaves that entered the U.S. first stepped on American soil.

Former Mayor Joe Riley needs to raise \$19 million quickly to reach his goal of starting two years of construction by the end of this year.

"This is one of the most sacred sites of African-American history in the western hemisphere," Riley said of the wharf, just a short walk from the old slave market where artists sell the sweetgrass baskets native to the area. "There are stories of courage and determination and suffering. These are American stories that Americans do not know."

Riley has been working on the museum since 2000, but the shootings at Emanuel AME gave the work more urgency and revealed Riley's fundraising ability. He spearheaded efforts that brought more than \$3 million of donations to the church.

Moore said he wants the door to the museum to be very wide — big enough to acknowledge that African-American history is really just American history. Dylann Roof walked through Emanuel's open door intent on murdering black people; someday, Moore hopes, his museum's door will help open hearts.

It's been hard enough for the black community to come to terms with the murders at Emanuel. The unresolved case of a white police officer charged in the shooting death of an unarmed black man during a traffic stop makes it even harder.

The killing of Walter Scott happened in North Charleston — an 8-mile drive from Emanuel AME. And former officer Michael Slager's trial happened a month before Roof's trial started, with a jury unable to reach a verdict in the murder trial of the officer.

"There's great unease. It's unfinished business. Communities, black and otherwise, are still walking on eggshells, talking about these things," said Mount Zion AME pastor Kylon Middleton.

Walter Scott's death was videotaped by a bystander and played over and over — the 50-year-old man in the green shirt running slowly away from an officer firing eight times at his back.

"Burger King" has become a code word for the anger in the black community. Detectives bought Roof

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lunch at the fast food chain after he was arrested without violence.

A young black man who shot white people and had the gun sitting in the back seat would have never been given food and likely wouldn't have made it out of his car alive no matter what effort he made to surrender peacefully, said the Rev. Nelson Rivers, a Charleston pastor and vice president of the National Action Network.

"Even in the case of a terrorist, white privilege played a role," Rivers said. "Dylann Roof confessed. And we now know that video isn't enough to get a conviction — at least when it is a white officer and a black man."

And yet, there has been progress.

The most obvious legacy of the Emanuel AME shootings came in South Carolina's capital, where after 50 years the Confederate flag was removed from Statehouse grounds.

Roof, a self-taught white supremacist, took pictures with the familiar flag. And after years of ignoring calls to bring it down — including from Pinckney himself — the killings shook many Republicans enough to remove the rebel banner less than a month after the massacre.

It was, said President Barack Obama, "a modest but meaningful balm for so many unhealed wounds." Republican Gov. Nikki Haley was supportive; she went to the funerals of all nine victims, then kept their programs on her nightstand so she wouldn't forget.

But was this enough? Pinckney's seatmate in the South Carolina Senate, Sen. Vincent Sheheen, does not think so.

Sheheen recalls a colleague who became a pastor at 18 and was voted into the Statehouse at 23, a man who often called for health care and a living wage for all, and for better education in poor, rural areas. He was often ignored in conservative South Carolina, but he never stopped speaking out.

That unique voice is missing now — the voice of "a man of the church who actually lived by its tenets," said Sheheen, a Camden Democrat who could sit in his chair during the Confederate flag debate and touch the black shroud on Pinckney's desk.

He wonders if his Senate colleagues learned from the shooting that the right thing to do is the right thing to do — before it turns into a tragedy.

"It reflects badly on the leadership of the state and the people of the state that it took nine people being massacred to do the right thing," Sheheen said. "I would rather remember Clem for the positive, humane positions he took."

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Poland PM feels "quite well" after crash; safety a question

By **MONIKA SCISLOWSKA, Associated Press**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Polish Prime Minister Beata Szydlo is feeling "quite well" following her limousine's crash into a tree that appears to have been caused by a young driver in another car, the interior minister said Saturday, but questions arose about the quality of the government agency protecting Polish officials.

Friday night's accident in the southern town of Oswiecim was a second crash of a government limousine so far this year.

Interior Minister Mariusz Blaszczak told a news conference he had spoken with Szydlo, 53, who remains hospitalized and was undergoing tests at a government hospital in Warsaw. Szydlo told him she was feeling "quite well" and thanked all those who helped her after the crash, he said.

Blaszczak then addressed security concerns. He insisted Szydlo's three-car convoy observed all traffic rules and had their warning lights and sirens on as they were passing a small Fiat. Her driver was an of-

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ficer with 15 years of experience.

He admitted, however, that the Government Protection Office was undergoing restructuring under the Law and Justice government that took power in 2015 and many new officers are being admitted and trained. He said that had no negative effects on the quality of the agency.

But opposition lawmakers demanded a detailed report into changes taking place at the office and said they will provide legal assistance to the 21-year-old driver of the Fiat that was involved in the accident.

National police head Jaroslaw Szymczyk said the driver had admitted to involuntarily contributing to the crash and could face up to three years in prison if convicted.

The accident occurred shortly before 7 p.m. Friday as Szydlo arrived for the weekend in Oswiecim, her hometown.

Her car, a new Audi A8, was in the middle of a three-car convoy going about 50 kilometers (30 miles) per hour on the town's main road when a small Fiat they were overtaking suddenly turned left and hit the limousine, causing it to hit a tree, according to Janusz Hnatko, the spokesman for prosecutors in Krakow.

Szydlo's driver and her bodyguard were also hurt and hospitalized.

Dr. Andrzej Jakubowski, who examined Szydlo after the crash, said she suffered some slight injuries and was in some pain, but the prognosis was good. TVP INFO, a state TV program, said she suffered bruises to her chest from her seat belt.

