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## Tuesday, May 16

**School Lunch:** Cook's Choice.

**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

## Wednesday, May 17

**Groton Schools:** Elementary Track and Field Day from 12:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

**School Lunch:** Hot dogs/brats, baked beans, baked chips, rice crispy bar.

**Senior Menu:** Ham, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, fruited Jell-O salad, whole wheat bread.

**United Methodist:** Wednesday Coffee at 9 a.m.; Ad Council at 7:15 p.m.

## Thursday, May 18

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Regional Track at Milbank, noon.

**School Lunch:** Sack Lunch.

**Senior Menu:** French dip sandwich, macaroni salad, seasoned cabbage, Waldorf salad.

**United Methodist:** UMW at 1:30 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran:** Quilting at 9 a.m.

## Friday, May 19

Faculty Inservice

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.

## Saturday, May 20

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at Rosewood Court.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
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## Water restrictions are on!

It's only the middle of May, but the City of Groton has already put on water restrictions as daily usage is at the level of Groton's daily allocation. There will be no outdoor watering from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. And speaking of water, WEB Water system has notified the city that its water rate will go from \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons effective with the October 31, 2017 statement. The new minimum rate will be \$4,127.25, up from the current \$3,757.59, with the usage of \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons. The council directed Finance Officer Anita Lowary to do water rate review and present it to the council.

Charity Hinman is the successful bidder for the surplus playground equipment from the baseball complex. Her bid was \$250 and was accepted by the council. Other bidders were Sarah Sigestad for \$125, Doug Hamilton for \$105, Greg Clocksene for \$100 and Roger Johnson for \$52.

The old tables from the community center were declared as surplus at a rate of \$5 each and will be sold AS IS.

The City of Groton received the DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) drinking water award for the 16th consecutive year.

There was discussion of having an additional pesticide applicator. Currently Shawn Labertz and Paul Kosel have these certificates and Lambertz said Dan Sunne should also have the license since he is placing herbicide in the substations. The council decided that two is enough. Kosel does the mosquito application and Lambertz does the weed kill application. It was also noticed that Anita Lowary has been certified as an International Governmental Finance Officer for 30 years.

The council directed the finance officer to reissue delinquent outstanding checking. There are five checks that have not been cashed - Schuring Farms, Don Donley, Korbin Blackmun and Garrett Schroeder. They should contact City Hall about getting a new check if they are unable to find their old one.

Malt Beverage Licenses were approved for Ken's Food Fair and MJ's Sinclair.

After an executive session, Adam Herman was hired as the Junior Teener Baseball Coach. Also, it was decided that a committee will begin interviews for the finance officer later this week. There are 12 applicants.



More concrete was laid down on the US12 project. This time on the west side of the project.

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The sign says it all. SD37 (Broadway) is now officially closed. Traffic is detoured on Railroad Avenue to US12. Below, these neat barricades are used to direct the walking traffic.



## NEC Junior High Track Meet

The junior high Northeast Conference track meet was held Monday at Sisseton. Several Groton Area tracksters were winners at the event.

First place winners are: Girls' freshman 800m sprint medley relay team, Al-Isaiah Williams in the seventh grade 100m dash, The seventh grade boy's 4x100m relay team, the seventh grade boy's 4x200m relay team, the seventh grade boy's 800m sprint relay team, Isaac Smith in the eighth grade boy's 800m run, Caleb Furney in the eighth grade discus, Jonathan Doeden in the freshman 110m hurdles and the boy's freshmen 800m sprint medley relay team.

### 7th Grade Girl's Division

**Team Scores:** Aberdeen Roncalli 200, Webster Area 119, Hamlin 68, Milbank 63, Groton Area 55, Clark-Willow Lake 33, Deuel 31, Redfield-Doland 25, Sisseton 10, Tiospa Zina 8, Britton-Hecla 5.

**100m Dash:** 10, Cassie Schultz, 15.01; 17, Riley Leicht, 15.90; 20, Megan Flihs, 16.21.

**200m Dash:** 13, Riley Leicht, 33.42; Emile Thurston, 33.59; 18, Alyssa Locke, 33.36.

**400m Dash:** 4, Riley Gengerke, 1:14.88; 5, Emile Thurston, 1:15.60; 9, Cassie Schultz, 1:18.90; 10, Trista Keith, 1:19.58.

**800m Run:** 6, Riley Gengerke, 3:00.35; 8, Alyssa Locke, 3:06.04; 16, Stella Meier, 3:48.01; 17, Brooklyn Imrie, 3:52.44.

**1600m Run:** 7, Riley Gengerke, 6:43.32; 14, Stella Meier, 8:18.45; 15, BBrooklyn Imrie, 8:25.87.

**4x100m Relay:** 4, Groton (Emile Thurston, Megan Flihs, Riley Leicht, Cassie Schultz), 1:01.90.

**4x200m Relay:** 3, Groton (Emile Thurston, Trista Keith, Riley Leicht, Cassie Schultz), 2:10.75.

**Long Jump:** 4, Trista Keith, 12-3.5.

**Discus:** 2, Maddie Bjerke, 62-3; 3, Hannah Gustafson, 59-3.

**Shot Put:** 3, Maddie Bjerke, 29-10; 5, Hannah Gustafson, 26-0.

### 8th Grade Girl's Division

**Team Scores:** Milbank 105.5, Webster Area 97, Clark-Willow Lake 97, Aberdeen Roncalli 84.5, Deuel 72, Redfield-Doland 59, Hamlin 45, Sisseton 31, Groton ARea 23, Tiospa Zina 5.

**100m Dash:** 3, Kenzie McInerney, 14.32; 13, Erin Unzen, 15.48; 19, Gabby Merkel, 17.56.

**200m Dash:** 8, Regan Leicht, 32.03; 11, Erin Unzen, 33.60.

**400m Dash:** 11, Gabby Merkel, 1:30.28.

**800m Run:** 2, Regan Leicht, 2:57.40.

**4x200m Relay:** 2, Groton (Regan leicht, Erin Unzen, Alyssa Locke, Kenzie McInerney), 2:07.19.

**Discus:** 11, Chloe Crosby, 55-4; 12, Sheyanne Richards, 54-2; 13, Hannah Gustafson, 53-6.

**Shot Put:** 12, Tanae Lipp, 24-2; 13, Chloe Crosby, 23-11; 13, Alexis Hanten, 23-11.

### 9th Grade Girl's Division

**Team Scores:** Aberdeen Roncalli 148, Milbank 101, Webster Area 83, Hamlin 57, Groton Area 51, Britton-Hecla 25, Deuel 10.

**100m Dash:** 8, Kaylin Kucker, 15.68.

**4x100m Relay:** 2, Groton (Eliza Wanner, Regan Leicht, Kenzie McInerney, Tady Glover), 56.16.

**800m Sprint Medley:** 1, Groton (Tady Glover, Kaylin Kucker, Kenzie McInerney, Eliza Wanner), 2:07.53.

**Long Jump:** 2, Nicole Marzahn, 13-11.

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**Triple Jump:** 2, Nicole Marzahn, 28-1.  
**Discus:** 2, Kaycie Hawkins, 87-6.  
**Shot Put:** 2, Kaycie Hawkins, 30-8.

## 7th Grade Boy's Division

**Team Scores:** Milbank 211.5, Webster Area 78, Groton Area 72.5, Aberdeen Roncali 67, Hamlin 59, Deuel 43, Clark-Willow Lake 31, Sisseton 16, Redfield-Doland 6.

**100m Dash:** 1, Al-Isaiah Williams, 12.93; 4, Evan Nehls, 13.51.

**200m Dash:** 2, Jackson Cogley, 27.91; 3, Kaden Kurtz, 28.05; 5, Evan Nehls, 29.57.

**400m Dash:** 4, Evan Nehls, 1:07.75.

**4x100m Relay:** 1, Groton (Kaden Kurtz, Jace Kroll, Jackson Cogley, Al-Isaiah Williams), 54.73.

**4x200m Relay:** 1, Groton (Kaden Kurtz, Jace Kroll, Jackson Cogley, Al-Isaiah Williams), 1:52.57.

**800m Sprint Medley:** 1, Groton (Al-Isaiah Williams, Jace Kroll, Kaden Kurtz, Jackson Cogley), 2:01.38.

**Long Jump:** 5, Evan Nehls, 13-4.

**Discus:** 10, Lane Krueger, 62-10; Ehler Hsee, 62-7.

**Shot Put:** 8, Ehler Hsee, 25-9; 14, Lane Krueger, 22-1.

## 8th Grade Boy's Division

**Team Scores:** Sisseton 134, Milbank 123.5, Deuel 92, Groton Area 55, Aberdeen Roncalli 48, Webster Area 38.5, Britton-Hecla 36, Hamlin 36, Redfield-Doland 27, Clark-Willow Lake 26, Tiospa Zina 7.

**110m Hurdles:** 2, Paxton Bonn, 19.75.

**195m Hurdles:** 3, Paxton Bonn, 30.37.

**100m Dash:** 8, Trevor Harry, 13.35; 11, Paxton Bonn, 13.68; 19, Doug Hemminger, 14.85.

**200m Dash:** 7, Trevor Harry, 27.08; 18, Doug Hemminger, 31.22.

**800m Run:** 1, Isaac Smith, 2:25.19.

**1600m Run:** 4, Isaac Smith, 5:20.85.



## Triple Winners!

These boys won the 400m relay, 800m relay and the 800m Sprint Medley Relay event at the JH NEC Track Meet held Monday in Sisseton. Pictured left to right are Kaden Kurtz, Jace Kroll, Jackson Cogley and Al-Isaiah Williams. (Photo by Diane Kurtz)

**4x100m Relay:** 2, Groton (Trevor Harry, Paxton Bonn, Kaden Carda, Caleb Furney), 53.35.

**Discus:** 1, Caleb Furney, 106-2; 12, Kaden Carda, 81-5.

**Shot Put:** 4, Caleb Furney, 36-7; 14, Kaden Carda, 30-7.

## 9th Grade Boy's Division

**Team Scores:** Milbank 176, Webster Area 120, Aberdeen Roncalli 102, Hamlin 70, Groton Area 49, Redfield-Doland 19, Britton-Hecla 12.

**110m Hurdles:** 1, Jonathan Doeden, 16.96; 5, Garret Schroeder, 24.67.

**195m Hurdles:** 3, Garret Schroeder, 31.24.

**200m Dash:** 6, Garret Schroeder, 26.95.

**4x200m Relay:** 1, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Darien Shabazz, Austin Jones, Lee Williams), 1:39.16.

**800m Sprint Medley:** 1, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Darien Shabazz, Austin Jones, Lee Williams), 1:45.16.

**High Jump:** 4, Jonathan Doeden, 5-2; 7, Austin Jones, 5-2.

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## D.A.R.E. Graduation

The D.A.R.E. graduation was held on Friday. These students read their winning essays. There are two sections of fifth graders and each section had three winners. From left to right are Azral Vig, third; Karsyn Jangula, second; Kyleigh England, first; Layne Hanson, first; Jaycie Lier, second; and Emily Clark, third.



Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou taught both classes for D.A.R.E. this year. He is pictured with the 44 students.

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## Susan Clawson Grace Memorial Teaching Scholarship

Erin Smith was presented with the Susan Clawson Grace Memorial Teaching Scholarship and plaque by Lee Schinkel.



## Kiwanis Scholarship

Kate Helmer was presented with the Groton Kiwanis Club scholarship by Lee Schinkel.



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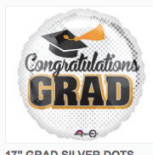
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## Deep Thoughts

Notes from the underground by Communications Director Constance Walter

Monday, May 15, 2017

### Creating excitement and opportunity

Thousands of students across the country participate in internships every year. But few can say they will be working at the deepest underground laboratory in the United States.

"It's a super-cool thing to be able to tell people," said Christel Peters, communications intern from Black Hills State University (BHSU). "It's not your typical internship, not your typical office environment. I'm writing stories and involved in Neutrino Day planning. And there's opportunity to learn from so many people. On my first trip underground I learned about the unique geology of the area from David Vardiman. He made rocks sound exciting!" Vardiman is a geotechnical project engineer at Sanford Lab.

This year, six undergraduate students—five from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) and one from BHSU—work with scientists, engineers, communications and safety and health experts.

The internship program is a big part of Sanford Lab's education and outreach efforts. "We do this to give undergraduate students real-life experiences in their field," said June Apaza, director of Education and Outreach. "Internships help students figure out what they want to do. And they get to work with people



From left: Justin Van Keulen, mechanical engineering; Miranda Stadel, chemical engineering; Daniel Tronstad, physics; Christel Peters, mass communications; and Richard Hovdenes, mining engineering. Not pictured: Randi Seiwald, mining engineering.

from around the world in a unique environment."

Daniel Tronstad, a physics major, and Miranda Stadel, a chemical engineering major, are students at SDSMT and both are working with Sanford Lab's science department. Right now, they are focusing on connecting two particle counters to the network so researchers can track the amount of dust and other particles underground. But they'll also learn about the experiments taking place on the 4850 Level.

