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Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

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

CANCELLED: Track meet in Groton

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice/chow mein noodles, broccoli, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Shrimp poppers, tater tots, fruit, romaine salad.

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

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

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

United Methodist: Wednesday coffee time at 9 a.m., Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, malibu blend vegetables, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Popcorn chicken, smile potatoes, fruit, broccoli and dip.

School Breakfast: Bosco sticks, fruit, juice, milk.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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

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Deep Thoughts

Notes from the underground by Communications Director Constance Walter

Monday, April 24, 2017

Surface lab gets upgraded for LZ



Photos by Matt Kapust

Midwestern Mechanical subcontractor Lewis Campbell, takes a measurement in the new radon reduction building.



John Keefner, Underground Operations Engineer for Sanford Lab inspects activated charcoal columns, which are used to remove radon from the air.

Inside the surface lab, the cleanroom in which LUX was assembled, is being expanded to accommodate LZ, the second-generation dark matter detector. Right next door stands a new building that will keep background radiation out of the cleanroom during detector assembly.

LUX-ZEPLIN will be 30 times bigger and 100 times more sensitive than its predecessor, the Large Underground Xenon experiment. A bigger, more sensitive detector needs a bigger and cleaner assembly area, said John Keefner, underground operations engineer and project manager for the cleanroom construction.



This is a view from the new section of the surface laboratory cleanroom. Researchers will enter from the blue doors in the back. The assembly pit is below the metal grating.

The existing cleanroom is 400 square feet. The expansion will nearly double that space to 780 square feet. The cleanroom is guaranteed to be a class-1000, but could reach a class-100 rating with good controls. New features include aluminum sheeting; air locks; a hoist; a 12-foot-deep pit in which the detector will be assembled; and, most importantly, a radon-reduction system.

"That's the magic part of this cleanroom," Keefner said. "The room will be positively pressured so radon can't get in."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that significantly increases background noise in sensitive physics projects. Experiments go to great lengths to eliminate or reduce that noise.

The radon reduction system pressurizes, dehumidifies and cools air to minus 60 degrees Celsius before sending it through two columns, each filled with 1600 kg of activated charcoal, which remove the radon. The pressure is released, warmed and humidified before flowing into the cleanroom.

The manufacturer guaranteed the system will reduce radon by 1,000 times. But when it was tested, it was reduced by 3,000, said David Taylor, experiment review engineer. "That greatly exceeds our expectations."

Once the radon-reduction system is installed and the cleanroom completed, assembly on LZ will begin, putting it on track to begin operating in 2020.

Remember – You May Be Able To Apply For A Replacement Card Online

Your nine-digit Social Security number remains your first and continuous link with Social Security. It helps us accurately record your covered wages or self-employment earnings. We also use it to monitor your record once you start getting benefits.

Why Do You Need One?

You need a Social Security number to get a job, collect Social Security benefits and get some other government services. But you don't often need to show your Social Security card. Do not carry your card with you. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers.

You can use a my Social Security account to apply for a replacement Social Security card online if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen age 18 or older with a U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses);
- Are not requesting a name change or any other change to your card; and
- Have a driver's license or a state-issued identification card from one of the following states in our area: South Dakota, North Dakota, or Nebraska. For a complete list of states, please visit <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/#issnrc>.



50th Anniversary

Dave and Mary Blackmun are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Please join family and friends for an open house Saturday, April 29th, at Olive Grove golf course in Groton, SD from 2-4 pm. No gifts please.

Camille Sippel of Groton named High Scholar at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE (04/24/2017)-- Camille Sippel of Groton was among more than 1,900 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students honored during individual college celebrations and the All-University Honors Convocation April 23 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Sippel, a junior in the College of Business, was recognized as a High Scholar.

Grant awarded for street lighting upgrade

GROTON, S.D. – The city of Groton was recently awarded a grant to help offset the cost of installing new street lighting. Heartland Consumers Power District, the city's wholesale power supplier, provided a \$5,000 energy efficiency grant to install 100 new LED lights. The new lights are expected to save the city over \$6,000 per year over the old high pressure sodium lights, as well as provide a brighter, whiter light. Pictured are Groton Light Superintendent Shawn Lambertz, Finance Officer Anita Lowary and Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland.



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April 20 Climate Update Cool start to May 2017

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The April 20, 2017 climate outlook released by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows a couple of weeks of cooler weather are ahead for much of South Dakota.

"According to the outlook, South Dakota's planting season temperatures have an equal chance of being warmer, cooler or near average temperatures," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist. "A week or more ago, I would have thought that eastern South Dakota would lean towards warmer temperatures in May but now the forecast is turning cool for the start of the month. So, we may end up near average overall, if the end of May turns warm."

The forecast for cool temperatures, along with a mix of rain and snow across the state, will put a hold on field work for many.

"Wet fields in the southeast and cool soil temperatures across the region have prevented farmers and gardeners alike to make much progress in planting and spring activities," she said.

Edwards added that thus far, the spring season has shown some early signs of weeds and insect activity.

"The warm 2016 fall season may have set the stage for both weeds and insects," Edwards explained.

She added that SDSU Extension Weed specialists are already receiving reports of kochia and other species coming out. Some adult grasshoppers have also been observed in eastern South Dakota.

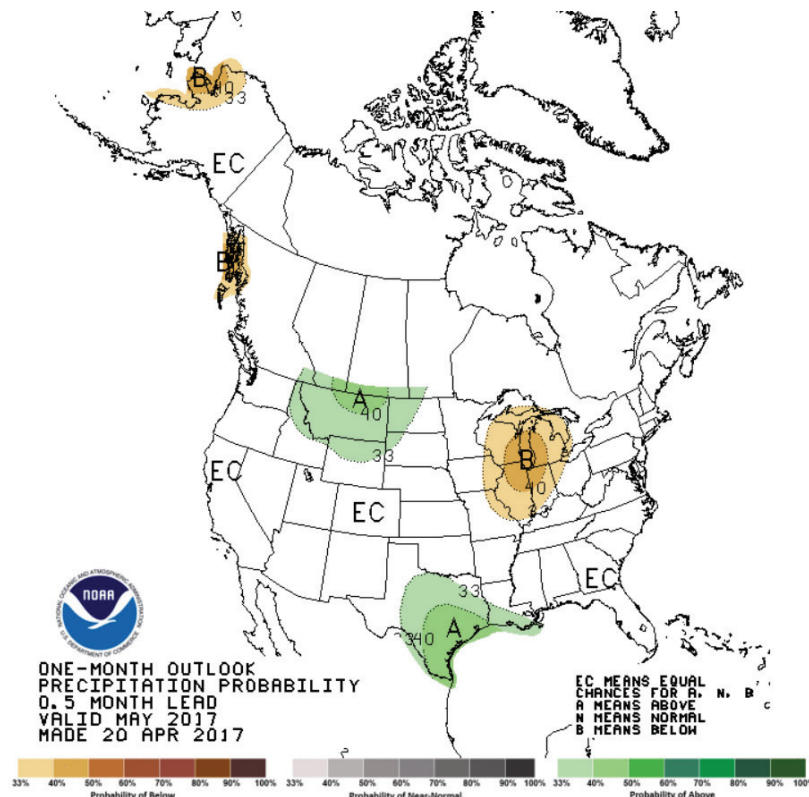
Precipitation outlook

Based on NOAA report, the precipitation outlook for May 2017 for the northwestern corner of the state shows a good likelihood of above average rainfall.

"This area was hit hard last summer with severe drought. The recent rains in April, along with a continuing stream of precipitation in May, could bring good growth to grasses and forages in the area," Edwards said.

The current outlook for western South Dakota shows wetter than average now through July. As far as temperatures are concerned, the outlook is favoring warmer than average temperatures across all but the northern tier of the state from May through July.

"This could be good news, since we are starting out the growing season with cooler temperatures, and some warmth could help with plant growth in the latter spring season," Edwards said.



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Today in Weather History April 23, 2002:

April 25, 1994: Lightning from a thunderstorm 4 miles W of Aberdeen struck two houses, causing structural damage and starting a fire which caused further damage to one home. The second house suffered damage only to a surge protector. Total damage was estimated at \$50,000 for both strikes.

April 25, 1996: An intense area of low pressure brought high winds of 30 to 50 mph with isolated gusts to 80 mph to central and north central South Dakota from the morning to the evening of the 25th. The dry April soil was picked up by the high winds, lowering visibilities in blowing dust. Some places experienced dust storm conditions with low visibilities and drifting dust. Many roofs lost shingles due to the strong winds. In Eagle Butte, the Vietnam Veterans Center roof was blown off. Other buildings were also damaged across the area, along with some broken windows. Some power poles and lines were downed west of Fort Pierre. Some trees and branches were also downed. Near Isabel, a cattle trailer was tipped over, and two calf shelters were destroyed. Also, a twenty foot Conoco sign was blown down near Isabel along with other signs damaged across the area. The dust storm reminded many of the 1930s. Some wind gusts include 60 mph at Mobridge and Selby, 70 mph at Miller, Pierre, and Murdo, and 80 mph at Isabel and Eagle Butte.

1875: New York City received three inches of snow, the latest measurable snow on record for that location.

1880: A violent tornado, at times up to 400 yards wide, swept away at least 20 homes in Macon, Mississippi. Pieces of some of the homes were found 15 miles away. 22 people died, and 72 were injured. Loaded freight cars were thrown 100 yards into homes. Cloth was carried for eight miles.






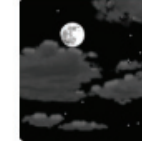

1910: Chicago, Illinois was blanketed with 2.5 inches of snow, and a total of 6.5 inches between the 22nd and the 26th. It was the latest significant snow of record for the city. Atlanta, Georgia also received late season snowfall when 1.5 inches fell. Their 32 degrees low is the latest freeze on record.

1912: Ponca City, Oklahoma was struck by an estimated F4 tornado. One person was killed, and 119 homes were damaged or destroyed. Dozens of oil derricks were flattened or twisted, southwest of town. The tornado was reportedly visible and audible for 20 miles.

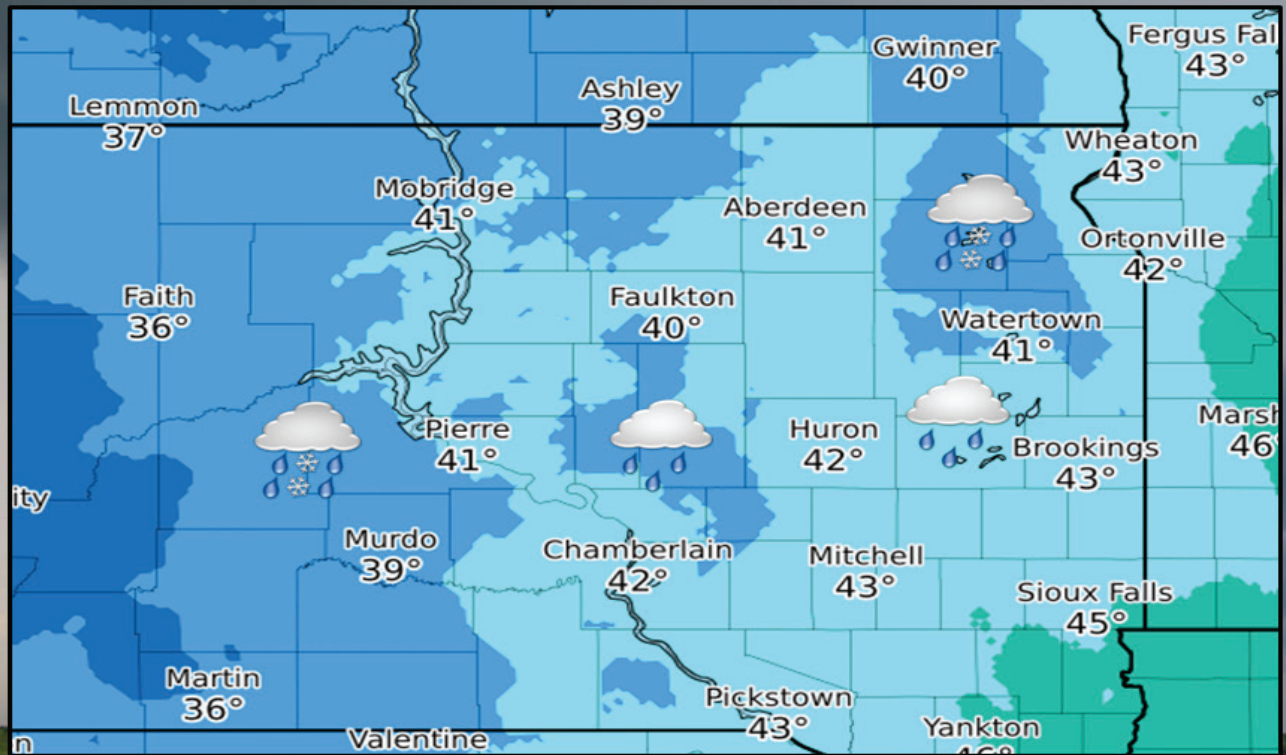
1990: Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Texas to Nebraska. Thunderstorms spawned fifteen tornadoes, including a powerful F4 tornado near Weatherford, Texas. Between 3 PM and 8 PM, a storm complex tracking northeastward across central Kansas spawned four tornadoes along an 119-mile path from Ness to Smith Center, with the last tornado on the ground for 55 miles. Del Rio TX was hit with hail two inches in diameter and wind gusts to 112 mph. Brown County and Commanche County in Texas were deluged with up to 18 inches of rain, and flooding caused more than 65 million dollars damage.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
20%	20% 30%	30%				
Cloudy then Slight Chance Rain and Breezy	Slight Chance Rain/Snow and Blustery then Chance Snow	Chance Rain/Snow and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 41 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 40 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 50 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 52 °F

Chilly Temperatures Today! Precipitation Moving in Today/Tonight



weather.gov/Aberdeen | National Weather Service Aberdeen | @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 4/25/2017 5:49 AM Central

