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**Sunday, May 21**

## **Graduation at 2 p.m.**

**St. John's Lutheran:** Worship with communion at 9 a.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at 9 a.m., Choir serving at Nursing Home at 3 p.m.

**United Methodist Church:** Conde worship, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Groton worship, 11 a.m.

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

**First Presbyterian:** Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

**Heaven Bound Ministries:** Worship in Pierpont at 10 a.m.

**Monday, May 22**

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

**Senior Menu:** Hot pork sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, sherbet.

**Tuesday, May 23**

Girls Golf at Sioux Valley

**United Methodist:** Bible Study at 10 a.m.

**Senior Menu:** Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

**Wednesday, May 24**

**United Methodist:** Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.; UMYF end of year party at parsonage, 5:30 p.m.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

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

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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## South Dakota Students Taking the Next Steps

Every spring, a new group of students takes a big step into the next phase of life upon graduation. Whether students are moving on from high school, college or a technical institute, each graduate has an opportunity to use his or her talents, education and determination to shape their future and begin a new journey in life. I congratulate all 2017 graduates as they step out into the world to make a mark of their own.

We are fortunate in South Dakota to have good, quality grammar and high schools and more than a dozen universities and technical colleges, allowing our young people to receive a top-notch education right here at home. We are grateful for the teachers and professors across the state who dedicate their lives to educating our youth. Their commitment to education and teaching plants the seeds for a brighter, stronger South Dakota in the future.

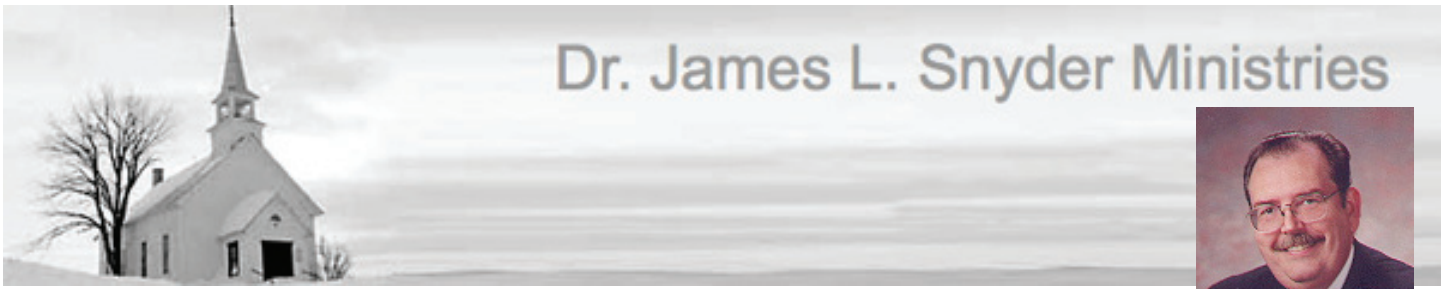
As they step out into the world, I hope this year's graduates remember the values and lessons instilled in them by their teachers, families, communities and neighbors. When our four kids graduated high school and college, Jean and I gave them as much guidance and advice as we could, but at the end of the day, it was their responsibility to choose what they wanted to do in life and to make it happen. We are tremendously proud of the people they have become, and we are glad they have all chosen to stay right here in South Dakota to put their talents to use and raise families of their own. One of our greatest joys in life is watching them raise our grandchildren, the next generation of South Dakota students.

The United States truly is the land of opportunity, and receiving an education is the first step that allows us to achieve our dreams. Graduation opens up a brand new world to discover, and I encourage graduates to explore each opportunity that comes their way.

Regardless of our graduates' next plans, I hope they will move into their next chapter with a problem-solving, kind and generous attitude about whatever happens in life. A motto that I come back to time and again, especially in my current job as a senator, is, "leave this world better off than when you entered it." I work to do that as I represent South Dakota in the Senate and I hope that South Dakota's young people will follow a path in life that gives them the opportunity to make this a better world for themselves and for all future generations of Americans. They have been given the tools they need to succeed; the future is now theirs to shape.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## Where Do You Look When She's Lost Her Voice?

It has been a quiet week at the parsonage. Far quieter than usual. I cannot remember a time when it was quieter. If silence is golden, the week glowed with a yellow brilliance.

Have you ever noticed when you lose something, it is always in the last place you look? I could save a lot of time, not to mention energy, if I would look for that lost item in the last place first. Back to the sounds of silence in the parsonage.

When the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage awoke from her beauty sleep on Monday morning, she discovered sometime during the night she lost her voice. It was a strange sensation that bears repeating - often.

At first, I thought I lost my hearing. I am not accustomed to starting the day with such silence. I could see my Beloved's lips moving, but nothing reached my ears.

I must confess that there have been times when I feigned not hearing her, but this time I really could not hear a word she said. Immediately I plunged a finger in each ear to check for any foreign correspondent.

My fingers reported nothing. I must admit that clean ears are a novelty for me. God gave me such large ears attracting all sorts of stuff.

My ears produce enough wax each week to take care of 17 Rolls Royces. The strange thing was, I had just waxed my car the Saturday before.

With nothing in my ears - or between them, for that matter - I could not explain this sudden silence of my Little Lamb.

I am the kind of person who tries to find good in everything. Some circumstances severely try my efforts in this endeavor, but, believe it or not, I was able to find some good about this little incident in our parsonage.

The good news was my wife had lost her voice; the bad news, however, she insisted that I look for it. Have you ever tried looking for something you hoped you would not find?

Through the years, I have engaged in many things my heart was not totally in full sympathy with.

Such things as Christmas shopping with my wife at the mall; going to a wedding reception for some family member; attending the Christmas play by first graders at the elementary school.

All these activities are good in and of themselves; if only they would merely keep themselves to themselves, it would not irate myself so much. As a dutiful husband and father, I bolster up both chins and go forward.

Being the considerate soul that I am, I submissively went through the motions of looking for the lost voice. (I did have my fingers crossed.)

My problem was: where do you begin looking for a lost voice? In my lifetime, I have looked for many lost items. My car keys, my wallet (especially when the check at the restaurant is due), and my mind, which I have yet to find.

However, where does a voice go when it turns up missing?

I began my search under the sofa and found a set of car keys I lost seven months ago and my checkbook that I looked everywhere for and finally had to close the account and start over again, but no voice.

I spent a few moments meditating in the garage, but did not find or hear the voice of my Beloved.

I looked in the refrigerator - pausing for a small snack without fear of remonstrance from you know who. Of course, I may have been remonstrated, but I did not hear a thing.

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You must admit that searching is strenuous work demanding refreshment to keep up my strength. Now, where do voices go when they are lost? Is there such a thing as a Missing Voice Bureau? In addition, how long does a voice have to be missing before you can report it to the MVP?

When you do make out a report, how long does it sit on someone's desk before there is a congressional inquiry into the matter?

The crisis came to a head - actually, it was my head - on Thursday morning. At the breakfast table, I could tell my wife was a little irritated at something, or someone.

Glaring across her cereal bowl, I could read her lips, and believe me; she was not whispering sweet nothings in my ear.

I just did not know what to do. Honestly, I had looked everywhere for her voice and never did find it. By Thursday evening, the novelty of the silence began to get old.

It is rather difficult to effectively communicate when one has lost her voice. Unbelievably, I was beginning to miss hearing that voice, but I did not know what to do about it.

As mysteriously as it left, by Friday morning the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage found her voice. Within three hours, she more than made up for the several days of not speaking.

Actually, I was glad to hear her voice once again.

I thought of a scripture that made a little more sense to me. Jesus once said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

Nothing is more wonderful than hearing the voice of the one you love.



**There were a number of graduation receptions held yesterday with GHS students. Katie Koehler is pictured with Julianna Kosel at Katie's reception. There will be more receptions after the GHS graduation today.**

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## Today in Weather History

May 21, 1977: Five tornadoes were seen by observers south of Clear Lake. One was five miles south of town moving northeast. Another was four miles south and one mile west of Clear Lake. Both destroyed trees and some small buildings. Three other tornadoes were sighted about two miles south of town. These touched down only momentarily with no damage occurring.

Two tornadoes were seen in southern Codrington County. One was seen at Grover, and the other was five miles south of Watertown. No damage was reported.

A tornado was on the ground in the vicinity of Revillo. A few barns and some outbuilding were damaged.

May 21, 1992: A severe thunderstorm moved over Northwestern Edmunds County causing high winds and penny size hail. In Bowdle, there was considerable wind damage. Tree limbs more than five inches in diameter were broken off and fell on a car. Other tree branches went through the roof of a home. Two pickup trucks were rolled on their side. Three miles ENE of Bowdle a garage was moved 20 feet off its foundation and was stopped by a large tractor.

1860 - A swarm of tornadoes occurred in the Ohio Valley. Tornadoes struck the cities of Louisville, KY, Cincinnati, OH, Chillicothe, OH, and Marietta, OH, causing a million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1881: Clara Barton and a circle of close friends found the American Red Cross. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1895 - The temperature at Norwalk, OH, dipped to 19 degrees to set a state record for the month of May. (The Weather Channel)

1896 - The mercury soared to 124 degrees at Salton, CA, to establish a U.S. record for May. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1949: A violent tornado crossed the Mississippi River from the St. Louis area into Wood River, then to Roxanna. This tornado damaged or destroyed 300 homes in these two towns, killing five people. Four people died in a destroyed restaurant in Palestine, Illinois; one body was recovered from a tree. A tornado causing estimated F4 damage killed five people and injured 55 in St. Louis and St. Charles counties in Missouri and Madison County in Illinois. This tornado was part of an outbreak that produced four different tornadoes and was responsible for five deaths and 57 injuries.

