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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 potato, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, glazed baby carrots, strawberry cheesecake, whole wheat roll.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Emmanuel Lutheran: League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

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

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Mini corndogs, baked beans, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits,

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Doeden leads Groton Area in close game with Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area had a nine-point lead midway in the fourth quarter before Mobridge-Pollock battled back to snatch the game away from Groton Area. The game was played Saturday in Mobridge with Mobridge-Pollock pulling out a 42-39 win over the Groton Area Tigers.

Mobridge-Tigers had the early lead in the game, leading, 10-5 after the first quarter. Mobridge-Pollock had a nine-point lead midway in the second quarter and led at half time, 19-16. Groton Area rallied to take the lead twice in the third quarter and scoring seven straight points to have a 31-26 lead. Then Mobridge-Pollock scored seven straight points to cut the lead to two, 36-34. It remained close and Mobridge-Pollock took a 40-39 lead with under a minute to go. Groton Area had the ball. A missed shot was rebounded by Jonny Doeden. He put the shot back up but it wouldn't fall and on the battle for the rebound, he fouled Mobridge-Pollock. They made two free throws for the 42-39 final tally.

Doeden, a freshman, led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Sean Schuring with eight, Brandon Keith and Seric Shabazz each had seven and Bennett Shabazz added one point.

Mobridge-Pollock was led by Dante Fischer with 13 points followed by Braxton Albers with nine, Caleb Dockter had eight, Jaidon Sjomeling seven and Jalen Hitland added five points.

Mobridge-Pollock had more rebounds, 34-27, with Schuring having seven for Groton Area and Dockter having 11 for Mobridge-Pollock. Seric Shabazz had three of the team's eight assists. Groton Area had 12 turnovers with five of them being steals. Mobridge-Pollock had 13 turnovers with nine of them being steals as Schuring had three.

Mobridge-Pollock made 42 percent of its field goals while Groton Area made 30 percent. Groton Area made eight 13 free throws for 61 percent off of Mobridge-Pollock's 12 team fouls. Mobridge-Pollock made nine of 20 free throws off of Groton Area's 19 team fouls.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 35-31. Scoring for Groton Area: Jonny Doeden 14, Darien Shabazz 13, Austin Jones 7, Treyton Diegel 1.



Brandon Keith



Bennett Shabazz

Photos by Julianna Kosel

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Sean Schuring



Jonny Doeden with the ball



Anthony Schinkel



Seric Shabazz

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Groton Area's Sean Schuring and Mobridge-Pollock's Caleb Dockter battle for the opening tip of the varsity game in Mobridge on Saturday.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Deep Thoughts

Notes from the underground by Communications Director Constance Walter

Monday, February 13, 2017

Next-gen dark matter detector in a race to finish line

The race to build the most sensitive direct-detection dark matter experiment got a bit more competitive with the Department of Energy's approval of a key construction milestone on Feb. 9.

LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ), a next-generation dark matter detector, will replace the Large Underground Xenon (LUX) experiment, which recently was removed from its home on the 4850 Level of Sanford Lab. The Critical Decision 3 (CD-3) approval puts LZ on track to begin its deep-underground hunt for theoretical particles known as WIMPs in 2020.

"We got a strong endorsement to move forward quickly and to be the first to complete the next-generation dark matter detector," said Murdock "Gil" Gilchriese, LZ project director and a physicist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the lead lab for the project.

The fast-moving schedule allows the U.S. to remain competitive with similar next-generation dark matter experiments planned in Italy and China. "The science is highly compelling, so it's being pursued by physicists all over the world," said Carter Hall, the spokesperson for the LZ collaboration and an associate professor of physics at the University of Maryland.

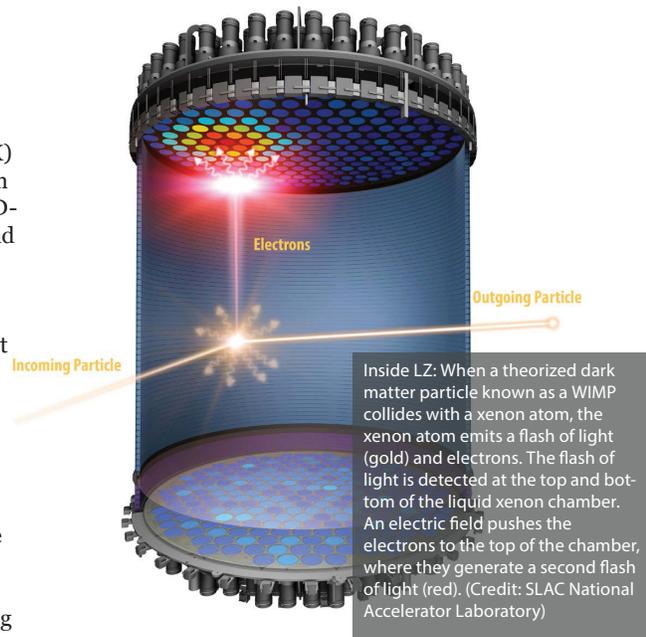
WIMPs (weakly interacting massive particles) are among the top prospects for explaining dark matter, which has only been observed through its gravitational effects on galaxies and clusters of galaxies. Believed to make up nearly 80 percent of all the matter in the universe, this "missing mass" is considered to be one of the most pressing questions in particle physics.

The new experiment will be installed in the same cavern and water tank that housed LUX. It will use 10 metric tons of ultra-purified liquid xenon, to tease out possible dark matter signals. By comparison, LUX used one-third of a ton of liquid xenon. LZ is expected to be 100 times more sensitive than LUX.

Installation will begin in 2018. The xenon needed for the project has been delivered or is under contract. Xenon gas, which is costly to produce, is used in lighting, medical imaging and anesthesia, space-vehicle propulsion systems and the electronics industry.

"South Dakota is proud to host the LZ experiment at Sanford Lab and to contribute 80 percent of the xenon for LZ," said Mike Headley, executive director of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA), which oversees Sanford Lab. "Our facility work is underway and we're on track to support LZ's timeline."

A dust-filtering cleanroom is being prepared for LZ's assembly and a radon-reduction building is under construction at the South Dakota site—radon is a naturally



occurring radioactive gas that could interfere with dark matter detection.

"We have an excellent collaboration and team of engineers who are dedicated to the science and success of the project," said Kelly Hanzel, LZ project manager and a Berkeley Lab mechanical engineer. The latest approval milestone "is probably the most significant step so far," as it provides for the purchase of most of the major components in LZ's supporting systems.



During a video conference event between Fermilab and Sanford Lab, an inquisitive child asks Cabot-Ann Christofferson what it's like working underground on the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR experiment. Photos courtesy of Amanda Early, Fermilab.

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South Dakota Gas Prices Drop 2 Cents

Feb. 13, 2017 - Gas prices edged up higher fractions of a penny over the weekend to reach today's average price of \$2.28. This is seven cents less per gallon on the month and an increase of 58 cents per gallon compared to this same date last year.

"Gas prices have remained relatively steady this past month due to a well-supplied crude oil market," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "OPEC just released their monthly oil market report which surprisingly shows that participating countries implemented 90 percent of the agreed upon production cuts which took effect on New Year's Day. But despite these OPEC cuts, supplies are still healthy due to increased U.S. drilling and production."

The average price of gasoline is continuing to steadily drop throughout South Dakota, with prices down to \$2.22 in Sioux Falls. The statewide average is down 2 cents from a week ago, and 4 cents less per gallon month over month.

Current Price Averages per Gallon of Regular Gasoline

Sioux Falls – \$2.22, down 12 cents in the past month ... up 88 cents since 2/13/16

Rapid City – \$2.31, up 8 cents in the past month ... up 45 cents since 2/13/16

South Dakota – \$2.32, down 2 cents in the past month ... up 67 cents since 2/13/16

U.S. – \$2.28, down 7 cents in the past month ... up 58 cents since 2/13/16

SOURCE: www.GasPrices.AAA.com

Quick Stats

The nation's top five most expensive markets are: Hawaii (\$3.11), California (\$2.87), Washington (\$2.73), Alaska (\$2.73) and Pennsylvania (\$2.53).

Averages are down in many states, with the largest monthly savings experienced by: Delaware (-18 cents), Ohio (-17 cents), West Virginia (-16 cents), Illinois (-15 cents) and Wisconsin (-13 cents).

Midwest and Central States

Prices in the Central region remained relatively stable over the past week while parts of the Great Lakes region saw dramatic increases: Indiana (+12 cents), Michigan (+8 cents) and Ohio (+6 cents). Chicago gasoline spot prices jumped last week following reports of a fire at CITGO's 185,200 b/d refinery in Lemont, Illinois. OPIS also reports unplanned maintenance at Husky Energy's 170,000 b/d refinery in Lima, Ohio. The latest EIA report shows that Midwest gasoline inventories climbed to 60.251 million bbl last week while gasoline production also increased to 2.435 million b/d.

Oil Market Dynamics

Monday morning crude oil prices slipped slightly despite reports that OPEC members cut 890,000 barrels of oil per day in January. OPEC's Monthly Oil Market Report stated that participating countries successfully implemented 90 percent of the agreed production cuts they pledged in last year's historic deal. It also showed that some producers, like Saudi Arabia, cut more than was originally required. In November of last year, OPEC and non-OPEC countries agreed to cut the amount of oil they were producing collectively by 1.8 million barrels per day for six months, starting on January 1.

Any gains this report may have resulted in have been tempered by the continued increase in U.S. drilling and production. According to Baker Hughes, over the past week the U.S. added eight more oil rigs- bringing the total count to 591, which is the highest number since October 2015. Traders will continue to watch for cartel production compliance and any fluctuations in U.S. production. At the close of formal trading on the NYMEX, WTI was up 86 cents, settling at \$53.86 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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S.D. Farmers Union President Elected Chairman of Farmers Union Enterprises

HURON, S.D. - Doug Sombke, President of South Dakota Farmers Union was recently Elected Chairman of Farmers Union Enterprises board of directors.

"I am eager to continue to guide this organization whose goal is to do everything we can to help family farmers and ranchers," said Sombke, of the organization which oversees Farmers Union Industries.

Farmers Union Industries is made up of several businesses - the dividends of which go to help fund Farmers Union organizations in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin as well as Farmers Union Enterprise programs and National Farmers Union.

The diverse business portfolio Farmers Union Enterprises oversees includes; grain-free pet food, wheat-based cat litter, grease and animal rendering plants.

Like the organizations it supports, Farmers Union Industries also focuses on funding policy and advocacy. In 2014, Sombke was among the Farmers Union Enterprise board members who traveled to the Vatican, to meet with Pope Francis to discuss the important role family farmers' play in food security as well as the fact that most food produced in the U.S. is produced by family farmers.

"It is my goal to not only help family farmers and ranchers in South Dakota and the United States, but to work with families who produce food around the world," Sombke said. "People cannot afford food if we put wheels under it all the time. We need to grow it closer to home. Now, that's not to say export markets aren't necessary, but in order to create a globally sustainable food supply, more food needs to be produced locally."

A fourth-generation Conde farmer, today Sombke's three sons have all returned to the family's farm where they raise crops and operate other value-added enterprises.

Sombke's clear understanding of the life and challenges family farmers live and face daily will serve him well in this leadership role, said David Velde, President/CEO of Farmers Union Enterprises.

"You can talk about understanding agriculture, but until you have planted corn, fed cattle and gone through up and down market cycles, you cannot appreciate how stressful and important each decision made is to a family's farming operation," Velde said. "Doug understands agriculture because he is a farmer. He lives it."

As President of S.D. Farmers Union, Sombke has served on the Farmers Union Enterprise board since 2005. He is filling the seat of Doug Peterson, the recently retired Minnesota Farmers Union President. The board is made up of presidents from each of the five-state Farmers Union organizations.

"I have big shoes to fill, but I've been well prepared," Sombke said. "Serving as President of South Dakota Farmers Union and Chairman of the board for Famers Union Enterprises work well together - in both roles, my focus is on serving family farmers and ranchers."



Doug Sombke

Having Trouble Paying Your Heating Bill? LIHEAP Could Help By Nathaniel Sillin

The chill of winter can be offset with the pleasure of curling up inside a warm home. Turning on the heat and settling into your favorite chair to open a new book or watch a movie feels even better when snow falls or rain patters against the windows. Unfortunately, some families have to choose between paying high winter utility bills and buying groceries or gas for their cars. The necessity of food and transportation often wins.

Fortunately, there are assistance programs. One such program, the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), helps low-income households with heating or cooling costs, during an energy-related crisis (such as a shutoff notice from your utility) and with weatherization improvements.

If you, a parent or a friend are struggling to make ends meet this winter, LIHEAP and similar programs might be able to help keep your home warm.

Apply as soon as you can if you think you'll need assistance. The federal government provides the funding for LIHEAP, but the programs are run at the state level. The money gets distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and states give priority to households with children, elderly or disabled members. Often the largest benefits are awarded to the homes with the most need.

States open their winter applications at different times, and you should apply for LIHEAP right away if you think you'll have trouble paying for heating.

LIHEAP won't cover your entire utility bill, but it can help keep your home warm. LIHEAP's heating benefit is only intended to help you pay to heat your home. For example, if you're heating unit runs on gas, the program will contribute towards your gas bill, but not your electricity bill.

You might only be able to receive a benefit once every 12 months, but it can make a big difference for your finances. For the fiscal year 2014, the most recent data available, over 5.7 million households received heating assistance and it offset an average 45.9 percent of recipients' annual heating costs.

Qualifying for LIHEAP assistance. States, tribes and territories have some control over the services, qualifications, aid limits and application process for the LIHEAP program in their area.

You can review each state's income eligibility for the fiscal year 2017 on this table. The state or local organizations that distribute funds also consider applicants' utility costs, family size and location. Renters and homeowners could be eligible for LIHEAP assistance, but you might not qualify if you have subsidized housing.

Being qualified doesn't guarantee that you'll get assistance. Each state receives a set amount of funds for the year, and on average only 20 percent of qualified household receive benefits.

How to apply for LIHEAP. Often you'll apply for LIHEAP at a Community Action Agency (CAA), local non-profit organizations that help administer federal, state and local grant programs. Some states let you complete the application online, otherwise you may need to mail, fax or hand in an application.

The Office of Community Service's website has contact information for each state and territory, including a link to a website where you'll find state-specific eligibility guidelines and program information.

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As part of the application process, you may need to share identifying and financial information, including:

Recent utility bills.

Recent pay stubs, or a profit-and-loss statement if you're self-employed.

Documentation for other income, such as Social Security benefits.

A lease or property tax bill as proof of your address.

Your Social Security number.

A list of people living in your home, their relation to you, dates of birth and incomes.

A copy of a utility termination notice, if you received one.

Your energy provider's information.

If you're having trouble with your state's website, or want to help someone who isn't computer savvy, you can call the LIHEAP Clearinghouse's National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 (TTY: 1-866-367-6228).

Bottom line: When the temperature drops, heating costs can quickly rise. You shouldn't have to suffer, and LIHEAP could help provide much-needed financial aid. You can look for additional assistance programs using the Benefits.gov search tool. Also look into state-based programs and payment plans or assistance from your local utility.

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Summer Camping Reservations Open Soon In State Parks

PIERRE, S.D. – This weekend, campers can begin making reservations for summer stays in the South Dakota State Parks.

Feb. 19 is the first day to make camping reservations for a Friday, May 19, arrival – the State Parks' Open House Weekend and traditional kick-off to the summer season.

Reservations for other summer dates will follow in succession, becoming available 90 days before arrival. Over 40 parks offer camping reservations on the 90-day schedule. The exception is Custer State Park, which offers reservations one year before arrival.

State Parks Director Katie Ceroll encourages campers to keep an eye on the calendar and make reservations for camping trips as soon as possible. Memorial Day reservations open Feb. 25 for a Friday arrival, and campers can reserve for Father's Day weekend starting March 18.

"The sooner you can plan your camping trip, the better," said Ceroll. "We had a record number of campers at our parks last year, and campsites at popular parks go quickly."

Campsites become available at 7 a.m. Central Time on the first day of the 90-day window, but reservations for available campsites can be made until the day you arrive. The 90-day window calendar can be found online at gfp.sd.gov.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day, both online at campsd.com and by calling 1.800.710.2267. Taxes and reservation fees may apply.

