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

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, sweet potato tots, fruit, broccoli and dip.

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

Student Congress at Milbank

School board meeting at 7 p.m.

Throwers and jumpers only at NSU indoor track meet.

United Methodist, Groton: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29

School Breakfast: Boscos breakfast stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn, romaine salad, fruit, tea bun.

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.

Sperry Stump Removal Tyler: 605/216-8431
Over 30 Years of Combined Experience!
TJ: 605/380-7915 **TreeLine Tree Service**

The advertisement features a yellow starburst graphic with text inside. There are two small images: one showing a stump being removed and another showing a person working with a tree.

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Underground
Research
Facility



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Deep Thoughts

Notes from the underground by Communications Director Constance Walter

Monday, March 27, 2017

Solving the mysteries of neutrinos

Take 10 trillion, multiply it by 7 billion and you'll get the number of neutrinos that pass through every person on earth, every second of every day. Once they pass through you, they keep going—right through the earth and back into space. Scientists have known of the neutrino's existence since the late 1950s, yet all these years later, they still remain a mystery.

Why is that?

"Neutrinos have remained so mysterious because they are so hard to detect and we know so little about them," said Steven Elliott, Los Alamos National Laboratory Fellow. "However, they play a critical role in many physical processes, such as supernova and the evolution of the Universe."

A spokesperson for the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR project at Sanford Lab, Elliott has been studying neutrinos for decades, with a focus on double beta decay. "The neutrino is a fundamental particle often created during decay," Elliott said. "What we don't know about the neutrino is the key to resolving important unknowns in the standard model—and the universe."

When the universe first formed, it had equal parts of matter and antimatter. Somewhere along the line, matter triumphed and planets, stars and, eventually, humans came into existence. Why did matter win?

That's one question researchers with the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR want to answer. They're looking for a

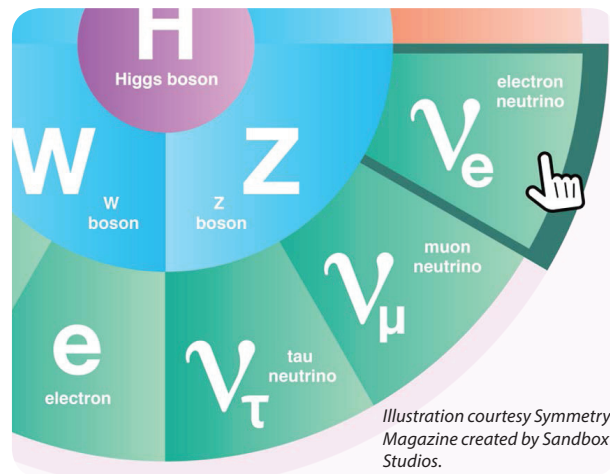


Illustration courtesy Symmetry Magazine created by Sandbox Studios.

MAJORANA particle, a mysterious fermion that is its own antiparticle. Their search for a rare form of radioactive decay, called neutrinoless double-beta decay, could tell us why matter exists. If they find the answer to this perplexing question, it will require rewriting the Standard Model of Particle Physics, our basic understanding of the physical world.

In the Standard Model, neutrinos belong in the lepton family, fermions that make up matter. Scientists know neutrinos have mass; travel near the speed of light; pass right through matter, making them very difficult to detect; and that they oscillate, or change types, as they travel.

But this raises even more questions.

What is the mass of a neutrino? Why do neutrinos oscillate? Is the neutrino its own antiparticle? What is the neutrino's role in the universe? What can neutrinos tell us about supernova and newly formed neutron stars?

"Although they are elusive, we know they are involved in natural nuclear reactions everywhere: the early universe, the Sun, the Earth, and even within our human bodies," said Vince Guiseppe, associate professor of physics at the University of South Carolina and a member of the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR project at Sanford Lab.

"We owe it to ourselves to understand the universe we live in," Guiseppe said. "We cannot leave the last few threads of our understanding hanging—we need to continue our experiments and determine the theoretical framework that gives us a complete picture about neutrinos."

Save the Date: Neutrino Day July 8, 2017

"Discover" the fun at this year's Neutrino Day! In 2015, the LIGO Collaboration discovered gravitational waves. Learn more about that from our keynote speaker Michael Landry, director of the LIGO Hanford Observatory.

More information will be posted soon on our website and Facebook, so stay tuned.



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Two students earn first place in poetry contest

The District 4 American Legion Auxiliary had their spring meeting in Redfield last Saturday. Groton and Columbia each had 1st place winners from that meeting.

(left) Paisley Mitchell (representing the Columbia Legion Auxiliary) was 1st place in the Poetry Division - Class I

and

(right) Kayla Lehr (representing the Groton Legion Auxiliary) was 1st place in the Poetry Division - Class II

There are 8 Legion Auxiliary Districts in South Dakota. These girls are now in the South Dakota competition against 7 other 1st place winners.



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.

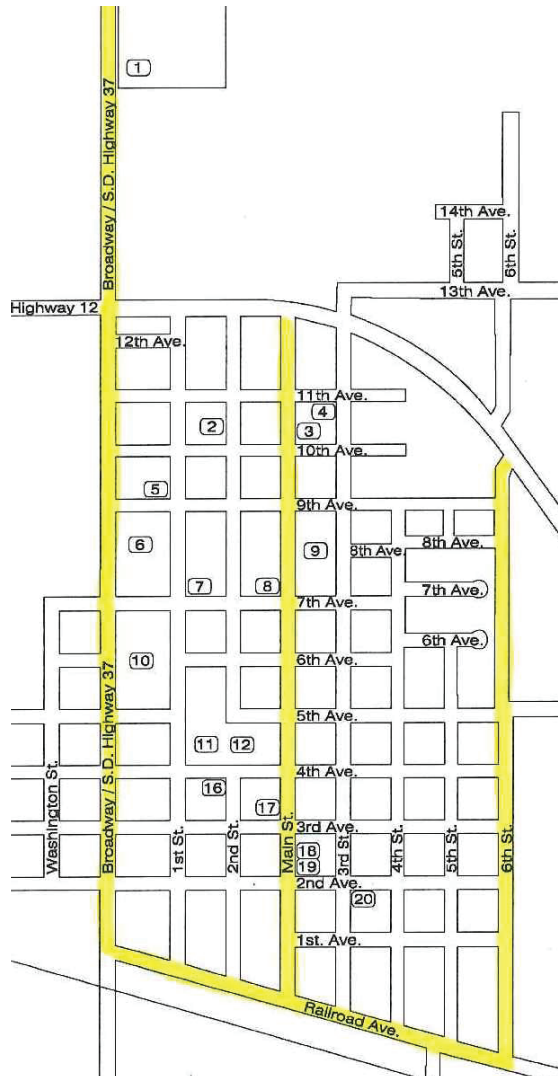
A collage of gym equipment. On the left is a white weight machine with a black seat. On the right is a row of treadmills in a gym setting with orange walls and a wooden floor.

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

GDI Living Fitness
25 Main St., Downtown Groton

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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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Northern State University Theater's production of 'Mary Poppins' to open April 19

ABERDEEN, S.D. – "Winds in the east, there's a mist comin' in, like something is brewin', and 'bout to begin!" The Northern State University Theater Department's production of "Mary Poppins" will "Step! Step! Step in time!" onto the Johnson Fine Arts Center main theater stage from Wednesday, April 19, through Sunday, April 23.

The show will be performed nightly at 7:30 p.m. from April 19 through 22, with a matinee show performed at 2:30 p.m. on April 23.

Mary Poppins marks the first theater production to be performed on the JFAC main stage since its renovation was completed this past fall.

With the departure of yet another nanny, George and Winifred Banks and their mischievous children Jane and Michael's lives are turned upside down following the arrival of a "practically perfect" nanny named Mary Poppins. With the help of her friend Bert, Mary takes the Banks children and audience on a series of magical adventures, teaching important life lessons that not only affect the kids, but help the whole family discover the true value of family and friendship.

The production features timeless classics such as "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "Step in Time" and "A Spoonful of Sugar."

The principle roles of Mary Poppins and Bert are played by musical theater majors Christine Powers of Hot Springs and Tyler Lanam of Rapid City. The roles of George and Winifred Banks are played by music majors Sal Scavo of Hightstown, N.J., and Taylor Brekke of Mobridge, with Ava and Jackson Rott of Aberdeen appearing as Jane and Michael Banks.

Other individuals involved in the vocal and dance ensemble are Balie Albrecht of Rapid City; Torriano Barrett of Nassau, Bahamas; MacKinley Bruemmer of Lacrosse, Wis.; Drew Comstock of Aberdeen; Robert Fay of Aberdeen; Dakota Feller of Onida; Kari Hanson of Groton; Tyler Harris of Rapid City; Adam (Beaf) Henning of Watertown; Joshua Hinkemeyer of Sisseton; Michael Lytle of Rapid City; Katie Magera of Aberdeen; Amanda McIlravy of Philip; Brittany Quinn of Timber Lake; Joanna Schleich of Mitchell; Tabitha Schmidt of Huron; Brooke Thielbar of Hardwick, Minn.; Ben Weber of Rapid City; Joni Willoughby of Pierre; and Annie Woodmansey of Pierre.

Members of the orchestra pit include Tanner Chilson of Watertown; Taylor Johnson of Aberdeen; Carleigh Klein of Rapid City; Gretchen Sharp of Bath; Grace Gasperich of Aberdeen; Tierra Decker of Huron; Luke Bergjord of Aberdeen; Tanner Shultis of Aberdeen; Kylie Rusch of Bismarck, N.D.; Naomi Davis of Watertown; Molly Royals of Rapid City; Brady Vandevort of Rapid City; Scott Glodt of Hoven; Ginny Lewis of Aberdeen; and Colton Schaefer of Wilmot.

Providing musical direction for the production is Michael Skyles, NSU instructor of voice. Dr. Robert Vodnoy, professor of orchestra and music, will direct the pit orchestra, with Mary Marion accompanying on piano.