1980 - The temperature at Williston ND reached 102 degrees to set a record for May, and the next day the mercury hit 106 degrees. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Severe thunderstorms, developing along a sharp cold front crossing the central U.S., produced 60 mph winds and golf ball size hail at Sedalia, MO, and drenched Hagerstown, IN, with six inches of rain in one hour. Temperatures soared into the 90s ahead of the cold front. Paducah, KY, hit 94 degrees for the second day in a row. Light snow blanketed Montana, with three inches reported at Butte. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms swept across southern Louisiana during the morning hours spawning six tornadoes, and producing wind gusts to 88 mph at Jennings. Thunderstorms also produced five inches of rain in two hours at Lake Charles, causing local flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

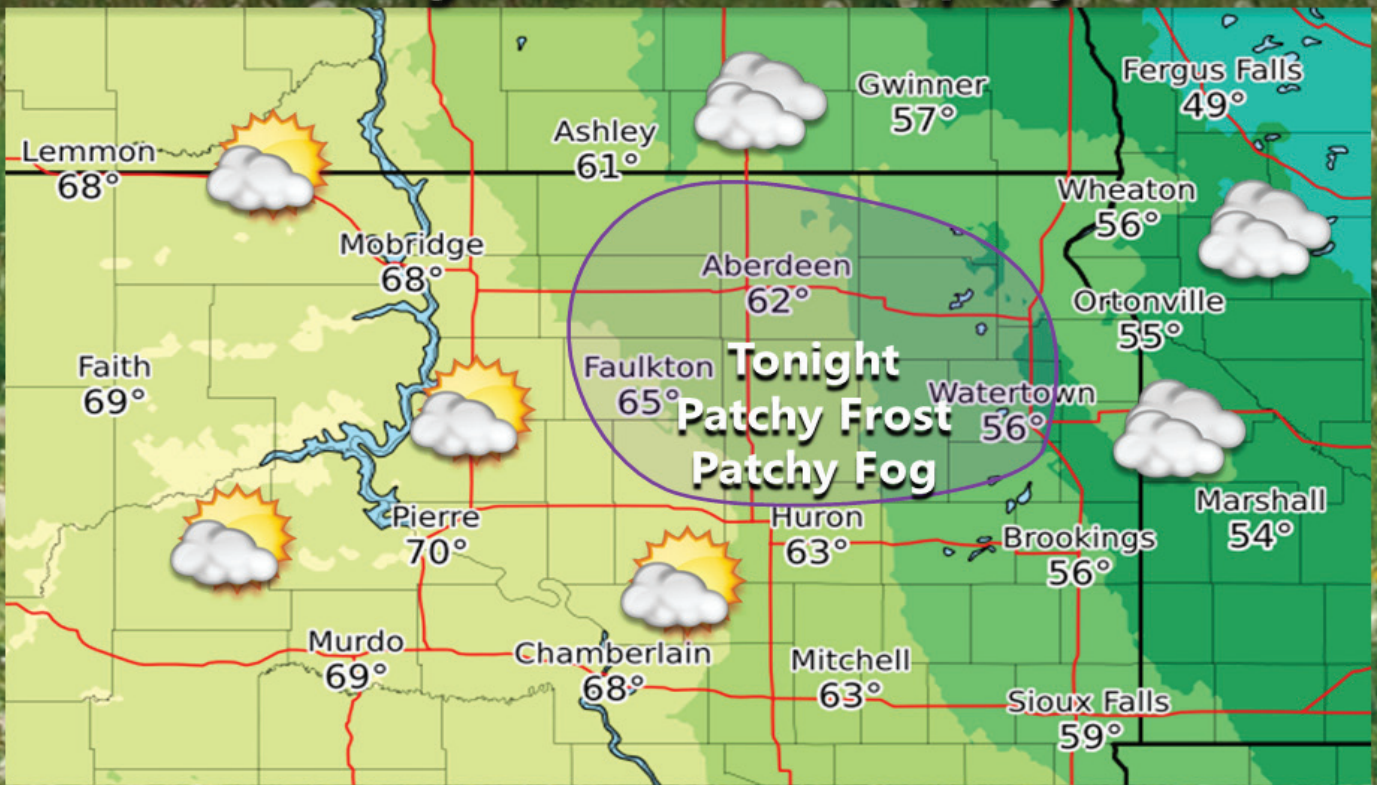
1989 - Thunderstorms moving southeastward across the Central Plains Region into Oklahoma and Arkansas produced severe weather through the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned just four tornadoes, but there were 243 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Baseball size hail was reported at Augusta, KS, and thunderstorm winds gusted to 98 mph at Johnson, KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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| Today   | Tonight   | Monday  | Monday Night  | Tuesday  | Tuesday Night   | Wednesday   |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30%   |   | 30%   | 20%   | 20%  |   |   |
| Chance Rain then Mostly Cloudy and Breezy   | Mostly Cloudy then Patchy Frost and Patchy Fog                                    | Chance Showers and Patchy Fog   | Slight Chance Showers   | Slight Chance Showers and Breezy   | Partly Cloudy   | Mostly Sunny  |
| High: 62 °F   | Low: 38 °F  | High: 64 °F   | Low: 43 °F  | High: 61 °F  | Low: 41 °F  | High: 71 °F   |

## Partial Clearing With Continued Spotty Showers



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

National Weather Service Aberdeen SD



Updated: 5/21/2017 5:50 AM Central

Published on: 05/21/2017 at 5:52AM

Low pressure continues to weaken and move away from the region, however light precipitation and clouds will linger across far eastern South Dakota into western Minnesota. To the west, clearing will allow for more seasonal temperatures. Clearing in the east tonight will result in patchy frost and fog, while across central South Dakota, increasing clouds are expected ahead of the next weather system.

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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 49.3 F at 12:00 AM

Low Outside Temp: 37.1 F at 11:29 PM

High Gust: 25.0 Mph at 3:56 PM

Precip: 0.30

## Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1925

Record Low: 25° in 1895

Average High: 70°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in May: 2.15

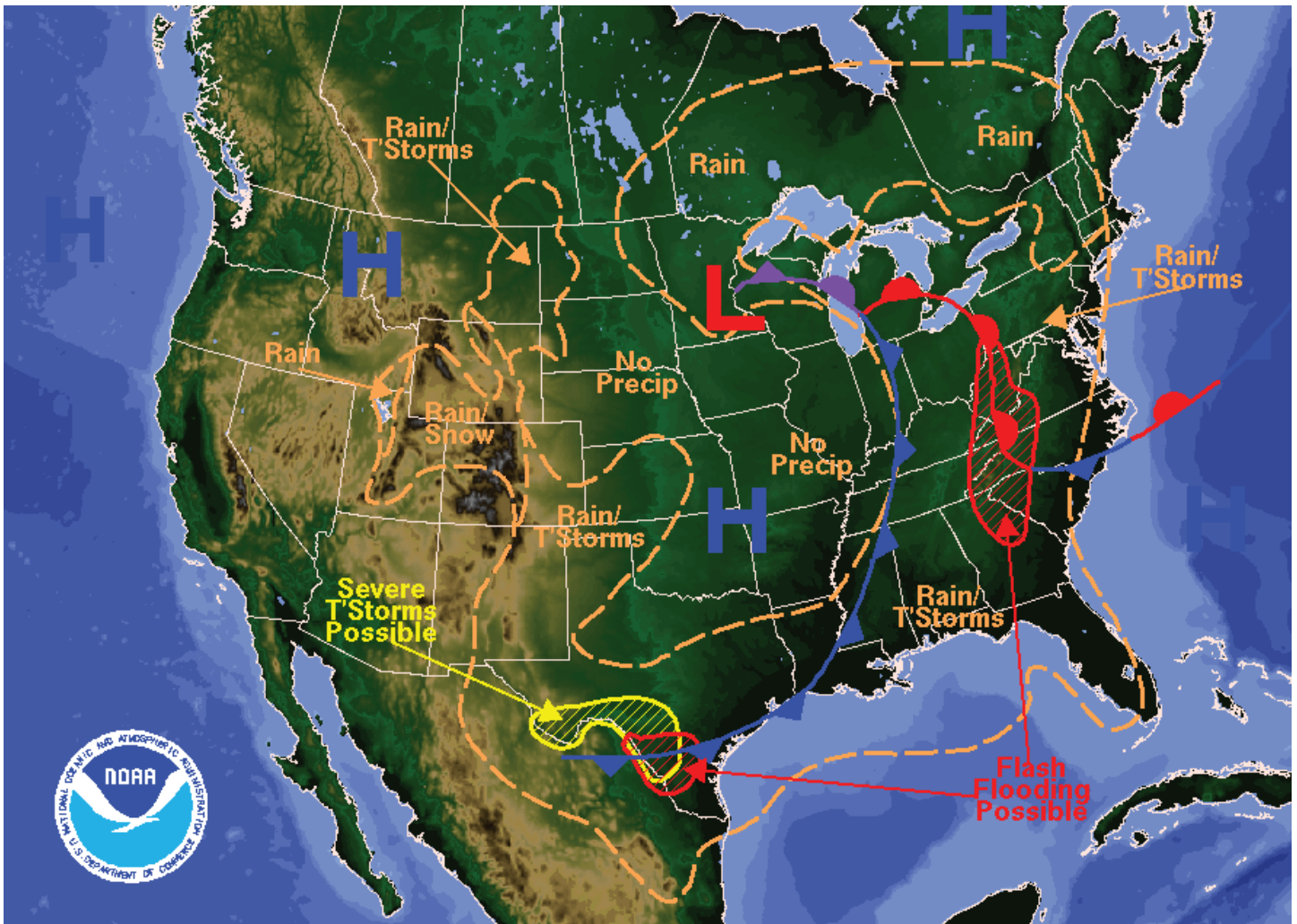
Precip to date in May: 1.08

Average Precip to date: 6.18

Precip Year to Date: 3.06

Sunset Tonight: 9:04 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:55 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, May 21, 2017, issued 4:39 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## LEARNING TO DO GOD'S WILL

Little eight-year-old Betsy knelt beside her bed with her mother to say her night time prayer. "I've had a good day today, God. I hope You've planned another good one for tomorrow."

Does God have a special plan for each little girl, old man and young lady? A plan for each of us? Really?

Before construction workers begin working on the foundation of a building, an architect has drawn elaborate plans that describe every little detail of the building. The same is true of building a ship, planting fields of grain or laying out the route for a highway. First the plan then the product. It is inconceivable that God would have no plan for man - the crowning achievement of His creation.

Even a superficial reading of the Bible reveals that all of the men and women of the Bible were guided by God's plan for their lives. He had a plan for each of them, and He has a plan for each of us, as well.

