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## 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.

## Thursday, May 25

**Groton School:** Region girls golf at Sioux Valley, 9 a.m.  
**Senior Menu:** Stir fry beef with rice, oriental blend vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

## Friday, May 26

**Groton School:** State Track at Tea  
**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, potato salad, carrots and broccoli medley, muffin, fresh fruit.

## Saturday, May 27

**Groton School:** State Track at Sioux Falls

## Sunday, May 28

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

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

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

This week we'll cover some smaller items that have happened recently. As always, feel free to send me any questions you have about the Vikings and I'll try to answer them in future articles.

The Minnesota Vikings held a rookie minicamp earlier this month, which gave their draft picks, undrafted rookie free agents, and some other young players the chance to get acclimated to their new facilities, playbooks, and teammates. The players weren't allowed to be in full pads, and there was little to no contact allowed, but there were a few players who stood out. The Vikings first draft selection, running back Dalvin Cook, showed off his explosiveness and agility on a few plays. Tight end Bucky Hodges looked impressive, partly because of his 6'6", 257-pound frame.

According to Fox Sports, Head Coach Mike Zimmer had another eye surgery this past week. Zimmer first had eye surgery last November, and this most recent one was number eight for the coach. Zimmer says he thinks it was the last surgery he'll need, before adding, "I've thought that before."

The Vikings have remained active after the draft, and have added a couple free agents who could make a big impact on the team in 2017. The team added wide receiver Michael Floyd, a former first round pick and Minnesota native. Floyd was drafted by the Cardinals, but was released following an incident in which the receiver pled guilty to extreme DUI and was sentenced to jail time. Floyd will return home in an effort to resurrect his career. He played at Notre Dame, so he will be reunited with his old teammates Kyle Rudolph and Harrison Smith. Floyd signed a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million, but it can increase due to incentives. Floyd is 6'2", and will hopefully become an excellent complement to Stefon Diggs.

The Vikings also signed defensive tackle Will Sutton, the former third round pick of Chicago in 2014. Sutton was twice named an Associated Press All-American during his time at Arizona State. Sutton is 6'0", 297 pounds, and will play as the 3-tech next to Linval Joseph. He was miscast in Chicago's 3-4 defensive scheme, but should thrive in Minnesota's 4-3 defense. With the injury to Sharrif Floyd, the Vikings are looking for bodies along the defensive line in case Floyd never plays again. Sutton was a great signing and has the potential to play a ton of meaningful snaps this season.

The Vikings' new practice facility, the Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center, is currently under construction. This new facility will provide Vikings players with state of the art equipment to give the team a competitive edge. The Performance Center will also help the team in recruiting potential free agents. The team is under contract with Minnesota State University Mankato until 2018, which is where the team has held training camp since 1965, but the team will likely move the offseason activity to the new complex once it's complete. The Wilfs haven't said how much the facility will cost, but it's clear the ownership group has spared no expense in creating a first-class practice facility for the players and coaches.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

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**GHS seniors threw their hats in the air after turning their tassels at the graduation ceremony held Sunday.**

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**Keri Pappas, valedictorian, led the student-led prayer at the beginning of the ceremony.**



**Chuck Padfield was recognized for 28 years as the district's Food Service Director. He is retiring at the end of this school year.**



**Cindy Fadness was also recognized for her 26 years as an elementary special education instructor.**

**Tritt Rogers and Macy Knecht were the student speakers.**

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## Today in Weather History

May 22, 1963: A late spring freeze impacted many locations reporting lows in the lower 20s. Some low temperatures include: 18 degrees in Andover; 20 degrees in Britton, 4 NW of Gann Valley, Leola and Roscoe; 21 degrees Castlewood, Ipswich, Kennebec, Redfield, 2 NW of Stephen, and 1 west of Summit; 22 degrees in Aberdeen, Eureka, 1 west of Highmore, McLaughlin, and 4 west of Mellette.

May 22, 1993: Nearly stationary thunderstorms dumped five to seven one-half inches of rain and hail within three hours on the southwest side of Sioux Falls causing major urban flooding and a flash flood on an area creek. Water and sewage flooded at least 200 basements as the storm and sewer systems backed up. Water came up to the rooftops of many cars in the Empire Mall area. Power was knocked out at the Empire Mall and to 2600 other customers in southwest Sioux Falls. Rainwater came through the roof of the Empire Mall causing damage to some stores. Hail up to an inch in diameter fell continuously for up to one and one-half hours in parts of southwest Sioux Falls causing considerable damage to hundreds of roofs, trees, and gardens. Thousands of cars received damage from hail or water in Sioux Falls. In the Silver Glen area, a flash flood turned a typically three-foot wide creek to a hundred feet wide in places. At least five houses near this creek had severe damage caused by the rushing waters. The flash flood also tore out a section of a road adjacent to the creek, buckled sidewalks, ripped away 100-year-old trees, and floated a 5500 lb truck down the road.

May 22, 2010: An EF2 tornado in eastern Walworth County crossed into western Edmunds County and intensified into a massive EF4 tornado as it struck several farms in its path. At the first farm, several large cottonwood trees were uprooted along with damage to several trailers. Three-grain bins were also destroyed with debris located several hundred yards to the northeast. The residence suffered some shingle and antenna damage. The tornado then tracked northeast to a second farm where several outbuildings were damaged or destroyed along with widespread tree damage. The main residence at this location suffered no damage. Several grain cars were also rolled about 100 yards into the trees behind the house. The massive tornado continued to track northeast to a third farm to the north of Bowdle. The main residence suffered major damage to walls with part of the roof structure removed. Widespread tree damage was sustained with many of the trees completely debarked with only the stumps of the largest branches remaining. Two large garages were destroyed with the concrete slab wiped clean. The vehicles in one garage were rolled or tossed from 25 to 100 yards away. It is estimated that one car flew through the air 75 to 100 yards resting in the tree shelter belt to the north of the residence. Several other outbuildings were destroyed. The tornado then toppled six to eight metal power transmission towers as it moved to the north of the farm. One tower was sheared off from the concrete footings and traveled an estimated 400 yards. Ground scouring was visible along the path of these towers. The large tornado continued to track east crossing over State Highway 47 where a state radio tower was toppled. The tornado lifted shortly after that. The highest wind speeds were estimated to be from 166 to 200 mph.

1876: Denver, Colorado was drenched with 6.50 inches of rain in 24 hours, an all-time record for that location.

1986: A devastating hailstorm hit the Sichuan Province of China. Reports indicate that up to 100 people were killed, 35,000 homes destroyed and entire crops devastated.

2011: On this day, one of the most devastating tornadoes in the nation's history directly killed 158 people and injured over 1,000 in Joplin, Missouri. The Joplin EF5 tornado was the first single tornado to result in over 100 fatalities since the June 8, 1953, Flint, Michigan tornado.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Slight Chance Showers and Areas Fog	Slight Chance Showers	Chance Showers and Breezy	Slight Chance Showers and Breezy then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear then Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers then Partly Sunny
High: 64 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 71 °F

## Scattered Mid-Day Showers & Thunderstorms Highs: Mid 60s

Increasing Clouds Tonight  
Lows Around 40

Clouds Tuesday  
Highs Struggle To Reach 60



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Updated: 5/22/2017 6:00 AM Central

Published on: 05/22/2017 at 6:03AM

Isolated showers and thunderstorms can be expected through this evening for areas west of the Missouri River valley. Showers will end tonight leaving behind partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Another storm system will cross the region on Monday with showers and thunderstorms expected.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 59.6 F at 7:14 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 35.0 F at 1:48 AM**

**High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 12:12 PM**

**Precip: 0.13**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 92° in 1928**

**Record Low: 22° in 1963**

**Average High: 70°F**

**Average Low: 46°F**

**Average Precip in May: 2.25**

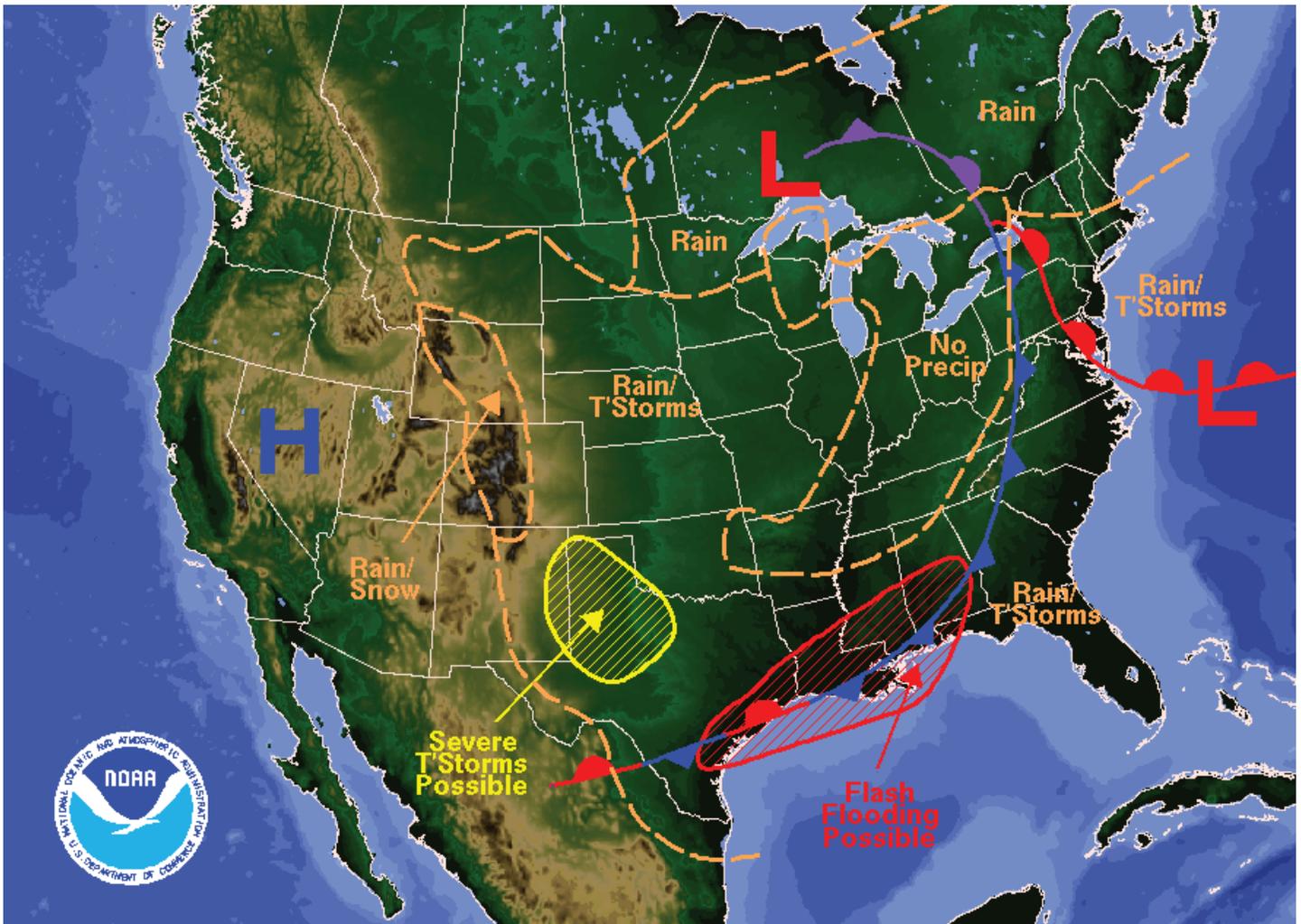
**Precip to date in May: 1.21**

**Average Precip to date: 6.28**

**Precip Year to Date: 3.19**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:05 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:54 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 22, 2017, issued 4:44 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## AN UNUSUAL PRESCRIPTION

There was a physician in Wales who had an unusual remedy for some of his patients. If someone came to him with no specific symptoms other than being unhappy or unsatisfied, discouraged or disgruntled, he would give them his "Thank You Cure."

He would write on a prescription pad, "For the next six weeks I want you to get up in the morning and before you do anything else say, 'Thank You God for this new day' ten times before doing anything else. And then before you get into bed at night you are to say, 'Thank You God for being with me today.' And in between getting up in the morning and going to bed at night, whenever anyone does something for you, you are to pause and say, 'Thank you for...'"

When most of the patients returned after completing the "Thank You Cure," they were happier and healthier.

This is a great prescription for each of us: not for six weeks or six months, but every day of our lives. Imagine a successful, powerful, wealthy, king who said, "Every day I will praise You, and extol Your name for ever and ever."