Directing the production is NSU Director of Theater, Daniel Yurgaitis. Joshua John Frachiseur is the scenic designer and Larry Wild is the director of light design. Tina Hanagan will be supervising the flying effects that will be created by the professional firm, Vertigo. Kate Jarland is the stage manager for this production.

Choreography for the production was developed as a collaborative effort by music majors Balie Albrecht of Rapid City and Annie Woodmansey of Pierre. Northern also secured permissions to perform some of the choreography from the original Broadway production of Mary Poppins.

Ticket Information:

Tickets for the event go on sale for theater-patrons at noon on March 20 at the JFAC Box Office. Becoming a patron with a donation to the NSU Theater Scholarship Fund will give you advance access to tickets, and you may buy as many as you like. General ticket sales will open to the public at noon on Monday, March 27, online and at the JFAC Box Office.

Tickets for the production are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. NSU faculty/staff may purchase two tickets at half price. NSU Students are admitted free with ID. A \$2 off group discount will be offered for groups purchasing 12 or more tickets at the same time. Tickets can be purchased at the Johnson Fine Arts Center Box Office or online via the School of Fine Arts Web page (northern.edu/artsnsu).

Box office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon-4 p.m. The box office opens two hours before the show begins on performance nights. The JFAC box office phone number is 605-626-2900.

For more information about Mary Poppins, please contact Daniel Yurgaitis at d.yurgaitis@northern.edu.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



Tasting Urine to Test for Diabetes Mellitus

By Richard P. Holm, MD

Testing for diabetes started a long, long time ago. The word "diabetes" comes from ancient Greek and literally means "pass through", intended to mean excessive passing of urine. This characteristic of "too much urine" was first described 3500 years ago on an Egyptian papyrus.

About 1900 years ago, Roman physician Galen called it "diarrhea of the urine." The reason for so much passing of urine with diabetes mellitus is because high levels of sugar in the blood overwhelm the kidneys' ability to keep sugar out of the urine. Like a dam on a river, sugar spills over the dam into the urine when sugar gets too high in the blood. Then, with concentrated sugar in the urine, fluid is pulled out of blood into the urine, resulting in dehydration of the diabetic. Indeed, the name "diarrhea of the urine" seems appropriate.

About 2500 years ago, someone noted flies were attracted to the urine of diabetics. Tasting urine for sweetness may seem disgusting today, but it was how they diagnosed diabetes all the way through the Middle Ages. It was English physician John Rolle who in the 1700's added "mellitus" to the term diabetes to reflect the age-old understanding of the sweet taste of the urine in diabetic patients. The word mellitus comes from Latin meaning "sweetened with honey."

Starting in the 1950's, patients roughly estimated the level of sugar in their blood by testing their urine with a chemical test they could do at home. By determining how much sugar spilled into the urine, people with diabetes mellitus were better able to adjust their insulin dose. Home URINE glucose testing was an improvement for patients with diabetes, but home BLOOD glucose testing, developed in the '80's, took it to the next level. Patients could finally know when sugars were too low, not just too high.

Another great improvement in monitoring the blood sugar of diabetics was the development of the Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) BLOOD test. The hemoglobin molecule within red blood cells becomes more "sugarized" (the scientific word is glycosylated) when it has extended exposure to higher levels of sugar. Since red cells normally live for about three-months, we can monitor the percentage of Hemoglobin affected by sugar, watching it change slowly according to diabetic control. The HbA1c levels give a three-month average BLOOD sugar, which gives you and your care provider a good measure about how well you are controlling your diabetes over time.

It's a good thing managing diabetes no longer requires tasting urine.

July Fourth Camping Reservations in State Parks Open Soon

PIERRE, S.D. – Camping reservations open soon for Fourth of July weekend at South Dakota state parks. Reservations can be made online at campsd.com or by calling 1.800.710.2267.

"Fourth of July weekend is always a busy time in the parks," said Katie Ceroll, state parks director. "Campers will want to plan ahead to get their favorite camping spots."

Saturday, April 1, is the first day to make reservations for a June 30 arrival, which is the Friday preceding the Fourth of July. Reservations open 90 days in advance of the arrival date, so those arriving earlier can make reservations earlier.

Reservations open at 7 a.m. CT on the first day of the 90-day period, both online and through the call center. Campers can make reservations 24 hours a day within 90 days of their stay. A non-refundable reservation fee of \$7.70 is applied to each site; however, this fee is waived for South Dakota residents. An additional \$2 fee is charged to anyone making reservations over the phone.

Campers can make reservations for arrivals up to one year in advance at Custer State Park and for all of the parks' group lodges.

For more detailed information on making reservations or to view the 90-day window calendar, visit gfp.sd.gov or contact South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks at 605.773.3391 or email parkinfo@state.sd.us.

Archery Honors Up for Grabs at 2017 NASP Tournaments

PIERRE, S.D. – Young people from across South Dakota will show off their archery skills at the 8th annual National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournaments. This year's two tournaments will include both a bulls-eye target tournament and a 3D target tournament.

The bull's eye target tournament will be held on Saturday, April 1, at East Middle School in Rapid City. The 3D target tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 7, at the NFAA/Easton Archery Facility in Yankton.

The tournaments are sponsored by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and will host hundreds of young archers from across the state. Students will compete for individual and team honors in three age divisions. The top three individual and team winners will receive trophies and the overall individual winners from the bulls-eye target tournaments will receive a custom-made bow courtesy of GFP. Students who participate in NASP within their schools or home school program are eligible for the competition.

"It's gratifying to see so many schools introduce the sport of archery into their curriculum," said Patrick Klotzbach, NASP coordinator for GFP. "Studies have shown that students that participate in NASP like school better and attend school more often. NASP is a great partnership between GFP and local school districts."

There is no charge to attend the tournaments, and the public is welcome. Individuals who wish to volunteer with the tournament can email outdoorprogramming@gmail.com or call 605.220.2130.

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Now Is the Time to Sign Up For a South Dakota HuntSAFE Class

Pierre, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is currently taking registration for HuntSAFE classes. Classes are held statewide throughout the year. Registration for most classes is available online at gfp.sd.gov/hunt-ed.

Walk-ins are accepted if space is available, but pre-registration is recommended and required for most classes.

"Course availability is limited as hunting seasons draw closer, so signing up now is your best bet of getting into a class," says South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks HuntSAFE coordinator, Patrick Klotzbach.

An independent study HuntSAFE class is also available.

"The independent study course allows students to complete the coursework online, at their own pace, and then attend a 4-6 hour field day," says, Klotzbach. "Not all cities offer this option, but those that do are listed on our website."

Students interested in either the traditional classroom or independent study format must register online at gfp.sd.gov/hunt-ed. Those wanting to take the independent study option must register for their field day and then complete the online course offered at hunter-ed.com/southdakota. Students must take the course and print off their field day qualifier certificate and bring it to the field day.

The traditional classroom course is free, and the independent study HuntSAFE course is \$15.

HuntSAFE class is designed for persons age 12 through 15. If a student's twelfth birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, he/she may be issued a card and is eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year.

Adults are welcome and invited to attend with their student or take the course on their own, as many states require certification for adults as well.

For more information on HuntSAFE in South Dakota, visit gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education or call 605.223.7700.

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Today in Weather History

March 28, 1977: A slow moving storm system affected South Dakota from March 28th through March 30th, 1977. The storm produced heavy snow in the west and thunderstorms in the east. Northerly winds gusting to 50 miles an hour in the West created blizzard conditions as the snow totals mounted. Some areas in western Butte, Pennington, northern Shannon, and Lawrence counties received over 20 inches of snow. With drifts exceeding 6 to 8 feet many people in western South Dakota thought it was the worst blizzard in a quarter century. A few locations in the northern Black Hills received over 4 feet of snow. Because of blocked roads, westbound traffic was halted on I-90, and many schools and businesses were forced to close for several days. Across the eastern portion of the state rains of over 1" fell in many areas. Milbank even reported walnut size hail.

1917 - Thane Creek, AK, reported a snow cover of 190 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1920: The worst tornado disaster of record occurred in Chicago, IL as a tornado killed 28 persons and caused three million dollars damage. This tornado was part of an outbreak which saw 38 tornadoes hit the Midwest and the Deep South states. Over 380 people died, and at least, 1,215 were injured during the Palm Sunday outbreak.

1935: On this date through March 31st, a great dust storm descended on Amarillo, Texas reducing visibility to zero for a six-hour period.

1963: A decision was handed down in the case of Whitney Bartie vs. the United States of America. Bartie sued the U.S. Weather Bureau for negligence in failing to provide a warning about Hurricane Audrey in 1957. Bartie's wife and five children were killed after the 12-foot storm surge struck Cameron Parish, LA on the morning of June 27, 1957. It was ruled that the evidence presented did not establish negligence on the part of the Weather Bureau.