Groton Kiwanis Club

LaVonne Helmer was program leader for Kiwanis on Wednesday noon. Jodi Sternhagen, from Groton High School, spoke about the scholarship program at GHS. This week's program leader will be Reed Litch, followed by Tom Mahan and Lee Schinkel



Call or Text Paul at 397-7460
or Tina at 397-7285
for membership information

GDI Living Fitness
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VISITOR: Aberdeen Roncalli ()

Varsity Boys' Stats vs. Roncalli

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 Reede,	*	7	14	3	7	3	4	1	1	2	2	20	4	0	0	0	32:00
5 Fiedler,	*	5	8	0	0	1	2	4	6	10	2	11	0	1	0	0	16:00
22 Cox,	*	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	3	2	0	0	0	1	8:00
32 Morgan,	*	2	3	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	6	4	1	0	1	32:00
44 Sommers,	*	5	8	2	4	1	1	0	4	4	2	13	4	2	0	2	16:00
4 <u>Vanorman</u> ,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
10 Holzer,		2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	16:00
20 <u>Deutch</u> ,		4	7	0	0	3	5	1	4	5	3	11	2	0	0	0	24:00
24 Gunderson,		0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	4	4							
Team Totals		26	47	8	16	11	16	7	26	33	15	71	14	6	0	4	160

Total FG% - 1st: 14/22 0.636 2nd: 12/25 0.480 Game: 0.553 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/9 0.444 2nd: 4/7 0.571 Game: 0.500 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 7/10 0.700 2nd: 4/6 0.667 Game: 0.688 (3,0)

HOME: 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	2	0	2	2	5	2	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	40:02
4 <u>Shabazz</u> , Bennett	*	4	12	1	5	5	6	1	3	4	5	14	2	4	0	1	8:00
5 <u>Shabazz</u> , Seric	*	3	14	2	10	9	11	1	2	3	2	17	1	0	0	2	32:00
12 Schuring, Sean	*	2	9	1	7	2	2	2	5	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	32:00
20 Keith, Brandon	*	1	5	1	4	0	0	2	2	4	2	3	1	2	0	1	32:00
10 Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0:00
14 Diegel, <u>Treyton</u>		0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
30 Doeden, Jonny		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	16:00
34 Jones, Austin		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
50 Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	2	2							
Team Totals		10	44	5	29	19	26	10	16	26	16	44	7	9	0	6	176

Total FG% - 1st: 4/18 0.222 2nd: 6/26 0.231 Game: 0.227 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/12 0.167 2nd: 3/17 0.176 Game: 0.172 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 13/18 0.722 2nd: 6/8 0.750 Game: 0.731 (5,0)

Technical Fouls: AbR (0)
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OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Aberdeen <u>Roncalli</u>	19	20	12	20	71
Groton	5	18	11	10	44

Last FG: Aberdeen Roncalli 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Aberdeen Roncalli by 28 4th-08:00, Groton NONE
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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Boys' JV Stats vs. Roncalli

VISITOR: Aberdeen Roncalli ()

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
4 <u>Vanorman</u> ,	*	0	2	0	1	3	7	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	16:00
13 <u>Goetz</u> ,	*	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	4	2	1	0	0	24:00
23 <u>Reede</u> ,	*	5	13	2	8	3	3	1	1	2	3	15	0	3	0	0	16:00
33 <u>Jeme</u> ,	*	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	1	2	0	1	0	0	24:00
42 <u>Chamberlain</u> ,	*	2	6	0	0	3	4	1	3	4	0	7	0	1	1	0	8:00
22 <u>Beucher</u> ,		0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
24 <u>Gunderson</u> ,		2	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	3	4	1	0	0	0	16:00
32 <u>Unknown</u> ,		0	0	0	0	2	4	4	2	6	3	2	1	2	0	2	16:00
42 <u>kokales</u> ,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3				0			
Team Totals		11	34	2	11	13	20	12	18	30	12	37	5	10	1	3	120

Total FG% - 1st: 3/16 0.188 2nd: 8/18 0.444 Game: 0.324 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/5 0.000 2nd: 2/6 0.333 Game: 0.182 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/2 0.500 2nd: 12/18 0.667 Game: 0.650 (2,0)

HOME: 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</u> , Darien	*	1	6	1	6	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	16:00
10 <u>Lane</u> , Marshall	*	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	5	3	2	1	0	2	16:00
14 <u>Diegel</u> , <u>Treyton</u>	*	3	9	2	8	2	2	0	5	5	3	10	0	5	0	0	24:00
34 <u>Jones</u> , Austin	*	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	1	16:00
50 <u>Thorson</u> , Luke	*	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
22 <u>Guthmiller</u> , Cade		0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
30 <u>Doeden</u> , Jonny		1	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	16:00
32 <u>Thurston</u> , Mitchell		3	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	8	0	1	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								3	3	6				0			
Team Totals		10	33	6	20	3	5	7	16	23	19	29	5	11	0	4	120

Total FG% - 1st: 6/19 0.316 2nd: 4/14 0.286 Game: 0.303 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/9 0.333 2nd: 3/11 0.273 Game: 0.300 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 3/5 0.600 Game: 0.600 (0,0)

Technical Fouls: AbR (0)
 : groto (0)

OFFICIALS :
 ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Aberdeen <u>Roncalli</u>	0	7	12	18	37
Groton	4	11	3	11	29

Last FG: Aberdeen Roncalli 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Aberdeen Roncalli by 9 4th-08:00, Groton by 8 2nd-08:00
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 3 times

Today in Weather History

February 14, 1967: The heaviest snow fell in the central part of the state with Pierre receiving 10 inches with 14 inches reported near Harrold. Elsewhere, 1 to 4 inches of snow was common. Winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts over 40 mph caused extensive drifting and blowing snow reducing visibilities to near zero at times. Many schools were closed and other activities canceled. Temperatures of 5 to 15 degrees below zero were common the morning of the 15th. A farmer died in the storm near Yale where his car stalled and he attempted to walk.

February 14, 1979: High winds of 50 mph or higher and snow from a half inch to more than 14 inches moved through the state late on the 14th with winds slowly subsiding on the 16th. Visibility was reduced to near zero at the height of the storm and no travel was advised. Temperatures fell to 25 degrees below zero with wind chills to 80 to 90 below on the 15th. One man suffered frostbite after being stranded in his truck for seventeen hours. Power was lost at Wall due to high winds snapping power lines together.

1895: The greatest snowfall in the history of Houston, Texas occurred on the 14th and 15th. The Houston area saw 20 inches of snow.

1899 - A great blizzard struck the eastern U.S. Washington D.C. received 20.5 inches of snow to bring their total snow depth to nearly three feet. The storm produced 36 inches of snow at Cape May NJ. (David Ludlum)

1940 - A "Saint Valentine's Day Blizzard" hit the northeastern U.S. Up to a foot and a half of snow blanketed southern New England, and whole gales accompanied the heavy snow stranding many in downtown Boston. (David Ludlum)

1990: Valentine's Day was a snowy one for many parts of Iowa and Illinois. Five to ten inches of snow fell across Iowa. Six to 12 inches of snow blanketed northern Illinois, and strong northeasterly winds accompanied the heavy snow. Air traffic came to a halt during the evening at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, where 9.7 inches of snow was reported. More than 250 traffic accidents were reported around Des Moines, Iowa during the evening rush hour. An ice storm glazed east central sections of Illinois, causing

twelve million dollars damage in Champaign County alone.

2010: Vancouver continues to struggle with above normal, non-winter-like temperatures during the first weekend of the 2010 Winter Olympics. In fact earlier this morning, Vancouver was warmer, 48 degrees, than Miami, Florida 45 degrees!



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Upcoming Events

Thursday at Milbank

Girls' Basketball

JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear then Patchy Fog	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 38 °F	Low: 18 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 52 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 51 °F

Expect Northwesterly winds with gusts of 30 to 35 mph in Northeast SD and Western MN today. Still Mild with temps in the 30s.

Warmer on Wednesday with highs in the 40s and low 50s.



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 2/14/2017 5:27 AM Central

Published on: 02/14/2017 at 5:32AM

A storm system passing east of the region today will bring breezy northwesterly winds and cooler temperatures. Highs today will climb into the upper 30s for most locations. Warmer temperatures will push back into the region on Wednesday with highs reaching the 40s and 50s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 43 F at 1:44 PM

Low Outside Temp: 26 F at 7:35 AM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 2:23 AM

Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 60° in 1913

Record Low: -30 in 1936

Average High: 28°F

Average Low: 7°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.23

Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.70

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:59 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:34 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Feb 14, 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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GOD BLESS OUR BUMPS

Little Martha was in a hurry to run out the door so she would not be late for school. In her haste she tripped and fell, hitting her head on the floor. Immediately, a bump appeared and frightened her. As the tears ran down her cheeks she climbed into her mother's arms to be comforted.

Her Mom, holding her tightly, placed a cold pad on the lump and said, "Let's pray and ask Jesus to heal you so you can go to school."

Soon the tears stopped, Martha left her mother's lap, stood up and said, "Jesus healed me. Now I can go to school."

That night when they knelt to pray the mother asked, "What do you want to thank Jesus for tonight?"

"My bump," answered Martha quickly. "Because now I know He loves me because He made my bump go away."

"Whenever trouble comes your way," wrote James, "let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested your endurance has an opportunity to grow." In the life of every Christian, there is always a connection between the problem and the promise, between the hardship and the hope.

James reminds us to turn our difficulties into optimism and to have a positive outlook for life. Troubles are not an end in themselves. If we are willing to work with God, He can teach us perseverance.

Prayer: May we understand and accept, Father, that "whatever comes our way" is for our good and that we can profit from every hardship as we learn to trust You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

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News from the Associated Press

Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 65, Mitchell 40
Aberdeen Roncalli 71, Groton Area 44
Bridgewater-Emery 80, Centerville 45
Chamberlain 69, Parkston 37
Colman-Egan 72, Dell Rapids St. Mary 52
Corsica/Stickney 56, Menno 52
Dell Rapids 60, Canton 58
Douglas 59, Red Cloud 43
Edgemont 32, New Underwood 30
Elkton-Lake Benton 57, Lake Preston 52
Ethan 63, Freeman Academy/Marion 53
Harding County 76, Newell 56
Hartington Cedar Catholic, Neb. 82, Wagner 36
Herreid/Selby Area 76, McLaughlin 46
Irene-Wakonda 85, Freeman 41
Mobridge-Pollock 56, Ipswich 49
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 51, Winner 46
Platte-Geddes 55, Scotland 46
St. Francis Indian 56, Lower Brule 43
Wall 60, Kadoka Area 51
Webster 70, Wilmot 37
Wolsey-Wessington 60, Highmore-Harrold 57

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 58, Mitchell 29
Avon 61, Gayville-Volin 33
Chester 46, Arlington 34
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 59, Pine Ridge 54
Colome 56, Gregory 54
Dell Rapids 55, Canton 22
Hanson 52, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 34
Hitchcock-Tulare 60, Langford 51
Jones County 58, Bennett County 47
Kadoka Area 65, Dupree 32
Menno 50, Corsica/Stickney 39
Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, Minn. 43, Sisseton 33
New Underwood 56, Edgemont 10
Parker 65, Howard 55
Rapid City Christian 47, Crazy Horse 32
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 53, James Valley Christian 16
St. Francis Indian 66, Lower Brule 65, OT
Timber Lake 52, Eureka/Bowdle 45
Tiospaye Topa 76, Wakpala 55
Tri-Valley 41, McCook Central/Montrose 40

Wall 53, Lyman 48

Waverly-South Shore 57, Elkton-Lake Benton 35

Judge denies request to halt Dakota Access pipeline work

By **SAM HANANEL** and **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday refused to stop construction on the last stretch of the Dakota Access pipeline, which is progressing much faster than expected and could be operational in as little as 30 days.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg ruled after an hourlong hearing that as long as oil isn't flowing through the pipeline, there is no imminent harm to the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Sioux tribes, which are suing to stop the project. But he said he'd consider the arguments more thoroughly at another hearing on Feb. 27.

That gives the tribes hope that they still might prevail, Cheyenne River Chairman Harold Frazier said.

"To put that pipeline in the ground would be irreparable harm for us in our culture," he said.

The tribes requested the temporary injunction last week after Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners got federal permission to lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota. That's the last big section of the \$3.8 billion pipeline, which would carry oil from North Dakota to Illinois.

The tribes say the pipeline would endanger their cultural sites and water supply. They added a religious freedom component to their case last week by arguing that clean water is necessary to practice the Sioux religion.

"The mere presence of the oil in the pipeline renders the water spiritually impure," said Nicole Ducheneaux, lawyer for the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

But Boasberg said any immediate harm to the tribe "comes from when the spigots are turned on and the oil flows through the pipeline."

Despite the setback, American Indian activist Chase Iron Eyes said pipeline opponents will continue fighting the project in the courts and maintaining an on-the-ground presence in the drilling area, "in peaceful prayer and in dignity as we assert our rights to protect our environment, our economy and our sovereignty."

ETP spokeswoman Vicki Granado said last week that the drilling work would take about two months and that the full pipeline system would be operational within three months. But David Debold, a lawyer for Dakota Access, said work is going more quickly and suggested the pipeline could be ready for oil in as soon as 30 days.

"We're not in a position where we can agree to any kind of stopping of the pipeline," Debold said.

In an email Monday evening to The Associated Press, Granado touted the efficiency of the company's equipment and crews, but didn't elaborate further.

Energy Transfer Partners received final approval from the Army last week to lay pipe under the reservoir and complete the 1,200-mile pipeline. Drilling work began immediately under Lake Oahe, which is the water source for both tribes.

The company's attorneys filed court documents early Monday urging Boasberg to reject the tribes' request, calling the new religious freedom argument "exceedingly tardy," "not construction-related" and a "last-minute delay tactic."

"Dakota Access has the greatest respect for the religious beliefs and traditions of (tribes). The emergency relief sought here simply is not necessary to protect the exercise of those beliefs or preserve those traditions," wrote William Scherman, a company attorney.

The Corps also filed court documents Monday arguing that a work stoppage isn't warranted, saying the tribes will have plenty of time to make their case before oil flows through the pipeline.

Work under Lake Oahe had been held up in the courts until President Donald Trump last month instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to advance construction. The Army is involved because its engineering branch manages the river and its system of hydroelectric dams, which is owned by the federal government.

Energy Transfer Partners maintains that the pipeline is safe and disputes that cultural sites have been

affected. But an encampment near the construction in southern North Dakota drew thousands of protesters last year in support of the tribes, leading to occasional clashes with law enforcement and more than 700 arrests.

The camp has thinned to fewer than 300 people, but law enforcement officers continue to maintain a presence in the area. The cost to taxpayers has reached \$33 million, the state's Joint Information Center reported Monday.

Associated Press writer Blake Nicholson in Bismarck, N.D., contributed to this report.

Ex-US Rep. Clint Roberts, nicknamed "Marlboro Man," dies

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Clint Roberts, a South Dakota rancher who corralled cowboy roles on television and auditioned to be the "Marlboro Man," a nickname that stuck in Congress, has died. He was 82.

The former Republican congressman and South Dakota agriculture secretary died early Monday at a hospital in Pierre from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, according to his daughter-in-law, Pam Roberts.

Clint Roberts once owned a 5,000-acre cattle and wheat ranch near Presho, in central South Dakota, and represented the state's western 2nd Congressional District from 1981 to 1983. He lost re-election when reapportionment left South Dakota with only one U.S. House seat in a fight of incumbents with then-Rep. Tom Daschle, a Democrat.

"I am a cowboy. I am a rancher — a working one. It's very much a part of our state, the image I carry here," Roberts told The Associated Press in 1981. "It's a tough country, South Dakota. Over many years, only the strong survived so the ones that got left there are just super people."

Roberts received the nickname "the Marlboro Man" in Washington, although his tryout photographs never made the grade. But he did earn several cowboy roles. In one beer commercial, he herded buffalo and actor Telly Savalas gulped beer. In another, Roberts and pals sipped beer around a campfire.

He also did tourism promotions for South Dakota and narrated a Kodak documentary called "The Plains." He had a bit part as a culprit in a made-for-TV movie called "Orphan Train." Roberts also was a past director of the state's Cowboy Hall of Fame.

In 1980, Roberts and five friends got on horses and rode up two flights of steps and busted into a fancy ball in the state Capitol rotunda.