"Every day?" Yes, every day! Days could be filled with glory or gloom, sunshine or shadows, pleasure or pain, happiness or horror - it did not matter. The king would fill each day, every day, all day with words of praise to God for His blessings and goodness.

When we pause and thank someone for an act of kindness or a deed showing us thoughtfulness, we are, in fact, praising God for His blessing us through their deeds.

Prayer: Lord, You have given us far more than we ever deserved. Yet, we ask for one more thing: a thankful heart! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## News from the Associated Press

### Executive director hired for Booth Society in South Dakota

**KAIJA SWISHER, Black Hills Pioneer**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — There's a new executive director at the Booth Society, the nonprofit friends group that supports the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives in Spearfish: Karen Holzer started in the position April 1.

"It has been a personal goal to work in a people-centered, tourism-generated, historically-grounded atmosphere," Holzer said of why she chose to apply for the position when she saw it posted. "The Black Hills area provides options to pursue employment in those areas, and after moving here, I watched for opportunities."

Born and raised in Timber Lake, S.D., Holzer comes to the position with a 32-year career in the postal system, having lived in various locations across the state and serving as postmaster in Pollock and Salem. Holzer and her husband, Dave moved to Spearfish in 2014 to be closer to family. Their daughter, Terrilyn, and her family, live in Spearfish; their daughter, Kayla, and her family, live in Rapid City; and their son, Tevis, and his family, live in Volga.

The hiring process for the position began in January, when former executive director April Gregory took the museum archivist position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives.

Dr. Rachel Headley, president of the Booth Society board, said that 12 applications were received.

"Karen loves history and serving her community," she said of what stood out about Holzer as an applicant. "She goes beyond what she needs to do and finds ways of connecting to people through writing. Karen has experience running an entire office, including being the public face of an organization, managing the books, and so forth. It was clear that being the ED (executive director) would just be a matter of learning how we did things, instead of learning everything from scratch."

Headley added that the board is excited to start looking forward and thinking about new projects, such as updating the museum and expanding conservation activities.

"Our goals are to serve the Northern Hills community, to share our conservation and education mission with our guests, to continue to expand on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans and to raise funds to create an even more special experience for our visitors."

Holzer officially started her new position on April 1.

"The job is challenging, rewarding, and exciting," she said of her first weeks on the job. "I tend to thrive on challenge, and the director job is providing me with many challenges. The fish hatchery staff, volunteers, and board are great. They have been wonderful to work with and have provided me with support and information about the operation of the hatchery."

She added that she is looking forward to working with the seasonal volunteers from across the country who provide staffing for the hatchery gift shop and give tours of each of the hatchery's venues during the summer.

"I am also interested in learning about fisheries, their history, and their stories, along with the people who have worked and lived the fishery life," Holzer added. "D.C. Booth is fortunate to house national archives, and I am anxious to learn more."

Holzer remembers visiting the hatchery as a child and has brought her own children, and now grandchildren, to the site, and these memories and experiences now motivate her goals as executive director.

"My primary goal is to work with the staff and volunteers to provide a memorable unique D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery experience for our visitors," she said. "For years, generations of families have trekked to the fish hatchery to feed the fish, watch the ducks, and stroll through the grounds. Children came with their grandparents, and now those grown children are bringing their grandchildren to share the experience."

And of course, as executive director, she would be focused on advocacy, fundraising, special events,

and membership, Holzer added.

When not working, Holzer enjoys reading and writing, road trips to local museums and attractions with her grandchildren, and history conferences and workshops.

"I enjoy history and studying how people's lives have created the world we live in," she said.

And her new position will provide the chance to see this theory in action at the more than century-old hatchery that receives thousands of visitors each year.

"We are thrilled to have Karen on board, and excited that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Carlos Martinez, facility director, hired two full-time employees in Mitch Adams and April Gregory," Headley said. "They will protect, grow, and care for the grounds and archive, and we are just delighted that they have joined the federal team."

In addition to Holzer, the Booth Society employs Nancy Cole, gift shop manager and administrative assistant.

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

## South Dakota brothers restore dozens of old sports trophies

**TOM GRIFFITH, Rapid City Journal**

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — For decades, they were cloaked in darkness and mostly forgotten.

But today, a trove of dozens of old trophies and plaques from past athletic competitions in the Lead-Deadwood area have found new life in a tangible and stunning display of sportsmanship.

After hundreds of hours of work, and with the assistance of several individuals and organizations in the Lead-Deadwood community, brothers Jim and Bob Phillips have painstakingly restored, polished and primed 73 remnants of the celebrated history and highly successful high school sports teams from the two towns' glory days.

The trophies and plaques, some quite ornate and all carrying the everlasting patina of time, are now on display in four remodeled trophy cases in the Deadwood Recreation Center, a building with origins dating to 1912.

"We can now share this history with the people who come to the Rec Center," Center Director John Tridle told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2pU3xny>). "This facility is located in an historic building in an historic town, and these trophies represent a lot of hard work by a lot of people over the years. They're a connection to our past."

A lifelong Northern Hills resident and 1964 graduate of Lead High School, 71-year-old Jim Phillips spent 27 years teaching in the Lead-Deadwood School District and 54 years coaching swim teams, Legion baseball, basketball, volleyball, track and football, before retiring in 2013. But he wasn't done yet and accepted a staff position at the Rec Center, where he often can be found opening the facility at 4 a.m.

When he was 60, he observed his milestone birthday by swimming the 1.5 miles of shark-infested waters between Alcatraz Island and the California coastline. Last year, to mark his 70th birthday, Phillips swam 14.77 miles from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Deadwood Recreation Center and, in the process, raised \$18,600 for the local swim teams.

"I did it just because I could," the slender retired coach said. "If you don't push your limits, your limits push you."

So when Phillips discovered dozens of aging trophies that had been stuffed in storage rooms and closets during a \$6 million Rec Center expansion project that occurred between 2008 and 2010, he decided to enlist the help of his older brother, Bob, and give the markers new life. In so doing, the Phillips brothers unraveled forgotten stories of athletic achievement and even a piece of their family's past.

A teacher for 35 years and a coach and referee for more than a quarter-century, Bob Phillips, who graduated from Lead High School in 1957, said each of the trophies and plaques represented a singular story of hard work, success and recognition.

"Jim and I have lived here all our lives and there's nothing like keeping our history alive," he said. "Each

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of these trophies represents kids being in the pool or on a basketball court or football field, pouring their hearts out for a team they loved. Each holds an individual story and each meant a different thing to a different kid. They had devoted so much of their life, so much of their energy, to earning that trophy."

While crediting his brother with performing the majority of the detailed restoration work, the elder Phillips said he was happy to contribute to the project and return the awards to a public setting.

"When they closed the Rec Center in late 2008 to make improvements, all of the trophies got put away and were forgotten about for the next decade," Jim Phillips said. "They were put in storage rooms and closets, got broken and dirty, and some just disappeared."

But 51 of those prized plaques and trophies remained. And, after 250 hours of meticulous work and 10 trips to a trophy shop in Rapid City for replacement parts, the brothers were ready to put them back on display. But they lacked any trophy cases in which to house the awards.

"One day my brother, Bob, was giving us a tour of the Black Hills Mining Museum in Lead, for which he serves as secretary," Jim Phillips recalled. "He had a bunch of trophy cases from the old Homestake Visitor Center that he had gotten permission to donate. We were down in the deepest, darkest regions of the mining museum with a flashlight when we found a bunch of other trophies stored in this dungeon."

Then, a realization.

"So, hark and alas, I had a new project."

While the Phillipses were returning that second batch of trophies to tip-top condition, they pondered how they could remodel the dated cases to display their wares. That's when local resident David Cote, who regularly works out at the Rec Center, learned of the project and offered his assistance.

"David is a big woodworker who has a shop, and he said, 'If you need any help, just say the word,'" Jim Phillips said. "It was probably one of the worst offers he ever made in his life because we took him up on it. He worked on the cases for weeks and added doors, casters and lights. David was invaluable."

Shortly after the sparkling trophy collection went on display and older residents began gazing at individual inscriptions, another Rec Center regular, Brian Greba, set his eyes on a free-throw contest championship trophy that had been presented to Pluma School in 1962. The prize awarded to his small school, closed now for nearly a half-century, had his name on it.

"I handed him that trophy and he got tears in his eyes," Jim Phillips said. "He just stood there and held that trophy, absolutely speechless. We made the guy cry."

Another small trophy found in the basement of the mining museum dates to the 1908-09 school year. Presented to the Class of 1911 for winning the inter-school girls basketball championship, the solid silver cup is exquisite and beautifully engraved.

Curious about the stories behind other trophies, the Phillips brothers enlisted research assistance from City Archivist Mike Runge. Using archived newspapers and other sources, Runge searched available databases and uncovered names and dates tied to many of the awards, printed out the information and presented it to the Phillips brothers.

"When Lead and Deadwood high schools merged, a substantial part of Deadwood's history moved to Lead," Runge noted. "But each of these trophies provides tangible proof of the history that is still around us and still lives on."

As the Phillips brothers reviewed Runge's findings, they stumbled on one piece of information they said still raises the hair on their arms.

"We were interested in this nice trophy for the 1930 State Declamatory Championship," Jim Phillips said. "Mike Runge had discovered the names of all the team members and, unbelievably, our mother, Marian Peterson, was on that team."

"Oh my God, it still gives me goose bumps," he added. "We had no idea that mom was a debater. It was definitely a goose-bump moment."

## South Dakota GF&P to conduct walleye study

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department plans to conduct a study of walleye in Lake Sharpe.

The purpose of the study will be to get a better idea of how much the lake's walleyes move and how big of an impact anglers have on them, The Pierre Capitol Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qGe9VY>) reported. The agency aims to tag about 4,000 Lake Sharpe walleye over the next four years.

Senior fisheries biologist Mark Fincel says the study is important because the fishing pressure in the upper end of Lake Sharpe is a lot higher than in the lower end.

"We want to know how much movement between the upper and lower ends there is," Fincel said.

There is concern that anglers are having a bigger impact on the lake due to the lake's smaller size compared with Lake Oahe.

"We always thought that even though we'd have low production, there would be fish that moved south," Fincel said.

A similar was conducted at Lake Oahe in 2013. Results from the study have shaken up assumptions about the lake's walleye fishery such as the end of Lake Oahe acting as a nursery and breeding area for the fish.

Anglers are being encouraged to report tagged fish. Five percent of the fish will have a reward tags that offer \$100 payouts for those who turn the fish in to the department.

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

## Sioux Falls sales tax growth hits new low

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls sales tax growth hit its lowest point since 2009 last month.

The Sioux Falls Finance Office says sale tax revenue grew by 1.9 percent in April, continuing a yearlong trend of declining growth, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2pWg3zN>) reported. Sioux Falls finance director Tracy Turbak said the growth a year ago was at about 4.5 percent.

Turbak told City Council last month that the city may face a budget shortfall of about \$1.2 million if the sales tax growth doesn't increase by the end of the year.

Mayor Mike Huether said the city is limiting overtime hours and out-of-state travel to help manage expenses.

"As long as I am the mayor, we will manage the numbers and make the tough choices, and we can do it and still hit our reserve goals," Huether said. "Families and businesses do it and government should too."

Despite the slow sales tax growth, sales tax revenues collected are up \$3 million through the first quarter of the year, compared with 2016, said council Chairman Rex Roling.

Entertainment tax collections have been growing at about 4 percent each month, a sign that the financial situation isn't dire, he said.

"That says there's disposable income, jobs are out there, and there are a lot of things happening that are very, very positive for the economy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota," Roling said. "We need to look at that while also being prepared."

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

## Trump avoids pointing to Saudis' human rights failings

By JULIE PACE and VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — As President Donald Trump opened his keynote address in Saudi Arabia, he lavished praise on the "magnificent" kingdom and "the grandeur of this remarkable place."

Then he made clear there would be no public lecture from America on Saudi Arabia's abysmal human rights record.

"We are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be, or how to worship," Trump

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declared Sunday.

Trump's willingness to set aside human rights as a principal foreign policy has been one constant in his chaotic administration. Yet the absence of any public reference to the kingdom's treatment of women and political opponents during his two-day visit was still jarring, particularly when contrasted with his affectionate embrace of the royal family.

The closest Trump came to acknowledging the human rights situation was a call for the region's leaders to stand together against "the oppression of women." A White House official later said the president did raise women's rights in his private meetings with Saudi officials, and noted that administration officials broached the topic in their talks in the lead-up to the trip. The official insisted on anonymity in order to discuss the private meetings.