Perhaps, the question is not whether or not He has a plan for us, but whether or not we even want it. Many try to outsmart God with their plans and end up as failures.

David prayed, "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground." He believed that God had a plan for his life. Yet, he also knew that his willingness to follow it was much like the relationship between a teacher and student. He had to be "taught" to follow that plan. Quite often students have to go through a "time of testing" before they get the answers correct. But in the end, a "passing grade" is worth it all.

Prayer: Lord, may we accept the plan You have designed for each of us and follow it willingly each day of our lives! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.



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## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) \_ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

17-23-24-31-34

(seventeen, twenty-three, twenty-four, thirty-one, thirty-four)

Estimated jackpot: \$166,000

Hot Lotto

13-14-19-34-38, Hot Ball: 13

(thirteen, fourteen, nineteen, thirty-four, thirty-eight; Hot Ball: thirteen)

Estimated jackpot: \$6.61 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Powerball

05-22-45-47-54, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 2

(five, twenty-two, forty-five, forty-seven, fifty-four; Powerball: three; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$228 million

### South Dakota mining museum to get national support

LEADS, S.D. (AP) — The Black Hills Mining Museum is one of 75 institutions across the U.S. selected to take part in the Collections Assessment Program.

The Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2r8CwP3>) reported the program is administered by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic works and will help the museum organize its collection care efforts by analyzing the site to identify conservation priorities.

A collections assessor and a building assessor will visit the museum for two days and meet with staff to formulate a plan.

Todd Duex, president of the museum board of directors, said he hopes the program helps the museum establish a long-term goal.

The program is administered by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

The museum was founded 30 years ago and is dedicated to telling the story of the people who worked in the mines, Duex said. The museum's lower level features duplicates of shafts, drifts and caverns found in a mine. There are also lifelike figures performing various tasks needed to operate the enterprise.

Most of the museum's items are from the Homestake Gold Mine, which was the biggest employer in the region for most of the 20th century.

No schedule has been set for when the assessors will visit and the cost has not yet been determined. Museum staff hope to figure out the details by mid-June.

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

## South Dakota deer population growing too slowly

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State wildlife officials say South Dakota's deer population isn't growing as fast they would like.

Andy Lindbloom, senior big game biologist with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, told The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qnFyh7>) that fewer fawns are being observed as surviving into adulthood and over-winter survival is low in many areas.

Department officials recently recommended reductions in deer hunting licenses and tags for the next two years to help the deer population grow. They recommended that around 18,800 buck tags be available for the 2017-18 hunting season in the East River, a 5 percent reduction from 2016. The number of doe tags would be reduced to around 12,700, a 44 percent cut since 2016.

For West River residents, recommendations would have around 16,000 buck licenses, a 2 percent drop, and around 5,800 doe licenses, a 33 percent drop. There would be almost 1,500 nonresident licenses available.

Lower deer harvest rates in 2016 also played a part in the recommendations, Lindbloom said.

East River hunters were successful about 44 percent of the time, down from 50 percent in 2015. West River hunters in 2016 saw 53 percent success, down from 60 percent in 2015.

The deer situation was particularly dire in 2016 with the largest outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease the state has seen in the last 10 years.

Around 2,300 deer were reported dead from the disease, Lindbloom said. The outbreak caused the department to pull more than 1,200 licenses and give hunters the opportunity to return their tags. About 1,800 were returned, Lindbloom said.

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

## Trump meeting with Arab leaders ahead of major speech

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JULIE PACE, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Donald Trump will use the nation that is home to Islam's holiest site as a backdrop to call for Muslim unity in the fight against terrorism Sunday, as he works to build relationships with Arab leaders.

On the second day of his first trip abroad, Trump sought to demonstrate that he'd made progress with an agreement with Gulf Arab states on countering terrorist funding.

Under the memorandum of understanding with the Gulf Cooperation Council announced in Saudi Arabia, participants are pledging to prosecute the financing of terrorism, including individuals. The White House did not immediately release the document. But White House adviser Dina Powell said she hoped the deal with Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates would be the "farthest reaching commitment to not finance terrorist organizations" and would lead to prosecutions.

Trump's Sunday speech, the centerpiece of his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, will address the leaders of 50 Muslim-majority countries to cast the challenge of extremism as a "battle between good and evil" and urge Arab leaders to "drive out the terrorists from your places of worship," according to a draft of the speech obtained by The Associated Press. He also said that in about two weeks he would hold a news conference about the nation's efforts fighting terror.

Trump, whose campaign was frequently punctuated by bouts of anti-Islamic rhetoric, is poised to soften some of his language about Islam. Though during the campaign he repeatedly stressed the need to say the words "radical Islamic terrorism" — and criticized his opponent, Hillary Clinton, for not doing so — that phrase is not included in the draft.

It does, however, mention "the crisis of Islamist extremism and the Islamist terror groups it inspires," according to excerpts released by the White House Sunday, ahead of the speech.

The speech comes amid a renewed courtship of the United States' Arab allies as Trump held individual meetings with leaders of several nations, including Egypt and Qatar, before participating in a roundtable

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with the Gulf Cooperation Council and joining Saudi King Salman in opening Riyadh's new anti-terrorism center.

A Sunday meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi underscored the kinship, with Trump saluting his counterpart on the April release of Egyptian-American charity worker Aya Hijazi, who had been detained in the country for nearly three years.

El-Sissi invited Trump to visit him in Egypt, adding, "You are a unique personality that is capable of doing the impossible." As the participants laughed, Trump responded: "I agree."

The president then complimented el-Sissi's choice of footwear, telling his Egyptian counterpart "Love your shoes. Boy, those shoes" after their brief remarks to the press.

Trump has shown a willingness to overlook foreign leaders' human rights abuses. And Trump's prepared address notably refrains from mentioning democracy and human rights — topics Arab leaders often view as U.S. moralizing — in favor of the more limited goals of peace and stability.

"We are not here to lecture — to tell other peoples how to live, what to do or who to be. We are here instead to offer partnership in building a better future for us all," according to the copy of his speech.

Two different sources provided the AP with copies of the draft of his remarks, billed as a marquee speech of the trip. The White House confirmed the draft was authentic, but cautioned the president had not yet signed off on the final product and that changes could be made.

Trump may seem an unlikely messenger to deliver an olive branch to the Muslim world.

During his campaign, he mused, "I think Islam hates us." And only a week after taking office, he signed an executive order to ban immigrants from seven countries — Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen — from entering the United States, a decision that sparked widespread protests at the nation's airports and demonstrations outside the White House.

That ban was blocked by the courts. A second order, which dropped Iraq from the list, is tied up in federal court and the federal government is appealing.

White House officials have said they consider Trump's visit, and his keynote address, a counterweight to President Barack Obama's debut speech to the Muslim world in 2009 in Cairo.

Obama called for understanding and acknowledged some of America's missteps in the region. That speech was denounced by many Republicans and criticized by a number of the United States' Middle East allies as being a sort of apology.

Saudi Arabia's leaders soured on Obama, and King Salman did not greet him at the airport during his final visit to the kingdom. But on Saturday, the 81-year-old king, aided by a cane, walked along the red carpet to meet Trump. He later awarded Trump the Collar of Abdulaziz al Saud, the theocracy's highest civilian honor.

The president's stop in Saudi Arabia's dusty desert capital kicked off his first foreign trip as president, an ambitious, five-stop swing that will take him through the Middle East and into Europe. He's the only American president to make Saudi Arabia — or any Muslim-majority nation — his first overseas visit.

Trump arrived in Riyadh besieged by the fallout from his controversial decision to fire FBI Director James Comey and more revelations about the federal investigations into his campaign's possible ties to Russia. But escaping Washington for the gold-plated embrace of the Saudi royal family — a decor not so unlike Trump's own Manhattan home — appeared to give the president a boost.

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Associated Press writers Vivian Salama, Ken Thomas and Jill Colvin in Washington contributed to this report.

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## Q&A: Cosby jury: A look at what to expect during selection

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A crucial phase of comedian Bill Cosby's sex assault trial starts Monday when lawyers gather in Pittsburgh to pick the jury that will weigh his case.

The jury must decide if the 79-year-old actor drugged and molested a Temple University women's basketball team manager at his home near Philadelphia in 2004.

Trial consultant Howard Varinsky believes lawyers will be on guard for celebrity worshippers or jurors who may want to serve to write a book.

Cosby calls the encounter with accuser Andrea Constand consensual. The felony charge carries a potential 10-year prison term, but Cosby is also focused on the court of public opinion. On the eve of jury selection, he told a talk radio host last week that he hopes to clear his name and resume his stand-up comedy career.

Cosby said he does not expect to testify because of fears he would misspeak during cross-examination.

Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill will sequester the jury during the estimated two-week trial because of the frenzied media coverage expected. Jurors will be about 300 miles from home, across the state in suburban Philadelphia.

The trial starts June 5. One other accuser will be allowed to testify for prosecutors who hope to show that Cosby's encounter with Constand was not accidental but part of a broader pattern of sexual misconduct.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are sexual assault victims unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

A run-down of what to expect as a dozen jurors and six alternates are selected:

Q: Why is the jury being picked in Pittsburgh?

A: Cosby's lawyers sought an outside jury because the case had been a flash point in the 2015 race for Montgomery County district attorney. Former prosecutor Bruce Castor, the Republican candidate, had declined to charge Cosby a decade earlier. First Assistant District Attorney Kevin Steele, a Democrat whose office had reopened the case, attacked Castor over the Cosby case in campaign ads.

Q: What will it be like to serve on the jury?

A: In a rare move, the jury will be sequestered near the courthouse in Norristown, some 300 miles away from their homes. Court officers will keep close tabs on their cellphone use, TV time and reading material, given the huge media coverage the case will bring. The trial is expected to last about two weeks, but could go longer if rebuttal witnesses are called or the jury struggles to reach a verdict.

Q: What type of jurors will the defense seek?

A: The defense will likely seek jurors who are black, male, older and perhaps celebrity worshippers, in the view of jury consultant Howard Varinsky, who advised prosecutors in the murder trials of Scott Peterson, who was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife, Timothy McVeigh and others. Black jurors may be more willing to doubt police and prosecutors, while older jurors may blame the victim for being in the married Cosby's home, he said. Celebrity worshippers may be sympathetic or try to form a connection to the star, relating to the fact they once saw them in a store or come from the same hometown or have children the same age.

