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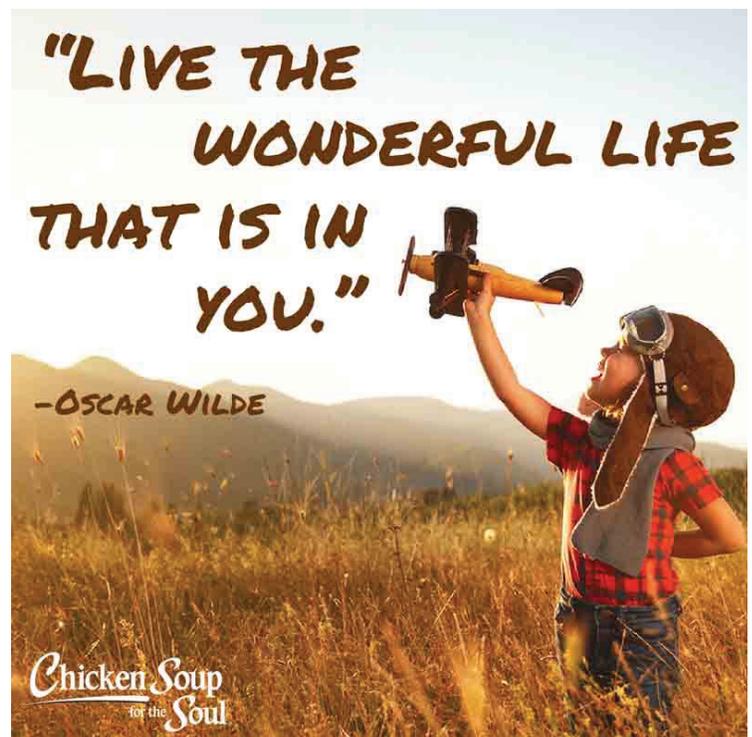
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The Life of Milbert Kappes



Funeral services for Milbert Kappes, 86, Aberdeen formerly Long Lake are 10:30 am, Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at First Reformed Church, Aberdeen, Pastor Hank Bowen officiating. Burial at 2:00 pm, Wednesday at Green Mound Cemetery, Leola military honors by Roy S. Hickman American Legion Post 78, Leola. Milbert died Saturday, November 4 at ManorCare Health Services surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation: 1:00 to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, family present 5:00 to 7:00, a prayer service at 7:00 pm, at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

A memorial has been established.

Milbert Kappes was born on July 8, 1931 in rural Long Lake, SD to Christian and Louisa (Ehresman) Kappes.

Milbert attended rural grade school through 8th grade. He worked on the family farm until drafted into the U.S. Army in April 1953. He served until his honorable discharge in April 1955. Milbert was united in marriage to Donna (Graff) June 12, 1955. The couple made their home on the original homestead by Long Lake where they farmed and ranched for many years.

Milbert was a lifetime member of the Long Lake Legion Post 276. He served as a school board member for the Leola School District. In addition, he was a member of the Oranien Reformed Church in Leola, SD and served as a Deacon, Elder, and Sunday School Teacher. Later, he became a member of the Salem Reformed Church in Ashley, ND. Milbert was a man strong in his faith and led his family by example.

Milbert was a hardworking, dedicated farmer and rancher. He found his passion working the land and raising cattle. He also spent time as a Conklin distributor. Milbert started artificially inseminating his cow herd in 1973 to the following breeds: Blonde D Aquitaine, Gelbvieh, Maine An Jou and Simmental. He became a member of the American Simmental Association in January of 1975 and began registering half-blood Simmental heifers. This enterprise evolved into selling private treaty bulls followed by 30 years of production sales.

Blessed to have shared Milbert's life is his wife, Donna, of 62 years. To this union were born nine children: James (Tracy) Kappes of Kerkhoven, MN; Sandra (Gene) Buck of Bangor, ME; Steven (Diane) Kappes of Elkridge, MD; Rodney (Patricia) Kappes of Groton, SD; Patricia (Kevin) Vaughn of Warner, SD; Neal Kappes of Long Lake, SD; Bruce (Nancy) Kappes of Aberdeen, SD; and Nathan Kappes of Clark, SD. Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren: Thomas and Christopher Kappes; Michelle Chapman, Braiden, and Blake; Matthew Kappes; Amanda(Jarett) Zimmerman, Asher, and Brody; Andrew (Emily) Kappes; Tina (Cody Oswald) Vaughn; Megan (Jeremy) Smidt; Sterling Kappes, Kaylee (Jesse) Babcock.

Milbert was preceded in death by his son, Dale; a grandson, John; his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings got a chance to rest this past weekend, as the team was in their bye week. The Vikings have played eight games so far this season, with six wins and two losses. The team will look to use this week off to get some players healthy, and to re-focus their efforts so they can make a playoff push. The Vikings will also look to avoid collapsing after the bye week like they did last season, when the team was 5-0 entering the bye week and ended the season 8-8.

Since Mike Zimmer took over the reigns as head coach, the Vikings are a team that relies on defense to win most games. The Vikings offense has taken a big step forward this season, however, and are ranked 11th in the NFL with 358.5 yards per game. The team is also 13th in points per game, scoring an average of 22.4 per contest. For the first time in what seems like forever, the Vikings have a good passing attack – even though most of the season has been with Case Keenum, the team's third string quarterback, at the helm. The Vikings are 14th in the NFL with 238.5 passing yards per game. Last season, the Vikings were a dink and dunk team, meaning they would consistently throw short, easy passes. That has changed this year, as the team is tied for 14th in yards per attempt at 7.2. The team is throwing deeper passes, which are riskier, but there are only three teams in the NFL who have thrown for less than the Vikings' three interceptions.

Defense is where the Vikings really shine, and this year has been Zimmer's best season yet. The defense is 4th in the NFL, only allowing 282.1 yards per game. The team is also third in the league in points allowed, only giving up 16.9 points per game. One big reason for Minnesota's success on defense is how stingy they are on third downs, where they are the second-best team in the NFL – they only give up third downs to opposing offenses 28 percent of the time. The Vikings haven't been getting as many turnovers this year – they only have seven interceptions (15th in the league) and four forced fumbles (28th) – but that's ok when they are only giving up a league best of 4.6 yards per play.

The Vikings have one of the best defenses in the NFL, and now that they have a competent offense to match, the team has their eyes set firmly on bringing home it's second league championship and first Lombardi Trophy.

The offensive MVP though the first half has to be Adam Thielen. At the halfway point of the season, Thielen has 627 yards and a touchdown, which would give him 1,254 for the season if he maintains his current pace. That would be the most receiving yards for a Minnesota Viking since Sidney Rice had 1,312 in 2009 when Brett Favre was slinging the pigskin for the purple and gold.

The defensive MVP so far is Everson Griffen, who has 10 sacks and two forced fumbles through eight games. Griffen has a sack in every game so far this season, which ties an NFL record. He is a one-man wrecking crew along the Vikings defensive line, and even though other teams are game planning to stop him, he is still creating havoc. Griffen is also the emotional leader of the defense, and sets the tone both in games and in every practice.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will play the Washington Redskins (4-4), Los Angeles Rams (6-2), Detroit Lions (3-4), Atlanta Falcons (4-4), Carolina Panthers (6-2), Cincinnati Bengals (3-5), Green Bay Packers (4-3), and the Chicago Bears (3-5).

There is no doubt the Vikings schedule gets more difficult after the break. The Rams are suddenly the hottest offense in the league, the Lions have already beaten the Vikings, the Falcons and Panthers are the two most recent NFC Champions, and the Packers might have Aaron Rodgers back by the time the Vikings face them again in week 16. While the schedule may be getting tougher, the Vikings have some good news to look forward to with the return of Teddy Bridgewater. If the Vikings can get Bridgewater back and he picks up where he left off (which admittedly is a big question mark), the Vikings should be the favorites to win their remaining games.

This season is already half over, and it has been a wild ride so far, but the team is far from finished and has big dreams that are within reach. So strap in, because the second half of the season is shaping up to be even better, and will hopefully end with the Vikings playing in the Super Bowl in front of the home crowd at U.S. Bank Stadium. Skol!



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SDDOT Expands Snowplow Fleet

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation has expanded its snowplow fleet by adding three new tow-plows for the 2017-2018 winter season.

The new plows will be used to clear roadways in Yankton, Rapid City and Hot Springs. The first tow-plow was deployed last year in Sioux Falls with great success, according to SDDOT Secretary Darin Bergquist.

A tow-plow is pulled by a snowplow truck and, along with the front plow on the truck, can clear widths up to 25 feet by allowing the operator to remove snow from one lane and the shoulder in one pass.

"The tow plow has been proven to save wear and tear on equipment, and save on fuel and labor costs. It also allows crews to get the roadway cleared more quickly and efficiently," Bergquist said.

When the driver deploys the bi-directional tow plow, the wheels turn as much as 30 degrees in either direction, which causes the tow-plow to steer to the right or left of the truck. The tow plow works similarly to a wing plow but with a much greater reach to clear more surface area.

The department's tow plows will have different set-ups for material that can be used to more effectively treat road surfaces. The two different set-ups the SDDOT will be using can apply a direct liquid spray or a pre-wetting salt application.

To see the tow-plow in action and get more information from an interview with the Sioux Falls tow-plow driver, visit the SDDOT YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/SouthDakotaDOT>.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

Today in Weather History

November 7, 1986: A major winter storm dumped 10 to 25 inches of snow over most of North Dakota. The snow combined with strong winds of 30 to 50 mph, and gusts to 70 mph, creating blizzard conditions. Snow began over southern and eastern North Dakota on the morning of the 7th, and by late afternoon, had spread over the entire state. The snowfall was heavy at times, and continued through the night of the 7th. In the southeast quarter, the snow alternated with rain, freezing rain, and sleet. By daybreak on the 8th, snow and blowing snow were occurring statewide. By late morning, the storm had intensified into a blizzard over almost all on North Dakota. The blizzard ended over extreme western North Dakota by late afternoon of the 8th, and over the rest of the state

ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA

4-PLEX FOR SALE

The following real estate is for sale:

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block Twenty-two (22), Original Plat, Roslyn, Day County, South Dakota;

A/k/a 716 1st Street, Roslyn, South Dakota; st Consisting of lots and 4-plex apartment house, currently unoccupied and has been for five (5) years. Property is to be sold "AS IS". Apartment units have electric baseboard heat and electric hot water heaters. Apartment units also include electric ranges, refrigerators, and washers/dryers.