It was the latest in a string of road incidents involving top state officials.

Defense Minister Antoni Macierewicz escaped uninjured from an eight-car collision two weeks ago. In November, several vehicles in a Polish government convoy, driven by Israelis, collided during a state visit to Israel, injuring two Polish officials.

Ford bets \$1B on startup founded by Waymo, Uber vets

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ford Motor is spending \$1 billion to take over a budding robotics startup to acquire more expertise needed to reach its ambitious goal of having a fully driverless vehicle on the road by 2021.

The big bet announced Friday comes just a few months after the Pittsburgh startup, Argo AI, was created by two alumni of Carnegie Mellon University's robotics program, Bryan Salesky and Peter Rander.

The alliance between Argo and Ford is the latest to combine the spunk and dexterity of a technologically savvy startup with the financial muscle and manufacturing knowhow of a major automaker in the race to develop autonomous vehicles. Last year rival General Motors paid \$581 million to buy Cruise Automation, a 40-person software company that is testing vehicles in San Francisco.

The Argo deal marks the next step in Ford's journey toward building a vehicle without a steering wheel or brake pedal by 2021 — a vision that CEO Mark Fields laid out last summer.

The big-ticket deal for the newly-minted company clearly was aimed at getting Salesky and Rander. Salesky formerly worked on self-driving cars at a high-profile project within Google — now known as Waymo — and Rander did the same kind of engineering at ride-hailing service Uber before the two men teamed to launch Argo late last year.

"When talent like that comes up, you don't ignore that ability," said Raj Nair, who doubles as Ford's chief technical officer and product development head.

The two will develop the core technology of Ford's autonomous vehicle — the "virtual driver" system, which Nair described as the car's "brains, eyes, ears and senses."

The decision to turn to Argo for help is a tacit acknowledgement that Ford needed more talent to deliver on Fields' 2021 promise, said one expert familiar with Salesky and Rander.

"This is likely a realization that Ford is behind relative to companies like GM, Audi, Volvo, Waymo and Uber, and is trying to catch up," said Raj Rajkumar, a Carnegie Mellon computer engineering professor who leads the school's autonomous vehicle research.

Salesky said Argo expects to have 200 workers by the end of the year. Argo employees will be given

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stock in the subsidiary as part of their compensation packages so they will be enriched if Argo's technology becomes a hot commodity.

The equity should set Argo apart from other companies in recruiting scarce tech workers. "There's a war for talent out there," Fields said.

By joining with Ford, Argo gets strong capital backing and expertise on other components needed to run autonomous cars, as well as product development and manufacturing knowledge, Salesky said. In return for its funding, Argo will design its driverless system exclusively for Ford and then have a chance to license the technology to other automakers in the future.

Competitors such as NVIDIA have developed artificial intelligence that learns about different situations as it's tested on roads, something that is almost essential for an autonomous car to function in heavy traffic on city streets.

Ford isn't just racing General Motors and other automakers to gain robotics experience. Uber bought autonomous trucking startup Otto for an estimated \$680 million last summer primarily to get Otto's engineers on its team working on driverless vehicles. Otto co-founder Anthony Levandowski, another former Google engineer, is now overseeing Uber's testing of driverless cars in Pittsburgh and Arizona.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2017. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1967, the Beatles' double A-sided single "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Penny Lane" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1972, the 11th Winter Olympics ended in Sapporo, Japan.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

In 1988, the 15th Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

Ten years ago: Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney officially entered the 2008 presidential race in Michigan, the place of his birth. With Democrats in control, House members debated Iraq in an emotional and historic faceoff over a war that Speaker Nancy Pelosi condemned as a commitment with "no end in sight."

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Five years ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a record \$3.8 trillion election-year budget plan, calling for stimulus-style spending on roads and schools and tax hikes on the wealthy to help pay the costs. Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire (GREG'-wahr) signed a measure making her state the seventh to legalize same-sex marriage.

One year ago: Justice Antonin Scalia (AN'-toh-nihn skuh-LEE'-uh), the influential conservative and most provocative member of the Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79. During a Republican presidential debate that evening in Greenville, South Carolina, the candidates, with the exception of Jeb Bush, insisted that President Barack Obama step aside and let his successor nominate Justice Scalia's replacement. On his first full day in Mexico, Pope Francis issued a tough-love message to the country's political and church elites, telling them they had a duty to provide their people with security, justice and courageous pastoral care.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 94. Actress Kim Novak is 84. Actor George Segal is 83. Actor Bo Svenson is 76. Actress Carol Lynley is 75. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 75. Actress Stockard Channing is 73. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 73. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 71. Singer Peter Gabriel is 67. Actor David Naughton is 66. Rock musician Peter Hook is 61. Actor Matt Salinger is 57. Singer Henry Rollins is 56. Actor Neal McDonough is 51. Singer Freedom Williams is 51. Actress Kelly Hu is 49. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 46. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 45. Country musician Scott Thomas (Parmalee) is 44. Singer Robbie Williams is 43. Singer-songwriter Feist is 41. Rhythm-and-blues performer Natalie Stewart is 38. Actress Mena Suvari (MEE'-nuh soo-VAHR'-ee) is 38. Rock musician Dash Hutton (Haim (hym)) is 32. Actress Katie Volding is 28. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 20.

Thought for Today: "It is not so much what we have done amiss, as what we have left undone, that will trouble us, looking back." — Ellen Wood, English playwright and journalist (1813-1887).