"I wanted this internship because I wanted to work at a place where there are big experiments," Tronstad said. "It's awesome that I get to work where the LZ

and DUNE experiments are going to be."

Internships are all about the experience.

"I've lived in South Dakota my whole life and I've always known about Sanford Lab," said Stadel, who just finished her sophomore year. "I hope to learn a lot more about physics, gain real-life experience and see what it's like to work in a

facility like this."

Peters, a native of Michigan, has been in the Black Hills for three years. She loves learning about science.

"I'm interested in science, but sometimes it goes over my head," she said. "When the light bulb does go off, I get excited. I'd like to learn how to do that for others."

### Sanford Lab Internships

**Chris Bauer Engineering Internships:** Created in memory of a former electrical engineer for Sanford Lab, this internship is available to two undergraduate engineering students. One is given preference in electrical engineering.

**Dave Bozied Internships:** Open to South Dakota residents and students attending South Dakota universities who major in physics, chemistry, geology, engineering, science education or communication or related disciplines.



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## Third Week of Falling Gas Prices

May 15, 2017 – For the third consecutive week, South Dakota’s gasoline price average has dropped for a total of 5 cents. At \$2.35 per gallon of self-serve regular, the state average is 1 cent above the nation’s average of \$2.34. This national price average is a penny cheaper than one week ago, seven cents less than a month ago, but +12 cents more than a year ago.

“OPEC is expected to draft a formalized production cut extension during its meeting in Vienna, Austria, on May 25,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. “But there’s still quite a bit of skepticism that any extended cuts will offset growing U.S. production. Last week, U.S. drillers added an additional nine oil rigs, bringing the total U.S rig count to 712 and marking 17 weeks of growth.”

The latest Energy Information Association (EIA) report shows that gasoline demand increased by 252,000 barrels on the week. Despite the jump in demand, the continued oversupply of gasoline caused prices in most parts of the country to drop or remain steady with the exception of some states in the Great Lakes and Central regions, where prices increased by a penny or more.

In coming weeks, the onset of summer travel is likely to increase demand which might help dip into high gasoline stocks; however, AAA says it may not be enough demand to increase prices significantly.

### Current Price Averages per Gallon of Regular Gasoline

Sioux Falls – \$2.22, down 12 cents from one month ago ... up 12 cents since 5/15/16

Rapid City – \$2.42, down 1 cent from one month ago ... up 19 cents since 5/15/16

South Dakota – \$2.35, down 5 cents from one month ago ... up 16 cents since 5/15/16

U.S. – \$2.34, down 7 cents from one month ago ... up 12 cents since 5/15/16

### Quick Stats

- The Gulf Coast saw a small dip in gasoline stocks last week and is the only region where current gasoline stocks (79.2 million) are below levels posted during this same time last year (83.1 million).

- Every state in the South and Southeast saw prices decline on the week, with the exception of Kentucky (+5 cents). Consumers can find the cheapest gas in the country in our region, with eight states landing on the top 10 weekly list of least expensive markets: South Carolina (\$2.01), Oklahoma (\$2.07), Alabama (\$2.09), Mississippi (\$2.09), Tennessee (\$2.09), Arkansas (\$2.10), Louisiana (\$2.12) and Missouri (\$2.12).

- The nation’s top ten markets with the most expensive gas: Hawaii (\$3.06), California (\$2.98), Alaska (\$2.90), Washington (\$2.88), Oregon (\$2.73) and Nevada (\$2.68), Pennsylvania (\$2.57), Idaho (\$2.54), Washington, D.C. (\$2.51) and New York (\$2.50).

- The nation’s top ten markets with the biggest changes in the last week include: Indiana (+9 cents), Ohio (+7 cents), Michigan (+7 cents), Delaware (-5 cents), Kentucky (+5 cents), Florida (-5 cents), South Carolina (-4 cents), Alabama (-4 cents), North Carolina (-4 cents) and Pennsylvania (-4 cents).

### Global Market Dynamics

On Monday morning (May 15, 2017), U.S. petroleum futures were just below \$50 per barrel. Prices rallied after officials from Russia and Saudi Arabia announced that they plan to extend production cuts into March 2018. This news comes after OPEC released its May report, which warns that the global oil market will not rebalance by the end of the year unless there is a collective effort from all oil producers to increase market stability.

## Vascular Disease



**By Richard P. Holm M.D.**

Mr. D, a diabetic patient of mine, came into the clinic with exercise induced leg pain. He told me that lately he could only walk about three blocks before the pain would come on, but it would go away if he stopped. He then told me that last week it came on after two blocks, and yesterday he could only go one. He said: "Now the pain is meaner and lasts longer." With the diagnosis of claudication, a condition of blocked arterial flow to the right leg, I called the vascular specialist and we set up an appointment. Two weeks later the patient came into the office having had his blocked arteries fixed with a balloon and stents and he told me he could walk for miles again.

Narrowing of the arteries that feed the heart, brain, kidneys, and extremities can happen gradually, or can trigger a clot and a sudden complete blockage. This can occur in coronary arteries of the heart, cerebral arteries of the brain, renal arteries of the kidneys, or peripheral arteries of the legs. The narrowing process, called atherosclerosis, can result from things like diabetes, smoking, high blood pressure, abnormally high blood lipids, and even normal aging; In general, when it happens in any one of these organs, it happens to all of them.

Narrowing of blood flow deprives muscles, organs, and all living material downstream, of oxygen. When such tissue, which is networked with nerves, misses some of their blood flow, there follows an aching, anguishing, and agonizing hurt that would bring anyone to their knees. The classic example is heart pain, or "angina pectoris", a condition that occurs due to narrowed coronary arteries, is triggered by exertion, and is relieved with rest. Another is leg pain, or "claudication", which occurs when the arteries that feed the muscles and tissues of the legs become narrow and restrict blood flow. This is what was happening with Mr. D and is called peripheral artery disease, or "PAD".

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PAD affects five percent of all people over 50, but affects more than 30 percent of all diabetics in the same age group. Since diabetics often lose feeling in their legs and feet over time due to nerve destruction from elevated sugars, they may have PAD without pain and the presenting symptom can be in the form of painless sores on the feet that are very difficult to heal. This kind of presentation of PAD is treacherous because, without good blood flow, the healing process just doesn't want to happen. What is more, a patient who is not experiencing pain is often not very motivated to do the work required to protect his or her feet so ulcers can heal.

Mr. D did very well with new blood flow to his legs, especially with his renewed ability to walk further, which allowed for tighter control of his diabetes.

## Good Earth State Park Visitor Center Dedication Event is this Friday

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) will host a public dedication and ribbon-cutting event for the new visitor center at Good Earth State Park this Friday, May 19, beginning at noon CDT.

Speakers at the event are set to include Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Jeff Scherschligt from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board and tribal representatives, who will provide the opening blessing and closing prayer.

Visitors are reminded that this is an outdoor event and to bring lawn chairs.

According to GFP Secretary Kelly Hepler, the new visitor center features an array of opportunities, including an interactive Oneota culture exhibit, state-of-the-art theater that showcases a 20-minute film about the park's history and a large classroom for park programs. Guided hikes will be available and the film will be shown continuously until 5 p.m. that day.

The visitor center will be open to the public following the dedication ceremony.

"Good Earth State Park is a cultural and historical landmark," stated Secretary Hepler. "It is dotted with artifacts and lands of archaeological importance; the landmark is the largest and most significant repository of Oneota culture and history in the world. The new visitor center enhances the educational experience to those who journey back in time understanding the significance of this great place. Visitors will also forget they are only minutes from downtown Sioux Falls."

The event coincides with the department's annual open house weekend, May 19-21, 2017, which offers free entrance to all state parks and recreation areas during that time. The park entrance license requirement will go into effect for Good Earth State Park beginning May 22, 2017.

Good Earth State Park is located 15 minutes southeast of downtown Sioux Falls by heading east on 26th Street. Then turn right (south) on to Hwy 11, take a left turn (east) onto 69th Street and then travel two miles to the stop sign and turn right (south) onto 480th Avenue. The entrance is located .3 miles on the left (east). The physical address is 26924 480th Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57108 and the GPS coordinates are N 43.29.157 W 096.36.519.

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## GFP Offers Free Park Entrance and Free Fishing May 19-21

PIERRE, S.D. – The unofficial kickoff to summer begins this weekend with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) annual Open House and Free Fishing Weekend May 19-21. The statewide event waives entrance fees and allows free fishing for residents and nonresidents.

All state park and recreation areas will be open for use without entrance fees during the three day event. The event allows anglers to fish without a license statewide. Fishing regulations and limits as well as camping fees still apply. Parks will also be offering daily activities to celebrate the event.

### Friday, May 19

Visitor Center Dedication, Good Earth State Park, Sioux Falls. Info: 605.213.1036

Season Kick-Off, Custer State Park, Custer. Info: 605.255.4515

### Saturday, May 20

Kids' Fishing Derby, Lake Louise Recreation Area, Miller. Info: 605.853.2533

Kayak/Canoe Classes, Oakwood Lakes State Park, Bruce. Info: 605.627.5441

Spring Birdwatching Hike, Good Earth State Park, Sioux Falls. Info: 605.213.1036

Fantastic Family Fishing, Palisades State Park, Garretson. Info: 605.594.3824

Donkey Dash 5k Fun Run, Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, North Sioux City. Info: 605.232.0873

Camping reservations at South Dakota State Parks can be made 24 hours a day. Make reservations online at [campsd.com](http://campsd.com) or by calling 1.800.710.2267.

Visit [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov) for more information or to see a complete list of state parks and events.

## Emma and Noah Remain Social Security's Most Popular Baby Names for 2016

Emma and Noah are again America's most popular baby names, for the third year in a row. This marks the fourth year at number one for Noah and the third for Emma. There is only one new name in the top 10 this year—Elijah, the first time he has ever reached the list of 10. Like a name, Social Security is with you through life's journey, starting at birth when newborns receive their Social Security number.

Here are the top 10 boys and girls names for 2016:

Boys: 1) Noah	Girls: 1) Emma
2) Liam	2) Olivia
3) William	3) Ava
4) Mason	4) Sophia
5) James	5) Isabella
6) Benjamin	6) Mia
7) Jacob	7) Charlotte
8) Michael	8) Abigail
9) Elijah	9) Emily
10) Ethan	10) Harper

For all the top baby names of 2016, and to find where your own name ranks, go to Social Security's website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

As is tradition on Baby Names Day, Acting Commissioner Nancy A. Berryhill encourages everyone to visit the agency's website, enjoy the baby names list, and create a my Social Security account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). my Social Security is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing through to the time they receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries can have instant access to their benefit verification letter, payment history, and complete earnings record by establishing a my Social Security account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit information, and print a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving Social Security can request a replacement Medicare card online.

Individuals age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a my Social Security account to get their personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement.

The agency began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop-culture on naming trends. This year's winners for biggest jump in popularity in the Top 1,000 are Kehlani and Kylo.

Kehlani rose 2,487 spots on the girls' side to number 872, from number 3,359 in 2015. Perhaps this can be attributed to Kehlani Parrish, a singer/songwriter who was nominated for a Grammy in 2016. She was named an artist to watch and clearly new parents agree her star is rising. Kehlani collaborated with Zayn Malik, the former One Direction star and current solo artist, on a song in 2016. The name Zayn also made the boys fastest riser list.

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The force was strong for Kylo in 2016 as he soared 2,368 spots for the boys, from number 3,269 in 2015 to number 901. Kylo Ren, the son of Han Solo and Princess Leia and the grandson of Darth Vader, was a character in the 2015 film Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Perhaps Kylo can continue to harness the force and climb even higher in the coming years.

The second fastest riser for girls was Royalty. The royal family likely had something to do with this increase in popularity, or the 2015 World Series champions, the Kansas City Royals, may have influenced parents-to-be.

For boys, it was Creed. This could be attributed to the return to the silver screen of America's favorite boxer Rocky Balboa in the 2015 movie Creed, where Rocky trains and mentors Adonis Johnson Creed, the son of his late friend and boxing rival, Apollo Creed. The name Adonis just happens to be the number four fastest riser on the list for boys.

Please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to view the entire list.



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## The Keys to Outfitting Your First Apartment on a Budget

By Nathaniel Sillin

Moving into a place of your own for the first time is a huge step. I remember my first post-college apartment move. It was nothing special, but it was mine. It came with a few new challenges and responsibilities and all sorts of opportunities. For the first time, I was able to decide how to decorate an entire living area and turn a blank slate into a home.

Here's some advice for finding what you'll need on a budget and a few inexpensive ideas to make otherwise unimaginative rooms come to life.

Look for hand-me-down and used furniture. Furniture – tables, chairs, bookshelves etc. – often takes up the most space and can be the biggest drain on your budget. You could start by mapping out your home using online floor plan software and determining what might fit where.

When it comes to finding furniture, friends, family members and friends of family members may have something they want to get rid of and simply haven't had the time or energy to do so. Also consider marketplace websites' free sections and the nonprofit Freecycle Network™, which hosts message boards where you can find local people giving away their unwanted belongings.

To find used furniture that's for sale, head to consignment stores, garage and buy-sell-trade social media groups. There are even startups creating online marketplaces specifically for furniture, although they're generally limited to large cities.