No warranties are being offered on the appliances ("AS IS").

Interested parties should submit sealed bids to Law Office of Danny R. Smeins, P.C., 506 Main Street, Webster, SD 57274, or hand delivered to the same address prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 14th day of November, 2017. Bids will be opened after the bid deadline, and Seller will identify the bidders that will be invited to raise their bid on the 17 day of November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Law Office of Danny R. Smeins, P.C. in Webster, South Dakota. Not all bidders will be invited to raise their bid.

Successful bidder will be required to execute a standard Purchase Agreement and make an earnest money deposit.

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Direct all inquiries, questions or requests for real estate information to Danny R. Smeins, Attorney at Law, at (605) 345-4875 or (605) 448-5964 or Ray Lardy, Roslyn Homes, Inc., at (605) 228-1597 or Richard Galbraith at (605) 229-0180.

that night. The heaviest snowfall occurred over south central and east central North Dakota. The highest wind gusts of the storm occurred in the north central and northeast sections of the state. Several wind gusts to 58 mph were recorded at Grand Forks, and a gust to 55 mph occurring at the Minot Air Force Base. Wind chills dipped to 40 below over some parts of the state. The storm occurred on the opening day of deer hunting season, and forced many hunters to cancel their trips. The storm stranded many motorists and delayed fire-fighting efforts which caused a few homes and buildings burn down. Snowplow activity had to be halted for many hours because of high winds and blowing snow.

November 6, 2000: Snowfall of 4 to 10 inches combined with northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph, with stronger gusts, to create blizzard conditions throughout much of the day. Numerous schools were cancelled or started late. Many events were also cancelled. Several accidents occurred due to the slick roads and low visibilities. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 9.5 inches in Selby; 8 inches in Glenham and 12SSW of Harrold; 7.3 inches near Onaka; 7 inches at Faulkton; and 6 inches in Miller.

1940: The Tacoma Narrows Bridge, which opened on July 1, 1940, spanned the Puget Sound from Gig Harbor to Tacoma. At the time of the opening, the bridge was the third longest suspension bridge in the world, covering nearly 6,000 feet. Before the bridge opened, strong winds would cause the bridge to move vertically, giving the nickname Galloping Gertie. On this day in 1940, winds of 40 mph caused the bridge to collapse because of the physical phenomenon known as aeroelastic flutter.

1951: At 7 AM a blinding flash, a huge ball of fire, and a terrific roar occurred over parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, caused by a disintegrating meteor. Windows were broken in and near Hinton Oklahoma by the concussion.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Increasing Clouds	Decreasing Clouds	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny and Breezy
High: 31 °F	Low: 12 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 9 °F	High: 21 °F	Low: 12 °F	High: 33 °F

Quiet Weather, Cool



Today: Becoming Mostly Sunny, Highs Upper 20s-Mid 30s.



Wednesday: Increasing Clouds, Highs 25 North-45 South.



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD
www.weather.gov/abr

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High pressure will bring tranquil weather to the region through Wednesday. However, temperatures will remain below seasonal norms.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 32.5

Low Outside Temp: 11.8

High Gust: 15

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 75° in 1909

Record Low: -9° in 1991

Average High: 45°F

Average Low: 23°F

Average Precip in Nov: .21

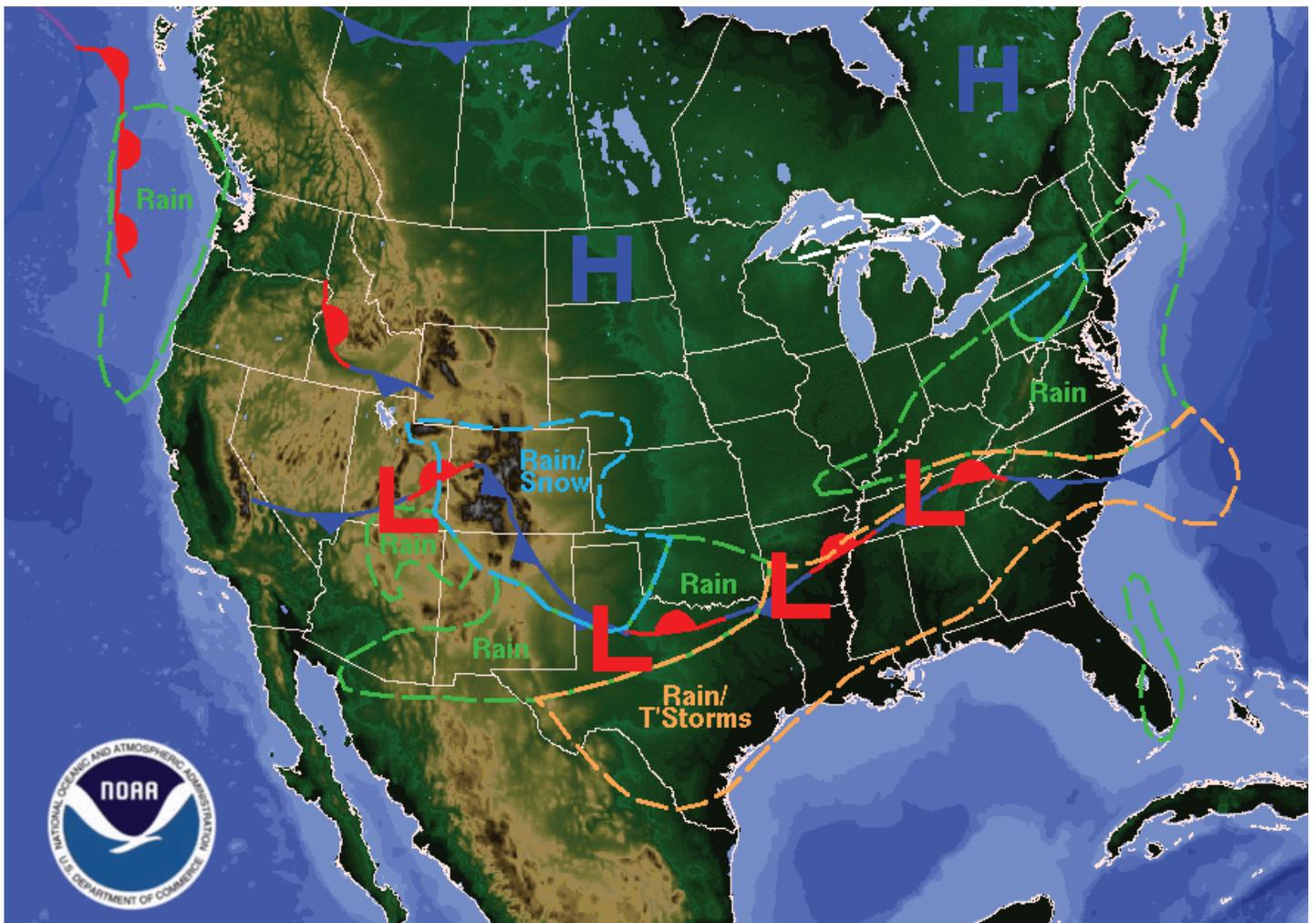
Precip to date in Nov: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.68

Precip Year to Date: 13.47

Sunset Tonight: 5:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:23 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Nov 07, 2017, issued 4:13 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



TRIUMPH THROUGH TRAGEDY

A fierce tornado destroyed his home. Finally, when the rains stopped and floods subsided, he returned to look at the damage. All had been destroyed. His home was gone. His belongings had been washed away. There was little more than the foundation and piles of rubble.

But as he stood at the site, dazed and discouraged, he noticed something shining in the midst of a pile of debris. As he looked closely at the glimmering object, he discovered it was a large piece of gold bullion. He did his best to find the owner but to no avail. No one knew where the gold came from or who it belonged to.

After waiting for weeks for an owner to come identify the gold he was told by his attorney and the police department to keep what he had found. What the flood destroyed and took from him also brought him wealth.

Many of us have stories that are similar to this one. What we once viewed as a tragedy turned into a triumph. What we once believed was a trial and time of testing eventually turned into a gracious gift of God's grace as He protected us from being destroyed by the Enemy.

Beethoven, the great musician lost his hearing but became a great composer and his music still lives. John Bunyan was thrown into prison and forgotten for years. But through his adversity he glorified God by writing Pilgrim's Progress. Fanny Crosby lost her sight but wrote over 6,000 Christian songs.

"We went through fire and water," wrote the Psalmist, "but you brought us to a place of abundance!"

Prayer: Enable us, Father, to trust in the wisdom of the plan You have designed for each of our lives as we follow You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 66:12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

News from the Associated Press

Governor names Don Kirkegaard as new secretary of education

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says that he will appoint a western South Dakota school district superintendent to serve as secretary of education.

Daugaard said Monday that the new Education Department head will be Sturgis resident Don Kirkegaard, who also currently serves as president of the South Dakota Board of Education Standards.

Kirkegaard will resign from the board and as superintendent of Meade County School District to assume the new administration role.

Kirkegaard succeeds Melody Schopp, who is to retire Dec. 15. He will start on Jan. 1, 2018.

Daugaard says Kirkegaard's experience as a school administrator and service on the Board of Education Standards make him an able leader for the department.

Kirkegaard has been Meade County superintendent since 2011 and has served on the education board since 2006.

Voters may see cannabis, tobacco tax on South Dakota ballot

By **JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota voters won't have the chance to legalize physician-assisted dying or recreational marijuana in 2018, but they could decide whether to allow patients to use cannabis medically — plus a raft of other proposals on Election Day.

Initiative groups hoping to go before voters in 2018 faced a crucial Monday deadline to turn in signatures to the secretary of state. Campaigns for eight measures have submitted petitions for review.