"Yup. I was dressed in a full length buffalo coat," Roberts said. "But it was all staged for the 100th anniversary of Pierre, and riding with us was the mayor and state auditor."

Roberts, born in Lyman County in 1935, also served in the state Senate and twice sought the Republican nomination for governor, in 1978 and 1986.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a statement that Roberts brought good humor and common sense to his work throughout his years in public service.

"South Dakota lost one of its favorite cowboys," U.S. Sen. John Thune tweeted. Former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler, who served with Roberts, said Roberts was the "last of a kind."

A funeral is scheduled for Friday.

Group targets beer stores near Native American reservation

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A faith ministry in Nebraska has started a fundraising campaign to buy out four stores that sell millions of cans of beer each year in a tiny village next to a South Dakota Indian reservation plagued by alcoholism.

The Lakota Hope street ministry in Whiteclay is looking to raise at least \$6.3 million to close the stores, which are only about 200 yards from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The officially dry reservation is plagued by high rates of fetal alcohol syndrome and encompasses some of the nation's poorest counties.

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Whiteclay only has about a dozen residents, yet the four stores sold 3.5 million cans of beer in 2015. The beer stores have remained opened for decades despite state investigations into alleged liquor law violations, lawsuits and protests that occasionally turned violent.

Ministry founder Bruce BonFleur and his wife have lived in Whiteclay for nearly two decades, feeding people on the streets and launching programs designed to help members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. BonFleur said he has talked with the businesses, and "we believe that the beer store owners are ready to sell out."

The stores have been facing increasing legal and political pressure, and state liquor regulators are meeting next month to discuss the stores' licenses.

Still, some activists have their doubts. Olowan Martinez, an Oglala Lakota activist who has led protests against Whiteclay, said she would be thrilled but shocked if the buyout worked as intended. Martinez said she would support replacing the stores with a roller skating rink, movie theater or a park to help entertain young people.

The idea rang hollow to Frank LaMere, a Native American activist who has fought for 18 years to close the stores. LaMere said the beer store owners shouldn't be rewarded with a payout and wants the state to revoke their liquor licenses.

"Whiteclay sadly continues to be the golden goose to many," LaMere said.

On a recent day in the Whiteclay, some people were passed out on garbage-strewn sidewalks or begging for change. Others loitered on the streets or in abandoned houses littered with dirty blankets and empty beer cans. Some people wandered along the side of the main highway through town, Nebraska Highway 87, which leads into the reservation, past 1970s-era federal housing, decrepit mobile homes and abandoned cars.

Lance Moss, a Whiteclay grocery store owner who does not sell alcohol, said he didn't know if the town would change substantially if the beer stores were sold. Moss said some regular visitors might congregate in Whiteclay and buy beer from bootleggers.

"Obviously, all the beer that's sold in Whiteclay is going to get sold someplace else," he said.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission is set to meet March 7 to discuss the stores' liquor licenses amid complaints that the village lacks adequate law enforcement. Last month, the local county board with jurisdiction over Whiteclay recommended that the state renew the licenses, partially amid concerns that closing the stores would lead to an increase of intoxicated drivers in Nebraska.

Representatives of two of the Whiteclay beer stores, Stateline Liquor and Arrowhead Inn, declined to comment because of their pending cases before the liquor commission. Attempts to reach the owners of the Jumping Eagle Inn and D&S Pioneer Service weren't immediately successful.

The ministry's new effort is called "B.O.B.S. Whiteclay P.L.A.N.," short for "Buy out the beer stores" and "Promote the Lakotas as a nation."

Online: <https://whiteclayredo.com/>

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Panel recommends tax projections down millions from December

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers are projecting that tax collections for the current and upcoming fiscal years will be millions of dollars lower than previously anticipated.

A legislative budget sub-panel recommended projections Monday that are significantly lower than those Gov. Dennis Daugaard proposed in his December budget address.

Lawmakers are looking at about \$27.8 million less revenue than projected in December for the upcoming 2018 budget cycle that begins July 1 and about \$25.3 million less in ongoing receipts for the current cycle.

State Economist Jim Terwilliger says the causes include low inflation, less spending in the farm economy and e-commerce transactions that avoid state sales taxes. The recommended 2018 revenue estimate is \$1.59 billion.

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Appropriations is expected to formally decide Tuesday how much

money can be expected.

Sioux Falls house fire that killed woman ruled accidental

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A weekend fire that killed a woman in Sioux Falls has been ruled accidental. Battalion Fire Chief Mike Top said Monday the fire apparently was caused by smoking materials, such as cigarettes or ash trays, but investigators are still working to find the exact cause.

The victim is identified as 64-year-old Karanne Kaye Miller.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2kEe5IV>) reports firefighters found Miller just inside the front door of the mobile home.

The fire was reported early Sunday by a police officer on patrol.

Crews had the fire out in within 40 minutes, but the home sustained major fire damage. Top says the home did not have a smoke alarm.

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

Obama statue expected to go up in Rapid City this fall

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An artist is creating a bronze statue of former President Barack Obama for downtown Rapid City.

City of Presidents Foundation co-founder and artist liaison Dallerie Davis told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2IJ6seW>) the group hopes to have a grand unveiling by September.

Artist James Van Nuys said he wants to have a final concept drawn up by the end of this month. He said he's fairly certain Obama will be in a standing pose.

The foundation's board will have to approve the concept before the statue is created and eventually installed somewhere in the downtown area.

"Until we know what the concept will be, we don't know where he will look best," Davis said. "We want to find a street corner that will be complimentary."

Van Nuys has already sculpted three presidential statues on Rapid City's streets, including Andrew Johnson, Millard Fillmore and Franklin Pierce. He said he is looking forward to the challenge of capturing Obama's historical presidency in a sculpture that will be seen by thousands of Rapid City visitors each year.

"I'm always glad to do a president's statue and try to make it as good a piece of artwork as possible," Van Nuys said. "I try to capture the essence of each president and also create something that is aesthetically successful."

Davis said the statue of former president James Garfield should be reinstalled within the next month after being gone since late January 2016.

The statue's sculptor, John Lopez, of Lemmon, said welder and artist Grant Standard of Hill City is currently working on the statue.

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

Senate committee considers campaign finance overhaul

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota legislators are weighing a rewrite of state campaign finance laws that could replace provisions of a government ethics overhaul that lawmakers recently repealed.

The Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday considered two bills from Secretary of State Shantel Krebs. The proposals include creating a campaign finance ethics commission, tightening financial disclosure requirements and allowing entities to contribute directly to candidates, among other provisions.

Krebs, a Republican, convened a bipartisan task force to review the state's campaign finance laws over the summer, before voters approved the ethics initiative. She says the last time election laws were reviewed and amended in full was roughly a decade ago.

The committee decided to table the ethics commission bill and defer action on the campaign finance

measure.

Bill protects faith-based foster care, adoption agencies

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A bill making its way through the South Dakota Legislature would protect faith-based foster care and adoption agencies that deny a child's placement with same-sex couples and single people.

The agencies could still benefit from state funds and contracts without fear of retribution from government officials.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2kKvL1D>) says the bill's sponsors say the legislation is needed to protect the agencies' religious freedom. Opponents say it discriminates against those who don't hold the same values or don't meet the "traditional family" model.

Catholic Social Services executive director James Kinyonof in Rapid City says his organization suggests alternate agencies to prospective parents who don't meet the standards set by the faith-based groups.

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

Damaged dam system threatens Northern California towns

By JONATHAN J. COOPER and DON THOMPSON, Associated Press

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A huge Northern California reservoir, held in place by a massive dam, has always been central to the life of the towns around it.

Now the lake that has brought them holiday fireworks and salmon festivals could bring disaster.

Nearly 200,000 people, who evacuated Sunday over fears that a damaged spillway at Lake Oroville could fail and unleash a wall of water, have to stay away indefinitely while officials race to repair it before more rains arrive Thursday.

Evacuees felt strange on Monday to see their beloved lake associated with urgent voices on the national news.

"Never in our lives did we think anything like this would have happened," said Brannan Ramirez, who has lived in Oroville, a town of about 16,000 people, for about five years.

The gold-rush town in the Sierra Nevada foothills some 70 miles northeast of Sacramento is nestled near the foot of the dam, which at 770 feet is the nation's largest. Houses and churches are perched on tree-lined streets near the Feather River. Old, ornate Victorian homes sit alongside smaller bungalows.

"Everybody knows to go there for the Fourth of July," evacuee Crystal Roberts-Lynch said of the lake. "Then there's festivals wrapped around the salmon run." The mother of three, who has lived in Oroville for 10 years, was staying at a Red Cross evacuation center in Chico.

Local businesses, including one that sells supplies for gold-panning, dominate a downtown area that spans several blocks. A wide range of chain stores sit a short distance away along the main highway.

"The lake brings in an enormous part of the economy for the town. It definitely is a people-catcher," said Brannan Ramirez, who has lived in Oroville for about five years. "We get people from all over the country."

Cities and towns further down the Feather River also are in danger.

Yuba City, population 65,000, is the biggest city evacuated. The city has the largest dried-fruit processing plant in the world and one of the largest populations of Sikhs outside of India.

The region is largely rural and its politics dominated by rice growers and other agricultural interests, including orchard operators. The region is dogged by the high unemployment rates endemic to farming communities. There are large pockets of poverty and swaths of sparsely populated forests, popular with anglers, campers and backpackers.

For now, it's all at the mercy of the reservoir that usually sustains it, and provides water for much of the state.

"If anything, we would have thought that the dam would have been constructed better," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said it was "extremely frustrating" when he heard reports that emerged Monday of complaints

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about the potential danger that came from environmentalists and government officials a dozen years ago. Those warnings described the very scenario that was threatening to unfold, though they were dismissed state and federal regulators who expressed confidence that the dam and its spillways could withstand serious storms.

The acting head of the state's Department of Water Resources said he was unaware of the 2005 report that recommended reinforcing with concrete an earthen spillway that is now eroding.

"I'm not sure anything went wrong," Bill Croyle said. "This was a new, never-having-happened-before event."

Roberts-Lynch didn't buy the explanations.

"I know that somebody did not pay attention to the warning signs," she said. "Someone in charge was not paying attention. It was their job to pay attention to what was going on with the dam."

Over the weekend, the swollen lake spilled down the unpaved, emergency spillway, which had never been used before, for nearly 40 hours, leaving it badly eroded and with a huge hole caused by a chunk of concrete.

On Monday, helicopters and trucks were trying to fill in the damaged area with giant bags full of rocks. The water level was slowly dropping and the amounts being discharged at the main spillway are the same as are normally released this time of year.

Officials were also defending the decision to suddenly call for mass evacuations late Sunday afternoon, just a few hours after saying the situation was stable, forcing families to rush to pack up and get out.

"There was a lot of traffic. It was chaos," said Robert Brabant, an Oroville resident who evacuated with his wife, son, dogs and cats. "It was a lot of accidents. It was like people weren't paying attention to other people."

Gov. Jerry Brown said Monday that he sent a letter to the White House requesting direct federal assistance in the emergency, though some federal agencies have been helping already.

Brown has had harsh words for President Donald Trump, and the state has vowed to resist many of his administration's efforts.

But the governor said at a news conference that he's "sure that California and Washington will work in a constructive way. That's my attitude. There will be different points of view, but we're all one America."

The governor said he doesn't plan to go to Oroville and distract from efforts, but he tried to reassure evacuees.

"My message is that we're doing everything we can to get this dam in shape and they can return and they can live safely without fear," Brown said.

But evacuee Kelly Remocal said she believed the public officials working on the problem are "downplaying everything so people don't freak out."

"I honestly don't think they're going to be able to do it, fix the problem," she said. "This requires a little more than a Band-Aid. At this point they have no choice but to give it a Band-Aid fix."

Associated Press writers Kristin J. Bender and Olga Rodriguez in San Francisco, Ellen Knickmeyer in Sonoma and Justin Pritchard, Brian Melley and Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles also contributed to this report.

Russian lawmakers mount fierce defense of Flynn

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian lawmakers on Tuesday mounted a fierce defense of U.S. President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, who resigned following reports that he misled White House officials about his contacts with Russia.

Michael Flynn resigned Monday night, conceding that he gave "incomplete information" about his calls with Russia's ambassador to the U.S.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that Flynn was in frequent contact with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak on the day the Obama administration imposed sanctions on Russia after U.S. intelligence reported

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that Russia had interfered with the U.S. elections. The Kremlin has confirmed that Flynn has been in contact with Kislyak but denied that they talked about lifting sanctions.

Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the foreign affairs committee at the upper chamber of the Russian parliament, said in a post on Facebook that firing a national security adviser for his contacts with Russia is "not just paranoia but something even worse."

Kosachev also expressed frustration with the Trump administration.

"Either Trump hasn't found the necessary independence and he's been driven into a corner... or Russophobia has permeated the new administration from top to bottom."

Kosachev's counterpart at the lower chamber of the Russian parliament, Alexei Pushkov, tweeted shortly after the announcement that "it was not Flynn who was targeted but relations with Russia."

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov refused to comment on Flynn's resignation, saying that "it's none of our business." Asked if Moscow still hopes that relations with the U.S. are going to improve, he said it is "too early to say" since "Trump's team has not been shaped yet."

The Kremlin earlier said that it was not expecting a breakthrough before the two presidents meet in person.

Fyodor Lukyanov, chair of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policies, a group of Russian foreign policy experts, told the RIA Novosti news agency that it is not yet clear whether Flynn's departure could influence bilateral ties.

"There's nothing to influence yet, there are no relations as such. Our countries have relations shaped by the former administration which were awful, and Trump was going to change that," he said. "But who he is going to change it with — Flynn, or not him, (Secretary of State Rex) Tillerson — it is not clear right now."

Toshiba chairman steps down over huge nuclear business loss

By YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese electronics and energy giant Toshiba Corp. said Tuesday that its chairman is resigning to take responsibility for problems that will result in a 713 billion yen (\$6.3 billion) loss in its nuclear business.

Toshiba warned, however, that unaudited financial results it announced may change "by a wide margin." It earlier delayed reporting its official financial results by a month, citing auditing problems related to the losses in its nuclear business. That sent Toshiba stock tumbling 8 percent in Tokyo trading.

The company said Shigenori Shiga, the chairman, will step down from the board but stay on as a Toshiba executive. He is quitting over huge losses from the acquisition of CB&I Stone & Webster by Toshiba's U.S. nuclear unit, Westinghouse.

Toshiba said its net worth was in the negative, at minus 191 billion yen (\$1.7 billion) at the end of last year, but the company hopes to fix that by the end of March.

Auditors questioned the company's reporting on the acquisition of CB&I Stone & Webster. Toshiba denies any wrongdoing.

The company already was grappling, however, with a scandal over company officials' doctoring accounting books to meet unrealistic profit targets.

Toshiba is expected to restructure its ailing nuclear business, but nothing has been announced. Japan's nuclear sector was thrown into crisis after multiple meltdowns of reactors at a power plant in Fukushima prefecture triggered by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

In its preliminary results, Toshiba said it anticipates a group net loss of 500 billion yen (\$4.4 billion) for April-December of last year, including the 712.5 billion yen hit from its U.S. nuclear business.

The company is forecasting a group net loss of 390 billion yen (\$3.43 billion) for the full year through March 31, instead of the 145 billion yen profit it had anticipated earlier.

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Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn resigns

By JULIE PACE, ERIC TUCKER and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's embattled national security adviser Michael Flynn resigned following reports he misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia. His departure upends Trump's senior team after less than a month in office.

In a resignation letter, Flynn said he gave Vice President Mike Pence and others "incomplete information" about his calls with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. The vice president, apparently relying on information from Flynn, initially said the national security adviser had not discussed sanctions with the Russian envoy, though Flynn later conceded the issue may have come up.

Trump named retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg as the acting national security adviser. Kellogg had previously been appointed the National Security Council chief of staff and advised Trump during the campaign. Trump is also considering former CIA Director David Petraeus and Vice Admiral Robert Harward, a U.S. Navy SEAL, for the post, according to a senior administration official.

The Trump team's account of Flynn's discussions with the Russian envoy changed repeatedly over several weeks, including the number of contacts, the dates of those contacts and ultimately, the content of the conversations.