Published on: 04/25/2017 at 5:52AM

Chilly temperatures will be the story today, and for the rest of the week. An area of low pressure over Wyoming will approach the area and bring precipitation to portions of central South Dakota. Another low pressure system moving up from the south will bring rain chances later this afternoon and evening to eastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota. After dark, temperatures will get cold enough to switch the rain to snow over higher elevations of the Coteau region of northeast South Dakota. By Wednesday afternoon, some areas could receive around an inch of snowfall.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 61.5

Low Outside Temp: 36.1

High Gust: 28

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1962

Record Low: 19° in 1958

Average High: 62°F

Average Low: 36°F

Average Precip in April.: 1.42

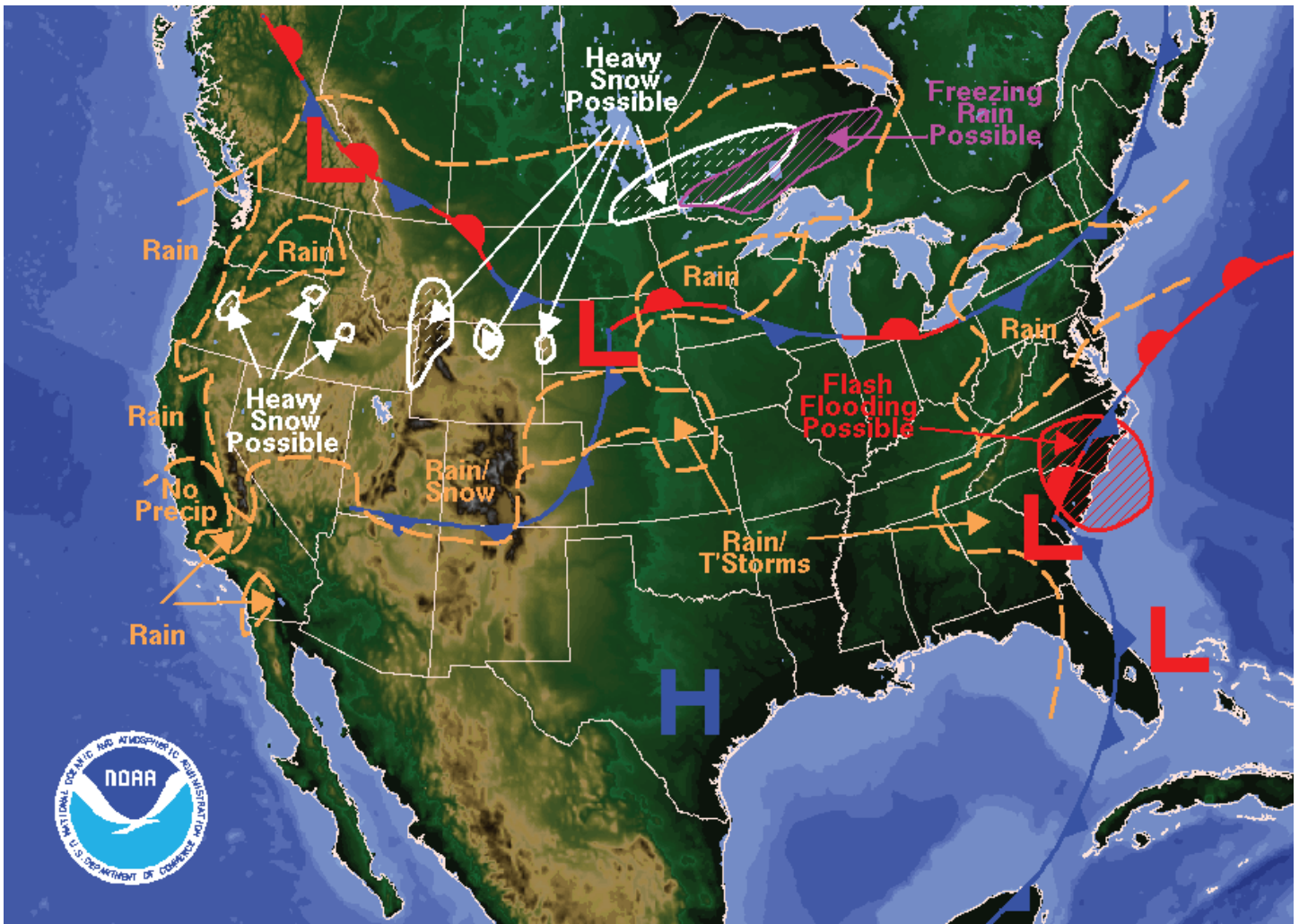
Precip to date in April.: 1.09

Average Precip to date: 3.60

Precip Year to Date: 1.68

Sunset Tonight: 8:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:29 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 24, 2017, issued 4:48 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Michelangelo's statue David is considered to be one of the most beautiful sculptures in the world. Many believe it is his most noteworthy accomplishment. Few know its unpromising beginning.

The block of marble from which he fashioned David had been disfigured by another artist. After attempting to "make" something from the marble, he cast it aside as "worthless" and having no potential.

But Michelangelo was not discouraged when he looked at the rejected mass of marble. While another saw only flaws, he saw a future locked up inside a piece of cold, rejected rock that was colored with irregular markings.

There is an important lesson for each of us here. Paul wrote, "Those who become Christians become new persons!" When we accept Christ as our Savior and Lord, He starts a "work" on the inside that will manifest itself on the outside. Through Him we become brand-new people from the life that is given to us by the Holy Spirit. We are not the same people we once were. God looked at us, saw the potential in us, and began to form us into the likeness of Christ. We are not re-formed, or reshaped, we are, in fact, re-created – even re-invented!

Michelangelo was ultimately limited by the size and shape of the block of marble and his vision. But as new persons in Christ we are only limited by the limits we place on God and what He can do through us!

Prayer: We pray, Father, that our minds and hearts will be open to the limitless potential we have through You. May we grow into the likeness of Christ through Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

News from the Associated Press

Beer stores near reservation appeal loss of liquor licenses

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The owners of four Nebraska beer stores that sell millions of cans of beer each year near a South Dakota Indian reservation are appealing a state regulator's decision not to renew their liquor licenses.

The appeal filed late Monday in Lancaster County District Court says the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's decision last week was arbitrary, unsupported by evidence and contrary to Nebraska law. The commission cited concerns about law enforcement in the village of Whiteclay, which sits 357 miles (575 kilometers) northwest of Omaha.

The licenses are scheduled to expire Sunday.

The stores sell beer and malt liquor just 200 yards south of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which bars alcohol but continues to struggle with fetal alcoholism and one of the lowest life expectancy rates in the Western Hemisphere.

15 indicted in eagle trafficking case; more charges expected

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Federal officials in South Dakota said Monday that 15 people have been indicted for illegally trafficking eagles and other migratory birds after a two-year undercover operation potentially involving hundreds of birds.

U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler said that officials expect "significant" additional federal charges in the case, which focused on trafficking of eagles and eagle parts and feathers for profit. Authorities said the case involves more than 100 eagles, a number that could climb as high as 250.

Seiler described one operation as basically a "chop-shop for eagles" in which eagle feathers were stuffed into garbage bags. He said it was clear that it was a moneymaking operation and that the feathers and eagle parts such as talons and beaks were treated as merchandise.

"There was no cultural sensitivity. There was no spirituality," Seiler said. "There was no tradition in the manner in which these defendants handled these birds."

He said the investigation involved confidential informants, a multi-state area and the purchase of regalia items such as ceremonial fans. A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office said in an email that there are a variety of reasons why people buy eagle parts, and a collectors market plays a role.

Dan Rolince, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assistant special agent in charge of law enforcement for the region, said that some of those accused used code words to avoid detection by describing the eagle and other bird parts for sale using the names of animals or even car parts. He said the eagles were primarily shot.

"At the end of this process, I have full confidence that it will be one of the largest cases of this nature we've ever worked," he said.

Three Rapid City men charged in the case are involved with Buffalo Dreamers, which performs Native American dance programs. Owner Troy Fairbanks has been charged with conspiracy to commit wildlife trafficking and violations of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Lacey Act.

Fairbanks, 54, allegedly sold or traded eagle parts to an informant including a golden eagle head for \$250, a trade involving about \$5,400 of legal merchandise for eagle parts and selling two sets of eagle

wings for \$900. Rolince said that a whole eagle carcass would generally sell for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

The indictment says Fairbanks in 2015 claimed he could acquire between 30 and 40 eagles by February 2016. Fairbanks also said in 2015 that he had 19 people in the Los Angeles area who wanted to buy "eagle feathers/parts" from him, according to the document.

It wasn't immediately clear if Fairbanks has an attorney, and he didn't immediately return an email from The Associated Press. A telephone number for Buffalo Dreamers went directly to voicemail.

According to another indictment, Juan Mesteth sold fans and eagle feathers to an informant. The document says Mesteth in 2015 discussed having connections in Wyoming who could get whole carcass eagles and would take the informant hunting for eagles. It wasn't immediately clear if the 39-year-old Mesteth, of Pine Ridge, had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

Those accused in the case include people from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Authorities didn't immediately disclose how much the defendants are thought to have profited in the case, and Seiler said some of the 15 defendants are unconnected to each other.

Follow James Nord on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Jvnord>

Drowning victim was university student from Nepal

GARRETSON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say the young man who drowned in a South Dakota state park over the weekend was a student from Nepal attending a university in Minnesota.

Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead said Monday the body of 19-year-old Arbin Thapa was recovered in Palisades State Park on Sunday.

Authorities say Thapa jumped in the water around 5 p.m. Saturday. Milstead says the cold temperature of the water likely contributed to the young man's death.

The sheriff says his office has been in touch with Thapa's family in Nepal. He was a student at Southwest Minnesota State University.

Corn, soybean planting begins in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Corn and soybean planting has begun in South Dakota while small grain planting continues.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says near normal temperatures returned to South Dakota during the week ending Sunday, while rain fell across the entire state, with some counties receiving an inch or more. There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Spring wheat planting was 75 percent, ahead of 70 percent a year ago and a five-year average of 56 percent. Emerged spring wheat was 32 percent, ahead of 23 percent last year and an average of 19 percent.

Corn planting was 3 percent, behind nearly 5 percent last year and a 7 percent average. Soybean plantings were 1 percent.

Calving progress was 77 percent, ahead of nearly 75 percent last year and a 73 percent average.

Authorities ID Rapid City hunter who accidentally shot self

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have released the name of a Rapid City man who accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting over the weekend.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 63-year-old Timothy Coats was found dead Sunday on

U.S. Forest Service land off of South Dakota Highway 44.

His family says Coats did not return from turkey hunting Saturday. He was hunting alone. Investigators say he apparently accidentally shot himself while crossing a barbed wire fence.

Rapid City man sentenced to 15 years for fatal shooting

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man will serve 15 years in prison for fatally shooting another man last June.

Thirty-four-year-old Mark Heinen received the maximum sentence Monday after pleading guilty to second-degree manslaughter in the death of 23-year-old Kiawe (kee-AH'-vee) Walker.

Heinen earlier admitted to shooting Walker while high on methamphetamine after Walker hit him. Heinen said the shooting happened at a Rapid City storage facility where he had been living and where a female friend had arranged to buy drugs from Walker.

Walker walked into a Burger King restaurant with a bullet wound and asked employees for help. Emergency workers were unable to save him.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2opfmTZ>) reports Heinen's lawyer said the shooting followed a "robbery gone bad." Heinen apologized to the victim's mother and girlfriend after sentencing.

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

Family of South Dakota man run over by train sues railway

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The family of a BNSF Railway employee killed in an accident in western South Dakota is suing the railroad, alleging it failed to protect him from being hit by a train while he was clearing snow and ice from a track.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2oXJ1IR>) reported 35-year-old Richard Lessert died of injuries he sustained in the January 17 accident, when he was struck and dragged under a locomotive, suffering severe orthopedic and internal injuries. His father filed the lawsuit last week on behalf of his widow and three children.

The lawsuit accuses the railway of failing to provide a safe work environment and the tools necessary for Lessert to do his job. The suit said the accident happened when Lessert was using a blower to clear snow and ice from a track and that the noise of the blower, the hearing protection he was wearing and the noise of a nearby train on a different track diminished his hearing. The suit also said Lessert's view of the approaching train was obstructed by a curve in the track, an overpass and the other train on a nearby track.

A spokeswoman for the railway said the incident was "tragic" but declined further comment, citing an ongoing federal investigation.

The Lesserts are represented by attorneys Charles Abourezk, of the Abourezk Law Firm in Rapid City; Christopher Leach, of the Hubbell Law Firm in Kansas City; and Scott Bethune and Wes Shumate of Davis, Bethune and Jones in Kansas City.

BNSF identified another victim in the accident as 58-year-old Douglas Schmitz.

This story has been corrected to show the lawsuit was filed last week, not Monday.

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

ECHL's Rapid City Rush fire head coach after 1 full season

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Rush is searching for a new head coach after firing Mark DeSantis.

The ECHL affiliate of the NHL's Arizona Coyotes fired DeSantis on Friday. The Rush won only 40 percent of the 96 games he coached after being named the team's leader in February 2016.

General Manager Joe Ferras said the search for a new coach will begin immediately.

1 hospitalized, another arrested in residential fire

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One person was taken to the hospital, two were treated at the scene and another person was arrested after fire broke out in a multi-family residence in Sioux Falls.

Officials say a man was arrested after trying to push past authorities to save his beer inside the residence Sunday afternoon.

Police Sgt. Andrew Siebenborn tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2oDCXvp>) the man used "poor judgment" by trying to run back into the house and was arrested for interfering with a fire or law enforcement official.

The person taken to the hospital suffered from smoke inhalation and burns. There's no immediate word on that person's condition.