To be sure, Trump's predecessors have also forged close ties with Saudi Arabia, an important U.S. partner in the Middle East, and other nations with questionable human rights records. But in their own ways, former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush each vouched for American values in their dealings with those nations, including the kingdom.

During a 2014 trip to Riyadh, Obama met with a Saudi woman who spread awareness of domestic violence in her country and presented her with the State Department's International Women of Courage award. His opening address to the Muslim world in 2009 also made numerous references to democracy and human rights.

Human rights were a regular part of the dialogue with the Saudis under the Bush administration. In 2004, the State Department listed the kingdom as "a country of particular concern" in its annual report on International Religious Freedom.

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.

Saudi Arabia also routinely carries out executions by beheading, including some in public.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and senior adviser, was more direct during an entrepreneurship roundtable with Saudi women Sunday morning, telling the participants that in every country, "women and girls continue to face unique systematic, institutional, cultural barriers, which hinder us from fully engaging in and achieving true parity of opportunity within our communities."

"Each of you know this to be true," she said.

Kristine Beckerle, a Saudi Arabia researcher for Human Rights Watch, said the first daughter was missing the bigger picture.

"It's not that entrepreneurship isn't important, but you need serious political changes so that the laws that restrict women from functioning in the work place are reversed," Beckerle said. "Without that, any amount of money or investment won't go very far."

Some lawmakers in both parties raised concerns with Trump's reluctance to publicly vouch for U.S. values in places where people are persecuted.

"I think that would be a terrible abdication of our global leadership when it comes to advocating for people who are the subject of persecution, or imprisoned, or journalists that are thrown in jail, or people not allowed to practice their faith," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said on CNN. "I think it would be a historic mistake for us to walk away from that."

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who challenged Trump for the Republican presidential nomination last year, said he wouldn't have promised to avoid the topic of human rights with the Saudis.

"That would not have been a part of a speech that I would have delivered," Rubio said in his own appearance on CNN. "I think it's in our national security interest to advocate for democracy and freedom and human rights, now, with a recognition that you may not get it overnight."

Human rights didn't go completely unnoticed on Trump's trip. During a press briefing Saturday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson hammered Iran's newly re-elected president for his government's oppressive policies.

However, when reporters shouted out questions regarding Saudi Arabia's human rights record — namely, one question about when the kingdom intends to allow women to drive — Tillerson ignored it.

Salama reported from Washington.

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## North Korea says ready to deploy, mass-produce new missile

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea says it's ready to deploy and start mass-producing a new medium-range missile capable of reaching Japan and major U.S. military bases there following a test launch it claims confirmed the missile's combat readiness and is an "answer" to U.S. President Donald Trump's policies.

The solid-fuel Pukguksong-2 missile flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles) and reached a height of 560 kilometers (350 miles) Sunday before plunging into the Pacific Ocean. North Korea's media said more missiles will be launched in the future.

Trump, traveling in Saudi Arabia, had no immediate public comment.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the launch and watched from an observation post, state media reported Monday. The Korea Central News Agency said the test verified technical aspects of the weapon system and examined its "adaptability under various battle conditions" before it is deployed to military units.

Kim reportedly said the launch was a success, "approved the deployment of this weapon system for action" and said that it should "be rapidly mass-produced."

North Korea has significantly speeded up its missile tests over the past year or so and appears to be making tangible progress toward developing an arsenal that poses a threat not only to South Korea and Japan — which together host about 80,000 U.S. troops — but also toward an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the mainland United States.

It's moving ahead with its nuclear weapons program as well.

The North conducted two nuclear tests last year. It claims one was a hydrogen bomb and the other device created a more powerful explosion than any the North has previous tested. Satellite imagery suggests it could be ready to conduct its next test — which would be its sixth — at virtually any time.

Pyongyang's often-stated goal is to perfect a nuclear warhead that it can put on a missile capable of hitting Washington or other U.S. cities.

North Korea's media, meanwhile, have stepped up their calls for even more missile launches because of what Pyongyang claims is an increasingly hostile policy by President Donald Trump.

"The Trump administration would be well advised to lend an ear to the voices of concern that are heard from the U.S. and the international community," the North's Minju Joson newspaper said in a commentary Sunday. "Many more 'Juche weapons' capable of striking the U.S. will be launched from this land. This is the DPRK's answer to the Trump administration."

"Juche," in this usage, refers to domestically produced and DPRK is short for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In an interview with "Fox News Sunday" U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the ongoing testing is "disappointing" and "disturbing."

South Korea held a National Security Council meeting after the launch, and its Foreign Ministry said the launch "throws cold water" on efforts to ease tensions on the peninsula.

At the request of diplomats from the U.S., Japan and South Korea, a United Nations' Security Council consultation on the missile test will take place Tuesday.

North Korea a week earlier had successfully tested a new midrange missile — the Hwasong 12 — 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 represents another big advance toward a viable ICBM.

David Wright, an expert on North Korea's missiles and nuclear program who is with the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the latest missile could have flown farther but was fired on a "lofted" trajectory, which sends the missile high up so that it will land in the open seas rather than flying over or splashing down near neighboring countries.

He noted the Pukguksong-2's solid fuel is of particular concern.

Solid-fuel missiles have their fuel loaded in them before being moved into place, allowing them to be launched faster and with more secrecy. Liquid-fuel missiles, on the other hand, are fueled at the launch site in a process that can last an hour and requires fueling and other vehicles. That makes them easier to spot and easier to destroy than the solid-fuel variety.

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## AP Source: Ford replaces CEO in push to transform business

By DEE-ANN DURBIN, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is replacing CEO Mark Fields amid questions about its current performance and future strategy, according to a person familiar with the situation.

CEO Mark Fields is retiring at age 56 after 28 years at the company, says this person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement hasn't been made.

Fields will be replaced by Jim Hackett, who joined Ford's board in 2013, the person says. Hackett has led Ford's mobility unit since last year. He is the former CEO of office furniture maker Steelcase.

As CEO, Fields began Ford's transition from a traditional automaker into a "mobility" company, laying out plans to build autonomous vehicles and explore new services such as ride-hailing and car-sharing. Under Fields, Ford achieved a record pretax profit of \$10.8 billion in 2015 after the company's new, aluminum-sided F-150 pickup went on sale.

But there were rumblings that Fields wasn't focusing enough on Ford's core business, as popular products like the Fusion sedan grew dated and Ford lagged behind rivals in bringing long-range electric cars to the market. The stock price sagged, and electric car maker Tesla Inc. even passed the 114-year-old Ford in market value. Ford's stock price has fallen almost 40 percent in the three years since Fields became CEO.

"Mark Fields was given the nearly impossible task of making the utterly conventional auto manufacturer, Ford Motor Company, into a high-tech information-style company with share values to match," said Jack Nerad, the editorial director for the car shopping site Kelley Blue Book. "Despite turning in credible profits, Fields was unable to turn Ford into a stock market darling, and that may well prove elusive going forward."

Hackett is the former CEO of Steelcase Inc., one of the world's largest office furniture companies. He is credited with transforming that company, in part by predicting the shift away from cubicles and into open office plans. But he also cut thousands of jobs and moved furniture production from the U.S. to Mexico to stem massive losses at the company.

Hackett also served as the interim athletic director at the University of Michigan from 2014 to 2016. In that role, he lured star football coach Jim Harbaugh.

Hackett will have to placate investors worried about Ford's sliding U.S. market share and product decisions. Ford's U.S. sales are down this year in part because it doesn't have offerings in popular segments like subcompact SUVs and midsize pickups. Investors also worry that Ford is falling behind its rivals. GM's Chevrolet Bolt electric car, with 238 miles of range, went on sale last year; Ford is working on an electric SUV with 300 miles of range, but it's not due out until 2020.

Mary Barra — who became GM's CEO about six months before Fields became Ford's — has also made a series of headline-grabbing moves, such as forming a partnership with the ride-hailing company Lyft and pulling GM out of unprofitable markets, including Europe, India and South Africa. Ford also made investments in new mobility companies and announced it would have a self-driving shuttle on the road by 2021,

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but its efforts haven't swayed investors. GM's shares are worth around \$33, while Ford's languish below \$11. Ford's stock rose 2 percent before the opening bell Monday.

Fields had the tough job of following CEO Alan Mulally, another auto industry outsider who was hired away from Boeing to lead Ford. Mulally, who joined Ford in 2006 when it was near bankruptcy, was widely credited with ending internal bickering at Ford and streamlining manufacturing.

As part of the shake-up, several Ford executives are taking on new roles. Jim Farley, who led the company's European division back to profitability in recent years, will become vice president of global markets and will oversee Lincoln, sales and marketing. Joe Hinrichs, president of Ford's Americas division, will oversee global product development, manufacturing and quality. Marcy Klevorn, Ford's chief technical officer, will replace Hackett as the head of Ford Smart Mobility LLC, Ford's future mobility unit.

## Trump to test waters for achieving Middle East peace

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JULIE PACE, Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — President Donald Trump opened his first visit to Israel Monday, an early visit by a president to a longtime Middle East ally and one aimed at testing the waters for jumpstarting the region's dormant peace process.

Trump flew in from Saudi Arabia, where he basked in a lavish welcome from the kingdom's royal family, and received a similarly warm welcome in Tel Aviv. In brief remarks during an airport ceremony, the president said he had come "to reaffirm the unbreakable bond between the United States and the state of Israel" and that his visit with Arab leaders gave him "new hope" for peace in the region.

"We have before us a rare opportunity to bring security and stability and peace to this region and to its people," Trump said.

Trump received a warm welcome in Tel Aviv after becoming the first U.S. president to include Israel on his maiden overseas trip. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Trump "a true friend" to Israel and sounded hopeful notes about the president's role in the Middle East peace process.

But Trump may face questions from Israeli officials about revelations that he disclosed sensitive Israeli intelligence to Russian officials and concerns over the new \$110 billion arms deal he announced with the Saudis. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, speaking to reporters on Air Force One, said the U.S. could provide clarifications to Israel about what happened but said, "I don't know that there's anything to apologize for."

Before meetings Monday with Netanyahu, the president and first lady Melania Trump will visit the Western Wall, an important Jewish holy site, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is believed to be where Jesus was crucified and the location of his tomb.

On Tuesday, Trump will meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. After hosting Abbas at the White House in March, Trump boldly stated that achieving peace is "something that I think is, frankly, maybe not as difficult as people have thought over the years."

"But we need two willing parties," he said. "We believe Israel is willing. We believe you're willing. And if you both are willing, we're going to make a deal."

White House aides have tried to play down expectations for significant progress on the peace process during Trump's stop, casting it as more symbolic than substantive. Tillerson referred to the visit as "a moment in time" and suggested that the U.S. would take a more active role in the future in brokering a deal if both sides make serious commitments.

Trump made one symbolic gesture Monday in bridging the gap between Israel and the Arab world. His flight on Air Force One was believed to be the first direct flight between Saudi Arabia and Israel, nations that do not have diplomatic relations. Netanyahu said he hoped an Israeli prime minister could soon make the same flight.

While Israeli officials cheered Trump's election, some are now wary of the tougher line he has taken on settlements: urging restraint but not calling for a full halt to construction. Trump has also retreated from a campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, bending to the same

diplomatic and security concerns as other presidents who have made similar promises.

Palestinians, who viewed Trump's victory with some trepidation, are said to have been pleasantly surprised by Trump's openness during a recent meeting with Abbas in Washington.

And on the eve of Trump's visit, an Israeli official said Netanyahu's cabinet has approved confidence building measures with the Palestinians, including allowing building in a West Bank area. The official briefed on Sunday's meeting said the package includes building permits for Palestinians in Area C that has largely been off limits to Palestinian development until now. He spoke on condition of anonymity pending a formal government announcement. He did not elaborate and it is not clear how big the plan is.

One point of contention in the talks: the fate of east Jerusalem, which Israel captured in the 1967 Mid-east war. The area is home to sensitive religious sites, including the Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray.

Israel considers the entire city to be its capital while the international community says the future of east Jerusalem, claimed by the Palestinians, must be resolved through negotiations. The Trump administration drew the ire of some Israelis this week when officials declined to state that the Western Wall was part of Israel, as has been U.S. policy.

Israeli officials say they are largely in the dark about what ideas Trump might present for peace or what concessions he may demand. And while Netanyahu in the past has expressed support for the establishment of a Palestinian state, he has been vague about this goal since Trump gained power.

Meanwhile, Palestinian activists are calling for a "Day of Rage" when Trump visits the West Bank on Tuesday. The demonstrations are meant to draw attention to a month-long hunger strike by hundreds of prisoners being held by Israel and to protest what many Palestinians say is unfair U.S. support for Israel.