Late last month, the Justice Department warned the White House that Flynn could be in a compromised position as a result of the contradictions between the public depictions of the calls and what intelligence officials knew to be true based on recordings of the conversations, which were picked up as part of routine monitoring of foreign officials' communications in the U.S.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that Flynn was in frequent contact with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak on the day the Obama administration slapped sanctions on Russia for election-related hacking, as well as at other times during the transition.

An administration official and two people with knowledge of the situation confirmed the Justice Department warnings on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. It was unclear when Trump and Pence learned about the Justice Department outreach.

The Washington Post was the first to report the communication between former acting attorney general Sally Yates, a holdover from the Obama administration, and the Trump White House. The Post also first reported last week that Flynn had indeed spoken about sanctions with the Russian ambassador.

Trump never voiced public support for Flynn after that initial report and continued to keep his national security adviser close.

But White House officials sent contradictory messages about Flynn's status. Counselor Kellyanne Conway said Trump had "full confidence" in Flynn, while press secretary Sean Spicer said the president was "evaluating the situation" and consulting with Pence about his conversations with the national security adviser.

Asked whether the president had been aware that Flynn might have planned to discuss sanctions with the Russian envoy, Spicer said, "No, absolutely not."

The Kremlin had confirmed that Flynn was in contact with Kislyak but denied that they talked about lifting sanctions. On Tuesday, Russian lawmakers mounted a fierce defense of Flynn.

Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the foreign affairs committee at the upper chamber of the Russian parliament, said in a post on Facebook that firing a national security adviser for his contacts with Russia is "not just paranoia but something even worse." Kosachev also expressed frustration at the Trump administration:

"Either Trump hasn't found the necessary independence and he's been driven into a corner... or russia-phobia has permeated the new administration from top to bottom," he said.

Kosachev's counterpart at the lower chamber of the Russian parliament, Alexei Pushkov, tweeted shortly after the announcement that "it was not Flynn who was targeted but relations with Russia."

Flynn's discussions with the Russian raised questions about whether he offered assurances about the incoming administration's new approach. Such conversations would breach diplomatic protocol and possibly violate the Logan Act, a law aimed at keeping citizens from conducting diplomacy.

Administration officials said that misleading Pence was ultimately Flynn's downfall, though they insisted he resigned and was not fired by Trump.

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said Flynn's resignation "does not end questions over his contacts with the Russians." He said the White House has yet to be forthcoming about whether Flynn was acting at the behest of the president or others.

Flynn's resignation comes as Trump and his top advisers seek to steady the White House after a rocky start. The president, who seeks input from a wide range of business associates, friends and colleagues, has been asking people their opinions on his senior team, including Spicer and chief of staff Reince Priebus.

Flynn was a loyal Trump supporter during the campaign, but he was viewed skeptically by some in the administration's national security circles, in part because of his ties to Russia. In 2015, he was paid to attend a gala dinner for Russia Today, a Kremlin-backed television station, and sat next to Russian President Vladimir Putin during the event.

Flynn apologized to Pence about the matter on Friday, according to an administration official. The official said Pence was relying on information from Flynn when he went on television and denied that sanctions were discussed with Kislyak.

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Former wrestling executive Linda McMahon on track to SBA

By KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former wrestling entertainment executive Linda McMahon is on track to secure Senate confirmation to be the next leader of the Small Business Administration.

The Senate has been split mostly along party lines on most of President Donald Trump's Cabinet choices. But McMahon has faced little resistance after assuring lawmakers that she believes the SBA should continue as a Cabinet-level, stand-alone agency and that she would be a strong advocate for small business within the new administration.

A Senate panel recently approved her nomination by a vote of 18-1, moving the nomination to the full Senate for consideration. The vote is expected on Tuesday.

"Mrs. McMahon made it very clear that she has the experience, understanding and instincts necessary to bolster America's small business community and advocate for much-needed regulatory reforms," said Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship.

Leading up to the vote for McMahon, the Senate narrowly approved Steven Mnuchin to serve as the next secretary of the Treasury Department despite strong Democratic objections over a banker they dubbed the "foreclosure king." The Senate also approved David Shulkin to serve as the next secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

McMahon waged two unsuccessful bids for the Senate in Connecticut, losing to the state's current senators, Democrats Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, despite spending nearly \$100 million of her own money on the 2010 and 2012 races. The two former adversaries introduced her as part of her confirmation hearing and said they believe she would give good advice to Trump on policies affecting small businesses.

McMahon has continued to donate heavily to GOP groups and candidates, and was a multimillion-dollar backer of two political action committees working to secure Trump's victory in the November election.

The SBA is best known for the small business loans it makes and the disaster aid it provides to companies and entrepreneurs. The agency is also tasked with monitoring government officials' compliance with contract laws. Its budget is generally under \$1 billion. The leadership of the SBA is considered a Cabinet-level position.

In nominating McMahon, Trump noted that she had helped grow WWE from a modest operation with about a dozen employees into a publicly traded global enterprise with more than 800 employees. McMahon

stepped down from the company in 2009 to run for office.

Congress to grill Yellen amid uncertainty over Trump's plans

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen faces two tasks when she delivers her semiannual testimony to Congress starting Tuesday:

As always, she'll sketch a picture of how she expects the economy to fare in coming months and how the Fed's interest rate policy may unfold.

But lawmakers are sure to press her also to spell out how the Fed might react to the ambitious economic program President Donald Trump is preparing to unveil soon. The proposals are expected to include deep tax cuts, stimulus spending, trade actions and deregulation. Investors will be eager to hear whatever Yellen says about them — or doesn't say.

Analysts caution, though, that Yellen may remain mum in her assessment of the possible consequences of Trump's plans given that the details remain mostly unknown. Equally unclear is how much of the program will survive through Congress.

"A lot of what the Federal Reserve will do this year will depend on what President Trump and Congress do, and at the moment we have no idea what will emerge from Congress," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "Until there is some clarity about what President Trump and Congress have in mind, I think the Fed is going to be cautious."

In December, the Fed modestly raised its benchmark short-term rate to a range of 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent, its first increase since December 2015. Until then, the Fed had left its key rate unchanged at a record low near zero for seven years to energize an economy pummeled by the most severe recession in decades. In December, the Fed also forecast that it would raise rates three times in 2017.

After it met again early this month, the Fed issued a statement that noted improved sentiment among consumers and businesses. And the Fed said it had become more confident that inflation will reach its 2 percent target. But it offered no hints about when it would resume raising rates.

Many economists caution that the pace of rate increases could change quickly depending on how much success Trump has in getting his economic initiatives enacted. The president is expected to formally present his program in the coming weeks, offering tax cuts for individuals and businesses and increased spending on infrastructure projects and a rollback of government regulations.

Trump has said his goal is to double economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, from the lackluster 2 percent annual rate that's prevailed since the Great Recession ended in 2009 to a robust 4 percent rate or better. Comments he made late last week reiterating his commitment to major tax relief helped drive up stock indexes to fresh record highs.

But Fed officials could grow concerned that a big stimulus package at this stage of the recovery, with job growth solid and unemployment below 5 percent, might overheat the economy and trigger unwanted inflation pressures. If that were to happen, the central bank could decide to accelerate its rate hikes.

"The Fed has been pretty consistent that it wants the rate hikes to come at a gradual pace, but that could change if Fed officials believe the budget-and-tax package that Trump is pushing is too big and coming too late in the economic cycle, with the economy already at full employment," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at DS Economics.

Swonk said she thinks Yellen will avoid responding directly to questions from Congress this week about Trump's economic proposals until more is known about them.

"She is going to want to fly under the radar as much as possible this week," Swonk said.

Yellen will likely also face questions about a key Republican priority: To undo much of the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law, which was intended to curb the kind of excessive risk taking in the banking system that fueled the 2008 financial crisis. Yellen has been a staunch defender of the law. But Trump and his allies argue that the law has imposed too many constraints on banks, thereby slowing lending and economic growth.

Beyond Dodd-Frank, Yellen could be pressed about Republican efforts to diminish the Fed's independence, in part by subjecting it to more intensive audits. With a Republican in the White House, those efforts now stand a greater chance of success.

Trump now also has the opportunity to fill three vacancies on the Fed's seven-member policymaking board after Daniel Tarullo, a board member who was guiding the Fed's regulatory efforts, announced Friday that he would resign this spring. With Tarullo's exit and the selection of a successor, Trump and likeminded Republicans in Congress could be able to soften the Fed's approach to regulation.

White House names possible shortlist for Flynn replacement

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — His administration dealt a significant blow after not even a month in office, President Donald Trump must now fill a vital national security post after the resignation of embattled national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Flynn stepped down late Monday, ending days of speculation about his fate following reports that he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia.

Flynn conceded that discussions of sanctions may have come up during several calls with the Russian ambassador during the transition period leading up to Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration.

He acknowledged that he gave "incomplete information" about those discussions to Pence who, apparently relying on information from the national security adviser, initially said Flynn had not discussed sanctions with the Russian envoy.

Trump named retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg as the acting national security adviser and a senior administration official said he was one of three candidates the president was considering to replace Flynn on a permanent basis.

Whoever emerges as Trump's choice will take the helm of the National Security Council at a time when the young administration is grappling 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.

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 United States.

Here's a look at the top named contenders for the post, which does not require Senate confirmation:

RETIRED LT. GEN. KEITH KELLOGG

Kellogg had previously been appointed the National Security Council chief of staff and, along with Flynn, advised Trump on national security and foreign policy issues during the campaign. He had been considered for national security adviser before the post went to Flynn.

Kellogg was chief operating officer of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, the interim governing body following the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003. He previously worked as executive vice president of research and technology for Virginia-based information technology firm CACI International, which works as a contractor for defense, intelligence and homeland security agencies.

DAVID PETRAEUS

The most audacious choice would likely be former CIA director David Petraeus. Petraeus, a retired four star general, was bounced from his position atop the intelligence agency in 2012 after he it was revealed that he passed on classified information to his biographer, who had also become his mistress.

But Trump during the campaign spoke sympathetically about Petraeus' plight despite his frequent criticisms of his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton for mishandling classified materials. Petraeus was briefly under consideration to become secretary of State before Trump picked Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson.

RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT HARWARD

Robert Harward, a Navy Seal, served as Deputy Commander of the United States Central Command

when it was under the command of General James Mattis, who is now secretary of Defense. He served on the National Security Council for President George W. Bush and commissioned the National Counter Terrorism Center.

Upon retirement in 2013 after a nearly 40-year career in the Navy, Harward took a post as a chief executive officer for defense and aerospace giant Lockheed Martin in the United Arab Emirates. Trump has recently been in very public negotiations with Lockheed over the cost of its F-35 fighter jet program.

The spelling of Petraeus has been corrected in all usages in this story and the upper case reference to RETIRED has been corrected preceding ID of Keith Kellogg.

Judge grants injunction against Trump travel ban in Virginia

By MATTHEW BARAKAT, Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — A federal judge Monday granted a preliminary injunction barring the Trump administration from implementing its travel ban in Virginia, adding another judicial ruling to those already in place challenging the ban's constitutionality.

The ruling is significant from a legal standpoint because U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema found that an unconstitutional religious bias is at the heart of the travel ban, and therefore violates First Amendment prohibitions on favoring one religion over another. She said the evidence introduced so far indicates that Virginia's challenge to the ban will succeed once it proceeds to trial.

A federal appeals court in California has already upheld a national temporary restraining order stopping the government from implementing the ban, which is directed at seven Muslim-majority countries. But the ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals was rooted more in due process grounds, said Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, a Democrat who brought the lawsuit against Trump in Virginia.

"Judge Brinkema's ruling gets right to the heart of our First Amendment ... claim," Herring said in a conference call Monday night.

In her 22-page ruling, Brinkema writes that Trump's promises during the campaign to implement what came to be known as a "Muslim ban" provide evidence that the current executive order unconstitutionally targets Muslims.

"The president himself acknowledged the conceptual link between a Muslim ban and the EO (executive order)," Brinkema wrote. She also cited news accounts that Trump adviser Rudy Giuliani said the executive order is an effort to find a legal way for Trump to be able to impose his Muslim ban.

Herring said that "the overwhelming evidence shows that this ban was conceived in religious bigotry."

Also, the preliminary injunction issued Monday night by Brinkema in Alexandria is a more permanent type of injunction than the temporary restraining order issued in the Washington state case. Herring said he expects the injunction to remain in place until the case goes to trial.

Brinkema's injunction, though, applies only to Virginia residents. Herring had asked the judge to issue the injunction nationwide, but Brinkema limited it to Virginia, saying that the nationwide restraining order in place out of the Washington state case already provides much of the relief Virginia is seeking. Herring said he could ask the judge to extend the injunction nationally if the 9th Circuit stay gets reversed.

Virginia's lawsuit also does not challenge the portion of the executive order directed at refugees. The 9th Circuit case covers refugees.

Virginia based its arguments on the harms the state would suffer if the travel ban were allowed to go forward. The state has said, for instance, that 1,000 students at its universities and dozens of university staff members and professors could be affected by the ban.

In her ruling, Brinkema said the Trump administration offered no justification for the travel ban, and wrote that the president's executive power "does not mean absolute power."

Brinkema chided the federal government for offering no evidence to support its rationale for the ban, other than arguing the president's authority for issuing such an order.

She said the president's executive authority is still limited by the Constitution. "Every presidential action

must still comply with the limits set by Congress' delegation of power and the constraints of the Constitution, including Bill of Rights," she wrote.

A Justice Department spokeswoman did not immediately return an email seeking comment Monday night. Trump has raised the possibility that he will issue a new executive order to replace the one being challenged in court.

Sandusky's son awaits hearing on child sex abuse allegations

By MARK SCOLFORO and MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

Jerry Sandusky's adult son is in a Pennsylvania jail, awaiting a hearing next week on charges he pressured one teenage girl to send him naked photos and asked her teen sister to give him oral sex.

Jeffrey Sandusky, 41, faces 14 counts, including solicitation of statutory sexual assault and solicitation of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. His lawyer isn't commenting on the allegations.

A child abuse expert says the allegations raise the possibility that he may not have been raised in a healthy sexual environment, whether or not he was himself victimized.

University of Pennsylvania professor Richard Gelles said adult men who seek sexual contact with adolescent girls are seeking power over them and can't have a mature relationship with another adult.

"The sexual development in that household must depart significantly from normal. Mom is denying (her husband's serial abuse) or didn't know. Jerry was accused of having some sexual contact with one of his adopted children. It's hard to imagine that this young man (Jeffrey) is going to develop normally," said Gelles, chair of child welfare and family violence at Penn's School of Social Policy and Practice.

Jeffrey Sandusky is one of six people adopted by Jerry Sandusky. He's been a stalwart supporter of his father, regularly attending his court proceedings alongside his mother, Dottie Sandusky, who also has consistently supported her husband and fought to clear his name.

Jeffrey Sandusky has not made any public allegations of abuse by Jerry Sandusky, but one of his siblings, Matt Sandusky, alleged at the time of their adoptive father's 2012 criminal trial that he had been abused by him. Matt Sandusky was not called as a witness, and Jerry Sandusky has never been charged with those allegations.

Abbie Newman, chief executive of the Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, a private agency that helps coordinate child abuse investigations, said it's not unusual for patterns of abusive behavior to exist among different generations of the same family.

"We certainly see cases at Mission Kids of allegations of intergenerational child abuse," she said.

Sandusky also was charged with six counts of unlawful contact with a minor and two counts each of solicitation to photograph or depict sexual acts, sexual abuse of children and corruption of minors.

A state trooper said in the arrest affidavit that on Nov. 21, the alleged victims' father turned over to investigators text messages from Sandusky in which he asked one of the girls for nude photographs.

The affidavit said Sandusky told the alleged victim in texts in March that "it's not weird because he studied medicine" and instructed her "to not show these texts to anyone."

The girl's mother told investigators that when she confronted Sandusky, he told her "he knows it was wrong and inappropriate," police said.

The girl, called "Victim 1" in the affidavit, told police the texts made her uncomfortable and that "he kept pressuring me and asked me multiple times not to show the texts to anyone," police said.

Gelles gave the teen accuser credit for reporting the alleged contact.

"This girl was mature beyond her years, and smart beyond her years, and certainly not vulnerable to the kind of grooming that predators tend to use," he said.

Prosecutors allege Jeffrey Sandusky sought oral sex from a second girl, "Victim 2," in 2013. She was 15 years old at the time.