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

Arkansas executes 2 inmates on the same gurney, hours apart

By ANDREW DeMILLO and KELLY P. KISSEL, Associated Press

VARNER, Ark. (AP) — After going nearly 12 years without executing an inmate, Arkansas now has executed three in a few days — including two in one night.

Jack Jones and Marcel Williams received lethal injections on the same gurney Monday night, just about three hours apart. It was the first double execution in the United States since 2000.

While Jones, 52, was executed on schedule, shortly after 7 p.m., attorneys for Williams, 46, convinced a federal judge minutes later to briefly delay his execution over concerns about how the earlier one was carried out. They claimed Jones "was moving his lips and gulping for air," an account the state's attorney general denied, but the judge lifted her stay about an hour later and Williams was pronounced dead at 10:33 p.m.

In the emergency filing, Williams' attorneys wrote that officials spent 45 minutes trying to place an IV line in Jones' neck before placing it elsewhere. It argued that Williams, who weighs 400 pounds, could have faced a "torturous" death because of his weight.

Intravenous lines are placed before witnesses are allowed access to the death chamber.

An Associated Press reporter who witnessed the execution said Jones moved his lips briefly after the midazolam was administered, and officials put a tongue depressor in his mouth intermittently for the first few minutes. His chest stopped moving two minutes after they checked for consciousness, and he was pronounced dead at 7:20 p.m.

Williams was already in the death chamber when the temporary stay was issued. He was escorted out of the chamber and used the restroom, then was brought back in after the stay was lifted.

Initially, Gov. Asa Hutchinson scheduled four double executions over an 11-day period in April. The eight executions would have been the most by a state in such a compressed period since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. The state said the executions needed to be carried out before its supply of one lethal injection drug expires on April 30.

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Besides the two executions Monday, Arkansas put to death one other inmate last week and has a final one scheduled for Thursday. Four others have been blocked.

Before last week, Arkansas hadn't had an execution since 2005 or a double execution since 1999.

Jones, who'd argued that his health conditions could lead to a painful death, gave a lengthy last statement. His final words were: "I'm sorry."

"I hope over time you can learn who I really am and I am not a monster," he said in the roughly 2-minute statement.

Williams declined to make a final statement.

Jones was sent to death row for the 1995 rape and killing of Mary Phillips. He strangled her with the cord to a coffee pot.

He was also convicted of attempting to kill Phillips' 11-year-old daughter and was convicted in another rape and killing in Florida.

Jones said earlier this month that he was ready for execution. He used a wheelchair and he'd had a leg amputated in prison because of diabetes.

Williams' "morbid obesity makes it likely that either the IV line cannot be placed or that it will be placed in error, thus causing substantial damage (like a collapsed lung)," his attorneys wrote in an earlier court filing asking justices to block the execution.

Both men were served last meals on Monday afternoon, Arkansas Department of Correction spokesman Solomon Graves said. Jones had fried chicken, potato logs with tartar sauce, beef jerky bites, three candy bars, a chocolate milkshake and fruit punch. Williams had fried chicken, banana pudding, nachos, two sodas and potato logs with ketchup, Graves said.

In recent pleadings before state and federal courts, the inmates said the three drugs Arkansas uses to execute prisoners — midazolam, vecuronium bromide and potassium chloride — could be ineffective because of their poor health.

Williams weighed 400 pounds, was diabetic and had concerns that the execution team might not be able to find a suitable vein to support an intravenous line.

The poor health of both men, their lawyers claimed, could make it difficult for them to respond during a consciousness check following a megadose of midazolam. The state shouldn't risk giving them drugs to stop their lungs and hearts if they aren't unconscious, they have told courts.

The last state to put more than one inmate to death on the same day was Texas, which executed two killers in August 2000. Oklahoma planned a double execution in 2014 but scrapped plans for the second one after the execution of Clayton Lockett went awry.

Arkansas executed four men in an eight-day period in 1960. The only quicker pace included quadruple executions in 1926 and 1930.

Williams was sent to death row for the 1994 rape and killing of 22-year-old Stacy Errickson, whom he kidnapped from a gas station in central Arkansas.

Authorities said Williams abducted and raped two other women in the days before he was arrested in Errickson's death. Williams admitted responsibility to the state Parole Board last month.

"I wish I could take it back, but I can't," Williams told the board.

In a letter earlier this month, Jones said he was ready to be killed by the state. The letter, which his attorney read aloud at his clemency hearing, went on to say: "I shall not ask to be forgiven, for I haven't the right."

Including Jones and Williams, nine people have been executed in the United States this year, four in Texas, three in Arkansas and one each in Missouri and Virginia. Last year, 20 people were executed, down from 98 in 1999 and the lowest number since 14 in 1991, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Associated Press writers Jill Bleed contributed to this report from Little Rock.

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Seoul: North Korea holds drill to mark military anniversary

By **ERIC TALMADGE** and **KIM TONG-HYUNG**, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — South Korea's military said Tuesday that North Korea held major live-fire drills in an area around its eastern coastal town of Wonsan as it marked the anniversary of the founding of its military.

The exercise took place as a U.S. guided-missile submarine arrived in South Korea and envoys from the United States, Japan and South Korea met in Tokyo to discuss the growing threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons and missiles program.

Experts thought North Korea might conduct a nuclear test or a ballistic missile launch to mark the anniversary, but as of Tuesday evening neither had occurred.

Crowds in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, laid flowers and paid respects at giant statues of the country's former leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, one day after the minister of defense reiterated that the North was ready to use pre-emptive strikes or any measures it deems necessary to defend itself against "U.S. imperialists."

"The situation prevailing on the Korean Peninsula is so tense that a nuclear war may break out due to the frantic war drills of the U.S. imperialists and their vassal forces for aggression," Gen. Pak Yong Sik told a meeting of thousands of senior military and civilian officials.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it was closely watching North Korean military action in the Wonsan city area, where it said the drills were being held. South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the exercise involved 300 to 400 artillery pieces, but an official from Seoul's Defense Ministry couldn't confirm such details.

The streets of Pyongyang were quiet. Flower-laying and bowing at statues and portraits of the leaders is a regular routine on major anniversaries. People also gathered in open spaces to take part in organized dancing, another common way to mark holidays.

"Our great leaders founded and wisely led our revolutionary army, and just like that, now our respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is leading wisely, so even though the situation is tense, we are celebrating the day," said Choe Un Byol, who came with his family to the bronze statues of the former leaders.

North Korea often also marks significant dates by displaying its military capability. It launched a missile one day after the 105th birthday of late founder Kim Il Sung on April 15.

Recent U.S. commercial satellite images indicate increased activity around North Korea's nuclear test site, and third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un has said the country's preparation for an ICBM launch is in its "final stage."

The USS Michigan, a nuclear-powered submarine, arrived at the South Korean port of Busan in what was described as a routine visit to rest the crew and load supplies. Cmdr. Jang Wook from South Korean navy public affairs said there was no plan for a drill.

The submarine's arrival comes as the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier headed toward the Korean Peninsula for a joint exercise with South Korea. The U.S. 7th Fleet said two American destroyers were conducting simultaneous maritime exercises with naval ships from South Korea and Japan.

Despite the buildup, U.S. President Donald Trump has reportedly settled on a strategy that emphasizes increased pressure on North Korea with the help of China, the North's only major ally, instead of

military options or trying to overthrow North Korea's government.

Trump told ambassadors from U.N. Security Council member countries that they must be prepared to impose additional and stronger sanctions on North Korea.

"This is a real threat to the world, whether we want to talk about it or not," Trump said at a White House meeting Monday. "North Korea is a big world problem, and it's a problem we have to finally solve. People have put blindfolds on for decades, and now it's time to solve the problem."

Nikki Haley, Trump's U.N. ambassador, said the United States is not looking for a fight with Kim and would not attack North Korea "unless he gives us reason to do something." She praised China's increased pressure on North Korea.

Asked about the threshold for U.S. action, Haley told American broadcaster NBC that "if you see him attack a military base, if you see some sort of intercontinental ballistic missile, then obviously we're going to do that."

But asked what if North Korea tests an intercontinental missile or nuclear device, she said, "I think then the president steps in and decides what's going to happen."

The United States, Japan and South Korea agreed Tuesday to put maximum pressure on North Korea, the South's envoy for North Korea said after meeting his American and Japanese counterparts in Tokyo.

"We agreed to warn North Korea to stop any additional strategic provocation and take intolerably strong punitive measures against Pyongyang if it goes ahead with such provocations," Kim Hong-kyun told reporters following his meeting with Joseph Yun of the U.S. and Japan's Kenji Kanasugi.

Kim said they discussed ways to get more cooperation from China and Russia, which they agreed is crucial to applying effective pressure on North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program. He said they also recognized China's recent steps toward that goal.

Japan's Foreign Ministry announced that China's envoy for North Korea, Wu Dawei, was arriving in Tokyo on Tuesday for talks with Kanasugi that may take place later this week.

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Overcoming Opioids: Special schools help teens stay clean

By CARLA K. JOHNSON, AP Medical Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — When Logan Snyder got hooked on pills after a prescription to treat pain from a kidney stone, she joined the millions already swept up in the nation's grim wave of addiction to opioid painkillers.

She was just 14.

Youth is a drawback when it comes to kicking drugs. Only half of U.S. treatment centers accept teenagers and even fewer offer teen-focused groups or programs. After treatment, adolescents find little structured support. They're outnumbered by adults at self-help meetings. Sober youth drop-in centers are rare. Returning to school means resisting offers to get high with old friends.

But Snyder is lucky: Her slide ended when her father got her into a residential drug treatment program. Now 17 and clean, she credits her continued success to Hope Academy in Indianapolis, a tuition-free recovery school where she's enrolled as a junior.

"I am with people all day who are similar to me," she says. "We're here to hold each other accountable."

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The opioid epidemic, which researchers say is the worst addiction crisis in U.S. history, has mostly ensnared adults, especially those in their 20s, 30s and 40s. But teens have not been spared: Each day, 1,100 start misusing pain pills. Opioids killed 521 teens in 2015, federal data show.

Not enough is known about opioids and teen brains. But getting hooked early is trouble — the vast majority of adults in treatment report they started using as teenagers.

Researchers say young recovering addicts do better at places like Hope, special schools that use peer communities to support sobriety. There are only about three dozen such schools in the U.S., but interest is growing among educators and health officials because of the opioid epidemic.

"I get a phone call every day from somebody who wants to start a recovery high school," says Rachelle Gardner, an addiction counselor who helped found Hope in 2006 as a charter school through the mayor's office. "It's horrible to watch young people die. And who wants that to be our legacy?"

Hope's 41 teenagers have abused marijuana, alcohol, painkillers and heroin. Most, like Snyder, have been through residential treatment, some more than once. Others, like 17-year-old Aiden Thompson, arrive with no treatment after a crisis.

"I was really pissed off because I didn't want to be here," says Thompson, who came to Hope last year after his mom discovered his vodka and pill stash. "Everything they said, I was like: 'That can't be true. No. No way.'"

A week later, though, he found himself talking in group meetings. Now, he said, "I don't even want to think about where I would be" without the school.

Teens like Snyder and Thompson can change in these settings, even after years of drug abuse, in part because social acceptance is a fundamental need for people their age. The sway of positive peer pressure — what students at Hope call "the community" — is quiet, almost intangible. It's as simple as two teens passing in the hall: "You all right?" says one boy. The other nods, "Yeah, I'm all right."

A student council plans events like coffee-and-music mornings. To join the council, a student must have 30 days of sobriety.

Random drug tests keep it real. Failing a urine test prompts a meeting with recovery coach Brad Trolson, who employs a technique called motivational interviewing, using open-ended questions and reflective listening to encourage students to think for themselves.

"They're not used to anyone saying, 'What do you think you should do next?'" Trolson says.

It's a daily fight, he says. Many have addicted parents or histories of abuse or neglect, key risk factors for addiction.

"Their wounds will start to heal and they'll come open again," he says. "You end up addressing those wounds over and over again."

Thompson, who relapsed over winter break, says he's learning to focus on one day of recovery at a time. "I'm clean for today and that's all that matters," he says. "I don't want to put all this weight on my shoulders to feel like I have to stay clean forever. I can just take it a day at a time and not be freaked out by it."

"Just for today" and other Alcoholics Anonymous slogans are the common language at Hope.

The school also embraces treatment with medication and doesn't see it as a crutch, as some AA adherents do. Two students get monthly shots of Vivitrol to block opioid cravings and one takes Suboxone, another anti-craving drug.

"Whatever mechanism our students need in order to maintain a life of sobriety we will support," Gardner says.

Nationally, teen drug use is in long-term decline, according to an annual federal youth assessment of risky behaviors. But about 5 percent of high school seniors say they've abused prescription narcotics

such as oxycodone. Other federal data show about 1.3 million adolescents, ages 12 to 17, need treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction.

As part of research funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Andy Finch of Vanderbilt University is studying whether kids who've been treated for addiction do better in recovery schools. Early evidence shows recovery-school students are less likely to relapse than students who attend traditional schools after treatment.

"There's a place in every community for a school like this," says Finch, who expects to publish his findings later this year.

On a recent morning at Hope, students and teachers gather for an all-school meeting called "circle." A golden retriever named Banks pads about, then sits beside 18-year-old Ian Lewis, who hugs him with a tattooed arm.

"Animals give unconditional love and sometimes that's hard for other people to give to each other," Lewis says. He wants to be a vet someday. His owl-and-skull tattoo reminds him to be wiser than two user friends who overdosed and a third who died driving drunk.

Today's circle is led by Snyder, who still has "a lot of hard days" and fears ending up like her user friends who died. She, too, has her eyes on graduation and college.

"We don't get perfect," she reads aloud, "but we do get better."

Snyder's hardest days are when she wakes up and skips her inner pep talk. Also hard are days when family problems close in, and days when she sees others escaping through drugs and wants to join them. Days when she can't imagine how she's going to solve her problems. Days when she feels alone.