Q: How about the prosecution?

A: Younger jurors may have more modern views of sexual assault cases, especially those, like Cosby's, that involve acquaintance situations or a delay in contacting police. Varinsky expects about one in four jurors to say they or someone close to them has been the victim of a sexual assault. Those individuals would likely be dismissed by the judge.

Q: How much leeway does each side have to pick jurors?

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A: Either side can ask the judge to strike a potential juror for cause, without it counting against them. That might include jurors who admit having a biased view of the case, or have a hardship — a medical condition, family obligation or financial or job situation — that prevents them from serving. After that, each side can strike seven jurors and three alternates without cause, simply because they sense they fear they would hurt their sides.

Q: Will the jurors be identified?

A: Judge Steven O'Neill plans to keep the jurors' names private. However, the press will be covering the proceedings, reporting on both the nature of the arguments over jury selection and the willingness of people to serve in the high-profile case.

Q: What should I watch for?

A: The elements to watch for include:

—Jurors too eager to serve in a celebrity case. Some may even hope to write a book afterward, if past cases are any guide.

—Can the parties find 18 people without strong feelings about the case or Cosby's career? Do they express fond memories of benevolent TV dad Cliff Huxtable or cartoon character Fat Albert? Or are they bitter about Cosby's scolding of the young black community?

—Is the jury pool familiar with the scores of other Cosby accusers? Are people being truthful if they say they're not, given the widespread media coverage?

—What's the final breakdown in terms of men/women; old/young; black/white/other? gay/straight? (Cosby is 79, black, long-married, a father of five, American and a career entertainer. Trial accuser Andrea Constand is 43, white, single, gay, Canadian and a basketball professional-turned-massage therapist.)

—Will politics come into play, subtly or not? Given sex assault allegations raised against President Donald Trump, and his vulgar comments caught on tape about grabbing women, will lawyers try to glean the jurors' political leanings?

Q: Will jurors hear from Cosby during the trial?

A: Cosby told an interviewer this past week that he does not expect to testify, given his fear of wading into trouble while trying to be truthful during cross-examination.

## N. Korea fires missile in latest test, US and S. Korea say

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Sunday fired a medium-range missile, U.S. and South Korean officials said, in the latest ballistics test for a country speeding up its development of nuclear weapons and missiles.

The rocket was fired from an area near the North Korean county of Pukchang, in South Phyongan Province, and flew eastward about 500 kilometers (310 miles), said South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. The U.S. Pacific Command said it tracked the missile before it landed into the sea.

White House officials traveling in Saudi Arabia with President Donald Trump said the system, which was last tested in February, has a shorter range than the missiles launched in North Korea's most recent tests.

An official from South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile appeared to be similar in range and apogee to a midrange solid-fuel missile that North Korea fired in February. The missile fired on Sunday reached a maximum altitude of 560 kilometers (347 miles), said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, citing office rules.

In February, North Korea used a launcher truck to fire a solid-fuel missile that it calls the Pukguksong (Polaris)-2, a land-based version of a submarine-launched missile the country revealed earlier. That missile traveled about 500 kilometers before crashing into the sea, according to South Korean and U.S. officials.

The February launch, the North's first missile test after Trump took office, alarmed neighbors because

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solid-fuel missiles can be fired more quickly than liquid-fuel missiles, which need to be fueled before launch and require a larger number of vehicles, including fuel trucks, that could be spotted by satellites.

South Korea's new president, Moon Jae-in, held a National Security Council meeting to discuss Sunday's launch, which came hours after he named his new foreign minister nominee and top advisers for security and foreign policy. He did not make a public statement after the meeting.

In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called the launch a "challenge to the world" that tramples international efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear and missile problems peacefully, and vowed to bring up the issue as the "main agenda" of this week's G7 summit in Italy.

The launch came a week after North Korea successfully tested a new midrange missile that it said could carry a heavy nuclear warhead. Experts said that rocket flew higher and for a longer time than any other missile previously tested by North Korea, and that it could one day reach targets as far away as Hawaii and Alaska.

Under the watch of third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un, North Korea has been aggressively pursuing a decades-long goal of putting a nuclear warhead on an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.

North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year alone, possibly improving its ability to make nuclear weapons small enough to fit on long-range missiles. The country has also conducted a slew of rocket launches as it continues to advance its arsenal of ballistic weapons, which also include midrange solid-fuel missiles that could be fired from land mobile launchers or submarines.

Such tests present a difficult challenge to Moon, a liberal who took over as South Korea's president on May 10 and has expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea. Pyongyang's aggressive push to boost its weapons program also makes it one of the most urgent foreign policy concerns for the Trump administration, though Washington has struggled to settle on a policy.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the North's latest launch "throws cold water" on the expectations by Moon's government to "stabilize peace and denuclearize the Korean Peninsula."

"Our government is open to the possibility of dialogue with North Korea, but will also maintain a stance of firmly responding to provocations," the ministry said.

## **AP Exclusive: Strapped UN health agency spends big on travel**

**By MARIA CHENG, AP Medical Writer**

LONDON (AP) — The World Health Organization routinely spends about \$200 million a year on travel — far more than what it doles out to fight some of the biggest problems in public health including AIDS, tuberculosis or malaria, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press.

As the cash-strapped U.N. health agency has pleaded for more money to fund its responses to health crises worldwide, it has also been struggling to get its own travel costs under control. Despite introducing new rules to try to curb its expansive travel budget, senior officials have complained internally that U.N. staffers are breaking the rules by booking perks like business class airplane tickets and rooms in five-star hotels.

The \$201 million yearly average that WHO spends on travel far outstrips what it reserves for some of its top programs, although those budgets sometimes include certain travel costs.

Last year, WHO spent about \$71 million on AIDS and hepatitis. On malaria, it spent \$61 million. And to slow tuberculosis, WHO invested \$59 million. Still, some health programs do get exceptional funding — the agency spends about \$450 million trying to wipe out polio every year.

On a recent trip to Guinea where WHO director-general Dr. Margaret Chan praised health workers in West Africa for triumphing over Ebola, she stayed in the biggest presidential suite at the Palm Camayenne hotel in Conakry. The suite has an advertised price of 900 euros (\$1,008) a night. The agency declined to say who picked up the tab, noting only that her hotels are sometimes paid for by the host country.

But some say that sends the wrong message to the rest of the agency's 7,000 staffers.

"We don't trust people to do the right thing when it comes to travel," said Nick Jeffreys, WHO's direc-

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tor of finance, during an in-house seminar on accountability in September 2015 — a video of which was obtained by the AP.

Despite WHO's numerous travel regulations, Jeffreys said staffers "can sometimes manipulate a little bit their travel." He said the agency couldn't be sure they were always booking the cheapest ticket or that the travel was even warranted.

"People don't always know what the right thing to do is," he said.

Ian Smith, executive director of Chan's office, said the chair of WHO's audit committee said the agency often did little to stop misbehavior.

"We, as an organization, sometimes function as if rules are there to be broken and that exceptions are the rule rather than the norm," Smith said.

Earlier that year, a memorandum was sent to Chan and other top leaders with the subject, "ACTIONS TO CONTAIN TRAVEL COSTS" in all-caps. The memo reported that compliance with rules that travel be booked in advance was "very low" and also pointed out that WHO was under pressure from its member countries to save money.

Travel would always be necessary, the memo said, but "as an organization we must demonstrate that we are serious about managing this appropriately."

In a statement to the AP, the U.N. health agency said "the nature of WHO's work often requires WHO staff to travel" and said costs had been reduced 14 percent last year compared to the previous year — although that year's total was exceptionally high due to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

But staffers are still openly ignoring the rules.

An internal analysis in March, obtained by the AP, found that only two of seven departments at WHO's Geneva headquarters met their targets, and concluded the compliance rate for booking travel in advance was between 28 and 59 percent.

Since 2013, WHO has paid out \$803 million for travel. WHO's approximately \$2 billion annual budget is drawn from the taxpayer-funded contributions of its 194 member countries, with the United States the largest contributor.

After he was elected, U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted: "The UN has such great potential," but had become "just a club for people to get together, talk, and have a good time. So sad!"

Some health experts said while WHO's travel costs look out of place when compared to some of its disease budgets, that doesn't necessarily mean that travel expenses are inflated.

Michael Osterholm, an infectious diseases expert at the University of Minnesota, has frequently been flown to WHO meetings — in economy — on the agency's dime.

"This may just speak to how misplaced international priorities are, that WHO is getting so little for these disease programs," he said.

During the Ebola disaster in West Africa, WHO's travel costs spiked to \$234 million. Although experts say on-the-ground help was critical, some question whether the agency couldn't have shaved costs so that more funds went to West Africa, where the three stricken countries couldn't even afford basics like protective boots, gloves and soap for endangered medical workers or body bags for the thousands who died.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, who directed WHO's outbreak response, racked up nearly \$400,000 in travel expenses during the Ebola crisis, sometimes flying by helicopter to visit clinics instead of traveling by jeep over muddy roads, according to internal trip reports he filed.

Chan spent more than \$370,000 in travel that year, as documented in a confidential 25-page analysis of WHO expenses that identified the agency's top 50 spenders. Three sources who asked not to be identified for fear of losing their jobs told the AP that Chan often flew in first class.

Until February, WHO said the travel policy "included the possibility for the (director-general) to fly first class," but that Chan flew business class and requested the policy be changed.

"There's a huge inequality between the people at the top who are getting helicopters and business class and everyone else who just has to make do," said Sophie Harman, an expert in global health politics at Queen Mary University in London.

Other international aid agencies, including Doctors Without Borders, explicitly forbid their staff from traveling in business class — even having the charity's president fly in economy class, a spokeswoman said. With a staff of about 37,000 aid workers versus WHO's 7,000 staffers, Doctors Without Borders spends about \$43 million on travel a year.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would not provide its travel costs but said staffers are not allowed to fly business class unless they have a medical condition that warrants it. The U.N. children's agency UNICEF, which has about 13,000 staffers, said it spent \$140 million on global travel in 2016.

