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## Friday, March 24

All State Band at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School

**School Lunch:** Fish nuggets, sweet potatoes, fruit, romaine salad.

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

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

## Saturday, March 25

All State Band at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School

## Sunday, March 26

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

**United Methodist Parish:** Conde Worship at 9 a.m., Coffee Fellowship time at 10 a.m., 3rd graders receive Bibles at 11 a.m., Groton worship



## DAIRY QUEEN HELP WANTED

Dairy Queen in Groton is now hiring. If you're looking for a fun job with part-time hours, flexible scheduling, please stop in for an application.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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### 2017 Groton Area Elementary

**Kindergarten Roundup (Screening) for children turning**

**5 on or before September 1, 2017**

**Friday, March 31**

Parents of children who will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2017 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time. If your child is currently attending Junior Kindergarten they will not be screened.

Packets will be sent home this week with a scheduled time and additional paperwork that will need to be completed.

Kindergarten Roundup will take place at the Groton Area Elementary School. Please check in at the office.

### Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping

**Greg Heilman, owner**

405 E 1st Ave., Groton

Greg: 253/929-9137

Mike: 605/492-7041

midwestmasonry1@yahoo.com



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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

A Special School District Bond Election will be held on April 11, 2017 in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District 06-6, Groton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. central time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following questions will be voted upon:

SHALL THE GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6, BROWN, CLARK, DAY, MARSHALL AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$14,500,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MATURE OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF ISSUANCE WITH PRINCIPAL DEFERRED IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SPACES TO REPLACE THE 1934 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND THE REMODELING OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE ROOM AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:

Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Senior Center.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kidder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Community Center

Groton Area Precinct #4, (which includes the City of Groton, Wards 1, 2, & 3, and Claremont Township #10, Riverside Township #16, Groton Township #17, Henry Township #18, Bath Township #19, Gem Township #24, East Hanson Township #25, Garden Prairie Township #26 East Rondell Township #27, Bates Township #44, Putney Township #48, and West Hanson Township #49 as well as Spink County residents in Beotia Township, Conde Township and Olean Township) – Groton Community Center.

Voters with disabilities may contact the business official for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Groton Area School District No. 06-6  
Michael J. Weber, Business Official

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## Bates Township Right-of-Way Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner, effective with the 2017 growing season.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
Betty Geist  
Township Clerk

## For Sale

City of Groton is taking sealed bids on 2 used John Deere 725 mowers, 250 lbs. of grass seed sold in bags of 50 lbs., and 3 propane cylinders-100 lb. until Mar 29. Send bid with your name to City Hall, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445 in envelope marked bid. Call 397-2690 for more info.

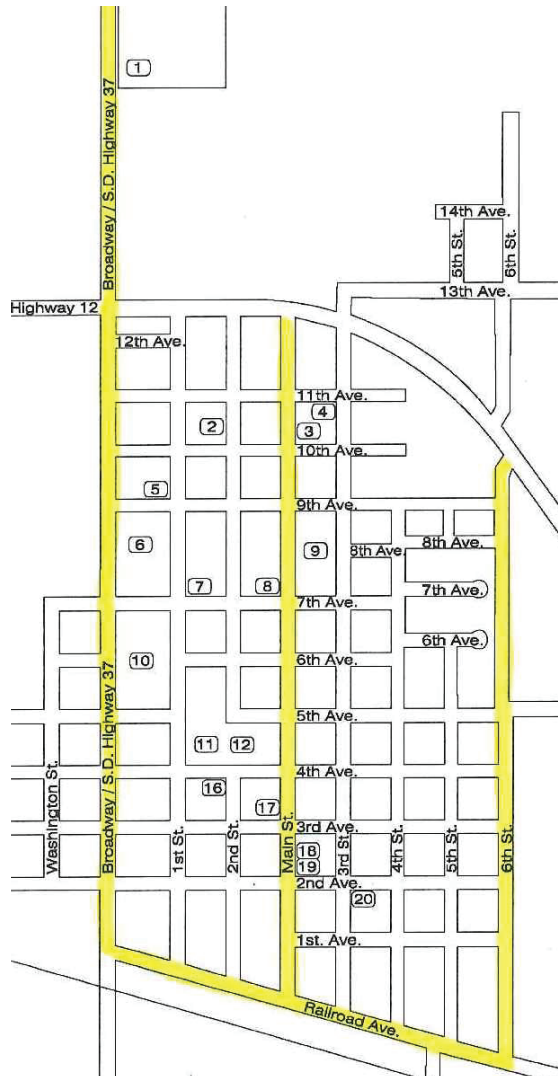


**GDI Living Fitness**  
25 Main St., Downtown Groton

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

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## EFFECTIVE MARCH 27TH, 2017 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**To Help Preserve Our Streets  
GROTON Garbage Pickup Service  
Will only be on Railroad Ave,  
Main St, 6th St, & Hwy 37**

Residents of HRH Mobile Home Park need to take their garbage to Highway 37.

Residents north of 13th Avenue (Olson and Jacobson Development) need to bring their garbage to the Bus Barns.

Please bring your garbage bags & cans to these streets for Tuesday pickup  
Thank you for your cooperation!!



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## GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6 School Board Meeting

March 28, 2017 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.
  - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE PURSUANT SDCL 23-3
  - OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:
    1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
    2. Program Overview Presentations
      - a. Food Service...Chuck Padfield
      - b. Transportation/Custodial...Loren Bahr, Mike Nehls
      - c. Wellness & Health Services...Beth Gustafson
    3. School Board Committee Reports:
      - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Clint Fjelstad, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
      - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Deb Gengerke, Grant Rix
      - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
    4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report
  - NEW BUSINESS:
    5. Music Department presentation and discussion of proposed trip to Orlando.
    6. Appoint committee to review and study progress of current 1st grade class and make recommendations on programming for 2017-2018.
    7. Accept resignation of Brian Gravatt, bus driver, effective April 15, 2017.
    8. Consider request from St. John's Lutheran Preschool for use of a school bus on May 3, 2017.
    9. Executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel, SDCL 1-25-2(2) for student issues, SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations.
    10. Approve hiring Brandon Clocksene as Food Service Director for 2017-2018 school year.
    11. Approve Open Enrollment #17-26 (Grade 6) and #17-27 (Grade 2) from Aberdeen.
- ADJOURN

## Groton Prairie Mixed

- Team Standings:** Cheetahs 17 1/2, Chipmunks 17, Foxes 16, Coyotes 15, Jackelopes 11, Shih Tzus 7 1/2
- Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 204, 201, Ron Belden 194, Randy Stanley 192, Roger Colestock 192, Roger Spanier 192
- Women's High Games:** Lori Giedt 213, 175, Vicki Walter 178, Karen Spanier 171
- Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 591, Roger Spanier 565, Ron Belden 551
- Women's High Series:** Lori Giedt 536, Vicki Walter 486, Vicki Jorgensen 448

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## Today in Weather History

March 24, 1996: North winds of 30 to 40 mph, gusting to 55 mph, combined with the falling snow and the previous day's snowfall to create blizzard conditions. Travel became extremely difficult. Several cars went into ditches and flights out of Aberdeen were canceled. Schools and activities were either delayed or canceled. Some of the more significant two-day snowfall amounts include 6 inches at Sisseton and Aberdeen, 7 inches at Sand Lake NWR, 8 inches near Veblen, 9 inches at Britton, and 10 inches near Victor.

March 24, 2009: A strong area of low pressure moved out of the Rockies and into the Northern Plains producing snow and widespread blizzard conditions across central and north central South Dakota. Winds gusting to over 60 mph along with several inches of snow caused hazardous travel conditions. Interstate 90 was closed for a time across much of Jones and part of Lyman County. Power was also out in parts of Pierre and Mobridge for a short period of time. Some snowfall amounts included; 2 inches at Pierre; 5 inches in Hayes and Timber Lake; 6 inches in Murdo, McLaughlin, and 6 miles southeast of McIntosh; 7 inches 14 miles northeast of Isabel; 8 inches in Eagle Butte; and 12 inches 8 miles southwest of Keldron.

1912: Residents of Kansas City began to dig out from a storm that produced 25 inches of snow in 24 hours. The snowfall total was nearly twice that of any other storm of modern record in Kansas City before or since that time. A record 40 inches of snow fell during the month of March that year, and the total for the winter season of 67 inches was also a record. By late February of that year, Kansas City had received just six inches of snow. Olathe, Kansas received 37 inches of snow in the snowstorm, establishing a single storm record for the state of Kansas. (23rd-24th)

1929: St. Louis, Missouri soared to 92 degrees; their all-time record high for March.

1975: "The Governor's Tornado" hop-scotched a 13-mile path across the western part of Atlanta, GA during the early morning hours, causing considerable damage to the Governor's mansion. Hundreds of expensive homes, businesses and apartment complexes were damaged. Total losses were estimated at \$56 million dollars. Three people lost their lives and another 152 were injured by the F3 tornado.

1987 - A winter-like storm in the central U.S. produced blizzard conditions from South Dakota to western Kansas. Snowfall totals ranged up to 24 inches at Neligh NE, with 19 inches at Winner SD. Winds gusting to 60 mph created twelve foot snow drifts in Nebraska stranding thousands on the highways. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)





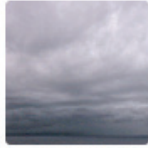


1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to northeastern Texas. The thunderstorms spawned ten tornadoes, including one which injured five persons near Raymondville MO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure off the coast of Virginia brought heavy rain to the Middle Atlantic Coast States, and heavy snow to the Northern Appalachians. Cape Hatteras NC was soaked with 5.20 inches of rain in 24 hours, and snowfall totals in Vermont ranged up to 12 inches. Winds gusted to 52 mph at New York City. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - The storm system which produced heavy snow in the Lower Missouri Valley the previous day, spread heavy snow across parts of the Upper Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. Snowfall totals of 2.2 inches at Philadelphia PA and 2.4 inches at Atlantic City NJ were records for the date. Up to six inches of snow blanketed southern Ohio. In the Middle Atlantic Coast Region, snow coated the blossoms of cherry trees which had bloomed in 80 degree weather the previous week. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

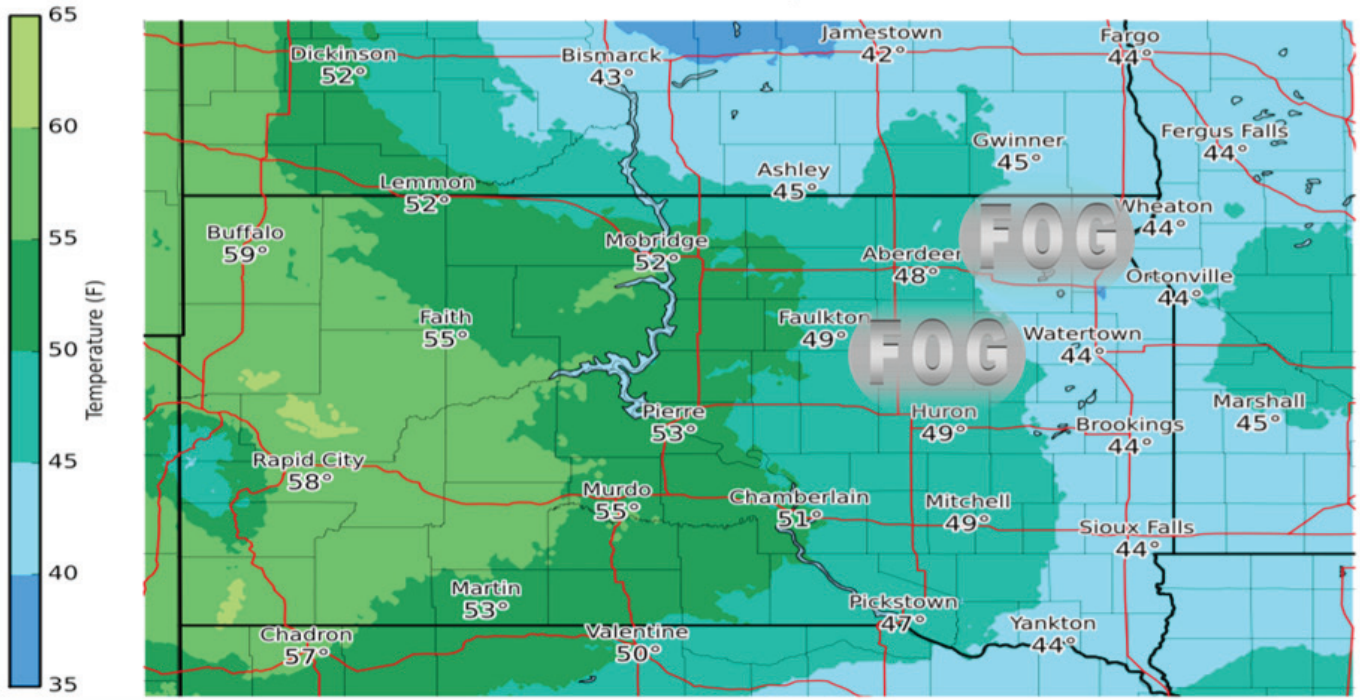
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Fog	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Increasing Clouds	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 47 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 50 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 56 °F

## Morning Fog - Giving Way To Afternoon Sunshine

**Afternoon Highs**  
Valid: March 24, 2017



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 3/24/2017 5:42 AM Central

Published on: 03/24/2017 at 5:45AM

Low pressure will move to the south of the forecast area today. Besides starting with some morning fog - conditions will be clearing through the afternoon. Temperatures will be seasonal and winds light.