Her new friends pull her back from the edge. They remind her that she doesn't want others to feel around her the way she feels around an addicted family member in her life.

"That helps me to want to get better," she says.

There are no magic words, Snyder says, for those desperate to rescue a young addict.

"Presence helps me rather than words," she says. "If I don't want you to talk, then don't talk. Listen to me."

Above all, she wants to hear she's not alone "because I often feel like that."

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Gov't shutdown, health bill rescue at stake in Congress

By ALAN FRAM and ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bipartisan bargainers are making progress toward a budget deal to prevent a partial federal shutdown this weekend, a major hurdle overcome when President Donald Trump signaled he would put off his demand that the measure include money to build his border wall with Mexico.

Republicans are also vetting proposed changes to their beleaguered health care bill that they hope will attract enough votes to finally push it through the House.

Both efforts come with Congress back from a two-week break just days before Trump's 100th day in office, an unofficial measuring stick of a new president's effectiveness. With little to show in legislative victories so far, the Trump administration would love to claim achievements on Capitol Hill by that day — this Saturday.

The same day, federal agencies would have to close unless lawmakers pass a \$1 trillion spending bill financing them or legislation keeping them open temporarily while talks continue. Republicans hope

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to avoid the ignominy of a government shutdown while their party controls Congress and the White House.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Monday that administration negotiators including Trump's budget chief, Mick Mulvaney, "feel very confident" that a shutdown won't occur.

Democrats, whose votes are needed to pass the budget measure, had a less charitable version of negotiations. In a conference call with reporters aimed at criticizing Trump's first 100 days as ineffective, party leaders said the biggest shutdown threat was from Trump's demand that the spending bill include funds for the barricade along the Mexican border.

That threat appeared to be lifting Monday evening when Trump told a gathering of reporters from conservative media that he would be willing to return to the funding issue in September. Two people in the room described his comments to The Associated Press.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., approved of Trump's apparent shift. "The president's comments this evening are welcome news given the bipartisan opposition to the wall, and the obstacle it has been to the continuing bipartisan negotiations in the appropriations committees," she said in a statement late Monday.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "It's good for the country that President Trump is taking the wall off the table in these negotiations." Both Democratic leaders had criticized Trump earlier Monday.

Trump had told supporters Mexico would pay for the wall, but with Mexico refusing to foot the bill he now wants Congress to make a down payment. The wall's cost estimates range past \$20 billion. Republicans are seeking an initial \$1.4 billion in the spending bill, but many question the wisdom of an enormous wall.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said there was a need to boost border security funds, adding, "But a 2,200-mile wall, I don't think there's a whole lot of support for it."

The other major budget stumbling block involved a Democratic demand for money for insurance companies that help low-income people afford health policies under President Barack Obama's health law, or that Trump abandon a threat to use the payments as a bargaining chip. Supporters of the health law warn its marketplaces could collapse if those funds are taken away.

Separately, the White House and congressional Republicans are gauging whether a plan to revise the GOP's stalled health care bill would garner enough converts to rekindle hopes for House passage of the legislation.

Their initial bill would repeal some coverage requirements under Obama's law, offer skimpier subsidies for consumers to buy care and roll back a Medicaid expansion. GOP leaders avoided a planned House vote last month, which would have failed due to opposition from GOP moderates and conservatives alike.

The proposed changes would retain several requirements imposed by Obama's 2010 statute, including obliging insurers to cover seriously ill customers.

But states could obtain federal waivers to some of those requirements. Those include mandates that insurers charge healthy and seriously ill customers the same premiums and cover specified services like hospitalization and emergency room visits.

Supporters say the proposal is significant because it would retain guaranteed coverage for people with costly illnesses. Critics say it would effectively weaken that assurance because insurers in states getting waivers could charge sky-high rates.

Those waivers may not help win moderate support. They have opposed the underlying GOP bill because of its cuts in Medicaid and to federal subsidies Obama's law provides many people buying individual policies.

But it might persuade conservatives who felt the earlier Republican bill didn't erase enough of the statute, though it's unclear it will win over enough of them to achieve House passage.

The proposed changes were negotiated by Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., head of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, and Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-N.J., a leader of the centrist House Tuesday Group. Vice President Mike Pence also participated, Republicans say.

Those two groups plan to meet separately this week to consider the proposal.

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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. PROGRESS MADE TO AVERT GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

A major hurdle is overcome when Trump signals he would put off his demand that the measure include money to build his border wall with Mexico.

2. ARKANSAS PERFORMS DOUBLE EXECUTION

After going nearly 12 years without executing an inmate, the state now has executed three in a few days — including two in one night.

3. HOW GLOBE VIEWS TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY 100 DAYS IN

People from Pyongyang, Damascus, Tehran, Mogadishu, Moscow, Tel Aviv, the West Bank, Berlin and Mexico City weigh in as the U.S. president nears that initial milestone.

4. WHERE A COURT SERVES AS MODEL FOR TRUMP PLANS

While most immigrants entering the U.S. illegally are simply deported, a court in Del Rio, Texas, prosecutes them.

5. NORTH KOREA MARKS ARMY'S FOUNDING WITH TENSIONS HIGH

No nuclear tests or ballistic missiles have been fired yet, but Pyongyang holds major live-fire drills off its eastern coast on this important anniversary.

6. SPECIAL SCHOOLS HELP TEENS STAY CLEAN

Hope Academy in Indianapolis, a residential drug treatment program, is a tuition-free recovery school that is helping teens kick the opioid habit.

7. IVANKA POISED FOR WORLD STAGE DEBUT

The first daughter's advocacy for women and girls will take her to a conference in Berlin, aimed at building support for investment in women's economic empowerment programs.

8. WELLS FARGO TO FACE IRRITATED INVESTORS

It's the first big shareholder meeting since the scandal over the bank's sales practices led to an executive shake up, fines and a dented reputation.

9. 'I AM SAD THAT I'M NOT ON TELEVISION ANYMORE'

Five days after being fired from Fox News Channel, Bill O'Reilly uses a podcast to express his dismay and vows that "the truth will come out."

10. WARRIORS GET BREAK AFTER DRAMA-FILLED WEEK

Golden State welcomes back Kevin Durant, sweeps Portland, and now waits for word whether ailing coach Steve Kerr can rejoin team for its next series.

A budget deficit challenge for Trump's tax plan

By JOSH BOAK and STEPHEN OHLEMACHER, The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump plans to stick with his campaign pledge to slash the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 15 percent, but the dramatic cut raises a problematic question for the White House: How can the president deliver the “massive” tax cut he promised without also blowing a massive hole in the budget?

A senior administration official confirmed the planned reduction to corporate rates, speaking on condition of anonymity in order to discuss details of the plan the president is expected to unveil Wednesday.

Most outside economic analyses say the type of tax cuts being promoted by Trump would likely fuel even larger deficits for a federal government already projected to see its debt steadily rise. The lowered tax rates are also unlikely to generate Trump's ambitious promised growth rate of 3 percent a year, roughly double the 1.6 percent growth achieved last year. These two factors are related because the Trump administration is counting on faster economic growth to produce additional tax revenues that could then close the deficit. The concept was popularized as “trickle-down” economics during the Reagan years.

The problem is that the economy can't grow quickly enough to cover the likely hole in the deficit.

“There's no pure tax cut that pays for itself,” said Alan Cole, an economist at the right-leaning Tax Foundation.

Trump has promised to release the outlines of his tax plan Wednesday and has said the plan would give Americans a tax cut bigger than “any tax cut ever.” During the campaign, he backed cutting the corporate tax rate — and the personal income tax rate to 33 percent from a top marginal rate of 39.6 percent.

Although he did not disclose details, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Monday the lower tax rates would generate so much economic growth that it would hold the deficit in check.

“The tax reform will pay for itself with economic growth,” Mnuchin said at the White House news briefing, adding that the overhaul would ideally let someone file taxes on a “large postcard.”

By running the risk of higher deficits, the Trump plan could damage the credibility of Republican lawmakers who spent years railing against the rising national debt under former President Barack Obama. Trump could also make it harder to pass lasting tax reform, since any policy that increases the debt above its baseline either requires Democratic support or — if passed by a slim majority of Republicans in the Senate — would expire in a decade. The House Republican tax blueprint tried to offset the lower rates by introducing a new tax system that applies to imports.

Mnuchin and White House economic adviser Gary Cohn are scheduled to meet with congressional leaders Tuesday evening to talk about the president's tax plan. They are expected to meet with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas.

Hatch and Brady will be key players in Congress as lawmakers try to tackle a tax overhaul.

Trump's announcement Friday that he would unveil a tax plan this week caught lawmakers by surprise, despite regular conversations among Mnuchin, Cohn and congressional leaders, said a congressional aide. The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue.

Without a proposal on the table, the White House has been vague about the president's support for ideas circulating in Congress.

It's unclear whether the president favors the House Republican blueprint's border adjustment tax

system, which would lower corporate rates to 20 percent by essentially taxing imports and excluding U.S. exports.

Trump told Fox Business News that he prefers a "reciprocal" tax in which any tariffs, duties or taxes would match what trading partners charge.

Most economists say it's unlikely that tax cuts can generate enough gains to avoid swelling the government's red-ink problem — estimated to total \$559 billion this year. They also have recent real-world examples to make their case: Tax cuts in Kansas made by Gov. Sam Brownback failed to deliver the expected boost, forcing the state into years of grueling budget battles and harsh spending cuts to make up the gap.

The benefits of the tax cuts could also be limited by economic forces beyond Trump's immediate control.

The Federal Reserve could raise short-term interest rates, investors might charge the government higher borrowing costs and a stronger dollar could temper growth through exports, said Mark Doms, a senior economist at the bank Nomura.

"Doing some kind of tax cut might boost growth a bit, but there are forces that would counteract the tax cut," Doms said.

Tax reform would likely have a modest effect on growth, almost surely not enough to match the administration's 3 percent growth target, said Mark Mazur, director of the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center and a former assistant treasury secretary for tax policy in the Obama administration. Major tax cuts might also provide a short-term boost, but they would likely produce additional debt that would dampen growth in the future.

"The laws of arithmetic kind of catch up to you," Mazur said.

Trailblazing Colorado abortion law marks 50th anniversary

By COLLEEN SLEVIN, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Tuesday marks 50 years since a groundbreaking Colorado law significantly loosened tight restrictions on legal abortions.

Before the law, Colorado — like many states — allowed abortions only if a woman's life was at stake.

In 1967, a Democratic freshman state lawmaker introduced a bill that allowed abortions if the woman's physical or mental health was threatened, if the unborn child might have birth defects or in cases of rape or incest.

Rep. Richard Lamm said he feared he might be committing political suicide by introducing the bill to the overwhelmingly male, Republican-dominated Legislature.

But within weeks, Republican Gov. John Love signed the bill into law, making Colorado the first state to loosen restrictions on abortion — six years before the U.S. Supreme Court would legalize it nationally.

"I was pushing on a half-open door. It gave way so much more easily than I ever dreamed it would," recalled Lamm, now 81, in an interview with The Associated Press.

But all abortions still had to be approved by three-doctor panels at participating hospitals and were only permitted during the first 16 weeks of pregnancy.

Instead of ending his newfound political career, Lamm went on to serve three terms as the state's governor. He is currently the co-director of the University of Denver's Institute of Public Policy Studies.

Lamm said recently that when he introduced the legislation, the women's movement was just starting to take off and the concept that citizens should have more personal freedom was becoming more

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important in society.

At the time, abortion was not one of the Colorado Republican Party's most pressing issues and there was no organized opposition in the state to abortion rights because the idea was so new, Lamm said.

Key to Lamm's effort was ally Ruth Steel, an activist who had lobbied lawmakers in 1965 to allow public health officials to discuss and to provide birth control with residents. She worked closely with John Bermingham, a Republican state senator who is now 93 and retired, to shepherd the contraception bill through the Legislature.

While on lobbying trips to the Capitol, Steel dressed formally, wearing a hat and gloves, but had no qualms talking to lawmakers frankly about issues related to sex, Lamm said.

A woman in charge of proofreading bills in the basement of the Capitol was essential to advancing the bill through the Legislature, Bermingham said in an interview.

Bermingham learned that she supported the bill, and he asked her to wait until a Senate leader who opposed it would be away so the bill could be introduced without being assigned to a committee seen as sure to kill it.

While the bill was under debate, a woman denied an abortion at Denver's public hospital shot herself in the abdomen and survived. The fetus did not survive. The doctor who treated the woman testified on the bill, Bermingham said.

After the Legislature approved the measure, opponents picketed outside the governor's mansion.

Love, a Republican who died in 2002, said at the time that he struggled with what to do with the bill. He said he was conflicted over whether abortion would be used as an alternative to birth control.

In the era of divisive and turbulent social and political change, he said his mail was about evenly divided between supporters and opponents.

Love ultimately decided to sign the bill to keep government out of what he viewed as a personal decision, said his son, Dan Love. The elder Love was re-elected in 1970.

Eleven other states followed suit. And four more lifted all abortion restrictions — New York, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska — before 1970. The 1973 Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion nationwide.

In Colorado, opponents had feared the state would become "an abortion mecca" for women seeking to end their pregnancies. That did not happen, partly because women who wanted abortions had to appear before a hospital panel and could not simply show up and get them.

There were only 10 abortions reported to the state health department in 1966. Between the law's signing in April and the end of 1967, 120 abortions were reported. The patients ranged from a 12-year-old girl who had been raped to a 48-year-old woman. About a quarter were from outside Colorado.

Most were performed based on psychiatric grounds or therapeutic reasons with no additional specifics provided.

Warriors get a break after drama-filled opening series

By ANNE M. PETERSON, AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Warriors can breathe for a bit after a first-round series filled with drama. With a sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers, Golden State now awaits the conclusion of the series between the Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Clippers — currently tied at 2.

The Warriors will also await word on coach Steve Kerr's health — with the short break perhaps providing more clarity about when he can rejoin the team. Kerr missed the last two games after symptoms from his back surgery two years ago suddenly flared up.