1984 - A violent outbreak of tornadoes hit the Carolinas. Thunderstorms spawned 22 tornadoes during the late afternoon and evening hours which killed 57 persons and injured 1248 others. Nearly half the deaths occurred in mobile homes. A tornado from near Tatum SC to southern Cumberland County NC was 2.5 miles in width at times. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A blizzard raged from southern Nebraska to central Iowa. Snowfall totals ranged up to 17 inches at Blue Hill NE. Winds gusted to 68 mph at Carroll IA. High winds produced snow drifts twenty feet high in western Iowa, and produced wind chill readings as cold as 30 degrees below zero in Nebraska. The snowfall total of 9.4 inches at Omaha NE was a record for the date. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Severe thunderstorms in central Oklahoma produced hail up to four inches in diameter causing 35 million dollars in southern Oklahoma County. Baseball size hail and seven inches of rain caused another eighteen million dollars damage in Stephens County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1989 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed from the Southern and Central Plains to the Atlantic coast. Eighteen cities reported new record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 81 degrees at Beckley WV was a record for March, and the high of 90 degrees in downtown Baltimore MD tied their March record. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - A storm system brought heavy snow to the west central and southern mountains of Wyoming, and high winds to the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah. Snowfall totals in Wyoming ranged up to ten inches at the Snowy Ski Range Area, and the storm pushed the snowfall total for the month at Cheyenne above 37 inches, surpassing their previous record for March of 35 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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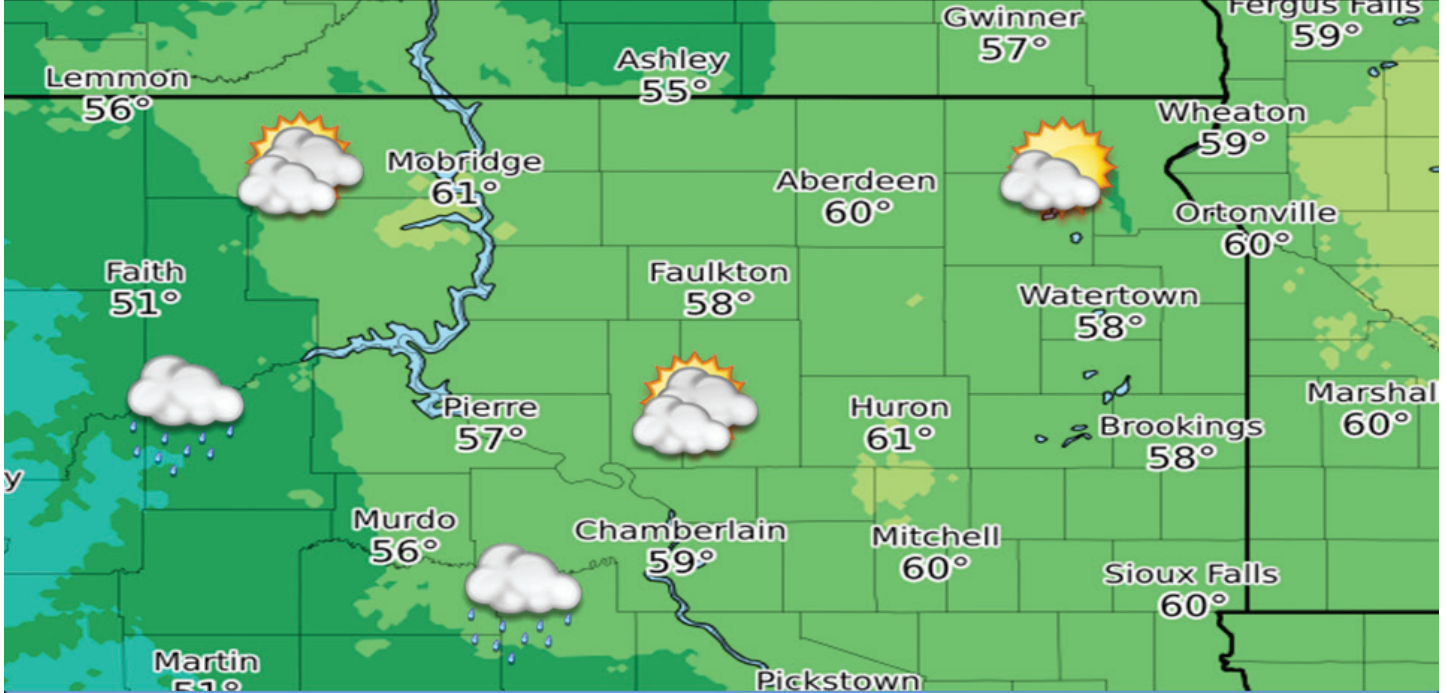
Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Patched Fog then Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 60 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 57 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 57 °F






Mild Temperatures Today

Rain Showers for Western Areas





National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


weather.gov/Aberdeen

National Weather Service Aberdeen

@NWSAberdeen
Updated: 3/28/2017 5:44 AM Central

Published on: 03/28/2017 at 5:49AM

Rain showers are in the forecast today from western through south central South Dakota. Dry conditions can be expected for eastern areas, along with less cloud cover. Mild temperatures will persist, with highs in the upper 50s to around 60 degrees for most locations east of the Missouri River. Slightly cooler temps will be felt over western South Dakota where more rain showers will be present.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 60.0 F at 3:10 PM

Low Outside Temp: 32.1 F at 8:05 AM

High Gust: 15.0 Mph at 5:14 AM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 82° in 1946

Record Low: -10 in 1913

Average High: 46°F

Average Low: 25°F

Average Precip in March.: 1.01

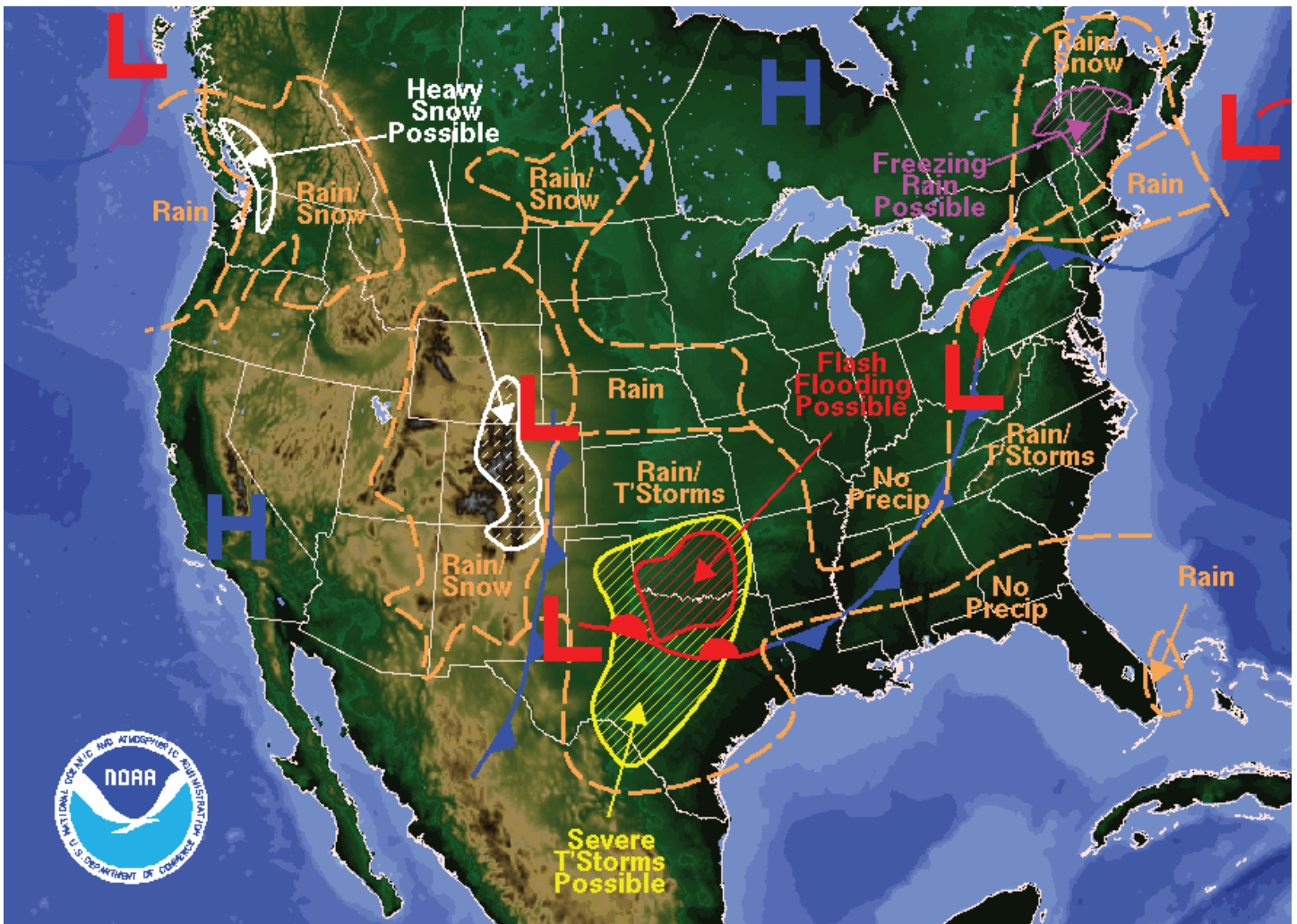
Precip to date in March.: 0.59

Average Precip to date: 2.03

Precip Year to Date: 0.59

Sunset Tonight: 7:57 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Mar 28, 2017, issued 4:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FAILURE AND SUCCESS

Michael Jordan, the legendary basketball player is quoted as having said, "I've lost more than 300 games. There were twenty-six games when I was given the ball in the last seconds to make the basket that would have won the game. But it didn't happen – I missed the shot and we lost. I have failed over and over. And that's why I succeed."

Strange quote from someone who elevated basketball to a higher level through his skills. We rarely think of such an achiever in any sport as someone who turned failure into success. High-achievers seem to come fully developed and highly skilled.

However, experience is always part of failure. And if we chose, we can use the experience to gain insight and from insight we can gain knowledge and from the knowledge we can gain wisdom and learn to turn failure into success.

The Christian has a wonderful resource to help in this process: the Holy Spirit. He dwells within us and is present, ready and willing to give us the wisdom we need to become successful in life.

There is one condition, however. If we want wisdom, we must go to God in humility and ask for it and then use it for His glory. God will give us whatever we need if we willingly use His gifts for His glory and not our own self-interests or self-advancement.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to know that when we fail we need to "fall forward" into Your waiting arms, knowing that Your desire is to work with us to help us succeed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5

News from the Associated Press

Company: Oil in pipeline under Missouri River reservoir

By JEFF BAENEN, Associated Press

The Dakota Access pipeline developer said it has placed oil in the pipeline under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota and that it's preparing to put the line into service.

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners made the announcement Monday in a brief court filing with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The announcement marks a significant development in the long battle over the project that will move North Dakota oil 2000 miles (1930 kilometers) through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. The pipeline is three months behind schedule due to large protests and the objections of two American Indian tribes who say it threatens their water supply and cultural sites.