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 44.5 F at 10:57 AM

Low Outside Temp: 34.3 F at 10:19 PM

High Gust: 29.0 Mph at 1:59 AM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 80° in 1939

Record Low: -6 in 1974

Average High: 44°F

Average Low: 23°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.84

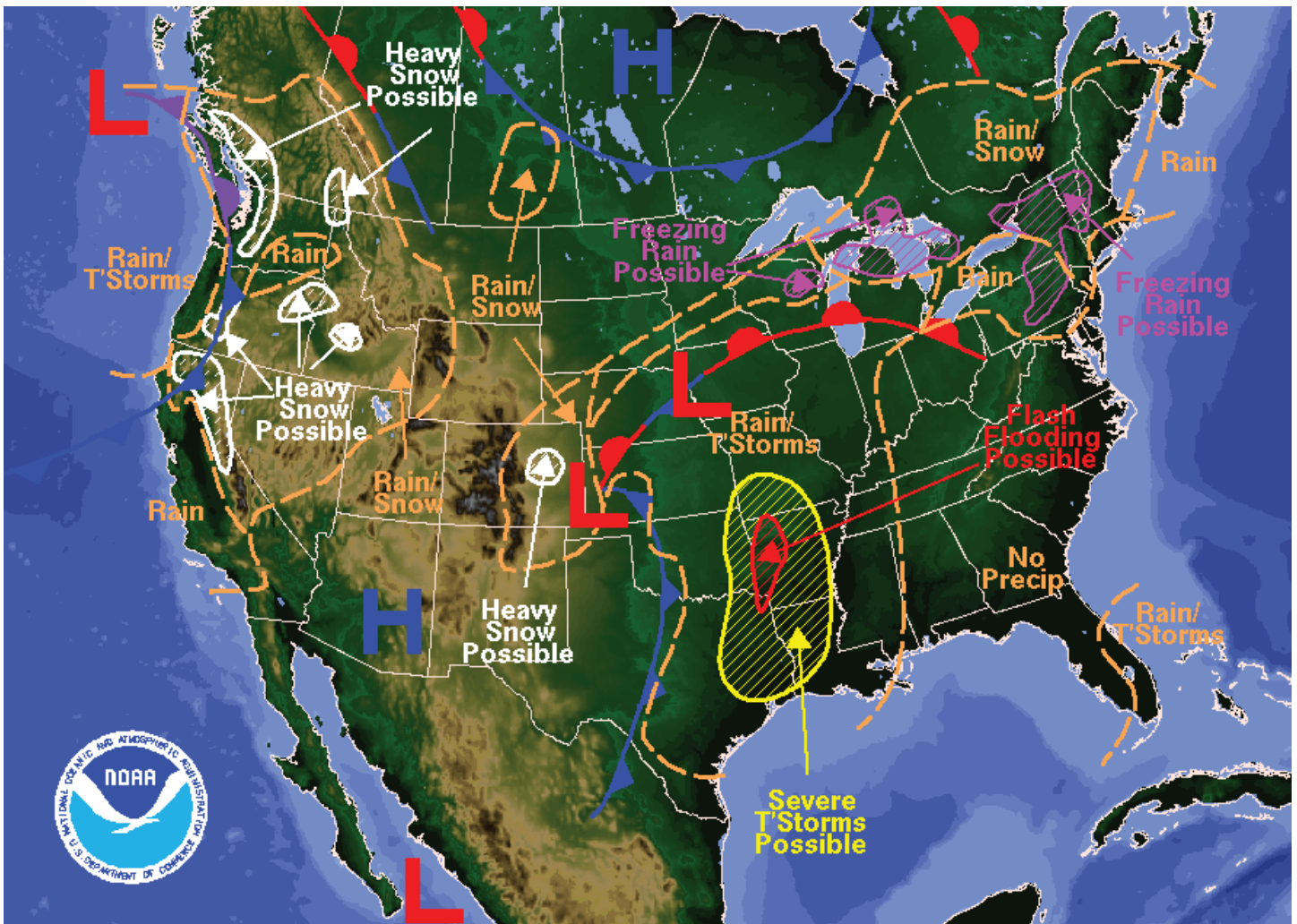
Precip to date in March.: 0.59

Average Precip to date: 1.86

Precip Year to Date: 0.59

Sunset Tonight: 7:51 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Mar 24, 2017, issued 4:55 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## PREPARED BUT VULNERABLE

Fort Eben-Emael in Belgium was considered to be the strongest fortress in the world. Its concrete walls were fifteen feet thick and reinforced with honeycombed steel. It took five years to build and was the strongest and most heavily armed fortress in the world. Upon completion the Belgians boasted, "It is so strong no army can storm it."

And they may have been right.

But one night a German glider with well-trained and heavily armed paratroopers quietly descended into the fort. They discovered that few men were on duty and they easily took command of the fort and its assets. All of the preparations of the Belgians were in vain.

The Apostle Paul had a military background. So it is no wonder that he went back to his military experience to give an insight for Christian living to the Church at Corinth. And it seems as though he is speaking as a military commander when he wrote, "Be on your guard! Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong. And everything you do must be done in love."

His first order of the day was to be alert – to be on guard – to the worldly dangers that will certainly and with great consistence confront the Christian. We may prepare well and be strong in our faith but if we are not constantly alert to life's temptations we will be defeated.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to avoid becoming complacent in our lives. May we be constantly aware of those areas in our life where we are weak and look to You for our strength. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Trump administration approves Keystone XL pipeline**

By JOSH LEDERMAN and MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration has issued a presidential permit to pipeline builder TransCanada to build the Keystone XL pipeline.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer tweeted that President Donald Trump would discuss the pipeline later Friday morning.

The State Department says that it determined that building Keystone serves the U.S. national interest. That's the opposite conclusion to the one the State Department reached during the Obama administration.

The State Department says it considered foreign policy and energy security in making the determination.

The permit was signed by Tom Shannon, a career diplomat serving as undersecretary of state for political affairs. That's because Secretary of State Rex Tillerson recused himself due to his previous work running Exxon Mobil.

Keystone will carry tar sands oil from Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

### **Gov. Burgum signs concealed carry bill into law**

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Siding with the Second Amendment rights of North Dakota citizens' over others' concerns about safety, Republican Gov. Doug Burgum late Thursday signed legislation that would allow most adults to carry a hidden firearm without a permit.

The legislation means North Dakota will become one of about a dozen so-called "constitutional carry" states on Aug. 1. The bill would allow law-abiding people 18 and older to forgo background checks and classes that are now required. The legislation only requires someone carrying a concealed weapon to have a valid ID and notify law enforcement of the weapon during instances such as a traffic stop.

In a statement Thursday night, Burgum urged anyone pondering carrying a concealed firearm to enroll in gun safety classes.

"Gun ownership is both a right and a responsibility," the governor said. "That responsibility begins with individuals and families."

The law had sailed through both houses of the GOP-led Legislature, with dissention largely among Democrats.

Supporters said the bill promotes the constitutional right to bear arms and allows protection from criminals. Critics worry it could lead to more shootings as people with less training would be carrying weapons.

Carrying a hidden firearm without a permit at present is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,500.

The bill was among a package of gun-rights measures being considered this session, including allowing people with concealed carry permits to have guns in churches, schools and other public places. It's unclear if Burgum, an avid hunter, would also sign those into law.

The number of concealed carry permits in North Dakota has more than doubled in the past five years to 48,700.

North Dakota residents already can get a concealed carry permit by completing an hour-long class and passing an open-book test. The classes cost about \$50. An enhanced license, that allows reciprocity with other states, requires firearms training and the open-book test.

The South Dakota Legislature this month approved a similar measure but GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed it, saying his state's gun laws are already reasonable.

## Hog operation plan faces backlash in northeast South Dakota

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A decision on a planned hog operation in northeast South Dakota has been delayed after owners of nearby properties voiced concerns.

The project can only be approved if the Brown County Planning Commission gets a signed letter of consent from a neighboring business and four houses, according to county official Scott Bader. But about 30 people spoke up during a Tuesday commission meeting, the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2o8ZsZj>) reported.

Tanya Torguson filed two permits for a hog operation north of Bath, one of which is for a variance adjusting the setbacks for two hog barns. A local ordinance requires the operation to be more than 2,600 feet from neighboring properties, Bader said.

"In order to have that special exception, the board would have to have some guarantee, so to speak, from you, the neighboring owners, that you're OK with it," planning commission chairman Jerry Streckfuss said.

Dave Nilsson, who owns neighboring property, responded: "I can guarantee that I'm not OK with it."

Another neighbor, Troy Malsam, said property values could decline. He noted the farm could potentially end up being a 600-pig operation.

"We were initially told 40-60 (pigs)," Malsam said.

Torguson confirmed pigs were already on the property. When local planning commissioner Rachel Kippely asked if that bothers neighbors, many members in the crowd said yes.

Neighboring property owner Bill Scott told commissions they should skip straight to a vote instead of tabling the discussion because there were neighbors who will obviously not give approval.

"I would ask you to vote to prevent it, or if no action is needed, we can go home," he said.

The delayed vote will give Torguson time to gather and present more information to the commission in April.

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

## Spearfish's long-time craft store in business over 40 years

By KAIJA SWISHER, Black Hills Pioneer

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — It has been located in four buildings in Spearfish over its more than 40 years in operation, and the Knothole continues to draw customers from around the area seeking its inventory of more than 30,000 products dedicated to various arts and crafts.

"My grandkids have grown up in here," owner Lana Wenzel said, describing the business's four decades of operation.

Wenzel explained that she participated in 4-H and enjoyed arts and crafts and was often ordering supplies for these pursuits, and ironically, shortly before her husband, Terry, began to look for a building to locate his business, T and W Electronics (now T and W Appliances), he told her not to order any more arts and crafts supplies until she had used up what she already had. However, soon after, he took her to look at a possible business to buy that would keep her regularly ordering such supplies.

The Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2nNAgvg>) reports that the arts and crafts store first opened in 1976 on the south side of West Hudson Street in downtown Spearfish. It was started by Bert Anderson, and when the Wenzels leased the building that October, Anderson sold them the store. The Knothole remained at that location for about seven years before the Wenzels bought a building across the street, 126 W. Hudson St., where the Bay Leaf Café currently resides. After some years, the Wenzels then bought the building at 714 N. Main St., where the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is now located, and the Knothole remained at that location for about 15 years.

"We've been in this building now 10 years this fall. It's hard to believe," Wenzel said of the current location at 947 E. Colorado Blvd. She said that her three children told her during each of the moves that it was the last time they would help move all of the inventory, and the final move took 15 people seven days to completely empty the Main Street building, since it required moving all of the merchandise, as

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well as all of the shelving and storage in the basement.

Wenzel, who was born and raised in Nebraska, went to business school to become an executive secretary and then took a job with Boeing. She said she "moved with the missiles" in this capacity, working out of Cheyenne, Wyoming, which is near the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base; Ellsworth Air Force Base; and Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. She met her husband in Sturgis, and after they got married, they worked in Sturgis for a time before starting their own businesses.

"We've been self-employed ever since," Wenzel said.

She described that when she first started in the business, macramé, the art of knotting cord or string in patterns to make decorative articles, was the big thing, and she still sells items for the craft. Wenzel also remembers being able to walk around the store at its first location and be able to know, just by looking, what was missing and needed to be ordered. Back then, she wrote down all of the numbers for the items and called in her orders. But as the business grew, she would spend hours on the telephone calling in the order.

"And that's why I have a computer system," she said of the current location, which has an inventory of more than 30,000 items. The system allows her to do all of the ordering online.

Her husband, sister, children, and grandchildren are familiar with helping in the store, and about a year and a half ago, her oldest son — whom Wenzel remembers working in the store when he was 6 years old — came onboard to learn the business, with the intent to keep it going "another 40 years," Wenzel said.

Just as generations of the family have grown up in the business, generations of customers continue to frequent the Knothole, and Wenzel said that the store's variety, as well as friendly, helpful customer service, keeps people coming back.

"Because we know how to do a lot of things, we can help them if they have problems," she said, describing that she crochets, quilts, and scrapbooks; her sister knits; they both know how to sew; and they have experience with the merchandise, allowing them to provide answers to questions customers bring in as they work on projects.

"Between us, we figure out everything else," Wenzel added.

In more than 40 years in the business, Wenzel couldn't come up with just one favorite part of it. She enjoys keeping up with all of the new crafts, getting to travel to arts and crafts conventions around the country to see the newest items on the market and the current trends, and she and her son are headed to Las Vegas this week for such a convention.

The most popular items she sells these days include those for quilting, beading, and scrapbooking, and Wenzel creates the scrapbooking items showcasing local places, events, and more available in the Knothole.

In her free time, Wenzel enjoys crocheting and quilting.

"I've done pretty much any kind of craft," she said, adding that since she is generally in the store seven days a week, she doesn't have much free time.

Her hope for the Knothole is to keep it running.

"I think it's (an arts and crafts store is) needed around here," she said, describing that she often hears from customers that they've searched for items in Rapid City but can't find what they're looking for. "They know I have it here. . . As you see, we have a lot of (merchandise)."

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

## New Lead project to be among most "sophisticated" projects

By TOM GRIFFITH, Rapid City Journal

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — Carve a few massive caverns nearly a mile below the surface of the Black Hills, haul off hundreds of thousands of tons of crushed rock, add the largest refrigeration system ever, then install the most sensitive particle detectors known to man, and you'd be ready to host what is arguably



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the most sophisticated science experiment ever staged on the planet.

That's exactly what the Sanford Underground Research Facility and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory are planning with the billion-dollar Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment.

"This is the first time an experiment of this scale has occurred anywhere in the world, and it's going to be done right here," Fermilab Deputy Project Manager Joshua Willhite told 100 Northern Hills residents during an informational meeting in Lead on Monday night.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2mZ9w6H>) reports that the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment, commonly referred to as DUNE, represents a scene straight out of a science fiction movie. As envisioned, scientists at the Fermilab near Chicago will fire a beam of tiny neutrinos at near-light speed that will carry the subatomic particles through solid rock 808 miles away to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where scientists deep underground at the Sanford Lab hope to "catch" the particles using sophisticated detectors.

The groundbreaking particle physics experiment currently has 960 collaborators from 163 institutions in 31 nations, Willhite said Monday. Sixty percent of those scientists are based outside the U.S., and that number is expected to grow, he noted.

"This has broad international support," Willhite said.

On its own, the \$300-plus million investment for the experiment at the Sanford Lab in Lead represents the largest single project in the history of South Dakota, says Sanford Lab Director Mike Headley.

More important to scientists working around the world to unravel the mysteries of the universe, the experiment has the potential to advance scientific knowledge and yield technological advancements on a par with the race to the moon in the 1960s, project advocates contend.

"DUNE collaborators hope to learn the role neutrinos play in the evolution of the universe; better understand how supernovae produce the heavy elements — iron, calcium, carbon and others — that are necessary for life; how much mass the neutrino has; and why the universe consists of matter rather than antimatter," the Lab's Communications Director Constance Walter said Thursday. "Any, or all, of these discoveries will transform our understanding of the universe and advance physics to a whole new level."

Neutrino research is a competitive field, with several different experiments around the globe looking for the same things DUNE hopes to discover, Walter explained. The DUNE team of scientists and engineers is developing cutting-edge technology on a scale much larger than anything that has been developed for neutrino experiments, she said.

"In its space race with the Soviet Union, NASA discovered new technologies and gained incredible knowledge, which eventually landed American astronauts on the moon," Walter added. "With the development of new and the enhancement of existing technologies for DUNE and the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility, we could see much the same thing in physics research."