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The 51-year-old coach was in obvious discomfort just before the team left for the two games at Portland's Moda Center. It was announced a few hours before Game 3 that he would stay back at the team hotel. Assistant Mike Brown, who has plenty of head coaching experience, took over.

A day later, Warriors GM Bob Myers was scheduled to address the media, but Kerr showed up instead and said he wouldn't be available for Game 4, either.

"As of now, I'm consulting with my doctors," Kerr said. "I'm hoping for some improvement and if I can get some improvement, I'll get back on the sidelines. But I'm not going to do that unless I know I can help the team."

Kerr still experiences lingering symptoms from complications following two back surgeries after the franchise's run to the 2015 championship. He missed the first 43 games last season dealing with symptoms such as headaches, nausea and an aching neck.

It is not known when Kerr might return, but he is expected to seek treatment in the San Francisco Bay Area in the coming days.

He was at Game 4 at the Moda Center, watching from the locker room as the Warriors beat the Trail Blazers 128-103 to close out the series in four games.

"We're all thinking about coach and wishing that he gets better. You can tell he's kind of forcing his way to be around. He wants to be around the team. But you can tell he's still hurting a bit," forward Kevin Durant said. "That's how unselfish he is. He always thinks about the group and I think he should be a little more selfish with him time and his body, but he wants to be around the group."

Durant, who added to the drama after injuring his calf in the opener game against the Blazers, praised Brown for stepping into a lead role with short notice. A first-year assistant for the Warriors, Brown was coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Los Angeles Lakers.

In the first of two stints with Cleveland, Brown led the Cavs to their first NBA Finals appearance in 2007. He was named the league's Coach of the Year in 2009 when Cleveland finished with 66 wins.

Brown said Kerr's foundation and an experienced group of players helped make the translation easy.

"The players are smart. The coaches I have around me all kind of put me at ease, and it turns into a real fluid situation," Brown said. "So from that standpoint, everyone made it rather easy to make that adjustment."

But it's still an adjustment, Stephen Curry said.

"It's weird when you don't have your head coach," Curry said. "There's no sugar-coating that. But we have to do what we need to do in his absence."

In the midst of the sobering news about Kerr, the Warriors got a boost with the return of Durant for the final game of the series after he injured his left calf in Game 1.

Durant had just returned from a left knee injury to play in Golden State's final three regular-season games. He missed 19 games because of the injury he sustained at Washington on Feb. 28.

"We have so much depth, it's kind of like a next-man up approach," Klay Thompson said. "Obviously, Kevin is one of our best players and one of the best in the world, so we miss him when he's out."

The first-round series between the Jazz and the Clippers moves back to Los Angeles for Game 5 on Tuesday night. The Clippers are without Blake Griffin for the rest of the playoffs after he injured his right big toe in Game 3.

Brown said the break will do the Warriors good.

"In the past, I've been in this situation before as a head coach and with certain teams, certain guys you worry about having this much time off," he said. "But I truly think it's good for this group."

Trump's 100-days promises: A long way to go on most of them

By JILL COLVIN and CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sure enough, the big trans-Pacific trade deal is toast, climate change action is on the ropes and various regulations from the Obama era have been scrapped. It's also a safe bet President Donald Trump hasn't raced a bicycle since Jan. 20, keeping that vow.

Add a Supreme Court justice — no small feat — and call these promises kept.

But where's that wall? Or the promised trade punishment against China — will the Chinese get off scot-free from "the greatest theft in the history of the world"? What about that "easy" replacement for Obamacare? How about the trillion-dollar infrastructure plan and huge tax cut that were supposed to be in motion by now?

Trump's road to the White House, paved in big, sometimes impossible pledges, has detoured onto a byway of promises deferred or left behind, an AP analysis found.

Of 38 specific promises Trump made in his 100-day "contract" with voters — "This is my pledge to you" — he's accomplished 10, mostly through executive orders that don't require legislation, such as withdrawing the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal.

He's abandoned several and failed to deliver quickly on others, stymied at times by a divided Republican Party and resistant federal judges. Of 10 promises that require Congress to act, none has been achieved and most have not been introduced.

"I've done more than any other president in the first 100 days," the president bragged in a recent interview with AP, even as he criticized the marker as an "artificial barrier."

In truth, his 100-day plan remains mostly a to-do list that will spill over well beyond Saturday, his 100th day.

Some of Trump's promises were obviously hyperbole to begin with. Don't hold your breath waiting for alleged Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl to be dropped out of an airplane without a parachute, as Trump vowed he'd do at many of his campaign rallies. China's leader got a fancy dinner, complete with "beautiful" chocolate cake at Mar-a-Lago this month, not the promised "McDonald's hamburger" and humble pie.

But many promises were meant to be taken seriously. Trump clearly owes his supporters a Mexico border wall, even if it doesn't end up being a foot taller than the Great Wall of China.

One page of his 100-day manifesto is devoted to legislation he would fight to pass in 100 days. None of it has been achieved.

The other page lists 18 executive actions and intentions he promised to pursue — many on Day One. He has followed through on fewer than a dozen, largely through the use of executive orders, and the White House is boasting that he will set a post-World War II record when he signs more this week.

That's a change in tune.

"We need people in Washington that don't go around signing executive orders because they can't get people into a room and get some kind of a deal that's negotiated," he declared in New Hampshire in March 2015. "We need people that know how to lead, and we don't have that. We have amateurs."

Efforts to provide affordable child care and paid maternity leave, to make college more affordable and to invest in urban areas have been all but forgotten. That's despite the advantage of a Republican-controlled Congress, which the White House failed to pull together behind Trump's first attempt to repeal and replace "Obamacare."

An AP reporter who followed Trump throughout the presidential campaign collected scores of promises he made along the way, from the consequential to the fanciful. Here are some of them, and his progress so far:

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ENERGY and the ENVIRONMENT:

— Lift President Barack Obama's roadblocks on the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.
Done. Keystone XL is revived and construction of the Dakota Access is completed.

— Lift restrictions on mining coal and drilling for oil and natural gas.

Done. Trump has unraveled a number of Obama-era restrictions and initiated a review of the Clean Power Plan, which aimed to restrict greenhouse gas emissions at coal-fired power plants.

— Cancel payments to U.N. climate change programs and pull out of the Paris climate accord
Nope. Trump has yet to make a decision on Paris. His aides are torn.

ECONOMY and TRADE:

— Pass a tax overhaul. "Just think about what can be accomplished in the first 100 days of a Trump administration," he told his supporters again and again in the final weeks of the campaign. "We are going to have the biggest tax cut since Ronald Reagan." He promised a plan that would reduce rates dramatically both for corporations and the middle class.

Nowhere close. Trump has scrapped the tax plan he campaigned on, and his administration's new package is in its early stages, not only missing the first 100 days but likely to miss a new August deadline set by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin. Some details may emerge this week.

—Designate China a currency manipulator, setting the stage for possible trade penalties because "we're like the piggy bank that's being robbed. We can't continue to allow China to rape our country, and that's what they're doing."

Abandoned. Trump says he doesn't want to punish China when it is cooperating in a response to North Korean provocations. He also says China has stopped manipulating its currency for unfair trade advantage. But China was moving away from that behavior well before he took office. Also set aside: repeated vows to slap high tariffs on Chinese imports.

—Announce his intention to renegotiate or withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Backtracked, in essence. A draft of his administration's plan for NAFTA proposes only a mild rewrite. But in his AP interview, he threatened anew to terminate the deal if his goals are not met in a renegotiation.

— Direct his commerce secretary and trade representative to identify all foreign trading abuses that unfairly hurt American workers.

Done. Trump has initiated plenty of studies over the past 100 days.

— Slap a 35 percent tariff on goods from companies that ship production abroad. Force companies like Apple and Nabisco to make their products in the U.S.

Nope.

—Embark on a massive \$1 trillion effort to rebuild the country's infrastructure, including airports, roads and bridges.

Not yet.

SECURITY, DEFENSE and IMMIGRATION:

— Immediately suspend the Syrian refugee program.

Trump tried, but the first version of his travel ban was blocked by the courts. A revised version dropped references to Syrian refugees entirely. That was blocked, too. And he has yet to mention another campaign pledge: to deport Syrian refugees already settled in the U.S.

— Inform his generals they have 30 days to submit a new plan for defeating the Islamic State group.

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Trump did indeed order up a plan. It's unclear what it is since it has yet to be made public.

— Suspend immigration from "terror-prone regions" where he says vetting is too difficult.

Trump's effort to bar immigration temporarily from some Muslim-majority countries has been stymied by courts.

— Implement "extreme" immigration vetting techniques.

In progress. The Homeland Security Department is considering a number of measures, like asking for visitors' phone contacts and social media passwords.

—Build an "impenetrable physical wall" along the length of the southern border, and make Mexico pay for it.

The government has been soliciting bids and test sections could be built as soon as this summer. Mexico is not paying for this work.

—End federal funding to "sanctuary cities" — places where local officials are considered by Washington to be insufficiently cooperative in arresting or detaining people in the country illegally.

The Justice Department has threatened to do so, but there are legal limits.

— Immediately deport the estimated 2 million "criminal aliens" living in the country, including gang members, in joint operations with local, state, and federal law enforcement.

Deportations have not increased. Arrests of people in the U.S. illegally are up and illegal border crossings are significantly down.

—Cancel visas for foreign countries that won't take back criminals deported by the U.S.

There's been no discussion of this yet.

—"Immediately terminate President Obama's two illegal executive amnesties," one of which allows young people brought into the country as children to stay and work.

Trump has made no effort to end the program, even though it would take a single phone call. In fact, he told AP these young people can "rest easy" and not fear deportation.

GOVERNMENT and the SWAMP:

— Ask agency and department heads to identify job-killing regulations for elimination.

Done.

— Propose a constitutional amendment to impose term limits on all members of Congress.

Nope.

— "Drain the swamp."

On his pledge to curb the power of special interests, Trump has so far used an executive order to prohibit political appointees from lobbying the government for five years after serving in his administration and to ban outgoing officials from representing foreign governments. But he's discontinuing the Obama-era practice of releasing White House visitor logs, restoring a shroud over what special interests are getting in his gates. He's also issued at least one waiver to his lobbying ban, allowing a White House budget adviser to go advocate for a business trade group

— Impose a hiring freeze on federal employees, excluding military and public safety staffers.

This was one of Trump's first actions. But the freeze has since been lifted.

—Require that two regulations be eliminated for each new one imposed.

Trump signed an order requiring agencies to identify two existing regulations for every new one imposed — though there is nothing in the order that requires the two to be eliminated.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

— End the strategy of nation-building and regime change.

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Trump's foreign policy posture is still in its early stages, though he has already intervened in Syria and has escalated rhetoric against North Korea.

— Move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

The administration says it is studying the issue.

— Negotiate the release of all U.S. prisoners held in Iran, even before taking office. Renegotiate or leave the Iran nuclear deal.

No prisoners have been released. The administration is studying the nuclear deal and Trump told AP "it's possible" the U.S. will withdraw.

— Create a safe zone in Syria for refugees, paid for by the Gulf states.

Not yet.

HEALTH CARE, COURTS and GUNS:

—"My first day in office, I'm going to ask Congress to put a bill on my desk getting rid of this disastrous law and replacing it with reforms that expand choice, freedom, affordability. You're going to have such great health care at a tiny fraction of the cost. It's going to be so easy."

The bill to replace "Obamacare" was pulled from Congress because it lacked enough support. He will try again with a revised plan.

— Begin selecting a new Supreme Court judge to fill the court's vacancy.

Done. Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch and the Senate approved him.

— Eliminate gun-free zones in schools and on military bases.

Nope.

REALLY?

—"I promise I will never be in a bicycle race."

So far, so good. Trump's vow came after John Kerry, then secretary of state, broke his femur in May 2015 while riding a bicycle. He was not in a bicycle race.

—Bar his generals from being interviewed on television.

Never mind that. Army Lt. Gen. H. R. McMaster, as Trump's national security adviser, recently appeared on a Sunday news show. Several senior military officers have done Pentagon news conferences in the past few months that are taped by the networks. Gen. John Nicholson, the top general in Afghanistan, appeared at a news conference Monday.

—No time for play.

Most weekends as president, Trump has broken his pledge to avoid the golf course, after years of criticizing his predecessor for playing the game. "Because I'm going to be working for you, I'm not going to have time to go play golf," he told a Virginia rally in August. "Believe me."

—Season's greetings.

"If I become president, we're gonna be saying Merry Christmas at every store. ... You can leave 'happy holidays' at the corner."

As president-elect over the holidays, he sent a "Merry Christmas" tweet. So did President Obama. And both sent Happy Hanukkah wishes.

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Volunteers accompany US immigrants to court to allay fears

By CLAUDIA TORRENS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Salvadoran immigrant Joselin Marroquin-Torres became flustered in front of a federal immigration judge in New York and forgot to give her asylum application, a woman she had just met stood up to provide it.

“Thank you,” the judge said. “What is your relation to Joselin?”

“I am a friend,” responded retired chemist Marisa Lohse, who has accompanied dozens of immigrants to such hearings.

Lohse is among hundreds of volunteers, including preachers, law students and retirees, who’ve stepped up to accompany people in the U.S. illegally to court hearings and meetings with immigration officials, guiding them through an often intimidating process.

Some of them say the accompaniment is more important than ever since Republican President Donald Trump expanded the definition of deportable offenses to include all immigrants living in the country illegally, giving rise to immigrants being apprehended during routine check-ins with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“We want to increase the accompaniment because the crisis is more severe. The pain, the fear, is bigger,” said Guillermo Torres, from Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice in Los Angeles.

The group escorts mostly women and children to immigration court hearings, where judges decide who can stay in the U.S. and who must leave. Volunteers also accompany immigrants who are required to periodically check in with federal agents because they have pending cases or have been ordered deported.