Initiated measures need nearly 14,000 valid signatures, while constitutional amendments require almost 28,000 valid names.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs' office conducts a random sampling of signatures to determine validity. Krebs said she hopes the review of all submitted measures will be finished within four months.

Here's a look at the initiatives submitted to go before voters:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Medical marijuana supporters submitted about 15,000 signatures — narrowly exceeding the required valid signature count — for an initiative that would allow patients with serious medical conditions and a health practitioner's recommendation to use marijuana. Qualifying patients, such as people with cancer, AIDS and hepatitis C, would be able to get a registration card to possess up to 3 ounces of the plant. Last year, the Secretary of State's office said backers didn't turn in enough valid signatures to get on the ballot.

OUT OF OUR STATE

House Speaker Mark Mickelson turned in slightly more than 18,000 signatures for an initiative that would ban out-of-state political contributions for ballot questions. The move comes after out-of-state donors pumped over \$10 million into campaigns for or against South Dakota questions during the 2016 election cycle. A similar bill capping out-of-state contributions failed in the Legislature this year, and experts have said such measures are unlikely to survive a legal challenge.

TOBACCO TAXES FOR TECH SCHOOLS

Another Mickelson-backed ballot measure would impose a \$1 tax hike on a standard pack of cigarettes to make South Dakota's four technical institutes more affordable.

He turned in more than 19,000 signatures for the proposed ballot measure, which would increase taxes on different tobacco products including the \$1 hike per 20-cigarette pack. South Dakota's tax is currently

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\$1.53 per pack, according to the Tax Foundation, an independent tax policy nonprofit.

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

Supporters of a constitutional amendment that would take control of redistricting from South Dakota legislators and give it to an independent commission turned in more than 34,000 signatures. The commission would consist of nine people with no more than three from any one political party. It mirrors a constitutional amendment that South Dakota voters rejected last year.

OPEN PRIMARIES

The constitutional amendment would move South Dakota to an open primary system for many races. Supporters turned in more than 37,000 signatures for the plan, which would have the top two finishers in a primary advance to the general election regardless of party. It would apply to primaries for county offices, Legislature, governor and U.S. House and Senate.

The 2018 push comes after a similar amendment failed at the polls last year.

VOTING AT HOME

Supporters of a proposed ballot measure that would allow South Dakota counties to switch to elections conducted entirely by mail ballot handed over nearly 20,000 signatures. Under the proposal, county commissioners could vote to dispense with polling places and require primary, special and general elections to be conducted via mail ballot.

PRESCRIPTION PRICE CAP

The measure — adapted from an Ohio initiative that's on the ballot this year — would prohibit state agencies from paying more than the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for prescription drugs. Backers submitted more than 22,000 signatures for the plan.

Industry groups have appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court after a state judge rejected their challenge to Attorney General Marty Jackley's explanation of the initiative.

ETHICS IN EARLY

Ahead of other campaigns, supporters of a proposed government ethics constitutional amendment last month turned in more than 50,000 signatures for their measure. The amendment would tighten campaign finance and lobbying restrictions, create an independent ethics commission and require that laws changing the ballot question process pass a public vote, among other provisions.

The proposal would replace a voter-imposed ethics overhaul that South Dakota lawmakers repealed this year.

DIDN'T MAKE IT

The recreational marijuana plan aimed to allow people 21 and older to possess and use marijuana, but a writing error had called it into question. A state interpretation of the wording found it would have only legalized marijuana paraphernalia, but supporters said the problem could be fixed later.

New Approach South Dakota director Melissa Mentele said supporters came close to being able to submit the recreational use measure, but said the group's primary focus was the medical cannabis proposal.

A ballot questions that would have let terminally ill people get prescriptions for drugs to end their own lives didn't have enough volunteers out collecting signatures, measure sponsor Angela Albonico said.

Under the plan, state-licensed physicians would have been able to prescribe life-ending drugs to South Dakota patients who have diseases expected to kill them within six months.

Two other proposed measures approved for circulation also won't appear on the ballot: one would have made it harder for the Legislature to tamper with voter initiatives, and the other would have legalized marijuana and established April 20 as "Cannabis Day."

President of Spearfish Hospital killed in ATV crash

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say the longtime president of Spearfish Hospital was killed in an all-terrain vehicle accident over the weekend.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports Lawrence County sheriff's deputies were called after a hunter came upon Larry Veitz (veetz) on a Forest Service trail Saturday morning. Chief Deputy Paul Hansen says the 59-year-old Veitz was killed when the four-wheeler he was driving rolled over. Veitz was alone on the ATV and died at the scene.

Veitz had been president of Spearfish Hospital for 15 years. He also oversaw clinics in Spearfish and Belle Fourche for Rapid City-based Regional Health.

A funeral is scheduled Friday at Countryside Community Church in Spearfish. Veitz will be buried Saturday in his hometown of Elgin, North Dakota.

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

Lawsuit threatened against federal agencies in mine dispute

MENOMINEE, Mich. (AP) — Opponents of a planned zinc and gold mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula say they'll sue the federal government unless it takes charge of determining whether the company will get a permit to fill wetlands.

Aquila Resources Inc. has received three of four permits it needs from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to build the mine near the Menominee River. The department is considering the company's application for a wetlands permit required under the federal Clean Water Act.

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the environmental law firm Earthjustice say the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should be dealing with the wetlands permit, instead of state officials.

They say they'll file suit in 60 days if the federal agencies don't take control.

Key court hearing for state official in Flint water scandal

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — The daughter of an 85-year-old man who died from Legionnaires' disease testified Monday that she would have sought health care for him outside the Flint, Michigan, area if she had known about an outbreak in 2015.

Mary Anne Tribble was the first witness at a key hearing for Michigan's chief medical executive, Dr. Eden Wells, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter, obstruction of justice and lying to an investigator.

A judge must decide if there's enough evidence to send her to trial.

The state attorney general said Wells and others could have saved lives by telling the public about a Legionnaires' outbreak in 2014-15. It wasn't disclosed until January 2016.

Tribble said her father, John Snyder, liked to run and ski despite having a pacemaker and leukemia. She said he acquired Legionnaires' after a short series of hospital stays and died in June 2015.

Tribble said "absolutely not" when asked if she would have taken Snyder to McLaren hospital if she had known about Legionnaires' in the Flint area. Legionella bacteria, sometimes spread through cooling systems, were detected at the hospital.

Some experts have blamed the outbreak on Flint's use of the Flint River for water. Nearly 100 Legionnaires' cases, including 12 deaths, were reported in Genesee County.

Wells has denied any wrongdoing, although there's no dispute that members of Gov. Rick Snyder's administration knew there was a legionella problem in the Flint area long before the public was informed.

The hearing will resume Tuesday.

Kansas researchers turn tea leaves into green energy

PITTSBURG, Kan. (AP) — Researchers at Pittsburg State University in Kansas are trying to turn natural waste into green energy.

Ram Gupta, an assistant professor of chemistry, and a team of his students are looking to transform waste such as green tea leaves into batteries, the Joplin Globe reported .

“Our idea is to use eco-friendly materials which aren’t reactive with air,” Gupta said. “We can work these into an active carbon, which is a main ingredient in batteries. It has a very promising future.”

The project aims to develop a suitable high-performance, lightweight and safe replacement for lithium batteries, which are commonly used to power cellphones, computers and some cars. But researchers said the chemistry of lithium batteries make them more likely to catch fire under certain conditions because they contain a flammable electrolyte and are kept pressurized.

Gupta said the team has created small batteries from tea leaves and bamboo. The team is now focusing on creating a hybrid device that has the long-lasting power of a battery and the instant charge of a supercapacitor.

Such a battery could be used in anything from a cellphone to an electric car, said Sanket Bhoyate, a student on the team. Bhoyate said his dream would be to create a safe battery that could charge a hand-held device in a matter of seconds.

“Every day, we have to charge our phone for hours,” he said. “I feel like if we can have charging for less than a second, that would be my accomplishment if I could do it commercially.”

Gupta said the challenge with creating batteries from tea leaves is consistency. While all leaves vary slightly depending where and how they were grown, the lithium component of lithium batteries is consistent.

The project is funded partly by the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council.

Information from: The Joplin (Mo.) Globe, <http://www.joplinglobe.com>

Michigan environmental agency gives deadline for plume model

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has given a shoe manufacturer until later this month to handle the scope of a toxic chemical plume leaking through the groundwater from the company’s landfill.

The department sent a letter to Wolverine World Wide on Friday regarding the fluorochemicals coming from the Belmont landfill. The agency is giving Wolverine until the end of January to comprehensively determine the scope of the plume. It also has set deadlines for other issues in need of resolution associated with the plume and the former Rockford tannery, where the company originally used the chemicals, the Grand Rapids Press reported .

The department is overseeing Wolverine’s investigation into groundwater contamination by perfluorinated chemicals produced by the tannery, which was demolished in 2010. The chemicals were in a substance Wolverine used to waterproof shoes.

Wolverine began sampling the tannery site and Rogue River for the chemicals in late August, but the environment department has expressed frustration at the delayed results. Backups at labs certified to test for perfluorinated chemicals have prompted the department to ask the Legislature for funds to retrofit a state lab to handle testing, said spokeswoman Melanie Brown.

The agency wants all existing data from tannery ground sampling in Rockford by Wednesday, and a site model for both fluorochemicals and ammonia contamination that includes former building footprints and piping pathways by Nov. 27.

The chemicals have shown up in private and municipal water supplies in Plainfield Township. Public health officials have found the chemicals are tied to cancer, thyroid problems and other diseases.

“The department expects that Wolverine will want to meet the deadlines,” Brown said.

Wolverine said in a statement that it has no issues with the deadlines and “has complied with every request for information.”

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In the meantime, the statement added, "Wolverine continues to provide safe drinking water and ... water filters to those residents ... who need them."

Information from: The Grand Rapids Press, <http://www.mlive.com/grand-rapids>

Casino files for bankruptcy in South Dakota city

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A hotel and casino in the western part of South Dakota has filed for bankruptcy protection just two months after actor-director Kevin Costner shuttered the doors on his area casino.

The Celebrity Hotel and Casino filed documents seeking protection from creditors last week in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Dakota. The hotel is owned by Rolling Hills Farms Investments Inc., the Rapid City Journal reported .