Get your kitchen in order. Many kitchen essentials, such as silverware, can also be found for cheap at second-hand stores. But if you're looking for something new, you can save money by shopping at discount stores and online clearance sites.

Avid cooks who want to invest in a few kitchen appliances might consider waiting for large seasonal sales. For instance, standing mixers, slow cookers and other small appliances often go on sale every Black Friday.

Brighten up the place. While your apartment may have overhead lighting, a few standing lamps can set a much nicer mood. The good news is lamps often stay in the corner and won't necessarily show a lot of wear and tear. In other words, this is another great buy-used opportunity.

Don't shop second-hand for everything. There are a few things you don't want to buy used: towels and bedding. Add mattresses to that list as well if you'll be looking for a new one.

When it comes to sheets, ultra-high thread counts could be more of a marketing gimmick than an indicator of quality. Try to focus on how the fabric feels, find a weave that you like and you might be pleasantly surprised by the low-cost options at big box retailers. The same test works for towels.

Purchasing a new mattress can take a big chunk of your budget. Consider one of the new online mattress retailers that sell high-quality goods for less. Buying a mattress without testing it first may seem weird, but many offer free returns within the first few months.

Add a few personal touches. You've got the necessities covered, but how do you turn a generic apartment into a place that feels like home? Think walls, windows and floors.

Rather than painting, consider a cheaper (and easier) route by opting for removable wall decals or wall-paper. There are all sorts of shapes, designs, prints and even adhesive chalkboards for under \$20. You could also decorate with paper, canvas or metal prints of your favorite photographs. Windows can get a cover-up treatment as well, but rather than spending a lot of money on brand new blinds you can get curtains that add color or a pattern to your room.

An area rug can help tie a room together, but they can also be prohibitively expensive. This is another item that you might not want to buy used unless you know the seller. Luckily, home good stores and some big box retailers usually have at least a few inexpensive options.

Congratulations on the move. Outfitting a new apartment doesn't happen overnight. Especially if this is the first time you get to pick what to buy, it can take time to find your style and items to match. However, even with a limited budget, there's a lot you can do to make a space your own.

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## Today in Weather History

May 16, 1883: Benchmark flooding in the Black Hills occurred in 1883, with extremely high flows reported throughout the hills that resulted from heavy rainfall on top of snowmelt.

May 16, 1929: On this day, Aberdeen recorded 3.0 inches of snow. This snowfall is the latest measurable snow for the city of Aberdeen on record.

May 16, 1992: It was a wild day across the tri-state region of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa, with tornadoes and destructive straight-line winds. A tornado damaged three grain bins and two farm wagons in Cedar County of northeast Nebraska before crossing into Dixon County. As it traveled east, it destroyed two barns and a garage and was responsible for killing between 5,000 and 10,000 chickens at a chicken farm. In northwest Iowa, Sioux City reported winds of around 60 miles an hour causing some minor damage. Elsewhere, winds gusted as high as 75 miles an hour in Spencer and 74 miles an hour in Le Mars.

1874: The Mill Creek disaster occurred west of North Hampton, MA. Dam slippage resulted in a flash flood that claimed 143 lives and caused a million dollars property damage. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the New England Historical Society.

1924 - The temperature at Blitzen OR soared to 108 degrees to set a state record for the month of May. The record was later tied at Pelton Dam on the 31st of May in 1986. (The Weather Channel)

1952 - High winds in the Wasatch Canyon of Utah struck Ogden and Brigham City. Winds at Hill Air Force Base gusted to 92 mph. (The Weather Channel)

1983: An unyielding spring storm dumped heavy snow across the Front Range in Colorado. High winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 55 mph produced blizzard conditions at times. The Foothills received 1 to 2 feet of snow with 4 to 12 inches along the Foothills. Blowing snow whipped the snow into drifts several feet deep closing schools and highways. Power outages occurred; with 20 square miles of Denver blacked out. Hundreds of passengers were stranded as only half of runways were open at Stapleton International Airport. The high temperature at Denver the next day of just 40° set a record low maximum. Much of the snow melted on the 18th as temperatures rebounded into the middle and upper 50s causing widespread street flooding.

1987 - It was a summer-like day as thunderstorms abounded across the nation. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Guadalupe County with more than three inches of rain resulting in flash flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

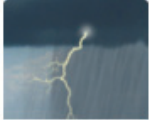
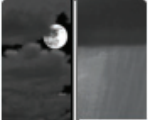
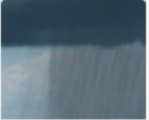



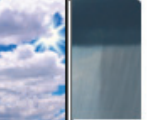
1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from Florida to New York State. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Havre, MT, reported a record high of 95 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in the south central U.S. Thunderstorms spawned twenty tornadoes, and there were 180 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A tornado at Cleburne, TX, caused 30 million dollars damage. A violent (F-4) tornado touched down near Brackettville, TX, and a strong (F-3) tornado killed one person and injured 28 others at Jarrell, TX. Thunderstorms also produced softball size hail at Shamrock, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas to the Upper Ohio Valley. Thunderstorms spawned seventeen tornadoes, including a twister which killed one person and injured another north of Corning, AR. There were 128 reports of large hail or damaging winds. Strong thunderstorm winds killed one person and injured six others at Folsomville, IN, and injured another five persons in southeastern Hardin County KY. In Arkansas, baseball size hail was reported near Fouke and near El Dorado. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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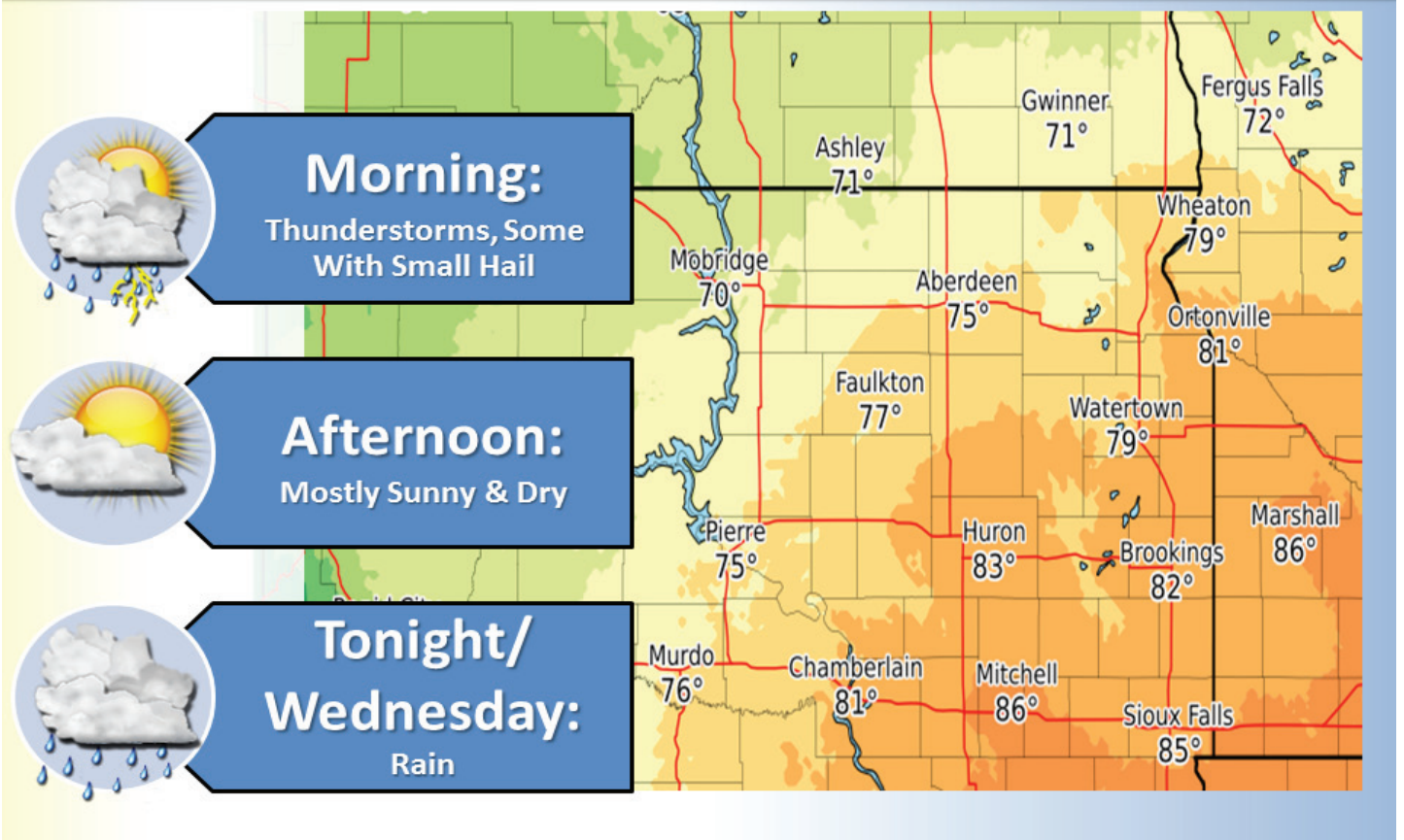
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High: 75 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 56 °F

## Thunderstorms This Morning Rain Tonight/Wednesday

National Weather Service  
Aberdeen, SD



Issued: 5/14/2017 5 AM



Published on: 05/16/2017 at 5:08AM

Showers and thunderstorms will continue across the forecast area this morning, however the system is making a transition to the northeast and by late morning should have taken with it the chances for moisture, with partly sunny skies and cool air coming down out of North Dakota for the afternoon. Another system will move back in during the overnight hours however, bringing with it widespread rainfall.



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.4 F at 4:42 PM

Low Outside Temp: 57.5 F at 5:52 AM

High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 12:59 PM

Precip: 0.63

## Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1934

Record Low: 23° in 2014

Average High: 69°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in May: 1.64

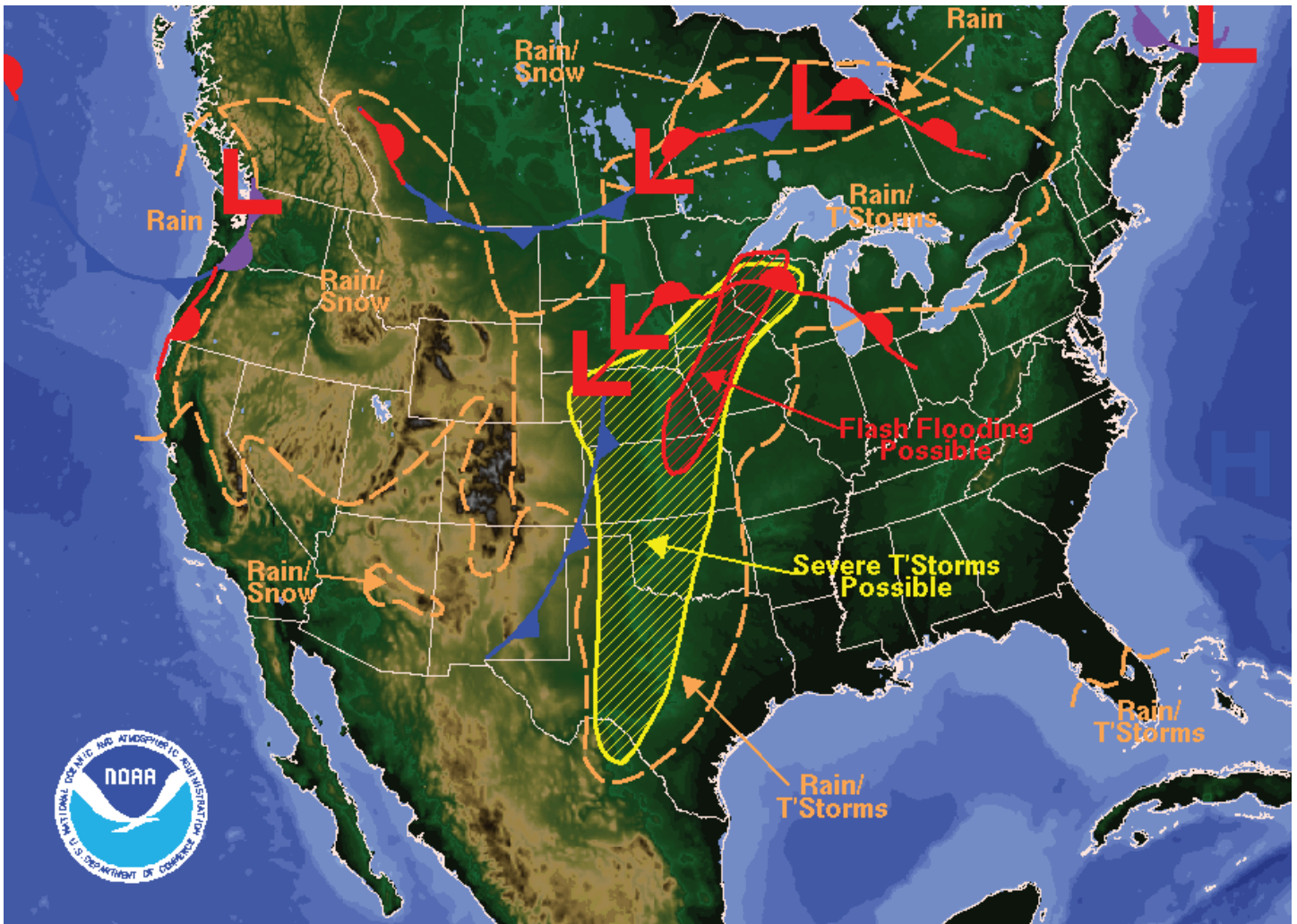
Precip to date in May: 0.63

Average Precip to date: 5.67

Precip Year to Date: 2.61

Sunset Tonight: 8:59 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:00 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, May 16, 2017, issued 4:43 AM EDT  
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## SEARCHING, EVERYONE IS SEARCHING

Not everyone knows what they are searching for. Most people seem to have an "emptiness" that they can't fill. Search as they do and try as many different things as they can, travel to far distant places and ask one person after another for help, the emptiness lingers on and there seems to be no solution.