ICE said it didn’t have national statistics on how often immigrants have been arrested during those check-ins. Immigration lawyers and advocacy groups said they believe such arrests are increasing. Trump has said the arrests and deportations are necessary to keep the country safe.

In New York, the nonprofit New Sanctuary Coalition said one of its volunteers was with Colombian immigrant Juan Vivares last month when he was arrested during his check-in. The group helped organize a news conference to publicize the arrest. Vivares, who is from Medellin and was arrested because his asylum request had been denied, was released two weeks later after his lawyer requested a stay of the order of deportation.

Accompaniment volunteers aren’t lawyers and don’t offer legal advice, but they say they’ve become an important part of the support network of immigrants because their presence in a courtroom or waiting room shows the immigrant has ties to the community.

They also provide moral support and show officials they’re watching, they say. And they contend escorting someone can make a difference in a judge or ICE agent’s decision on matters such as pending asylum petitions or issuance of travel documents.

“It definitely can change the decision of an ICE agent or judge,” said Kyle Barron, a New Sanctuary Coalition organizer who sends at least 150 volunteers an email every week on the schedule of accompaniments.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, which calls for tougher immigration controls, disagrees.

“A judge is supposed to make a decision based on the rule of law, not based on how many people show up,” spokesman Ira Melham said.

Former immigration judge Bruce Einhorn thinks accompaniment is “a win-win” because it provides comfort for immigrants and makes them more relaxed so they can talk to federal judges.

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"That sort of thing was very helpful," said Einhorn, who was a judge from 1990 to 2007. "The atmosphere in a courtroom, with people who help, is very different from the atmosphere in a courtroom with a person from another culture who appears alone."

The waiting room for ICE's check-ins in lower Manhattan fills with people every morning. ICE agents open a door and call the next person by name. The Rev. Juan Carlos Ruiz, a Lutheran pastor who accompanies for New Sanctuary, distributes his card to people waiting. His group tries to match immigrants with volunteers who speak their language.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, several groups have started accompanying immigrants to courts to make sure their rights aren't violated.

"These days, politicians are using ICE as a military force to carry out a fear campaign within our own borders," said George Lujan, from the SouthWest Organizing Project. "So not only does the accompaniment program keep our courts working, it also brings people together and gives them an alternative to living in fear."

Marroquin-Torres said she definitely felt better having someone with her.

"I feel secure," she said outside the court in New York. "I feel accompanied."

Balanced Hawks hold off Wizards 111-101, even series 2-all

By PAUL NEWBERRY, AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — In a year when the geezers are coming up big in the NBA playoffs, add another one to the list.

Jose Calderon might be the most unlikely of all.

The 35-year-old Spaniard, picked up on waivers late in the season, made a huge contribution to help the Atlanta Hawks pull away from the Washington Wizards 111-101 on Monday night, evening the opening-round series at 2-all.

Answering the call when Denis Schroder got in early foul trouble, Calderon played 20 minutes, scored 10 points and dished out five assists. He joined some old-timers such as Utah's Joe Johnson and Houston's Nene making significant contributions in the postseason .

Afterward, Calderon sat alongside Dwight Howard at the postgame news conference, a sign of the major role they both played.

That's to be expected from Howard, an eight-time All-Star who finally showed up in the series.

Not so much from Calderon, whose hair is thinning on top.

"I always think I'm going to be on the podium," he quipped, actually managing to hold back a smile for a second or two. "Just stay ready."

Howard had his best game of the postseason, putting up a double-double by halftime and finishing with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Paul Millsap bounced back from a sluggish start to score 19 points. And Schroder, after going scoreless in a first half spent largely on the bench, managed to put up 18 points.

The Hawks had seven players in double figures, also getting a huge contribution off the bench from Kent Bazemore, who had 16 points and doled out seven assists.

But Calderon was the one who really made a difference. The Hawks outscored the Wizards by 29 points when he was on the court.

"He came in, played well, took care of the game," Washington coach Scott Brooks said. "He's just a winner. He makes winning basketball plays for whatever team he's been on."

Bradley Beal scored 32 points for Washington, bouncing back from a dismal performance in Game 3, and John Wall had another stellar performance with 22 points and 10 assists.

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Those two, as good as they were, couldn't match a more balanced approach by the Hawks.

Now, a series marked by ill feelings that went so far as Markieff Morris calling Millsap "a crybaby" is down to a best-of-three. Game 5 is Wednesday night in Washington.

"We've got home court for a reason," Wall said. "It's an opportunity for us to go home, take care of what we need to do and come back here on Friday."

Millsap and Schroder helped the Hawks pull away down the stretch.

After snatching an offensive rebound, Millsap managed to get the shot off while being knocked on his backside, the ball dropped in, and he added the free throw for a 3-point play . Schroder followed with a 3-pointer, giving the Hawks a 103-93 lead with 4½ minutes to go.

Of course, it helped that Howard finally made an appearance in the series .

Having taken only 15 shots and scored 18 points in the first three games, he carried the load with Millsap struggling in the first half and Schroder watching from the bench. The enigmatic center had thunderous dunks on back-to-back possessions that really got the home crowd into the game.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Millsap said the shot he made while falling backward was no accident.

He worked on it when he was a youngster in Louisiana.

"For all the kids out there, man, you've got to practice that in the backyard," Millsap said. "Growing up, at my grandma's house, we played on dirt. We used to shoot fall-away shots like that all the time. Practice those shots. There is a place for those shots."

TALK THE TALK

Morris has stirred up plenty of headlines talking about his duel with Millsap.

The Wizards power forward failed to back up his bravado on the court.

Morris got into foul trouble and was held to nine points on 3-of-10 shooting, along with four rebounds.

"The stats say that he hasn't shot the ball well, but he hasn't had a rhythm," Brooks said. "He'll bounce back. We have confidence in how he plays and how he plays for us. We expect him to have a better game in a couple of nights."

TIP-INS

Wizards: Otto Porter Jr. was able to play after leaving Game 3 with a strained neck. He scored 13 points. ... Bojan Bogdanovic was the only other Washington player in double figures, also with 13 points. ...Marcin Gortat had 18 rebounds.

Hawks: With 11 points, Taurean Prince became the first Hawks rookie to reach double-figures in his first four playoff games since Pete Maravich did it in five straight in 1971. ... Among those in the crowd: Hall of Famer Julius Erving, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and at least three members of the Atlanta Falcons: Devonta Freeman, Mohamed Sanu and Taylor Gabriel.

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Wells Fargo to face irritated shareholders at annual meeting

By KEN SWEET, AP Business Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Wells Fargo's top management and board of directors will face irritated investors Tuesday for the first big shareholder meeting since the scandal over the bank's sales practices led to an executive shake-up, fines and a dented reputation.

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The bank has changed the way it pays branch employees, reclaimed promised compensation to several executives and apologized to customers after regulators imposed \$185 million in fines last September. Authorities said Wells Fargo workers opened up to 2 million accounts without customer permission as employees tried to meet aggressive sales goals.

It's likely that Wells Fargo's top management will apologize to shareholders — a new, and arguably more patient, audience — following apologies already given to customers and employees. CEO Tim Sloan, who got that job in October, has repeatedly talked of making things right with customers. Whether the changes will be enough — Wells has seen a sharp decline in new customers and remains under investigation by various authorities — is a main issue to be decided Tuesday.

Wells Fargo's executives are expected to face calls for their ouster. Shareholder proposals call for an overhaul of the bank's corporate governance as well as more investigations into the pressure-filled corporate culture that some bank employees say pushed them to open the fake accounts.

An investigation by the bank's own board of directors, released earlier this month, found that the problems at Wells Fargo and its overly aggressive sales culture date back at least 15 years, and that executives had little interest in dealing with the issue until it spiraled out of control. It also clawed back another \$75 million in pay from former CEO John Stumpf and former community bank executive Carrie Tolstedt, saying both dragged their feet for years about the problems.

The big item to watch Tuesday will be whether Wells Fargo shareholders oust the board. Two major proxy advisory firms have advised shareholders to vote out at least some of the directors. One firm, Institutional Shareholder Services, is basically asking investors to clean house. Even two large California pension funds have come out against Wells Fargo's board.

Another issue will be shareholder proposals. Wells' board has advised shareholders to vote against at least two proposals that the proxy firms endorsed. One of them calls for yet another internal investigation into the bank's sales practices.

The board will likely lean on its investigation, which said that both Stumpf and Tolstedt, when presented with the growing problems in the community banking division, were unwilling to hear criticism. It rescinded \$47.3 million in stock options to Tolstedt, on top of \$19 million the board had already clawed back. It took back \$28 million more from Stumpf's compensation, on top of \$41 million already clawed back.

Along with the millions taken back from other executives earlier this year, the roughly \$180 million in clawbacks are among the largest in U.S. corporate history. Wells Fargo has also said it will pay \$142 million to customers for damages caused by any accounts opened without their permission, and expand its window for unauthorized accounts back to May 1, 2002.

The shareholder meeting, at a golf resort in Jacksonville, Florida, is being held about 2,800 miles from Wells Fargo's headquarters in San Francisco. The company has not said why it chose that location.

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North Korea quiet amid expectation of missile follow-up

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — A U.S. guided-missile submarine arrived in South Korea on Tuesday and envoys from the U.S., Japan and South Korea met in Tokyo, as North Korea prepared to mark the anniversary of the founding of its military.

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Although a major event around the anniversary was viewed as possible, the morning came and went without any nuclear tests or ballistic missile launches. All that was publicly scheduled for the day were gatherings for mass dancing, a common celebration on major North Korean holidays.

At a "national meeting" of thousands of senior military and civilian officials the day before, North Korea's Minister of Defense Gen. Pak Yong Sik reiterated that the country is ready to use pre-emptive strikes or any other measures it deems necessary to defend itself against the "U.S. imperialists."

"The situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula is so tense that a nuclear war may break out due to the frantic war drills of the U.S. imperialists and their vassal forces for aggression," he told the gathering.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un did not attend. It was not known how he was marking Tuesday's anniversary.

North Korea often marks significant dates by displaying its military capability and has conducted five nuclear tests. Pyongyang launched a missile one day after the 105th birthday of late founder Kim Il Sung on April 15.

Such a move could test the developing North Korea policies of President Donald Trump, who has reportedly settled on a strategy that emphasizes increased pressure on North Korea with the help of China, the North's only major ally, instead of military options or trying to overthrow North Korea's government.

The nuclear-powered USS Michigan submarine arrived at Busan in what was described as a routine port visit to rest the crew and load supplies. Commander Jang Wook from the South Korean navy public affairs office said there is no plan for any drill.

The submarine's arrival comes as the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier heads toward the Korean Peninsula in a show of force.

In Tokyo, U.S. representative for North Korea Policy Joseph Yun was meeting Tuesday with his Japanese counterpart Kenji Kanasugi and Kim Hong-kyun of South Korea. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that the three envoys were to deepen cooperation and stay on the same page amid growing tension.

Japan's Foreign Ministry also announced that China's envoy for North Korea, Wu Dawei, will visit Tokyo on Tuesday for talks with Kanasugi, which may take place later this week.

Trump spoke by phone with both the Japanese and Chinese leaders Monday. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV quoted President Xi Jinping as telling Trump that China strongly opposes North Korea's nuclear weapons program and hopes "all parties will exercise restraint and avoid aggravating the situation."

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Trump agreed to urge North Korea to refrain from what Abe called provocative actions. "The North Korean nuclear and missile problem is an extremely serious security threat to not only the international community but also our country," the Japanese leader told reporters in Tokyo afterward.

Recent U.S. commercial satellite images indicate increased activity around North Korea's nuclear test site, and third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un has said the country's preparation for an ICBM launch is in its "final stage."

South Korea's Defense Ministry has said North Korea appears ready to conduct such "strategic provocations" at any time. South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, the country's acting leader, has instructed his military to strengthen its "immediate response posture" in case North Korea does something significant on Tuesday's anniversary.

There is also a possibility that North Korea, facing potential changes in regional dynamics as Washington presses Beijing to pressure North Korea more aggressively, opts to mark the anniversary with a missile launch of lesser magnitude. North Korea separately fired what U.S. officials said were a Scud-

type missile and a midrange missile earlier this month, but the launches were analyzed as failures.

Adding to the tensions, North Korea detained a U.S. citizen on Saturday, bringing the number of Americans being held there to three. The reasons for the detention of Tony Kim, who taught accounting at the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, weren't immediately clear.

Under Kim's leadership, North Korea has been aggressively pursuing a decades-long goal of putting a nuclear warhead on an ICBM capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.

Last year, North Korea conducted two nuclear tests, which would have improved its knowledge in making nuclear weapons small enough to fit on long-range missiles. It also launched a long-range rocket last year that delivered a satellite into orbit, which Washington, Seoul and others saw as a banned test of missile technology.

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New Orleans takes down white supremacist monument

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A monument to a deadly white-supremacist uprising in 1874 was removed under cover of darkness by workers in masks and bulletproof vests Monday as New Orleans joined the movement to take down symbols of the Confederacy and the Jim Crow South.

The Liberty Place monument, a 35-foot granite obelisk that pays tribute to whites who tried to topple a biracial Reconstruction government installed in New Orleans after the Civil War, was taken away on a truck in pieces before daybreak after a few hours of work.

In the coming days, the city will also remove three statues of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard and Confederate President Jefferson Davis, now that legal challenges have been overcome.

"We will no longer allow the Confederacy to literally be put on a pedestal in the heart of our city," Mayor Mitch Landrieu vowed.

The removal of the obelisk was carried out early in the morning because of death threats and fears of disruption from supporters of the monuments.

The workers wore military-style helmets and had scarves over their faces. Police were on hand, with officers watching from atop a hotel parking garage.

"The statue was put up to honor the killing of police officers by white supremacists," Landrieu said. "Of the four that we will move, this statue is perhaps the most blatant affront to the values that make America and New Orleans strong today."