ETP spokeswoman Vicki Granado said in an email to The Associated Press that the line will deliver oil to Patoka, Illinois, within a few weeks.

"Oil has been placed in the Dakota Access Pipeline underneath Lake Oahe. Dakota Access is currently commissioning the full pipeline and is preparing to place the pipeline into service," the court filing stated.

Despite the announcement, the battle isn't over. The Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes still have an unresolved lawsuit that seeks to stop the project. The Standing Rock chairman did not immediately return a call seeking comment on ETP's announcement.

The tribes argue that a rupture in the section that crosses under Lake Oahe would threaten their water supply and sacred sites and would prevent them from practicing their religion, which requires clean water.

The company disputes the tribes' claims and says the \$3.8 billion pipeline is safe.

The tribes in December held up the project by successfully pushing the U.S. government for a full environmental study of the Lake Oahe crossing, which is in southern North Dakota. But the Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the Missouri River for the government, rescinded the study and gave the company permission to complete the pipeline at the urging of President Donald Trump shortly after he took office.

There were months of protests against the pipeline, mainly in North Dakota, where opponents set up a camp on Corps land between the Standing Rock Reservation and the pipeline route. At times it housed thousands of people, many of whom clashed with police, who made about 750 arrests between August and February. The on-the-ground protests waned after the Corps ordered the shutdown of the camp in February in advance of the spring flooding season.

While the protests have abated, opposition has not. The company on March 20 reported "recent coordinated physical attacks" on the pipeline without offering details. Authorities in South Dakota and Iowa confirmed that someone apparently used a torch to burn a hole through empty sections of the pipeline at aboveground shut-off valve sites.

North Dakota has become the second-biggest oil producer in the U.S. in the past decade, trailing only Texas. The state stands to gain more than \$110 million annually in tax revenue with oil flowing through the pipe, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

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

13 states urge appeals court to OK Trump travel ban

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A group of 12 state attorneys general and one governor is backing President Donald Trump's revised travel ban targeting six predominantly Muslim countries, telling a federal appeals court Monday that the Republican acted lawfully in the interest of national security.

The states are urging the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court judge's ruling that blocked part of the president's revised executive order. The states say the administration's action

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is not a "pretext for religious discrimination" and does not violate the constitution.

"The Executive Order's temporary pause in entry by nationals from six countries and in the refugee program neither mentions any religion nor depends on whether affected aliens are Muslim," the states write in the brief with the Richmond, Virginia-based court. "Thus, the Executive Order is emphatically not a 'Muslim Ban.'"

The states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and West Virginia. Gov. Phil Bryant of Mississippi also joined.

The appeal stems from a ruling from a federal judge in Maryland earlier this month. That ruling and a separate one in Hawaii were victories for civil liberties groups and advocates for immigrants and refugees, who argued that Trump's temporary ban on travel from six predominantly Muslim countries violated the Constitution.

The Trump administration argued that the revised executive order, which includes a temporary ban on refugees and a cap on the number of refugees who can enter the country, was intended to protect the United States from terrorism. Citizens from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen are temporarily barred from entering the country under the order, though there are exceptions.

The 4th Circuit has set oral arguments in the Maryland case for May 8.

The administration urged the court in a brief also filed Monday to put the lower court ruling on hold and let the executive order take effect while its appeal is pending. Lawyers for Trump said the people named in the case haven't shown they will suffer "substantial harm" and that the nationwide injunction blocking the ban is "fatally overbroad."

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Daugaard: Concerned at making San Francisco's banned list

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says it's a concern that South Dakota has landed on San Francisco's list of places where city workers aren't allowed to go on official business.

The move came after the state passed a law aimed at protecting faith-based organizations that refuse to place children with gay couples or other arrangements contrary to their religious beliefs.

Civil liberties groups and LGBT advocates say it opens the door to discrimination.

The travel ban's financial impact on South Dakota wasn't immediately clear. Daugaard said Monday that he wants South Dakota to be seen as a good destination for business and tourists.

But he says the law's effect has been blown out of proportion. The Republican governor says the state funds its contracts with federal dollars, which prohibits discrimination.

House fails to muster support to override gun bill vetoes

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state House failed Monday to override Gov. Dennis Daugaard's vetoes of a pair of bills that would have loosened restrictions on carrying concealed guns in conservative South Dakota.

The Legislature met for the final day of the 2017 legislative session and accepted five vetoes from Daugaard. The two highest-profile override attempts were on measures that would have allowed guns in the state Capitol and let people carry concealed handguns without a permit.

Neither gun bill received the two-thirds support required to overturn a gubernatorial veto. Daugaard said after the votes that he thinks that Capitol security offers good protections and that South Dakota's gun permitting laws aren't onerous.

The House vote of 36-33 failed to overcome Daugaard's rejection of the permitless concealed carry proposal.

It's currently a misdemeanor for someone to carry a concealed pistol or to have one concealed in a

vehicle without a permit. Republican Rep. Dan Kaiser, a supporter, argued that getting a concealed pistol permit can be burdensome.

"Free people don't ask permission to do what's right," Kaiser said.

Republican Rep. Lynne DiSanto, who sponsored the bill, said that she intends to return next session with such a proposal. DiSanto said that it's a "fight that is not going away in South Dakota."

A vote of 42-27 on the Capitol carry bill also didn't meet the threshold needed to advance the measure.

It would have let people with an enhanced permit bring concealed handguns inside the building if they registered beforehand with security. There are no metal detectors or other security checks at the Capitol entrances to enforce the current prohibition on most people carrying guns in the building.

Republican Rep. Julie Frye-Mueller, a supporter, unsuccessfully argued that the veto should be overridden for safety. It can be scary at times seeing people up in the gallery who might be angry at lawmakers, she said.

"We are in a fishbowl down here," she said, referring to the House floor. "This would be like shooting fish in a barrel."

Lawmakers also upheld vetoes of bills on the state special education formula, reducing a fee mostly put into a telecommunication fund for the deaf and the juvenile justice system.

But, in an unorthodox move, the Legislature passed a similar juvenile justice bill changing the maximum duration of juvenile probation.

Black Hills business short on seasonal employees

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Hospitality businesses in South Dakota's Black Hills area are having trouble finding enough workers for the busy tourist season.

Many business owners look beyond U.S. borders to fill summer jobs, but the expiration of a federal law last September has reduced the number of temporary guest workers allowed into the country. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service announced last week that it has already received enough applications from businesses to reach the 2017 cap for seasonal nonagricultural work, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2nEFpVA>) reported.

"The workers just aren't here to be had," said Mike Atkinson, a Mount Rushmore Resort official whose company relies on foreign workers to clean rooms and do laundry.

Some employees from overseas develop lasting ties with employers and return year after year for the same seasonal work. The Palmer Gulch resort is just one tourism-reliant business that uses returning workers and has an on-site dormitory for its summer employees, who usually come from Mexico.

The expired law was a demand-based exemption for the 1990 law capping foreign worker admittance at 66,000 per fiscal year. The 2015 exemption resulted in the issuance of more than 84,600 visas during the 2016 fiscal year.

Republican Rep. Jack Bergman from Michigan introduced a returning worker exemption bill this week that was similar to past legislation granting exemptions to workers counted against the gap.

Some lawmakers from both Democratic and Republican parties have opposed the guest-worker program because of anti-immigration rhetoric or using the system as indentured servitude. But employers in the Black Hills said their unique, local labor conditions make it difficult to hire U.S. workers.

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

Actress Shailene Woodley reaches deal in pipeline protest

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Hollywood actress Shailene Woodley has reached a plea deal that calls for no jail time over her involvement in protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline in North Dakota.

The "Divergent" star was among 27 activists arrested Oct. 10. She livestreamed her arrest on Facebook. She initially pleaded not guilty to criminal trespass and engaging in a riot, misdemeanors carrying a maximum punishment of a month in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

Woodley signed a court document Friday agreeing to plead guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct,

serve one year of unsupervised probation and forfeit \$500 bond. The agreement is awaiting a judge's approval. Woodley was scheduled to stand trial this Friday.

Opponents of the \$3.8 billion pipeline worry about potential environmental damage. About 750 protesters have been arrested since August.

Trump takes aim at Obama's efforts to curb global warming

By **MATTHEW DALY and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving forward with a campaign pledge to unravel former President Barack Obama's sweeping plan to curb global warming, President Donald Trump will sign an executive order Tuesday that will suspend, rescind or flag for review more than a half-dozen measures in an effort to boost domestic energy production in the form of fossil fuels.

As part of the roll-back, Trump will initiate a review of the Clean Power Plan, which restricts greenhouse gas emissions at coal-fired power plants. The regulation, which was the former president's signature effort to curb carbon emissions, has been the subject of long-running legal challenges by Republican-led states and those who profit from burning oil, coal and gas.

Trump, who has called global warming a "hoax" invented by the Chinese, has repeatedly criticized the power-plant rule and others as an attack on American workers and the struggling U.S. coal industry. The contents of the order were outlined to reporters in a sometimes tense briefing with a senior White House official, whom aides insisted speak without attribution despite President Trump's criticism of the use of unnamed sources in the news media.

The official at one point appeared to break with mainstream climate science, denying familiarity with widely publicized concerns about the potential adverse economic impacts of climate change, such as rising sea levels and more extreme weather.

In addition to pulling back from the Clean Power Plan, the administration will also lift a 14-month-old moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands.

The Obama administration had imposed a three-year moratorium on new federal coal leases in January 2016, arguing that the \$1 billion-a-year program must be modernized to ensure a fair financial return to taxpayers and address climate change.

Trump accused his predecessor of waging a "war on coal" and boasted in a speech to Congress that he has made "a historic effort to massively reduce job-crushing regulations," including some that threaten "the future and livelihoods of our great coal miners."

The order will also chip away at other regulations, including scrapping language on the "social cost" of greenhouse gases. It will initiate a review of efforts to reduce the emission of methane in oil and natural gas production as well as a Bureau of Land Management hydraulic fracturing rule, to determine whether those reflect the president's policy priorities.