The Celebrity isn't in danger of imminent closure and the owners are going through a period of reorganization, said Ken Gienger, who has managed the property since 1998.

"Reorganization is the conversation I've had with the owner," Gienger said. "Our goal is to continue to improve and come out with the best result that is possible. It might be good, it might be bad, but it will work out."

Court documents show the hotel-casino had total assets of nearly \$6.4 million, with more than \$3.5 million owed on two loans from First Interstate Bank.

The property's website characterizes itself as a Hollywood-themed hotel and casino with more than 75 displays of celebrity memorabilia. Gienger said the property has two dozen employees, 90 slot machines and 22 hotel rooms.

The Celebrity's bankruptcy filing and Costner's closing of the Midnight Star may indicate an emerging trend in the gaming industry, said Mike Rodman, executive director of the Deadwood Gaming Association.

"Obviously we have had a five-year period of reduced revenues for Deadwood gaming, which we've tried to signal the alarm bells about," Rodman said. "Any industry that has that period of decline in revenues is going to feel the negative impacts. We've seen it mainly impacting Main Street of Deadwood more than other properties.

Rodman said a committee is being developed specifically to look at the issues with gambling revenues and ways to address them. He said Deadwood is still seeing \$100 million a year in casino revenues.

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

Police: Woman fatally shot man, has not been arrested

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a woman shot and killed a man at a residence following an argument.

The shooting happened Sunday morning. Officer Sam Clemens said Monday the woman has not been arrested, but police are aware of her whereabouts.

The 34-year-old man was shot in the chest area and was dead by the time first responders arrived. Clemens says the woman called police to the house. He did not describe the relationship between the two.

Police say a handgun was recovered at the scene.

The victim has not been identified.

Expert: New Mexico counties losing out on oil and gas taxes

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Local governments in New Mexico's oil and gas country are losing millions of dollars in revenue because energy companies are not telling county tax officials about drilling rigs, miles (kilometers) of pipeline and other assets, according to an appraisal expert.

Equipment that should be taxed is missing from the tax rolls, said Jerry Wisdom owns Total Assessment Solutions Corp., which has done work valuing energy company assets in Rio Arriba, Eddy and Lea coun-

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ties. He testified recently before a panel of state lawmakers.

Wisdom's appraisers drive thousands of miles (kilometers) to locate gas pipelines, rigs and other equipment. They then cross-check county records to see if the assets are being reported and properly taxed. Even equipment that is mobile is supposed to be reported as taxable property while operating in New Mexico.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that if various assets are not reported or are underreported, then homeowners and other businesses end up paying higher property tax bills. For schools, colleges and hospitals, which collect a set rate on the value of all taxable property, money is actually lost, so there is less to cover bond debt or pay for services.

"From a fairness standpoint, we have a huge problem here," said Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

Like some other states, New Mexico relies on a self-reporting method since county property appraisers do not have the staff or the expertise for on-site inspections of all machinery and equipment.

Wisdom said that honor system is not working for New Mexico counties at a time of record crude oil production.

"We deal with these companies, and we know how they report property," Wisdom told the Taxation and Revenue Stabilization Committee. "It's all self-reporting; this is the process we go through to find these items. These omissions are creating an inequity among the other taxpayers."

A map presented to lawmakers showed the number of rigs operating in Eddy County on Jan. 1 of each year from 2007-16. Of 318 rigs, just 111 were reported as personal property and taxed.

Data for Lea County showed that of 247 operating rigs, 136 were omitted from the tax rolls.

As for natural gas compressors in Eddy County, 623 were inspected, but half were not reported for tax purposes.

The lawmakers were also told that the state Taxation and Revenue Department's valuation table guideline for counties has not been updated since 1978, while the cost of new drilling rigs has nearly doubled.

So even in cases where assets are being taxed, local governments are not assessing the equipment at full value and are losing out on tax money as a result.

The state general fund gets a small amount of property tax revenue, less than 5 percent. But the issue came to the Legislature because of concerns that assessors are not receiving support from county commissioners to hire the staff and experts they need so the taxes can be collected.

Smith agreed that no one at the county level is trained to do such appraisals.

"We need to be giving local governments the tools they need," he said. "Shame on county elected officials not stepping to the plate to provide those resources to county assessors. If you escape paying your fair share, that burden is passed on to the residential user."

Air Force admits fault in reporting shooter's past crimes

By JIM VERTUNO, WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER, Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence that spanned years before the attack, and was able to buy weapons because the Air Force did not submit his criminal history to the FBI as required by military rules.

If the past offenses by Devin Patrick Kelley — who fired at least 450 rounds at helpless worshippers on Sunday morning — had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun, the Air Force acknowledged Monday.

Investigators also revealed that Kelley had sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack, and that sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic violence call in 2014 at his home involving a girlfriend who became his second wife.

Later that year, he was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull.

At a news conference in South Korea, President Donald Trump was asked if he would support "extreme

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vetting" for gun purchases in the same way he has called for "extreme vetting" for people entering the country. Trump responded by saying stricter gun control measures might have led to more deaths in the shooting because a bystander who shot at the gunman would not have been armed.

"If he didn't have a gun, instead of having 26 dead, you would have had hundreds more dead," Trump said.

In the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, population 400, grieving townspeople were reeling from their losses. The dead ranged from 18 months to 77 years old and included multiple members of some families.

"Our church was not comprised of members or parishioners. We were a very close family," said the pastor's wife Sherri Pomeroy, who, like her husband, was out of town when the attack happened. "Now most of our church family is gone."

The couple's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Kelley's mother-in-law sometimes attended services there, but the sheriff said she was not at church Sunday.

The massacre appeared to stem from a domestic situation and was not racially or religiously motivated, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said. He did not elaborate.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

The 26-year-old shooter also used his cellphone to tell his father he had been shot and did not think he would survive, authorities said.

While in the military, Kelley served in logistics readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

He was discharged for the assault involving his previous wife and her child and had served a year of confinement after a court-martial. Under Pentagon rules, information about convictions of military personnel for crimes such as assault should be submitted to the FBI's Criminal Justice Investigation Services Division.

Stefanek said the service is launching a review of its handling of the case and taking a comprehensive look at its databases to ensure other cases have been reported correctly.

A few months before he received the bad-conduct discharge, sheriff's deputies went to his home to check out the domestic violence complaint involving him and his then-girlfriend. People in the house said there was no problem, and no arrests were made. Kelley married the girlfriend two months later.

Also in 2014, he was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty in Colorado after a neighbor reported him for beating a dog. Kelley initially refused to speak with officers about the incident. He denied abusing the animal but complied with an order to pay almost \$370 in restitution. He was also the focus of a protective order issued in Colorado in 2015.

Once the shooting started, there was probably "no way" for congregants to escape, Wilson County Sheriff Joe D. Tackitt Jr. said.

The gunman, dressed in black tactical gear, fired an assault rifle as he walked down the center aisle during worship services. He turned around and continued shooting on his way out of the building, Tackitt said.

About 20 other people were wounded. Ten of them were still hospitalized Monday in critical condition.

Investigators collected hundreds of shell casings from the scene, along with at least 15 empty magazines that held 30 rounds each.

Kelley lived in New Braunfels, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) north of the church, authorities said. Investigators were reviewing social media posts he made in the days before the attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon.

Less than two months ago, Kelley had started a job as an unarmed security guard at a nearby resort.

He "seemed like a nice guy" and did not cause any problems, said Claudia Varjabedian, manager at the Summit Vacation Resort in New Braunfels.

On Sunday, the attacker pulled into a gas station across from the church, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of San Antonio. He crossed the street and started firing the rifle at the church, then continued firing after entering the white wood-frame building, Martin said.

As he left, the shooter was confronted by an armed resident — later identified as Stephen Willeford —

who had grabbed his own rifle and exchanged fire with Kelley.

Willeford had help from another local resident, Johnnie Langendorff, who said he was driving past the church as the shooting happened. The armed resident asked to get in Langendorff's truck, and the pair followed as the gunman drove away.

"He jumped in my truck and said, 'He just shot up the church. We need to go get him.' And I said 'Let's go,'" Langendorff said.

The pursuit reached speeds up to 90 mph (145 kph). Willeford told Arkansas TV stations KHBS/KHOG that he kept a 911 operator advised of the situation during the chase. The gunman eventually lost control of his vehicle and crashed.

Willeford walked up to the vehicle with his gun drawn, and the attacker did not move. Police arrived about five minutes later, Langendorff said.

The assailant was dead in his vehicle. He had three gunshot wounds — two from where the armed man hit him in the leg and the torso and the third self-inflicted wound to the head, authorities said.

"There was no thinking about it. There was just doing. That was the key to all this. Act now. Ask questions later," Langendorff said.

Church member Nick Uhlig, 34, who was not at Sunday's service, told the AP that his pregnant cousin and her in-laws were among those killed. He later told the Houston Chronicle that three of his cousin's children were also slain.

Three weapons were recovered. A Ruger AR-556 rifle was found at the church, and two handguns were found in the gunman's vehicle, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The church has posted videos of its Sunday services on a YouTube channel, and authorities said they were reviewing footage recorded inside the church.

In a video of its Oct. 8 service, a congregant pointed to the Oct. 1 Las Vegas shooting a week earlier as evidence of the "wicked nature" of man. That shooting left 58 dead and more than 500 injured.

The previous deadliest mass shooting in Texas had been a 1991 attack in Killeen, when a mentally disturbed man crashed his pickup truck through a restaurant window at lunchtime and started shooting people, killing 23 and injuring more than 20 others.

Weber reported from New Braunfels. Associated Press writers John Mone in Sutherland Springs, Nomaan Merchant in Houston and Diana Heidgerd in Dallas also contributed to this report.

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In Seoul, Trump calls for North Korea to "make a deal"

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In a striking shift of tone, President Donald Trump abandoned his aggressive rhetoric toward North Korea on Tuesday, signaling a willingness to negotiate as he urged Pyongyang to "come to the table" and "make a deal."