Trump's two day visit in Israel follows two days in Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's holiest sites, where Trump brokered the arms contract while also trying to strengthen relations with other Arab nations. He also delivered a closely watched speech to the Muslim world in which he called for Middle East leaders to root out extremists at home, while casting the fight against terror as "good vs. evil" rather than the West vs. Islam. In a pointed departure from his predecessor, Trump all but promised he would not publicly admonish Mideast rulers for human rights violations and oppressive reigns.

Iran's foreign minister accused Trump of using foreign policy as an excuse for selling billions of dollars' worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia, its longtime foe.

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## **Iran reformists sweep Tehran municipal council election**

**By AMIR VAHDAT and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Candidates backing reform of Iran's clerically overseen government swept municipal elections in Tehran, taking all 21 local council seats in the country's capital while moderate President Hassan Rouhani won a second term in office, authorities said on Monday.

Their win in Friday's election marks the first time reformists have gained total control of Tehran's municipal council since such votes began in the Islamic Republic in 1999. Iranian media also reported similar big gains for reformists in other major cities.

While their powers are limited to local affairs, the councils represent direct control of governance by Iran's 80 million people. Having reformists take control signals a groundswell of support for slowly changing the way government works in Iran, while also reflects growing discontent with the country's hard-liners.

"They are tired from 40 years of conservatives' management style," said Soroush Farhadian, a Tehran-based political analyst who backs reformists. "People voted for reformists to make their lives happier."

Municipal councils govern across Iran's major cities down to its smallest villages, with members serving four-year terms. They choose mayors and decide on budgets and development projects, as well as oversee

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local cultural and religious activities.

While leaving day-to-day operations to mayors, the councils play an important role in local oversight of municipal activities. In Friday's election, over 265,400 candidates competed for some 127,600 municipal seats.

In Tehran, Iranian state television reported Monday that Mohsen Hashemi Rafsanjani, a son of the influential late former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, won more than 1.7 million votes to come in first among the council candidates. Rafsanjani's vote total surpassed all the votes received in Tehran by hard-line cleric Ebrahim Raisi in his failed presidential bid against Rouhani.

The sweep means reformists can replace Tehran Mayor Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, who had been a presidential candidate before withdrawing to support Raisi. Qalibaf and other Tehran officials had faced criticism in recent weeks over a massive January fire at a historic high-rise that caused the building to collapse, killing 26 people, including 16 firefighters.

In Tehran, the city budget reaches into the billions of dollars, making such municipal council seats very powerful. Meanwhile, others have used Tehran city positions as a means to enter national politics. Hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was Tehran's mayor just before becoming president in 2005.

Rouhani, a cleric whose administration struck the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with world powers, decisively won a second term in Friday's election. His success at the polls likely carried reformist candidates to victory in other municipal elections as well.

The reformist daily newspaper Shargh said reformists were also leading in other major Iranian cities like Isfahan, Kerman, Mashhad, Semnan, Shiraz, Tabriz and Zahedan. Each province's governor announces the final results of the municipal elections and tallying results from those votes always take more time than presidential polls.

Municipal councils have been in Iran's constitution since after the 1979 Islamic Revolution. However, councils weren't implemented until reformist President Mohammad Khatami took power in the 1990s, following a series of riots across small towns and cities in Iran over local control.

The councils have opened up Iran's political system in the time since. While authorities have blocked women from running for president, female councilors are common on municipal councils. In Friday's election, 415 women won seats on councils in Iran's Sistan and Baluchistan province, according to the semi-official ISNA news agency.

"The local council elections symbolized a greater shift towards the belief that ultimate power is derived from the people, and not from divine authority," an academic paper on Iranian municipal councils from 2003 reads. "This very notion undermines the claims and diminishes the power of some conservative elements in the regime."

But hard-liners still wield power in other ways in modern Iran. One of the authors of that 2003 paper, Iranian-American Siamak Namazi, is now imprisoned with his octogenarian father Baquer on 10-year prison sentences for "cooperating with the hostile American government."

Gambrell reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. WITH HOPES FOR PEACE UNCERTAIN, TRUMP LANDS IN ISRAEL

The Republican makes his first visit to the flashpoint region with few concrete ideas of solving a problem that has vexed U.S. presidents for decades.

2. LAWMAKERS VOW AIRING OF COMEY FIRING REASONS

Congressional action into the FBI director's dismissal comes amid a deepening investigation into Russia's interference with the U.S. election.

3. NORTH KOREA SAYS READY TO DEPLOY, MASS-PRODUCE NEW MISSILE

Pyongyang says its new medium-range rocket is capable of reaching Japan and major U.S. military bases.

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## 4. AP: FORD SHAKEUP AT TOP

The automaker is replacing CEO Mark Fields amid questions about its current performance and future strategy.

## 5. GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS CONFRONTING SCHOOL SEX ASSAULT

Elementary and secondary schools adapt intervention approaches typically used to handle potential school shooters, AP finds.

## 6. HOW THOSE AFFECTED FEEL ABOUT NAFTA

AP interviews workers on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border to better understand a relationship that generates \$500 billion in bilateral trade each year.

## 7. RACE, GENDER, FAME ISSUES AS COSBY JURY SELECTION STARTS

Lawyers in the entertainer's sex assault case hope to find a dozen jurors and six alternates in Pittsburgh willing to be sequestered nearly 300 miles from home.

## 8. WHICH FELINE MIGHT BE NEXT URBAN PEST

Joining the likes of foxes, coyotes and even mountain lions in rare cases, hungry bobcats are making a home in small towns and suburbs.

## 9. WHO WON BIG AT BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS

Rapper Drake gets a lucky 13 wins at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas beating Adele's previous record.

## 10. LEBRON PROVES MORTAL

The Cavs star had the worst playoff game of his career, scoring just 11 points and committing six turnovers in a stunning loss Game 3 to Boston.

## Drake dominates, Cher reflects at Billboard Music Awards

By KRISTIN M. HALL, Associated Press

Drake was a high roller in Las Vegas, beating Adele's record for most wins at the Billboard Music Awards. Cher and Celine Dion each reflected on their own iconic careers and amazing songs on Sunday night's awards show, while a moment of silence was held for rocker Chris Cornell, who died Thursday in Detroit. Miley Cyrus delivered an emotional, but low-key performance and Vanessa Hudgens shined as co-host.

These are the top moments from the awards show.

### DRAKE'S LUCKY 13

The rapper broke Adele's record with 13 wins for the night as well as an eye-catching performance in the middle of famous Fountains of Bellagio. With the streams of water and fireworks timed to his song, "Gyalchester," the Canadian rapper danced around a platform in the water.

He already had 10 awards by the time the show began, but made sure to give a shout out during his acceptance speeches to his friends in the audience including Nicki Minaj, co-host Ludacris and Lil Wayne. The Chainsmokers, who tied Drake with 22 nominations, won four awards, while other top winners, Beyonce and twenty one pilots, both won five each, but did not attend.

### ICONIC CHER

When Cher got up to accept her Icon Award, she wasn't afraid to do a little bragging. The singer and actress noted that she had been lucky to have a dream career for more than five decades, and at the age of 71, she said she can still hold a plank for five minutes.

She certainly showed off that athletic bod in a revealing outfit with pasties and a blonde wig as she performed her '90s dance hit "Believe," then changed into a teased up curly black mane and leather jacket for her performance of "If I Could Turn Back Time."

She noted she was told early on that she never was the most beautiful or the most talented, but she was special and added that "luck has so much to do with my success with a little bit of something thrown in."

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## HARD GOODBYE

Rock fans were stunned to learn about the death of rocker Chris Cornell, who was found dead Thursday in his hotel room in Detroit. The lead singer of Soundgarden and Audioslave and leader of the Seattle grunge movement was honored with a moment of silence during the awards show, which was a shorter than expected tribute to the 52-year-old singer and songwriter.

However, Dan Reynolds of Imagine Dragons summed up his career succinctly, noting he was "a true innovator," "a musical architect," "a prolific songwriting" and "a legendary performer."

## TITANIC PERFORMANCE

Two decades after a movie and a song captivated the country, Celine Dion revisited her iconic hit "My Heart Will Go On," with the same passion as ever. The Canadian singer returned to celebrate the Oscar-winning song 20 years after it topped the charts as the theme to the blockbuster "Titanic."

Under a glittering chandelier and dressed in a Met-worthy white gown, Dion wowed the audience with her performance and earned one of the biggest cheers of the night.

## VANESSA GEEKS OUT

New co-host Vanessa Hudgens was acting more like a fan than an emcee with her enthusiastic intros as well as singing and dancing throughout the night. She impressed early with her rapping skills to show her love for Nicki Minaj, then tried a heartfelt rendition of Dion's "The Power of Love."

Later on she showed up in one of Cher's iconic stage costumes and danced along to Cher's performance from the audience.

Even Drake took notice in his acceptance speech, adding that Hudgens looked "amazing," which drew envious looks from Nicki Minaj.

## NEW MILEY

Even Miley Cyrus' family noted the change in demeanor at this year's award show for the former Disney star when her sister Noah Cyrus introduced her "for the first time in years with pants on." Once known for her shocking performances of twerking and dangling naked from a wrecking ball, the singer performed the slow-burning love song "Malibu," without much of her signature in-your-face sexiness.

She paired the breezy single with a muted performance with acoustic instruments and a simple white crop top and wide brimmed hat.

But the singer, who is engaged to Liam Hemsworth, couldn't hide her emotion by the end when her eyes teared up.

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## Key lawmakers vow full airing of reasons behind Comey firing

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of key congressional committees are pledging a full public airing as to why former FBI director James Comey was ousted amid an intensifying investigation into Russia's interference with the U.S. election.

The probe appears to be reaching close to President Donald Trump and his inner circle.

In Sunday show appearances, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers said they will press Comey in hearings as to whether he ever felt that Trump tried to interfere with his FBI work. Others are insisting on seeing any White House or FBI documents that detail conversations between the two, following a spate of news reports that Comey had kept careful records.

Comey was fired by Trump earlier this month. The former FBI director agreed to testify before the Sen-

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ate intelligence committee after the Memorial Day holiday.

"The American public deserves to know the answers," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a member of the Intelligence committee. "Did he keep these memos? What do those memos say? And why did he write it? And how did he feel? Did he ever feel like he was being put in a position where he couldn't do his job? There's no doubt that that's the questions that are going to get asked, and asked repeatedly."

The New York Times reported last week on a Comey memo indicating that Trump had urged him to drop an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn. A second Times report said Trump also had told Russian officials in a closed-door meeting at the Oval Office that firing Comey "had relieved great pressure on him." The Washington Post, meanwhile, said a senior Trump adviser is now being considered a "person of interest" in the law enforcement investigation into whether Trump's campaign coordinated with Russia to sway the election.

"This cloud is impacting everything else," Rubio said, describing a number of questions, such as possible obstruction of justice, that are hanging over the White House. Asked if he wished for a bit less drama from the White House, Rubio described it as political reality, explaining: "People got what they voted for."

The leaders of the House oversight committee, Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah and Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, also said they had many questions and would seek Comey's notes.

Chaffetz said he expects to speak with Comey on Monday and that if there are any notes of White House meetings, "we're certainly pursuing them."

"There have been so many lies, so many contradictions," Cummings said, adding that he expects parallel investigations from Congress to proceed fully after the Justice Department last week appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller as special counsel to head an investigation into possible Russian coordination with the Trump campaign.

Referring to the whole sequence of events leading to Comey's firing, Cummings said: "I think that there may be quite a few people that may have some problems with the law."

The White House has repeatedly insisted that a "thorough investigation will confirm that there was no collusion between the campaign and any foreign entity." It has not denied the Times report that Trump was critical of Comey to the Russians the day after he fired him. Instead, White House spokesman Sean Spicer has called the president's rhetoric part of his deal-making, contending that Comey had created "unnecessary pressure" on Trump's ability to negotiate with Russia on a range of issues.

White House national security adviser H.R. McMaster underscored that point in an interview that aired Sunday, saying Trump had felt "hamstrung."

"The president feels as if he is hamstrung in his ability to work with Russia to find areas of cooperation because this has been obviously so much in the news," said McMaster, who was present at the White House meeting.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a member of the Intelligence Committee, said she plans to press Comey regarding what was discussed with Trump about Flynn and whether he was asked by Trump to alter the FBI investigation. The California Democrat said public hearings should ferret out what has been a flurry of apparently contradictory comments by many of the people involved.

"I really think that rather than have all these memorandums and issues circulating around, that we need to put the facts before the American people," she said. "Did the president fire Comey because of his investigation and was he worried about what the investigation might conclude? If so, that borders on a very serious charge."