Closer to home, the federally financed experiment could have economic benefits unparalleled in South Dakota history, according to study findings presented at Monday's 70-minute presentation. Those "credible and conservative" estimates of the local economic impacts of the projected construction and operations of Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility and DUNE in South Dakota and Illinois took into account capital projects and direct spending, as well as additional business activity, jobs and payroll supported by that spending from 2016 through 2026.

During that period, the economic impact of LBNF/DUNE in the western South Dakota region will total \$860 million in output and \$330 million in earnings for local residents, according to the April 2016 study. The employment prospects for local residents will peak at more than 1,800 jobs in 2020, the study reported.

The total fiscal impact of LBNF/DUNE for the state of South Dakota is projected at \$10.6 million in tax revenue from 2016 to 2026, peaking at \$2.5 million in annual revenue in 2020, the study concluded.

Meanwhile, the study found the economic impact of LBNF/DUNE on the Chicago region would total \$1.1 billion in output and \$570 million in earnings for local residents. The impact on jobs for Illinois would peak at nearly 2,000 in 2024. The total fiscal impact for the state of Illinois would be \$21 million in tax revenue from 2016 to 2026, peaking at \$2.7 million in annual revenue in 2024, according to the study.

"This will be one of the largest science mega-projects ever to occur on U.S. soil," Headley said Monday night. While already hosting several major underground experiments and an underground campus for

students at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, Sanford Lab's 163 current employees are gearing up for the new experiment, he and Willhite noted.

Work continues on the \$32.2 million refurbishment of the lab's Ross Shaft, originally built in the 1930s by the Homestake Gold Mine. Crews began the project, involving 6 million pounds of new steel, in August 2012, and it remains on track for completion later this year, Headley said. The upgraded shaft will allow rock to be removed from underground to create space for the DUNE, while also providing access for crews, scientists and equipment in the future, he explained.

Sanford Lab also has secured city easements to build a pipe conveyor capable of transporting an estimated 875,000 tons of rock excavated for the DUNE, which eventually will find its way to the massive Open Cut near the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center.

Willhite explained that local residents would notice more workers, more traffic and, from fiscal 2019 to 2022, likely would hear ventilation fans and noise from rock crushing operations tied to the "huge underground excavations."

"It's something you'll be able to hear, but it's not getting up to the annoying level," he said. Willhite added that the project would incorporate noise and dust controls and limit drilling and blasting to 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to minimize adverse impacts on the community.

Numerous other infrastructure improvements would be tied to preparing the underground lab for the DUNE, Willhite and Headley explained. Among those projects are electrical upgrades, reinforced headframes, rock crushing systems and new buildings, compressors and electrical substations.

Underground, the logistics of the project are daunting. Willhite said 54,000 cubic yards of concrete would be poured, the experiment's cryostats alone would require 14,000 tons of steel, and its four detectors would use 70,000 tons of liquid argon.

"I think we're probably going to install the world's largest refrigeration system," he said. "These are unconventional facilities."

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

## Pierre youth shooting club promotes ethics

By KYLEE WHITEHILL, Pierre Capital Journal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — With around 50 kids cycling in and out all afternoon, coaches Jonathan Hays and Sean Krueger are getting the Pierre Junior Shooters and 4-H'ers organized for practice.

Hays began helping coach the Pierre Junior Shooters four years ago after he moved his family from Wyoming to Pierre. Hays got involved in 4-H shooting sports with his oldest daughter in Wyoming. They joined the local BB gun team when the family relocated. He assisted Jon Foreman and Gene Garber before their retirement two years ago and has gone on to coach with Krueger.

The Pierre Capital-Journal (<http://bit.ly/2mVzPKg>) reports Pierre Junior Shooters combines the education of 4-H with the competitiveness of a club sport. Hays said that many of the kids start out coming to learn through the 4-H part of the program.

"There's the educational side of it where we teach them about safe shooting along with hunting, and then how to shoot a gun properly," Hays said. "From there, it rolls into the competition side of it. We teach them about that. Then as time goes on, a few of them decide they want to go to nationals."

There's a good reason the kids want to try and earn a place on the Pierre Junior Shooters team. They've got seven national titles under the team's belt.

At the end of June, the team will be traveling down to Rogers, Arkansas for another shot at the Daisy BB Gun National Championships, this time with ten members, rather than the usual seven. The additional three will compete in a match of champions because they competed at the national championship the previous year and are unable to compete again.

"Daisy came up with this match of champions for those kids so they can compete individually," Hays said.

Daisy, an air gun company established in the 1880s, has held a national championship BB gun match since 1966. The company also created the first written curriculum on shooting education, which ties

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into the foundation of the 4-H side of the Pierre Junior Shooters.

The kids learn how to hold a gun, sight a gun, shoot it, and all of what's required of gun safety. That's just on the surface.

Natalie Mohr, 15, has been shooting BB guns for five years and was a member of the team that went to nationals last year. She said her dad wanted her to learn gun safety and she just stuck with it from there.

"It's taught me good sportsmanship, and learning to compose myself after I make a mistake in shooting," she said.

This will be the first year that Rylie Stoesser, 12, can go to nationals if he qualifies, and he plans to work hard for it.

"I've learned you have to work hard in order to achieve it," he said. "If you don't come to practice whenever you need to, you won't get better. Instead of just shooting at the tournaments, you need to work hard to get good at it."

Hays' two daughters, Jessica and Jasmine, and his son, Josiah, all are involved in the sport. Jessica Hays scored 479 points at nationals last year, earning her sixth place overall and as well as the team's win. She said it was the best she ever shot.

Jonathan Hays said the kids learn more than just the ethics of the sport.

"They learn how to be competitive, be good sportsmen, when they do lose versus when they don't lose," he said. "They become better marksmen, and I think some of them learn how to deal with parents a little better because their parents have to be here."

Parents are required to assist their children with sighting their rifles, helping them with positioning, and — for the younger ones — loading and cocking their guns.

"We require that the parents are here with their children. We want to make it a safe sport," Hays said.

The parents peer through binoculars, even with the close quarters of the shooting range, to see how close their child is to hitting the mark and to help adjust the sights.

Still, it's not the national titles and the awards the Pierre Junior Shooters has accumulated over the years that's rewarding to Hays.

"It's the smile on their face when they finally get it. It is so rewarding when kids finally figure out something that I've been trying to teach them and it clicks and then they turn to you afterward and give you that big smile," he said. "I get a little emotional over that because that's what drives me to do this."

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

## Budget cuts under Trump could hit South Dakota hard

By JOHN HULT and PATRICK ANDERSON, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Massive federal budget cuts proposed Thursday by President Donald Trump would be felt by South Dakotans across the state.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2ncbtOh>) reports that the president is proposing to eliminate dozens of programs that funnel millions of dollars into the state for things ranging from low-income heating assistance to medical research.

The budget is far from final and likely to undergo significant changes in Congress, but many in South Dakota are concerned about the impact the budget would have locally.

Here are some of the services on the chopping block in South Dakota:

Airports in Pierre, Watertown and Aberdeen would be forced to close if the president succeeds in eliminating the federal Essential Air Service program, which supports rural airports that don't have enough passengers to be self-sustaining.

Cutting the \$175 million program isn't a new idea. President Barack Obama, who landed in Watertown in 2015 before a visit to Lake Area Technical Institute, suggested a cut during in his first term.

"Every president that comes in has tried to shut this down," said Watertown Regional Airport Manager Todd Syhre, whose airport offers 1,456 flights a year to Pierre and Denver.

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The program doesn't require general taxpayer dollars and pays for itself through taxes and fees paid by airline passengers, collected and used for several purposes as part of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

Sioux Falls Metro bus system would lose about \$3 million in annual funding if Congress follows through on proposed cuts to the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program, which provided a \$1.1 million grant last year for renovations to the downtown bus depot.

Thousands of South Dakotans could be left in the cold if Congress agrees to defund the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The \$3.4 billion program helped keep the heat on last winter for 22,175 people in the state who fell behind on their energy bills.

People who make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines can apply for help, which is paid directly to the utilities by the Department of Social Services.

Another program targeted by Trump for elimination, the \$121 million Weatherization Assistance Program, offered insulation upgrades, duct work sealing and more to 186 other South Dakota families through grants through local aid agencies like Interlakes Community Action of Madison and Sioux Falls.

An energy auditor comes to a person's home, checks for leaks and offer fixes that would drive down heating bill costs thereafter.

President Obama proposed a cut to LIHEA as well, said David Gall, program administrator for South Dakota, but funding was ultimately restored.

The search for medical cures on South Dakota campuses would be scaled back if Trump's proposed \$5.8 billion cut to the National Institutes of Health become reality.

The federal institutes funded millions of dollars' worth of research in the state last year, including \$1.17 million in grants to South Dakota State University, \$6.3 million for the University of South Dakota and another \$12.7 million for Sanford Research.

Such grants help fund research that can eventually lead to creating, testing and refining treatments and cures. Years of research culminate in clinical trials, such as Sanford's recently announced trials to study the use of a patient's own stem cells to treat rotator cuff injuries.

"Clinical trials are what lead to modern medicine," said Cindy Morrison, chief marketing officer for Sanford Health. "When you think about chemotherapy, that was once a clinical trial. You get to clinical trials through research."

The Avera Institute for Genetics was founded with NIH grant money, according to Chief Scientific Officer Gareth Davies. The Avera Institute now has over 40 staff members working in 20,000 square feet. The funding supplements health system investment and private funding sources, Davies said, and helps fund the work of the Institute's partner organizations.

"It's always disappointing as a scientist when research funding isn't available, because medical research and breakthroughs save lives," Davies said.

Money from a federal program slated for elimination under Trump's budget helped pave the way for a new business park in northwestern Sioux Falls.

Foundation Park was a benefactor of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which pitched in \$1.7 million last year to help build railroad tracks in and out of the future industrial park. The White House's budget proposal would eliminate the \$221 million program entirely.

"Certainly having a park in Sioux Falls with rail access makes a park uniquely attractive to companies that have or need rail infrastructure," said Brent O'Neil, economic development manager for the city.

The city also received a \$755,000 grant from the program to help develop an 80-acre research park, also to be located in northwestern Sioux Falls. The University of South Dakota Research District is a partnership between USD, City Hall and state officials. The federal funds will go toward infrastructure, including 2,800 feet of streets.

"Having those funds allows infrastructure to be put in that in turn can help support the growth and development of businesses," O'Neil said.

Arts programming from the SculptureWalk to the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra could feel the squeeze if Trump succeeds in eliminating the National Endowments for the Arts.

The South Dakota Arts Council gets about half its funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, using the money to pay for arts education throughout the state. All of the state council's federal funding — \$845,635 for 2017 — would go toward grants for local groups, according to Director Patrick Baker.



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The money supports nearly 500 programs a year throughout the state, including an artist in residence program in schools. Locally, they include the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Sioux Empire Community Theatre, Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Society (which organizes Jazzfest) and SculptureWalk.

"An elimination of NEA funding would not necessarily mean complete elimination of any of our grant programs, but it would mean serious cutbacks across the board," Baker said.

The Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls Multicultural Center, the Bowden Youth Center and Boys and Girls Club of the Sioux Empire would all be at risk of losing funding if Congress agrees to \$3.6 billion in proposed cuts to Department of Education programs.

Those programs were among the recipients of nearly \$11 million in federal funding for before and after school programs from the 21st Century Learning Centers Program, now on the chopping block. Other proposed cuts would hit programs for English language-learners and kids who don't have anywhere else to be, which troubles Sioux Falls Superintendent Brian Maher.

"Students who do not have English as a first language and need that work and care so that they can be assimilated into our schools and our culture would be at risk with a loss in funding," Maher said.

Also at risk: The Supporting Effective Instruction Grants program, which has offered nearly \$11 million to the state for each of the last three years for teacher training and classroom size reduction.

A law office that assists low-income South Dakotans in civil cases like evictions, divorces, protection orders and collections would lose two-thirds of its funding under Trump's budget proposal.

East Dakota Legal Services in Sioux Falls is the only option for free legal aid in 33 South Dakota counties. The \$396,000 it gets each year from the federal government helps it serve between 300 and 400 people a year, Director Doug Cummings said.

Clients can't make more than 125 percent of the federal poverty level and must have an immediate need for legal assistance, such as being served a subpoena or eviction notice. The agency turns down 75 percent of the people who need help. "We are reduced to being a legal emergency room," Cummings said.

President Ronald Reagan never put money in his budget for the Legal Services Corp., Cummings said, but boosters in Congress kept the agency afloat with continuing resolutions.

Funding has fluctuated through the years, but Cummings said legal aid has a long list of nonpartisan backers, from the American Bar Association to federal and state judges. Harriet Myers, an adviser to President George W. Bush, worked in legal aid and backed funding during her time in Washington, D.C.

Indigent funding for legal services is important to the integrity of the system as a whole, Cummings said.

"If you want your citizens to believe in your legal system, people have got to have access," Cummings said. "If you don't have access and people don't believe in it, you've failed."

The White House's proposed budget cuts would take away programs that have been around for decades to help families afford a roof over their head.

The city would lose about \$1.1 million a year under the recommended slashes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said Les Kinstad, affordable housing manager for the city. It would also eliminate programs that create opportunities for low-income families and the homeless while fixing up and replacing some of the city's old housing stock.

"It's easy to say, 'well, just do away with a program,'" Kinstad said. "But it will have an impact on people."

Local nonprofit Affordable Housing Solutions is building 10 single family homes this year, including many in core neighborhoods downtown, with money from the Community Development Block Grants. Trump's budget would eliminate the program completely as part of a \$3 billion cut in funding going to communities such as Sioux Falls.

AHS uses the block grants to help pay for single-family housing, sold to low-income families. The homes act as workforce housing for parents who have jobs but still struggle to afford the costs of raising a family. The federal program has been around for 42 years and has funded \$150 billion in grants.

Also on the chopping block is the city's Homebuyers Assistance program, which offers low-interest loans to low- and moderate-income families. The city would also have to cut its Single-Family Rehabilitation program, which funds maintenance projects, and a program at Inter-Lakes Community Action helping homeless people find jobs and housing.

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The nine television stations and 11 radio stations in the South Dakota Public Broadcasting system would struggle to offer local programming if Congress follows through with Trump's threat to zero out funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

SDPB gets about \$1.66 million a year from CPB, which makes up 22 percent of its total annual budget. About half of the remaining funds come from the state; the remainder is made up through fundraising. The state funding pays largely for engineering and infrastructure needed to broadcast.