Trump, in his first day on the Korean peninsula, again pushed Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons program, but sidelined apocalyptic threats for an optimistic note, saying confidently, if vaguely, that "ultimately, it'll all work out." And while he said the United States would use military force if needed, he expressed his strongest inclination yet to deal with rising tensions with Pyongyang through diplomacy.

"It makes sense for North Korea to come to the table and make a deal that is good for the people of North Korea and for the world," Trump said during a news conference alongside South Korean president Moon Jae-in. "I do see certain movement."

Trump said he's seen "a lot of progress" in dealing with North Korea though he stopped short of saying whether he wanted direct diplomatic talks.

Trump also underlined the United States' military options, noting that three aircraft carrier groups and

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a nuclear submarine had been deployed to the region. But he said "we hope to God we never have to use" the arsenal.

And at an evening banquet, Trump teased an "exciting day tomorrow for many reasons that people will find out." He did not elaborate.

During his first day in South Korea, Trump at least temporarily lowered the temperature on his previously incendiary language about the North. There were no threats of unleashing "fire and fury" on North Korea, as Trump previously warned, nor did the president revive his derisive nickname for North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, "Little Rocket Man."

But he did decree that the dictator is "threatening millions and millions of lives, so needlessly" and highlighted one of the central missions of his first lengthy Asia trip: to enlist many nations in the region, including China and Russia, to cut off Pyongyang's economic lifeblood and pressure it into giving up its nuclear program.

Moon, who has been eager to solidify a friendship with Trump, said he hoped the president's visit would be a moment of inflection in the stand-off with North Korea and said the two leaders had "agreed to resolve the North Korea nuclear issue in peaceful manner" that would "bring permanent peace" to the peninsula.

"I know that you have put this issue at the top of your security agenda," said Moon. "So I hope that your visit to Korea and to the Asia Pacific region will serve as an opportunity to relieve some of the anxiety that the Korean people have due to North Korea's provocations and also serve as a turning point in resolving the North Korean nuclear issue."

When presidents travel overseas, every word is parsed and every action studied. That scrutiny will be intensified in South Korea, Trump's second stop on his lengthy Asia trip, where he will try to reassure Seoul while risking antagonizing Pyongyang. And while Trump has defended his inflammatory rhetoric, which has included deriding Kim Jong Un as "Little Rocket Man," he shied away from it Tuesday while in range of Pyongyang's missiles.

But he did bemoan that previous administrations had not handled Pyongyang, saying "Now is not the right time to be dealing with this but it's what I got."

He began his day in South Korea with a visit to Camp Humphreys, a joint US-Korean military base, but even as he walked among the weapons of war, he struck a hopeful note, saying: "it always works out."

Much like he did in his visit to Japan, Trump indicated he would place the interlocking issues of security and trade at the heart of his visit. He praised South Korea for significant purchases of American military equipment and urged the two nations to have more equitable trade relationship. Moon said the two agreed on lifting the warhead payload limits on South Korean ballistic missiles and cooperating on strengthening South Korea's defense capabilities through the acquisition or development of advanced weapons systems.

Trump also pushed his economic agenda, saying that the current US-Korea trade agreement was "not successful and not very good for the United States." But he said that he had a "terrific" meeting scheduled on trade, adding, "hopefully that'll start working out and working out so that we create lots of jobs in the United States, which is one of the very important reasons I'm here."

At Camp Humphreys, Trump shook hands with American and Korean service members and sat with troops for lunch in a large mess hall U.S. and South Korean officials have said the base visit was meant to underscore the countries' ties and South Korea's commitment to contributing to its own defense.

But Trump was expected to skip the customary trip to the demilitarized zone separating north and south — a pilgrimage made by every U.S. president except one since Ronald Reagan as a demonstration of solidarity with the South. Trump has not ruled out a military strike and backed up his strong words about North Korea by sending a budget request to Capitol Hill on Monday for \$4 billion to support "additional efforts to detect, defeat, and defend against any North Korean use of ballistic missiles against the United States, its deployed forces, allies, or partners."

North Korea has fired off more than a dozen missiles this year but none in nearly two months.

The other question looming over the visit is Trump's relationship with Moon, with whom he does not nearly share the close friendship he has with Abe.

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Trump and Moon agree on the need to pressure the North with sanctions and other deterrence measures. But Trump has repeatedly insisted that all military options are on the table and suggested that Moon was being too lenient on the North. Moon, meanwhile, favors dialogue as the best strategy for defusing the nuclear tension and vehemently opposes a potential military clash that could cause enormous casualties in South Korea.

But Moon played the gracious host Tuesday. Following the example set by Japan and other countries that have welcomed Trump with lavish greetings, Moon rolled out an elaborate arrival ceremony featuring colorful costumes and flags at South Korea's stately presidential residence known as the Blue House. And he made a point of saluting the recent gains of the U.S. stock market, a favorite Trump talking point, and congratulating the president a day ahead of the one-year anniversary of his election.

Trump smiled broadly.

Associated Press writers Ken Thomas and Catherine Lucey contributed reporting from Washington.

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10 Things to Know for Today By The Associated Press

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

1. LET'S 'MAKE A DEAL'

Trump, on his first day on the Korean peninsula, signals a willingness to negotiate with North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program, urging Pyongyang to "come to the table."

2. WHO ADMITTED FAULT IN REPORTING SHOOTER'S PAST CRIMES

The Air Force did not submit Texas church gunman Devin Patrick Kelley's criminal history to the FBI as required by military rules.

3. WHOSE NAME WILL NO LONGER BE UTTERED BY AUTHORITIES

The shooter's name was missing from a news conference on the killings at a church in South Texas, and officials say it will stay that way.

4. ALL EYES ON EASTERN SEABOARD

Voters in New Jersey and Virginia are choosing new governors in contests that could be an early referendum on Trump.

5. GOP TAX BILL WOULD REPEAL DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES

That means millions of people unlucky enough to face big medical bills not covered by their insurance would lose a valuable and versatile tax break.

6. SILICON VALLEY'S GREAT WEALTH BYPASSES WORKING HOMELESS

Homeless advocates and city officials near Google's California headquarters say it's outrageous that in the shadow of a booming tech economy thousands of families can't afford a home, AP finds.

7. HOW LEBANESE ARE VIEWING PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

They are convinced Saudi Arabia forced Saad Hariri to step down to wreck his compromise government with Saudi nemesis — and Iran ally — Hezbollah after Riyadh's proxy loss in Syria.

8. WHAT SPARRING LEADERS ARE NOW CLOSER THAN EVER

With Trump in Seoul and Kim Jong Un presumably in Pyongyang, the two, who have squared off with harsh words and the threat of nuclear war, are now nearer to each other than New York City's Trump Tower is to the White House.

9. FACE TO FACE WITH NEST'S SMARTEST HOME SECURITY CAMERA

As the AP discovered, the Nest Cam IQ has an uncanny knack for recognizing people, even when they're disguised.

10. NO RODGERS, NO CHANCE FOR PACKERS

Matthew Stafford passes for 361 yards and two TDs and the Lions beat the offensively challenged Pack-

ers, missing injured quarterback Aaron Rodgers, 30-17.

Trump backs Gillespie by Twitter on Election day

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump is vouching for Virginia gubernatorial hopeful Ed Gillespie by Twitter during his overseas trip to Asia.

The president is tweeting from Seoul, South Korea at the start of Election day in Virginia. Gillespie, the Republican candidate, is in a tight contest against Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam.

Trump says Gillespie will “turn around the high crime and poor economic performance” of Virginia. The president is accusing Northam of being “weak on crime, weak on our GREAT VETS” and opposed to the second amendment.

Polls show a tight race to succeed Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe. Virginia is the only Southern state that Trump lost last year.

Trump says tougher gun laws not answer after Texas shooting

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump says tougher gun laws would not have prevented a mass shooting at a south Texas church, arguing that more restrictions might have led to more casualties.

Trump spoke at a news conference in South Korea Tuesday where he was asked about “extreme vetting” for gun purchases. Trump said: “If you did what you’re suggesting, there would have been no difference three days ago and you might not have had that very brave person who happens to have a gun or a rifle in his trunk.”

As he did following last month’s Las Vegas massacre of 58 people, Trump pushed back against the question, calling it a “situation that probably shouldn’t be discussed too much” and noted that he was “in the heart of South Korea.”

Trump added that if the Good Samaritan didn’t have a gun, “instead of having 26 dead, you would have had hundreds more dead.”

Authorities say Devin Patrick Kelley fired at least 450 rounds of ammunition at worshippers in Sunday’s attack at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. The dead ranged in age from 18 months to 77 years old.

Trump’s more muted response to gun violence contrasts with his swift call for legislative and military action following the Oct. 31 truck attack in New York City. Within hours of a rental truck ramming through a crowded bicycle path and into a school bus, Trump called for Congress to “immediately” repeal the diversity visa lottery program that suspect Sayfullo Saipov, an Uzbekistan citizen, used to enter the country in 2010.

After the Las Vegas shooting, Trump and aides said it was inappropriate to consider a policy response while people were still grieving. Despite days later suggesting openness to outlawing the bump stock device that allowed Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock to fire at near-automatic rates, the Trump administration has shown no signs of urgency.

Trump, who supported gun control before reversing his position to enter the Republican presidential primary, courted the National Rifle Association’s endorsement in 2016, and earlier this year became the first president in three decades to speak at the gun group’s annual convention.

Associated Press writer Catherine Lucey in Washington contributed to this report.

S. Koreans demonstrate to show support, disapproval of Trump

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hundreds of South Koreans took to the streets of Seoul on Tuesday for two separate demonstrations, one to show support for visiting President Donald Trump and the other to voice

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disapproval of the U.S. leader amid concerns over North Korea's nuclear threats.

Surrounded by thousands of police officers and a tight perimeter created by buses, hundreds of anti-Trump protesters rallied at a boulevard near the U.S. Embassy, holding banners that read "No Trump" and "No War."

The demonstrators accused the outspoken president of raising tensions with North Korea and pressuring Seoul to buy more U.S. weapons. They also criticized him for pressing Seoul to re-do a bilateral free trade deal between the countries so that it's more favorable to the United States.