"And it's got to come from Director Comey himself," Feinstein said.

Rubio appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" and CBS' "Face the Nation," Feinstein also was on CBS' "Face the Nation," and Chaffetz, Cummings and McMaster spoke on ABC's "This Week."

## Huge cuts to food stamps part of Trump's budget proposal

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's budget would drive millions of people off of food stamps, part of a new wave of spending cut proposals that already are getting panned by lawmakers in both parties on Capitol Hill.

Trump's blueprint for the 2018 budget year comes out Tuesday. It includes a wave of cuts to benefit programs such as Medicaid, federal employee pensions, welfare benefits and farm subsidies.

All told, according to people familiar with the plan, Trump's budget includes \$1.7 trillion over 10 years in cuts from such so-called mandatory programs. That includes cuts to pensions for federal workers and higher contributions toward those pension benefits, as well as cuts to refundable tax credits paid to the working poor. People familiar with the plan were not authorized to discuss it by name and requested anonymity.

Cuts include a whopping \$193 billion from food stamps over the coming decade — a cut of more than 25 percent — implemented by cutting back eligibility and imposing additional work requirements, according to talking points circulated by the White House. The program presently serves about 42 million people.

The food stamp cuts are several times larger than those attempted by House Republicans a few years back and comprise the bulk of a 10-year, \$274 billion proposal that's labeled as welfare reform.

The fleshed-out proposal follows up on an unpopular partial release in March that targeted the budgets of domestic agencies and foreign aid for cuts averaging 10 percent — and made lawmakers in both parties recoil.

The new cuts are unpopular as well.

"We think it's wrongheaded," said Rep. Mike Conaway, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, when asked about looming cuts to farm programs. "Production agriculture is in the worst slump since the depression — 50 percent drop in the net income for producers. They need this safety net," said Conaway, R-Texas.

Trump's budget plan promises to balance the federal ledger by the end of a 10-year window, even while exempting Social Security and Medicare retirement benefits from cuts. To achieve balance, the plan by White House budget director Mick Mulvaney relies on optimistic estimates of economic growth, and the surge in revenues that would result, while abandoning Trump's promise of a "massive tax cut."

Instead, the Trump tax plan promises an overhaul that would cut tax rates but rely on erasing tax breaks and economic growth to end up as "revenue neutral." It would create three tax brackets — 10 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent — instead of the current seven.

Trump is also targeting the Medicaid health program that provides care to the poor and disabled, and nursing home care to millions of older people who could not otherwise afford it.

The House had a bitter debate on health care before a razor-thin 217-213 passage in early May of a GOP health bill that included more than \$800 billion in Medicaid cuts over the coming decade. Key Republicans are not interested in another round of cuts to the program.

"I would think that the health care bill is our best policy statement on Medicaid going forward," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over the program.

Details on Trump's budget will not be publicly released until Tuesday, but Mulvaney has briefed Republicans about what's coming and his staff has provided targeted leaks to the media.

A full budget submission by the administration to Congress is months overdue and follows the release two months ago of an outline for the discretionary portion of the budget, covering defense, education, foreign aid, housing and environmental programs, among others. Their budgets pass each year through annual appropriations bills.

An earlier blueprint from Trump proposed a \$54 billion, 10 percent increase for the military above an existing cap on Pentagon spending, financed by an equal cut to nondefense programs. Those cuts rang alarm bells for many Republicans, who were particularly upset about proposals to eliminate community development block grants, slash medical research and eviscerate foreign aid.

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Trump's GOP allies rejected such cuts when wrapping up long-overdue legislation for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30. There's little sign they will have a change of heart now, especially with Trump's administration in turmoil and his poll ratings at historic lows.

"The budget's a starting point. We'll go to work from there," said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Republicans controlling Congress have delayed action on their companion budget measure, waiting for Trump to go first. This year's budget debate, Republicans hope, would grease the way for a major overhaul of the loophole-cluttered tax system. But House conservatives also want to embark on a round of cuts to benefit programs and are open to Trump's suggestions for cuts to mandatory programs such as federal employee pensions.

Presidential budgets are mere suggestions, and the White House has discretion to assume higher economic growth rates of up to 3 percent or so under Trump's agenda of tax changes, loosened regulations and infrastructure spending.

Tuesday's budget will also include proposals such as paid leave for parents after the birth or adoption of a child, a \$200 billion infrastructure plan that Trump officials claim could leverage, along with private investment, up to \$1 trillion in construction projects, and funding for Trump's oft-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. The budget contains \$1.6 billion for wall construction, along with \$300 million for additional border patrol and immigration agents as part of a \$2.6 billion hike for border security programs.

## LeBron struggles, exchanges words with fan after Game 3 loss

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James' frustrating night kept going after one of the worst playoff games of his splendid career.

James exchanged words with a fan late Sunday night after the Boston Celtics stormed back from a 21-point deficit in the third quarter and shocked the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

As he walked down a hallway inside Quicken Loans Arena to the postgame news conference, James, who scored just 11 points and only one in the final 18 minutes, was heckled by the fan for his sub-par outing. James spun around and asked the man to repeat himself.

Security ushered the fan away from James, who then went to the podium and was blunt in assessing a very uncharacteristic game for the NBA's best all-around player.

"I had a tough game, period," he said. "Not just in the second half. Me, personally, I didn't have it. My teammates did a great job of keeping us in the game, building that lead. But me, personally, I didn't have it. That's all I've got to say about my performance."

There wasn't much to gush about, that's for sure.

James didn't score in the fourth quarter and went only 1 for 8 from the field with one rebound and one assist in the second half.

It was James' lowest point total in the playoffs since he scored seven for Miami in the 2014 conference finals against Indiana, and before Boston's comeback, James was 49-0 in playoff games his team led by at last 20 points.

Making it more staggering is that James has been so brilliant in this postseason, taking his exquisite game to an even higher level.

He had scored at least 30 points in eight consecutive playoff games, the first player to do that since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1970, and there didn't seem to be anything the Celtics could do to stop him.

But James went just 4 of 13 from the field, missing all four 3-pointers. He had six rebounds and six assists, but also committed six turnovers, including a costly miscue down the stretch when his pass was stolen by Jae Crowder.

"He's human, so he's going to have a night like this," said Cavs coach Tyronn Lue. "He didn't shoot the ball well, and we still had a 20-point lead. A game we should have won, but they played hard. They scrapped. They have a scrappy team. We knew that coming into tonight. We knew it wouldn't be easy, but we got

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some things we can correct and come back ready to go on Tuesday (in Game 4)."

The Celtics, who were blown out by 44 points at home in Game 2, won despite being without star guard Isaiah Thomas. His season is over because of a hip injury, and although he's not around, his presence was felt by his teammates who rallied to keep their season alive.

James was eager to break down film of the game on Monday, but he was able to recall much of what Boston did right.

"They moved the ball, and they kept us at bay," he said. "We couldn't get stops. We couldn't get out in transition a lot. Those guys made plays. They made a lot of plays. They got some second-chance points. We only had two fast-break points, so they neutralized what we wanted to do."

The loss snapped Cleveland's 10-game winning streak in this postseason and a 13-game run dating to Game 4 of last year's Finals.

James, who is trying to win his seventh consecutive conference title, tried to find a silver lining on an otherwise forgettable night.

"Some adversity is all part of the postseason," he said. "I feel like you have to have some type of adversity in order to be successful. If it was going to happen, let it happen now; let us regroup. Let us regroup and all the narrative and everything that was going on, let's regroup and let's get back to playing desperate basketball, which they did tonight. So we've got to be a lot better, for sure."

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## The Latest: Ringling Bros. shuts down the big top

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The Latest on the closing of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus (all times local):

10:15 p.m.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has shut down the big top.

After 146 years of existence, the circus gave its final performance Sunday evening in Uniondale, New York, outside of New York City.

At the end of the 2 ½ hour show, Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson led the performers, crew and audience in an emotional rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

Many in the audience had tears in their eyes as they sang, and performers on the show floor hugged.

Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced in January that it would close the production, citing declining attendance and high operating costs.

Animal rights activists had targeted the circus, saying that forcing animals to perform and transporting them around the country amounted to abuse. And in May 2016, the company removed elephants from its shows, but ticket sales continued to decline.

7:30 p.m.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has begun its final show after 146 years of wowing audiences with the "Greatest Show on Earth."

Sunday night's 7 p.m. performance was the last of three final shows in Uniondale, New York, outside of New York City.

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4:10 p.m.

"The World's Greatest Daredevil" says it's emotional to see the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus' final shows.

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The 49-year-old Bello Nock, with his signature shock of two-foot-tall blond hair, performed with Ringling from 2000 to 2008. He spoke Sunday just before the second-to-last ever circus show.

His parents met at the Ringling circus in 1954. While he did not perform during Ringling's final shows, he said that many former and retired performers are in attendance to pay respect to the iconic show.

He said every circus has used Ringling Brothers as its compass and inspiration.

Nock is a daredevil clown who holds 16 Guinness records, including a high wire walk across the entire length of a cruise ship at sea. He has also balanced on high wire in Times Square.

2:55 p.m.

The owner of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus says Sunday's final shows are "a celebration."

Feld Entertainment's Kenneth Feld said Sunday that while he is melancholy about closing the production, he feels the performers are energized to "go out on top."

He said the most difficult moment came when he and his family had to tell the performers in January.

Feld said they all have to "embrace change" and there is a love for the circus "that will never die."

Feld's father and uncle bought the circus in 1967. It was sold to Mattel in 1971, but the Feld family continued to manage the shows. The Felds bought the circus back in 1982.

The final three shows are Sunday in Uniondale, New York, outside of New York City.

11:45 a.m.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus that has wowed crowds for 146 years with its "Greatest Show on Earth" is taking its final bow.

The circus' last show of three scheduled Sunday at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, New York, is sold out. Fans

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## Ringling Bros. shuts down the big top after 146 years

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — With laughter, hugs and tears — and the requisite death-defying stunts — the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus received its final standing ovation Sunday night as it performed its last show.

"We are, forevermore, the Greatest Show on Earth," boomed Johnathan Lee Iverson, who has been the ringmaster since 1999. His son, who also performed, stood by his side. The show was held at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, New York, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) east of New York City.

It was an emotional 2 1/2 hours for those who worked on the circus. Many of Ringling's employees are second, third and even fourth-generation circus performers, while others met their spouses while touring. All spent months on the road, traveling from city to city in Ringling's train cars and describing themselves as a giant family, albeit one with many clowns.

But it also was the fans who felt like family.

Elaine Bario, a 57-year-old usher at the Nassau County Coliseum, said she's seen the circus every time it's been on Long Island — some years as a child with her father, who also was an usher at the same venue.

"The animals, this is where we fell in love with them," she said. "We got to see animals here and the Bronx Zoo. We don't go on safaris."

Bario cried as she watched the final big cat act with its leopards, tigers and Alexander Lacey, the handsome animal trainer.

"I've always had a crush on the lion tamers," she said, laughing through tears.

But it was those animal shows that led to the circus' eventual demise.

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Over the years, animal rights activists had targeted Ringling, saying that forcing animals to perform and transporting them around the country amounted to abuse. In May 2016, the company removed elephants from its shows, but ticket sales continued to decline. People, it seemed, didn't want to see a circus without elephants. Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced in January it would close the show, citing declining attendance and high operating costs.

A handful of protesters stood outside the venue on Sunday, with signs that said "compassion always wins," and "the future is animal free."

Feld Entertainment CEO Kenneth Feld said that "we all have to embrace change."

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Earlier Sunday, a group of retired and former circus performers sat across the street at a hotel bar, laughing and hugging and sharing memories of tours past.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions, said Rev. George "Jerry" Hogan, Ringling's circus chaplain. "It's a reunion, but it's bittersweet. I'm seeing people I haven't seen in years."

Once a mainstay of entertainment in small towns and big cities across the country, Ringling had two touring circuses this season, one of which ended its run earlier this month in Providence, Rhode Island. That show was the more traditional, three-ring circus, while the one performing this weekend had a narrative storyline. Called "Out of This World," it was set in futuristic outer space.

In the end, though, Feld executives said they knew the circus couldn't compete with iPhones, the internet, video games and massively branded and carefully marketed characters. Their other productions — Frozen on Ice, Marvel Live, Supercross, Monster Trucks, Disney on Ice — resonate better with younger generations.

But that didn't stop the circus from giving the performance of their life, one last time, to one last crowd.