We all have this "built-in-thirst" that the world cannot quench. It begins at birth and for many, it is still there at death. It comes from our Creator and was placed in us by Him for a reason. He put his "built-in-unquenchable-thirst" within us to cause us to seek Him with all of our heart.

But most people do not understand what they are looking for or why. All they know is "it" is there: that life is empty and meaningless and purposeless. There is a feeling deep inside that there is more to life than what they have discovered. So, the search is on.

When a person begins this search, it grows until the emptiness, hopefully, is filled and the "right" thing found. A certain king describes his search like this: "I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land!"

And God made this promise to the searcher: "When you seek Me, you will find Me if you search for Me with all your heart."

God will fill every longing in every heart if we turn to Him in faith believing. And when we find Him, we are obligated to Him to help others fill their needs with Him.

Prayer: Father, You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts will be restless until we open them to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 143:6 I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.

## News from the Associated Press

### Reporter won't be called to testify at South Dakota trial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A prosecutor has abandoned a plan to call a Sioux Falls Argus Leader reporter as a witness in a trial related to a marijuana operation that the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe attempted to start.

Argus Leader Media reported (<http://argusne.ws/2rkGXDA>) Monday that a subpoena issued to reporter Dana Ferguson has been withdrawn.

Ferguson had joined lawmakers on a tour of the facility in October 2015, when the tribe was planning to open a recreational marijuana resort. The tribe ended the project under fire from state officials.

The state attorney general's office charged Hagen and Jonathan Hunt, two officials with Monarch America, a Colorado-based company in the marijuana industry, for assisting the tribe. Hunt last year pleaded guilty to drug conspiracy. Hagen pleaded not guilty. His trial is set for May 22.

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

### Lawmakers choose leaders for studies ahead of 2018 session

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers on Monday chose people to lead studies ahead of the 2018 legislative session on workforce housing, campaign finance regulations and the state's ballot question system.

Here's a look at some of the issues that members of the study groups expect to consider:

#### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

The Government Accountability Task Force is set to focus on campaign finance issues. It comes after Republican lawmakers during the 2017 session repealed a voter-imposed government ethics overhaul that included lower contribution limits and created a public campaign finance system.

Republican Sen. Jordan Youngberg was chosen to chair the task force. He said that lawmakers promised that they would repeal and replace the ethics overhaul, and Youngberg wants to make sure to keep that pledge. Democratic Rep. Julie Bartling was chosen as vice chairwoman.

The panel should use the limits that voters approved in the ethics measure as their starting point, said Doug Kronaizl, a spokesman for Represent South Dakota, a group that supported the ethics initiative and plans to push a new constitutional amendment.

#### BALLOT QUESTIONS

The Initiative and Referendum Task Force will examine potential changes to the initiated measure, constitutional amendment and referred law processes. Republicans have discussed changes to the ballot question system after an election season with 10 initiatives that brought in millions of dollars from out-of-state groups.

Augustana University professor Emily Wanless will head that group, while GOP Rep. Don Haggar will be vice chairman.

Haggar said members will focus on improving the ballot question process. He said he anticipates members will examine signature requirements and expects people to raise concerns over the Legislature's ability to overturn initiatives.

Kronaizl said he's concerned that the group may be "gearing up to take some pretty serious swipes at the initiative and referendum process." Haggar said that he wouldn't support anything that would impede it.

## WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Legislature's Executive Board chose Republican Rep. David Lust to lead a study on workforce housing with a focus on communities smaller than 5,000 people.

"If nothing else comes of this study, it should be that we get a good inventory of the problems cities and counties are facing and what tools they've used to try to address the issue," Lust said.

GOP Sen. Ryan Maher, who was selected to be vice chairman, said that it's difficult to attract employees without having places available for them to live.

Maher said he wants the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources to discuss with the group how small towns can deal with dilapidated houses. Maher said he'd also like to look at allowing counties to more quickly auction off houses if people don't pay their property taxes.

## Storm packing gusts over 80 mph causes damage in Armour

ARMOUR, S.D. (AP) — A storm packing wind gusts up to 80 mph damaged buildings and trees when it moved through the town of Armour in southeastern South Dakota.

A truck driver was taken to a hospital when his semi overturned south of Armour, but no other injuries were reported as the storm passed through the town of about 700 people Monday morning.

Douglas County Emergency Manager Patrick Harrington says Armour schools closed for the day because power went out just as kids were arriving. The power was out for about three hours.

After moving through Armour, the storm dropped half to three-quarters of an inch of rain in Sioux Falls.

Mike Gillespie with the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls says there's a chance for more thunderstorms firing up Monday night.

## Keystone XL operator reassessing interest of US producers

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — TransCanada Corp. is reassessing whether oil producers in North Dakota and Montana are still interested in shipping crude through its long-delayed Keystone XL pipeline now that they have other new options to ship their product, including the Dakota Access pipeline.

The Calgary-based company's announcement this month comes with the Keystone XL still needing approval of its proposed route through Nebraska and with the Dakota Access, which was designed to transport about half of North Dakota's oil production, expected to be fully operational by June.

TransCanada announced in 2011 that it had secured five-year contracts to move crude from the oilfields of North Dakota and Montana via a proposed five-mile-long access pipeline. The \$140 million project, designed to carry 100,000 barrels of crude daily from the rich Bakken and Three Forks formations, would meet with the Keystone XL in Baker, Montana.

Work on that access line was never started, and TransCanada spokesman Matthew John said the company plans to re-engage with prospective shippers "because of a lot of changes in the oil market."

John said the company also would be surveying Canadian shippers to firm up support for the entire Keystone XL.

"We are confident the project still has a need, absolutely," he said.

TransCanada first submitted its \$8 billion Keystone XL project for review in late 2008. The company initially balked at allowing U.S. crude on the pipeline that's designed mainly to carry Canadian oil south but also passes through rich oil fields along the Montana-North Dakota border.

The company reversed its stance in 2010 under political pressure from officials in the two states. Montana's then-Gov. Brian Schweitzer had threatened to hold up Keystone XL's 280-mile route through his state if it did not agree to an "onramp." North Dakota's congressional delegation also pushed for access to the pipeline.

Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, said the state's oil producers likely still want the option of utilizing the Keystone XL.

"I don't think it's as critical as it once was," said Ness, whose group whose group represents several

hundred companies working in North Dakota's oil patch. "But I'm never going to say we don't want every option available."

When TransCanada first sought shipping commitments for the pipeline spur in 2010, North Dakota was producing about 342,000 barrels of oil daily. The state now puts more than 1 million barrels daily and is the No.2 oil producer behind Texas.

The Keystone XL pipeline gained federal approval in March when President Donald Trump overturned former President Barack Obama's rejection of the project in 2015. It already had been approved by most of the states along the route.

But the project still lacks approval of a route through Nebraska. State regulators have begun reviewing TransCanada's proposed route.

Nebraska regulators plan to hold hearings on the proposed route in August and they likely will issue their decision sometime in the fall.

The company said it hopes to start a two-year construction phase of the pipeline in 2018.

Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, said getting U.S. oil producers to re-commit to shipping on the Keystone XL "depends on the timing of the project."

"It's a completely different environment than what we had five years ago," he said. "It's really going to be up to market to decide the need."

Wyoming-based True Cos. had built a terminal to store oil the Keystone XL link in southern Montana several years ago though it's no longer being used for its original purpose.

"We repurposed it because it took such a long time," spokeswoman Wendy Owen said. "We'll take a look at it if it comes up again."

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Associated Press writer Josh Funk contributed to this report from Omaha, Nebraska.

## Hearing, vote set on nonresident waterfowl hunting issue

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State wildlife officials will soon vote on a proposal that dictates how many nonresidents can obtain waterfowl hunting licenses in South Dakota, which has been a contentious issue in the state for decades.

Some resident hunters fear the commercialization of waterfowl hunting in the state, while some business interests want more nonresident hunters and their money in South Dakota.

The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2ri6vBh>) reports the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission has proposed a compromise that would cut the number of special three-day licenses the state issues by 250, bringing the total down to 1,750 from 2,000. The compromise replaces a plan put forward in April that would have allowed 1,500 three-day licenses.

The commission will vote on the issue during a public hearing on June 8.

Commissioner Gary Jensen said the compromise could settle the issue long enough for officials to devise a more scientific way of deciding how many licenses to issue.

"We need to put together some objective criteria," Jensen said.

The state currently issues five different types of waterfowl hunting licenses for nonresidents. The most popular license covers most of the state and allows for 10 days of duck or goose hunting. The other four licenses cover specific counties in the state.

The new proposal also designates 500 licenses to be restricted to the Missouri River. Jensen said the change was made to address concerns from landowners who sell goose hunts along the river.

"My understanding is that those licenses are important . because that's when the season kicks in," Jensen said.

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

## Authorities ID man killed in motorcycle crash in Box Elder

BOX ELDER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Hermosa man who died in a motorcycle crash in Pennington County.

The Highway Patrol says 76-year-old Randall Davis failed to negotiate the curve on an Interstate 90 on-ramp in Box Elder on Friday afternoon. He was thrown from the bike and died later at a Rapid City hospital. He was alone on the motorcycle.

## Pennington County asphalt plant decision could go to voters

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Critics of the Pennington County Commission's decision to allow an asphalt plant near a soccer complex and mobile home community are trying to put the issue before voters.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qjYGws>) reports that critics want to prompt a special countywide election over the decision. They would have to get 3,573 people to sign petitions and turn them in by May 23 to get on the ballot.

The commission voted 3-2 last month in favor of rezoning land in Rapid City, paving the way for Western Construction to build the asphalt plant.

Doug Noyes is executive director of the Black Hills Rapids Soccer Club. He and other referendum effort organizers worry that emissions from the plant will have negative health effects on area residents and children playing soccer.

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

## Experts see possible North Korea links to global cyberattack

By YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Cybersecurity experts are pointing to circumstantial evidence that North Korea may be behind the global "ransomware" attack: the way the hackers took hostage computers and servers across the world was similar to previous cyberattacks attributed to North Korea.

Simon Choi, a director at South Korean anti-virus software company Hauri Inc. who has analyzed North Korean malware since 2008 and advises the government, said Tuesday that the North is no newcomer to the world of bitcoins. It has been mining the digital currency using malicious computer programs since as early as 2013, he said.

In the attack, hackers demand payment from victims in bitcoins to regain access to their encrypted computers. The malware has scrambled data at hospitals, factories, government agencies, banks and other businesses since Friday, but an expected second-wave outbreak largely failed to materialize after the weekend, in part because security researchers had already defanged it.

Choi is one of a number of researchers around the world who have suggested a possible link between the "ransomware" known as WannaCry and hackers linked to North Korea. Researchers at Symantec and Kaspersky Lab have found similarities between WannaCry and previous attacks blamed on North Korea.

While Choi's speculation may deepen suspicions that the nuclear-armed state is responsible, the evidence is still far from conclusive. Authorities are working to catch the extortionists behind the global cyberattack, searching for digital clues and following the money.

"We are talking about a possibility, not that this was done by North Korea," Choi said.

### ABOUT THAT NORTH KOREA LINK

WannaCry paralyzed computers running mostly older versions of Microsoft Windows in some 150 countries. It encrypted users' computer files and displayed a message demanding \$300 to \$600 worth of the digital currency bitcoin to release them; failure to pay would leave the data scrambled and likely beyond repair.

The hackers appeared to have taken control of computers and servers around the world by sending a type of malicious code known as a worm to file-sharing protocols. The worms quickly scanned comput-

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ers with vulnerability, in this case the older versions of Microsoft Windows, and used those computers as hackers' command and control centers.

This method, which allows quick and massive infections of computers with security weaknesses, has been found in previously known North Korean cyberattacks, including the Sony hack in 2014 blamed on North Korea.

"Since a July 2009 cyberattack by North Korea, they used the same method," Choi said. "It's not unique in North Korea but it's also not a very common method."

Choi also cited an accidental communication he had last year with a hacker traced to a North Korean internet address who admitted development of ransomware.

South Korea was mostly spared from the latest ransomware attack, partly because constant threats from the North have made the government and companies careful about always updating their software.

South Korea has been a frequent target of cyberattacks that it traced to its northern neighbor. Some high-profile attacks between 2009 and 2013 shut down government websites, banking systems and paralyzed broadcasters.