It will also rescind Obama-era executive orders and memoranda, including one that addressed climate change and national security and one that sought to prepare the country for the impacts of climate change.

The administration is still in discussion about whether it intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change. But the moves to be announced Tuesday will undoubtedly make it more difficult for the U.S. to achieve its goals.

Trump's Environmental Protection Agency chief, Scott Pruitt, alarmed environmental groups and scientists earlier this month when he said he does not believe carbon dioxide is a primary contributor to global warming. The statement is at odds with mainstream scientific consensus and Pruitt's own agency.

The overwhelming majority of peer-reviewed studies and climate scientists agree the planet is warming, mostly due to man-made sources, including carbon dioxide, methane, halocarbons and nitrogen oxide.

The official who briefed reporters said the president does believe in man-made climate change.

The power-plant rule Trump is set to address in his order has been on hold since last year as a federal appeals court considers a challenge by coal-friendly states and more than 100 companies who call the plan an unconstitutional power grab.

Opponents say the plan will kill coal-mining jobs and drive up electricity costs. The Obama administra-

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tion, some Democratic-led states and environmental groups countered that it would spur thousands of clean-energy jobs and help the U.S. meet ambitious goals to reduce carbon pollution set by the international agreement signed in Paris.

Trump's order on coal-fired power plants follows an executive order he signed last month mandating a review of an Obama-era rule aimed at protecting small streams and wetlands from development and pollution. The order instructs the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined "waters of the United States" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks and wetlands.

While Republicans have blamed Obama-era environmental regulations for the loss of coal jobs, federal data shows that U.S. mines have been shedding jobs for decades under presidents from both parties as a result of increasing automation and competition from cheaper natural gas. Another factor is the plummeting cost of solar panels and wind turbines, which now can produce emissions-free electricity cheaper than burning coal.

According to an Energy Department analysis released in January, coal mining now accounts for fewer than 70,000 U.S. jobs. By contrast, renewable energy — including wind, solar and biofuels — now accounts for more than 650,000 U.S. jobs.

The Trump administration's plans drew praise from business groups and condemnation from environmental groups.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Thomas J. Donohue praised the president for taking "bold steps to make regulatory relief and energy security a top priority."

"These executive actions are a welcome departure from the previous administration's strategy of making energy more expensive through costly, job-killing regulations that choked our economy," he said.

Former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy accused the Trump administration of wanting "us to travel back to when smokestacks damaged our health and polluted our air, instead of taking every opportunity to support clean jobs of the future."

"This is not just dangerous; it's embarrassing to us and our businesses on a global scale to be dismissing opportunities for new technologies, economic growth, and U.S. leadership," she said in a statement.

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Worst humanitarian crisis hits as Trump slashes foreign aid

By JUSTIN LYNCH, Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The world's largest humanitarian crisis in 70 years has been declared in three African countries on the brink of famine, just as President Donald Trump's proposed foreign aid cuts threaten to pull the United States from its historic role as the world's top emergency donor.

If the deep cuts are approved by Congress and the U.S. does not contribute to Africa's current crisis, experts warn that the continent's growing drought and famine could have far-ranging effects, including a new wave of migrants heading to Europe and possibly more support for Islamic extremist groups.

The conflict-fueled hunger crises in Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan have culminated in a trio of potential famines hitting almost simultaneously. Nearly 16 million people in the three countries are at risk of dying within months.

Famine already has been declared in two counties of South Sudan and 1 million people there are on the brink of dying from a lack of food, U.N. officials have said. Somalia has declared a state of emergency over drought and 2.9 million of its people face a food crisis that could become a famine, according to the U.N. And in northeastern Nigeria, severe malnutrition is widespread in areas affected by violence from Boko Haram extremists.

"We are facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the United Nations," Stephen O'Brien, the U.N. humanitarian chief, told the U.N. Security Council after a visit this month to Somalia and South Sudan.

At least \$4.4 billion is needed by the end of March to avert a hunger "catastrophe" in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in late February.

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But according to U.N. data, only 10 percent of the necessary funds have been received so far.

Trump's proposed budget would "absolutely" cut programs that help some of the most vulnerable people on Earth, Mick Mulvaney, the president's budget director, told reporters last week. The budget would "spend less money on people overseas and more money on people back home," he said.

The United States traditionally has been the largest donor to the U.N. and gives more foreign aid to Africa than any other continent. In 2016 it gave more than \$2 billion to the U.N.'s World Food Program, or almost a quarter of its total budget. That is expected to be reduced under Trump's proposed budget, according to former and current U.S. government officials.

"I've never seen this kind of threat to what otherwise has been a bipartisan consensus that food aid and humanitarian assistance programs are morally essential and critical to our security," Steven Feldstein, a former deputy assistant secretary of state in the Obama administration, told The Associated Press.

Any cuts at this time are extremely significant, WFP's Africa spokesman, David Orr, told reporters last week. "The more dramatic cuts in any aid budgets ... the more suffering there is going to be."

The hunger crises in Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan are all the more painful because they are man-made, experts said, though climate change has had some impact on Somalia and Nigeria's situations, said J. Peter Pham, the head of the Africa Center at the Atlantic Council.

South Sudan has been entrenched in civil war since late 2013 that has killed tens of thousands and prevented widespread cultivation of food. In Nigeria and Somalia, extremist groups Boko Haram and al-Shabab have proven stubborn to defeat, and both Islamic organizations still hold territory that complicates aid efforts.

If Trump's foreign aid cuts are approved, the humanitarian funding burden for the crises would shift to other large donors like Britain. But the U.S.'s influential role in rallying global support will slip.

"Without significant contributions from the U.S. government, it is less able to catalyze contributions from other donors and meet even minimal life-saving needs," Nancy Lindborg, president of the United States Institute of Peace, said in prepared remarks to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, neighboring African countries will feel the immediate consequences of famine, experts said. On Thursday, the U.N. refugee chief said Uganda was at a "breaking point" after more than 570,000 South Sudanese refugees had arrived since July alone.

Others fleeing hunger could aim for Europe instead.

"We are going to see pressure on neighboring countries, in some cases people joining traditional migration routes both from the Sahel into Europe, or south into various destinations in Africa," Joseph Siegle, director of research at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, told the AP.

"You have 19 countries facing some degree of food stress in Africa, and three of them are facing famine conditions. All three of them are facing conflict, and the vast majority of the countries facing more serious crises are non-democratic governments," Siegle said.

He described a series of possible consequences. Most likely there will be increased flows of people migrating from Somalia and the vast Sahel region north into Libya, where trafficking routes are a valuable source of finance for the Islamic State, he said.

Closer to home, people from South Sudan and Somalia seeking food likely will strain the resources of neighboring countries where political will and goodwill to refugees can be fleeting, said Mohammed Abdiker, director of operations and emergencies with the International Organization for Migration.

The regional consequences will depend on how the international community responds, Abdiker said.

Alex De Waal, executive director of the World Peace Foundation, summed up the situation: "Famine can be prevented if we want."

Associated Press writer Stuart Graham in Johannesburg contributed.

Amnesty: US-led coalition not protecting Mosul civilians

By SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A recent spike in civilian casualties in Mosul suggests the U.S.-led coalition is not taking adequate precautions to prevent civilian deaths as it battles the Islamic State militants alongside Iraqi ground forces, Amnesty International said on Tuesday.

The human rights group's report follows acknowledgement from the coalition that the U.S. military was behind a March 17 strike in a western Mosul neighborhood that residents have said killed more than a hundred civilians.

U.S. officials did not confirm there were civilian casualties but opened an investigation.

Amnesty's report also cites a second strike on Saturday that it said killed "up to 150 people." The U.S.-led coalition said in a statement that it was investigating multiple strikes in western Mosul that allegedly resulted in civilian deaths.

Evidence gathered on the ground in Mosul "points to an alarming pattern of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes which have destroyed whole houses with entire families inside," the report stated.

It said any failure to take precautions to prevent civilian casualties would be "in flagrant violation of international humanitarian law."

In Baghdad, visiting U.S. army chief of staff, Gen. Mark A. Milley, said on Monday that what caused the explosion was still unknown and added that "some degree of certainty will be known in the coming days following the investigation."

"It is very possible that Daesh blew up that building to blame it on the coalition in order to cause a delay in the offensive into Mosul and cause a delay in the use of coalition airstrikes, that is very possible," Milley told reporters after meetings at the Iraqi Defense Ministry.

Daesh is an Arabic language acronym for the Islamic State group.

"And it is possible the coalition airstrike did it," he added.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva, the spokesman of the U.N. human rights office called on the international coalition fighting in Iraq to work to "minimize the impact" on civilians. Rupert Colville said IS militants are brazenly employing human shields, urging the coalition forces to "avoid this trap."

Colville added that the rights office has tallied the deaths of at least 307 people between Feb. 17 and March 22, including 140 from a single March 17 airstrike incident on a house in al-Jadida neighborhood on March 17.

Iraqi forces began the assault on IS-held Mosul in October, after months of preparation and buildup. In January, Iraq declared the eastern half of Mosul — the Tigris River divides the city into an eastern and western sector — "fully liberated." Iraqi government forces are now battling to retake the city's western half.

Civilians, humanitarian groups and monitoring officials have repeatedly warned of the possibility of increased civilian casualties in western Mosul due to the higher density of the population there and the increased reliance on airstrikes and artillery. Faced with their toughest fight against IS yet, Iraqi and coalition forces have increasingly turned to airstrikes and artillery to clear and hold territory in Mosul's west.

Unlike its previous battles against IS in urban settings in Iraq, the government made the decision to instruct Mosul civilians to remain in their homes. In the battles for Fallujah and Ramadi, those cities were entirely emptied of their civilian population while Iraqi forces fought to push out IS. In Mosul, the Iraqi government said it asked civilians to remain in place to prevent large-scale displacement.