"Victim 2" told investigators that Jeffrey Sandusky told her in March: "I can't even say anything except I'm sorry."

Jerry Sandusky is serving a lengthy prison sentence for sexual abuse of 10 boys, maintains he was

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wrongly convicted and is appealing.

The state Corrections Department said that because of the charges, Jeffrey Sandusky was suspended without pay Monday from employment as a corrections officer at Rockview State Prison, near State College. He was hired in August 2015.

10 Things to Know for Tuesday

By The Associated Press

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

1. FLYNN RESIGNS AMID RUSSIA CONTACTS CONTROVERSY

The national security adviser initially told Trump advisers that he did not discuss sanctions with the Russian envoy during the transition, but later told officials he may have.

2. N. KOREA MISSILE TEST DRAWS UN CONDEMNATION

The Security Council warns of "further significant measures" if Pyongyang doesn't stop nuclear and missile testing — but doesn't say what they could be.

3. TRUMP, TRUDEAU VOW TO BUILD ON HISTORIC TIES

The U.S. president hosts Canada's prime minister and both note the special bond between the neighbors.

4. STORM DUMPS SNOW ACROSS NORTHEAST

Parts of northern Maine get 30 inches of powder as heavy winds and blowing snow cause whiteouts throughout the region.

5. SANDUSKY'S SON FACES SEX CRIMES CHARGES

Jeffrey S. Sandusky, 41 — adopted son of the ex-Penn State coach convicted of sex abuse — stands accused of soliciting naked photos from a minor girl and seeking oral sex from her sister.

6. THOUSANDS EVACUATE OVER FEARS AT TALLEST DAM IN US

High water erodes a hole in the earthen secondary spillway at northern California's Oroville Dam, leading to safety concerns.

7. COMPANY PAUSES ROLLOUT OF NEW DRUG

The move comes as U.S. lawmakers express outrage that Marathon Pharmaceuticals planned to charge \$89,000 a year for the drug. It's widely available abroad for about \$1,000 a year.

8. PLAYBOY DOES AN ABOUT-FACE

Naked women are back in the magazine, ending a year-old ban on the nudity that made Playboy famous.

9. GRAMMYS DRAW BIGGEST AUDIENCE IN THREE YEARS

Around 26 million TV viewers watched the show — up from last year but down from 28.5 million in 2014.

10. WHY MEXICAN 'LUCHE LIBRE' FANS LOVE TO HATE US WRESTLER

"Sam Adonis" becomes a sensation in Mexico City by adopting the ring persona of a flamboyant Donald Trump supporter.

California dam managers dismissed flood concern 12 years ago

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and JUSTIN PRITCHARD, Associated Press

Environmental activists and local government officials warned more than a decade ago about the risk of catastrophic flooding below a major Northern California dam — the very scenario that threatened to unfold over the weekend, prompting evacuation orders for nearly 200,000 people.

State and federal regulators dismissed those fears at the time, saying they were confident the hillside that helps hold back hundreds of billions of gallons of water was stable and did not need to be reinforced with concrete.

That decision has come under scrutiny now that the hillside — or emergency spillway, as officials call it — has been put to its first test in the Oroville Dam's nearly 50-year history.

Over the weekend, water from the storm-swollen lake behind the dam spilled down the unpaved slope for 38 hours, eroding it enough that authorities feared a huge breach could open and send a 30-foot-high

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surge of water down the Feather River below, devastating thousands of homes.

The danger eased Monday as the water level behind the dam dropped, but more rain was in the forecast, and residents as far as several dozen miles downriver in Yuba City were advised to stay out of their homes because of flood danger.

At 770-feet, Oroville Dam is the nation's tallest. It stands about 70 miles north of Sacramento in the foothills of the northern Sierra Nevada.

In 2005, at the start of the dam's still-unfinished relicensing process, environmental groups asked federal regulators to require that the California Department of Water Resources "armor" the hillside — or reinforce it, typically with concrete or boulders — to prevent potentially catastrophic erosion from water escaping when the reservoir was cresting over full capacity.

The groups said rocks and other debris could be swept into the river, damaging highway bridges and power plants downstream. In a worst case, they warned, a major breach would unleash floods that could take lives and destroy property.

Also in 2005, officials with Sutter County, which the Feather River runs through several dozen miles downstream of the dam, asked federal regulators to "investigate the adequacy and structural integrity" of the hillside and how it would hold during "extreme flood releases."

"I think that the warning that was given should have been taken with the utmost seriousness," said Bob Wright, an attorney at Friends of the River, which raised the issue along with the Sierra Club and South Yuba River Citizens League.

Bill Croyle, acting head of the Department of Water Resources, refused to comment on the 2005 concerns, saying he was not familiar with them and would need to research the matter.

Speaking late Monday at the state's emergency-operations center in Sacramento, Gov. Jerry Brown also said he had not known of the warnings about the emergency spillway, and said public officials depend on the recommendations of their engineers. "They tell us what we need and we do it," Brown said.

"But we live in a world of risk," Brown added. "Stuff happens and we respond."

Last week, officials tried to relieve pressure on the dam by releasing a torrent of water through an adjacent, concrete-lined primary channel designed to handle heavy flows. When the deluge gouged out hundreds of feet of the concrete bottom, dam managers eased off those controlled releases. Water then began spilling down the hillside.

Back when environmentalists and local officials were raising their concerns, the water resources department dismissed the need to fortify the hillside, insisting it would not be in danger if water cascaded down it.

The hillside was designed to handle the "probable maximum flood," and annual dam inspections include a review of the spillway's structural integrity, according to a May 2006 filing by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and other water agencies in the state that could have been in line to help pay for the upgrades to the dam. The cost of reinforcing the hillside was not immediately clear.

In the filing, the water agencies told federal regulators that environmentalists and local officials did not show that the emergency spillway posed a public risk.

As part of the relicensing application, state water resources department officials wrote in a final environmental impact report dated June 2008 that no "significant concerns" about the hillside's stability had been raised in any government or independent review.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency that oversees the dam's relicensing and received the request for armoring, agreed that paving was not needed. An agency spokeswoman said the original, 50-year license for the dam expired in January 2007, but it has been automatically renewed each year pending a full renewal.

"We have just, in December 2016, received all the necessary permits and other documents we need before issuing a final decision on the application," spokeswoman Mary O'Driscoll said. She would not answer other questions about the relicensing application.

In a July 2006 memo to managers, first reported by The Mercury-News, a senior civil engineer with the agency's San Francisco office wrote that the agency determined dam safety "would not be compromised in the rare event of an emergency spillway discharge."

Engineer John Onderdonk also wrote that, "it is acceptable for the emergency spillway to sustain significant damage."

Knickmeyer reported from Sonoma, California, and Pritchard reported from Los Angeles. Contributing were John Flesher in Traverse City, Michigan; Matthew Daly in Washington; Sophia Bollag in Sacramento and Angel Kastanis and John Antczak in Los Angeles.

Security Council strongly condemns North Korea missile test

By EDITH M. LEDERER and ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned North Korea late Monday over its latest ballistic missile launches and warned of "further significant measures" if Pyongyang doesn't stop nuclear and missile testing.

A council statement agreed to by all 15 members followed strong condemnation by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres of the latest launch and U.S. President Donald Trump's pledge to deal with North Korea "very strongly."

The Security Council condemned Saturday's launch and a previous test Oct. 19, saying North Korea's activities to develop its nuclear weapons delivery systems violate U.N. sanctions and increase tensions. It called on all U.N. members "to redouble their efforts" to implement U.N. sanctions.

North Korea has repeatedly flouted six Security Council resolutions demanding an end to its nuclear and ballistic missile activities and imposing increasing tougher sanctions.

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

"North Korea is a big, big problem and we will deal with that very strongly," Trump said at a joint news conference Monday with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Nikki Haley, his U.N. ambassador, said in a statement later: "We call on all members of the Security Council to use every available resource to make it clear to the North Korean regime — and its enablers — that these launches are unacceptable."

"It is time to hold North Korea accountable — not with our words, but with our actions," she said.

There was no indication of what "actions" the Trump administration has in mind, and Ukraine's U.N. ambassador, Volodymyr Yelchenko, the current council president, and Japanese Ambassador Koro Bessho wouldn't comment on possible "further significant measures."

Those same words were used in the last Security Council statement on the unsuccessful Oct. 17 missile test by North Korea. That was followed by the latest sanctions resolution Nov. 30 targeting North Korea's hard currency revenues by placing a cap on coal exports, cutting them by at least 62 percent or by an estimated \$800 million.

The council statement issued Monday was almost exactly the same as the one adopted Oct. 17 — a practice that makes it much easier for members to reach quick agreement.

Guterres called the latest launch "a further troubling violation" of council resolutions and urged North Korea to comply with its international obligations, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

"The secretary-general appeals to the international community to continue to address this situation in a united manner," Haq said.

The United States, Japan and South Korea requested the urgent Security Council meeting.

Japan's Bessho told reporters the key is implementing sanctions to get North Korea to change course.

"I think we need to keep pushing because we're not looking for a military solution," he said. "We have to have a peaceful solution, and the Security Council ... is the body that is most suited for that role."

Monday's council statement stressed "the importance of maintaining peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in northeast Asia at large" and expressed members' "commitment to a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution to the situation."

South Korea earlier condemned what it called "serious military and security threats" and predicted more

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such tests. Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, who is also the acting president, said his country would punish North Korea for the missile launch.

In previous Security Council actions on North Korea, the United States and China, a neighbor and ally of Pyongyang, have been the key negotiators.

China 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.

North Korea already has a variety of land-based missiles that can hit South Korea and Japan, including U.S. military bases in those countries. It has also successfully tested a submarine-launched missile and development of such missiles would add a weapon that is harder to detect before launch.

North Korea's Central News Agency said the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, was at the launch site to observe Sunday's test and expressed pleasure at the North's expansion of its strategic strike capabilities. The report early Monday said Kim gave the order to fire the "Pukguksong-2," which the agency 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.

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Evacuees might not go home until dam spillway is repaired

By **JONATHAN J. COOPER** and **BRIAN MELLE**, Associated Press

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Helicopters dropped giant rock-filled sandbags into place Monday to shore up a California reservoir that had threatened to breach its banks and unleash a 30-foot wall of water, but officials said an evacuation order covering nearly 200,000 people would stay in place until they are sure it's safe to return home.

Officials defended their decision to issue the hasty order to abandon homes downstream from the nation's tallest dam, about 150 miles northeast of San Francisco. They said it was necessary for public safety after engineers spotted a hole in an emergency spillway, which they feared could have failed within an hour.

The water level of the massive reservoir known as Lake Oroville dropped Monday, slightly easing fears of a catastrophic collapse. But with more storms on the horizon, crews raced to fortify heavily eroded soils where water flowed over the edge of the reservoir and carved huge channels in the earth as it gushed toward the Feather River.

The acting head of the state's Department of Water Resources said he did not know if anything had gone wrong and was unaware of a 2005 report that recommended reinforcing the earthen emergency spillway with concrete for just such an event. The spillway had never been used in the dam's nearly 50 years of operation, and it was not near capacity when it began to fail.

"I'm not sure anything went wrong," Bill Croyle said. "This was a new, never-having-happened-before event."

Croyle and the local sheriff sought to reassure the public that downstream communities were safe until water began spilling over the lake's edge Sunday and a chocolate-colored torrent began chewing through the slope below it.

The Department of Water Resources said conditions were stable at noon and then tweeted an evacuation order at 4:45 p.m. warning of a possible failure within the hour, saying "this is not a drill."

Chaos ensued as anxious residents rushed to pack up their families and abandon several communities

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in Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties. The flat northern Central Valley is known mainly for its abundant agriculture, which is fed by dammed-up rivers that tumble down through the Sierra Nevada foothills.

It took some people seven hours to travel to evacuation centers that should have been an hour away, said Chico Councilman Andrew Coolidge, who visited with evacuees in packed shelters in his city.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea insisted the evacuation had been accomplished in a "fairly timely fashion" and a "fairly orderly manner."

Patrick Miner of Live Oak said he and his family in a caravan of four cars returned home after driving back roads for two hours and feared they would run out of gas. They didn't bother trying to fuel up because lines were hours long at gas pumps.

"People were just panicking, honking and yelling at each other," he said. "I just got nervous and decided to hunker down. It was pretty scary."

More than 500 Butte County jail inmates were transferred to Alameda County Jail farther south, Honea said.

Honea could not estimate when people will be able to return home, but said he's working on a "repopulation plan" to let residents return to areas least at risk of flooding.

The threat emerged after weeks of storms dumped rain and snow across California, particularly in northern parts of the state.

While the wet winter has been a boon for water supplies, it has created a challenge in balancing the need for water and hydroelectric power with protecting flatland communities from floods during times of excessive rain or rapidly melting snow.

The Department of Water Resources began releasing water down its main spillway last week to make more room in the reservoir behind the 770-foot-tall Oroville Dam.

After a chunk of concrete tore out of the spillway, creating a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep hole that continues growing, water managers began using the emergency spillway for the first time in its 48-year history. Eventually, the flow of water ripped through a road below and carved out deep chasms in the ground.

Trucks hauled boulders to fill the giant crevices in the spillway, and helicopters lifted big sandbags into place.

The main concrete spillway was used to drain water from the lake at about three times the rate it was filling up. Officials want the level to drop 50 feet to make room for storms expected later this week.

Environmental groups raised concerns years ago about the stability of the emergency spillway, but state and federal officials dismissed them and insisted the structure was safe, according to records.

In 2005, three advocacy groups complained to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that using Lake Oroville's earthen spillway would cause significant erosion because it was not armored with concrete.

They said soil, rocks and debris could be swept into the Feather River, potentially damaging highway bridges and power plants. The groups warned of a complete failure of the dam itself, threatening lives and property.

Nearly three years later, state officials said no "significant concerns" about the emergency spillway's integrity had been raised in any government or independent review.

The Department of Water Resources estimated repair costs last week at \$100 million. Officials refused to update that figure Monday.

Gov. Jerry Brown requested federal assistance from the Trump administration, setting aside previous criticism of the president and praising his plan to invest \$1 trillion on infrastructure.

"I'm sure that California and Washington will work in a constructive way," Brown said. "There will be different points of view, but we're all one America and we all have challenges that we share in common."

U.S. Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, both Democrats, called on the president to provide \$162.3 million in disaster assistance.

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Trump presidency gets social with detailed posts, photos

By JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — There was President Donald Trump, in the middle of his Mar-a-Lago resort, conferring with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on decisions with national security implications over iceberg wedge salads. The club members snapped photos and posted them to Facebook with detailed narratives about what they were seeing unfold before their eyes Saturday night in Palm Beach, Florida.

"HOLY MOLY !!! It was fascinating to watch the flurry of activity at dinner when the news came that North Korea had launched a missile in the direction of Japan," Richard DeAgazio wrote on his public Facebook page.

Welcome to the social media presidency — and all of the security and ethical challenges it poses.

DeAgazio also posed for a photo with a man whom he said carries the "nuclear football" for the president. He's since deleted his account and did not respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

CNN and other news outlets used DeAgazio's and other social media accounts to write about what seemed to be an open-air situation room. The publicly shared photos showed Trump, illuminated by cell phone flashlights, conducting national security business on the terrace of his oceanfront resort, in an area accessible to dues-paying members.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said no classified material was discussed at the dinner table and that the president had been briefed previously and afterward in a secure setting. He said the photos on social media depicted Trump and Abe aides discussing the logistics of a press conference they were about to hold.

Yet Democrats said the scene at Mar-a-Lago seemed to pose security risks. Trump spent much of his campaign blasting opponent Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server to conduct business while she was secretary of state, something Trump said was not nearly secure enough.

"There's inconsistency all over the place in terms of how much Donald Trump raised national security on the campaign trail and how he is now operating as president," said Brian Fallon, who was Clinton's campaign spokesman. "And there's hypocrisy from congressional leaders who demagogued this issue, constantly accusing Hillary Clinton of doing something that was far less egregious than this very conspicuous departure from security protocols."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi wrote on Twitter, "There's no excuse for letting an international crisis play out in front of a bunch of country club members like dinner theater."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Trump "never should have had such a sensitive discussion in such a public place."

Some Republicans appeared frustrated by Trump's Saturday night powwow. "You can't make it up," said Arizona Sen. John McCain, a frequent Trump critic of late.