On Monday, the Russian security firm Kaspersky Lab said portions of the WannaCry program use the same code as malware previously distributed by the Lazarus Group, a hacker collective behind the 2014 Sony hack.

But it's possible the code was simply copied from the Lazarus malware without any other direct connection. Kaspersky said "further research can be crucial to connecting the dots."

Another security company, Symantec, has also found similarities between WannaCry and Lazarus tools, and said it's "continuing to investigate for stronger connections."

If North Korea, believed to be training cyber warriors at schools, is indeed responsible for the latest attack, Choi said the world should stop underestimating its capabilities and work together to think of a new way to respond to cyber threats, such as having China pull the plug on North Korea's internet.

"We have underestimated North Korea so far that since North Korea is poor, it wouldn't have any technologies. But North Korea has been preparing cyber skills for more than 10 years and its skill is significant. We should never underestimate it," Choi said.

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## FOLLOW THE MONEY

Researchers might find some additional clues in the bitcoin accounts accepting the ransom payments. There have been three accounts identified so far, and there's no indication yet that the criminals have touched the funds.

Although bitcoin is anonymized, researchers can watch it flow from user to user. So investigators can follow the transactions until an anonymous account matches with a real person, said Steve Grobman, chief technology officer with the California security company McAfee.

But that technique is no sure bet. There are ways to convert bitcoins into cash on the sly through third parties. And even finding a real person might be no help if they're in a jurisdiction that won't cooperate.

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## TELL-TALE SIGNS

James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said U.S. investigators are collecting forensic information — such as internet addresses, samples of malware or information the culprits might have inadvertently left on computers — that could be matched with the handiwork of known hackers.

Investigators might also be able to extract some information about the attacker from a previously hidden internet address connected to WannaCry's "kill switch." That switch was essentially a beacon sending the message "hey, I'm infected" to the hidden address, Weaver said.

That means the very first attempts to reach that address, which might have been recorded by spy agencies such as the NSA or Russian intelligence, could lead to "patient zero" — the first computer infected with WannaCry. That, in turn, might further narrow the focus on possible suspects.

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## THE PLAYERS

Forensics, though, will only get investigators so far. One challenge will be sharing intelligence in real time to move as quickly as the criminals — a tricky feat when some of the major nations involved, such as the U.S. and Russia, distrust each other.

Even if the perpetrators can be identified, bringing them to justice could be another matter. They might be hiding out in countries that wouldn't be willing to extradite suspects for prosecution, said Robert Cattanach, a former U.S. Justice Department attorney and an expert on cybersecurity.

On the other hand, the WannaCry attack hit — and annoyed — many countries. Russia was among the hardest hit, and Britain among the most high-profile, and both have “some pretty good investigative capabilities,” Cattanach said.

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## Trump defends sharing ‘terrorism’ facts with Russians

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump defended revealing information to Russian officials, saying in a pair of tweets Tuesday that he shared “facts pertaining to terrorism and airline flight safety” and had “the absolute right” to do so.

Trump was responding to reports Monday that he revealed highly classified information to senior Russian officials during an Oval Office meeting last week, putting a source of intelligence on the Islamic State at risk.

But Trump tweeted that he shared the information for “humanitarian reasons, plus I want Russia to greatly step up their fight against ISIS & terrorism.”

Trump says he wanted to share with Russia “facts pertaining to terrorism and airline flight safety.” He noted that as president, he has an “absolute right” to do this.

The reports by The Washington Post and others drew strong condemnation from Democrats and a rare rebuke of Trump from some Republican lawmakers. White House officials denounced the report, saying the president did not disclose intelligence sources or methods to the Russians, though officials did not deny that classified information was disclosed in the May 10 meeting.

The president and the foreign minister reviewed a range of common threats to our two countries including threats to civil aviation,” said H.R. McMaster, Trump’s national security adviser. “At no time, at no time were intelligence sources or methods discussed and the president did not disclose any military operations that were not already publicly known.”

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also disputed the Post report. He said Trump discussed a range of subjects with the Russians, including “common efforts and threats regarding counter-terrorism.” The nature of specific threats was discussed, he said, but not sources, methods or military operations.

The Post, citing current and former U.S. officials, said Trump shared details about an Islamic State terror threat related to the use of laptop computers on aircraft with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak. The ambassador has been a central player in the snowballing controversy surrounding possible coordination between Trump’s campaign and Russia’s election meddling.

The anonymous officials told the Post that the information Trump relayed during the Oval Office meeting had been provided by a U.S. partner through an intelligence-sharing arrangement. They said it was considered so sensitive that details have been withheld from allies and tightly restricted even within the U.S. government.

The New York Times and BuzzFeed News published similar reports later Monday.

Russia’s foreign ministry spokesman denied the report. Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian foreign ministry, on Facebook on Tuesday described the reports as “yet another fake.”

The revelations could further damage Trump’s already fraught relationship with U.S. intelligence agen-



cies. He's openly questioned the competency of intelligence officials and challenged their high-confidence assessment that Russia meddled in last year's presidential election to help him win. His criticism has been followed by a steady stream of leaks to the media that have been damaging to Trump and exposed an FBI investigation into his associates' possible ties to Russia.

The disclosure also risks harming his credibility with U.S. partners around the world ahead of his first overseas trip. The White House was already reeling from its botched handling of Trump's decision last week to fire James Comey, the FBI director who was overseeing the Russia investigation.

A European security official said sharing sensitive information could dampen the trust between the United States and its intelligence sharing partners. "It wouldn't likely stop partners from sharing life-saving intelligence with the Americans, but it could impact the trust that has been built, particularly if sharing such information exposes specific intelligence gathering methods," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak about such intelligence sharing.

The revelation also prompted cries of hypocrisy. Trump spent the campaign arguing that his opponent, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, should be locked up for careless handling of classified information.

The Post said the intelligence partner had not given the United States permission to share the material with Russian officials. By doing so, Trump would have jeopardized cooperation from an ally familiar with the inner workings of the Islamic State group, and make other allies — or even U.S. intelligence officials — wary about sharing future top secret details with the president.

Afterward, White House officials took steps to contain the damage, placing calls to the CIA and the National Security Agency, the newspaper said.

The CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence declined to comment Monday evening.

Congressional Republicans and Democrats expressed concern about the report.

GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters the Trump White House "has got to do something soon to bring itself under control and order." He described the White House as "on a downward spiral."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York also called the story "disturbing," adding, "Revealing classified information at this level is extremely dangerous and puts at risk the lives of Americans and those who gather intelligence for our country."

The controversy engulfed the White House. Reporters spent much of the evening camped out adjacent to Press Secretary Sean Spicer's office, hoping for answers. At one point, an eagle-eyed reporter spotted a handful of staffers, including Spicer and Deputy Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, walking toward the Cabinet Room.

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## **US: Syria is burning bodies to hide proof of mass killings**

**By MATTHEW LEE and VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move aimed at ratcheting up pressure on Russia to push the Syrian government into peace talks with rebels, the United States has accused Syria of executing thousands of imprisoned political opponents and burning their bodies in a crematorium to hide the evidence.

But the decision to release newly declassified information supporting the allegation may also test the Trump administration's own willingness to respond to atrocities in Syria, other than chemical weapons attacks, which it blames on President Bashar Assad's government.

The accusation of mass killings and efforts to cover them up came as President Donald Trump weighs options in Syria, where the U.S. launched cruise missiles on a government air base last month after accusing Assad's military of killing scores of civilians with a sarin-like nerve agent. Trump on Monday kicked off a week of meetings with Middle East leaders, sitting down with the crown prince of Abu Dhabi a day before he hosts Turkey's president. Trump flies to Saudi Arabia later this week.

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All are governments that have pressed the United States over six years of civil war in Syria to intervene more forcefully. Trump had backed away from President Barack Obama's calls for regime change in the Arab country, with the new president's officials pointedly saying leadership questions should be left to Syria's citizens, until his intervention last month. His administration now says Assad cannot bring long-term stability to Syria.

In its latest accusations of Syrian abuses, the State Department said it believed about 50 detainees each day are being hanged at Saydnaya military prison, about 45 minutes north of Damascus. Many of the bodies are then burned in the crematorium "to cover up the extent of mass murders taking place," said Stuart Jones, the top U.S. diplomat for the Middle East, accusing Assad's government of sinking "to a new level of depravity" with the active support of Russia and Iran.

The department released commercial satellite photographs showing what it described as a building in the prison complex that was modified to support the crematorium. The photographs, taken over the course of several years, beginning in 2013, do not prove the building is a crematorium, but show a facility consistent with such use, Jones said.

The revelations echoed a February report by Amnesty International that said Syria's military police hanged as many as 13,000 people in four years before carting out bodies by the truckload for burial in mass graves.

Although the State Department cast its unusual news conference as an effort to press Assad's key backers, Russia and Iran, it also underscored Trump's lack of a strategy for stopping Syria's violence. The war has killed as many as 400,000 people since 2011, contributed to Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II and enabled the Islamic State group to emerge as a global terrorism threat.

Trump had been highly critical of Obama for failing to respond to earlier chemical weapons attacks in 2013 after setting a "red line" against such usage. After last month's attack in northern Syria, Trump said the Syrians crossed "a lot of lines" for his administration. Beyond authorizing cruise missiles in response, however, he didn't outline a strategy to eliminate the threat.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer on Monday reiterated the administration's line that Syria's future "should be decided by Syrians in a free credible and transparent process." But he called such a future "unimaginable" if Assad is propped up with help from the "seemingly unconditional support from Russia and Iran." He didn't outline how such a future might become imaginable.

Russia has shown no inclination to drop its support for Assad. It is now pushing the idea of "de-escalation zones" that would be designed to reduce violence, while not challenging Assad's authority over almost all of Syria's major cities.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said that Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had been "firm and clear" in a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov last week that "Russia holds tremendous influence over Bashar al-Assad."

A main point of that meeting "was telling Russia to use its power to rein in the regime," she said. "Simply put, the killing, the devastation has gone on for far too long in Syria."

Syrian human rights groups and opposition activists have long reported on mass killings inside Syrian prisons, though not on bodies being burned to cover up evidence.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights corroborated the U.S. accounts of mass killings but said it lacked sufficient information about the crematorium.

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## **New South Korean leader to go to White House summit in June**

**By KIM TONG-HYUNG and HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — New South Korean President Moon Jae-in will visit the White House next month for a summit with President Donald Trump amid worries over North Korea's progress in building a nuclear and missile arsenal, Seoul's presidential office said Tuesday.

The agreement for the leaders to meet in late June followed a meeting in Seoul between Chung Eui-yong,

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Moon's foreign policy adviser, and Matt Pottinger, the Asia director on Trump's National Security Council, Moon's spokesman Yoon Young-chan said.

The announcement came days after North Korea successfully tested a powerful new missile that analysts believe could reach Alaska when perfected.

Under the leadership of third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un, North Korea has been speeding up its pursuit of a decades-long goal of developing nuclear-armed missiles capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.

North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year which are likely to have improved its know-how in making nuclear weapons small enough to fit on long-range missiles. Experts say the "medium long-range" Hwasong-12 missile the North fired on Sunday achieved a higher altitude and longer flight time than any other missile the country has tested.

Also Tuesday, Adm. Harry Harris Jr., the top American military officer in the Pacific, met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo to discuss the North Korean missile launch. They said the North's "unacceptable" action underscored the importance of the U.S.-Japan alliance.

"We now need to apply pressure on North Korea, and Japan and the United States need to coordinate closely so as to apply pressure," Abe told reporters.

Yoon said Chung and Pottinger in their meeting reaffirmed that Seoul and Washington share a common goal in the "complete discarding" of North Korean nuclear weapons and will pursue "all methods, including sanctions and dialogue" to reach the goal. The allies agreed that dialogue with North Korea could happen under the "right conditions," Yoon said.

"There was a basic exchange of opinions about North Korea's nuclear and missile provocations," Yoon said about the meeting between Chung and Pottinger. "The United States reconfirmed its firm commitment to defend South Korea and both sides also agreed to strengthen collaborative efforts to deter North Korean provocations."

A date and other specifics of the summit are still to be decided, Yoon said. He said the countries will prepare for the summit so that it "serves as an opportunity for both leaders to develop their personal bond and friendship." Pottinger later told reporters that the countries reaffirmed "desires to get the two leaders together quickly" following a telephone conversation last week that Trump used to invite Moon to the White House.

"The state of the alliance is strong and I am fully confident that it will only grow stronger between our two administrations," Pottinger said.

Moon, a liberal, favors a softer approach to North Korea than his conservative predecessors and has offered to visit Pyongyang if the circumstances are right. He has shown a willingness to challenge the United States, saying that Seoul should reconsider its deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system to better cope with North Korean threats. However, Washington remains Seoul's closest ally and military protector.

Moon took office last week after winning an election triggered by the ouster of his conservative predecessor, Park Geun-hye, who was removed from office and jailed in March over corruption allegations. Moon has criticized Park's hard line against the North, saying the approach did nothing to prevent the North from expanding its nuclear weapons and missiles arsenal and only reduced Seoul's voice in international efforts to deal with its rival.