When the operation to retake Mosul was launched, more than a million people were estimated to still be living in the city, Iraq's second-largest. Today, the United Nations estimates about 400,000 people remain trapped in IS-held neighborhoods in western Mosul.

Amnesty International's report quoted survivors and eyewitnesses of airstrikes that have killed civilians as saying that "they did not try to flee as the battle got underway because they received repeated instructions from the Iraqi authorities to remain in their homes."

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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 TAKES AIM AT CLIMATE CHANGE

The U.S. president will sign an executive order that will suspend, rescind or flag for review more than a half-dozen measures that were part of Obama's plan to curb global warming.

2. TRUMP HAS TRADEMARKS IN JORDAN

To keep them active — including a controversial one for a casino with gambling illegal in the kingdom — he would need to reapply for them during his four-year term, raising potential ethical concerns, AP learns.

3. RED BULL HEIR AVOIDING PROSECUTORS

Vorayuth "Boss" Yoovidhya went back to enjoying a jet-set life within weeks after he was accused of killing a Thai police officer in a hit-and-run nearly five years ago, AP finds.

4. VIOLENT CLASHES RATTLE PARIS

Three police officers have been injured and 35 protesters arrested as an Asian community expresses outrage at the police killing of a Chinese man in his home.

5. INSPECTORS VISITED OAKLAND BUILDING BEFORE DEADLY BLAZE

Officials found it lacked fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in each apartment and a working fire sprinkler system, among other violations.

6. HOW STATES ARE ADDRESSING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Some state Democratic lawmakers are pressing ahead with efforts to protect Planned Parenthood funding, birth control access and abortion coverage.

7. PARTS OF AFRICA ON BRINK OF FAMINE

Trump's proposed foreign aid cuts mean the fallout could include a new wave of migration toward Europe, experts warn.

8. WHY TRUMP'S BUDGET CONCERNS HOMELESS ADVOCATES

The push to end homelessness among veterans would suffer without the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, an agency Trump wants to eliminate, officials say.

9. WHAT STATE IS FRIENDLY TO SELF-DRIVING CAR INDUSTRY

Unlike California, companies operating autonomous vehicles in Arizona don't need to carry extra insurance or report accidents to the state.

10. RAIDER NATION NEED SIN CITY ITINERARY

The NFL team will be moving to Las Vegas sometime in the not distant future, but the iconic franchise is likely to belong to Oakland until 2020.

Multiple violations found days before fatal blaze killed 3

By PAUL ELIAS and JANIE HAR, Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Building inspectors found multiple fire code violations at a Northern California building just three days before a blaze erupted, killing three of the low-income residents.

During a Friday inspection, officials found the building lacked fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in every apartment and a working fire sprinkler system, among other violations, documents released by the city of Oakland show. Inspectors ordered the owner to immediately service the fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems.

In Monday's pre-dawn darkness, resident Michael Jones said he was awakened by screams of "fire," bolted out of bed and instinctively pounded on the doors of his elderly neighbors and ushered them to safety — walkers and all.

Jones, 43, then found Princess, the "house" pit bull, cowering in the backyard, and the two ran out the front door as glass shattered from the heat.

A few hours later, he and the dog stood across the street, staring at the smoldering wooden structure that housed some 80 recovering drug addicts and former homeless people, many of whom complained

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that they had not heard alarms, felt sprinklers or found fire extinguishers as they fled the substandard living conditions.

The owner, Keith Kim, did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

The blaze gutted the building and killed three people and injured four others. One resident remained missing Monday.

The Alameda County coroner identified one of the victims as 64-year-old Edwarn Anderson, of Oakland.

Oakland Fire Battalion Chief Erik Logan said some people were hanging from windows and others were in fire escapes when firefighters arrived.

The fire broke out in the rundown neighborhood nearly three months after a warehouse called the Ghost Ship caught fire and killed 36 people attending an unlicensed concert about five miles (eight kilometers) away.

The fires have raised questions about the use of some buildings in the city for residences amid a shortage of affordable housing in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"At least the rats are gone," said Angela Taylor, 62, clutching her purse, the only possession she managed to get out of a room she paid \$550 a month to live in. "It's the wrong purse, but it's better than nothing. A lady needs her purse."

In 2010, Oakland allowed the owner of the 40-unit building to convert the structure into transitional housing for recovering drug addicts, people struggling with homelessness and others, records show.

Since then, it has been the subject of several building department citations and investigations. City records show building officials verified complaints filed by the nonprofit organization that rents most of the building about deferred maintenance.

Kim was sent a notice of violation on March 2 over complaints of large amounts of trash and debris, building materials and furniture behind the property.

The building department also has an open investigation into complaints of "no working heat throughout the building, electrical issues and a large pest infestation," city records show.

City fire officials have been criticized for failing to inspect the Ghost Ship warehouse and the mayor conceded that city agencies need to improve communications after records showed police responding to a number of complaints there in the months before the Dec. 2 blaze.

The cause of the Ghost Ship fire is still under investigation and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed announced she would retire May 2.

Days after the warehouse fire, the owner of the building that burned Monday sent an eviction notice to Urojas Community Center, which had leased the first two floors of the three-story building, said James Cook, an attorney for the center.

The center assists about 60 people with transitional housing and services, Cook said. He had complained to the city about clogged toilets and disgusting bathrooms, exposed wires and water an inch deep on the ground floor, he said.

"It's like Ghost Ship, but worse," Cook said.

Residents said the hallways were cluttered with trash and debris.

"There were no sprinklers or fire extinguishers," said Curtis Robinson, 52, who had to leave his wheelchair behind in his first floor room in the scramble to escape.

Waze gets into the order-ahead business with Dunkin' Donuts

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Waze's traffic navigation app already shows ads prodding drivers to swing by fast-food joints like Dunkin' Donuts and Taco Bell. Now it's adding a new item to its menu — the ability to place orders at some shops.

On Tuesday, the Google-owned app will start letting drivers purchase coffee and other items from Dunkin' Donuts for pickup along their way. It's the first time that Waze has offered this kind of "order ahead" option, but unlikely to be the last.

If all goes well with the Dunkin' Donuts test, Waze plans to team up with other merchants so its mil-

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lions of users can order pizza, reserve parking spaces, fill prescriptions and even buy groceries without having to open another app on their phones.

"It could be almost anything that a driver could order ahead and have ready for pick up," said Jordan Grossman, head of Waze's business partnerships in North America.

DOUGHNUTS TO GO

Waze won't earn a commission on the Dunkin' Donuts sales made in its app. Instead, Dunkin' Donuts has agreed to increase the amount it spends advertising on Waze. Neither Waze nor Dunkin' Donuts would disclose the size of the increase.

Dunkin' Donuts has its own app, which until now was the only way to order ahead at the chain's stores. But working with Waze made sense, said Scott Hudler, chief digital officer for Dunkin' Brands. "Waze involves the ritualistic behavior of driving to work on your daily commute, and we are a brand built on a ritual, too," he said.

Drivers using Waze's "order ahead" option will need the Dunkin' Donuts app as well, although they won't have to open it. They'll also need to be registered with Dunkin' Donuts customer loyalty program.

CHARTING A COURSE INTO COMMERCE

The push into e-commerce is Waze's latest step beyond its original purpose of recommending the fastest way to drive someplace.

Waze also offers a carpooling feature that pays drivers to pick up passengers headed in the same direction. It's currently available in the San Francisco Bay Area; Sacramento, California; and Israel.

Waze will also offer the carpooling option in Brazil later this year. While still in its infancy, that service could siphon passengers away from ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft.

GOP divided over new course after House health care debacle

By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still reeling from last week's House health care debacle, Republicans are pivoting to tax cuts and other issues but remain riven into factions and all over the map about how and when to return to their marquee pledge to eviscerate former President Barack Obama's 2010 overhaul.

House Republicans are gathering Tuesday to discuss their agenda, their first meeting since House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., suddenly abandoned plans last Friday for a vote on the GOP legislation. The retreat on the party's top legislative priority so far this year was a jarring defeat for President Donald Trump and Republican leaders and raised questions about whether the GOP could muster the unity it will need on other issues.

The doomed GOP bill would have eliminated Obama's mandate for people to carry insurance or face fines and would have shrunk a Medicaid expansion. It relied on tax credits to help consumers purchase insurance that for many people would be less generous than under Obama's statute.

Republicans have issued mixed messages on what comes next.

Trump tweeted Monday evening that Democrats will cut a health care deal with him "as soon as Obamacare folds - not long. Do not worry."

He also attacked anew the House Freedom Caucus, about three dozen hardcore conservatives who largely opposed the GOP bill. He wrote that they snatched "defeat from the jaws of victory."

House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, an author of the failed legislation, told reporters that Republicans "are turning the page and moving on toward tax reform." He said he's encouraging the Senate to produce its own health care package, and he and others suggested that lawmakers may produce several smaller bills addressing pieces of the issue.

But the Senate GOP's No. 2 leader, John Cornyn of Texas, showed little appetite to plunge ahead.

"My hope is that Democrats will quit gloating at our inability to get it done on a party-line basis and join us in fixing" Obama's law, Cornyn said. He said he didn't expect that to happen until "our Democratic friends have to start answering to the people who are being hurt by the failures of Obamacare."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Democrats will address Obama's overhaul only when Republicans drop their repeal effort. He accused Trump of using executive actions to destabilize the health care system. "That's not presidential," he said, "that's petulance."

Obama's overhaul has provided insurance to 20 million additional people and forced insurers to provide

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better coverage to many more, but it's also left some markets with soaring premiums and fewer insurers. Ohio GOP Gov. John Kasich, who's opposed the Republican bill for proposing deep cuts in Medicaid, visited House GOP moderates Monday. He predicted afterward that the measure would not "rise out of the ashes" because Congress is "dysfunctional," and said the two parties needed to produce bipartisan legislation.

The episode has left Republicans divided into camps that are happy to blame each other for the legislation's failure.

"We're going to have to look at where a governing majority comes from. That's going to require some answers from the Freedom Caucus," said centrist Rep. Ryan Costello, R-Pa.

But Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., a Freedom Caucus member, said on CNN that Trump got bad advice "from some in leadership who said that some of us should not even exist up here. We need to be on a team and get a good product."

The health care strategizing comes as the GOP has one clear bright spot: Trump's nomination of conservative appeals court Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. The Senate plans to consider Gorsuch next week.

Brady wants his panel to produce a bill overhauling much of the nation's tax code this spring. But Republicans must overcome internal differences on that issue too, including whether to impose taxes on imports to encourage manufacturers to produce products domestically and whether the measure should drive up deficits.

Congress is fast approaching a deadline to pass government-wide spending legislation or face a shutdown. In the past such deadlines have prompted brinkmanship that sometimes led to shuttering agencies.

Leaders tentatively plan to produce a bipartisan measure providing more than \$1 trillion to fund the government through Sept. 30. That could prove difficult, with conservatives possibly insisting on more money to build Trump's border wall or to halt federal payments to Planned Parenthood, and Democrats abandoning the effort if it tilts against their liking.

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NFL owners approve Raiders' move to Las Vegas, so what now?

By BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Sometime in the not distant future, they will become the Las Vegas Raiders.

Until then, likely in 2020, Mark Davis' team belongs to Oakland. Well, sort of.

NFL owners approved the Raiders' move to Las Vegas 31-1 at the league meetings Monday. Miami was the lone dissenter. Davis insisted the club his father, Hall of Fame owner Al Davis, built into a champion — in Oakland and Los Angeles — should still be considered a part of the Bay Area community.

"I wouldn't use the term lame duck," Davis insisted. "We're still the Raiders and we represent Raider Nation.

"There will be disappointed fans, and it's important for me to talk to them to explain why and how."

As he does so, he also can address what is ahead for a team that, on the field, clearly is on the rise. Yet, questions abound how much support the Raiders can possibly retain in what is now a temporary home.

"My emotions are mixed," said coach Jack Del Rio, a Bay Area native. "While I'm sad for family and friends and fans in the Oakland area, I also recognize the tremendous opportunity going forward for our organization. That being said, my mission remains the same. To lead this team here and now. Players and coaches need to understand their defined roles. We all need to bring positive energy everyday as we focus on things that we can control."

What they can't control is community reaction in a place where devotion to the Raiders during their Oakland years — they spent 1982-94 in Los Angeles — has been admirable. Even during all the losing between their last Super Bowl appearance, for the 2002 season, and their next winning record, which came last year, the Black Hole gang has been dedicated.

"All the Raiders fans my age, no way you can do it," said Ivan Davis, a fan of the team for a half-century.

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"Anyone who lived through the first one will not support them. The older Raiders fans, you lost them forever. The ones who gave their life blood to you, you lost them forever."

There will be new fans, of course, in a new locale, a place no one imagined the NFL venturing to just a few years ago. But with their \$1.7 billion stadium not to be completed before 2020, the Raiders have three seasons to fill playing elsewhere.

"We have two more years of lease options for Oakland right now," Davis said. "If the fans would like us to stay there, we'd love to be there for that and possibly talk to them about extending it for maybe 2019 as well, and try to bring a championship back to Oakland."

The likelihood of the East Bay welcoming the Raiders for a third season at the aging Coliseum they share with the Athletics — the only such NFL/MLB arrangement remaining — isn't high. Mayor Libby Schaaf has accused Davis and the league of not "manning up," and other legislators have mentioned finding ways to void the two years of stadium options the Raiders have negotiated.

Davis said any season ticket holders who have already paid for next season will get full refunds if they seek them.

While 2019 is not nearly upon us, Davis needs a concrete plan for that season, including finding a training facility as well as a stadium.

There are other potential hang-ups that could slow construction of the Las Vegas stadium, which doesn't have a definite site yet.

Las Vegas stepped up with \$750 million in public money, and Bank of America is giving Davis a \$650 million loan. It's conceivable, if highly improbable, that snags will hit in those areas.

Interestingly, one segment that will profit from the move: Raiders employees. There is no income tax in Nevada, while California's is among the highest in the nation.

Meanwhile, league reservations about relocating a franchise to a city built on gambling have disappeared.

"The existing size of Las Vegas, the diversification and the growth that it has undergone over the last 20 years, combine to make it a mid-sized market today," said league executive Eric Grubman, the NFL's point man on stadium projects, "but one that is exhibiting significantly above average growth. Those things in combination, its current size with its above average growth, combined to give the rest of the ownership confidence."

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Some state lawmakers seek to protect birth-control access

By DAVID CRARY and ALISON NOON, Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nevada (AP) — Even with the Republican failure to repeal Barack Obama's health care law, Democratic lawmakers in some states are pressing ahead with efforts to protect birth control access, Planned Parenthood funding and abortion coverage in case they are jeopardized in the future.

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives withdrew a bill last week that would have repealed Obama's Affordable Care Act. It would have halted federal funding for Planned Parenthood and curtailed the ability of many low-income women to obtain affordable birth control.

Despite that setback for the GOP, several Republicans said Congress might revisit health care in the future, and anti-abortion leaders have stressed they will not abandon their campaign to defund Planned Parenthood. The group is the No. 1 abortion provider in the U.S. but also offers extensive birth control and health-screening services.

In Nevada, state lawmakers and health advocates say they will continue to promote bills that would allow women to access 12-month supplies of birth control and require all health insurers to cover contraceptives at no extra charge, regardless of religious objections.

Another Nevada proposal seeks to provide alternative funding to help organizations such as Planned

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Parenthood. Some government-run clinics that rely on federal grants and are on the brink of closure also would benefit.

"Nevadans need these protections regardless of what's happening in Congress," said Elisa Cafferata, president of Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates. "Family planning and preventative health care are still very much threatened."

Democratic state Sen. Julia Ratti said it was important to establish protections in state law "so that, regardless of what future federal provisions come through, we know we're doing the right thing in Nevada."

It's unclear whether Gov. Brian Sandoval, a Republican, will sign or veto the bills if they reach his desk.

Majority Democrats in the Maryland Legislature, with backing from some Republicans, plan to continue work on a bill that would maintain family planning services provided by Planned Parenthood if the group ever lost federal funding. The measure, which has cleared the House of Delegates and is now pending in the Senate, would direct \$2 million from Maryland's Medicaid budget to family planning, as well as \$700,000 from the state's general fund.

The bill's chief sponsor, state Delegate Shane Pendergrass, said Maryland would be unwise to assume that congressional Republicans were finished with efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

"Could this come back in six months? Maybe," she said. "Do we want to make sure we're prepared if something happens? You bet we do."

In Oregon, Democratic state Rep. Jeff Barker said deliberations would continue on a bill he is sponsoring that would require health insurers to cover a full range of services, drugs and products related to reproductive health, including contraceptives, with no co-pay or deductible. It also would ban any government interference in a woman's choice to have an abortion.

"It will be contentious, but I believe it will pass," Barker said. "We want to be sure that women have all their reproductive health needs taken care of."

The bill, which is awaiting referral to a House committee, could be up for a floor vote sometime next month.

"Our plan is to still move it forward," said House Speaker Tina Kotek, a Democrat. "It's really important to a lot of people on this particular area of health care."

Kotek also expressed no interest in tweaking the bill's language to the liking of Providence Health Plans, a Catholic-sponsored organization currently covering 260,000 Oregonians. Last week, Providence threatened to pull out of the Oregon insurance market if the abortion proposal passes.

At the national level, Planned Parenthood celebrated the collapse of the GOP health care overhaul effort, yet acknowledged that it will remain a target of the anti-abortion movement and its allies.

"We know this is the beginning, not the end," said Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards.

Federal law already prohibits federal money from being used to pay for most abortions, but the now-abandoned GOP health overhaul would have cut off more than \$400 million in Medicaid reimbursements and other federal funding to Planned Parenthood for non-abortion services. That includes birth control provided to about 2 million women annually.

Kristi Hamrick of Americans United for Life, in an email, said the push to defund Planned Parenthood would continue.

"Too early to say how this might play out," she wrote.

Crary reported from New York. Associated Press writer Kristena Hansen in Salem, Oregon, also contributed to this story.

Screams alert residents to fire that killed 3 in Oakland

By PAUL ELIAS and JANIE HAR, Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Awakened by screams of "fire," Michael Jones bolted out of bed in the pre-dawn darkness Monday at the dilapidated Oakland apartment building he calls home, instinctively pounded on the doors of his elderly neighbors and ushered them to safety — walkers and all.

Jones, 43, then found Princess, the "house" pit bull, cowering in the backyard, and the two ran out

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the front door as glass shattered from the heat.

A few hours later, he and the dog stood across the street, staring at the smoldering wooden structure that housed some 80 low-income residents, many of whom complained that they had not heard alarms, felt sprinklers or found fire extinguishers as they fled the substandard living conditions.

Jones said a prayer of gratitude for surviving the fire that killed three people and hurt four others, including two children. One remained missing.

The Alameda County coroner identified one of the victims as 64-year-old Edwarn Anderson, of Oakland.

Oakland Fire Battalion Chief Erik Logan said some people were hanging from windows and others were in fire escapes when firefighters arrived.

The fire broke out in the rundown neighborhood nearly three months after a warehouse called the Ghost Ship caught fire and killed 36 people attending an unlicensed concert about five miles (eight kilometers) away.

The fires have raised questions about the use of some buildings in the city for residences amid a shortage of affordable housing in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"At least the rats are gone," said Angela Taylor, 62, clutching her purse, the only possession she managed to get out of a room she paid \$550 a month to live in. "It's the wrong purse, but it's better than nothing. A lady needs her purse."

In 2010, Oakland allowed the owner of the 40-unit building that burned Monday to convert the structure into transitional housing for recovering drug addicts, people struggling with homelessness and others, records show.

Since then, it has been the subject of several building department citations and investigations. City records show building officials verified complaints filed by the nonprofit organization that rents most of the building about deferred maintenance.