"Usually that's not a place where you do that kind of thing," said Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who sits on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

The chairman of that committee, North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr, seemed dismissive of the concerns.

"If the president didn't speak of things that couldn't be spoken of in public, then there's no problem with it," he said. He said he saw no immediate need for a briefing on the matter.

There's also an ethical component: Mar-a-Lago memberships now cost \$200,000. Some of that money makes its way back to the president, since he has stepped away from operating his businesses but not given up his financial stake.

That means those who can afford it get special access to Trump, who has dubbed Mar-a-Lago his "Winter White House" and now traveled there two weekends in a row for official duties.

"This is all a symptom of Donald Trump continuing to comingle his business ventures with his official government duties," Fallon said. "He's trying to make Mar-a-Lago more of a destination for paying mem-

bers and paying diners by bringing state visitors there.”

After working through the details of their joint response to North Korea, the two world leaders stepped into a wedding being held on Trump’s property. A guest shot a minute-long video of Trump’s impromptu speech, which was then shared with New York Magazine.

“I said to the prime minister of Japan, I said, ‘Come on, Shinzo, let’s go over and say hello,’” Trump says in the video. “It’s an honor to be with you, and you really are a special, beautiful couple.”

The groom, Carl Henry Lindner IV, is the son of the chief executive of American Financial Group. The elder Lindner gave \$100,000 last fall to two super PACs supporting Trump.

At the wedding, the video showed, the president kissed the bride on the cheek and encouraged the guests to get back to dancing.

AP White House Correspondent Julie Pace and AP writers Erica Werner, Catherine Lucey and Stephen Ohlemacher contributed to this report.

Senate confirms former banker Mnuchin as Treasury secretary

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitterly divided Senate on Monday confirmed Steven Mnuchin as treasury secretary despite strong objections by Democrats that the former banker ran a “foreclosure machine” when he headed OneWest Bank.

Mnuchin was sworn in Monday night in the Oval Office, where President Donald Trump said Americans should know that “our nation’s financial system is truly in great hands”

Trump hailed Mnuchin as “a financial legend with an incredible track record of success.” He said Mnuchin had spent his entire career making money in the private sector and now will go to work on behalf of the American taxpayer.

Republicans said Mnuchin’s long tenure in finance makes him qualified to run the department, which will play a major role in developing economic policy under President Donald Trump.

“He has experience managing large and complicated private-sector enterprises and in negotiating difficult compromises and making tough decisions — and being accountable for those decisions,” said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Finance Committee.

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 on Mnuchin followed the same pattern. He was confirmed by a mostly party-line vote of 53-47. Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia joined the Republicans.

The Senate also confirmed a less divisive nominee Monday evening, physician David Shulkin, to be secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The vote was unanimous.

Like others in Trump’s Cabinet, Mnuchin is a wealthy businessman. He is a former top executive at Goldman Sachs and served as finance chairman for Trump’s presidential campaign.

As Treasury secretary, Mnuchin is expected to play a key role in Republican efforts to overhaul the nation’s tax code for the first time in three decades. Trump has promised to unveil a proposal in the coming weeks.

Mnuchin will also be in charge of imposing economic sanctions on foreign governments and individuals, including Russia.

The president, who has known Mnuchin for years, said his longtime friend will help make the U.S. a “jobs magnet.”

“He’ll work 24 hours a day, I know him. He’ll work 28 hours a day if they give him the extra four hours,” he said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Mnuchin “is smart, he’s capable, and he’s got impressive private-sector experience.”

Democrats complained that Mnuchin made much of his fortune by foreclosing on families during the financial crisis.

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In 2009, Mnuchin assembled a group of investors to buy the failed IndyMac bank, whose collapse the year before was the second biggest bank failure of the financial crisis. He renamed it OneWest and turned it around, selling it for a handsome profit in 2014.

"Mr. Mnuchin has made his career profiting from the misfortunes of working people," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. "OneWest was notorious for taking an especially aggressive role in foreclosing on struggling homeowners."

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said, "I simply cannot forgive somebody who took a look at that banking crisis and took a look at the pain that Wall Street had sent in a wave across all of America, and thought, 'Ah, there's a great new way to make money, foreclosing on people.'"

Rep. Maxine Waters of California, the top Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee, called Mnuchin "the foreclosure king."

Mnuchin has said he had worked hard during the financial crisis to assist homeowners with refinancing so that they could remain in their homes.

He said his bank had extended more than 100,000 loan modifications to borrowers.

But several Democratic senators raised examples of residents in their states who they said were not treated fairly by OneWest, including elderly homeowners and members of the military.

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.

Republicans and Democrats praised Shulkin, who is charged with delivering on Trump's campaign promises to fix long-standing problems at Veterans Affairs.

Shulkin, 57, a former Obama administration official, has been the VA's top health official since 2015. He secured the backing of Senate Democrats after pledging at his confirmation hearing to always protect veterans' interests, even if it meant disagreeing at times with Trump.

He has ruled out fully privatizing the agency and says wide-scale firings of VA employees are unnecessary, describing the VA workforce as "the best in health care."

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Playboy magazine reverses position, brings back naked women

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Naked women are back in Playboy magazine, ending a year-old ban on the nudity that made the magazine famous.

Playboy celebrated the reversal on Twitter and Facebook with the hashtag #NakedIsNormal.

The about-face came Monday with the release of Playboy's March-April issue. The 63-year-old magazine had banished naked women from its print edition because it felt the content had become passe in an era

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of online porn that is just a click away on personal computers and smartphones.

The decision to show less skin was made under the regime of Playboy Enterprises CEO Scott Flanders, who left the Los Angeles company last May to run eHealth Inc., a health insurance exchange.

Cooper Hefner, Playboy's chief creative officer and the son of magazine founder Hugh Hefner, called the nudity ban a mistake Monday in a post on his Twitter account .

"Nudity was never the problem because nudity isn't a problem," Cooper Hefner wrote. "Today we're taking our identity back and reclaiming who we are."

Playboy declined further comment.

Magazine expert Samir Husni said the prohibition on nudity probably alienated far more readers than it attracted.

"Playboy and the idea of non-nudity is sort of an oxymoron," said Husni, a journalism professor at the University of Mississippi. "They are always going to have the stereotype as a nude magazine."

Now that nudity is back in its fold, Playboy is still going to have to figure out how to appeal to a younger audience that has grown up in a digitally driven age where nudity has become commonplace.

"The people who grew up with Playboy magazine are starting to fade away so they will have to figure out what the millennial generation wants in the 21st century if they are going to survive," Husni said.

That challenge may fall largely on Cooper Hefner, 25, who replaced his 90-year-old father as Playboy's chief creative officer last summer.

Playboy re-embraced nudity with an issue boasting several pictorial spreads of naked women, including Miss March, Elizabeth Elam, and Miss April, Nina Daniele. The issue also features an interview with actress Scarlett Johansson and pieces on actor Adam Scott and CNN host Van Jones for those who say they only read Playboy for the articles.

Canada's Trudeau talks trade with Trump at White House

By CATHERINE LUCEY and ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A political odd couple, President Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resolutely played up their similarities at their first meeting Monday, even as obvious differences lurked behind their public smiles.

After their White House meeting, the North American neighbors emerged to hail their close ties, with Trump promising to "build upon our very historic friendship" and Trudeau noting the "special" bond between the countries.

But it was hard to escape their contrasting worldviews.

Speaking to reporters, Trump defended his restrictive refugee and immigration orders, saying that "we cannot let the wrong people in." Trudeau, on the other hand, said Canada continues to "pursue our policies of openness."

Trudeau later acknowledged that there are times when the two countries differ. But he said, "The last thing Canadians expect is for me to come down and lecture another country on how they chose to govern themselves."

During their post-meeting news conference, the reporters Trump called on did not ask about two pressing issues of the day — the future of embattled National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and North Korea's reported ballistic missile launch.

The stakes for Trudeau in his Washington visit are high: He is seeking to ensure Canada is not crippled as Trump re-negotiates the North American Free Trade Agreement. And he got much of what he was looking for. Trump praised the "outstanding" trade relationship between the United States and Canada and said he would only be "tweaking" it going forward.

"We'll be doing certain things that are going to benefit both of our countries. It's a much less severe situation than what's taking place on the southern border," said Trump, who has been strongly critical of America's trade situation with Mexico.

Trade relations with the U.S. are crucial to Canada as more than 75 percent of Canada's exports and 98

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percent of its oil exports go to the U.S., while 18 percent of American exports go to Canada.

Monday's meeting was billed as one the most important for a Canadian leader with a U.S. president in decades because of Canada's heavy reliance on its southern neighbor.

Trump greeted Trudeau with a firm handshake as the Canadian arrived at the White House on a blustery morning. The two posed silently before reporters, until Trump suggested they shake hands for the cameras. Trudeau did bring a personal gift — a photo of Trump with Trudeau's father, the late Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Justin Trudeau, age 45, and Trump, age 70, have vastly different outlooks on the world.

Trudeau is a liberal who champions free trade and has welcomed 40,000 Syrian refugees. He calls himself a feminist and women make up half his Cabinet.

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. His order to temporarily halt entry into the U.S. by people from seven predominantly Muslim nations is currently tied up in court.

Trump already has been good for Canada as he has said he'll expedite approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. The pipeline from Alberta through America's midsection would carry more than one-fifth of the oil Canada exports to the United States. Former President Barack Obama turned down the pipeline, a major blow to Canada's oil industry.

Canada has the third largest known oil reserves in the world and needs infrastructure to export its growing oil sands production. The country is America's largest supplier of foreign oil.

In addition to private meetings, the leaders held a roundtable discussion with female executives from the U.S. and Canada and announced a task force focused on women in the workforce.

Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump was in attendance at the meeting and helped recruit participants and set the agenda, fresh evidence of her policy influence.

Said Trump: "In order to create economic growth and lots of very good, well-paying jobs, we must ensure that our economy is a place where women can work and thrive, and I think that's happening in the United States much more so. And Ivanka is very much involved in this. And I appreciate you being involved in it."

Trudeau's Canadian administration suggested the task force as a way to work on a shared interest. Dina Powell, assistant to the president and senior counselor for economic initiatives, worked to set up the event, along with Katie Telford, Trudeau's chief of staff and Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland.

Trudeau said the task force was "about understanding that women in leadership positions is a very powerful leverage for success, for business, for communities and for our entire economy."

Female executives at the table, from major companies in both countries, included General Electric Canada CEO Elyse Allan, TransAlta Corp. CEO Dawn Farrell, Linamar Corp. CEO Linda Hasenfratz, T&T Supermarket Inc. CEO Tina Lee and Schnitzer Steel Industries CEO Tamara Lundgren.

Also there were Julie Sweet, CEO-North America for Accenture; NRStor CEO Annette Verschuren; Monique Leroux, chair of the board of directors for Investissement Quebec, and Carol Stephenson, of the board of directors for General Motors Co.

Trudeau was met later with lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Officials repeatedly said spillway safe before evacuations

By PAUL ELIAS, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For six days, amid rising waters and heavy rain, officials assured Northern California residents living downstream from a damaged dam that they were safe. Then on Sunday afternoon, a few hours after once again being told they were safe, the alarm was sounded: evacuate immediately. A portion of the dam never tested before was on the brink of failing, sending a 30-foot wall of water rushing down the Feather River and imperiling about 200,000 residents ordered to flee to higher ground.

Here's a timeline of what officials told the public, and how quickly their statements went from "no threat" to "evacuate...this is not a drill."

TUESDAY: The department announces it halted flows from the Oroville dam spillway around noon after engineers notice damage to a spillway. "There is no anticipated threat to the dam or the public."

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WEDNESDAY: The department says it plans to release water through the damaged spillway for two hours to determine how much flow it can handle. "The dam is sound," the Department of Water Resources states, "and no imminent threat to the public exists."

THURSDAY: The department says the test release of water further damaged the spillway. Nonetheless, officials say they plan a bigger release of water to make room in the reservoir for coming rains. "There is no imminent or expected threat to public safety or the integrity of Oroville Dam," the agency states.

THURSDAY, 9:34 p.m.: The department says rising water will likely start flowing over an "emergency spillway" as early as Saturday.

FRIDAY: The department says it's increasing the flow rate of water from the "nearly full" reservoir to handle runoff from heavier-than-expected rains and in hopes of avoiding use of the emergency spillway. "Oroville Dam itself is sound and there is no imminent threat to the public," the department says.

SATURDAY, 6:45 a.m.: The department says it expects water to flow over the emergency spillway by noon, as water pours into the reservoir faster than it leaves. It repeats that the Feather River is not expected to flood and there is no danger to public safety.

SUNDAY, noon: At a news conference, department spokesman Eric See characterizes "overall conditions as stable." He says the emergency spillway appeared to be holding up with no visible erosion.

SUNDAY, 4:45 p.m.: The department tweets an evacuation warning: "Auxiliary spillway at Oroville Dam predicted to fail within the next hour. Oroville residents evacuate northward." Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea shortly afterward orders downstream communities evacuated. "This is not a drill," he posts on the sheriff's Facebook page.

MONDAY, 12:30 p.m.: Officials at a news conference in Oroville offer no timeline for evacuated residents to return home. The acting head of California's water agency says he's "not sure anything went wrong."

Storm wallops Northeast, where 'Stay home' is message

By PATRICK WHITTLE, Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Plow trucks and shovelers in the Northeast attacked the region's latest winter storm, which dumped 30 inches of snow on a Maine town, made roads unsafe and immobilized millions of residents Monday.

The storm was most active from New York to Maine, where blizzards shut down towns and left more than 2 feet of snow in many areas. Strong winds created problems in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where a tree branch crashed through car windshield in Mechanicsburg, killing the driver.

Many Maine residents will be unable to dig out until Tuesday morning, as the daylong snowfall only began to let up Monday evening.

Some schools already had canceled school for Tuesday, and more snow was forecast for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts on Wednesday.

In Hopkinton, New Hampshire, attorney Matt Lane said he was a bit surprised by how much snow had fallen.

"Up until last week we didn't have very much; we had a little but not like this. And now suddenly, you can't see over the snowbanks when you're backing out of the driveway, and we've been running the snow blower 24-7," he said.

Snow totals in Maine included 30 inches in Cary, near the Canadian border; 27 inches in Nobleboro; 25 inches in Starks; and 20 inches in Harpswell.

In New Hampshire, up to 14 inches fell in Ossipee, and a foot covered Berlin. Scattered power outages were reported, and the forecast of strong winds and coastal flooding remained a concern.

Several crashes were reported between Sunday and Monday. Schools around the region delayed or canceled classes, including in Boston and some areas of New York state.

Just north of New York City, a Metro-North train struck a fallen tree, damaging the train and hampering service for hours, but causing no injuries. About 100 passengers were onboard. And in Queens, the canopy of a gas station was ripped down as winds gusted up to 60 mph in some areas.

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There were reports of thunder and lightning accompanying snow in Nobleboro. The Mountain Washington Avalanche Center issued an extreme avalanche danger warning on two trails.

Nearly all flights in and out of the airport in Manchester, New Hampshire, were canceled. The airport in Portland, Maine, also was closed.

The new snow came on the heels of a series of other storms, including one last week that dumped 19 inches on parts of Maine.

Raychell Libby, from Portland, walked through a path that had been cut through the snow, piled hip-high. "I really love the paths that are made afterward," she said as she chugged along and walked Logan, her 7-year-old Catahoula mix. "It's kind of like a winter wonderland."

Vermont Gov. Phil Scott declared Monday a "Powder Day," and urged winter weather enthusiasts to take advantage of the snow. He 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.

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Drivers see higher premiums after not-at-fault crashes

By JENNIFER C. KERR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most drivers don't expect to be hit with a rate hike on their auto insurance after a car accident that wasn't their fault. But a consumer group says it happens, and it's a problem.

The Washington-based Consumer Federation of America says it found rate hikes on annual premiums as high as \$400, in some cases.

In the report released Monday, the group analyzed premium quotes in 10 cities, including New York and Chicago, from five of the nation's largest auto insurers. The researchers found that Progressive aggressively used a not-at-fault penalty, surcharging drivers in eight of the 10 selected cities. Rates in Oklahoma City and Los Angeles did not change. Oklahoma and California prohibit not-at-fault penalties.