The CPB money pays for SDPB's subscriptions to national programs, but it also pays for local programming: High school activity broadcasts, live streaming of the South Dakota legislature, a 24/7 PBS Kids channel and educational programs online for use in local schools.

"I think sometimes when people say 'we don't need it,' they're not thinking through all the other services we do," SDPB Director Julie Overgaard said. "I don't think anybody else is going to come into South Dakota and cover the girls' basketball tournament, broadcast the Dignity statute dedication or stream the legislature. Those things would just go away."

Overgaard sees strong support for public broadcasting in Congress, where discussions of budget cuts have been a recurring theme for decades.

Rural home buyers and businesses could have a more difficult time borrowing money if Trump manages to eliminate a group of community development and neighborhood reinvestment programs.

Grow South Dakota, located in Sisseton, is one of more than 17 economic development agencies in the state that use the programs to offer loans to borrowers who might not otherwise qualify. The non-profit has more than 650 active loans on the books, according to chief executive officer Marcia Erickson.

Her agency received \$9.9 million in federal Community Development Financial Institution grants since 1999. In total, Grow South Dakota serves 10,000 South Dakotans a year. Other rural development agencies relying in part on the targeted programs include Interlakes Community Action of Madison and Sioux Falls, Dakota Resources of Renner and Rural Office of Community Services in Lake Andes.

"Without essential funding, residents in South Dakota will not have access to resources that have otherwise driven these programs throughout the state," Erickson said.

Lin VanHofwegen of Dakotas Resources said the cuts would leave "our country's most distressed communities without the tools needed to grow businesses, create jobs and sustain a thriving local economy."

Not every agency is facing the possibility of cuts under Trump's budget proposal. The Sioux Falls VA Health System provides care to former members of the military at its 98-bed medical center and clinics in Watertown, Aberdeen and elsewhere.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs would get billions of dollars more under the president's plan, though local officials for the hospital aren't quite sure how it will affect them locally.

"We can't speculate on how we would spend it when we don't have it," said Shirley Redmond, a spokeswoman for the local VA. "We're always grateful for additional funding to provide care and benefits for veterans."

Money would go to improving both primary and specialized care for veterans, and continuing a program allowing veterans to choose between the VA and private hospitals. The Veterans Choice Program is slated to end in August.

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

## Supporters press state lawmakers to overturn gun bill veto

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gun rights supporters are urging state lawmakers to overturn Gov. Dennis Daugaard's veto of a bill to allow people who can legally carry a concealed handgun in South Dakota to do so without a permit.

The Republican-held Legislature is to gather Monday for the final day of the 2017 session to accept or override vetoes from the GOP governor. Lawmakers are hearing "loud and clear" from gun owners in their districts that the veto should be overridden, said Zach Lautenschlager, a vice president at the National Association for Gun Rights.

The organization claims about 18,000 members in South Dakota together with its state affiliate, South Dakota Gun Owners. Lautenschlager said the groups have also provided letters to lawmakers making their case and explaining that a vote not to override is an "anti-gun vote."

But, he acknowledged it'll be a tough task to overcome Daugaard's rejection. The bill didn't get the two-thirds support that suggests an override would succeed, falling far short in the state House.

The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action has contacted South Dakota members and lawmakers with the message that the group strongly supports efforts to override the veto, spokesman Lars Dalseide said in an email. The push included a Wednesday memo to lawmakers saying it's a "top priority bill for the NRA."

Republican Rep. Lynne DiSanto, who sponsored the bill, said that she and a few other lawmakers are calling House legislators asking for their support. She said that it's difficult to know if the efforts will be successful.

"It's pretty disappointing with a Republican supermajority that I can't be more confident," DiSanto said.

Right now, it's a misdemeanor for someone to carry a concealed pistol or to have one concealed in a vehicle without a permit.

Daugaard said in his veto message that he disagrees with the idea that the state's current concealed carry laws infringe on Second Amendment rights. He said that South Dakota's permit process is simple and straightforward.

"It is paramount that our state protect the rights of our citizens while at the same time protecting the lives of our citizens," Daugaard said. "I believe our current laws appropriately protect both interests, and I ask that you sustain my veto."

The North Dakota Legislature has passed a similar bill, but it's not clear whether Republican Gov. Doug Burgum will support the move.

## A look at 4 victims of northern Wisconsin shootings

By The Associated Press

Two bank workers, a lawyer and a longtime police detective were killed in a shooting rampage in northern Wisconsin. A look at the victims, with information based on public records, interviews and summaries from the Wisconsin Department of Justice:

DET. JASON WEILAND

Weiland, 40, was a veteran of the Everest Metro Police Department, with experience as a field training officer and member of a task force for internet crimes against children. His career included working as a narcotics detective for the Marathon County Sheriff's Department, and as a police officer with Marathon City and a corrections officer with Marathon County, according to his LinkedIn page. Weiland was a devoted Green Bay Packers fan and is survived by his wife and two children. Weiland was killed as he responded with other officers to an apartment complex where a suspect was taken into custody after a standoff in Weston.

DIANNE M. LOOK

The 67-year-old graduated from D.C. Everest High School and had two children. Look met her husband, Robert Look, while working at a bank in 1988. The two married in 1992 and lived in South Dakota before returning to Wisconsin in 1998. The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. She had been a branch manager at Marathon Savings Bank since 1998.

KAREN L. BARCLAY

Barclay, 62, was killed along with Look at Marathon Savings Bank in Rothschild. Her former husband, Glenn Barclay, said she was the mother of a 28-year-old daughter and grandmother to two children ages 4 and 7. Karen Barclay was a dedicated employee, mother and grandmother, her ex-husband said. "Pleasant to everybody she met. Didn't have a mean bone in her body," he said.

SARA H. QUIRT SANN

An attorney, Quirt Sann, 43, had been a lawyer since 2011, according to her LinkedIn profile. Previously she worked as a manager for Wausau-based Quirt Family Dentistry from 2007-2012. Her LinkedIn profile also says she graduated from the Valparaiso University School of Law in 1999 and from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison with a journalism degree in 1996. Court records show she served from time to time as a guardian ad litem in divorce and child support cases, watching out for the interests of the children in those proceedings.

## **Sanford Health's top executive in Fargo announces retirement**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The top executive of Sanford Health in Fargo is retiring. KFGO Radio reports (<http://bit.ly/2o9RKxO>) that Paul Richard is leaving after 46 years with the Fargo hospital. He has been executive vice president of Sanford Health-Fargo since 2013. Richard started as a medical records clerk and later worked as an attorney for the organization. He has overseen development and construction of the nearly \$500 million medical center on Interstate 94 in Fargo.

Sanford Health is based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Fargo, North Dakota. It bills itself as one of the largest health systems in the nation, with 43 hospitals and nearly 250 clinics in nine states.

Sanford officials say a replacement for Richard will be named later this year.

Information from: KFGO-AM, <http://www.kfgo.com>

## **3 charged in alcohol poisoning death of college student**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Three people are facing misdemeanor charges after a 19-year-old Lake Area Tech student died of alcohol poisoning in Watertown.

KSFY-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/2nsbrDX>) that a 21-year-old woman is accused of buying alcohol for an underage person, a 19-year-old man is accused of furnishing alcohol to an underage person, and another 19-year-old man is accused of hosting a party where alcohol was consumed by people under age.

Police Sgt. Chad Stahl says other charges are pending.

Police are not naming the woman who died, citing privacy laws. Authorities say she died early Tuesday.

Information from: KSFY-TV, <http://www.ksfy.com>

## **Good Samaritan Society lays off 100 workers in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has laid off more than 100 workers in Sioux Falls, about 15 percent of its workforce in the city.

The senior care nonprofit cited "fiscal challenges" for the move.

The organization's Sioux Falls campus recently underwent a \$30 million, two-year renovation.

President and CEO David Horazdovsky said the affected employees were being given a compensation package and help finding new jobs.

## **Sioux falls man convicted of murder in casino shooting**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man could spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury found him guilty of killing another man outside of a casino in the city last year.

Jared Stone was convicted Wednesday of second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter, along with drug and weapons counts. The jury found him not guilty of the most serious charge — first-degree murder. A sentencing date wasn't immediately set.

Stone was charged following the shooting death of 28-year-old Baptiste White Eyes on April 22, 2016, following a fist fight. Stone was arrested in Wyoming five days later following a multistate manhunt.

Stone's defense attorney maintained that White Eyes was the aggressor in the encounter.



## British police reveal more details of Parliament attacker

By **DANICA KIRKA** and **JILL LAWLESS**, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — UK police are combing through “massive amounts of computer data” and more than 2,500 items seized in searches across the country as they look for clues about why a British-born man became radicalized and launched a deadly attack on Parliament.

London’s top counterterrorism officer Mark Rowley said the attacker, Khalid Masood, previously used the name Adrian Russell Ajao. In a briefing outside Scotland Yard he also announced two more “significant” arrests had been made. That brings the total number of people in custody for the Wednesday attack to nine.

“We’ve seized 2,700 items from these searches, including massive amounts of computer data for us to work through,” Rowley said, adding that contact had been made with 3,500 witnesses.

“We’ve received hundreds of uploads of video images to our online platform. Given this attack was in the heart of the capital we also, of course, are dealing with statements from a wide range of nationalities.”

Masood drove his car into crowds of people on Westminster Bridge on Wednesday afternoon before stabbing a police officer to death at the Houses of Parliament. He was shot dead by police.

Police say three civilians and the police officer died, while 31 people required hospital treatment.

“Those affected include a real cross-section of ages from at least 12 nationalities,” Rowley said. “It’s a poignant reminder, I think, that the impact of this attack on the capital will reach around the world.”

The 52-year-old attacker was born in southeastern England and had most recently been living in the central city of Birmingham, where several properties have been searched by police.

Rowley said police want “to hear from anyone who knew Khalid Masood well, understands who his associates were and can provide us with information about places he has recently visited.”

Rowley said two police officers targeted in the attack have significant injuries. Two other people also remain in critical condition, one with life-threatening injuries.

The latest victim, who died in the hospital on Thursday, was identified as 75-year-old Leslie Rhodes from Streatham, south London.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Wednesday’s attack. Police believe Masood acted alone, but Rowley said police are investigating whether he “acted totally alone inspired by terrorist propaganda, or if others have encouraged, supported or directed him.”

Seven people arrested in London and Birmingham are being held on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts.

Police say Masood has used several aliases and had a string of convictions between 1983 and 2003 for offenses including assault and possession of an offensive weapon.

Prime Minister Theresa May said Thursday that Masood was “investigated in relation to concerns about violent extremism” some years ago. But she called him “a peripheral figure.”

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By **The Associated Press**

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

### 1. TRUMP DEMANDS VOTE ON HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

GOP House leaders seemed to be calculating that at crunch time, they could coax enough dissidents to pass the bill that aims to repeal and replace Obamacare.

### 2. UK POLICE ARREST 2 MORE IN LONDON TERROR ATTACK

Nine people are currently in custody in connection with the Westminster attack that killed 4.

### 3. SENIOR US OFFICIALS: TRUMP SET TO APPROVE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Advocates say the pipeline will improve U.S. energy security and create jobs, while opponents contend the jobs will be minimal and short-lived, and the project threatens the environment.

### 4. FACTS OFTEN FOLLOW FICTION FOR TRUMP

The president has developed a pattern of making an outrageous claim, then wait until something

emerges that can be spun as vindication.

#### 5. WHY 9/11 SAUDI ARABIA LAWSUITS GAIN MOMENTUM

Congress overrode then-President Obama's veto last fall and approved a law that allows a civil case to go forward that seeks to hold Saudi Arabia accountable for the Sept. 11 attacks.

#### 6. HONG KONG IS POISED TO CHOOSE NEW LEADER

Members of a committee dominated by Beijing-favored elites will cast their ballots in the first such vote since 2014's huge pro-democracy protests.

#### 7. WHY BLACK LIVES MATTER GROUPS BAND TOGETHER WITH WAGE ACTIVISTS

The organizations are joining forces to push for \$15-an-hour minimum wage.

#### 8. S. KOREA RAISES SUNKEN FERRY

More than 300 people — most of whom were students on a high school trip — died when the vessel sank on April 16, 2014.

#### 9. CAR STOLEN IN S. CALIF. WITH 2 TODDLERS INSIDE

The boys were in their babysitters' car when she stepped out for an errand and someone stole it.

#### 10. WHERE'S THE NEXT NCAA CINDERELLA

No. 11 seed Xavier and No. 7 South Carolina emerge as the latest underdogs in the basketball tourney.

## Trumps plot big hotel expansion, but political problems loom

By **BERNARD CONDON** and **DAVID KOENIG**, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Trump family is launching a new hotel chain in a bold expansion of a company that critics say is already too big and opaque for an enterprise whose owner sits in the Oval Office.

The chain, called Scion, will feature the first Trump-run hotels not to bear the family's gilded name. The hotels will feature modern, sleek interiors and communal areas, and offer rooms at \$200 to \$300 a night, about half what it costs at some hotels in Trump's luxury chain.

And they'll be dozens of them, possibly a hundred, opening across the country in just three years. Or at least that's the plan.

"It's full steam ahead. It's in our DNA. It's in the Trump boys' DNA," said Trump Hotels CEO Eric Danziger. The "boys" are Eric and Donald Jr., who are running their father's company while he is president.

The bold expansion plan raises some thorny ethical questions.

The Trump family won't be putting up any money to build the hotels. Instead, their company, the Trump Organization, plans to get local real estate developers and their investors to foot the bill, as do most major hotel chains.

One of the first going up could be in Dallas. A development company there originally planned to raise money from unnamed investors in Kazakhstan, Turkey and Qatar, but recently told the Dallas Morning News that it now will tap only the company's U.S. partners.

#### ETHICS CONCERNS

Government ethics experts say turning to outside money, whether foreign or American, raises the specter of people trying to use their investment to gain favor with the new administration — like contributing to a political campaign, but with no dollar limits or public disclosure.

"This is the new version of pay-to-play, 'Get in there and do business with the Trump Organization,'" said Richard Painter, who was the chief White House ethics lawyer to President George W. Bush.

The Trump family will have to overcome some political obstacles, too. Already, politicians in a few cities mentioned as possible sites have vowed to fight the first family, raising the prospect of a struggle to get zoning and other permits to start building.

The son of German and Polish refugees from World War II, CEO Danziger is no stranger to long odds. He never went to college, instead taking a job as a bellman at a San Francisco hotel at 17. He worked himself up over the decades to CEO spots at several major hospitality companies.