## 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. AP ANALYSIS: TRUMP INTEL SHARING COULD RATTLE ALLIES

Reports that the U.S. president revealed sensitive intelligence to Russian officials comes just a few days before his debut on the international stage.

### 2. WHO MAY HAVE MORE LINKS IN MALWARE ATTACK

A South Korean cybersecurity expert says the way hackers took computers hostage during the global

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"ransomware" attack is similar to previous cyberattacks attributed to North Korea.

## 3. ERDOGAN COMING TO WHITE HOUSE

Trump and Turkey's president are expected to address the Syrian civil war, the refugee crisis and the fight against the Islamic State group.

## 4. CHINESE ENAMORED WITH 'GOLDEN VISAS'

More than 100,000 Chinese have poured at least \$24 billion in the last decade into programs across the world that offer residence in exchange for investment, an AP analysis finds.

## 5. SUPREME COURT ORDER UNLIKELY TO DETER VOTING RESTRICTIONS

The high court's refusal to breathe new life into North Carolina's voter identification law might be just a temporary victory for civil rights groups.

## 6. FEDS: BULLYING PERSISTS, SEX CRIME UP IN SCHOOLS

One in every 5 middle and high school students complained of being bullied at school and the number of reports of sexual assault on college campuses more than tripled over the past decade.

## 7. NEO-NAZI WEBSITE COURTS NEW READERS ... IN SPANISH

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A top school district in Colorado orders librarians to temporarily stop circulating a book that's the basis for Netflix's popular new series "13 Reasons Why," which some critics say romanticizes suicide.

## 9. NO LAUGHING MATTER FOR CONAN O'BRIEN

A federal judge is letting an unusual lawsuit proceed on a trio of jokes a San Diego writer claims the comedian stole.

## 10. WHY THERE'S HOPE FOR SPURS STAR

Kawhi Leonard will miss Game 2 of the Western Conference finals with an ankle sprain, but there is a precedent for players returning from this type of injury.

## Supreme Court order unlikely to deter voting restrictions

By **MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's refusal to breathe new life into North Carolina's sweeping voter identification law might be just a temporary victory for civil rights groups.

Republican-led states are continuing to enact new voter ID measures and other voting restrictions, and the Supreme Court's newly reconstituted conservative majority, with the addition of Justice Neil Gorsuch, could make the court less likely to invalidate the laws based on claims under the federal Voting Rights Act or the Constitution.

The justices on Monday left in place last summer's ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals striking down the law's photo ID requirement to vote in person and other provisions, which the lower court said targeted African-Americans "with almost surgical precision."

But Chief Justice John Roberts noted that the court's decision to stay out of the case rested on a partisan dispute over who had the authority to present North Carolina's case to the court, not the justices' views on the substance of the issue.

Indeed, before Gorsuch joined the court, the other eight justices split 4-4 over whether to allow the challenged provisions to remain in effect despite the court ruling striking them down.

In January, when the high court rejected a Texas appeal over its voter ID law, Roberts practically invited Texas Republicans to bring their appeal back to the Supreme Court after lower court consideration of the issue is finished. "The issues will be better suited for certiorari review at that time," Roberts wrote, using the Latin term for the court's process of deciding whether to hear a case.

Two earlier Supreme Court decisions paved the way for the wave of voter ID laws that are now in place in 32 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Roberts was part of a conservative-led decision upholding Indiana's voter ID law in 2008 and he was the author of the court's 5-4 decision in 2013 that gutted a provision of the federal Voting Rights Act that

had required North Carolina, Texas and other states, mainly in the South, to get approval before changing laws dealing with elections.

Republicans in North Carolina and Texas moved to enact new voting measures after the Supreme Court ruling. Voters, civil rights groups and the Obama administration quickly filed lawsuits challenging the new laws.

Advocates of requiring voters to show identification at the polls say it is a prudent, painless way to deter voter fraud. Opponents contend that in-person voter fraud has historically not been a problem and that poorer and minority voters, who tend to support Democrats, are more likely to lack driver licenses and other acceptable forms of identification.

Roberts' and the other conservatives' track record in voting cases suggests they'll be "quite skeptical of voting rights claims," said election law specialist Richard Hasen, a law professor at the University of California at Irvine.

"You could certainly see a five-justice majority overturning a case like this," Hasen said of the North Carolina appeal. He acknowledged that Gorsuch himself has yet to weigh in on the topic.

A conservative defender of the voting laws agreed. "I'd think challengers to voter ID laws would be extremely nervous about any such case coming to the court," said Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow at the Heritage Foundation.

Already this year, Arkansas, Iowa and North Dakota have approved voter ID laws, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. Georgia and Indiana are among states that have added other voting restrictions to their identification laws, the Brennan Center said.

The voter ID issue itself could return to the court in the next year or two in cases from Texas and Wisconsin. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals already has ruled that Texas' law violates the Voting Rights Act, but a broader challenge to the law is pending at the New Orleans-based appeals court.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals appeared inclined to uphold Wisconsin laws requiring voter ID and limiting early voting when it heard arguments in February. Republican Gov. Scott Walker signed the measures into law in 2011.

## School district pulls suicide book 'Thirteen Reasons Why'

By THOMAS PEIPERT, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — As a Colorado community mourns the loss of seven students who recently killed themselves, a school district official ordered librarians to temporarily stop circulating a book that's the basis for Netflix's popular new series "13 Reasons Why," which some critics say romanticizes suicide.

The order rankled some librarians who called it censorship, and it appears to be a rare instance in which the book has been removed from circulation — albeit briefly.

It also has highlighted the debate about balancing freedom of speech with concerns about students.

"It would be hard for anybody who has dealt with suicide to not have a heightened awareness of things, to perhaps be a little more cautious about things," said Leigh Grasso, the curriculum director for the 22,000-student Mesa County Valley School District who decided to pull the book.

The young adult novel, published in 2007, follows a high school girl who kills herself after creating a series of tapes for her classmates to play after her death. She gave the tapes to people who influenced her decision.

Her death in the Netflix series is depicted in the final episode of the first season, and the graphic scene has prompted schools across the country to send letters to parents and guardians with tips on how to prevent suicide.

From upstate New York to the Midwest and California, school administrators have warned that the series sensationalizes suicide and does not provide a good roadmap for people struggling with mental illness. There is no evidence that any of the Mesa County students who killed themselves since the beginning of the school year were inspired by the series or the book.

Grasso, who has not read the book or watched the series, appears to be one of only a few school leaders

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in the country who has taken the book out of circulation. Another school district in Minnesota temporarily pulled the book after a parent complained that it referenced sex.

Grasso cited media attention and recent events in an April 28 email to district librarians letting them know about her decision.

Of the 20 copies available in the school district, 19 were checked out at the time and were not affected by the directive. Still, several librarians protested, and the order was rescinded about three hours after it was issued.

Grasso said the book was made available again after librarians and school counselors determined it did not include scenes as graphic as those depicted in the Netflix series.

"I think we were just being cautious until we had the opportunity to look at the book and see how closely related to the movie it was," she told The Associated Press.

Grasso said her decision did not amount to censorship because the book was not permanently banned — an argument that drew some pushback in the school district.

The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel cited one librarian saying there is a formal, board-approved process to challenge books in the district.

"I believe it is our duty to follow that process, because censorship is a slippery slope," the librarian wrote.

The newspaper, which obtained the feedback through an open records request and did not name the librarians, reported that a middle school librarian wrote, "Once we start pulling and censoring books for all students as a reactive measure there is no line to which we follow."

The show's creators remain unapologetic, saying their frank depiction of suicide needs to be unflinching and raw.

"Many people are accusing the show of glamorizing suicide and I feel strongly — and I think everyone who made the show — feel very strongly that we did the exact opposite," writer Brian Yorkey said. "What we did was portray suicide and we portrayed it as very ugly and very damaging."

Jay Asher, who wrote the bestselling book after a close relative attempted suicide as a teenager, said he has spoken at schools in all 50 states and tells students he would not be there if it weren't for teachers who were not afraid to talk about uncomfortable topics.

"Over and over, readers describe 'Thirteen Reasons Why' as the first time they felt understood," Asher said. "Recognizing that people will understand is the first step toward asking for help."

James LaRue, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association, said he understands why Grasso wanted to review the book, but "instead of just reacting to a moment, you get people together and make a sensible decision."

"Sometimes the world is a dangerous place, but reading about it isn't," he said.

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## Leading neo-Nazi website courts new readers ... in Spanish

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

How does a leading neo-Nazi website that has railed against Hispanic immigrants expand its audience beyond a loyal base of U.S. white supremacists? By publishing a Spanish-language edition, of course.

The Daily Stormer — infamous for orchestrating internet harassment campaigns by its "Troll Army" of readers — recently launched El Daily Stormer as a "news portal" tailoring its racist, anti-Semitic content for readers in Spain and Latin America.

Andrew Auernheimer, a notorious computer hacker and internet troll who writes for the English-language site, says the Spanish edition fits their mission to spread Hitlerism across the world.

"We want our message to reach millions more people," he said in a telephone interview.

Hate sites have realized that the U.S. has no monopoly on white nationalists and other far-right extrem-

ists, says Heidi Beirich, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project. Others, such as Stormfront, already created multilingual forums.

"The white supremacist movement has really viewed itself as past borders, reaching out to white people in other countries," Beirich said.

The law center represents a Montana real estate agent who sued The Daily Stormer's founder, Andrew Anglin, last month for unleashing an anti-Semitic "campaign of terror" against her family.

Anonymous trolls bombarded Tanya Gersh's family with hateful and threatening messages after Anglin published the family's personal information in a December post that accused Gersh and other Jewish residents of Whitefish, Montana, of engaging in an "extortion racket" against the mother of white nationalist Richard Spencer.

Anglin's site takes its name from Der Stürmer, a newspaper that published Nazi propaganda. It includes sections called "Jewish Problem" and "Race War."

El Daily Stormer titles its anti-Semitic section "Judiadas," an offensive term with roots in medieval Spain, where it was invoked to justify genocidal attacks on Jews.

The Spanish site also includes appeals for donations and unpaid articles, and a forum where people complain about Chile and Argentina filling up with "negros," referring to people from Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay.

Auernheimer, known online as "weev," said a team of volunteers is writing original content for the Spanish-language site. The site's appeal for unpaid collaborators says being a dissident "has never been a lucrative activity," and that it's looking for writers "willing to risk everything for the survival of our race."

"We have a big Spanish-speaking population on our forums, so it was an easy direction to branch out into," he said.

About 40 percent of The Daily Stormer's 3.2 million unique monthly visitors are in the U.S.; the Spanish edition has added fewer than 10,000 since its recent launch, Auernheimer said.

Surpassing Stormfront as the top U.S. hate site hasn't been a financial boon for The Daily Stormer, which calls itself "100 percent reader-supported." Anglin complained in January that a Ukrainian advertising company had banned them, leaving an Australian electrician as the site's only advertiser.

"We don't have revenue commensurate with a publication of our size," Auernheimer said.

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Associated Press writer Mike Warren in Atlanta contributed to this report.

## Father shocked after adult son accused of decapitating mom

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and STEVEN DUBOIS, Associated Press

ESTACADA, Ore. (AP) — A weeping father spoke in shock as he described his son who is accused of decapitating his mother on Mother's Day and bringing her head to a grocery store in rural Oregon.

"I never foresaw a problem. If I had I would have stopped it," David Webb told The Associated Press before bursting into loud sobs during a phone interview. "I just can't believe I lost my wife and son in one day. ... I don't know. I wish I did. I wish I had some answers, but I don't. I waited all my life to retire with my wife, and now I can't. That's all I know."

Authorities say Joshua Lee Webb, 36, showed up at a grocery store in a nearby town carrying a human head and began stabbing a checkout clerk before being subdued.

David Webb, struggling to process his wife's death and son's arrest, said his son had vision problems and received Social Security payments.

His mother had said she believed her son was depressed, but David Webb said he never saw any indication of that when he spoke with Joshua. They had recently bought their son a dog because he wanted one.

An autopsy was performed Monday on the body of Tina Marie Webb, 59, the same day that her son was booked on charges of murder and attempted murder.

The bizarre sequence of events began Sunday afternoon — Mother's Day — in Colton, a once-significant logging town about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southeast of Portland.

Joshua Webb killed his mother at their rural home, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office says.

Joshua Webb then showed up at a Thriftway in downtown Estacada, about 12 miles to the north. When he entered the small grocery store, he was covered in blood, had a large "kitchen-type" knife and was carrying a severed human head, authorities said.

He began stabbing a store employee, but he was quickly overwhelmed by other employees, who held him until police arrived, authorities said.

"He didn't say anything after he was subdued," said Ernie Roberts, interim police chief in nearby Sandy, Oregon, said Monday.

"He was in like a catatonic state, wasn't speaking to anybody," Roberts said, adding that the only thing he said during the encounter before his arrest was that he was thirsty. Sandy provides police services for Estacada, which also has around 2,500 residents.

The grocery store checkout clerk was hospitalized and was expected to survive.

Customers stopped by in a steady stream to drop off balloons as a tribute in front of the store and to sign a giant get-well poster. A small collection of candles also grew on the other side of the parking lot, just in front of yellow police tape that covered nearly an entire block.