The group said GEICO and Farmers raised rates in some states by 10 percent or more. Allstate had occasional penalties. State Farm was the exception, with no increases on premiums for not-at-fault accidents.

"Most people know that if they cause an accident or get a ticket they could face a premium increase, but they don't expect to be punished if a reckless driver careens into them," said Bob Hunter, CFA's director of insurance and the former insurance commissioner of Texas.

In response, the Insurance Information Institute said the underwriting of a new auto insurance policy requires the collection of much more information beyond what CFA gathered from the auto insurers' websites.

Loretta Worters, vice president of communications at the industry trade group, says it also is rarely clear-cut as to who the at-fault party is after a collision. But she said one reason rates may rise for the not-at-fault driver is subrogation — when an insurer, after paying a loss, seeks to recover money from the at-fault driver's insurer.

Neil Alldredge, a senior vice president at the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, says the report "only underscores the fact that insurance rates can vary widely from company to company, based on how different companies may weigh the many different factors that are considered in determining rates."

Among the cities tested, drivers in New York City and Baltimore paid out the most for doing nothing wrong, the consumer group said. In Baltimore, premiums increased more than \$250 and in New York City, it was about \$400. In Chicago and Kansas City, the average increase was about \$100.

The federation's report found that people with moderate incomes often saw bigger premium increases than upper-income people. That seemed to mirror average premiums in the report even for people with clean driving records and no accidents, with middle-income people generally seeing higher premium rates than those people with bigger incomes.

The consumer group called the five biggest auto insurers and asked for quotes for two 30-year-old female drivers, living at the same address in the different cities, licensed for 14 years and driving a 2006 Toyota Camry with 10,000 miles. One woman had a master's degree and was a home owner. The other woman had a high school diploma and rented her home.

The report found drivers with higher incomes, on average, paid \$78 more after a no-fault accident. Moderate-incomes drivers paid \$208 more after an accident in which they were not to blame.

Israel leader's White House trip clouded in uncertainty

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister heads to Washington this week for a high-profile meeting with President Donald Trump that suddenly is clouded in uncertainty.

After embracing Israel's hard-line nationalist right throughout his presidential campaign, Trump appears to have softened some of his positions on key issues since taking office.

Although Wednesday's meeting is expected to be much warmer than Netanyahu's famously tense encounters with former President Barack Obama, the Israeli leader will still need to tread with caution on sensitive issues like Israeli settlement construction and the conflict with the Palestinians, Iran and the war in Syria.

"It is a very important meeting. It is a new president," said Sallai Meridor, a former Israeli ambassador to Washington. The "positive thing" is that Trump's policies are still not set, he said, "so there is an opportunity to listen and to develop and to impact the strategy that is being developed in the United States."

In dealing with such a divisive president, Netanyahu will also face some potential pitfalls. Key constituencies, including congressional Democrats and many American Jews, oppose Trump's policies, while at home he is under pressure from his hard-line allies to push for policies that Trump may not support.

Ahead of the visit, Netanyahu said he would handle ties with the U.S., Israel's closest and most important ally, in a "prudent manner," but he steered clear of specifics.

"The alliance between Israel and America has always been extremely strong. It's about to get even stronger. President Trump and I see eye to eye on the dangers emanating from the region, but also on the opportunities," Netanyahu said Monday as he boarded a plane to Washington.

Malcolm Hoenlein, a Jewish-American leader who has close ties with both Netanyahu and White House officials, said Netanyahu should set modest goals for his first working meeting with the new president. He said the objective should be to establish a good working relationship in order to tackle concrete issues down the road.

"What I hope will come out of the meeting is this kind of understanding, putting the foundation very firmly in place," he said.

Here are some of the issues that are likely to come up:

SETTLEMENTS AND THE PALESTINIANS

After repeatedly clashing with Obama for eight years, capped by a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements, Netanyahu seemed relieved by Trump's arrival.

Trump's campaign platform made no mention of a Palestinian state, and his inner circle included allies of the West Bank settler movement. The connections were so strong that a delegation of settler leaders was invited to Trump's inauguration.

Netanyahu responded by approving construction of more than 6,000 new settler homes in the West Bank and east Jerusalem — occupied territories claimed by the Palestinians — and allowing parliament to pass a law retroactively legalizing some 4,000 settlement homes built on private Palestinian land.

His political allies have urged him to go even further, suggesting he abandon the goal of a two-state solution with the Palestinians, step up settlement construction and even consider annexing parts of the West Bank. Such ideas would have been unthinkable during the Obama years.

"All the Cabinet ministers oppose a Palestinian state, including Netanyahu," said Gilad Erdan, a Cabinet minister and member of Netanyahu's Likud Party.

But the hard-line euphoria may be premature. After initially greeting Israel's settlement announcements

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with a shrug, Trump appears to be having second thoughts. In an interview with a pro-Netanyahu Israeli daily on Friday, Trump said: "I am not somebody that believes that going forward with these settlements is a good thing for peace."

Netanyahu may use the meeting to seek "understandings" as to what sort of construction will be tolerated. Backing from Trump could also help him fend off the pressure from his hard-line rivals.

THE U.S. EMBASSY

The U.S., like virtually all other countries, maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv due to the conflicting claims to east Jerusalem.

Israel claims all of the city as its eternal capital while the Palestinians seek the eastern sector, captured by Israel in 1967, as their future capital. The status of east Jerusalem is especially sensitive because it is home to Jewish, Christian and Muslim holy sites.

Trump took office vowing to scrap decades of U.S. policy and move the embassy to Jerusalem. But in recent weeks, he has been noncommittal, saying only that he is studying the issue.

The Palestinians have warned that moving the embassy would be explosive. Jordan, a key U.S. and Israeli ally that maintains custodial rights over Muslim holy sites in the city, has also strongly lobbied against the move.

While both men may pay lip service to an embassy move, it is unclear whether there will be any progress on the matter during the visit.

IRAN

Before taking office, Trump vowed to "rip up" the international deal that placed limits on Iran's nuclear program. But since then, he has backed away from those threats, while seeking other ways to put pressure on the Iranian government.

Netanyahu led an unsuccessful campaign to scuttle the Iranian deal. Although that now seems impossible, Netanyahu will be looking for American assurances to keep Iran in check.

Dennis Ross, a former U.S. peace negotiator, said Netanyahu could seek promises of a U.S. "military response and not just a sanctions response" if Iran moves toward nuclear weapons capability.

Netanyahu is also worried about Iran's involvement in the civil war in neighboring Syria. With Russian backing, Iranian forces, and their Shiite proxy Hezbollah, have helped Syria gain the upper hand.

Ross said Netanyahu will ask Trump to use his influence with Russian President Vladimir Putin to keep Iran and Hezbollah far from Israel's borders.

"I think at a minimum that there would be an understanding that the Trump administration will insist with Putin that an Iranian-Hezbollah-Shiite militia presence can't go below a certain line within Syria," Ross said.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Netanyahu has long said that bipartisan support is the basis of Israel's relationship with the U.S. Yet he is widely perceived as being much more in line with the Republicans.

One of his closest friends is Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson, and his ambassador to Washington, Ron Dermer, is a former Republican operative.

Cozying up to Republican figures, while repeatedly clashing with Obama, appears to have had a price. A recent poll by the market research firm YouGov found that Republicans had a much more favorable view of Israel than Democrats. With Jewish voters overwhelmingly Democratic, this perception could threaten traditional Jewish American support for Israel.

Netanyahu's schedule includes meetings with top Democrats in Congress, a step that Hoenlein welcomed. "It is very important to send the bipartisan message," he said.

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Adele wins top Grammys, but pays tribute to Beyonce

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

In an extraordinary moment between the music industry's top female artists, Adele beat Beyonce for three of the top Grammy Awards — then said her competitor deserved at least one of them.

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The Grammys featured memorable performances by the likes of Bruno Mars and A Tribe Called Quest, big victories by Chance the Rapper and David Bowie, and some unusual flubs Sunday, but they were overshadowed by Adele's triumph and how she responded. The Recording Academy did nothing to calm criticism that black artists are overshadowed in major awards by more conservative white musicians.

Adele's "Hello" won Grammys for song and record of the year and its creator flashed pride: she called it "my favorite song I've ever done."

Her win for album of the year was more of a surprise. "25" was a commercial smash but Beyonce's "Lemonade" won wider acclaim as an artistic statement. In tears, Adele thanked the academy for the award and poignantly talked about reclaiming a bit of herself after having difficulties with motherhood. Then she addressed Beyonce, praising "Lemonade" as monumental, beautiful and soul-baring.

"The reason I felt I had to say something was my album of the year is 'Lemonade,'" Adele said backstage later. "She is my icon of my whole life."

She told of practicing a Spice Girls song for a school assembly growing up in Britain until her friends turned her on to Beyonce's singing on the 1997 Destiny's Child song "No No No."

"It's her time to win," Adele said. "My view is kind of what the (expletive) does she have to do to win album of the year? I felt this album showed another side to her that we haven't seen and I felt blessed to be brought into that situation."

If that's how Adele felt, many Grammy Award critics are likely to chime in. One prominent black artist, Frank Ocean, did not submit his work for Grammy consideration this year and criticized the academy for giving its top album award to Taylor Swift over Kendrick Lamar last year. Kanye West and Drake did not attend the Grammys this year.

Beyonce won two Grammys and her visually arresting performance of "Love Drought" and "Sandcastles" won acclaim Sunday. Perhaps sensing it would be her last chance, she took the time to explain her thoughts behind "Lemonade" upon winning the Grammy for best urban contemporary album.

"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," said Beyonce, who is pregnant with twins.

Blue Ivy, her 5-year-old daughter with Jay Z, was a scene-stealer in her own right as she wore a Prince-inspired outfit in the audience. She slipped into a crowd of musicians when Grammys host James Corden replicated a "carpool karaoke" skit.

As usual, the Grammy show was heavy on performance. As is less usual, there were a couple of flubs that reminded the audience it was a live telecast.

Adele called a halt to her George Michael tribute, asking the band to start "Fastlove" again. "I can't mess this up for him," she said and apologized to the audience. She was warmly applauded at the end by fellow musicians, most of whom could relate to rough moments onstage.

One of Adele's Grammy statues appeared to break onstage when she accepted it. But by the time she took photos backstage, she had five intact Grammys.

During Lady Gaga's energetic pairing with Metallica — showing a tough girl side that wasn't on display during her Super Bowl halftime show — duet partner James Hetfield's microphone malfunctioned and he couldn't be heard for two verses. He kicked the mic stand over and angrily threw his guitar when the song was done.

Mars had two show-stopping numbers, his own "That's What I Like" and a blistering Prince tribute, "Let's Go Crazy." On the latter, he even schooled The Time's Morris Day — and Day's mirror.

Impressive duets were turned in by Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood, the Weeknd and Daft Punk, and Maren Morris and Alicia Keys. Several artists joined in tribute to the Bee Gees as Barry Gibb, the band's only surviving member, was caught on camera singing along from the audience.

A Tribe Called Quest's performance was the most overtly political, with guest Busta Rhymes criticizing "President Agent Orange."

After Adele's five Grammys, Bowie won four, as did Adele's producer, Greg Kurstin. Chance the Rapper

won three awards, including the coveted best new artist trophy. He also beat Drake and West to win best rap album, becoming the first streaming-only album to win a Grammy.

Bowie, who died of cancer in January 2016, won each time he was nominated for "Blackstar," his critically praised final album. The awards laid bare how Bowie has been neglected by the Grammys throughout his career. He won a lifetime achievement award in 2006 but before that, his only victory was for a "Blue Jean" video in 1985.

Musician Donny McClaskin, who worked on "Blackstar," said Bowie had gotten wind before he died that the press thought highly of the disc.

"He was very pleased with how it came out artistically," he said backstage. "I was very surprised that he'd only won one Grammy for a video."

Twenty One Pilots won best pop duo/group performance for the hit "Stressed Out." They removed their pants when accepting the award — an odd reference to when they watched the Grammys at home in Ohio in their boxers during pre-fame days.

Sturgil Simpson, an album of the year nominee overshadowed in that category by Adele and Beyonce, won best country album for "A Sailor's Guide to Earth."

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Russian video raises alarm: New IS damage in Syria's Palmyra

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA and BASSEM MROUE, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia on Monday released footage from one of its drones in Syria, revealing for the first time the latest destruction to the ruins of historic Palmyra since it was recaptured by Islamic State militants, as Syrian government forces pushed ahead on the ground in a new offensive to take the city back.

Syrian troops have advanced close to within 20 kilometers (12 miles) of the UNESCO heritage site for which Palmyra is famous and which has already suffered massive destruction at the hands of the Islamic State group.

The drone footage, released in Moscow, showed IS militants have badly damaged the facade of the Roman-era theater and the Tetrapylon — a set of four monuments with four columns each at the center of the colonnaded road leading to the theater.

The video appears to show that only two of the 16 columns remain standing.

The footage also recorded sustained truck movements around the archaeological site, suggesting the militants could be preparing for further demolitions by bringing in explosives, warned the Russian Defense Ministry. It said Russian warplanes last week carried out more than 90 sorties to provide air cover for the offensive.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, the office of the U.N. envoy for Syria said the "formal start" of a new round of U.N.-brokered peace talks for the war-torn country is expected on Feb. 23.

Staffan de Mistura's office said he was "actively engaged" in diplomatic efforts aimed at bringing Syrian government and opposition delegations back to Geneva for the first time since the talks were suspended amid an upsurge in fighting last April.

De Mistura had previously said the talks were expected to resume on Feb. 20 but his office said now the delegations would first hold preliminary meetings with de Mistura's team in the Swiss city.

The Islamic State group has destroyed ancient sites across its self-styled Islamic caliphate in territories it controls in Syria and Iraq, perceiving them as monuments to idolatry.

Palmyra, which once linked Persia, India and China with the Roman Empire and the Mediterranean, first fell to IS militants in May 2015, when they held it for 10 months.

During that time, the extremists destroyed ancient temples and eventually emptied the town of most of its residents, causing an international outcry.

The extremists were eventually driven out by Russian and Syrian government forces, but they seized

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the town again in December.

The Russian ministry said that some 200 IS fighters have been killed in the new government offensive to retake Palmyra and that Syrian forces destroyed 180 "infrastructure objects" and 15 ammunition depots.

The drone footage, which the Russian Defense Ministry said was filmed earlier this month, also showed a central section of Palmyra's theater lying in ruins.

Maamoun Abdulkarim, the head of Syria's antiquities department, said last month that reports of the recent destruction first trickled out in late December. Satellite images surfaced in January.

Ahead of the Geneva talks with the opposition that are aimed at ending Syria's nearly six-year civil war which has killed hundreds of thousands of people and displaced millions, the government said Monday it is ready to release prisoners in exchange for civilians or troops held by insurgents. Syrian state TV quoted an unnamed official as saying the offer comes ahead of a two-day preparatory meeting later this week in the Kazakh capital, Astana.

Kazakhstan's Foreign Ministry has invited government and opposition officials, as well as delegates from Russia, Turkey, and Iran to Astana on Thursday and Friday. Astana has already hosted a round of talks among the main Syrian players last month.

Last week the Syrian government and rebels exchanged dozens of prisoners — including women and children who were held by insurgents for years.

In other developments Monday, authorities in the central Syrian city of Hama, unveiled a statue of late President Hafez Assad to replace the one pulled down by demonstrators nearly six years ago, in the early days of the uprising against his son's rule.

The new statue stands on the same spot where the earlier one stood. Hafez Assad ruled Syria for 30 years before parliament passed power to his son, in 2000. He besieged Hama in response to a revolt by the Muslim Brotherhood in 1982. An estimated 10,000 - 40,000 people were killed at the time.

His son, President Bashar Assad, has battled a six-year insurgency against his rule that started as an Arab Spring uprising but quickly descended into an all-out civil war.

In southern Syria, fresh clashes between the government and rebels in the contested Deraa province killed at least 23 people, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The fighting punctured an otherwise prolonged period of relative calm between the two sides.

Mroue reported from Beirut. Associated Press writer Philip Issa in Beirut contributed to this report.

Officials: 4 snowboarders die in French Alps avalanche

By SYLVIE CORBET and THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Four snowboarders died in an avalanche Monday near the French Alps resort of Tignes, according to local officials who did not expect the death toll to rise.