"When you spend the kind of money WHO is spending on travel, you have to be able to justify it," said Dr. Ashish Jha, director of the Global Health Institute at Harvard University. "I can't think of any justification for ever flying first class."

Jha warned that WHO's travel spending could have significant consequences for fundraising. Several weeks ago, WHO asked for about \$100 million to save people in Somalia from an ongoing drought. In April, it requested \$126 million to stop the humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen.

"If WHO is not being as lean as possible, it's going to be hard to remain credible when they make their next funding appeal," Jha said.

## Kevin Durant, Warriors beat Spurs 120-108, take 3-0 lead

BY RAUL DOMINGUEZ, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs were injured, but Golden State was expecting a fevered fight on the home floor of the five-time NBA champions.

The Warriors' depth and talent settled things early.

Kevin Durant had 33 points and 10 rebounds and Golden State beat injury-riddled San Antonio 120-108 on Saturday night to take a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference Finals.

"They were going to come out and hit us in the mouth," Durant said of what the Warriors anticipated entering the game. "I think we did a good job of taking that punch and just kept playing."

Golden State has a chance to complete its third straight series sweep in Game 4 at San Antonio on Monday night. The Warriors are the third team in NBA history to win their first 11 playoff games. Cleveland is 10-0, with a 2-0 lead over Boston in the Eastern Conference final.

"I'm not surprised," Golden State point guard Stephen Curry said of the lead. "Our goal is to win every game we play. We answered a lot of challenges throughout the course of the playoffs and learned a lot of lessons through winning. Against the Spurs, they challenge you no matter who's out there. You've got to play well to beat them."

Curry added 21 points and became the franchise leader in postseason points, passing Hall of Famer Rick Barry.

Already without leading scorer Kawhi Leonard and starting point guard Tony Parker, the Spurs lost David Lee to a left knee injury in the opening quarter.

"We have to fight with the soldiers we have," San Antonio veteran Manu Ginobili said. "Nobody is going to feel sorry for us."

Lee left with 2:57 remaining in the first, unable to put any weight on his left leg after he landed awkwardly on it following a foul by Draymond Green. Joel Anthony had to take a free throw in place of Lee, who was taken to the locker room in a wheelchair. Lee's status is unknown.

San Antonio still managed to match a postseason high with 33 points in the opening quarter and lead by as many as six points in the first half.

The Spurs played on emotion, but eventually succumbed to the Warriors' firepower.

"It's not easy. Even if we were healthy, they're a great team," San Antonio guard Danny Green said. "It wouldn't be easy, regardless. With the bodies going down, very much so an uphill battle."

Durant had 19 points in the third quarter.

"I feel I can make every shot I shoot because I shoot good ones and I try to get to my spot," Durant said. "So, when they called my number, I just tried to go out there and be aggressive."



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Golden State shot 55 percent from the field and was 11 for 27 on 3-pointers.

"Every time you look up, you're playing against four All-Stars," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. Klay Thompson had 17 points, and Javale McGee added 11 points, including 11 in the opening quarter for the Warriors.

Ginobili led the Spurs with 21 points, joining Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the only players 39 or older to score 20-plus points in a conference final.

San Antonio has been outscored by 73 points since Leonard left Game 1 with 7:52 remaining and the Spurs leading 78-55.

## TIP-INS

Warriors: Curry has 1,774 career postseason points in 69 games to set the franchise record. Barry previously held the franchise record with 1,776 points in 66 games. ... Zaza Pachulia missed the game and was not on the bench after bruising his right heel during the first quarter of Game 2. ... Andre Iguodala had two points in 19 minutes after sitting out Game 2 because of a sore left knee. ... Kevon Looney (left hip strain) has not played in the postseason. Looney played 53 games in the regular season, including four starts.

Spurs: Popovich opted to sit Leonard after conferring with the team's medical staff, but it wasn't a decision his All-Star forward agreed with. "In the end, I guess it's my decision," Popovich said. "He's not thrilled he's not playing, but he's not ready." ... The Spurs are 1-2 in the postseason without Leonard and were 7-1 in the regular season without their leading scorer.

## ALDRIDGE'S STRUGGLES

Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points on 7-for-17 shooting after stressing it was imperative for him to score following Leonard's injury.

"I tried my best and they still doubled and clogged from the elbow, tried to make things difficult," Aldridge said. "I tried to pick my spots to take my shots, even if it was a tough shot. They keyed on some things and made things tough out there."

## MAKING AN IMPACT

McGee made the most of his first start of the series, shooting 6 for 9 while scoring 16 points in 13 minutes.

## ALWAYS TRYING

Ginobili chuckled when asked if he decided to be more aggressive offensively with Leonard and Parker out. "I swear, I try every game," Ginobili said. "Sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn't. I tried the same way against Memphis, of course I scored zero points four games in a row. Today, I just happened to make a couple."

Ginobili was 7-for-9 shooting while scoring a team-high 21 points.

## Ducks captain Getzlaf fined for apparent homophobic slur

By GREG BEACHAM, AP Hockey Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Anaheim Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf was fined \$10,000 on Saturday for apparently using a homophobic slur during Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

The NHL announced the fine several hours before Game 5 of the series in Anaheim. Getzlaf, the Ducks' leading scorer in the postseason, expressed a measure of remorse after the Ducks' 3-1 loss to the Nashville Predators.

"A situation like that, where I'm on the bench by myself, frustration set in," Getzlaf said. "There was obviously some words said, not necessarily directed at anyone in particular. It was just kind of a comment. I've got to be a little bit more responsible for the words I choose. ... I understand that it's my responsibility to not use vulgar language, period, whether it's a swear word or whatever it is. We've got to be a little bit more respectful of the game, and that's up to me."

Getzlaf appeared to shout the inappropriate remark in frustration with an official after returning to Anaheim's bench. The game officials appeared to be too far away to hear Getzlaf, but television cameras were trained directly on him.

"That's my responsibility to understand that there are eyes and ears on us all the time," Getzlaf said.

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"Fortunately enough, nobody heard it. If you can read lips, it's a little bit harder, and I apologize for that. That's a thing that you won't hear from me again. I hope I didn't offend anybody outside the circle that we trust."

One year ago, Chicago forward Andrew Shaw was suspended for one game and fined \$5,000 for directing a homophobic slur toward an official during a playoff game.

Getzlaf avoided a suspension for reasons not immediately made clear by the NHL, but the fine is the maximum allowable under the league's collective bargaining agreement with the NHLPA.

"Getzlaf's comment in Thursday's game, particularly as directed to another individual on the ice, was inappropriately demeaning and disrespectful, and crossed the line into behavior that we deem unacceptable," said Colin Campbell, the NHL's senior executive vice president of hockey operations. "The type of language chosen and utilized in this instance will not be tolerated in the National Hockey League."

Getzlaf has scored 18 points in 16 playoff games during one of the best postseasons of his NHL career, but he has been held scoreless in six of the Ducks' last seven games, including Game 5. The 2007 Stanley Cup champion is the second-leading scorer in the current playoffs, trailing only Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin. Anaheim faces playoff elimination in Game 6 in Nashville on Monday night.

More AP NHL: <https://apnews.com/tag/NHLhockey>

## Rouhani, a man of the Islamic Revolution, opens Iran to West

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — As Iran's chief nuclear envoy, Hassan Rouhani earned the nickname "diplomat sheikh" when negotiators in 2004 reached a deal that saw the Islamic Republic halt all its enrichment of uranium.

Over 10 years later, it would be Rouhani as president who would strike a bargain with world powers to again limit Iran's atomic program, showing once more the cleric's pragmatism in slowly engaging with the West.

But Iran's contested nuclear program represents only one part of the identity of the 68 year old, who decisively won a second term on Saturday. He opposed the reign of Iran's shah in the entourage of the Islamic Republic's founder Ruhollah Khomeini, held sensitive defense posts during the country's long 1980s war with Iraq and allegedly served on a committee that targeted government opponents abroad for assassination.

Rouhani, while opening Iran to the world, remains firmly a part of its small, clerically ruled power structure. And yet while not promising widespread changes, he increasingly has criticized hard-liners, showing a deft touch for balancing the various competing powers within Iran.

"I said it is good for centrifuges to operate, but it is also important that the country operates as well and the wheels of industry are turning," Rouhani said during his first presidential campaign in 2013.

Born in Nov. 12, 1948, Rouhani grew up in Sorkheh, a small town in Iran's northern Semnan province. His father, who supported the Shiite family with profits from a small spice shop, was one of the first in their town to perform the hajj, a religious pilgrimage to holy sites in Saudi Arabia required of every able-bodied Muslim once in their life.

Rouhani joined the seminary and soon fell under the sway of Khomeini. At 16, he became a spokesman for the exiled cleric. Rouhani would become a law school student at the University of Tehran and lived for a time in London before returning to Iran, then in the grips of Khomeini's Islamic Revolution.

Rouhani soon had many roles in the new Islamic government, including serving as a lawmaker, reorganizing the military and overseeing Iran's state broadcaster, a valued mouthpiece for Khomeini.

After Iraq started the 1980s war with Iran, Rouhani held several defense positions, including serving as the head of Iran's National Air Defense Command. He later joined the Supreme National Security Council, a powerful body overseeing defense and security issues, reporting directly to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. He also served as a national security adviser to then-President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, whose realist attitude toward the world Rouhani later would emulate.

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During this time, rights groups allege Rouhani served on an extraconstitutional committee that planned the assassination of opponents and exiles abroad. Rouhani during this time also reportedly told an Iranian newspaper that the country "will not hesitate to destroy the activities of counterrevolutionary groups abroad." Rouhani has not addressed the allegations.

In 2002, after then-U.S. President George W. Bush described Iran as being in the "axis of evil," details of Iran's nuclear program were revealed by the Iranian exile group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq. Rouhani soon became Iran's chief nuclear negotiator and reached a deal with European nations to suspend uranium enrichment.

But the election of hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad threw those negotiations into disarray. After heated arguments with Ahmadinejad, Rouhani resigned as negotiator. Ahmadinejad resumed the program, leading to a series of crippling international sanctions.

After authorities stopped Rafsanjani from running for president in 2013, Rouhani became his standard-bearer. He squeaked out a first-round victory. He entered office at an auspicious moment, as U.S. President Barack Obama earlier had agreed to secret talks with Iranian officials in Oman to see if negotiations were possible.