Inside Lew's Drive-In, next door to the grocery store, customers talked of nothing but the stabbing and of the clerk, whom everyone seemed to know. Customers who had been in the grocery store during the stabbing took refuge in the diner Sunday, but nobody had seen much, said Marvin Flora, the diner's owner.

"It was traumatic, but it happened so fast that nobody really saw what was going on," he said. "One lady came in this morning and said she actually saw somebody come in with something that was bloody and was carrying something with his arm."

Dubois reported from Portland.

Follow Gillian Flaccus at <http://www.twitter.com/gflaccus>.

## Conan jokes may have killed, but he stands accused of theft

By BRIAN MELLE, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What do Caitlyn Jenner, Tom Brady and the Washington Monument have in common? They're all subjects of punchlines Conan O'Brien is accused of ripping off — and that's no joke.

O'Brien lost an effort to toss out a federal copyright infringement lawsuit in San Diego last week, potentially setting up a novel trial over comic creativity and the value of laughter.

Robert Alexander Kaseberg said he posted several jokes online that the late-night comedian repeated almost verbatim later that day or the next on his "Conan" show on TBS.

"The laughter stopped in late 2014 and early 2015, at least for a spell, when (Kaseberg) began to notice similarities between his posts and several of the jokes used in the late-night television show Conan's monologues," U.S. District Judge Janis Sammartino said in a ruling that allows the lawsuit to proceed.

Kaseberg has written for various publications and had more than 1,000 of his jokes told by Jay Leno, an archrival of O'Brien.

The judge dismissed allegations over two jokes Kaseberg claimed were originals, but she allowed the lawsuit to go forward on three others, saying the law provides "thin copyright protection" for those.

"This is a victory for comedy writers, especially lesser known writers," Kaseberg's attorney Jayson Lorenzo said. "Their works are protected, and you can't use someone else's material, no matter who you are, without facing liability."

One of Kaseberg's jokes was about the New England Patriots' 2015 Super Bowl victory that followed what was widely considered one of the worst coaching decisions in sports history by the Seattle Seahawks. O'Brien's monologue the next day included a very similar setup and punchline.

"Tom Brady said he wants to give the truck that he was given as Super Bowl MVP . . . to the guy who won the Super Bowl for the Patriots," O'Brien said. "So Brady's giving his truck to Seahawks coach Pete Carroll."



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Another gag followed news that surveyors had found the Washington Monument was 10 inches shorter. Both men attributed it to cold weather and "shrinkage."

Comedians have been accused of ripping off each other's material as long as chickens have been crossing the proverbial road.

Milton Berle, dubbed the "Thief of Bad Gags," even made light of it, saying of a fellow comic's routine, "I laughed so hard I nearly dropped my pencil."

While accusations of thefts fly, they don't usually end up in court, said Dotan Oliar, a law professor at the University of Virginia.

After Joe Rogan accused Carlos Mencia of plagiarism onstage at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles in a confrontation captured on video, Oliar and a colleague wondered why such accusations didn't lead to litigation.

They found that comedy doesn't pay well — unless you're someone like O'Brien with deep pockets and a production company and network behind him that can also be sued.

It's difficult to prove someone intentionally stole a joke or put a price on a punchline, he said. Disputes are generally settled backstage — usually amicably.

Digital time stamps, however, may help the underdog. The lawsuit compares Kaseberg's tweets and blog posts with the timing of emails from O'Brien's writers later the same days.

"The problem used to be that if you're not famous and someone else was telling your joke, they would think you ... are the thief instead of the victim," Oliar said. "Famous comedians could easily steal jokes with impunity. Now technology can help the novice comedian."

The lawsuit names O'Brien, his production company, Turner Broadcasting System, Time Warner Inc., and the executive producer and head writer of the show.

They have denied the claims and said the material was original. Their lawyers didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

## Q&A: What to know about travel ban appeals

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Does federal law give President Donald Trump broad legal authority to freeze immigration by refugees and citizens of some predominantly Muslim nations?

That's the question before two federal appellate courts that have now heard arguments over Trump's revised travel ban and are being asked by Trump's opponents to use the president's own anti-Muslim campaign rhetoric against him. Federal courts in Hawaii and Maryland earlier this year blocked Trump's revised travel ban from taking effect. Trump wants those decisions reversed.

On Monday a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle heard Hawaii's lawsuit challenging the ban, which would suspend the nation's refugee program and temporarily bar new visas for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Last week, judges on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, heard arguments over whether to affirm a Maryland judge's decision putting the ban on ice.

### WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT SAY?

Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall told the appellate court judges the president's directive falls squarely within his duty to secure the nation's borders and that it does not discriminate against Muslims in its language or in its operation.

Previous presidents have blocked certain foreign nationals: Jimmy Carter used his authority to deny some Iranians entry to the U.S. during the hostage crisis, Ronald Reagan to bar Cubans who didn't already have relatives here, and President Barack Obama to keep out North Korean officials. On Monday, Wall said the order doesn't say anything about religion. "This order is aimed at aliens abroad, who themselves don't have constitutional rights," Wall said.

### WHAT DO STATES AND GROUPS CHALLENGING THE BAN SAY?

They argue it violates the Constitution by disfavoring Islam and point to statements Trump made re-

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peatedly as a candidate in which he said he would ban Muslims from entering the country. In issuing his decision blocking the ban in March, Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu cited what he called "significant and un rebutted evidence of religious animus" in Trump's campaign statements. Speaking before the 9th Circuit judges on Monday, Neal Katyal, who represented Hawaii, also said Trump had repeatedly spoken of a Muslim ban after the campaign.

They also argue that while the president has broad authority over immigration, that power extends only as far as Congress has granted it. Because Congress has already adopted a scheme regarding when people may be excluded from the country for terror-related activities, the president cannot override that with his travel ban, they argue.

## WHAT POWER DOES THE PRESIDENT HAVE?

In 1952, with the nation fearful of communist infiltration, Congress gave the president the authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act to take action: "Whenever the president finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may ... suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate," the law says. But a law subsequently passed by Congress bans discrimination on the basis of nationality when it comes to issuing immigrant visas. How those laws might authorize or constrain Trump's actions is a key aspect of the travel ban cases.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW WITH IMMIGRATION?

Trump's attempted travel bans have caused the number of refugees coming into the U.S. to plummet in the last two months, despite his executive orders largely being blocked in the courts. The number of refugees arriving in the U.S. dipped to 2,070 in March, which was a six-year low except for a period in 2013 when the federal government was shut down. An executive order signed by Trump in January decreased the refugee limit from 110,000 to 50,000 this fiscal year, but the cap was not blocked in court until mid-March. That caused the State Department to tightly rein in monthly arrivals when the cap was in effect.

## WHAT DID THE JUDGES IN HAWAII AND MARYLAND SAY?

Neither U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang in Maryland nor Watson in Hawaii bought the administration's reasoning that the ban is about national security. Watson cited "significant and un rebutted evidence of religious animus" behind the travel ban. He also noted that while courts should not examine the "veiled psyche" and "secret motives" of government decision-makers, "the remarkable facts at issue here require no such impermissible inquiry." But the scope of the rulings differed. In a challenge brought by Hawaii, Watson blocked the federal government from enforcing the ban and its suspension of the nation's refugee program. Chuang only blocked the ban, saying it wasn't clear that the suspension of the refugee program was similarly motivated by religious bias.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The appellate courts in Washington state and Virginia will issue their decisions, though exactly when they'll rule is uncertain. The travel ban cases are expected to reach the Supreme Court at any rate, but that would likely be cemented if the 4th and 9th Circuits reach differing conclusions.

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Associated Press reporter Meredith Hoffman in Austin, Texas, contributed to this report.

## 2 young men killed as chaos erupts in western Venezuela

By HANNAH DREIER and CHRISTINE ARMARIO, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Chaos erupted in western Venezuela during another round of protests against the socialist government, with buildings set afire, tear gas swirling around protesters and at least two people killed.

A grisly video purporting to show the final moments of one man left dead in the turmoil capped Monday's unrest as a morning of initially peaceful demonstrations turned violent outside Caracas, with two deaths reported at separate demonstrations in Tachira, a mountainous state bordering Colombia.

In the video, a crowd surrounds a man identified as Diego Hernandez, 33, lying lifeless on the pavement,

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his eyes wide open. A bystander rips open his blue T-shirt, revealing a bloody wound underneath.

"They killed him!" someone cries out.

Authorities in Tachira said the second man killed was Luis Alvarez, 18, who died from a bullet wound in the thorax.

Demonstrators clashed with police and national guardsmen, throwing rocks and setting an armored truck on fire. State security officers unleashed clouds of white tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters. Several buildings were in flames and dozens injured, including one young woman, who stood on a street, her face covered in blood.

In the central state of Carabobo, three officers were shot, including one in critical condition after being struck in the head, authorities said. In Lara, a vehicle ran over three protesters.

The violence added to a mounting toll of bloodshed as Venezuela's opposition vows to step up near-daily demonstrations and Maduro shows no intention of conceding to opposition demands. More than three dozen people have been killed, including a national guardsman and a police officer, hundreds injured and as many as 2,000 detained in nearly seven weeks of protests.

International pressure on the troubled South American nation is continuing to increase, with the Organization of American States voting Monday to hold a rare foreign ministers' meeting later this month to discuss Venezuela's political crisis. The Washington-based group only convenes such meetings to address most urgent affairs.

"We ask the world to look at what's happening right now in Venezuela," opposition leader Maria Corina Machado said after Monday's violence. "A deranged regime that represses and kills its people."

Venezuela announced in late April that it would be leaving the OAS, a regional body that Maduro contends the OAS is meddling in Venezuela's domestic affairs, infringing on its sovereignty and trying to remove him from power. Venezuela's representative to the OAS did not attend Monday's meeting.

The fiery Venezuelan president is vowing to resolve his nation's crisis by convening a special assembly to rewrite the nation's constitution, while the opposition is demanding an immediate presidential election.

Polls indicate the great majority of Venezuelans want Maduro gone as violent crime soars and the country falls into economic ruin, with triple-digit inflation and shortages of many basic foods and medical supplies.

The wave of protests was set off by a government move to nullify the opposition-controlled congress in late March, but the demonstrations have morphed into a general airing of grievances against the unpopular socialist administration amid worsening economic problems and rising crime.

In Caracas on Monday, thousands hauled folding chairs, beach umbrellas and protest signs onto main roads for a 12-hour "sit-in against the dictatorship," the latest in a month and a half of street demonstrations. Demonstrators assembled a giant rosary with balloons hanging from a Caracas highway overpass. A group of flamenco dancers dressed in black performed for the crowds. Others simply sat and held signs declaring their resistance.

Former presidential candidate Henrique Capriles said the opposition would take its protests "to another stage" as Maduro continues his push to rewrite the nation's constitution.

"We are against this fraudulent process," Capriles said on his radio broadcast.

Maduro blames the opposition for the violence, claiming its leaders are fomenting unrest to remove him from power. The opposition maintains state security and civilian-armed pro-government groups known as "colectivos" are responsible for the bloodshed.

Few arrests have been made and the death toll is fast approaching the violence seen during protests in 2014.

Associated Press writer Hannah Dreier reported this story in Caracas and AP writer Christine Armario reported from Bogota, Colombia.

## Celtics seeking validation against Cavaliers in East finals

By KYLE HIGHTOWER, AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Ever since the Boston Celtics broke up their Big Three in 2013, they've sat idly this time of year while LeBron James, Stephen Curry and Kawhi Leonard have battled for NBA championships.

With Isaiah Thomas leading the charge, the Celtics have rejoined the fray. Now it's time to see if they belong.

Boston beat the Washington Wizards 115-105 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Monday night. That earned the Celtics their toughest test yet, maybe the hardest in basketball: a series against James and the well-rested Cleveland Cavaliers.

This is Boston's first trip to the conference finals since 2012, the last year of an era fueled by Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. The top-seeded Celtics are seeking an 18th NBA championship, and first since beating the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2008 NBA Finals.

The defending champion Cavaliers won three of the four meetings between the teams in the regular season, including a dominant victory in early April with the Cavs back at full strength after some early season injuries.

These Celtics aren't short on belief, though, and their confidence has been intensified by a postseason filled with adversity. They rallied around Thomas following his sister's sudden death in the first round, coming back from an 0-2 deficit against the Chicago Bulls. Then Kelly Olynyk and the bench came up huge in Game 7 against the pesky Wizards.

But the Celtics have yet to beat the Cavs this season with Cleveland at full strength. Boston's lone victory in the series came on March 1, with Kevin Love still out after minor left knee surgery. Cleveland won the other games by a combined 35 points, including a 114-91 romp on April 5.

"We know it's going to be tough, but at this point, anything can happen, and we really believe it," Thomas said. "They didn't give us a chance in this series. They didn't give us a chance when we were down 0-2 in Chicago. We got the No. 1 seed, and they didn't give us a chance. They don't ever give us a chance, and we just keep going. We don't care about what others say."