When Danziger led Starwood Hotels and Resorts in the 1990s, he expanded the number of hotels from 20 to nearly 600.

The 62-year-old executive has similar ambitions for the Trump family. He said he hopes to open 50

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to 100 Scions in three years, and already has letters of intent with more than 20 developers, the last three signed in just one week earlier this month. He said he also is planning to add to Trump's existing line of luxury hotels.

Danziger took over Trump's hotel business in August 2015 with hopes of adding to the company's string of properties abroad. A review of trademark databases by The Associated Press shows the Trump family has applied for rights to use the Scion name in several countries, including China, Indonesia, Canada and 28 nations in Europe. An application for trademark rights in the Dominican Republic was approved as late as December.

Then President Trump held a news conference the next month and basically killed the international plans. A week before he took office, he pledged that his company would strike "no new foreign deals" while he was president to allay concerns that foreigners might try to influence U.S. policy by helping his business abroad.

## PROJECTS GET NEW LIFE

Critics note that hasn't stopped his company from expanding one of its Scottish resorts, pursuing two Indonesian projects that are largely unbuilt and looking to revive an old deal for a beachfront Dominican Republic resort that appeared dead years ago. The company has said these were already in the works, so they don't fall under the president's pledge.

At a panel discussion at a recent hotel industry conference, Danziger said the U.S. offers plenty of opportunity for expansion. As possible cities for new hotels, he mentioned Seattle, San Francisco, Denver and Dallas.

That didn't go down well with some local power brokers.

Mark Farrell, a San Francisco supervisor who heads the land use committee, scoffed at the idea of a Trump hotel getting permission to build in his city, telling a CBS affiliate "Good luck with that."

In Seattle, councilmember Rob Johnson told the AP he'd be "shocked" if any Trump hotels got built, calling his city "ground zero" for Trump resisters. In January, thousands took to the streets there to protest the president's first attempt at a travel ban and the city council passed a unanimous resolution denouncing it.

St. Louis, another possible Scion target, may prove a tough sell, too. A few days after the presidential election, protesters marched in front of a building that had been rumored as the site of a new Trump hotel as they chanted "No to Trump Tower."

The developer of the St. Louis project, Alterra Worldwide, is also the company behind the possible Scion hotel in Dallas. It announced soon after the St. Louis protest that it would use the building there to open a hotel under the Marriott name.

Despite the St. Louis trouble, Alterra President Mukemmel "Mike" Sarimsakci said, he expects no trouble with his Dallas project.

For starters, he appears to have much of the local approval needed to move forward. Both Sarimsakci and a Dallas city hall spokeswoman said Alterra is not seeking rezoning or tax incentives, which will avoid any need for a vote of the city council to approve the hotel.

Sarimsakci doesn't think anti-Trump sentiment will hurt the Scion chain.

"I think it's passed. I think people had really strong feelings prior to the election," he said. "I don't see that as being an issue moving forward."

Sarimsakci spoke to the AP last month. He did not respond to requests to confirm that he no longer plans to use foreign investors.

## THE LURE OF TAX REVENUE, JOBS

Danziger also shrugs off the danger from anti-Trump folks. Stopping a Scion from opening would hurt a city, he said, just as surely as it would hurt the Trumps.

"Why would a city because of political views, a city councilman's views, prohibit tax revenue from coming to the city and employment to the people?" Danziger said. "It doesn't make sense."

He also expressed confidence Scion will avoid ethical trouble. He said any new investors in Scion go through an "exhaustive, thorough" review to make sure, for instance, they're not offering sweetheart deals to the Trump family to curry favor with the president.

Before Trump took office, he hired an outside lawyer to vet his deals for conflicts. Critics say his company shouldn't be striking any new deals at all and that he should follow the precedent of modern presidents by selling his interest in the company. He has refused to do so.

Politics aside, Trump's new chain faces stiff business challenges.

The U.S. president is a tiny hotel operator, with just 14 properties that he either owns or licenses his name to or manages for others, according to his company's website. This puts it at a disadvantage compared with, say, Marriott International, which has more than 6,000 hotels and can get deeper discounts when purchasing insurance and food and linens. The bigger companies have powerful loyalty programs to lure travelers, too.

"Why do people stay at Marriotts all the time?" said Bjorn Hanson, professor of hospitality and tourism management at New York University. "They're earning points."

Trump's Scion chain also faces a fight for customers against an array of new chic "lifestyle" chains from Marriott, Hilton and other rivals. Furniture retailers West Elm and Restoration Hardware are opening hotels to appeal to young travelers. Even the gym chain Equinox recently announced plans to enter the crowded field.

Danziger said he's not worried. "Every industry on the planet is crowded."

He won't name the developers with whom he has letters of intent, or where they hope to build, noting that they're tentative deals that could easily fall through. Pressed, though, he rattled off a long series of cities seemingly at random, including Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Louisville, Kentucky.

"The list of places Scion can go," he said, "is virtually limitless."

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## House sets risky health care vote after Trump demands it

By ALAN FRAM and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a gamble with monumental political stakes, Republicans set course for a climactic House vote on their health care overhaul after President Donald Trump claimed he was finished negotiating with GOP holdouts and determined to pursue the rest of his agenda, win or lose.

House Speaker Paul Ryan set the showdown for Friday, following a nighttime Capitol meeting at which top White House officials told GOP lawmakers that Trump had decided the time for talk was over.

"We have been promising the American people that we will repeal and replace this broken law because it's collapsing and it's failing families. And tomorrow we're proceeding," Ryan tersely told reporters after scheduling what loomed as the most momentous vote to date for Trump and for the Wisconsin Republican's own speakership.

In an embarrassing and stinging setback hours earlier, leaders abruptly postponed the vote because a rebellion by conservatives and moderates would have doomed the measure. They'd hoped for a roll call Thursday, which marked the seventh anniversary of President Barack Obama's enactment of his landmark health care statute that Republicans have vowed ever since to annul.

There was no evidence that leaders had nailed down sufficient support to prevail, nor that their decision to charge ahead was a feint and that they'd delay again if necessary. But they seemed to be calculating that at crunch time, enough dissidents would decide against sabotaging the bill, Trump's young presidency and the House GOP leadership's ability to set the agenda, with a single, crushing defeat.

"The president has said he wants the vote tomorrow," White House budget chief Mick Mulvaney told the lawmakers, according to Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., a Trump ally. "If for any reason it goes down, we're just going to move forward with additional parts of his agenda. This is our moment in time."

Even if they prevail, Republicans face an uphill climb in the Senate, where conservatives and moderates are also threatening to sink it.

The GOP bill eliminates the Obama statute's unpopular fines on those who do not obtain coverage and the often generous subsidies for those who purchase insurance.



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Instead, consumers would face a 30 percent premium penalty if they let coverage lapse. Republican tax credits would be based on age, not income. The bill would also end Obama's Medicaid expansion and trim future federal financing for the federal-state program and let states impose work requirements on some of its 70 million beneficiaries.

In a bid to coax support from conservatives, House leaders proposed a fresh amendment — to be voted on Friday — repealing Obama's requirement that insurers cover 10 specified services like maternity and mental health care. Conservatives have demanded the removal of those and other conditions the law imposes on insurers, arguing they drive premiums skyward.

Many moderates are opposed because they say the GOP bill would leave many voters uninsured. Medical associations, consumer groups and hospitals are opposed or voicing misgivings, and some Republican governors say the bill cuts Medicaid too deeply and would leave many low-income people uncovered.

Republicans can lose only 22 votes in the face of united Democratic opposition. A tally by The Associated Press found at least 32 "no" votes, but the figure was subject to fluctuation amid frantic GOP lobbying.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., head of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, said he remained a "no" but didn't answer when asked whether the group still had enough votes to kill the legislation. He'd long said caucus opposition alone would defeat it without changes.

One member of that group, Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., responded indirectly when asked if his opposition had changed.

"Everybody asked us to take a moment and reflect. Well, we'll reflect," he said.

Other foes said they'd not flipped. These included moderate Reps. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania, Dan Donovan of New York and Leonard Lance of New Jersey, plus conservative Walter Jones of North Carolina, who had his own words of warning.

"He's there for three-and-a-half more years," Jones said of Trump. "He better be careful. He's got a lot of issues coming."

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said changes Republican leaders had proposed before Thursday to win votes had cut the legislation's deficit reduction by more than half, to \$150 billion over the next decade. But it would still result in 24 million more uninsured people in a decade.

Obama's law increased coverage through subsidized private insurance for people who don't have access to workplace plans, and a state option to expand Medicaid for low-income residents. More than 20 million people gained coverage since the law was passed in 2010.

Many who purchase individual health insurance and make too much to qualify for the law's tax credits have seen their premiums jump and their choices diminished.

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## Bye, Michigan — time for new lovable underdogs Xavier, SC

By ERIC OLSON, AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Thanks, Michigan. It was fun while it lasted.

So who's going to be the lovable underdog in the NCAA Tournament now?

Take your pick: Xavier or South Carolina.

The Musketeers are a No. 11 seed after losing their starting point guard to a knee injury in late January and finishing seventh in the Big East. They stomped No. 3 Florida State by 25 points to make the Sweet 16 and are in a regional final for the third time since 2004 after a stunning 73-71 win over No. 2 Arizona on Thursday night.

The Gamecocks might merit a little more love than Xavier, even though they're seeded four rungs higher as a No. 7. Unlike Xavier, which has been there, done that when it comes to the Sweet 16, the Gamecocks are in new territory.

They not only won their first game in the NCAAs since 1973 when they beat Marquette last week, they knocked out love-'em-or-hate-'em Duke in the round of 32 for their first win over the Blue Devils since

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1970. They take aim at Baylor on Friday night at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Michigan, that all-sports powerhouse from the Big Ten, doesn't usually endear itself to anybody but its own fans. In some corners (Ohio, for example) the Wolverines are the team everyone loves to hate, no matter the sport.

For the last two weeks, though, college basketball fans kind of fell for the Wolverines — if not the team, then its story.

The script: Plane skids off runway as the bubble-team Wolverines try to fly to the Big Ten Tournament in Washington. Team hitches ride on Detroit Pistons' plane, arriving a couple hours before game time. Wearing practice uniforms because game uniforms are still on the other plane, Wolverines beat Illinois to begin four wins-in-four days run that ends with conference tournament championship. Dispatches Oklahoma State in the first round of the NCAAs and No. 2 Louisville in the round of 32.

The fun ended when team leader Derrick Walton Jr.'s long jump shot bounced off the rim just before the buzzer in a 69-68 loss to Oregon in the Midwest Regional on Thursday night.

"We felt confident. We've been able to stick them out recently," senior Duncan Robinson said. "The ball didn't really bounce our way down the stretch. That's part of the game. Sometimes you've got to will your way to victory, and clearly we didn't do that tonight."

Michigan was sloppy in the first half, committing an uncharacteristic seven turnovers after giving the ball away a combined 10 times in its first two tournament games. The Wolverines cleaned things up in the second half, coughing up the ball just once, and were still in position to win at the end.

"It's the tightest bunch I've been around in all my years of playing basketball. Just a very selfless group," Walton said. "I had the joy of being a part of it and being one of the leaders. I wish we could have more games to play together because I think a couple minutes throughout the game we didn't show the type of team we were becoming."

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman said fatigue was not a factor even though the Wolverines played seven games in 15 days.

"You're pretty much in tournament mode," he said. "We had a lot of motivation going into the games. Everybody's tired at this point. Everybody's even. You just try to ride that emotion and that motivation."

If nothing else, the Wolverines made lifelong memories.

"That," senior Duncan Robinson said, "is what college athletics and sports in general are all about."

More AP college basketball: <http://collegebasketball.ap.org> and [https://twitter.com/AP\\_Top25](https://twitter.com/AP_Top25)

## Sunken S.Korean ferry set to be loaded on transport vessel

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean efforts to bring a sunken, 6,800-ton ferry back to land cleared an obstacle on Friday after divers cut off a vehicle ramp that had been dangling from the ship and hindering efforts to raise it.

Removing the ramp allowed workers to raise the ferry to a height where it can be loaded onto a semi-submersible transport vessel for transportation to a port.

More than 300 people — most of whom were students on a high school trip — died when the Sewol sank on April 16, 2014, touching off an outpouring of national grief and soul searching about long-ignored public safety and regulatory failures. Public outrage over what was seen as a botched rescue job by the government contributed to the recent ouster of Park Geun-hye as president.

Salvage crews raised the Sewol until its upper side was about 13 meters (42 feet) above the water's surface so that they could load it onto the transport vessel about two miles away.

Workers plan to complete loading the ferry by midnight Friday. The waters where the ferry sank are notorious for dangerous currents. The sea is relatively calm now, but currents are forecast to strengthen on Saturday.

Workers on two barges began the salvaging operation Wednesday night, rolling up 66 cables connected to a frame of metal beams divers spent months placing beneath the ferry.

The bodies of 295 passengers were recovered after the sinking, but nine are still missing. Relatives,

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some of whom were watching from two fishing boats just outside the operation area, hope those remains will be found inside the ferry. Some cried as they watched the emerging wreckage with telescopes.

"I shouted in joy when we heard that the ship surfaced at dawn. I thought we finally can find the missing nine," Lee Geum-hee, the mother of a missing school girl, told a television crew.

"But when I actually saw the ship coming up, I was devastated. All this time my poor child was in that cold, dirty place. It was heart wrenching."

Once the Sewol is loaded onto the transport vessel, it will take about two weeks for it to reach a port 90 kilometers (55 miles) away in the city of Mokpo.

Workers will then begin clearing mud and debris and search for the remains of the missing victims. An investigation committee will also search for clues that could further explain the cause of the sinking, which has been blamed on overloaded cargo, improper storage and other negligence.

The ferry's captain survived and is serving a life sentence after a court found him guilty of committing homicide through "willful negligence" because he fled the ship without issuing an evacuation order.

Ousted President Park was forced to defend herself against accusations that she was out of contact for several hours on the day of the sinking. The allegations were included in an impeachment bill lawmakers passed against Park in December, amid broader corruption suspicions.

Park was formally removed from office by the Constitutional Court earlier this month. She is now under criminal investigation over suspicions that she conspired with a confidante to extort money and favors from companies and allow the friend to secretly interfere with state affairs.

## White House, in gamble, demands make-or-break health vote

By ERICA WERNER and ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abandoning negotiations, President Donald Trump demanded a make-or-break vote on health care legislation in the House, threatening to leave "Obamacare" in place and move on to other issues if Friday's vote fails.