Rouhani seized the opportunity. In September 2013, he and Obama spoke by telephone, the highest-level exchange between the two countries since the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover and hostage crisis in Tehran. By 2015, the deal with world powers was struck.

Speaking later that year at the United Nations, Rouhani said he viewed the deal as "not the final objective but a development which can and should be the basis of further achievements to come."

"I say to all nations and governments: We will not forget the past, but we do not wish to live in the past," Rouhani said. "We will not forget war and sanctions, but we look to peace and development."

The nuclear deal led to Airbus and Chicago-based Boeing Co. signing multi-billion-dollar deals with Iran for airplanes and sent Iranian crude back into many markets. But Iran's weak economy and high unemployment stubbornly remained, in part over foreign firms' trepidation about entering Iran.

Meanwhile, hard-liners and the Revolutionary Guard continued to detain dual nationals, as well as artists and journalists in a crackdown on dissent. The Guard also launched ballistic missiles, including two that had "Israel must be wiped out" written on them in Hebrew.

During his re-election campaign, Rouhani began criticizing hard-liners more stridently than he had in his first four-year term. His rallies also saw people chant for detained leaders of the 2009 Green Movement, which challenged Ahmadinejad's disputed 2009 re-election. Freeing those men had been a promise from his first campaign, one that remains unfulfilled.

But for Rouhani, pragmatism has long been a way of life. Rouhani served as a military conscript under the shah though opposing him. He also recounted in his memoir sneaking into Iraq at age 18 to visit Khomeini in exile.

A smuggler demanded he be low profile and take off his turban, something other clerics may have refused. Rouhani didn't hesitate in removing it.

"We arrived safely and that is what mattered," Rouhani recounted.

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## **Rested and ready: 13-1 shot Cloud Computing wins Preakness**

**By BETH HARRIS, AP Racing Writer**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Sometimes it pays to have a fresh horse.

Cloud Computing skipped the Kentucky Derby, while eventual winner Always Dreaming and Classic Empire mixed it up in the mud at Churchill Downs.

Two weeks later, Cloud Computing pounced on those two horses in the Preakness, pulling off an upset victory by a head at 13-1 odds Saturday. He became the first horse to skip the Derby and win the second leg of the Triple Crown since filly Rachel Alexandra in 2009.

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"Some of the reason that we won today was because we were patient and didn't throw an inexperienced horse against a 20-horse field in the Derby on a very difficult track," winning co-owner Seth Klarman said. "We made a great call."

Always Dreaming and Classic Empire dueled for most of the race before Classic Empire stuck his nose in front midway on the far turn. It looked as if Classic Empire would go on to win, but Cloud Computing ran him down on the outside.

Always Dreaming faded to eighth in the 10-horse field on a cool and cloudy day at Pimlico. The crowd of 140,327 and wagering total of \$94,127,434 were records, bettering the marks set last year.

Ridden by Javier Castellano, Cloud Computing ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.98 and paid \$28.80, \$8.60 and \$6. It was just the dark brown colt's fourth career start, the fewest of any horse in the race, and only his second win. He didn't run as a 2-year-old because of injury.

Classic Empire returned \$4.40 and \$4, and 31-1 shot Senior Investment was another 4 3/4 lengths back in third and paid \$10.20.

New York-based trainer Chad Brown earned his first victory in a Triple Crown race. Castellano won for the second time. He rode Bernardini to victory in the 2006 Preakness.

Castellano comes from a racing family, with a father, uncle and brother who have been jockeys.

"We've been working for a long time for this moment," he said. "It's great for the family."

The 142nd Preakness had been billed as a match race between Always Dreaming and Classic Empire, and it was from the start.

They broke out of the starting gate next to each other and the fight was on. Always Dreaming took a slight lead with Classic Empire on his flank.

Meanwhile, Cloud Computing was back in third as Castellano watched the duel unfold in front of him.

Always Dreaming was the first to throw in the towel, surrendering the lead to Classic Empire midway around the final turn.

"We didn't have an excuse," said Todd Pletcher, who trains Always Dreaming. "We were in a position we expected to be, and I think the turnaround was a little too quick. He ran so hard in the Derby and today just wasn't his day."

Always Dreaming lost for the first time in five races this year. He'd won his first four by a combined 23 1/4 lengths.

Classic Empire and Julien Leparoux went into the stretch with three-length lead, seemingly on his way to the winner's circle.

At that point, trainer Mark Casse thought he was headed there, too.

"Of course," he said. "But I thought I was going to win a lot of times before, so it doesn't shock me."

But Classic Empire also paid a price for putting away Always Dreaming. Classic Empire fought on to the finish line, but couldn't hold off a fresh horse in Cloud Computing.

"Certainly I'm not going to dispute the fact that I brought in a fresh horse as part of our strategy," Brown said. "Our horse is very talented, too. Classic Empire and Always Dreaming are two outstanding horses, and our strategy was, if we are ever going to beat them let's take them on two weeks' rest when we have six (weeks), and it worked."

After Cloud Computing ran third in the Wood Memorial, Brown and the owners decided the colt would benefit from skipping the Derby. He came into the Preakness after a six-week break.

"It just didn't work out in the Wood. We just ran out of time," Brown said. "We just really zeroed in on this race, and thankfully it worked out."

The victory was especially sweet for Klarman, who grew up a few blocks from Pimlico. He turns 60 on Sunday. He and William Lawrence have been buying and racing horses together since 2006.

"This is the culmination of 25 years of hard work and learning and trying to figure this game out," said Klarman, president of the Baupost Group, a hedge fund valued at \$31 billion.

"In my regular life, I'm a long-term value investor. This is gambling. It's really been a thrill and this is the highlight of our career so far as thoroughbred owners."

Klarman, who races as Klaravich Stables, is a minority owner of the Boston Red Sox. Lookin At Lee, the Derby runner-up, was fourth. Gunnevera was fifth, followed by Multiplier and Conquest Mo Money. Hence was ninth and Term of Art last.

## Callers threaten Texas lawmaker who seeks Trump impeachment

HOUSTON (AP) — A black Texas congressman said Saturday that he's been threatened with lynching by callers infuriated over him seeking impeachment of President Donald Trump.

U.S. Rep. Al Green held a town hall meeting and played recordings of several threatening voicemails left at his offices in Houston and Washington, the Houston Chronicle reports .

The seven-term Democrat told the crowd of about 100 people that he won't be deterred.

"We are not going to be intimidated," Green said Saturday. "We are not going to allow this to cause us to deviate from what we believe to be the right thing to do and that is to proceed with the impeachment of President Trump."

One male caller used a racial insult and threatened Green with "hanging from a tree" if he pursues impeachment. Another man left a message saying Green would be the one impeached after "a short trial" and then he would be hanged, according to the recording.

Green took to the House floor on Wednesday to say he believes Trump committed obstruction of justice and no one's above the law.

Trump, a Republican, has dismissed criticism of his firing of FBI Director James Comey amid the agency's investigation of possible links between Russia and Trump campaign associates.

Green said he wanted his constituents to be aware of the hateful calls he's since received.

"When a person talks about lynching you, we think that's a pretty serious threat," said Green, a former president of the Houston branch of the NAACP, according to his congressional website.

Online:

<http://algreen.house.gov/>

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## Montana Republican goes from wary Trump backer to all-in

By **MATT VOLZ** and **NICHOLAS RICCARDI**, Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — When Donald Trump visited Montana last year ahead of the state's Republican presidential primary, technology entrepreneur Greg Gianforte was running on the GOP ticket for governor and made it a point to avoid his party's likely presidential nominee. Gianforte later reluctantly pledged support for Trump, but tried to distance himself from him during an unsuccessful campaign to unseat the state's Democratic governor.

Now, the multimillionaire Gianforte is trying to win an open seat in Congress and has gone all in on Trump.

Gianforte has co-opted the president's "drain the swamp" catchphrase, pledged to advance Trump's agenda and brought in Vice President Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr. for campaign rallies ahead of Thursday's special election against Democrat Rob Quist. They're vying to replace Ryan Zinke, who became Trump's Interior Secretary in March.

Gianforte's shift from a hesitant backer of the reality show star's presidential bid to a candidate whose success or failure largely hinges on the president mirrors that of the Republican party.

"In the fall, it was just surviving the next 100 days and then he'll never be heard from again," GOP strategist Liam Donovan said of his party's gradual embrace of Trump. "Now, whatever Republicans felt about this guy before, he's a winner."

In an interview Wednesday, Gianforte said he isn't second-guessing his alliance with the president.

"I will always be on Montana's side and much more closely aligned with this administration than with

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(Democratic House Minority Leader) Nancy Pelosi," he said.

That could be risky for Gianforte and other Republicans who try to play the Trump card and then find themselves caught up in turmoil the president generates, like recent allegations that he divulged classified information to Russian diplomats and urged the FBI's director to drop an investigation into a former aide before firing him.

Trump's intense and loyal supporters may not flinch at the reports, said University of Montana political scientist Rob Saldin.

However, Gianforte's success may depend on how many of the Montana voters who gave Trump a 20 percentage point win over Hillary Clinton in Montana are in that loyalist bloc.

"There's a bit of a playing-with-fire element to this," Saldin said. "I think Gianforte and many Republicans recognize that, but it's a trade-off that at least for right now they're willing to accept."

Jake Eaton, a Montana Republican political consultant, said he recognizes the risk but said Gianforte is embracing Trump's message, not the person.

"I think that a lot of people across the political spectrum, regardless of what they think of the president as a person, are responding to what he's trying to do," Eaton said. "You know, not just uphold the status quo, but shake things up. I think that's a message that resonates with Montanans."

Gianforte's campaign had to walk a fine line when the House passed the Trump-backed American Health Care Act earlier this month. He was criticized for telling donors in a private call that he's "thankful" that the process to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health overhaul is underway, but made public a statement saying he would not have voted for the bill because he would have wanted more time to study it.

The health care bill is the clearest sign of how Gianforte's allegiance with Trump runs counter to the interests of Montana voters, said state Democratic Party Executive Director Nancy Keenan.