Citing safety concerns, the mayor would not disclose exactly when the other monuments would be taken down, except to say that it will be done at night to avoid trouble.

He said the monuments will be put in storage until an appropriate place to display them is determined.

Nationally, the debate over Confederate symbols has flared since nine black parishioners were shot to death by an avowed racist at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its statehouse grounds in the weeks after, and several Southern cities have since considered removing monuments. The University of Mississippi took down its state flag because it includes the Confederate emblem.

New Orleans is a mostly black city of nearly 390,000. The majority-black City Council voted 6-1 in 2015 to take the monuments down, but legal battles held up action.

Landrieu, a white Democrat, proposed the monuments' removal and rode to victory twice with over-

whelming support from the city's black residents.

Opponents of the memorials say they are offensive artifacts honoring the region's racist past. Others say the monuments are part of history and should be preserved.

Robert Bonner, a 63-year-old Civil War re-enactor, was there to protest the monument's removal.

"I think it's a terrible thing," he said. "When you start removing the history of the city, you start losing money. You start losing where you came from and where you've been."

The Monumental Task Committee, which sued to preserve the memorials, condemned the middle-of-the-night removal as "atrocious government."

The Liberty Place monument was erected in 1891 to commemorate the failed uprising by the Crescent City White League.

Sixteen White Leaguers, 13 members of the white and black Metropolitan police force and six bystanders were among those killed in the bloody battle down Canal Street.

President Ulysses Grant sent federal troops to take the city back three days later. However, the White League grew in power in New Orleans after the battle, with its members and allies taking over the city and state government after Reconstruction.

An inscription added in 1932 said the Yankees withdrew federal troops and "recognized white supremacy in the South" after the uprising. In 1993, those words were covered by a granite slab with a new inscription, saying the obelisk honors "Americans on both sides" who died and that the conflict "should teach us lessons for the future."

New Orleans removed the memorial from busy Canal Street during a paving project in 1989 and didn't put it back up until the city was sued. Even then, it was consigned to an obscure spot on a side street.

Landrieu said the memorials don't represent his city as it approaches its 300th anniversary next year.

Removing the monuments is "not about blame," the mayor said. Rather, it's about "showing the whole world that we as a city and as people are able to acknowledge, understand, reconcile and — most importantly — choose a better future, making straight what has been crooked and right what has been wrong."

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An earlier version of this report had an incorrect name for the Liberty Place monument.

Trump backs away from demand for border wall money

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump stepped back Monday from demanding a down payment for his border wall in must-pass spending legislation, potentially removing a major obstacle to a bipartisan deal just days ahead of a government shutdown deadline.

Trump told a gathering of around 20 conservative media reporters Monday evening that he would be willing to return to the wall funding issue in September, according to two people who were in the room. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the get-together, which was not originally intended to be on the record.

The border wall money is fiercely opposed by Democrats, whose votes are needed to pass the

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government-wide spending legislation that comes due Friday at midnight. The wall is also unpopular with many Republicans, and GOP negotiators on Capitol Hill were uneasy about the clash over the wall potentially sparking a government shutdown.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, who has a key role providing Democratic votes to pass the legislation, welcomed Trump's reported shift on the wall.

"It's good for the country that President Trump is taking the wall off the table in these negotiations," Schumer said late Monday. "Now the bipartisan and bicameral negotiators can continue working on the outstanding issues."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said, "The president's comments this evening are welcome news given the bipartisan opposition to the wall, and the obstacle it has been to the continuing bipartisan negotiations in the appropriations committees."

The wall was the most pressing issue confronting lawmakers as they returned from a two-week spring recess to face a critical deadline. Congress must pass a \$1 trillion catch-all spending bill to pay for all agencies of government or trigger a partial shutdown Saturday, which happens to coincide with the 100th day of Trump's presidency.

"I'm optimistic. I don't think anybody wants a shutdown," Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said as he exited a meeting of GOP leadership. "The White House and basically the minority leaders of the House and Senate have to have some level of agreement on the things that you're adding."

The negotiations over the spending bill took center stage Monday despite a separate White House push for fast action to revive health care legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. After signaling last week that they hoped for a vote as soon as this week on a rewritten health bill, White House officials softened their stance Monday. Echoing the views of House GOP leaders, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said there would be a vote on health care legislation when House leaders count the 216 votes needed to pass it.

"I think we want to make sure that we've got the votes and we're headed in the right direction before putting some artificial deadline," Spicer said.

Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan were embarrassed last month when they had to pull their "Obamacare" replacement bill off the floor without a vote as it became clear it would fail. Since then leaders of conservative and moderate factions in the House have been negotiating on a compromise allowing states to opt out of certain "Obamacare" requirements, and they appear to be making progress, although legislative text had not been finalized as of Monday.

The original GOP bill eliminated many of the "Obamacare" mandates, offered skimpier subsidies for consumers to buy care and rolled back a Medicaid expansion. Conservatives balked, saying it didn't go far enough.

With Democrats unanimously opposed, it remains to be seen whether the health care deal will come together and attract the needed support. Trump talked it up on Twitter, writing Monday: "If our health-care plan is approved, you will see real healthcare and premiums will start tumbling down. ObamaCare is in a death spiral!"

Trump also pushed for his border wall, a central campaign pledge that he still insists Mexico will pay for in the end, though Democrats and even most Republicans doubt that will ever come to pass. Cost estimates range past \$20 billion and the White House had been seeking \$1.4 billion as a down payment in the spending bill.

Trump turned again to Twitter: "The Wall is a very important tool in stopping drugs from pouring into our country and poisoning our youth (and many others)! If the wall is not built, which it will be, the drug situation will NEVER be fixed the way it should be! #BuildTheWall."

But some of the conservative journalists who met Monday evening with Trump reported he said wall funding could wait until the fall. Prior to the White House demand late last week for border wall money, it had largely been assumed on Capitol Hill that the spending measure would include funding for additional security steps along the border, but that there wouldn't be any money explicitly dedicated for new wall construction. That approach now appears likely to prevail.

The other major stumbling block on the spending bill involves a demand by Democratic negotiators that the measure fund cost-sharing payments to insurance companies that help low-income people afford health policies under Obama's health law, or that Trump back off a threat to use the payments as a bargaining chip.

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Associated Press writer Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

Pence thanks US military members during stop in Hawaii

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence ended his trip to Asia on Monday with a thanks to U.S. service members based in Hawaii and promises of robust military spending under President Donald Trump.

Pence sat with troops for lunch at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii and noted the president's push for increased military spending at a time when the U.S. faces threats in the Asia-Pacific posed by North Korea.

The vice president said he wanted to assure military members that "in these uncertain times, people who serve here at U.S. Pacific Command will know that in your commander-in-chief, you have a president who is going to fight to rebuild our military."

Pence wrapped up a 10-day trip to Asia that included a visit to the Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea, consultations with leaders in South Korea, Japan, Indonesia and Australia, and a quick stop to see troops in American Samoa.

The United States' efforts to curb North Korea's nuclear and weapons programs dominated the trip, which put Pence in Asia shortly after Kim Jong Un's regime unsuccessfully launched a ballistic missile.

For Pence, the trip offered evidence that the former governor has become one of President Donald Trump's chief emissaries on the world stage, patching up relations, reassuring allies still wondering what to expect from Trump and diving into international crises like North Korea.

During the trip, Pence delivered North Korea a stern warning: that "all options are on the table" when it comes to curbing the North's nuclear ambitions. He told foreign leaders the Trump administration would seek support from its allies to pressure Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

Pence's early foreign travel schedule has contrasted sharply with a mostly homebound Trump, who is not scheduled to travel overseas until late May for NATO meetings in Belgium and a gathering of the Group of Seven major industrial nations in Italy. Pence partly covered that ground when he visited Germany and Belgium in February.

Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, had visited nine countries by late April 2009, his first three months in office, checking in with allies such as Canada, Britain and Germany. The last first-term president to wait until May to take his first foreign trip was Jimmy Carter in 1977.

Pence postponed a visit to the USS Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor on Tuesday to return to Washington for what's expected to be a busy week on Capitol Hill with the threat of a government shutdown if there's no agreement on spending priorities.

Trump has pushed for a large increase in military spending and Pence noted during the lunch that he would be returning to Washington to work on a supplemental Pentagon funding package. The plan, while still subject to negotiations, could top \$15 billion.

"The president truly believes that the time has come for us to rebuild this military," Pence said.

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Larry Bird delivers Pacers' 2021 All-Star bid in an Indy car

By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana wants the NBA All-Star Game and sent Larry Bird to get it — in an Indy car. Bird drove four blocks down Fifth Avenue in his specially themed car to deliver the Pacers' bid to host the 2021 game to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, fitting his 6-foot-9 frame into a car usually driven by much shorter people.

Bird, an Indiana native and now the Pacers president, had driven an Indy car only once, during a practice run for his drive Monday.

"It's a little rough ride," he said. "No suspension or anything, but it's fun."

Drawing a crowd of a couple hundred spectators, he maneuvered along the left lane, exited his yellow and blue "Larry Bird" car and said it was challenging to drive because of the car's small pedals and his big feet.

Bird was all smiles after his ride, which came a day after his team was eliminated from the playoffs in a first-round sweep by defending champion Cleveland.

"It's like a bucket list thing. It's in New York, so you've got to do it," Bird said. "If I was driving around my neighborhood I don't think I'd have had any interest in it. But coming up to New York and ride down the street for a few blocks, it's something that I wish everybody could do."

Indiana hasn't hosted the NBA All-Star Game since 1985 but has plenty of experience staging big events, including the Super Bowl and seven NCAA men's Final Fours, along with the annual Indianapolis 500. The Pacers want to combine the NBA event with high school tournaments, the Final Four and the women's Big Ten Tournament for what they said would be a "celebration of basketball" in hoops-crazy Indiana that would last from mid-February through early April.

"This is going to be special because we know how to throw a party," Bird said.

"We haven't had it since '85 and we look forward to getting back in the mix and having the All-Star Game, not only for our fans but for our state. We're built on basketball, that's all we have there that makes us happy — there's a lot of things that makes up happy but basketball's one. Just having the opportunity to have the All-Star Game is just great for Indiana."

The NBA recently opened the bidding process for the 2020 and '21 weekends. The Pacers delivered a multimedia bid platform that included its bid book and a map showing the ease of having the event in Indianapolis.

Silver cited the state's basketball passion and the presence of owner Herb Simon, who bought the team in 1983 and is the league's longest-tenured owner, in saying that Indiana would be a strong candidate.

"I know you guys would be fantastic hosts," Silver said.

Farmers fear deportation of workers could hurt livelihood

By **ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press**

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The head of Bethel Heights Vineyard looked out over the 100 acres of vines her crew of 20 Mexicans had just finished pruning, worried about what will happen if the Trump administration presses ahead with its crackdown on immigrants.

From tending the plants to harvesting the grapes, it takes skill and a strong work ethic to produce the winery's pinot noir and chardonnay, and native-born Americans just aren't willing to work that hard, Patricia Dudley said as a cold rain drenched the vineyard in the hills of Oregon.

"Who's going to come out here and do this work when they deport them all?" she asked.

President Donald Trump's hard line against immigrants in the U.S. illegally has sent a chill through the nation's agricultural industry, which fears a crackdown will deprive it of the labor it needs to plant, grow and pick the crops that feed the country.

Fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and cattle farmers and owners of plant nurseries and vineyards have begun lobbying politicians at home and in Washington to get them to deal with immigration in a way that minimizes the harm to their livelihoods.

Some of the farm leaders are Republicans who voted for Trump and are torn, wanting border security but also mercy toward laborers who are not dangerous criminals.

Farming uses a higher percentage of illegal labor than any other U.S. industry, according to a Pew Research Center study.

Immigrants working illegally in this country accounted for about 46 percent of America's roughly 800,000 crop farmworkers in recent years, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Agriculture.

Stepped-up deportations could carry "significant economic implications," a 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture study said. If America's unauthorized labor force shrank 40 percent, for example, vegetable production could drop by more than 4 percent, the study said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation says strict immigration enforcement would raise food prices 5 to 6 percent because of a drop in supply and because of the higher labor costs farmers could face.

In addition to proposing a wall at the Mexican border, Trump wants to hire 10,000 more Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and has served notice that he intends to be more aggressive than the Obama administration in deporting immigrants.

ICE agents have arrested hundreds of immigrants since Trump took office, though how much of a change from the Obama administration that represents is a matter of debate.

Field hands have been among those targeted, with apple pickers detained in upstate New York and Guatemalans pulled over in Oregon on their way to a forest to pick a plant used in floral arrangements.

It doesn't appear the arrests themselves have put a sizable dent in the agricultural workforce yet, but the fear is taking its toll.

Some workers in Oregon are leaving for job sites as early as 1 a.m. and staying away from check-cashing shops on payday to avoid dragnets. Farm employers are worried about losing their workforces.

"They say, 'Don't go out, don't get drunk, don't do nothing illegal' because they need us too. They worry too," said Moses Maldonado, who is in the U.S. illegally and has worked for nearly four decades tending wine grapes and picking fruit in Oregon.

In Los Banos, California, asparagus farmer Joe Del Bosque said workers are so afraid of being arrested in the field that he struggled to find enough hands in March to pick his crop.

When immigration attorney Sarah Loftin held a recent seminar in the Oregon wine-region town of Newberg to talk about immigrants' legal rights, she was surprised to see about half of those present were winery owners or farmers.

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By law, job seekers must provide documents establishing their eligibility to work in the U.S. But the papers are often fake. Many agricultural employers say that it's not their responsibility — and that they lack the expertise — to determine if they're genuine.

At the same time, they say that U.S.-born workers have little interest at laboring in the dirt and the cold at the crack of dawn.

As 18 Guatemalans in hoodies and rubber boots toiled in such conditions recently in Oregon's Willamette Valley, their boss expressed admiration for their willingness to do the back-breaking work he said native-born Americans won't do.