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## **Billy Bush says he's ready to get back into television**

NEW YORK (AP) — Former "Today" co-host Billy Bush says he's a better man and ready to get back into television seven months after being fired from his job at NBC following the release of a videotape in which he can be heard engaging in lewd talk with Donald Trump.

In an interview posted Sunday, Bush told The Hollywood Reporter the past months have "been a roller coaster" that included an apology to his three daughters.

Bush said his then-15-year-old daughter, Mary, called him in tears from her boarding school when the news broke, and asked him why he could be heard laughing at the things Trump was saying on the old tape.

"It hit really hard, and I stopped for a second, and I said, 'I have no answer for that that's any good. I am really sorry. That was Dad in a bad moment a long time ago,'" Bush said.

The 2005 tapes featuring Trump's shockingly vulgar and sexually charged comments emerged a month before the November elections, rocking Trump's campaign and prompting condemnation from politicians on both side of the aisle. In a videotaped apology, Trump declared he was wrong but also dismissed the revelations as "nothing more than a distraction" from a decade ago. He later said that he never did any of the actions described on the tape, and dismissed his words as locker room talk.

Bush, who had recently been hired as co-host of the "Today" show, lost his job. He said he went through a lot of soul searching and spent seven days on a spiritual retreat with no phones. He reads, meditates and is doing yoga.

"I have changed in a way that I think will make me better at my job," Bush said. "I've come out of this with a deeper understanding of how women can connect to the feeling of having to fight extra hard for an even playing field."

The 2005 video shows Trump, who was the star of "The Apprentice," riding on an "Access Hollywood" bus with then-host Bush. At one point, Trump describes trying to have sex with a married woman. He also brags about women letting him kiss and grab them because he is famous.

"When you're a star they let you do it," Trump says. "You can do anything."

## Celtic pride: Bradley's last-second shot stuns Cavs 111-108

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Leprechauns are imaginary. Celtic pride is very real.

Avery Bradley's 3-pointer danced on the rim and dropped with less than a second left and Boston, blown out in the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals and playing without star Isaiah Thomas, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-108 on Sunday night in Game 3 to end the champions' 13-game postseason winning streak.

Bradley's shot from the left wing — off a play designed by coach Brad Stevens — bounced on the rim four times before going down. It capped a furious, focused comeback by the Celtics, who trailed by 21 in the third quarter before rallying to tighten up a series that appeared to be over.

"We have guys who have chips on their shoulders," Boston coach Brad Stevens said. "We knew that Friday (Game 2) was a disaster. It wasn't worth all four. It was worth one. So we got back together."

Smart, who started in place of Thomas, made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points, and Bradley had 20 for the Celtics, who were given little chance after losing by 44 in Game 2 and then losing Thomas for the rest of the postseason because of a hip injury.

"Everybody had to step up their game tonight especially with one of our brothers down," Smart said. "Our love and support goes out to Isaiah. We wish he could be here but we understand. We just kept fighting. Everybody did their part."

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, and Kevin Love had 28 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers dropped to 10-1 in the postseason with their first loss since Game 4 of last year's Finals.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in Cleveland.

LeBron James had one of the worst games of his postseason career, finishing with 11 points and six turnovers. On his way to the postgame news conference, the superstar got into an exchange with a fan who heckled him about his rough night.

"I didn't have it," said James. "You let a team like that grab momentum you almost knew a shot like that was going in."

Despite James' struggles, the Cavs led 77-56 in the third quarter after making 14 3-pointers in the first half. But Cleveland got complacent, Smart got hot and the Celtics, who arrived at Quicken Loans Arena on Sunday morning for their shootaround without Thomas and looking somewhat defeated, never gave up.

"We decided we were going to go out and play hard, swinging," Bradley said. "We never counted ourselves out."

The Celtics tied the Cavs at 95-all on Smart's 3-pointer and then matched the James and Co. basket for basket in the final minutes in one of the most entertaining games of what has been a mostly boring postseason.

Boston's Jonas Jerebko's baseline jumper put the Celtics ahead 108-106 with 30 seconds left before Irving scored on a drive to tie it with 10.7 seconds left.

Following a timeout, the Celtics perfectly executed a play drawn up by Stevens and worked the ball to Bradley, who found himself open and then calmly knocked down a shot that goes straight into Celtics lore.

For Cleveland, the loss was a wake-up call on their march toward a possible third straight Finals and a seemingly inevitable rematch with Golden State. The Cavs had been playing a glorified game of H.O.R.S.E. with the Warriors, who are undefeated and can complete a sweep of San Antonio on Monday night.

"I'm kind of glad it happened the way it did," James said. "We have to play a lot better. "I feel some adversity is part of the postseason. If it's going to happen, let it happen now. Let's regroup and get back to playing desperate basketball, which they did tonight. We've got to be a lot better for sure."

STREAK OVER

James' run of scoring at least 30 points ended at eight straight playoff games. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did

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it nine straight times in 1970.

James helped Boston's comeback by going 0 for 6 and scoring just one point in the final 18 minutes.

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Jerebko took exception to being called for a foul when Love hit the floor after the two got tangled up in the fourth quarter.

"I thought he flopped," Jerebko said. "I don't like people flopping. I don't flop. I had to tell him. He kind of laughed. He knew he flopped. He's a great player, but stand up. Don't flop. That's my motto at least."

## TIP-INS

Celtics: Stevens said Thomas will visit hip specialists over the next few days and may need surgery. ... Stevens didn't review much of the Game 2 tape, but there's a mental image in his head of the Cavs making tough shot after tough shot. "As good as they are and they are tremendous, that might have been the best game I've ever seen a team play against us," he said. Does that mean college too? "Yeah, I think they would have beaten all those teams, too," he said, drawing laughter.

Cavaliers: James needs 62 points to pass Michael Jordan as the top scorer in postseason history. ... Cavs coach Tyronn Lue was an assistant in Boston and said his team reminds him of those Celtics teams with Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo. "That was a tight group," he said. "They did everything together, dinners and everything." ... Browns defensive end Myles Garrett, the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft, and fellow rookie Jabrill Peppers took a few shots on the floor before the teams came out for warmups.

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## Race, gender, fame all issues as Cosby jury selection starts

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Thirteen years after a Temple University basketball team manager went to famous alumni Bill Cosby's nearby home for career advice, her complaint that Cosby drugged and molested her that night will soon be a task for a Pennsylvania jury.

Lawyers this week hope to find a dozen jurors and six alternates willing to spend two weeks or more sequestered nearly 300 miles (482 kilometers) from home.

The case has attracted worldwide publicity the judge hopes to shield from jurors when the trial starts June 5 in suburban Philadelphia. Jurors are being chosen in Pittsburgh starting Monday.

"You want to see if they're a celebrity-conscious person — if they read celebrity stuff, if they worship celebrity," trial consultant Howard Varinsky said. "Prosecutors have to be very worried about fans."

The lawyers also will be weighing a potential juror's race, gender, age, occupation and interests as the questioning gets underway. They hope to tease out whether they relate more to the beloved actor who brought the world Fat Albert, Dr. Cliff Huxtable and bemused quips about family and fatherhood, or a woman who was rebuffed when she first filed a police complaint, only to relive the case a decade later after Cosby's testimony from her lawsuit became public and dozens of other accusers came forward to support her.

"In a normal case, juries are all banging the door to get out, bringing up every hardship in the world," Varinsky said. "But on this case, you're going to see people that may lie to get on, and people who convince themselves that they can be fair, but they can't."

"Whatever side you're on, you have to really weed through this," he said. "I'm looking (as a consultant) for every single micro-expression, each body movement."

Jurors will be dismissed "for cause" if they admit to strong views about the case or persuade the judge they have family, health or financial situations that prevent them from serving. After that, each side can strike seven people during jury selection and three more when they choose alternates.

Accuser Andrea Constand went to police in January 2005 to report that Cosby had sexually assaulted

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her a year earlier. She had left Temple the previous March and was back home in the Toronto area, setting aside a life in basketball to retrain as a massage therapist.

Then-District Attorney Bruce Castor declined to press charges. Constand then sued the comedian, negotiating a settlement after he gave sworn testimony about a string of sexual liaisons with young women. Cosby admitted giving some of them pills or alcohol beforehand.

New prosecutors read that testimony and reopened the case in mid-2015. Cosby was arrested on Dec. 30, 2015, days before the 12-year statute of limitations expired. He has pleaded not guilty and remains free on \$1 million bail.

He told a talk show host this week that he hopes to beat back the charges and resume his career.

"I want people to understand my work as an artist and a performer," he said. "I want to get back to the laughter and the enjoyment of things that I've written and things that I perform on stage."

## Hello! Drake breaks Adele's record at Billboard Music Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

Hello, Drake has surpassed Adele's record at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards on Sunday, picking up 13 awards.

Adele set a record at the show in 2012 with 12 wins. The rapper, who walked into the show Sunday with 22 nominations, won top artist, top male artist and top Billboard 200 album ("Views"), among others, at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

"I got my whole family up here," said Drake, who stood onstage with nearly two dozen people, including his father, Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj.

Drake was presented the top artist award by Prince Jackson, the late Michael Jackson's eldest son. Drake beat out Beyonce, Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Adele, Ariana Grande, the Weeknd, twenty one pilots, Shawn Mendes and the Chainsmokers for the top prize. Of those nominees, only Drake and the Chainsmokers attended the Billboard Awards.

But other big names showed up.

Cher, who received the Icon award, sang her dance anthem "Believe" in a glittery number that included pasties and blonde hair with pink tips. She later changed to a huge, curly black 'do — and wore a black sheer bodysuit and leather jacket for "If I Could Turn Back Time." Her performance had the audience on its feet, singing and dancing.

"I wanted to do what I do since I was 4 years old and I've been doing it for 53 years," said Cher, who turned 71 on Saturday. "And I can do a five-minute plank. Just saying."

"I think luck has so much to do with my success with a little bit of something thrown in," she added.

Korean boy band BTS, who won top social artist, earned one of the night's loudest ovations. Another highlight was Celine Dion.

In a beautiful, Met Gala-ready white gown, she belted out "My Heart Will Go On," the Oscar-winning song from "Titanic." The film is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. John Legend and Florida Georgia Line also had a shining moment when they sang a duet version of the country duo's soft hit, "H.O.L.Y."

Dan Reynolds of the rock band Imagine Dragons led a moment of silence for Chris Cornell, who died Thursday. He called the Soundgarden and Audioslave singer "a true innovator," "a musical architect," "a prolific songwriter" and "a legendary performer" — as a large photo of Cornell singing with his eyes closed was displayed behind him.

"We send our respects as well as our love to Chris' family at this time," Reynolds said.

Miley Cyrus sang her breezy new single, "Malibu," delivering a sound and muted style that marked a departure from the hits that made her a pop star years ago. She was teary eyed at the end of the performance.

"And for the first time in years with pants on," Noah Cyrus, standing next to father Billy Ray Cyrus, introduced her older sister, who was wearing white shorts and a cowboy hat.

Minaj kicked off the show with an explosive nine-minute performance of her hit songs alongside her

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mentor Lil Wayne and frequent collaborator David Guetta. She recently broke Aretha Franklin's record for most songs placed on the Billboard Hot 100 chart by a female artist.

Co-host Vanessa Hudgens impersonated Minaj's rap style at the top of the show, and it was the first of the many good moments for the actress and singer Sunday night. Hudgens, who hosted with Ludacris, also sang Dion's "I'm Your Lady" and wowed with her fashion choices. Even Drake noticed her, saying she looked "incredible."

Beyonce and twenty one pilots each won five awards, while the Chainsmokers — who tied Drake with 22 nominations — won four awards, including top Hot 100 song for "Closer" with Halsey.

"This feels good but it feels so wrong because I love Drake so much," said Halsey (Drake's "One Dance" was also nominated for top Hot 100 song).

The Chainsmokers performed "Young" with Andrew Taggart on vocals and Alex Pall behind the board (they were also backed by a drummer), and Drake performed from the Fountains of Bellagio. Ed Sheeran sang "Castle on the Hill" from Santiago, Chile, while Bruno Mars performed his silky new single, "Versace on the Floor," from Amsterdam.

Other performers include Lorde, Sam Hunt, Halsey, Camila Cabello and Julia Michaels.

At the show, Diddy honored his former friend and artist Notorious B.I.G, who would have turned 45 on Sunday. Diddy also introduced CJ Wallace, B.I.G's son, who spoke about his father's legacy. Then Diddy showed the trailer of the documentary, "Can't Stop, Won't Stop: A Bad Boy Story," which will be available on Apple Music on June 25.

Former One Direction singer Zayn was named best new artist, while Justin Timberlake's Oscar-nominated "Can't Stop the Feeling!" won top radio song and top selling song.