The avalanche — about 100 meters (330 feet) wide and 400 meters (1,300 feet) long — struck the mountain about 2,100 meters (6,900 feet) up in an off-piste sector known as Tovièr. The area is popular for its extensive slopes and stunning views.

Initial reports sowed confusion that more skiers had been caught in the disaster, but authorities said the victims had been accidentally entered into the skiing database twice.

"We lament the four deceased victims and we think there will be only four ... The search continues. It was an avalanche of a huge scale," said Albertville Deputy Prefect Nicolas Martrenchard.

All four fatalities — a 49-year-old instructor, a 48-year-old father, his 15-year-old son and a 19-year-old half-brother — are believed to be French but were not identified by officials by name.

They had been walking off piste — snowboards in hand — with a guide near the main Tignes slopes when the avalanche hit, Martrenchard said, adding that they were equipped with locator devices.

An Alps Security rescue worker said the bodies of the four dead had been retrieved by early afternoon. He said about 40 people had working on the rescue, which involved helicopters and local ski instructors.

The avalanche risk in the area was evaluated at three on a five-point scale. Other slopes at the resort

were still open on Monday, the first day of the British winter school holidays.

Hamas names shadowy militant as new leader in Gaza

By FARES AKRAM, Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas has named a shadowy militant commander as its new leader in the Gaza Strip, an official media outlet confirmed on Monday, placing one of the Islamic militant group's most hard-line figures in charge of its core power base.

The appointment of Yehiya Sinwar, who was freed by Israel in a 2011 prisoner swap after two decades behind bars, solidifies the takeover of Gaza operations by the armed wing of the group from civilian leaders. The military wing, which controls thousands of fighters and a vast arsenal of rockets, has battled Israel in three wars since Hamas seized Gaza a decade ago.

The militant wing tends to take more hard-line positions toward Israel, while the politicians, who are tasked with improving the difficult living conditions in Gaza, tend to be more pragmatic.

Sinwar's selection was reported by Hamas' Al-Resala news site. A Hamas official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing the group's secretive election process, also confirmed the appointment.

Sinwar replaces Ismail Haniyeh, who served as the prime minister of Hamas' government following the 2007 takeover of Gaza and remains a top figure in the movement. Haniyeh is now expected to take over as Hamas' supreme leader, replacing Khaled Mashaal, who lives in exile.

Khalil al-Haya, another political hard-liner, was elected as Sinwar's deputy.

Hamas started its elections late last year, and the entire process is expected to be completed within the next two months with the naming of a new political bureau, consisting of representatives from Gaza, the West Bank, exiled Palestinian communities across the Middle East and prisoners held by Israel.

Sinwar, who is in his mid-50s, comes from the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis and was a founder of Hamas' military wing in the 1980s. Hamas is sworn to Israel's destruction and has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings, shootings and other attacks. It is considered a terrorist group by Israel, the United States and the European Union.

Sinwar was sentenced to four life terms by Israel in 1988 for a series of offenses, including his role as mastermind of the abduction and killing of two Israeli soldiers. During his final years in prison, he was the leader of the hundreds of Hamas prisoners held by Israel.

In 2011, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed to release Sinwar, along with about 1,000 other prisoners, in exchange for Gilad Schalit, an Israeli soldier who had been captured by Hamas five years earlier in a cross-border raid.

At the time, Netanyahu was harshly criticized for releasing dozens of prisoners held for involvement in deadly attacks. Israel says Sinwar's brother, Mohammed, was among the masterminds of the soldier's capture and negotiated the prisoner swap.

Sinwar, who rejects any reconciliation with Israel, has quickly restored his power in the movement since his return to Gaza. He is widely believed to be behind last year's unprecedented killing of another top Hamas commander in an internal power struggle.

Israel captured the Gaza Strip, along with the West Bank and east Jerusalem, in the 1967 Mideast war.

In 2005, Israel decided that its occupation of Gaza, an impoverished, densely populated territory that also borders Egypt, was unsustainable, and it withdrew all of its troops and settlers.

Two years later, Hamas seized control of the territory after a series of battles with the rival Fatah movement, leaving the Palestinians divided between two governments. Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade on Gaza since then, and Israel has waged three wars against Hamas, campaigns it says were meant to halt incessant rocket fire on its southern towns.

After a decade of blockade and conflict, Gaza is mired in poverty and widespread destruction. International organizations estimate the unemployment rate is over 40 percent, and the movement of people and goods in and out of the war-battered territory remains restricted.

Israel says the restrictions are needed to keep Hamas from smuggling arms into Gaza. Egypt also has

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poor ties with Hamas, which shares the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood espoused by former Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, who was ousted by the military in 2013.

Sinwar has rarely appeared in public since a 2014 war with Israel. Ibrahim al-Madhoun, a pro-Hamas analyst who runs a Gaza think tank, said he met Sinwar two months ago and got the impression that he is more interested in improving difficult conditions in Gaza than renewed conflict with Israel.

"He is interested in stability, the rebuilding of Gaza and easing the blockade," al-Madhoun said. "I felt he is more with the truce rather than conflict."

Sinwar has close ties to Qatar and Turkey, two of the few countries that have good relations with Hamas. Al-Madhoun said he also has good ties with Iran, a longtime backer of Hamas.

In a sign of moderation, Sinwar supported a failed 2014 reconciliation agreement with President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement.

Under the deal, Hamas agreed to step aside to create a unity government that would reunite the West Bank and Gaza. But it was never implemented, and Hamas remains the de facto authority in Gaza. Haniyeh is no longer prime minister, but remains involved in Hamas' affairs as ministry officials administer the territory.

Kobi Michael, a former head of the Palestinian Desk at Israel's Ministry for Strategic Affairs, said Sinwar represents "one of the most radical and extreme lines of Hamas" and is focused on building up the group's military capabilities.

"The idea that he was elected is a very dangerous and concerning indication of the destabilization of the region," Michael said.

NBA All-Star game spotlights LGBT oasis in the South

By REBECCA SANTANA, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The city hosting this year's NBA All-Star game has long enjoyed a reputation as a welcoming place for the gay and lesbian community. New Orleans is home to one of the country's oldest gay bars, the gay celebration Southern Decadence draws nearly 200,000 people yearly, and gay and lesbian authors flock here for the Saints and Sinners literary festival.

All of that acceptance will be on full display this weekend in a not-so-subtle statement about equality.

The city of Charlotte was supposed to host the All-Star game Sunday, but the NBA moved it to New Orleans when North Carolina passed "the bathroom bill," which limits protections for lesbian, gay and transgender people. It also requires transgender people to use many public restrooms corresponding with the sex on their birth certificate.

Louisiana hasn't passed laws similar to North Carolina. Gov. John Bel Edwards touted the state's diversity while lobbying the NBA, saying bringing the game here would reaffirm the league's "commitment to communities that value fairness and inclusion."

Just last year, Edwards signed an executive order barring discrimination against LGBT state workers and contractors.

"We were able to recruit and bring the NBA here because of positive pro-equality work that the city and state have been doing," said SarahJane Guidry, who heads the Forum for Equality, a Louisiana group advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

She said Edwards' executive order went further than his Democratic predecessors by including transgender people (immediate predecessor Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal did not sign any such order). The order has since stalled in legal wrangling but Guidry still considers it important.

Activists also point out New Orleans passed an ordinance protecting the LGB community in 1991 and extended it in 1997 to the transgender community.

Kathy Behrens, the NBA's President of Social Responsibility & Player Programs, said a variety of factors went into picking New Orleans. The issue of LGBT inclusion played a role as did the city's ability to work under a tight deadline and track record of putting on big events; it hosted the All-Star game in 2014.

"It's important for us to have our All-Star game in a city that's welcoming to all of our participants and

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guests," she said. She said the city and state "know how to manage and put on great big fun events and welcome everyone and treat everyone fairly and equally."

Beyond the laws, the city has long had a status as a welcoming place for gay and lesbian people — Tennessee Williams, author of "A Streetcar Named Desire," called New Orleans home for years.

"Any young gay man or girl from Texas to Oklahoma to all the way to Georgia, when they came out, would come here or if they got kicked out by their parents," said Frank Perez, author "In Exile," about the city's LGBT community. "You either go to New York, San Francisco, Chicago or New Orleans."

Perez credits part of the welcoming atmosphere to the city's French settlers — "puritanical morality" never really took over here.

Mardi Gras — a holiday where people dress in elaborate costumes and mask their identities — also played a key role, said Wayne Phillips, author of an upcoming book about the history of gay Carnival in New Orleans.

The first gay krewe formed in 1958. They gathered yearly for their ball until a 1962 police raid ended with dozens of people arrested. Phillips said some hypothesize it was instigated by someone who didn't get an invite.

But instead of being cowed, another gay Carnival group — Petronius — decided the key to survival was getting formal recognition like other krewes. So the group got a signed charter with the secretary of state.

Petronius is still in existence today, and its tactic was emulated by other gay krewes in the 1960s. Phillips said the krewes were essential to New Orleans becoming a center for sexual identity diversity in the South.

"They ... provided a de-facto family, particularly in the early years — 1960s and 1970s — when many of these men moved to New Orleans, perhaps leaving their own family behind and finding a new family in New Orleans," he said.

Not to say the city's LGBT community hasn't faced challenges. Perez describes raids on gay bars in the 1950s and 1960s and arson that killed 32 people at a club in 1973.

This year's All-Star game-related activities feature a number of LGBT-friendly aspects. The Forum for Equality is hosting a reception with the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans to help kick off the week's events.

The host group putting on the game created an "inclusion committee" to reach out to LGBT businesses, said Jay Cicero, who heads the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, which led the bid to get the game here.

And the NBA is partnering with organizations including Athlete Ally, which tries to end homophobia in sports, on a forum to educate area coaches on gender and sexuality issues.

Troy Glines, a gay man hanging out one evening outside Cafe Lafitte in Exile, a bar that has operated since 1933, said he's a football fan and the NBA's decision isn't going to make him any more likely to watch basketball. But he praised the league for pulling the game from Charlotte.

"It was absolutely a good thing. Money, that's where you can put a hurt on somebody," he said.

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Colombia keeps cocaine from spoiling Valentine's Day flowers

By CESAR GARCIA, Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Cocaine is probably the last thing most people think about when buying roses. But every year, police and growers in Colombia must work around the clock to make sure that the romance of Valentine's Day isn't spoiled by the drug, the nation's other major export along with flowers.

As much as 330,000 pounds (150 metric tons) of flowers leave Colombia on 30-plus jumbo cargo planes daily starting in late January, presenting an opportunity for the country's ingenious drug cartels to penetrate the frenzied, overworked chain of suppliers and stash drugs amid the roses.

"Without a doubt we're a target," said Augusto Solano, president of the Colombian flower exporters' association.

Security protocols that the flower industry developed with police begin the moment that refrigerated

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trucks carrying rose buds depart dozens of flower farms dotting the waterlogged savannah surrounding Colombia's capital. Once the flowers are inside the airport, 100 police officers equipped with 15 drug-sniffing dogs and electronic scanners inspect each shipment.

Last year, police said they found almost 200 pounds (90 kilograms) of cocaine hidden in flower boxes.

"We have to guarantee that our flower exports aren't contaminated by criminal gangs," Col. Julio Triana said as he and his drug-sniffing Labrador retriever walked through the refrigerated warehouse where flowers are kept before being loaded onto cargo planes.

Colombia's flower industry took off in the early 1990s when the U.S. Congress passed a law eliminating tariffs on goods from Andean drug-producing nations in a bid to encourage legal exports. That Colombia's criminals now train their eyes on flower shipments as a way to smuggle drugs into the U.S. is a sign of just how much the industry has blossomed. It is now the world's second-largest cut flower exporter, after the Netherlands, and the top supplier to the U.S.

The season before Valentine's Day is the busiest time of the year for Colombia's growers, when the 130,000 people employed at hundreds of flower farms work nonstop to ship some 500 million stems, mostly to the United States but other parts of the world as well.

"Right now there's not a single rose available," said Solano.

But with competitors from Kenya and Ecuador making inroads, the industry isn't taking its leadership for granted and works hard to keep out smuggled drugs.

"It requires a big effort because if another country finds drugs they can ban flower imports from Colombia and that would be disastrous," Solano said.

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Asian shares fall back as investors await comments by Yellen

By ELAINE KURTENBACH, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Shares in Asia fell back after an early rally on Tuesday, as investors awaited comments to Congress by Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 0.6 percent to 19,336.97 and the Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.1 percent to 3,212.43. Australia's S&P ASX 200 was steady at 5,759.50 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index also was flat at 23,712.17. The Kospi in South Korea lost 0.3 percent to 2,071.81. Shares in Southeast Asia were mostly lower.

WALL STREET: World shares pressed higher Monday, and U.S. indexes again scored new highs. Strong gains for Citigroup and other financial stocks helped the Standard & Poor's 500 index rise 0.5 percent to a third straight record close, at 2,328.25. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 0.7 percent to 20,412.16 and the Nasdaq composite climbed 0.5 percent, to 5,763.96.

YELLEN WATCH: Strong corporate earnings and expectations for business-friendly policies from Washington have propelled markets higher. But that momentum wavered as investors awaited comments by Yellen, who will give testimony on Capitol Hill Tuesday and Wednesday to update the Senate and House on monetary policy. Most investors expect the central bank to keep raising interest rates in 2017, though at a modest pace.

QUOTABLE: "A growing number of investors are worried that potential trade wars with Mexico and China could lead to tariffs and higher prices," David Woo of Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a research note. "With many investors having loaded up on Trump trades after the elections, their willingness to continue to give the benefit of doubt to the new administration appears to be wearing thin."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 13 cents to \$53.06 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell 93 cents, or 1.7 percent, on Monday to settle at \$52.93 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, climbed 17 cents to \$55.76 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slipped to 113.47 yen from 113.66 yen late Monday. The euro edged higher to \$1.0607 from \$1.0602. The British pound rose to \$1.2535 from \$1.2528.

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2017. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 14, 1967, Aretha Franklin recorded her cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" at Atlantic Records in New York. The Turtles' single "Happy Together" was released on the White Whale label.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1849, President James K. Polk became the first U.S. chief executive to be photographed while in office as he posed for Matthew Brady in New York City.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1941, the Carson McCullers novel "Reflections in a Golden Eye," previously serialized, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and several nights later on ABC).

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

In 1990, 92 people were killed when an Indian Airlines passenger jet crashed while landing at a southern Indian airport.

In 2013, Double-amputee and Olympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home in South Africa; he was later convicted of murder and is serving a six-year prison term.

Ten years ago: Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President George W. Bush told a news conference there was no doubt the Iranian government was providing armor-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq, and said he would fight any attempt by the Democratic-controlled Congress to cut off money for the war. ConAgra recalled all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter made at a Georgia plant because of a salmonella outbreak.

Five years ago: A fire broke out at the Comayagua farm prison in Honduras, killing 361 inmates. "Linsanity" continued as Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with less than a second to play to cap his finishing flurry of six straight points and New York rallied to beat the Raptors 90-87, extending its winning streak to six games. Malachy the Pekingese won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club in New York.

One year ago: Pope Francis condemned the drug trade's "dealers of death" and urged Mexicans to shun the devil's lust for money as he led a huge open-air Mass for more than 300,000 people in the poverty-stricken Mexico City suburb of Ecatepec (EHK'-ah-teh-PEHK'). The first NBA All-Star Game outside the U.S. was the highest-scoring ever, with the West defeating the East 196-173 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. "The Revenant" was named best picture at the British Academy Film Awards.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 96. Actor Andrew Prine is 81. Country singer Razy Bailey is 78. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 75. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 74.

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Movie director Alan Parker is 73. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 73. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 70. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 69. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 69. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (doo-SAY') (Beausoleil) is 66. Actor Ken Wahl is 60. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 58. Actress Meg Tilly is 57. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 57. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 56. Actress Sakina Jaffey is 55. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 54. Actor Zach Galligan is 53. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 53. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 51. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 50. Actor Simon Pegg is 47. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 45. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 45. Actor Matt Barr is 33. Actress Stephanie Leonidas (TV: "American Gothic") is 33. Actor Jake Lacy is 31. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 31. Actor Brett Dier (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 27. Actor Freddie Highmore is 25.

Thought for Today: "I am living on hope and faith ... a pretty good diet when the mind will receive them." — Edwin Arlington Robinson, American poet (1869-1935).