Across the street, hundreds of Trump supporters waved the U.S. and South Korean flags and held signs that read "Blood Allies Korea + US." They chanted "USA!" when Trump's motorcade passed by the two protest groups for a meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the presidential Blue House.

More than 15,000 officers will be deployed to provide security during Trump's two-day visit and monitor the demonstrations, according to the National Police Agency.

Police had unsuccessfully attempted to block anti-Trump protesters from marching in streets near the presidential palace, with the Seoul Administrative Court ruling that such a ban would infringe on the protesters' freedom of assembly. Dozens of anti-Trump protesters rallied near the presidential office earlier on Tuesday under the close watch of police.

"We oppose the visit to South Korea by Trump, who has heightened the fears of war on the Korean Peninsula," said one of the protesters, reading from a statement.

The group, which calls itself the "No Trump Coalition," also plans to protest on Wednesday near Seoul's parliament, where Trump is to make a speech calling on the international community to maximize pressure on North Korea.

Pro- and anti-Trump protesters have been staging dueling but peaceful protests in Seoul in recent weeks ahead of Trump's visit, reflecting a public deeply divided along ideological and generational lines.

Many South Koreans are concerned that Trump's fiery rhetoric on North Korea, which has included threats of military options, is raising the risk of an unwanted war on the Korean Peninsula that could cost thousands of South Korean lives.

Others, including older people who tend to be more conservative, are supportive of Trump's tough stance against the North, which has been accelerating its nuclear weapons and missile tests in recent months, and accuse liberal South Korean President Moon of being too soft on Pyongyang.

South Korea is known for its vibrant, and occasionally violent, protest culture that sometimes results in significant political changes. Massive but peaceful street protests by millions drove lawmakers to impeach then-President Park Geun-hye over a corruption scandal in December. Park was formally removed from office and arrested in March over charges including bribery and extortion.

The conservative Korea Freedom Federation released a statement welcoming Trump's visit, which it described as a "God-like move" that would "instantly reverse" the security situation on the peninsula after the allies had been forced to the "defensive" by North Korea's weapons tests. However, the group also lamented Trump's decision not to visit the heavily guarded demilitarized zone between the Koreas during his visit to the South, saying that it might lead North Korea to misjudge that its provocations have hurt the allies' morale.

Meanwhile, in the Philippines, dozens of protesters burned a portrait of Trump in downtown Manila on Tuesday, saying the president, who will join a summit of East Asian leaders next week in the country, is not welcome there. Members of Kadamay, an alliance of urban poor activists, camped out at a bridge near the presidential palace and chanted "Ban Trump in the Philippines!"

Associated Press writer Teresa Cerojano in Manila, Philippines, contributed to this report.

Iraqi VP asks for arms, training for Sunnis in his country

By **STEPHEN BRAUN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq's highest-ranking Sunni is in Washington this week pleading for more military aid for his community's militias, hoping the Trump administration will deliver on pledges to counter Iran's growing power across the Middle East.

Osama al-Nujaifi is one of Iraq's three vice presidents, and his brother heads a prominent Iraqi defense faction. Both have been represented in Washington by the same lobbyist employed last year by Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's first national security adviser. In February, Trump fired Flynn, who is now under investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller.

Al-Nujaifi met Monday with a team of State Department and other officials, kicking off a week of efforts to bolster the influence of Iraq's minority Sunni Muslims — and shore up his power base ahead of national elections next year. His requests for equipment and training face resistance: While Trump has tweeted warnings about Shiite Iran's expanding control over Iraq, American officials aren't yet providing military aid directly to Iraq's Sunni fighters.

In an interview with The Associated Press, al-Nujaifi recalled the U.S. military support for militias during the "Sunni Awakening" against al-Qaida in Iraq a decade ago and said Sunni forces once again "need the ground support of the United States" as the Islamic State group is driven from Iraqi territory. He said the U.S. and Iraq also need to press for the disarmament of Shiite militias, many of which are supported by Iran.

Al-Nujaifi's push comes with a family complication. His brother, Atheel, is the former governor of the recently liberated city of Mosul and heads a prominent Sunni militia. Sunnis represent about 40 percent of Iraq, but consistently complain about being underrepresented in Iraq's Shiite-dominated government.

In a speech Tuesday at the U.S. Institute of Peace, Osama al-Nujaifi will argue that "more attention should be paid to the strengthening of military capabilities" of communities wrested from the Islamic State group's control, like majority Sunni Mosul. He said that "may require sending more American military forces."

A significant ramp-up in direct U.S. aid to Iraq's Sunni militias — let alone American troops — isn't likely, analysts say.

"I presume his pleas will be met with collective eye-rolling," said Michael Knights, a Mideast analyst at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Two years of lobbying in Washington didn't win much support for al-Nujaifi's brother. After fleeing Mosul when IS captured the city in 2014, Atheel al-Nujaifi turned to Turkey's government for training and other aid for his militia. U.S. support remained minimal, Knights said.

In 2015 and again last year, Atheel al-Nujaifi lobbied Congress and other U.S. officials for a long list of weapons and other aid to equip 10,000 fighters. His sole lobbyist last year was Washington lawyer Robert Kelley, who also worked in 2016 as general counsel for Flynn's consulting firm. Flynn Intel Group was hired by a Turkish business client seeking to develop a criminal case against a Turkish Muslim cleric whose extradition from the U.S. has been sought by Turkey's government.

Kelley also helped set up Osama al-Nujaifi's meetings this week with Trump administration officials.

Last October, Kelley registered Flynn Intel Group with Congress for its lobbying on behalf of the Turkish-owned company, Inovo BV. But in March, Flynn's firm abruptly filed instead as a foreign agent with the Justice Department, acknowledging that its work likely aided Turkey's government. That filing is now under scrutiny as part of Mueller's probe.

Combat and cultural readiness key for new Army trainers

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press**

FORT BENNING, Georgia (AP) — Army Col. Scott Jackson reaches out and grasps the hand of a male soldier. Their fingers interlaced, Jackson talks to the soldier for a few minutes and then asks if he feels uncomfortable. The soldier's answer: "A little bit."

That could be a problem.

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As the Army creates a new training brigade, military leaders like Jackson aren't looking only at combat techniques and discipline, but also cultural biases and personality issues. The aim is to root out soldiers unfit for their unique mission. Re-enacting the test it in his Fort Benning, Georgia, office, Jackson explained how something as simple as holding hands is part of an extensive screening process for soldiers going to places like Afghanistan where they will train forces that come from cultures dramatically different from their own.

"It starts with empathy," said Jackson, who was hand-picked to command the Army's first Security Force Assistance Brigade, which will train Afghan forces next year to battle Taliban and other insurgents.

"To be an effective adviser you have to be willing to work within that culture without losing your cultural identity," Jackson said. "It's okay for two best friends to hold hands and walk down the street like this. But if that ain't you, then you shouldn't be here."

Development of the new brigade began earlier this year, designed to create permanent military training teams that can be deployed worldwide to help local forces better learn how to fight. It's a reflection of the new reality of America at war: Army soldiers advising and building indigenous security forces, not doing the fighting for them on foreign soil. The new plan replaces various ad-hoc programs over the past dozen years.

The Army will build six brigades over the next few years. Already, senior leaders have increased the size of the first brigade, from 529 soldiers to at least 700.

That's because Army leaders saw that they needed more advisers on each training team, said Gen. Robert Abrams, head of U.S. Army Forces Command. So they've more than doubled each team's size to about a dozen, adding medical and intelligence specialists and a forward observer who can call in airstrikes. Each team will get a nine-person security squad.

And each team member must pass a new, more intensive screening process.

"We've learned that we have to be more precise" in how we select soldiers for the brigade, Abrams said.

"Having our senior leaders sit on interview panel, with the candidate standing right there, you get a sense for how they react under stress," Jackson said, explaining that more than a quarter of candidates so far have been rejected. "You can easily sense a kid who may have a little bit of bias maybe in his personality," he said, and bias is the "one overriding trend that we see for non-selection."

Soldiers already chosen have been undergoing extensive training at Fort Benning, the Army's main training base in rural Georgia, near the Alabama border. Jackson and other commanders, meanwhile, are picking the rest of the brigade.

While empathy and cultural sensitivities are key, it's not all about personality.

Across the base from his office, team members are lying in the grass at Maerten's Range, firing M-4 rifles at pop-up targets. They will have to qualify at a distance of 600 yards — double the Army's normal requirement. Many have trained in Germany on the Soviet-era weapons used by Afghan troops.

Lt. Col. Brian Ducote, who commands one of the brigade's battalions, watched his soldiers practice on the range with the sounds of larger explosions from another training group echoing in the distance. All are experts in their fields, but they're beefing up on medical and lifesaving procedures, language skills and how to use cutting edge communications equipment. They then must learn how to transfer those skills to their Afghan units.

In addition to the personal interviews, brigade members also must score 80 percent on the Army's physical fitness test.

Army leaders, Ducote said, want soldiers with experience and maturity as well as empathy, so they have good teachers.

"How you say things to them (the Afghans) and how you engage them, how you coach them, is largely driven by their identity and how they view the world. If you don't understand it, you're not going to be successful," Ducote said.

But trainers will be embedded with Afghan units close to the fight. That means they also must be expert warfighters.

"You flip a switch and they become lethal," Ducote said.

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At Fort Benning's Dickman Field, soldiers move through a series of training stations. Some practice advanced medical techniques, while others learn to use the NETT Warrior communications and navigation device that looks like a cellular phone and attaches to the front of their uniform.

Capt. Collin Jones, an advisory team leader, said the goal is to make things like medical response skills second nature.

Standing on the sidelines as soldiers practiced first aid on a mannequin, Lt. Col. Zack Miller said it helps that many of the soldiers worked as advisers in Iraq or Afghanistan in the last decade. And they said they want to be part of the Army's effort to create a permanent, professional training program from the ground up.

"It's heartening to see those are the people that are coming back, because that's not for everybody. It's mentally challenging, it's physically challenging, it's emotionally challenging," Miller said. "So they know personally whether they're good or not at it, and they know personally whether it's the kind of thing they want to do again."