Blake Shelton won top country artist and showed love for his beau and fellow singer Gwen Stefani.

"I felt like the luckiest guy in the room 'cause Gwen was here with me anyway," he said.

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## North Korea calls latest solid-fuel missile test successful

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea fired a solid-fuel ballistic missile Sunday that can be harder for outsiders to detect before launch and later said the test was hailed as perfect by leader Kim Jong Un.

The official Korean Central News Agency confirmed Monday the missile was a Pukguksong-2, a medium-to-long range ballistic missile also launched in February. South Korea and the U.S. had earlier described Sunday's missile as medium-range.

The Pukguksong (Polaris)-2 is a land-based version of a submarine-launched missile. The missile advances North Korea's weapons capabilities because solid-fuel missiles can be fired faster and more secretly than those using liquid fuel, which much be added separately and transported to a launch site using trucks that can be seen by satellites.

The rocket was fired near the county of Pukchang in South Phyongan province and flew eastward about 500 kilometers (310 miles), an official from South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It reached an altitude of 560 kilometers (347 miles), the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity, citing office rules.

The U.S. Pacific Command said it tracked the missile before it fell into the sea.

KCNA said the test was intended to verify technical indexes of the weapon system and examine its adaptability under various battle conditions before deployment to military units. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the launch from an observation post and approved its deployment after analyzing the results with officials and finding them perfect, the state news agency said.

The February launch was the North's first missile test after President Donald Trump took office. Sunday's launch followed one a week earlier of a rocket that flew higher and for a longer time than any missile the North has previously launched and could one day reach targets in Hawaii and Alaska. North Korea called

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that launch a success test of a missile that could carry a heavy nuclear warhead.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Sunday it was too early to know if the international pressures being exerted on North Korea to discourage its weapons programs were having an impact.

"We're early in the stages of applying the economic pressure as well as the diplomatic pressure to the regime in North Korea," Tillerson said on "Fox News Sunday." "Hopefully they will get the message that the path of continuing their nuclear arms program is not a pathway to security or certainly prosperity. The ongoing testing is disappointing. It's disturbing."

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Monday that Seoul and Washington believe Sunday's test provided North Korea with unspecified "meaningful data" on its push to improve the credibility of missile technology. But spokesman Roh Jae-cheon said the allies believe more analysis is required to verify whether the North has achieved a re-entry technology, which would return a warhead safely back into the atmosphere, for the missile.

South Korea held a National Security Council meeting Sunday to discuss the latest launch, which came hours after new President Moon Jae-in named his new foreign minister nominee and top advisers for security and foreign policy.

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. He vowed to bring up the issue at this week's G-7 summit in Italy.

At the United Nations, diplomats from the U.S., Japan and South Korea said they requested a Security Council consultation on the missile test. The closed discussion will take place Tuesday. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting had not been officially announced.

Under third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un, North Korea has been advancing its decades-long goal of putting a nuclear warhead on an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. Its two nuclear tests last year may have improved its ability to make nuclear weapons small enough to fit on long-range missiles. And each successful rocket launch is seen as improving or expanding the range and capabilities of its missile arsenal.

The test of a Pukguksong-2 might be part of attempts to stabilize the system before operationally deploying the missiles, said Kim Dong-yub, an analyst at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies.

Kim said there's also a possibility that the North is conducting engine tests and other experiments as it pushes for the development of a solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile that could potentially reach the U.S. mainland. If the North ever obtains a solid-fuel ICBM, it would likely be a rocket powered by a cluster of several Pukguksong-2 engines, Kim said.

Missile tests such as Sunday's 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 the North. Pyongyang's aggressive push to improve its weapons program also makes it one of the most urgent foreign policy concerns for the Trump administration.

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."

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Associated Press Writer Edith M. Lederer in New York contributed to this report.

## Trump urges Mideast nations to drive out 'Islamic extremism'

By JULIE PACE and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Donald Trump on Sunday implored Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries to extinguish "Islamic extremism" emanating from the region, describing a "battle between good and evil" rather than a clash between the West and Islam.

In a pointed departure from his predecessor, Trump all but promised he would not publicly admonish Mideast rulers for human rights violations and oppressive reigns.

"We are not here to lecture — we are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be,

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or how to worship," Trump said, speaking in an ornate room in the Saudi capital. "Instead, we are here to offer partnership — based on shared interests and values — to pursue a better future for us all."

The president's address was the centerpiece of his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, his first overseas trip since his January swearing-in. For Trump, the trip is a reprieve from the crush of controversies that have marred his young presidency and an attempt to reset his relationship with a region and a religion he fiercely criticized as a candidate.

During the 2016 U.S. campaign, Trump mused about his belief that "Islam hates us." But on Sunday, standing before dozens of regional leaders, he said Islam was "one of the world's great faiths."

While running for the job he now holds, Trump heartily criticized President Barack Obama for not using the term "radical Islamic extremism" and said that refusal indicated that Obama did not understand America's enemy. In his Saudi speech, Trump condemned "Islamic extremism," "Islamists," and "Islamic terror," but not once uttered the precise phrase he pressed Obama on.

Some of Trump's wording on the issue also changed from his prepared remarks. A White House official later said that was not intended and attributed it to the president being "an exhausted guy."

Trump made no mention of the disputed travel ban, signed days after he took office, that temporarily banned immigration to the U.S. from seven majority Muslim countries: Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen. Both the original order and a second directive that dropped Iraq from the banned list have been blocked by the courts.

In some ways, Trump delivered a conventional speech for an American politician. He pledged deeper ties with the Middle East to tackle terrorism and encouraged more economic development in the region. He heralded the ambitions of the region's youth and warned that the scourge of extremism could tarnish their future.

Trump offered few indications of whether he planned to shift U.S. policy to better fight terrorism. There were no promises of new financial investment or announcements of increased U.S. military presence in the region. The president put much of the onus for combating extremists on Mideast leaders: "Drive them out of your places of worship. Drive them out of your communities."

White House officials said they considered Trump's address to be a counterweight to 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. His speech was denounced by many Republicans and criticized by a number of America's Middle East allies as being a sort of apology.

Trump's remarks came in a meeting with dozens of regional leaders who gathered in Riyadh for a summit with Trump and Saudi King Salman.

The king has lavished praise and all the trappings of a royal welcome on the new American president, welcoming in particular Trump's pledge to be tougher on Iran than Obama was. Indeed, Trump and Salman were in lockstep on the threat Iran poses to the region when they addressed their fellow leaders: Trump accused Iran of "destruction and chaos" and the king said its rival "has been the spearhead of global terrorism."

The Saudis' warm embrace was welcome change for the besieged White House. Officials spent the days before Trump's departure dealing with a steady stream of revelations about the federal investigation into his campaign's possible ties to Russia and the fallout from his firing of FBI Director James Comey.

The president, who is known to tear asunder the White House's plans with a provocative tweet or offhand comment, has largely stuck to the script for opening days of the trip. Apart from Sunday's address, he's made no substantial remarks, other than exchanging pleasantries with other leaders.

Before the speech, Trump held individual meetings with leaders of several nations, including Egypt and Qatar.

His meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi underscored their burgeoning kinship. Trump praised el-Sissi for the April release of Egyptian-American charity worker Aya Hijazi, 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: "Love your shoes. Boy, those shoes" after their brief remarks to the media.

Trump cut short his program in Saudi Arabia, abruptly skipping an event aimed at highlighting how social media can be used to combat extremism. He sent his daughter, Ivanka, instead.

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## Times Square driver says he tried to get mental help

NEW YORK (AP) — A man accused of mowing down pedestrians in Times Square, killing a teenage Michigan tourist and injuring 22 others, said he had been trying to get psychiatric help.

In a jailhouse interview on Saturday, Richard Rojas told the New York Post (<http://nyp.st/2rDrfDD>) that he recently spoke to a mental health counselor at a local veteran's center but they never got back to him.

"I was trying to get help," Rojas told the newspaper from Rikers Island. "I wanted to fix my life. I wanted to get a job. Get a girlfriend."

Rojas, who lived with his mother in the Bronx, drove his car Thursday through Times Square, then made a U-turn and steered his car onto a sidewalk, plowing through helpless tourists for three blocks before crashing into protective barriers, police said.

After he was detained, he said he wanted to "kill them all" and that police should have shot him to stop him, a prosecutor said at his court appearance on Friday. They said Rojas also admitted to smoking marijuana laced with PCP sometime before the crash. Officials are awaiting toxicology reports.

"I just want to apologize to all the victims' families ... I want to apologize to my mom," Rojas said tearfully during the interview.

"The last thing I remember is driving in my car," Rojas recalled. "Then, I woke up in the precinct ... I was terrified."

Information from: New York Post, <http://www.nypost.com>

## Next stop for Trump is Israel, in pursuit of 'ultimate deal'

By JULIE PACE and JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Donald Trump has cast the elusive pursuit of peace between Israelis and Palestinians as the "ultimate deal." But he will step foot in Israel having offered few indications of how he plans to achieve what so many of his predecessors could not.

Trump has handed son-in-law Jared Kushner and longtime business lawyer Jason Greenblatt the assignment of charting the course toward a peace process. The White House-driven effort is a sharp shift from the practice of previous U.S. administrations that typically gave secretaries of state those responsibilities.

Kushner and Greenblatt were to accompany Trump on his two-day visit, set to begin Monday and include separate meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Trump also planned to visit the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, an important Jewish holy site.

On the eve of Trump's visit, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Security Cabinet approved several confidence-building measures, including construction permits for Palestinians near their cities in parts of the West Bank that had previously been off limits, a senior official said. Under interim agreements 60 percent of the West Bank, known as Area C, site of Israel's settlements, is under Israeli control and Palestinian development there has mostly been forbidden by Israel.

Speaking on condition of anonymity in line with protocol, he said the package also includes economic concessions and opening the border crossing between the West Bank and Jordan.

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White House aides have played down expectations for significant progress on the peace process during Trump's stop, casting it as more symbolic than substantive. Yet Trump may still need to engage in some delicate diplomacy following revelations that he disclosed highly classified intelligence Israel obtained about the Islamic State group with top Russian officials, without Israel's permission.

Israel also has expressed concern about the \$110 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia that Trump announced Saturday in Riyadh. Yuval Steinitz, a senior Cabinet minister and Netanyahu confidant, called Saudi Arabia "a hostile country" and said the deal was "definitely something that should trouble us."

Trump's first overseas trip as president comes as the dynamics between the United States and the region's players are moving in unexpected directions.

While Israeli officials cheered Trump's election, some are now wary of the tougher line he has taken on settlements: urging restraint but not calling for a full halt to construction. Trump has retreated from a campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, bending to the same diplomatic and security concerns as other presidents who have made similar promises.

Palestinians, who viewed Trump's victory with some trepidation, are said to have been pleasantly surprised by Trump's openness during a recent meeting with Abbas in Washington.

A senior official who was part of the Palestinian delegation said Trump is planning to try to relaunch peace talks, with a goal of reaching an agreement within a year. The Trump administration rejected a request from the Palestinians to push for an Israeli settlement freeze, but promised to sort out the issue during peace negotiations, according to the official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the private meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jibril Rajoub, a senior Palestinian official close to Abbas, said Trump was a "serious president" who "seeks to have a real deal, not just managing the conflict."

David Friedman, the new U.S. ambassador to Israel, told the newspaper Israel Hayom that Trump's goal at the start is simply "to begin a discussion that would hopefully lead to peace."

Friedman attended a celebration Sunday with Netanyahu of Israel's capture of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war, days after the White House declined to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the area.

The area is home to sensitive religious sites, including the Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray. Israeli officials are on edge over the U.S. refusal to say the Western Wall is part of Israel.

Israel considers the entire city to be its capital. The international community says the fate of east Jerusalem, claimed by the Palestinians, must be resolved through negotiations.

The last round of peace talks, led by then-President Barack Obama and his secretary of state, John Kerry, fell apart in 2014.

Greenblatt has quietly done much of the heavy work for the U.S. thus far. The low-profile Greenblatt, who spent about two decades as a lawyer at the Trump Organization before joining the White House, has traveled to the region twice since the inauguration and is in weekly contact with pivotal players from both sides.

Aaron David Miller, a Middle East peace adviser to Democratic and Republican secretaries of state, said that despite Greenblatt's positive reviews in the region, there are limits over how much influence he, or any American officials, can have over the process.