"I think that they don't want somebody else in Congress who's just going to be a rubber stamp, especially on issues like health care," she said.

Five months ago, when Gianforte lost to incumbent Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock, he tried to keep Trump from becoming an issue in his own campaign.

Before the Republican primary, Gianforte declined to attend Trump's one rally in Montana — and did not mention Trump's name in a statement welcoming the candidate to Montana.

Even after Trump won the GOP nomination, Gianforte was a reluctant supporter. He said in November that Trump said "obnoxious" things — but that he was backing him because he wanted Trump to pick the next U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

Then Election Day came, and more than 43,000 people who voted for Trump did not vote for Gianforte for governor, making him the only Republican running for a statewide election to lose that day.

"At that time, it appeared that Trump was a ticking time bomb and threatened to tear down anyone who was associated with him," Saldin said. "I think what is different now is that Gianforte looked at that race from the fall and concluded that the reason he didn't win, the reason he's not governor now, is there are a lot of people who voted for Donald Trump and voted for (former congressman) Ryan Zinke, but didn't vote for Greg Gianforte."

Trump in January chose Rep. Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior, opening up Montana's statewide congressional seat, and Gianforte jumped in. His Democratic opponent, Quist, is a singer, guitarist and award-winning songwriter.

Now Gianforte is an ebullient booster of the president.

"I'm running because you need a strong voice back in Washington," he told a crowd in East Helena earlier this month during an appearance with Donald Trump, Jr. "I want to help Donald Trump drain the swamp back there."

Washington D.C.-based Republican pollster Frank Luntz said Montana voters are generally conservative but like straight-talking mavericks like Trump and have previously embraced Democrats willing to buck conventional wisdom.

Democrats were always going to link Trump to Gianforte anyway, Luntz argued, and it makes sense for

the candidate to make the comparison on his own terms.

"Montana is true Trump country," Luntz said. "I'm not surprised this guy would embrace Trump."

## In Saudi Arabia, Melania Trump opts to keep her head bare

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Ignoring President Donald Trump's past admonition, U.S. first lady Melania Trump did not cover her head Saturday when they arrived in Saudi Arabia on the opening leg of his first international tour since taking office.

Two years ago, then-citizen Trump criticized then-first lady Michelle Obama's decision to go bare-headed on a January 2015 visit with her husband.

"Many people are saying it was wonderful that Mrs. Obama refused to wear a scarf in Saudi Arabia, but they were insulted. We have enuf enemies," Trump tweeted at the time, including a short-hand spelling for "enough."

Under the kingdom's strict dress code for women, Saudi women and most female visitors are required to wear a loose, black robe known as an abaya, in public. Most women in Saudi Arabia also cover their hair and face with a veil known as the niqab.

But head coverings aren't required for foreigners and most Western women go without.

While Mrs. Trump dressed conservatively Saturday in a long-sleeved, black pantsuit accented with a wide, gold-colored belt, her below-the-shoulder brown hair blew in the breeze at King Khalid International Airport in the capital city of Riyadh.

She followed the example set by other, high-profile Western women, including Mrs. Obama.

On visits earlier this year, British Prime Minister Theresa May and German Chancellor Angela Merkel also shunned head coverings. Then-first lady Laura Bush generally went without covering her head, though she once briefly donned a headscarf that she received as a gift.

Hillary Clinton, on trips to Saudi Arabia as Obama's secretary of state, also did not cover her head.

Trump's daughter, Ivanka, a senior White House adviser who is also accompanying her father, also left her head uncovered.

Saudi Arabia adheres to an ultraconservative interpretation of Islamic Shariah law where unrelated men and women are segregated in most public places. Women are banned from driving, although rights advocates have campaigned to lift that ban.

Guardianship laws also require a male relative's consent before a woman can obtain a passport, travel or marry. Often that relative is a father or husband, but in the absence of both can be the woman's own son.

## Fans thankful to see 'Greatest Show on Earth' a final time

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — For some circus fans Saturday, it was a chance to say goodbye to beloved childhood memories. For others, it was a bucket list fulfillment.

Lions, tigers and clowns, no more. Oh my. It's curtains for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

This weekend, the most famous American circus ends its 146-year reign as one of the world's biggest big tops.

Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced in January it would take its final bow this year. On Saturday afternoon, under cloudy skies, fans streamed into the Nassau Coliseum in suburban New York to pay their last respects to the iconic show.

"I am sad that it's going to be over," said Melissa Angevine of Walton, New York. She and her husband drove four hours with their two kids Saturday to see the show "It's a pastime that no longer anybody gets to enjoy anymore, unfortunately. Everybody's in their tablets and not really going out and seeing different kinds of entertainment anymore."

Saturday evening's circus was an extravaganza of big cats, motorcycle stunts, clowns performing death-

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defying stunts, ice skaters, buckets of popcorn and Mongolian contortionists — and that was just the first half of the show.

"I'm becoming an adult today," said 46-year-old Heather Greenberg, of New York City. "I can't go to the circus with my daddy anymore."

Greenberg and her parents, and her three children, along with her sister and extended family — 12 in all — clowned around, laughing and joking, as they walked into the show.

Her sister, Dawn Mirowitz, 42, of Dix Hills, New York, sobered as she pondered a future without the Ringling Brothers circus.

"We'll never get a chance to take our grandchildren to the circus," she said.

Feld executives say declining attendance combined with high operating costs are among reasons for closing.

Ringling had two touring circuses this season, one ending its run earlier this month in Providence, Rhode Island.

The final shows of what was long promoted as "The Greatest Show on Earth" are being staged throughout the weekend, with three shows Saturday and three Sunday. The final circus show Sunday night will be streamed on Facebook Live and on the circus' website.

Clarissa Williams, a 38-year-old stay-at-home mom from West Hempstead, New York, took her 8-year-old daughter, Nylah, to the show.

"I'm thankful we get to see it before it leaves," she said. "I pray that when they end, they take the animals and put them in a safe, sacred place."

A circus spokesman says homes have been found for the animals that were owned by Ringling, including the tigers, horses and camels.

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## Twitter leader laments social media role in Trump's election

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A co-founder of Twitter says he's sorry if the popular social media platform helped put Donald Trump in the White House, as the president has suggested.

In an interview (<http://nyti.ms/2qGcKkm>) with The New York Times, Evan Williams says Twitter's role in Trump's populist rise is "a very bad thing."

The president has credited Twitter with his election to the highest office in the land.

When confronted with that notion, Williams said: "If it's true that he wouldn't be president if it weren't for Twitter, then yeah, I'm sorry."

The 45-year-old Silicon Valley entrepreneur also said the internet is obviously broken because it rewards extremes.

Williams also says he was wrong thinking that the world would be a better place if there was a platform for everyone to freely speak and exchange ideas.

## Saudis welcome Trump with gold medal, receive arms package

By **JULIE PACE** and **JONATHAN LEMIRE**, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Donald Trump basked in Saudi Arabia's lavish royal welcome Saturday as he left behind, at least temporarily, the snowballing controversies dogging him in Washington. Trump rewarded his hosts with a \$110 billion arms package aimed at bolstering Saudi security and a slew of business agreements.

"That was a tremendous day, tremendous investments in the United States," Trump said during a meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef.

The visit to the kingdom's capital kicked off Trump's first foreign trip as president, an ambitious, five-stop swing that will take him through the Middle East and into Europe. He is the only American president to make Saudi Arabia — or any Muslim-majority nation — his first overseas trip.



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Trump arrived in Riyadh besieged by the fallout from his firing of FBI Director James Comey and more revelations about the federal investigations into his election campaign's possible ties to Russia. Escaping Washington for the embrace of the Saudi royal family appeared to give Trump a boost.

After an overnight flight, the president was greeted at the airport by King Salman, which was notable given that the monarch did not show up last year to welcome President Barack Obama on his final visit to Saudi Arabia.

Trump descended the steps alongside first lady Melania Trump, who wore a black pantsuit and gold belt, but did not cover her hair in the ultra-conservative kingdom, in keeping with the traditions of Western delegations.

As Trump and the 81-year-old king, who was aided by a cane, walked along the red carpet, military jets swept the sky, leaving a red, white and blue trail. During a ceremony at the grand Saudi Royal Court, Salman awarded Trump the Collar of Abdulaziz al Saud, the kingdom's highest civilian honor.

Trump bent down so the king could place the gold medal around his neck. Saudi Arabia has previously bestowed the honor on Russian President Vladimir Putin, British Prime Minister Theresa May and Obama.

Trump's warm welcome reflected the degree to which Saudi Arabia had become disillusioned with Obama. The Saudis deeply distrusted Obama's overtures to Iran and were frustrated by his restrained approach to the Syrian civil war.

As Trump arrived, Iranians had just re-elected Hassan Rouhani — one of Obama's partners in the landmark accord aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear ambitions — for a second four-year-term as president, validating his push for greater freedoms and outreach to the wider world. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said he hoped Rouhani would use his new term "to begin a process of dismantling Iran's network of terrorism."

Trump made no substantial remarks on his first day abroad and spent most of his time shuttling between opulent palace ballrooms with the king. The two were overheard discussing natural resources and arms, and Salman bemoaned the destruction caused by Syria's civil war.

The most tangible agreement between the two leaders was the \$110 billion sale of military equipment to Saudi Arabia that is effective immediately and could expand up to \$350 billion over 10 years. The deal includes tanks, combat ships, missile defense systems, radar and communications, and cybersecurity technology. The State Department said the agreement could support "tens of thousands of new jobs in the United States."

Trump was joined on the trip by the CEOs of several major U.S. companies, which announced their own agreements with the Saudis. Among them was a \$15 billion arrangement with GE focused on power, oil and gas, and health care.

The president was trailed on the trip by a large number of advisers, including Tillerson, chief of staff Reince Priebus and chief strategist Steve Bannon. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and daughter Ivanka, both senior advisers, were also part of the official delegation.

Ivanka's presence dominated Arabic Twitter traffic, with the phrase "bint Trump" — Arabic for daughter of Trump — trending.

The Saudis' welcome appeared to lift the spirits of Trump's beleaguered staff, ensnared in a seemingly endless cycle of negative stories involving Comey's firing and the intensifying Russia investigations. After a lavish lunch with the Saudi delegation, Kushner high-fived national security adviser H.R. McMaster.