Democrats try to look forward but are still haunted by 2016

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI, Associated Press

Time has not healed the Democratic party's wounds.

On Election Day 2016, Democrats suffered a devastating and shocking loss. A year later, they're still sorting through the wreckage. The infighting, the divisive personalities and the questions about how it happened are still front and center, threatening to hold the party back in elections on Tuesday and into next year's midterms.

Hillary Clinton is on a tour promoting her book on last year's campaign, entitled "What Happened." The man she defeated in the party's presidential primaries, Bernie Sanders, and former Vice President Joe Biden are the two top possible presidential contenders in 2020. And just in time for a crucial race for Virginia governor, the Democratic National Committee's former chairwoman, Donna Brazile, last week reopened the wounds over whether the party tilted the primary in Clinton's favor.

"2016 may be the first year on record that is actually 23 months long," said Jesse Ferguson, a former Clinton campaign aide.

Ferguson, like many Democrats, is aware of the danger in dwelling on the past. He noted that, after Republicans failed to defeat Barack Obama in 2012, the GOP commissioned an "autopsy" that argued the party should moderate its stands on immigration to win growing minority communities. Really? Trump promptly won the next presidential election on a hardline immigration platform.

"The biggest mistake we'd make is figuring out how we would have succeeded in 2016 rather than how we can succeed in 2018 and 2020," Ferguson said.

Trump isn't making moving on easy. During the campaign, he gleefully stoked the Sanders-Clinton division, touting hacked DNC emails that purported to show how party leaders tilted the primary toward Clinton. He hasn't let up much, now arguing that federal prosecutors should be investigating this collusion rather than his own campaign's possible coordination with Russia, whom intelligence officials blame for the DNC hack.

The president is pouring salt in what may be the party's deepest wound. Sanders supporters pushed their own candidate to lead the DNC this winter, but Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota was narrowly defeated by former Labor Secretary Tom Perez and now is Perez's deputy.

Perez's predecessor was Brazile, who is now promoting her own book about last year's election — and her take on the race is rattling Democrats. She claims she thought about trying to replace Clinton with Biden after the Democratic nominee fainted in September. And Brazile says a fundraising agreement between the Clinton campaign and the DNC gave the candidate too much control over party resources.

Some Democrats were dismayed to see this division re-emerge just days before a critical race for Virginia governor where the party's candidate is in a tight race.

"We have a president who is dismantling every institution that we hold dear," said Robert Becker, a senior adviser to Sanders' presidential race, who was not critical of Brazile's timing but wants recriminations

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to end. "It's time to bury this hatchet. We need to get into the business of winning some elections here."

The party has several big choices to make. Some argue for a greater focus on white voters who didn't graduate from college, a demographic that swung sharply to Trump, especially in the Rust Belt states that handed the president his Electoral College margin of victory. Others contend the party has to reach out to more affluent, college-educated whites who may lean conservative but are disgusted by Trump. Still others call for an intense focus on young, black and Latino voters to turbocharge the base of the party.

"We're only talking about 2016 in a way that will help us in 2018," said Rebecca Katz, a New York-based Democratic strategist who has advocated for the party bringing in more liberal voters. "If we're going to win in 2018, we have to get our base out to the polls."

There have been some promising signs on that front.

Democrats have a shot at capturing the House majority next year, thanks to GOP retirements and solid recruitment of candidates in competitive seats. The Democrats need to flip 24 seats to win control of the House, and their top targets are the 23 districts where Clinton prevailed over Trump last year. The Senate poses a greater challenge, with 10 Democrats seeking re-election in states Trump won.

The party is awash in new candidates and money is pouring in for its House races. According to an analysis by the publication Roll Call, 16 Democratic challengers outraised Republican incumbents in the most recent quarter.

Meanwhile, the Republicans are engaged in their own brutal infighting. Two retiring senators have warned that Trump is a danger. Former presidential counselor Steve Bannon is seeking primary challengers to other GOP senators. The Republicans' legislative agenda is at risk of complete collapse, and speculation swirls that prominent Republicans like Ohio Gov. John Kasich could take Trump on in 2020.

The Democrats have dozens of elected officials thinking about the presidential race, but two party elders loom over the field -- Sanders, 76, and Biden, 74. Still, Democrats argue that, unlike last election, no candidate has an obvious advantage with the party establishment. "No one is freezing the field this time around," strategist Jim Manley said.

Jeff Weaver, who was Sanders' 2016 campaign manager, argues that the splits in the party are just the latest version of a battle that's been raging ever since the 1990s between liberal activists and a more centrist establishment. "It keeps bubbling up, and until that's addressed it's going to keep bubbling up and continue to affect elections," Weaver said.

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Threatened medical deduction seen as valuable, versatile

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several million people unlucky enough to face big medical bills not covered by their insurance would lose a valuable and versatile deduction under the House GOP tax bill. Groups representing older people and patients are trying to save it.

"Anybody who is paying for the cost of nursing home care is paying a great deal of money, and they are going to lose that deduction, and their taxes are going to go up," said Thomas DeCoursey, a retired lawyer from Kansas, in his 70s.

He relies on the deduction to help offset costs associated with nursing home care for his wife, who has Alzheimer's. Some of his own medical expenses also factor in. DeCoursey estimates that in a couple of years their annual costs will pass \$100,000.

"There are a lot of people in my shoes," said DeCoursey, who lives in Leawood, a well-to-do Kansas City suburb that voted for President Donald Trump last year.

About 9 million households — 6 percent of tax filers — claim the medical expense deduction, said Gordon Mermin, a senior researcher at the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. The annual cost to the U.S. Treasury is about \$10 billion, which ranks it as a modest tax break. Those who benefit tend to be middle-income and upper-middle-income people.

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"For the people who claim it, it is not a trivial benefit," said Mermin.

The medical expense deduction is also versatile. In addition to nursing home care, not generally covered by medical insurance plans, it can be used for:

- Fertility treatments.
- Transportation expenses to a top hospital, like a comprehensive cancer center.
- Laser surgery to correct vision problems.
- Some long-term care insurance premiums.
- Installing specialized medical equipment in a patient's home or vehicle.
- Dental procedures.
- Bills from out-of-network doctors.

"When you are faced with large medical costs and don't have a lot of options, this is one that helps people," said Barbara Collura, president of RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Most insurance plans do not cover fertility treatments, which can cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Advocacy groups pushing back against repeal may get help from the Senate.

House Republicans defend their approach.

In a statement, Ways and Means GOP spokeswoman Lauren Aronson said the bill would allow people to "keep more of the money they earn for expenses that arise throughout their lives — such as medical bills — rather than providing a myriad of provisions that many Americans may only use once in their lifetimes, and only if they go through the hassle and frustration of itemizing."

Republicans say doing away with, or curbing, tax breaks creates a big pot of revenue, which can then be used to lower tax rates. Proponents say the lower rates and higher standard deduction in the GOP bill would compensate for the loss of particular tax breaks.

An argument against the medical deduction is that it can't be easily claimed.

Taxpayers have to have enough deductions to itemize in the first place.

Then there's another step. Taxpayers can only deduct medical expenses that exceed 10 percent of their income, in most cases. Take a hypothetical single man under 65 making \$45,000 a year. If he had \$4,000 of qualifying medical expenses, he could not deduct any of it.

Independent analyst Greg Rosica, a tax partner at the Ernst & Young accounting firm, said tax legislation has to be looked at in its totality, not through the lens of individual tax breaks.

"It is a change," he said of the potential loss of the medical deduction. "It's not necessarily the loss of something, but it's something that's being replaced and changed."

Democrats have jumped on the issue, arguing that the medical expense deduction would be sacrificed to reduce taxes for the wealthy.

"One of the challenges Republicans have with this provision is that people can understand it," said Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, senior Democrat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. "Some of this tax stuff is arcane; this is not."

AARP, the seniors lobby, is among the groups urging Congress to keep the deduction, saying the vast majority of those who claim it are older people.

"For people who are sick, many of whom are going to be older Americans, this medical expense deduction makes their health care more affordable," said Cristina Martin Firvida, AARP's lead lobbyist on financial security issues. "To them, it is a very big deal."

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Voters in New Jersey and Virginia elect new governors

By ALAN SUDERMAN and MICHAEL CATALINI, Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Voters in New Jersey and Virginia are choosing new governors Tuesday in contests that could be an early referendum on President Donald Trump.

In swing-state Virginia, most polls show a close race between Republican Ed Gillespie and Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam. New Jersey will get a successor to unpopular GOP Gov. Chris Christie in the race

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between Democrat Phil Murphy and Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno. Murphy holds a double-digit lead in polls over Guadagno.

The stakes are high as both parties seek momentum ahead of next year's mid-term elections. Democrats haven't won any special elections for Congress this year and the next Virginia governor will have a major say in the state's next round of redistricting, when Congressional lines are drawn. Republicans are looking for a boost as their party is beset by intraparty turmoil between Trump and key Republicans in Congress.

Incumbent governors in both states, Democrat Terry McAuliffe in Virginia and Christie in New Jersey, are term-limited.

Virginia's race has been an often ugly slugfest that political observers say has been more racially charged than past contests in recent memory. Outside groups on both sides have spent millions to influence the outcome and called on high-profile surrogates, including former President Barack Obama and Vice President Mike Pence.

Gillespie has kept Trump at a distance but tried to excite the president's supporters with sharp-elbowed ads on immigration and Confederate statues. The former Republican National Committee and Washington lobbyist has been criticized by Democrats and some conservatives as running a race-baiting campaign.

Northam, an Army veteran and pediatric neurologist, has lumped Gillespie in with the white supremacists who rallied in Charlottesville this summer in support of Confederate monuments.

On the issues, the opponents have key differences on taxes, guns, abortion and other issues. Gillespie supports a cut in the state's income tax rate, less gun control and more restrictions on abortions. Northam said he wants a tax overhaul that targets low-income Virginians, supports greater gun restrictions and abortion rights.

In New Jersey, Murphy, who earned a fortune at Goldman Sachs before serving as Barack Obama's ambassador to Germany, has promised to check Trump's influence on his state. Murphy has promised a liberal agenda that includes support for raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, hiking taxes on millionaires, increasing funding for schools and legalizing marijuana.