"Homeless people are camped in the fir forest over there," the farmer said, pointing to a stand of trees. "And they're not looking for work."

He lamented that crackdowns may force him to retire because he won't be able to find workers. Fearing reprisals from federal agents, he spoke on condition of anonymity and didn't want even his crop identified.

Some immigration hardliners say people who are in the U.S. illegally steal jobs from Americans. But a 2013 study by an economist at the Center for Global Development looked at farms in North Carolina and found that immigrant manual laborers had "almost zero" effect on the job prospects of native-born U.S. workers.

"It appears that almost all U.S. workers prefer almost any labor-market outcome — including long periods of unemployment — to carrying out manual harvest and planting labor," Michael Clemens wrote.

While lobbying for visa and immigration reforms, agricultural employers are also looking into contingency plans such as mechanization or a switch to less labor-intensive crops. In Vermont, officials are considering a vocational program to train inmates in dairy farming.

Dudley, the vineyard owner, isn't optimistic about some of the alternatives.

"I don't trust that temps off the street, or jailhouse labor, or whatever alternative they come up with would work," she said.

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Sheryl Sandberg's new book a tale of grief, resilience

By BARBARA ORTUTAY, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Though perhaps best known as Facebook's No. 2 executive, Sheryl Sandberg is also a mentor, a mother, a billionaire and an author. When her husband Dave Goldberg died suddenly in 2015 while they were vacationing in Mexico, she added "widow" to the list.

"The grief felt like a void, like it was sucking me in and pushing on me, pulling me in and I couldn't even see or breathe," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "People who have been through things like this told me it gets better. And I really didn't believe them.... I want other people going through things to believe it does get better."

Her new book — "Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy," written with psychologist Adam Grant — chronicles the devastating loss, her grief and how she emerged from it with a new perspective on life. A humbled follow-up to her first book, "Lean In," it's also a how-to, drawing from studies and the experiences of others to describe techniques for building strength and resilience

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and ways to support those going through hard times.

It quickly became the No. 1 best seller on Amazon on Monday, the day it was published.

Sandberg also uses the new book to address what she now sees as shortcomings in the career advice she offered women in "Lean In." Surveying the world as a wealthy corporate executive rendered her oblivious to the circumstances faced by less fortunate women, she acknowledged. Not everyone can lean in; not everyone wants to.

"I didn't get it," she wrote. "I didn't get how hard it is to succeed at work when you are overwhelmed at home."

THE FIRST MONTHS

The most affecting parts of the book recount not just Sandberg's grief, but that of her children. When she had to tell them that their father died. When, arriving at the cemetery for his funeral, they "got out of the car and fell to the ground, unable to take another step. I lay on the grass, holding them as they wailed," unable to protect them from their sorrow.

It did get better, though slowly. Sandberg returned to work at Facebook in a haze, unable to summon her previous self-confidence.

"I couldn't understand when friends didn't ask me how I was. I felt invisible, as if I was standing in front of them but they couldn't see me," she wrote, adding later, that by staying silent in such situations "we often isolate friends, family and co-workers."

At Facebook, Sandberg has long been an advocate of "bringing your whole self to work," meaning a willingness to share your personal life with co-workers. But this can get tricky when it comes to facing trauma. Sandberg found it difficult, and even considered carrying around a stuffed pachyderm to encourage co-workers and even friends to talk about the "elephant in the room."

PICKING UP THE PIECES

Then one day, about a month after Goldberg died, she decided to post on Facebook about her grief, her gratitude toward her friends, and her related tumultuous feelings — for instance, coming to believe she would never again feel real joy. She wrote it out, not planning to share it publicly. After some more thought, she decided it couldn't possibly make things worse.

The change was immediate. Friends, co-workers and strangers — many of whom had dealt with loss themselves — began reaching out. It helped, Sandberg wrote. The post has been shared more than 400,000 times and has some 74,000 comments. It opened up a conversation.

"I know it almost sounds silly because I certainly work at Facebook and I know what Facebook's mission is," she said. "But experiencing it for myself was a very ... deep experience."

Talking about these things, as difficult as it might be, can be a lifeline. As is getting help at work, something Sandberg acknowledged not everyone can. Facebook has recently extended its bereavement policies to allow employees more time off after the death of a loved one. But Sandberg says supporting people once they are back at work — including reminding them that their contributions are needed and welcome — is just as important.

"Death is not the only kind of adversity that summons up the elephant," Sandberg wrote in the book. "Anything that reminds us of the possibility of loss can leave us at a loss for words. Financial difficulties. Divorce. Unemployment. Rape. Addiction. Incarceration. Illness."

BUILDING STRENGTH

A few weeks after she lost her husband, Sandberg was talking with a friend, making plans for someone to fill in for a father-child activity. Crying, she told the friend "But I want Dave." He put his arm around her and said, "Option A is not available. So let's just kick the s--- out of Option B."

Sandberg said she believes strongly in pre-traumatic growth — people's ability to build up resilience

before something bad happens so that they are able to deal with it better. She has peppered the book with anecdotes and studies about resilience, from the story of Malala Yousafzai, the 19-year-old Pakistani activist and Nobel Peace laureate, to that of the survivors of a 1972 plane crash in the Andes described in the book (and movie) "Alive."

"Tragedy does not have to be personal, pervasive or permanent, but resilience can be," she wrote. "We can build it and carry it with us throughout our lives."

Online: <https://optionb.org/>

Guatemalan land activist wins prestigious Goldman prize

By **SONIA PEREZ D., Associated Press**

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Rodrigo Tot, a 60-year-old farmer and activist, was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize on Monday for work in his Guatemala homeland, an honor that comes after two previous Latin American winners were murdered in the last year.

The diminutive, soft-spoken evangelical pastor was recognized for defending his indigenous Q'eqchi community's lands against a mining company and the government.

In a statement, Goldman praised Tot for "intrepid leadership of his people and defense of their ancestral land" and noted his fight has come at great personal cost: In 2012, one of his sons was shot to death in "an assassination that was passed off as a robbery."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Tot said he was grateful for the honor but remains the same leader and person as before.

"I think this could be a stimulus for the work we do," he said, adding that he considered the award all to be recognition for "the struggle, because we are fighting hard for our land and our natural resources."

Latin America is the most dangerous region for environmental activists, with more than 570 of them murdered between 2010 and 2015, according to the London-based group Global Witness.

In March 2016, Goldman honoree Berta Caceres of Honduras was killed by armed men who invaded her home. And in January 2017, Mexican indigenous leader Isidro Baldenegro, another recipient of the prize, was slain in Mexico's northern state of Chihuahua.

Tot, leader of the Agua Caliente "Lote 9" community in El Estor in Guatemala's eastern department of Izabal, has fought for decades to try to make the government recognize locals' right to fertile farmlands that are also coveted by mining interests for nickel and gold deposits that lie beneath.

The struggle began in 1974 in response to a new law requiring landholders to pay about \$4,500 to receive property titles. In 1985 a provisional title was granted to Tot and 63 other indigenous farmers in the community while they completed payment.

But three years later, records of the community's ownership of the land mysteriously disappeared. And when the last payment was made in 2002, the government refused to hand over the legal title.

In 2004, the Mines and Energy Ministry granted a mining license for a region covering 16 Maya communities including Agua Caliente, and those rights later passed to Compania Guatemalteca de Niquel.

"That is why we defend it, because there are lots of natural resources," Tot said. "There are 10 springs that supply lots of communities. We are preserving the mountain because if it dies, there will no longer be any water."

He and the community have fought in the courts to block mining on their land, arguing it poses environmental risks to forests and streams.

"Tot indefinitely delayed mining in Agua Caliente," Goldman said in its statement.

The Guatemalan government and the mining company did not respond to multiple requests for comment on Monday's announcement.

Mining companies have been accused of using violence against those who oppose their projects in Guatemala, often in poor and marginalized indigenous communities. Other lawsuits allege abuses including rape and forcibly removing farmers from their terrain.

According to Calas, a Guatemalan environmental and social law nonprofit group, in every case where indigenous communities have opposed mining projects, the government has backed the companies.

Tot said he has received threats against his life. In 2012 the Inter-American Commission on Human rights ordered protective measures for him and his lawyer, something that the Guatemalan government has not provided.

"I will never forget the loss of my son, but I continue to fight," Tot said. "We are no longer in the 1980s, when they could make a leader disappear and everything was kept quiet. Not today. When they make a leader disappear, 10 more rise up."

Recounting his arrival in the community at age 12 after his parents died, Tot said he learned to love the land while growing up there. As an 18-year-old during Guatemala's 1960-1996 civil war, he was conscripted into the Civilian Patrol, a paramilitary organization that aided the army in controlling the population.

Tot said he was forced to do so and didn't support the military. He said that "there were many disappearances" during the period, including the killing of the community's then-leader for his efforts to defend the land.

But Tot used the experience to learn how to organize resistance.

On March 18, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights agreed to consider a lawsuit brought accusing Guatemala of violating the community's rights to land, natural resources, free determination and self-government by denying their title.

"We are not only asking to be legalized. We already paid. We have the receipts, the records and the right," Tot said. "We have to defend (the land) as far as can be."

Researchers: Russia-linked hackers targeted Macron campaign

By RAPHAEL SATTER, AP Cybersecurity Writer

PARIS (AP) — Researchers with the Japanese anti-virus firm Trend Micro say the campaign of French presidential front-runner Emmanuel Macron has been targeted by Russia-linked hackers, adding more details to previous suggestions that the centrist politician was being singled out for electronic eavesdropping by the Kremlin.

The campaign's digital chief, Mounir Mahjoubi, confirmed the attempted intrusions in a telephone interview late Monday but said they had all been thwarted.

"It's serious, but nothing was compromised," he said.

The French presidential race is not yet over. Macron faces far-right rival Marine Le Pen in France's presidential runoff on May 7. Macron favors a strong European Union, while Le Pen wants to pull France out of the bloc, weakening it.

Trend Micro said it discovered the campaign by monitoring the creation of rogue, lookalike websites often used by hackers to trick victims into giving up their passwords. The Tokyo-based firm recently detected four Macron-themed fake domains being set up on digital infrastructure used by a group it calls Pawn Storm, according to Trend Micro researcher Feike Hacquebord.

Mahjoubi confirmed that at least one of the sites had recently been used as part of an attempt to steal campaign staffers' online credentials.

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Unmasking which group is behind this or that spying campaign is one of the most challenging aspects of cybersecurity, but Hacquebord said he was confident Trend Micro had gotten it right.

"This is not a 100 percent confirmation, but it's very, very likely," Hacquebord said, adding the political nature of the targeting was "really in line with what they've been doing in the last two years."

Trend Micro has stopped short of accusing any country of pulling Pawn Storm's strings, but American spy agencies and a variety of threat intelligence firms say that Pawn Storm, an extraordinarily prolific group also known as Fancy Bear or APT28, of being an arm of Russia's intelligence apparatus.

French officials have also tended to be more circumspect than their American counterparts, repeatedly declining to tie Pawn Storm to any specific actor.

Russian government officials have long denied claims of state-sanctioned hacking. On Monday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted as saying that the notion that Russian hackers were targeting the French election was "completely incorrect."

The Associated Press left several messages with the hacker or hackers who registered the rogue Macron websites. None were returned.

Mahjoubi said the attempts to penetrate the Macron campaign date back to December. In February, the campaign complained publicly of being targeted by Russia-linked electronic spying operations, although it offered no proof at the time.

Trend Micro's report, which was produced independently of the Macron campaign and lists 160 electronic espionage operations across a series of targets, adds a measure of evidence to the notion, even if the fact that the rogue websites were registered in March and April doesn't line up with the campaign's timeline.

The French election, the first round of which Macron won Sunday with just over 24 percent of the vote, has been closely watched for signs of digital interference of any kind.

Many observers feared a repeat of the U.S. electoral contest in 2016, when hackers allegedly backed by Moscow broke into the email inboxes of the Democratic National Committee and other political operatives. Pilfered documents subsequently appeared on WikiLeaks and other more mysterious websites, putting the Democrats on the defensive during their losing campaign against Donald Trump.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2017. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (veh-POO'-chee).

On this date:

In 404 B.C., the Peloponnesian War ended as Athens surrendered to Sparta.

In 1792, French highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

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In 1917, legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1974, the "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal as a bloodless military coup toppled the Estado Novo regime.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Ten years ago: Brushing off a presidential veto threat, the House passed, 218-208, a \$124.2 billion supplemental spending bill ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq in the fall of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average topped 13,000 for the first time, ending the day at 13,089.89. Rosie O'Donnell announced she was leaving the ABC talk show "The View" (she returned to the program in 2014, but left again the following year). Singer-songwriter Bobby "Boris" Pickett of "Monster Mash" fame died in Los Angeles at age 69.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on Arizona's tough immigration law. (A divided court later threw out major parts of the law.)

One year ago: The city of Cleveland reached a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit over the death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot by a white police officer while playing with a pellet gun outside a recreation center. A panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled 2-to-1 that New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady had to serve a four-game "Deflategate" suspension imposed by the NFL, overturning a lower judge and siding with the league in a battle with the players union. (Brady ended up serving the suspension.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 77. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 73. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 72. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (BYORN ul-VAY'-us) (ABBA) is 72. Actress Talia Shire is 72. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 70. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 67. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 63. Actor Hank Azaria is 53. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 53. Rock musician Eric Avery is 52. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey + Rory) is 52. TV personality Jane Clayson is 50. Actress Renee Zellweger is 48. Actress Gina Torres is 48. Actor Jason Lee is 47. Actor Jason Wiles is 47. Actress Emily Bergl is 42. Actor Jonathan Angel is 40. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 40. Singer Jacob Underwood is 37. Actress Melonie Diaz is 33. Actress Sara Paxton is 29. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 21.

Thought for Today: "There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule." — Samuel Butler, English author (1835-1902).