The owner, Keith Kim, was sent a notice of violation on March 2 over complaints of large amounts of trash and debris, building materials and furniture behind the property. Kim did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

The building department also has an open investigation into complaints of "no working heat throughout the building, electrical issues and a large pest infestation," city records show.

Fire inspectors visited the building three days before the blaze and found it lacked fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in each apartment and a working fire sprinkler system, among other violations, according to documents released by the city.

Inspectors on Friday ordered the owner to immediately service the fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems.

Mayor Libby Schaaf viewed the building briefly Monday and in a statement later offered her sympathies to the families of those affected but didn't address the complaints against the building.

City fire officials have been criticized for failing to inspect the Ghost Ship warehouse and the mayor conceded that city agencies need to improve communications after records showed police responding to a number of complaints there in the months before the Dec. 2 blaze.

The cause of the Ghost Ship fire is still under investigation and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed announced she would retire May 2.

Days after the warehouse fire, the owner of the building that burned Monday sent an eviction notice to Urojas Community Center, which had leased the first two floors of the three-story building, said James Cook, an attorney for the center.

The center assists about 60 people with transitional housing and services, Cook said. He had complained to the city about clogged toilets and disgusting bathrooms, exposed wires and water an inch deep on the ground floor, he said.

"It's like Ghost Ship, but worse," Cook said.

Residents said the hallways were cluttered with trash and debris.

"There were no sprinklers or fire extinguishers," said Curtis Robinson, 52, who had to leave his wheelchair behind in his first floor room in the scramble to escape.

Several residents said they discounted the initial commotion over the fire because the building and neighborhood are noisy. Loud arguments occur frequently, and some residents stayed up late, drinking

and partying.

Kirsten Evans, 52, said she paid \$1,100 a month for a small studio apartment without a kitchen. She said she moved in three years ago after she was evicted from her apartment of 20 years because her landlord wanted to raise her rent dramatically.

She said she woke up briefly Monday to take her medication and heard yelling and screaming. Then she heard windows popping, shattering from the heat and a skylight overhead shattering and glass falling outside her door.

As she fled, Evans said she trampled over broken glass as wires and light fixtures sparked red and white. "I didn't hear a fire alarm," she said.

Club shooting victim: 'All I was thinking about was my kids'

By DAN SEWELL and JOHN SEEWER, Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A mother of five who was wounded in the Cincinnati nightclub shooting described a chaotic scene in which she and other club patrons were frantically crawling over one another to reach the exits and said that all she could think about was her kids.

One man was killed and Angel Higgins and 15 other people were injured in the shooting at the Cameo club, a popular hip-hop music spot near the Ohio river east of downtown Cincinnati.

Higgins told WCPO-TV that she is still struggling to understand what happened.

"All I can hear is gunshots," she said. "I don't know what to tell my kids."

The initial investigation indicated a dispute in the bar escalated into a gunfight early Sunday, Police Chief Eliot Isaac said.

Police believe multiple shooters were involved, and they estimate more than 20 shots were fired. No club security footage of the shooting has emerged.

Higgins said she felt one bullet fly past her face. Soon after, another struck her in the leg and she collapsed.

"I fell and everybody was just diving on me, falling on top of me, and all I thought was, 'I cannot die by getting smothered by all these people,'" she said.

Higgins stumbled out of the club and then drove herself to a hospital, while she said police and firefighters used ambulances for those victims who were more seriously injured. Two of the injured remained in critical condition Tuesday and three were in stable condition.

Police declined to comment on whether they had identified any possible suspects.

"We're gathering information ... we're making some progress," Isaac said, while urging more witnesses to come forward.

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Police: No active search for suspects in nightclub shooting

By DAN SEWELL and JOHN SEEWER, Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — As Cincinnati police delved further into their investigation of a nightclub shooting melee that left one person dead and 16 injured, city officials Monday urged more witnesses to come forward and offered reassurances amid questions about safety in public gathering spots.

Police Chief Eliot Isaac declined to say whether police have identified possible suspects in the Sunday gun violence inside the Cameo club, a popular hip-hop music spot near the Ohio river east of downtown Cincinnati. But Isaac said police weren't actively looking for anyone as yet.

"We're gathering information ... we're making some progress," Isaac said after giving city council members an update on the investigation.

Investigators believe multiple shooters were involved; police estimate more than 20 shots were fired, sending club patrons diving to the floor or scrambling away from a chaotic and terrifying scene.

The FBI and federal firearms agents are assisting Cincinnati police.

Isaac said a number of people have contacted police with information, including a person who came forward Sunday evening to report having been shot, raising the total number injured to 16 besides the 27-year-old man who was slain. Two of the 16 injured were in critical condition Monday. Three other people remained hospitalized in stable condition.

The initial investigation indicated a dispute in the bar escalated into a gun fight around 1:30 a.m., the chief said. No club security footage of the shooting has emerged, he said.

Isaac said some of the wounded could be key witnesses, and city officials urged any reluctant potential witnesses to help, saying they would be protected. Crime witnesses afraid to testify for fear of retribution have been a problem in some past Cincinnati cases.

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Asian markets mostly higher after Wall Street sinks

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets rose Tuesday after Wall Street sank on worries the Trump administration might not do as much for businesses as once thought.

KEEPING SCORE: Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 1 percent to 19,175.48 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 0.5 percent to 24,308.32. The Shanghai Composite Index declined 0.4 percent to 3,252.81 while Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 added 0.2 percent to 5,806.20. Seoul's Kospi rose 0.2 percent to 2,159.35 and benchmarks in Taiwan and Singapore also rose. Malaysia and Manila declined while New Zealand was unchanged.

WALL STREET: Worries that Washington may not be able to help businesses as much as once thought knocked stock indexes down hard early Monday, but they clawed back most of their losses and ended the day mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.39 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,341.59 for its seventh drop in the last eight days. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 45.74 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,550.98, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 11.64, or 0.2 percent, to 5,840.37. When trading opened for the day, it looked as if losses would be much worse. The S&P 500 sank from the start and was down as much as 0.9 percent.

TRUMP SLUMP?: Last week's failure by Republicans to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which they have pledged to do for years, raised doubts Washington can push through other promised changes to help businesses. Investors have been anticipating that President Donald Trump and the Republican-led Congress will cut taxes, loosen regulations for companies and institute other corporate-friendly policies.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Markets appear reluctant to take the Trump disappointment too much further at this stage," said Ric Spooner of CMC Markets in a report. "With U.S. economic growth showing signs of improvement and the Fed clearly embarked on a monetary tightening cycle, the significant correction that has already occurred in bonds and the U.S. dollar may already reflect an adequate wind back of the market's Trump exuberance."

OIL SINKS: Oil prices have sagged below \$50 — a boon to importers but a blow to developing countries that rely on crude sales to pay for imports. Benchmark U.S. crude could fall to \$40 per barrel before tight oil producers cut back and supply stops increasing, said Carl B. Weinberg of High-Frequency Economics in a report. "Oil-producing emerging economies will earn less foreign currency," said Weinberg. "This will impair their ability to import: World trade will resume its persistent decline."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 24 cents to \$47.97 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 24 cents on Monday to \$47.73. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 19 cents to \$51.09 in London. It lost 2 cents the previous session.

CURRENCY: The dollar was unchanged at 110.65 yen. The euro edged down to \$1.0863 from \$1.0864.

Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Tuesday, March 28, the 87th day of 2017. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-

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occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1896, the opera "Andrea Chenier," by Umberto Giordano, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1935, the notorious Nazi propaganda film "Triumph des Willens" (Triumph of the Will), directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf Hitler present.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

In 1955, John Marshall Harlan II was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington, D.C. at age 78.

In 1977, "Rocky" won best picture at the 49th Academy Awards; Peter Finch was honored posthumously as best actor for "Network" while his co-star, Faye Dunaway, was recognized as best actress.

In 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania.

In 1987, Maria von Trapp, whose life story inspired the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," died in Morrisville, Vermont, at age 82.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic legend Jesse Owens.

Ten years ago: Iran aired a video of 15 British sailors and marines who were captured five days earlier; the lone female captive, Faye Furney, wearing a white tunic and a black head scarf, said the British boats had "trespassed" in Iranian waters while patrolling for smugglers near the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab, a disputed waterway. (The crew members were released a week later.) In the Philippines, dozens of children were taken hostage on a bus by a day-care center owner armed with grenades and guns; the crisis ended peacefully 10 hours later with the hostage-taker's surrender.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court wrapped up three days of public arguments on President Barack Obama's historic health care law. On the last day of his visit, Pope Benedict XVI demanded more freedom for the Roman Catholic Church in communist-run Cuba and preached against "fanaticism" in an unusually political sermon before hundreds of thousands at Revolution Plaza. Bluegrass legend and banjo pioneer Earl Scruggs, 88, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

One year ago: The FBI said it had successfully used a mysterious technique without Apple Inc.'s help to hack into the iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in California, effectively ending a pitched court battle. Officers shot and wounded a man who had pulled a weapon at a security checkpoint as he entered the underground U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. Winston Moseley, the man convicted of the 1964 stabbing death of bar manager Kitty Genovese, died at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York, at age 81. Actor James Noble, 94, died in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski (ZBIG'-nyef breh-ZHIN'-skee) is 89. Author Mario Vargas Llosa is 81. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 76. Movie director Mike Newell is 75. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 74. Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is 72. Actress Dianne Wiest (weest) is 71. Country singer Reba McEntire is 62. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 59. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 51. Actress Tracey Needham is 50. Actor Max Perlich is 49. Movie director Brett Ratner is 48. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 48. Actor Vince Vaughn is 47. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 46. Actor Ken L. is 44. Singer/songwriter Matt Nathanson is 44. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 41. Actress Annie Wersching is 40. Actress Julia Stiles is 36. Singer Lady Gaga is 31.

Thought for Today: "A man can do his best only by confidently seeking (and perpetually missing) an unattainable perfection." — Ralph Barton Perry, American author and educator (1876-1957).