"The issue over many years has not been the mediator in the middle — it's the guys sitting on the other sides of the mediators," said Miller, now a vice president at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Israeli officials say they are largely in the dark about what ideas Trump might present for peace or what concessions he may demand. Hard-liners who dominate Netanyahu's government grew particularly concerned when White House national security adviser H.R. McMaster voiced support last week for Palestinian "self-determination."

Naftali Bennett, leader of the nationalist Jewish Home Party, lamented "a kind of change in the spirit" of Trump's positions since he was elected in November. He urged Netanyahu to reject Palestinian statehood and insist that Jerusalem remain under Israeli sovereignty forever.

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While Netanyahu in the past has expressed support for the establishment of a Palestinian state, he has been vague about this goal since Trump took office.

Trump's trip began in Saudi Arabia and takes him, after Israel, to the Vatican for an audience with Pope Francis, to Brussels for a NATO summit and to Sicily for a meeting of leaders of the Group of Seven major industrial nations.

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## **Biden: It's time for America to regain unity and purpose**

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — Former Vice President Joe Biden gave assurances Sunday that the country's current divisiveness brought on by a presidential election that "churned up some of the ugliest realities" of society will be temporary.

Biden told graduating seniors at Colby College to resist the impulse to throw up their hands after an election that played to society's "baser instincts."

"It's time for America to get up. It's time to regain our sense of unity and purpose. It's time for us to restart realizing who in God's name we are," he said during a sunny commencement address on the library lawn.

The Democrat who served two terms alongside President Barack Obama expressed his own disbelief in the state of affairs.

"This past election cycle churned up some of the ugliest realities in our country. Civilized discourse and real debate gave way to the coarsest rhetoric and stoking of our darkest emotions," he said.

But he said the corrosive politics and us-against-them populism won't be permanent. "I assure you it's temporary. I assure you it's transitory. The American people will not sustain this attitude," he said.

He encouraged the 480 graduates from 36 states and 42 countries to resist the temptation to retreat into their own bubbles, engaging in a comfortable lifestyle and surrounding themselves by people with similar viewpoints.

Instead, he encouraged them to get out and take risks, to treat others with dignity, and to build bonds of empathy with others.

"Life can't be lived in a self-referential, self-reinforcing, self-righteous echo chamber we build for ourselves online. Living on screens encourages shallow and antiseptic relationships that make it easy to reduce others to stereotypes, to write another human being off as a bad person," he said.

Biden never mentioned Republican President Donald Trump by name but he came close when he talked about standing up to sexual harassment and sexual violence.

He made a reference to so-called sexually charged locker room conversations — referencing Trump's downplaying of lewd remarks as "locker room talk" — before telling the group: "It doesn't go on like someone said it does."

## **Trump lavishes praise on Saudis, but silent on human rights**

**By JULIE PACE and VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — As President Donald Trump opened his keynote address in Saudi Arabia, he lavished praise on the "magnificent" kingdom and "the grandeur of this remarkable place."

Then he made clear there would be no public lecture from America on Saudi Arabia's abysmal human rights record.

"We are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be, or how to worship," Trump declared Sunday.

Trump's willingness to set aside human rights as a principal foreign policy has been one constant in his

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chaotic administration. Yet the absence of any public reference to the the kingdom's treatment of women and political opponents during his two-day visit was still jarring, particularly when contrasted with his affectionate embrace of the royal family.

The closest Trump came to acknowledging the human rights situation was a call for the region's leaders to stand together against "the oppression of women." A White House official later said the president did raise women's rights in his private meetings with Saudi officials, and noted that administration officials broached the topic in their talks in the lead-up to the trip. The official insisted on anonymity in order to discuss the private meetings.

To be sure, Trump's predecessors have also forged close ties with Saudi Arabia, an important U.S. partner in the Middle East, and other nations with questionable human rights records. But in their own ways, former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush each vouched for American values in their dealings with those nations, including the kingdom.

During a 2014 trip to Riyadh, Obama met with a Saudi woman who spread awareness of domestic violence in her country and presented her with the State Department's International Women of Courage award. His opening address to the Muslim world in 2009 also made numerous references to democracy and human rights.

Human rights were a regular part of the dialogue with the Saudis under the Bush administration. In 2004, the State Department listed the kingdom as "a country of particular concern" in its annual report on International Religious Freedom.

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.

Saudi Arabia also routinely carries out executions by beheading, including some in public.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and senior adviser, was more direct during an entrepreneurship roundtable with Saudi women Sunday morning, telling the participants that in every country, "women and girls continue to face unique systematic, institutional, cultural barriers, which hinder us from fully engaging in and achieving true parity of opportunity within our communities."

"Each of you know this to be true," she said.

Kristine Beckerle, a Saudi Arabia researcher for Human Rights Watch, said the first daughter was missing the bigger picture.

"It's not that entrepreneurship isn't important, but you need serious political changes so that the laws that restrict women from functioning in the work place are reversed," Beckerle said. "Without that, any amount of money or investment won't go very far."

Some lawmakers in both parties raised concerns with Trump's reluctance to publicly vouch for U.S. values in places where people are persecuted.

"I think that would be a terrible abdication of our global leadership when it comes to advocating for people who are the subject of persecution, or imprisoned, or journalists that are thrown in jail, or people not allowed to practice their faith," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said on CNN. "I think it would be a historic mistake for us to walk away from that."

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who challenged Trump for the Republican presidential nomination last year, said he wouldn't have promised to avoid the topic of human rights with the Saudis.

"That would not have been a part of a speech that I would have delivered," Rubio said in his own appearance on CNN. "I think it's in our national security interest to advocate for democracy and freedom and human rights, now, with a recognition that you may not get it overnight."

Human rights didn't go completely unnoticed on Trump's trip. During a press briefing Saturday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson hammered Iran's newly re-elected president for his government's oppressive policies.

However, when reporters shouted out questions regarding Saudi Arabia's human rights record — namely, one question about when the kingdom intends to allow women to drive — Tillerson ignored it.

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## Study finds that speeding up sepsis care can save lives

By LAURAN NEERGAARD, AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Minutes matter when it comes to treating sepsis, the killer condition that most Americans probably have never heard of, and new research shows it's time they learn.

Sepsis is the body's out-of-control reaction to an infection. By the time patients realize they're in trouble, their organs could be shutting down.

New York became the first state to require that hospitals follow aggressive steps when they suspect sepsis is brewing. Researchers examined patients treated there in the past two years and reported Sunday that faster care really is better.

Every additional hour it takes to give antibiotics and perform other key steps increases the odds of death by 4 percent, according to the study reported at an American Thoracic Society meeting and in the New England Journal of Medicine.

That's not just news for doctors or for other states considering similar rules. Patients also have to reach the hospital in time.

"Know when to ask for help," said Dr. Christopher Seymour, a critical care specialist at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine who led the study. "If they're not aware of sepsis or know they need help, we can't save lives."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year began a major campaign to teach people that while sepsis starts with vague symptoms, it's a medical emergency.

To make sure the doctor doesn't overlook the possibility, "Ask, 'Could this be sepsis?'" advised the CDC's Dr. Lauren Epstein.

### SEPSIS IS MORE THAN AN INFECTION

Once misleadingly called blood poisoning or a bloodstream infection, sepsis occurs when the body goes into overdrive while fighting an infection, injuring its own tissue. The cascade of inflammation and other damage can lead to shock, amputations, organ failure or death.

It strikes more than 1.5 million people in the United States a year and kills more than 250,000.

Even a minor infection can be the trigger. A recent CDC study found nearly 80 percent of sepsis cases began outside of the hospital, not in patients already hospitalized because they were super-sick or recovering from surgery.

### THERE'S NO SINGLE SYMPTOM

In addition to symptoms of infection, worrisome signs can include shivering, a fever or feeling very cold; clammy or sweaty skin; confusion or disorientation; a rapid heartbeat or pulse; confusion or disorientation; shortness of breath; or simply extreme pain or discomfort.

If you think you have an infection that's getting worse, seek care immediately, Epstein said.

### WHAT'S THE RECOMMENDED CARE?

Doctors have long known that rapidly treating sepsis is important. But there's been debate over how fast. New York mandated in 2013 that hospitals follow "protocols," or checklists, of certain steps within three hours, including performing a blood test for infection, checking blood levels of a sepsis marker called lactate, and beginning antibiotics.

Do the steps make a difference? Seymour's team examined records of nearly 50,000 patients treated at New York hospitals over two years. About 8 in 10 hospitals met the three-hour deadline; some got them done in about an hour. Having those three main steps performed faster was better — a finding that

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families could use in asking what care a loved one is receiving for suspected sepsis.

## WHO'S AT RISK?

Sepsis is most common among people 65 and older, babies, and people with chronic health problems. But even healthy people can get sepsis, even from minor infections. New York's rules, known as "Rory's Regulations," were enacted after the death of a healthy 12-year-old, Rory Staunton, whose sepsis stemmed from an infected scrape and was initially dismissed by one hospital as a virus.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Illinois last year enacted a similar sepsis mandate. Hospitals in other states, including Ohio and Wisconsin, have formed sepsis care collaborations. Nationally, hospitals are supposed to report to Medicare certain sepsis care steps. In New York, Rory's parents set up a foundation to push for standard sepsis care in all states.

"Every family or loved one who goes into a hospital, no matter what state, needs to know it's not the luck of the draw" whether they'll receive evidence-based care, said Rory's father, Ciaran Staunton.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Monday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2017. There are 223 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the final time (Jay Leno took over as host three days later).

### On this date:

In 1860, the United States and Japan exchanged ratifications of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce during a ceremony in Washington.

In 1913, the American Cancer Society was founded in New York under its original name, the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared before Congress to explain his decision to veto a bill that would have allowed World War I veterans to cash in bonus certificates before their 1945 due date.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1967, a fire at the L'Innovation department store in Brussels killed 322 people. Poet and playwright Langston Hughes died in New York at age 65.

In 1968, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

In 1981 "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe was convicted in London of murdering 13 women and was sentenced to life in prison.

In 2011, a tornado devastated Joplin, Missouri, with winds up to 250 mph, claiming at least 159 lives and destroying about 8,000 homes and businesses.

Ten years ago: British prosecutors accused former KGB agent Andrei Lugovoi (AHN'-dray LOO'-goh-voy)

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of murder in the radioactive poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko (leet-vee-NYEN'-koh). (Russia, however, has refused to extradite Lugovoi.) Olympic gold medalist speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno and his professional dance partner, Julianne Hough (huhf), won ABC's "Dancing With the Stars."

Five years ago: The Falcon 9, built by billionaire businessman Elon Musk, sped toward the International Space Station with a load of groceries and other supplies, marking the first time a commercial spacecraft had been sent to the orbiting outpost. In Flint, Michigan, a drifter accused of faking car trouble, then stabbing strangers who came to his aid, was convicted of murdering handyman Arnold Minor after jurors rejected an insanity defense. (Elias Abuelazam (EE'-lee-us ah-BOOL'-ah-zahm) is serving a life sentence.) Wesley A. Brown, the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, died in Silver Spring, Maryland, at age 85. Green Bay Packers receiver Donald Driver and his professional partner, Peta Murgatroyd, won "Dancing with the Stars" on ABC.

One year ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Vietnam, making him the third sitting president to visit the country since the end of the war. Madonna paid homage to Prince by wearing his signature color and bringing another icon — Stevie Wonder — onstage to sing the classic "Purple Rain" at the Billboard Music Awards. Veteran British director Ken Loach won his second Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival for "I, Daniel Blake" — a stark portrayal of a disabled man's struggle with the crushing benefits system in northern England.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Charles Aznavour is 93. Actor Michael Constantine is 90. Conductor Peter Nero is 83. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 79. Actor Frank Converse is 79. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 77. Actress Barbara Parkins is 75. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Tommy John is 74. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 67. Actor-producer Al Corley is 62. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 60. Singer Morrissey is 58. Actress Ann Cusack is 56. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 56. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 55. Actor Mark Christopher Lawrence is 53. Former White House Press Secretary Jay Carney is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Johnny Gill (New Edition) is 51. Rock musician Dan Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 50. Actress Brooke Smith is 50. Actor Michael Kelly is 48. Model Naomi Campbell is 47. Actress Anna Belknap is 45. Actress Alison Eastwood is 45. Singer Donell Jones is 44. Actor Sean Gunn is 43. Actress A.J. Langer is 43. Actress Ginnifer Goodwin is 39. Rhythm-and-blues Vivian Green is 38. Actress Maggie Q is 38. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno is 35. Actress Camren (cq) Bicondova is 18.

Thought for Today: "It is often said that men are ruled by their imaginations; but it would be truer to say they are governed by the weakness of their imaginations." — Walter Bagehot, English editor and economist (1826-1877).