The risky move, part gamble and part threat, was presented to GOP lawmakers behind closed doors Thursday night after a long and intense day that saw a planned vote on the health care bill scrapped as the legislation remained short of votes amid cascading negotiations among conservative lawmakers, moderates and others.

At the end of it the president had had enough and was ready to vote and move on, whatever the result, Trump's budget director Mick Mulvaney told lawmakers.

"Negotiations are over, we'd like to vote tomorrow and let's get this done for the American people." That was it," Rep. Duncan Hunter of California said as he left the meeting, summarizing Mulvaney's message to lawmakers.

"Let's vote," White House chief strategist Steve Bannon said as he walked out.

"For seven and a half years we have been promising the American people that we will repeal and replace this broken law because it's collapsing and it's failing families, and tomorrow we're proceeding," House Speaker Paul Ryan said, then walked off without answering as reporters demanded to know whether the bill had the votes to pass.

The outcome of Friday's vote was impossible to predict. Both conservative and moderate lawmakers had claimed the bill lacked votes after a long day of talks. But the White House appeared ready to gamble that the prospect of failing to repeal former President Barack Obama's health law, after seven years of promising to do exactly that, would force lawmakers into the "yes" column.

"It's done tomorrow. Or 'Obamacare' stays," said Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., a top Trump ally in the House.

Collins was among those predicting success on Friday, but others didn't hide their anxiety about the outcome.

Asked whether Republicans would be unified on Friday's vote, freshman Rep Matt Gaetz of Florida said, "I sure hope so, or we'll have the opportunity to watch a unified Democratic caucus impeach Donald Trump in two years when we lose the majority."

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One announcement after Thursday's meeting moved things the wrong way for Trump. Freshman Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., stated he would oppose the bill, saying, "I cannot support anything less than a clean repeal of Obamacare."

Thursday's maneuvers added up to high drama on Capitol Hill, but Friday promised even more suspense with the prospect of leadership putting a major bill on the floor uncertain about whether it would pass or fail.

The Republican legislation would halt Obama's tax penalties against people who don't buy coverage and cut the federal-state Medicaid program for low earners, which the Obama statute had expanded. It would provide tax credits to help people pay medical bills, though generally skimpier than Obama's statute provides. It also would allow insurers to charge older Americans more and repeal tax boosts the law imposed on high-income people and health industry companies.

The measure would also block federal payments to Planned Parenthood for a year, another stumbling block for GOP moderates.

In a concession to the conservative House Freedom Caucus, many of whose members have withheld support, the legislation would repeal requirements for insurers to cover "essential health benefits" such as maternity care and substance abuse treatment.

The drama unfolded seven years to the day after Obama signed his landmark law, an anniversary GOP leaders meant to celebrate with a vote to undo the divisive legislation. "Obamacare" gave birth to the tea party movement and helped Republicans win and keep control of Congress and then take the White House.

Instead, as GOP leaders were forced to delay the vote Thursday, C-SPAN filled up the time playing footage of Obama signing the Affordable Care Act.

In a danger sign for Republicans, a Quinnipiac University poll found that people disapprove of the GOP legislation by 56 percent to 17 percent, with 26 percent undecided. Trump's handling of health care was viewed unfavorably by 6 in 10.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who as speaker was Obama's crucial lieutenant in passing the Democratic bill in the first place, couldn't resist a dig at the GOP disarray.

"You may be a great negotiator," she said of Trump. "Rookie's error for bringing this up on a day when clearly you're not ready."

Obama declared in a statement that "America is stronger" because of the current law and said Democrats must make sure "any changes will make our health care system better, not worse for hardworking Americans." Trump tweeted to supporters, "Go with our plan! Call your Rep & let them know."

Unlike Obama and Pelosi when they passed Obamacare, the Republicans had failed to build an outside constituency or coalition to support their bill. Instead, medical professionals, doctors and hospitals — major employers in some districts — as well as the AARP and other influential consumer groups were nearly unanimously opposed. So were outside conservative groups who argued the bill didn't go far enough. The Chamber of Commerce was in favor.

Moderates were given pause by projections of 24 million Americans losing coverage in a decade and higher out-of-pocket costs for many low-income and older people, as predicted by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. In an updated analysis Thursday, the CBO said late changes to the bill meant to win over reluctant lawmakers would cut beneficial deficit reduction in half, while failing to cover more people.

And, House members were mindful that the bill, even if passed by the House, faces a tough climb in the Senate.

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Associated Press reporters Alan Fram, Kevin Freking, Ken Thomas and Matthew Daly contributed to this report.



## Maryland high school thrust into immigration debate

By BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A Maryland high school has been thrust into the national immigration debate after a 14-year-old student said she was raped in a bathroom there by two classmates, including one who authorities said came to the U.S. illegally from Central America.

Protesters on both sides of the debate converged on a nearby elementary school Thursday during a visit by U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. And the White House has weighed in, saying the president has made a crackdown on illegal immigration a priority “because of tragedies like this.”

The Montgomery County school system has been besieged by hundreds of racist and xenophobic calls. In response, schools beefed up police presence in an attempt to reassure the anxious community.

“Now we’re starting to receive calls that are threatening, saying they’re going to shoot up the illegals in our school,” said Derek Turner, a school system spokesman. He noted that the calls marked “a whole new level of vitriol that we haven’t seen before.”

The latest flashpoint in the immigration debate started out as a sexual assault case. Last Friday, 18-year-old Henry Sanchez and 17-year-old Jose Montano were charged with first-degree rape and two counts of first-degree sexual offense.

Police said the girl was walking in a hallway when one of them asked her to have sex and she refused. Montano forced her into a boy’s bathroom stall and they raped her, police said.

Sanchez, who is from Guatemala, came to the U.S. illegally in August and was encountered by a U.S. Border Patrol agent in Texas, federal immigration officials said. He was eventually released to live with his father.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials wouldn’t comment on Montano, who is a minor but is charged criminally as an adult.

Federal law requires public schools to admit students even if they are in the country illegally.

“As a mother of two daughters and grandmother of four young girls, my heart aches for the young woman and her family at the center of these terrible circumstances,” DeVos said in a statement before her visit to the elementary school. “We all have a common responsibility to ensure every student has access to a safe and nurturing learning environment.”

DeVos was there with Gov. Larry Hogan for National Reading Month.

The county of Montgomery is Maryland’s largest, with a population of 1 million people. It’s considered politically progressive and voted overwhelming for Hillary Clinton during the past election.

More than half of residents identify themselves as black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Pacific islander or an ethnicity other than non-Hispanic white, according to the 2010 census.

Rosa Segura was one of the demonstrators at Carderock Springs Elementary School. The Takoma Park woman said she came to stand up for immigrants at a time when the Trump administration is cracking down on them.

“Whatever the case may be, they cannot stand up for themselves, so I thought it was important for me to come out here today as a person with more privilege than some of these students may have to make sure their voices are heard,” Segura said.

Trump has signed a pair of executive orders aimed at illegal immigration, and his Homeland Security Department has made clear that just about any immigrant in the country illegally is a priority for deportation. Included in one of those orders was a directive to publicly disclose, on a weekly basis, crimes attributed to immigrants and details about jails that aren’t cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

The Homeland Security Department has also announced plans to establish an office dedicated to helping victims of immigrant crimes. Critics of the president’s effort have argued that he is unjustifiably vilifying immigrants.

Other protesters at the elementary school voiced their displeasure with a bill in the Maryland Legislature that would prevent authorities from stopping or detaining people solely to ask about their immigration status. It also would block corrections officials from holding arrestees in jail at the request of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

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Supporters call it the Maryland Trust Act, designed to boost trust between immigrants and police. Critics say it would help protect people who have been deported after committing crimes and returned to the state.

The Republican governor promised to veto it earlier this week.

"The Maryland House of Delegates tonight passed an outrageously irresponsible bill that will make Maryland a sanctuary state and endanger our citizens," Hogan said in a statement Monday night.

Eleni Dorian, a mother of two girls in Montgomery County schools, supports the governor's veto and worries there are too many immigrants coming into the country. She said the bill would "open the floodgates" in a state that she believes already has lax immigration policies.

"Our schools would be overwhelmed," Dorian said.

Associated Press writers Alicia Caldwell in Washington and Matthew Barakat in Alexandria, Virginia, contributed to this report.

## Israel arrests hacker linked to threats on US Jewish centers

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A 19-year-old American-Israeli Jew was arrested Thursday as the prime suspect in a wave of bomb threats against U.S. Jewish community centers, a startling turn in a case that had stoked fears of rising anti-Semitism in the United States.

The surprising arrest of the man, a hacker who holds dual Israeli and American citizenship, came after a trans-Atlantic investigation with the FBI and other international law enforcement agencies. U.S. Jewish groups welcomed the breakthrough in the case, which had drawn condemnation from President Donald Trump.

Israeli police described the suspect as a hacker, but said his motives were still unclear.

"He's the guy who was behind the JCC threats," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, referring to the scores of anonymous threats phoned in to Jewish community centers in the U.S. over the past two months.

Police banned publication of his name, but said he was a dual citizen and would remain in custody until at least March 30. During the arrest raid, they said he tried to grab an officer's gun but was stopped by another officer.

The young man appeared briefly in court in the central Israeli city of Rishon Letzion. He wore khaki pants and a blue sweater that he used to cover his face as he walked past reporters. He made no comment.

His lawyer, Galit Bash, said her client had a "very serious medical condition" that might have affected his behavior. She said the condition had prevented him from attending elementary school, high school or enlisting in the army, which is compulsory for most Jewish men.

"That's why the medical condition can actually affect the investigation," she said. "This is one of the things the judge told the police to check, to talk to his doctors, to get more documents and to investigate him according to his medical situation."

Channel 10 TV said the condition was a brain tumor. It also showed images of a large antenna outside the suspect's house in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. Police said the suspect's father was also detained, apparently because of the equipment. Late Thursday, police said the father's detention had been extended by eight days.

In Washington, the FBI confirmed the arrest of the main suspect.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the Justice Department "will not tolerate the targeting of any community in the country on the basis of their religious beliefs." He called work by the FBI and Israeli police "outstanding."

Since Jan. 9, there have been more than 150 bomb threats against Jewish community centers and day schools in 37 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, according to the Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish group that battles anti-Semitism.

The threats led to evacuations, sent a chill through local Jewish communities and raised fears of rising

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anti-Semitism. Acts of vandalism on Jewish targets, including cemeteries, have added to those concerns. As the number of threats grew, Trump was criticized for not speaking out. Then, late last month, he opened a speech to Congress by denouncing anti-Semitism. There was no immediate reaction from the White House to Thursday's arrest.

The ADL, JCC Association of America and Jewish Federations of North America all welcomed news of the arrest.

But Jonathan Greenblatt, chief executive of the ADL, said anti-Semitism in the U.S. remains a "very serious concern."

"JCCs and other institutions should not relax security measures or become less vigilant," he said.

Karen Dombey, whose child attends the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie, Florida, which was evacuated when it received threats Feb. 27 and March 7, said she was surprised that the suspect is an Israeli-American. About 500 students from kindergarten through high school attend classes at the center, where armed guards stood at its entrances on Thursday.

"I hope it doesn't happen again. I hope it stops. But the fact that it happened raises awareness that we are targeted even when we think we are not," Dombey said.

U.S. authorities have also arrested a former journalist from St. Louis, Juan Thompson, for allegedly threatening Jewish organizations and charged him with one count of cyberstalking.

But Israeli police described the local man as the primary suspect in the wave of threats.

Police said he used sophisticated "camouflage technologies" to disguise his voice and mask his location. They said a search of the teen's home uncovered antennas and satellite equipment.

"In sophisticated cyber activity that I cannot detail, we obtained what we obtained and of course exposed him and his equipment," national police chief Roni Alsheich told reporters. "This does not bring honor to the state of Israel of course. But I think it does bring respect to Israel's police."

Police said the threats had caused panic, "significant economic damage" and disrupted public order at locations around the world.

The man is also suspected of placing threatening phone calls to Australia, New Zealand and within Israel. They also said he had disrupted a Delta Airlines flight at New York's JFK airport in early 2015.

Harel Menashri, a former cyber expert with Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency, said it was not "too complicated" for the suspect to do what he did.

He said it appeared the suspect had penetrated neighbors' Wi-Fi systems to create multiple computer addresses.

"One of the things that helped him evade capture was he apparently took control over additional computers on the way and created a kind of computer chain," he said.

Nimrod Vax, a co-founder of the U.S.-Israeli cybersecurity firm BigID, said catching the suspect was a more complicated task.

He said authorities would have had to sift through "billions, if not trillions" of pieces of data, including phone records, routing logs and IP connections.

Ron Hosko, a retired FBI assistant director, said such investigations require massive manpower to solve.

Investigating a bomb threat by phone normally means getting a subpoena for a phone company and getting subscriber information to identify the incoming call. But the suspect used computer software, such as Tor, to obfuscate his whereabouts.

The software "puts you in a cloud of IP addresses" that link to different computers and make it extremely difficult to trace, he said.

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## Utah getting toughest drunken driving limit in the US

By MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's governor signed legislation Thursday giving the predominantly Mormon state the strictest drunken driving threshold in the country, a change that restaurant groups and representatives of the ski and snowboard industry say will hurt tourism.

Republican Gov. Gary Herbert said lowering the blood alcohol limit for most drivers to 0.05 percent from 0.08 percent will save lives.

The change means a 150-pound man would be over the 0.05 limit after two beers, while a 120-pound woman could exceed it after a single drink, though that can be affected by a number of factors, including how much food a person has eaten, according to the American Beverage Institute, a national restaurant group.

Opponents, including the group, had urged Herbert to veto the bill, saying it would punish responsible drinkers and burnish Utah's reputation as a Mormon-centric place unfriendly to those who drink alcohol.

"People are going to try to say this is a religious issue. And that is just absolutely false. This is a public safety issue," the governor, who is Mormon, said at a news conference.

Restaurant groups said they don't support drunken driving but a 0.05 percent limit won't catch drivers who are actually impaired. Plus, the law is "a total attack on the state's hospitality industry, customers and the tourism industry," American Beverage Institute executive director Sarah Longwell said.

The group took out full-page ads Thursday in Salt Lake City's two daily newspapers and USA Today, featuring a fake mugshot under a large headline reading, "Utah: Come for vacation, leave on probation."

But proponents say the law will send a resounding message that people should not drink and drive — no matter how little somebody has consumed. The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety applauded the change, saying it's a "sensible solution" to deter drunken driving.