Thomas is averaging 25.4 points per game in the postseason, and his teammates have picked him up when he's needed it, too. They offered support as he played in the first round despite his sister's death in a car accident, and they powered through when Washington evened the second-round series at 2 by effectively containing Thomas' usual scoring punch.

Boston's mettle has been tested. Thomas had to visit the dentist after injuring at least three teeth in Game 1 against Washington, and the Celtics are only advancing after their defenders contained John Wall in Game 7.

Even more effort will be needed to compete against James and the Cavs. It starts with Jae Crowder, who is expected to be the primary defender on James, along with reserve Jaylen Brown. Avery Bradley will be tasked with slowing down Kyrie Irving, with Al Horford on Love and Thomas guarding sharpshooter J.R. Smith.

"I think they're better than any of the four times we played them, including the last one when they smashed us," Boston coach Brad Stevens said. "So we're going to have to play really well. ... But we have a special opportunity to get a chance to compete against them."

Boston may be opening a new era of basketball relevance, but the last chapter from the Big Three's story isn't quite complete. The Celtics have the best odds at the No. 1 overall pick in Tuesday's NBA draft lottery, part of a bountiful return from when they traded Pierce and Garnett to the Brooklyn Nets in '13.

However this postseason ends for Boston, it looks like just the beginning for the group. But make no mistake — the Celtics want to win now.

Avery Bradley is one of two current Celtics, along with Horford (with Atlanta), to have played in a conference finals. Bradley was a member of the 2011-12 Celtics team that lost 4-3 to the James-led Miami Heat, which went on to claim the NBA title.

"Been here before, so we have to be smart," he said. "They're going to bring it and try to pick us apart

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and take advantage of certain matchups. ... We have a lot of guys that have playoff experience. That was a lot of guys' first year in the playoffs. We have to go out and fight."

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## 'Dr Phil' to air 2nd interview with Hernandez's fiancée

BOSTON (AP) — The fiancée of former NFL player Aaron Hernandez is expected to publicly respond to rumors about his sexuality.

The second part of a two-part interview with Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez is scheduled to air Tuesday on the "Dr. Phil" show.

Jenkins-Hernandez told host Dr. Phillip McGraw on Monday that she doesn't think the former New England Patriots tight end killed himself on April 19, as authorities have said. She says he was upbeat in their last telephone conversation before he was found hanged and there was no indication he was suicidal.

Hernandez's death came days after he was acquitted in a 2012 Boston double slaying. He was serving a life sentence in a 2013 killing.

Monday's interview ended with Dr. Phil asking Jenkins-Hernandez about rumors that Hernandez might have been gay.

## Fox looks to sci-fi, fantasy this fall; MacFarlane in space

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fox network is calling on superpowers and Seth MacFarlane to boost ratings this fall.

"The Orville," a new space adventure starring and produced by MacFarlane, is set 400 years in the future and follows the adventures of an exploratory spaceship.

"This is Seth's passion project," Dana Walden, Fox Television Group chairman and CEO, said Monday in a teleconference detailing the 2017-18 schedule for the network that's No. 4 among total viewers.

The multitalented MacFarlane, who contributes the animated comedy "Family Guy" to Fox, is a science buff who brought the documentary "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey" to the network in 2014.

A clip of "The Orville" shown at Fox's presentation to advertisers had a distinct tongue-in-cheek "Galaxy Quest" tone.

Also debuting this fall is "The Gifted," about a suburban couple who discovers their children have mutant powers. Stephen Moyer ("True Blood") and Amy Acker ("Person of Interest") will star in the drama that Walden called "big, cinematic and commercial" and is Fox's first with the Marvel factory.

Comedy will get the fantasy and sci-fi touch at Fox with "Ghosted." The sitcom about two partners exploring unexplained phenomena in Los Angeles stars Craig Robinson of "The Office" and Adam Scott of "Parks and Recreation."

Continuing the theme is "The X-Files," the onetime Fox staple that will make its second appearance as an "event series" with a 10-episode midseason run starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

Fox will have music as well, with returning series "Empire" and "Star" and the live musicals "Rent" and "A Christmas Story."

But it won't have "American Idol," which ended its run on Fox in 2016 and is being revived next year by ABC. Walden said Fox was interested in bringing back the show in 2020 with changes for a new generation of viewers but couldn't reach an agreement with producer FremantleMedia.

"It feels bad knowing it's coming back on another network," she said. But Fox felt it would be "extremely fraudulent" recycling the show so soon after what was billed as its farewell season, and in light of how sharply its ratings had dropped from its once-stellar No. 1 position.

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Walden and fellow Fox Television Group chair and CEO Gary Newman emphasized their effort to use established shows to support newer shows, such as the pairing of "Lucifer" and "The Gifted" on Monday and "Empire" and "Star" on Thursday.

"New Girl" is getting another season, its last, but others that aren't so lucky include canceled shows "Pitch," "Rosewood," "Scream Queens," "Sleepy Hollow," "Son of Zorn," "APB" and "Making History."

Like NBC, which announced its fall schedule Sunday, Fox is holding back several new series for midseason. It's another indication that the once entrenched September-to-May network schedule has given way to efforts to reduce repeats amid increased competition from cable and streaming.

Other broadcast networks will present their upcoming program lineups to advertisers in New York this week.

## MORE NEWCOMERS

Freshman series set for Fox's midseason:

— "9-1-1," described as a "fast-paced exploration" of the lives and careers of first responders including police, paramedics and firefighters. Angela Bassett stars in the drama from prolific producer Ryan Murphy ("Feud").

— "The Resident, a drama starring Matt Czuchy ("The Good Wife") and Emily VanCamp ("Revenge"), will focus on three doctors and a nurse as it reveals "what really happens, both good and bad," at American hospitals.

— "LA to Vegas" from executive producers including Will Ferrell and Steve Levitan ("Modern Family"). Fox describes it as a workplace comedy about an airline crew and the "eccentric passengers" who fly to Las Vegas weekly in the hope of becoming winners. Dylan McDermott stars.

## MAYBE, MAYBE NOT

Fox was happy with "24: Legacy," the follow-up to its successful "24," the executives said. With star Corey Hawkins on Broadway in "Six Degrees of Separation," its return couldn't be considered for fall but its future remains under discussion. "Prison Break: Resurrection" was intended as a special, one-season return and no more episodes are in the works, Walden said. But Fox "loved" what aired earlier this year and would consider it for another limited run if the producers are so inclined, she added.

## KELLY'S RETURN

Megyn Kelly made her NBC debut Monday onstage at Radio City Music Hall, telling a crowd of advertisers at the network's schedule presentation that she'll debut her Sunday newsmagazine in June and start in the 9 a.m. hour of "Today" in September. There were no details from the former Fox News Channel star but, she said, "I'm psyched."

## IS THIS US?

NBC showed advertisers a tearjerker video of "This is Us" cast members surprising fans who testified on camera about how much the show meant to them. NBC was happy to boast about the success of its freshman season. In a standup routine, Seth Meyers noted the show hit a ratings milestone that NBC hadn't seen in more than a decade.

"So maybe it should be 'This is Unlike Us,'" Meyers joked.

## ODD ONE OUT

As a veteran in the TV business, Matthew Perry knows how to read the tea leaves. On April 10, the actor noted on Twitter that his face on the stage door to CBS' "The Odd Couple" had been painted over with green paint. "I think it's safe to assume we have been cancelled," he tweeted.

On Monday, his premonition came true.

## IS THIS MIC ON?

MacFarlane was onstage at the Fox presentation to croon a song mocking, among others, Fox News Channel, the broadcast network's corporate sibling.

"Now at Fox, our reputation it could use a little bump, 'cause although we've brought you ratings we elected Donald Trump," he sang.

In introducing network executives Walden and Newman, MacFarlane called them "the only two people

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at Fox not being sued" — a reference to harassment and other claims filed against the news channel.

AP Television Writer David Bauder in New York contributed to this report.

## Asian stocks mixed after Wall Street rise

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese stocks sank Tuesday after April economic activity weakened and other major Asian markets were little-changed following Wall Street's spurt on higher oil prices.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.7 percent to 3,068.24 points and Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.5 percent to 25,238.96. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 0.2 percent to 19,904.17 and Seoul's Kospi added 0.1 percent to 2,293.70. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 was unchanged at 5,839.90. Benchmarks in New Zealand, Taiwan and Singapore declined, while Malaysia and the Philippines gained.

WEAKENING CHINA: Government data showed growth in industrial activity, credit, investment and housing sector activity decelerated in April. That added to indications growth in the world's second-largest economy peaked in the first quarter and is declining. Chinese leaders are tightening access to credit to reduce reliance on debt and investment but April's downturn was sharper than forecast.

ANALYST'S COMMENT: China's April data are in line with expectations of a "steady downward glide in growth rates in the remainder of 2017," Brian Jackson of IHS Markit said in a report. Beijing is likely to try to stimulate growth to hit its 6.5 percent growth target in a year when the ruling Communist Party is due to hold a sensitive reshuffling of its leadership, Jackson said. Still, he said, "despite China's increasing stimulative efforts, domestic growth momentum will remain downward in the second quarter and beyond."

WALL STREET: Energy stocks rose on higher oil prices, pushing the U.S. market back to record highs. Oil-producing countries have cut production in hopes of supporting oil prices, and Russia and Saudi Arabia said they want to extend the cuts through the first three months of 2018. Oilfield services provider Halliburton rose 3 percent for one of the day's biggest gains in the S&P 500. Energy companies across the index rose 0.6 percent. Companies that produce metals and other basic materials, along with financial stocks, were also strong.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 20 cents to \$49.05 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract soared \$1.01 on Monday to close at \$48.85. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 21 cents to \$52.03 in London. It gained 98 cents on Monday.

CURRENCY: The dollar declined to 113.51 yen from Monday's 113.79 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.0987 from \$1.0975.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2017. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the first five-cent piece, also known as the "Shield nickel."

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1939, the federal government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, New York.

In 1946, the Irving Berlin musical "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, federal agent Eliot Ness, who organized "The Untouchables" team that took on gangster Al Capone, died in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, at age 54.

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In 1966, China launched the Cultural Revolution, a radical as well as deadly reform movement aimed at purging the country of "counter-revolutionaries."

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, a New York Airways helicopter idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan toppled over, killing four passengers who were waiting to board and sending debris falling to the street below, killing a fifth person.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *California v. Greenwood*, ruled that police can search discarded garbage without a search warrant. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour completed its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton publicly apologized for the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis.

Ten years ago: Anti-war Democrats in the Senate failed in an attempt to cut off funds for the Iraq war. Britain's army reversed course and announced that Prince Harry would not be sent to Iraq with his regiment due to "specific threats" from insurgents. (The prince did end up serving in Afghanistan for 10 weeks, until word of his deployment there got out.) British Prime Minister Tony Blair paid a farewell visit to President George W. Bush at the White House. Nicolas Sarkozy (sahr-koh-ZEE') took over from Jacques Chirac (zhahk shih-RAHK') as France's president.

Five years ago: Gen. Ratko Mladic (RAHT'-koh MLAH'-dich) went on trial at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands, accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. (Mladic's trial wrapped up in Dec. 2016, and the judges are considering their verdicts.) Mary Richardson Kennedy, 52, the estranged wife of Robert Kennedy Jr., died in Bedford, New York, a suicide.

One year ago: President Barack Obama called on the nation to support law enforcement officers as he bestowed the Medal of Valor on 13 who risked their lives. The International Space Station reached the orbital milestone of 100,000 laps around Earth, akin to traveling more than 2.6 billion miles in 17 1/2 years. Surgeons at Massachusetts General Hospital said a cancer patient was recovering well after the nation's first penis transplant, a groundbreaking operation that could give new hope to accident victims and wounded veterans. Grammy-winning Tejano star Emilio Navaira, 53, died in New Braunfels, Texas. Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns was named the NBA Rookie of the Year.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Rep John Conyers, D-Mich., is 88. Former U.S. Senator and Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker is 86. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 73. Actor Danny Trejo is 73. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 70. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 64. Actress Debra Winger is 62. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 62. Olympic gold medal marathon runner Joan Benoit Samuelson is 60. Actress Mare Winningham is 58. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 53. Rock musician Krist Novoselic (noh-voh-SEL'-ik) is 52. Singer Janet Jackson is 51. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 51. Actor Brian (BREE'-un) F. O'Byrne is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 49. Actor David Boreanaz is 48. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 48. Actress Tracey Gold is 48. International Tennis Hall of Famer Gabriela Sabatini is 47. Country singer Rick Trevino is 46. Musician Simon Katz is 46. TV personality Bill Rancic is 46. Actress Tori Spelling is 44. Actor Sean Carrigan is 43. Singer-rapper B. Slade (formerly known as Tonex) is 42. Actress Lynn Collins is 40. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 40. Actor Jim Sturgess (TV: "Feed the Beast") is 39. DJ Alex Pall (The Chainsmokers) is 32. Actress Megan Fox is 31. Actor Drew Roy is 31. Actor Jacob Zachar is 31. Actor Thomas Brodie-Sangster is 27. Actor Marc John Jefferies is 27. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Ashley Wagner is 26. Actor Miles Heizer is 23.

Thought for Today: "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." — Roald Dahl, British author (1916-1990).