Later Saturday, Trump was greeted by a traditional troupe of Saudi drummers and sword-waving dancers. Trump smirked and bopped to the beat as he made his way through the crowd.

On Sunday, Trump and the king were to join more than 50 regional leaders for meetings focused on combating the Islamic State group and other extremists. The president was to give the signature speech of his trip, an address that aides view as counter to Obama's 2009 speech in Egypt to the Muslim world. Trump has criticized Obama's remarks as too apologetic for U.S. actions in the region.

Trump planned to urge unity in the fight against radicalism in the Muslim world, casting the challenge as a "battle between good and evil" and appealing to Arab leaders to "drive out the terrorists from your places of worship," according to a draft of the speech obtained by The Associated Press.

The draft also notably did not contain the words "radical Islamic terror," a phrase Trump repeatedly

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criticized his 2016 president rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, for not using during last year's campaign.

After two days of meetings in Saudi Arabia, Trump was scheduled to travel to Israel, meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican, attend a NATO summit in Brussels and join the world's major industrial nations at a Group of Seven gathering in Sicily.

Associated Press writer Jon Gambrell contributed to this report from Dubai.

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This story has been corrected to reflect that the arms package could reach \$350 billion over 10 years, not \$350 million.

## **GOP Sen. Cotton raises national profile in visit to Iowa**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton is walking a delicate path by raising his national political profile in a visit to Iowa at a time of turmoil for Donald Trump's White House.

The 40-year-old freshman senator sounded national themes Friday as the guest at the Pottawattamie County Republican Party's annual fundraiser in Council Bluffs in conservative western Iowa. It was a role thick with presidential implications despite Trump's solid standing among Iowa Republicans less than four months into his term.

"I'm ready for that new beginning," Cotton added, in closing his 20-minute speech to more than 100 Iowa GOP loyalists and prompting a standing ovation.

However, Cotton offered a simple "no" when asked whether he was laying the groundwork for a 2020 presidential campaign, or hedging his bets should the Republican Trump not seek re-election.

"I'm up for re-election in Arkansas" in 2020, Cotton told The Associated Press before the fundraising dinner at an event center.

Cotton's hosts were standing by the president, and calling their guest's appearance an opportunity for Republican activists to meet a potential future leader. But the event had all the trappings of an early White House exploration.

Despite his unambiguous "no," Cotton offered a broad message, as would-be White House prospects often do in Iowa. The veteran of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan suggested the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were a unifying point for a new generation of Americans.

"I've spent most of my days since 9/11 trying to stop another day like that from happening," he told the fundraising crowd. "But I also want to revive the spirit of the days following."

On matters swirling around Trump, Cotton, also tread carefully.

Having previously said a special counsel was unnecessary, he declined Friday to endorse Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's appointment of former FBI Director Bob Mueller to investigate any collusion between Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian government's interference in the campaign.

"I can't evaluate whether it's a good decision or not, the right decision or not. I don't have all the facts, all the reasoning the deputy attorney general had," he told the AP, while praising Mueller as widely respected.

Former FBI Director James Comey is expected to testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee, on which Cotton sits. Cotton said he hoped to learn what exchanges Comey had with Trump before the president abruptly fired him last week and to see the memos Comey is alleged to have kept.

Pottawattamie County Republican Chairman Jeff Jorgensen said he expects to invite Cotton back to western Iowa.

"He was a big hit. He has an open invitation to come back anytime," Jorgensen said after the dinner. "I'm going to get a lot of requests to have him back."

Trump, who departed Friday for the first overseas trip of his presidency, would seem to have few worries

within the party base in Iowa, at the moment.

The GOP base overwhelmingly supports him, said Iowa Republican strategist Doug Gross, a former nominee for governor. That's despite low national approval and the shroud of congressional committees — and now a special counsel — investigating whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia to sway the 2016 presidential election.

Only if Trump is impeached or the economy turns sour will Trump not be re-nominated, said Gross, who has been a Trump critic. Still, Cotton has begun making friends in Iowa, a move that could pay future dividends — or backfire.

"I think a guy like Tom Cotton could actually hurt himself by coming out too early like this," Gross said.

Cotton has made inroads with Iowa Republicans. Early this month, he spoke to the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce's conference in Washington.

"He's clearly someone who has a rising national profile," said Joe Murphy of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, one of about 200 who saw Cotton's speech. "He's extremely well versed in many different issues."

Besides being a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is investigating Trump's campaign and Russia, Cotton is part of the Senate Republican working group charged with writing health care legislation, now that the GOP-controlled House has passed legislation undoing broad portions of the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

## Deadly Times Square attack highlights NYC pedestrian safety

By JAKE PEARSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Fears of a terrorist attack prompted officials to ring many of the pedestrian plazas of Times Square with squat steel posts capable of stopping a speeding vehicle.

But those barriers only cover so much ground. There were none of them Thursday at the corner where a man steered his car onto a busy sidewalk and began barreling through crowds of pedestrians, running down 23 people and killing one before one of the metal posts finally stopped him.

The bollard that stopped the car driven by Richard Rojas likely saved lives by preventing it from entering an even more densely packed pedestrian plaza, and some New Yorkers are wondering whether the barriers should be deployed on many more sidewalks, much as they are now at sports stadiums and airports nationwide.

"We can and should do more to keep our residents and visitors safe on our streets and street design is the first place to start," said Ydanis Rodriguez, a city councilman from Manhattan who chairs the transportation committee. He called for the installation of more bollards at the ends of city sidewalks in busy areas.

Last year, city officials installed 200 custom-made bollards in the Times Square area, enlisting the California-based Calpipe Security Bollards to manufacture and help design special 8 ½-inch diameter (22 centimeter) hunks of metal that are embedded in the ground and spaced about 4 feet (1 meter) apart, said Rob Reiter, the company's security consultant.

The bollards come equipped with special locks that firefighters can undo so they may be removed in an emergency. In Times Square, they are embedded no more than 18 inches (46 centimeters) into the ground, a necessity given the subway station just beneath the city's surface.

Still, that was enough of an anchor to abruptly stop Rojas's Honda Accord, which was tossed into the air and wound up on its side, smoking, after running into a line of the barriers.

"You always want to make a vehicle hit two barriers; that way no barrier can fail," Reiter said. "You have to space for two considerations: vehicle stopping and pedestrian access."

City officials didn't say how many bollards have been installed in recent years.

In a radio interview Friday with WNYC's Brian Lehrer, Mayor Bill de Blasio said police officials are "evaluating" whether new security measures, including the installation of more bollards, are necessary.

"And we're going to look at Times Square and see — obviously we'll look at some other key locations — if we have to do different things in our approach," he said.

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Joseph Rosetti, vice chairman of Guidepost Solutions, a security consulting firm, said bollards became the “in vogue thing” in recent decades, after a series of incidents in which disgruntled employees crashed their cars into the lobbies of office buildings.

They’ve since become ubiquitous — some even look like flower planters — though Rosetti cautioned that there is no way to fully fortify a heavily trafficked public place such as Times Square, noting that some people have even called for the elimination of car traffic in the Crossroads of the World.

“There’s always a balance between security and trying to facilitate commerce,” he said.

Defenses against vehicle attacks have gotten extra attention in the past year because of terror assaults in England, Germany and France by people who drove vehicles into crowds.

Rojas, the driver in the Times Square incident, made his first court appearance Friday.

He is charged with murder and attempted murder.

He didn’t enter a plea and was held without bail. His lawyer didn’t comment.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, May 21, the 141st day of 2017. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera “Pagliacci,” by Ruggero Leoncavallo, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1917, the Great Atlanta Fire broke out, burning 300 acres, destroying nearly 2,000 buildings and displacing some 10,000 residents. Actor Raymond Burr (“Perry Mason”) was born in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

In 1924, in a case that drew much notoriety, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a “thrill killing” carried out by University of Chicago students Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb (Bobby’s cousin).

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship’s passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1945, actors Humphrey Bogart, 45, and Lauren Bacall, 20, were married at Malabar Farm in Lucas, Ohio (it was his fourth marriage, her first, and would last until Bogart’s death in 1957).

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, “Maybellene,” for Chess Records in Chicago.

In 1972, Michelangelo’s Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that parents didn’t need to hire a lawyer in order to sue public school districts over their children’s special education needs. The Food and Drug Administration issued a safety alert for the diabetes drug Avandia, marketed by GlaxoSmithKline, which disputed a report saying it was linked to a greater risk of heart attack.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama and other world leaders meeting in Chicago locked in place an Afghanistan exit path that would keep their troops fighting there for two more years. Former Rutgers University student Dharun Ravi (dah-ROON’ RAH’-vee), who used a webcam to spy on his gay roommate,

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Tyler Clementi, who then committed suicide, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (he served 20 days). A Yemeni man detonated a bomb during a rehearsal for a military parade, killing 96 fellow soldiers; al-Qaida's branch in Yemen claimed responsibility. Grammy-winning polka great Eddie Blazonczyk, 70, died in Palos Heights, Illinois.

One year ago: President Barack Obama departed on a weeklong, 16,000-mile trip to Asia, part of his effort to pay more attention to the region and boost economic and security cooperation. The U.S. conducted a drone strike in Afghanistan that killed Taliban leader Mullah Mansour. Exaggerator seized the lead at the top of the stretch, splashing past a tiring Nyquist and went on for a 3 1/2-length victory over Cherry Wine in the Preakness.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 76. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 74. Musician Bill Champlin is 70. Singer Leo Sayer is 69. Actress Carol Potter is 69. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 66. Actor Mr. T is 65. Music producer Stan Lynch is 62. Actor Judge Reinhold is 60. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 58. Actor Brent Briscoe is 56. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 51. Actress Fairuza Balk is 43. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event) is 43. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 43. Actor Sunkrish Bala is 33. Actor David Ajala is 31. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 30. Country singer Cody Johnson is 30. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 27. Actress Sarah Ramos is 26.

Thought for Today: "Our present addiction to pollsters and forecasters is a symptom of our chronic uncertainty about the future.... We watch our experts read the entrails of statistical tables and graphs the way the ancients watched their soothsayers read the entrails of a chicken." — Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).