If drivers are not impaired, they won't violate the law, said Rep. Norm Thurston, the bill's sponsor. The Republican says police won't measure someone's blood alcohol level until they have seen visible signs of impairment and the person fails a field sobriety test.

He also said Utah became the first state to lower its blood alcohol limit to 0.08 percent in 1983, and since then tourism has flourished.

Utah's Tourism Office said it's not concerned about the law discouraging visitors, noting that a number of foreign countries such as France, Australia and Italy have similar laws and don't have a problem attracting tourists.

"There's not many Mormons in Rome, and they're doing it there," Herbert quipped Thursday.

In the United States, the blood alcohol limit for most drivers is 0.08 percent, but limits vary among states for commercial drivers or motorists with a conviction of driving under the influence.

The National Transportation Safety Board has encouraged states to drop their blood alcohol levels to 0.05 percent or even lower, but it's met resistance from the hospitality industry.

Lawmakers in Washington and Hawaii had considered lowering their limits to 0.05 percent this year but both measures appear dead.

In Utah, the new law would take effect on Dec. 30, 2018, just before New Year's Eve.

In the meantime, Herbert said he plans to call lawmakers into a special legislative session this summer to improve the law. He said he wants legislators to consider a tiered punishment system with less stringent penalties for those convicted of driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.05 to 0.07 percent.

Utah has some of the lowest rates of fatal DUI accidents in the country, and though the population has boomed over the past decade, the DUI arrest rate has dropped.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has taken a neutral position on the measure.

J.T. Griffin, a government affairs officer for the group, said in a statement that MADD is focusing on "countermeasures that work, such as ignition interlock laws for all drunk driving offenders and sobriety checkpoints."

Associated Press reporters Cathy Bussewitz in Honolulu and Alexis Myers in Olympia, Washington contributed to this report.



## Brady's Super Bowl jerseys returned to New England Patriots

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Tom Brady's stolen Super Bowl jerseys are back with the New England Patriots. The jerseys worn by Brady during this year's Super Bowl and the 2015 Super Bowl were returned to Gillette Stadium Thursday, the FBI announced.

Brady's 2017 jersey went missing from the Patriots' locker room after the team's win over the Atlanta Falcons on Feb. 5, touching off an investigation stretching from Boston to the Mexican border.

Mexican authorities searched the property of Mexican media executive Martin Mauricio Ortega, where they found the jersey, along with a Brady jersey that disappeared after the 2015 Super Bowl. A Denver Broncos helmet also was found.

Ortega has not been charged in the case and has not commented. An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment on the investigation.

In a statement Thursday, Patriots owner Robert Kraft said he looks forward to giving the jerseys to Brady when he returns to New England.

Kraft thanked the FBI, Mexican authorities and other law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation.

"It is another example of the importance of teamwork and what can be accomplished when everyone works together," Kraft said.

The FBI released a photo of the jerseys being held by Harold Shaw, special agent in charge of the FBI Boston Division, and Col. Richard McKeon of the Massachusetts State Place. Kraft is standing between the two jerseys and behind the Patriots' five Super Bowl trophies.

"We know how much this means to the Patriots and football fans everywhere, and we are honored to be able to bring these jerseys back to Foxboro," Shaw said.

Colleagues of Ortega said he went to this year's Super Bowl in Houston as a working journalist but spent the week collecting selfies and autographs from football players. Ortega quit his job as director of the tabloid La Prensa earlier on March 14, two days after Brady's jerseys were found.

For more NFL coverage: <http://www.pro32.ap.org> and [http://www.twitter.com/AP\\_NFL](http://www.twitter.com/AP_NFL)

## A look at victims of the attack outside London's Parliament

By JOHN LEICESTER, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The four victims killed and at least 30 wounded in the attack in Westminster were a cosmopolitan snapshot of one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities.

The dead included a British policeman stabbed to death, an American tourist celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary and a British school administrator adored in the Spanish town where she spent summer vacations with her family. A 75-year-old man also died Thursday of his wounds, London police said.

The injured came from 12 countries. In addition to Britons, they included schoolchildren from France, a Romanian couple, a Portuguese man who had just finished his shift at a food store, and others who had traveled from as far away as China to explore London.

Here's what's known about the victims:

Police Officer Keith Palmer, 48, had been a member of Britain's parliamentary and diplomatic protection forces for 15 years and a soldier in the Royal Artillery before that.

He was on duty protecting Parliament when he was stabbed to death on Wednesday.

Honoring Palmer, Prime Minister Theresa May said he was "a husband, a father ... he was every inch a hero.

"His actions will never be forgotten."

Conservative lawmaker James Cleverly tweeted that he was "heartbroken," having known Palmer for 25 years. He said they served in the military together.

"A lovely man, a friend," Cleverly wrote.

The Charlton Athletic Football Club said Palmer was a long-time fan and "a familiar face" at its London

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stadium, The Valley. As a tribute, the club placed one of its red-and-white scarves on his seat in the East Stand where he sat "for many years." It said the scarf will stay there until the team's next game on April 4.

Aysha Frade, a British citizen whose mother is Spanish, was one of two people killed on the bridge. In the northwestern Spanish town of Betanzos, where her mother was born and her two sisters run an English-language school, the mayor said: "The whole town is shocked."

Although Frade, 43, was born and lived in London, she spent weeks every summer in Betanzos visiting relatives, said Ramon Garcia Vazquez, mayor of the town of 13,000 in Spain's Galicia region.

He told The Associated Press that her family "was very well known in the village and loved by everybody here."

He said her two elder sisters, Silvia and Michelle, flew to London early Thursday. The Betanzos town hall held a minute of silence for the family at noon Thursday and the mayor announced three days of mourning.

Frade worked as an administrator at the DLD College — a school in Westminster a stone's throw from Parliament.

"She was highly regarded and loved by our students and by her colleagues. She will be deeply missed by all of us," said Rachel Borland, the college principal.

Frade had two daughters, Spain's regional Voz de Galicia newspaper reported.

Kurt W. Cochran from Utah was on the last day of a European trip celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary when he was killed on Westminster Bridge.

His wife, Melissa, was seriously injured and remains hospitalized. She suffered a broken leg, a broken rib and cuts and bruises, said friend Mike Murphy.

They were visiting her parents, who are serving as Mormon missionaries in the British capital, a church spokesman said.

The couple ran a recording studio in the basement of their home just outside Salt Lake City.

Murphy, owner of Murphy's Guitars, said Kurt Cochran regularly came to his shop to buy recording equipment for the studio where he tried to help young bands get started by charging them very little.

"He loved music," Murphy said. "He was always around when there were music things going on."

Pictures on Kurt Cochran's Facebook page show the couple enjoying their trip through Europe prior to the attack. In one post, he was smiling and holding a German beer under the caption, "After a long day of sightseeing."

In a tweet, U.S. President Donald Trump called Cochran "a great American" and said: "My prayers and condolences are with his family and friends."

A fourth victim of Wednesday's attack on Westminster Bridge died Thursday, London police said, without releasing his name or nationality. The 75-year-old man had been receiving medical treatment in the hospital following the attack and life support was withdrawn on Thursday evening, a police statement said.

Those injured in the attack included 12 Britons, four South Koreans, three French, two Romanians, two Greeks, two Irish, and one person each from Germany, Poland, China, Italy, Portugal and the United States. Police earlier said several people were in critical condition.

Francisco Lopes, a 26-year-old from Portugal who has lived in London for 15 years, suffered severe cut on his hands and legs when he was hit by the car on Westminster Bridge. He had just finished work at a food store and was walking along the bridge to catch the Tube home.

"I was scared for my life," Lopes told the AP. "I didn't want to die. I was trying to convince myself that I was going to be OK and that my legs were going to be OK."

"I had no, literally no, time to get out of the way," he said. "I tried to defend myself as I could. So I put my arms forward, and the car just tumbled me over."

Lopes, who will have surgery on one of his hands, says he is struggling to try to sleep.

"I started to close my eyes and then that image just started coming over again, you know the fear, the people screaming," he said.

Romania's ambassador to Britain, Dan Mihalache, said a critically injured Romanian woman successfully underwent surgery Thursday to remove a blood clot from her brain, but she also has lung injuries. The woman was rescued from the Thames River — it was not clear whether she jumped in to escape the car or was thrown into the water by its impact.

Romanian authorities did not name her or the man she was traveling with, citing privacy rules. Romanian media reported that the couple in their 20s had traveled to London to celebrate his birthday later this week.

The ambassador told the national news agency Agerpres the man suffered a foot fracture.

"He's in psychological shock because of the situation," he said.

## London defiant as IS claims attack by British ex-con, 52

By JILL LAWLESS and PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Authorities on Thursday identified a 52-year-old Briton as the man who mowed down pedestrians and stabbed a policeman to death outside Parliament in London, saying he had a long criminal record and once was investigated for extremism — but was not currently on a terrorism watch list.

As millions of Londoners returned to work a day after a rampage that killed four victims and injured at least 30, British Prime Minister Theresa May had a message for other attackers: "We are not afraid."

"Today we meet as normal — as generations have done before us, and as future generations will continue to do," she said to lawmakers' cheers in the House of Commons.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, which police said was carried out by Khalid Masood, a U.K.-born resident of the West Midlands in central England. Masood plowed a rented SUV into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing an American man and a British woman and injuring more than 30 people of almost a dozen nationalities. He then fatally stabbed a policeman inside the gates of Parliament before being shot to death by an officer.

A 75-year-old victim on the bridge died late Thursday of his wounds, police said.

Vincenzo Mangiacarpe, an Italian boxer visiting Parliament, said he saw the attacker get out of the car wielding two knives.

"You can imagine if someone was playing a drum on your back with two knives — he gave (the policeman) around 10 stabs in the back," Mangiacarpe said.

The dead were identified as Kurt Cochran, 54, of Utah and British school administrator Aysha Frade, 43 — both struck on the bridge — and 48-year-old Constable Keith Palmer, a 15-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police. The 75-year-old victim was not identified.

Police arrested eight people — three women and five men — on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts as authorities sought Masood's motive and possible support network. One arrest was in London, while the others were in Birmingham. Police said they were searching properties in Birmingham, London and Wales.

Masood's convictions between 1983 and 2003 included assault, weapons possession and public order offenses, London police said.

But he "was not the subject of any current investigations and there was no prior intelligence about his intent to mount a terrorist attack," police added.

Many suspects in British terrorist attacks and plots have had roots in Birmingham, England's second-largest city, and several local mosques have been linked to extremist clerics.

A home raided in Birmingham was one where Masood lived until late last year, a neighbor said. Shown a photo of him, Iwona Romek said "that is 100 percent" the man who lived next door to her for about five months.

Romek said he had a wife and child about 6 years old who he would walk to school. He rarely left home in the evening.

"He seemed like a normal family man who liked to take care of his garden," she said. But one day she

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saw him packing their belongings in a black van and they were gone.

As police investigated, Parliament got back to business, opening the day with a minute's silence for the victims. May saluted the heroism of police and the bravery of ordinary Londoners.

"As I speak, millions will be boarding trains and airplanes to travel to London and to see for themselves the greatest city on Earth," she said. "It is in these actions — millions of acts of normality — that we find the best response to terrorism. A response that denies our enemies their victory, that refuses to let them win."

In 1,000-year-old Westminster Hall, the oldest part of Parliament's buildings, politicians, journalists and parliamentary staff lined up to sign a book of condolences. One uniformed policeman wrote: "Keith, my friend, will miss you."

Some parliamentarians said they were shaken by Wednesday's attack, and all were somber. But they also were determined.

"There is no such thing as 100 percent security," said Menzies Campbell, a member of the House of Lords. "We have to learn to live with that."

The attack echoed deadly vehicle rampages in Nice, France, and Berlin last year that were claimed by the Islamic State group.

IS said through its Amaq News Agency that the London attacker — whom it did not name — was "a soldier of the Islamic State" who "carried out the operation in response to calls for targeting citizens of the coalition" fighting IS in Syria and Iraq.

IS has been responsible for violence around the globe although the group has also claimed events later found to have no clear links to it.

Police believe the attacker acted alone, May told lawmakers, with no reason to believe "imminent further attacks" are planned. Britain's threat level from terrorism stands at "severe," the second-highest on a five-point scale, meaning an attack is highly likely.

Years ago, Khalid was "investigated in relation to concerns about violent extremism," she said, but called him "a peripheral figure."

Home Secretary Amber Rudd denied there had been an intelligence failure because the attacker had been known to police.

"I think that would be absolutely the wrong judgment to make," Rudd told the BBC. "I'm confident that as we get more information ... that we will learn more and take comfort from the information that we have and the work that the intelligence services do."

British security forces say they have foiled 13 plots in the past four years.

London has been a terrorism target many times. Last weekend, hundreds of police simulated a attack on a tourist boat on the River Thames, which winds through London.

The victims were from 11 countries. They included 12 Britons, four South Koreans, three French, two Romanians, two Greeks, two Irish, two Americans and one person each from Germany, Poland, China and Italy.

Cochran, who was visiting London with his wife, Melissa, for their 25th anniversary, was listed among the dead by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His wife was seriously injured and hospitalized.

Nigel Farage, former leader of the right-wing U.K. Independence Party, blamed the attack on "multi-culturalism."

But most politicians said the violence should not divide Britain, and May called the rampage "a perversion of a great faith."

As dusk fell, a silent vigil was held by several thousand people in London's Trafalgar Square, where the bells of Big Ben could be heard in the distance.

"Those evil and tortured individuals who try to destroy our shared way of life will never succeed," Mayor Sadiq Khan told the crowd.

Sughra Ahmed, a Muslim woman who traveled from northwest England for the vigil, said she'd been reduced to tears on the square by a woman who embraced her.

"Britain is one," she said. "An attack on one is an attack on us all."



Dodds reported from Birmingham. Danica Kirka, John Leicester, Gregory Katz, Frank Griffiths, Lori Hinnant and Sophie Berman in London and Bilal Hussein in Beirut contributed.

This story has been corrected to eliminate an incorrect reference to the slain officer's badge number.

## White House defends GOP lawmaker's decision to brief Trump

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Thursday defended the House intelligence committee chairman's extraordinary decision to openly discuss and brief President Donald Trump on typically secret intelligence intercepts, even as Rep. Devin Nunes privately apologized to his congressional colleagues.

The decision to disclose the information before talking to committee members outraged Democrats and raised questions about the independence of the panel's probe of Russian interference in the election.

"It was a judgment call on my part," Nunes told reporters shortly after the closed-door committee meeting. "Sometimes you make the right decision, sometimes you make the wrong decision."

Frustrated Democrats questioned whether Nunes, who served on Trump's transition team, was working in coordination with the White House, a charge the White House disputed.

Still, White House spokesman Sean Spicer claimed, inaccurately, that Nunes was "vindicating" the president's unproven assertion that President Barack Obama wiretapped his New York skyscraper during the election. Nunes specifically stated that the new information he received did not support the president's explosive allegations.

Nunes told reporters he had seen new information showing that the communications of Trump transition officials were scooped up through monitoring of other targets and improperly spread through intelligence agencies during the final days of the Obama administration. But he shot down Trump's claims about a wiretap at Trump Tower specifically ordered by his predecessor.

Still, Republican groups moved quickly to raise money off Nunes' revelations. The National Republican Campaign Committee blasted out an email with the subject "Confirmed: Obama spied on Trump." The Republican National Committee made a pitch with the subject line "Vindicated" and went on to say, "President Trump has fought back and been vindicated time and time again."

On Wednesday, Nunes spoke to reporters and the president without sharing the new information with Rep. Adam Schiff, the panel's top Democrat. On Thursday morning, Nunes apologized to Schiff and other Democrats during a 20-minute meeting on Capitol Hill.

"It was a somber discussion," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, a committee member.

Speaking to reporters after his apology, Nunes ducked questions about whether he was parroting information given to him by the White House, saying only that he was "not going to ever reveal sources."

It's common for Americans to get caught up in U.S. surveillance of foreigners, such as foreign diplomats in the U.S. talking to an American. Typically, the American's name would not be revealed in a report about the intercepted communications. However, if there is foreign intelligence value to revealing the American's name, it is "unmasked" and shared with other intelligence analysts who are working on related foreign intelligence surveillance.

The material picked up by intelligence agencies is typically classified. But Nunes' office disputed that he had released classified information, saying the chairman "did not identify the targets of the surveillance and only spoke in general terms about the content."

Obama administration officials disputed the suggestion that the outgoing administration had improperly monitored its successors. Former Vice President Joe Biden weighed in on Twitter, saying the chairman of a committee investigating the White House can't share information with that White House.

"Need select committee!" Biden wrote, echoing calls from other Democrats and a small handful of Republicans for an independent investigation.

Nunes' disclosure came two days after FBI Director James Comey publicly confirmed the bureau's own investigation into the Trump campaign's connections with Russia. Comey testified during the intelligence committee's first public hearing on Russia's election interference, an investigation being overseen by Nunes.

Nunes said the intercepted communications appeared to be legally obtained and were not related to the FBI's Russia investigation. He said his concern was that the identities of the Trump officials were improperly revealed and the contents of their communications were "widely disseminated" in intelligence reports.

Schiff disputed Nunes' suggestions that there was improper "unmasking." He said that after speaking with Nunes, it appeared that the names of Americans were still guarded in the intercepts though their identities could be gleaned from the materials.

Nunes said the information on the Trump team was collected in November, December and January, the period after the election when Trump was holding calls with foreign leaders, interviewing potential Cabinet secretaries and beginning to sketch out administration policy.

Asked whether he believed the transition team had been spied on, Nunes said, "It all depends on one's definition of spying."

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## Police: Random racist violence ends in death of black man

By COLLEEN LONG and JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One was a neighborly black man who lived in a rooming house in New York's Garment District, liked to collect autographs outside Broadway's theaters, struck up a Twitter friendship with a Hollywood actress and took photos of himself with Oprah Winfrey and Beyonce.

The other was a white Army veteran from outside Baltimore who was raised in what was described as a churchgoing and liberal family and served in Afghanistan.

Late Monday night, officials say, their paths crossed tragically on the streets of New York in a cold-blooded random act of racist violence by the white man.

As 66-year-old Timothy Caughman bent over a trash bin around the corner from his home, gathering bottles to recycle, James Harris Jackson attacked him from behind with a 2-foot sword and walked off, prosecutors say. A bleeding Caughman staggered into a police station and later died at a hospital.

On Thursday, Jackson, 28, was charged with murder as a hate crime. He said nothing in court.

"The defendant was motivated purely by hatred," said Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi, who added that the charges could be upgraded, "as this was an act most likely of terrorism."

Prosecutors said Jackson hated black men, especially those who dated white women.

He came to New York last week to make a splash in the media capital of the world by killing as many black men as possible, authorities said. He saw Caughman on the street and thought he would make good practice for a larger attack in Times Square, they said. But Caughman wound up the only victim.

After seeing his picture in the news, Jackson turned himself in at a police station. He was armed with two knives and told officers he had tossed the sword in a trash bin in Washington Square Park, officials said. It was later recovered.

Investigators said they were trying to determine exactly what drove Jackson to violence. They planned to search his laptop and phone and interviewed friends and family.

His attorney, Sam Talkin, said if the allegations are anywhere close to being true, "then we're going to address the obvious psychological issues that are present in this case."

Jackson was in the Army from 2009 to 2012 and worked as an intelligence analyst, the Army said. Deployed in Afghanistan in 2010-11, he earned several medals and attained the rank of specialist.

Dr. Scott Krugman, chairman of pediatrics at Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore and a friend of the family, said the allegations were out of character with his family's beliefs and the way he was raised.

Jackson's parents, David and Patricia Jackson, are active members of Towson Presbyterian Church and have two other sons. Patricia Jackson is a former teacher of English-language students in the Baltimore County school system and worked for Well for the Journey, a Christian nonprofit organization that helps

people "integrate spirituality into their daily lives in a safe, inclusive space."

"They're liberal as liberal can be," Krugman said. "We were at a dinner party with them and everybody was complaining about the current administration and very open about rights for everybody and making sure we're not excluding immigrants, everything like that. I'm just beyond shocked right now."

In a statement, the Jackson family extended condolences to Caughman's family and said it was "shocked, horrified and heartbroken by this tragedy."

Caughman had lived for 18 years in a former hotel in Manhattan, sharing the building with tenants who were part of a temporary-housing program. Caughman was not part of the program; he was a tenant already living in the century-old, seven-story building.

He was "extremely respectful" of his neighbors and building workers, said Svein Jorgensen, the program's executive director. "He was a great tenant and someone that anyone would be glad to have as a neighbor." He added: "He was a gentleman."

Caughman displayed photos of himself with celebrities on his Twitter page, where he also showed that he was proud to have voted in the election. He struck up a longtime Twitter relationship with Shari Headley, the actress who played Eddie Murphy's love interest in "Coming to America."

After his death, she tweeted: "My heart is heavy typing this. Timothy Caughman was a fan of mine since 1991. He only spread LOVE. His murder was senseless."

His family was upset that he was initially portrayed in some news reports as a homeless man with a criminal past. He had a criminal history, but the most recent offense was a low-level pot arrest in 2002.

His cousin Seth Peek told The New York Times that in the 1970s and '80s, Caughman worked with young people in Queens as part of a youth program.

"He wasn't just a vagrant person collecting bottles," Peek said. "That was not just what his life was. He went to college, and he was concerned with young people in the neighborhood."

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## SCIENCE SAYS: Unavoidable typos in DNA help fuel cancer

By LAURAN NEERGAARD, AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer patients often wonder "why me?" Does their tumor run in the family? Did they try hard enough to avoid risks like smoking, too much sun or a bad diet?

Lifestyle and heredity get the most blame but new research suggests random chance plays a bigger role than people realize: Healthy cells naturally make mistakes when they multiply, unavoidable typos in DNA that can leave new cells carrying cancer-prone genetic mutations.

How big? About two-thirds of the mutations that occur in various forms of cancer are due to those random copying errors, researchers at Johns Hopkins University reported Thursday in the journal Science.

Whoa: That doesn't mean most cases of cancer are due solely to "bad luck." It takes multiple mutations to turn cells into tumors — and a lot of cancer is preventable, the Hopkins team stressed, if people take proven protective steps.

Thursday's report is an estimate, based on a math model, that is sure to be hotly debated by scientists who say those unavoidable mistakes of nature play a much smaller role.

But whatever the ultimate number, the research offers a peek at how cancer may begin.

And it should help with the "why me" question from people who have "done everything we know can be done to prevent cancer but they still get it," said Hopkins' Dr. Bert Vogelstein, a pioneer in cancer genetics who co-authored the study. "They need to understand that these cancers would have occurred no matter what they did."

GENE MUTATIONS CAUSE CANCER BUT WHAT CAUSES THE MUTATIONS?

You might inherit some mutations, like flaws in BRCA genes that are infamous for causing aggressive breast and ovarian cancers in certain families.

More commonly, damage is caused by what scientists call environmental factors — the assault on DNA from the world around us and how we live our lives. There's a long list of risks: Cigarette smoke,

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UV light from the sun, other forms of radiation, certain hormones or viruses, an unhealthy diet, obesity and lack of exercise.

Then there are those random copy errors in cells — what Vogelstein calls our baseline rate of genetic mutations that will occur no matter how healthy we live.

One way to think of it: If we all have some mutations lurking in our cells anyway, that's yet another reason to avoid known risks that could push us over the edge.

## HOW CELLS MAKE TYPOS

New cells are formed when an existing cell divides and copies its DNA, one cell turning into two. Every time DNA is copied, about three random mutations occur, Vogelstein said.

We all harbor these kinds of mutations and most don't hurt us because they're in genes that have nothing to do with cancer or the body's defense mechanisms spot and fix the damage, said Dr. Otis Brawley of the American Cancer Society, who wasn't involved in the new research.

But sometimes the errors hit the wrong spot and damage genes that can spur cancerous growth or genes that help the cell spot and fix problems. Then the damaged cells can survive to copy themselves, allowing important mutations to gradually build up over time. That's one reason the risk of cancer increases with age.

## THE STUDY FINDINGS

Thursday's study follows 2015 research by Vogelstein and statistician Cristian Tomasetti that introduced the idea that a lot of cancer may be due to "bad luck," because those random DNA copying mistakes are more common in some kinds of cancer than others. Cancer prevention advocates worried the idea might sway people to give up on healthier lifestyles.

This time around, the duo analyzed mutations involved in 32 types of cancer to estimate that 66 percent of the gene flaws are due to random copy errors. Environmental and lifestyle factors account for another 29 percent, while inherited genes made up just 5 percent of the mutations.

## DIFFERENT ORGANS, DIFFERENT RISKS

The same person can harbor a mix of mutations sparked by random DNA mistakes, heredity or environmental factors. And which is the most common factor differs by cancer, the Hopkins team said.

For example, they estimate that random cell errors account for 77 percent of critical mutations in pancreatic cancer — while still finding some caused by lifestyle risks like smoking. And the random DNA mistakes caused nearly all the mutations leading to childhood cancers, which is not surprising because youngsters have had little time to be exposed to environmental risks.

In contrast, most lung cancer mutations were the result of lifestyle factors, mainly from smoking. And while lung tissue doesn't multiply frequently, the small number of mutations caused by chance DNA errors might explain rare cases of never-smokers who still get sick.

"This paper is a good paper," said the cancer society's Brawley. "It gives prevention its due respect."

## OTHER SCIENTISTS SEE MORE TO THE STORY

Estimates from Britain suggest 42 percent of cancers are potentially preventable with a healthy lifestyle, and the Hopkins team says their mutation research backs that idea.

But Dr. Yusuf Hannun, Stony Brook University's cancer center director, contends that's just the number known to be preventable today — researchers may discover additional environmental risks we can guard against in the future.

He said the Hopkins paper exaggerates the effect of the unavoidable DNA mistakes. His own 2015 research concluded they account for 10 to 30 percent of cancer cases.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Friday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2017. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide tem-



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porary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1965, Ranger 9, a lunar probe launched three days earlier by NASA, crashed into the moon (as planned) after sending back more than 5,800 video images.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military. British war hero Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 88, died in Alton, Hampshire, England.

In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez (vahl-DEEZ') ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1997, at the 69th Annual Academy Awards, "The English Patient" won best picture and director (Anthony Minghella); Frances McDormand won best actress for "Fargo" while Geoffrey Rush won best actor for "Shine."

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

In 2002, at the 74th Academy Awards, Halle Berry became the first black actress to win an Oscar for a leading role for her work in "Monster's Ball," while Denzel Washington became the second black actor, after Sidney Poitier, to win in the best actor category for "Training Day." "A Beautiful Mind" won four Oscars, including best picture and best director for Ron Howard.

In 2015, Germanwings Flight 9525, an Airbus A320, crashed into the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board; investigators said the jetliner was deliberately downed by the 27-year-old co-pilot, Andreas Lubitz.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously voted to impose new sanctions against Iran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium. Japan's Miki Ando won the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championship in Tokyo, leading a 1-2 finish for the host country with Mao Asada second.

Five years ago: Rick Santorum won the Louisiana Republican presidential primary, beating front-runner Mitt Romney in yet another conservative Southern state. Nine people, including a woman celebrating her 26th birthday and seven children at a family slumber party, died when fire tore through a two-story home in Charleston, West Virginia. Former Vice President Dick Cheney, with a long history of cardiovascular problems, underwent a heart transplant at a Virginia hospital.

One year ago: A U.N. war crimes court convicted former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic of genocide and nine other charges for orchestrating a campaign of terror that left 100,000 people dead during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia; Karadzic was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill making Indiana the second state to ban abortions because of fetal genetic abnormalities such as Down syndrome. Comedian Garry Shandling died at age 66; writer Earl Hamner Jr., creator of "The Waltons," died at age 92.

Today's Birthdays: Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 98. Actor William Smith is 84. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 78. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 73. Former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire is 70. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 69. Singer Nick Lowe is 68. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 66. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfinger is 66. Comedian Louie Anderson is 64. Actress Donna Pescow is 63. Actor Robert Carradine is 63. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 61. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 57. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Koolhaas" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 56. TV personality Star Jones is 55. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 53. Actor Peter Jacobson is 52. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 47. Actress Lauren Bowles is 47. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 47. Rapper Maceo (AKA P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 47. Actress Megyn Price is 46. Actor Jim Parsons is 44. Christian rock musician Chad Butler (Switchfoot) is 43. Actress Alyson Hannigan is 43. NFL quarterback

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Peyton Manning is 41. Actress Olivia Burnette is 40. Actress Jessica Chastain is 40. Actor Amir Arison is 39. Actress Lake Bell is 38. Rock musician Benj Gershman (O.A.R.) is 37. Neo-soul musician Jesse Phillips (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 37. Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes is 27.

Thought for Today: "Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will — his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals." — Albert Schweitzer, German-born missionary and Nobel laureate (1875-1965).