Guadagno has tried to distance herself from Trump and Christie, but it's been challenging since she served as his top deputy for eight years. She's run on lowering the state's property taxes and ending so-called "sanctuary cities."

Trump projects optimism ahead of South Korea talks

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump said efforts to curb North Korea's nuclear weapons program would be "front and center" of his two-day visit to South Korea and he projected optimism that the rising tensions could be abated peacefully.

Trump repeatedly addressed interlocking issues of security and trade at the heart of his visit after arriving Tuesday, saying he would be meeting with generals about North Korea. "Ultimately it will all work out. Because it always works out. It has to work out," he said.

And later, after receiving a formal welcome from South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Trump also praised Seoul's expansive purchases of American military equipment, which he said goes a long way to making the trade relationship between the two nations more equitable.

Moon said he hoped Trump's visit would be an opportunity to resolve "anxiety" in the region over North Korea.

"I know that you have put this issue at the top of your security agenda," Moon said at the presidential residence known as the Blue House, "so I hope that your visit to Korea and to the Asia Pacific region will serve as an opportunity to relieve some of the anxiety that the Korean people have due to North Korea's provocations and also serve as a turning point in resolving the North Korean nuclear issue."

Trump, in his own brief remarks, said Pyongyang would be "front and center" of discussions but avoided the fiery language he has used so often against North Korea and its dictator, Kim Jong Un.

The president also said he had a "terrific" meeting scheduled on trade, adding, "hopefully that'll start

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working out and working out so that we create lots of jobs in the United States, which is one of the very important reasons I'm here."

Trump, during a visit to Camp Humphreys that began his visit, sat with troops for lunch in a large mess hall. Moon was also seated at the table. "Good food," Trump told reporters as he chatted with U.S. and Korean service members.

U.S. and South Korean officials have said the base visit was meant to underscore the countries' ties and South Korea's commitment to contributing to its own defense. Burden-sharing is a theme Trump has stressed ever since his presidential campaign.

South Korea is the second stop on Trump's five country Asian tour. In Japan, he refused to rule out eventual military action against the north and exhorted dictator Kim Jong Un to stop weapons testing, calling the recent launches of missiles over American allies like Japan "a threat to the civilized world and international peace and stability."

Trump is skipping the customary trip to the demilitarized zone separating north and south — a pilgrimage made by every U.S. president except one since Ronald Reagan as a demonstration of solidarity with the South. A senior administration recently dubbed the border trip as "a bit of a cliché" and several other members of the administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, have visited the DMZ this year. And the White House believes that Trump has already made his support of South Korea crystal clear.

Trump and Moon agree on the need to pressure the North with sanctions and other deterrence measures. But Trump has warned of unleashing "fire and fury," threatened to "totally destroy" the North, if necessary, and repeatedly insisted that all options are on the table. Moon, meanwhile, favors dialogue as the best strategy for defusing the nuclear tension and vehemently opposes a potential military clash that could cause enormous casualties in South Korea.

Trump backed up his strong words about North Korea by sending a budget request to Capitol Hill on Monday for \$4 billion to support "additional efforts to detect, defeat, and defend against any North Korean use of ballistic missiles against the United States, its deployed forces, allies, or partners."

And as he departed for South Korea, he tweeted that Moon is "a fine gentleman," adding, "We will figure it all out!"

On a personal level, Trump and Moon have not developed the same close rapport as Trump has with Abe or even China's Xi Jinping. Part of Moon's mission during the visit will likely be to strengthen his personal ties with Trump, said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution.

"Now poor President Moon is playing catch-up ball because everyone acknowledges that he's not bonding quite as much with Donald Trump as the rest of the region," said O'Hanlon. He said Moon could face pressure "to deliver a stronger relationship" whereas "in most other parts of the world, people are trying to keep their distance from Donald Trump."

Trump was spending Tuesday in meetings with Moon, hold a joint press conference and be feted at a state dinner.

Trade also is expected to be a major topic of discussion: Trump has considered pulling out of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, also known as KORUS, blaming it for the U.S.-South Korea trade deficit.

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Tweeter-in-chief ready to confront China's 'great firewall'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — America's tweeter-in-chief is set to face off bit-to-bit against China's "great firewall." President Donald Trump's arrival in Beijing on Wednesday will serve as a test of reach for his preferred 140-character communications tool.

The White House is declining to comment on the president's ability to tweet in China or the precautions

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being taken to protect his communications in the heavily monitored state. It's about more than cybersecurity. Knowing the president's penchant for showmanship, some aides are trying to build up social media suspense before Air Force One is wheels-down in Beijing.

Spoiler alert: The American president will get his way. Multiple officials familiar with the procedures in place but unauthorized to discuss them publicly said the president will, in fact, be able to tweet in China.

Twitter is blocked for domestic users in China, but foreigners have had success accessing the social media service while using data roaming services that connect to their home cellular networks.

For an American president, it's not that straightforward. Securing the president's communications — and tweets — in China requires satellites, sophisticated electronics and the work of hundreds on multiple continents.

Trump, like his predecessor, has a secure cell phone, though he uses it more for tweeting than phone calls. He's sent at least two dozen tweets in the first four days of his trip to Asia. Developed in collaboration between the National Security Agency and Secret Service, it has some regular functionality disabled to protect from hacking. But China poses a distinct challenge: Merely turning it on there is a security risk, as China's cellular network is believed to be entirely compromised by its security services.

Several former administration officials said they did not recall whether President Barack Obama brought his cell phone to China. The White House declined to say whether Trump would be bringing his phone on the trip, but tweets sent by him since he's departed Washington are marked as being sent from an iPhone.

Chinese officials appeared to recognize the importance of the medium to their guest. Asked whether Trump would be able to tweet from Beijing, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang told reporters on Friday: "We take everything into account on receiving foreign heads of state so you should have no reservations about Mr. President's ability to keep in touch with the outside."

But officials said it would hardly be up to China, as it would be inconceivable for Trump's device to ever reach a Chinese network.

The White House maintains an ever-updating set of policies and regulations for overseas travel. According to current and former White House staffers, officials are sometimes issued new devices specifically for foreign trips. Their phone numbers and emails are forwarded to the new devices for the duration of the overseas stint, then shifted back to their stateside devices once they return. The phones used on the trip are returned to the White House IT office for inspection.

In the event the trip is to a high-risk cyber-espionage location, such as China, Israel or Cuba, aides are given extensive briefings on cybersecurity. Among the precautions: Aides are strongly discouraged from turning on their devices in the offending country.

Former White House press secretary Josh Earnest recalled that security protocols changed frequently during the Obama administration, but that aides were encouraged to leave their personal devices on Air Force One.

"While in the country, we were encouraged to bring everything with us whenever we left the room, even for short periods" such as a gym visit, Earnest said. "And, we were told never to use hotel provided Wi-Fi."

But, Earnest added, it "seems reasonable that these safeguards are easy to put in place for Trump's phone."

The White House Communications Agency, a 1,200-person military command, is responsible for the president's global communications needs. The primary role is to maintain communications for critical defense purposes, like emergency communications with military commanders. In every presidential motorcade, for instance, an armored SUV codenamed Road Runner provides for a connection to an array of military and Secret Service communications networks. Abroad, it also enables mundane presidential traffic, like tweets.

On a trip, the WHCA, along with the White House situation room staff, maintains a secure communications suite at the presidential hotel for use by presidential staff. It includes both secure and unsecured phones, as well as access to the White House Wi-Fi network. It is swept routinely for spying devices and guarded 24/7. Overseas, "we'd have to be extra vigilant about confining classified — and even personal — discussions to this suite," recalled Ned Price, a former CIA analyst who worked as a spokesman for

Obama's National Security Council.

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Silicon Valley's great wealth bypasses its working homeless

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — In the same affluent, suburban city where Google built its headquarters, Tes Saldana lives in a crowded but tidy camper she parks on the street.

She concedes it's "not a very nice living situation," but it also is not unusual. Until authorities told them to move, more than a dozen other RVs filled with people who can't afford rent joined Saldana on a tree-lined street in Mountain View, parked between a Target and a luxury apartment complex.

Homeless advocates and city officials say it's outrageous that in the shadow of a booming tech economy - where young millionaires dine on \$15 wood-grilled avocado and think nothing of paying \$1,000 for an iPhone X - thousands of families can't afford a home. Many of the homeless work regular jobs, in some cases serving the very people whose sky-high net worth is the reason housing has become unaffordable for so many.

Across the street from Saldana's camper, for example, two-bedroom units in the apartment complex start at \$3,840, including concierge service. That's more than she brings home, even in a good month.

Saldana and her three adult sons, who live with her, have looked for less rustic accommodations, but rents are \$3,000 a month or more, and most of the available housing is distant. She said it makes more sense to stay in the camper near their jobs and try to save for a brighter future, even if a recent city crackdown chased them from their parking spot.

"We still need to eat," said Saldana, 51. "I still want to bring my kids, once in a while, to a movie, to eat out."

She cooks and serves food at two hotels in nearby Palo Alto, jobs that keep her going most days from 5 in the morning until 10 at night. Two of her sons, all in their 20s, work at a bakery and pay \$700 toward the RV each month. They're all very much aware of the economic disparity in Silicon Valley.

"How about for us people who are serving these tech people?" Saldana said. "We don't get the same paycheck that they do."

It's all part of a growing crisis along the West Coast, where many cities and counties have seen a surge in the number of people living on the streets over the past two years. Counts taken earlier this year show 168,000 homeless people in California, Oregon and Washington - 20,000 more than were counted just two years ago.

The booming economy, fueled by the tech sector, and decades of under-building have led to an historic shortage of affordable housing. It has upended the stereotypical view of people out on the streets as unemployed: They are retail clerks, plumbers, janitors - even teachers - who go to work, sleep where they can and buy gym memberships for a place to shower.

The surge in homelessness has prompted at least 10 local governments along the West Coast to declare states of emergency, and cities from San Diego to Seattle are struggling to come up with immediate and long-range solutions.

San Francisco is well-known for homeless tent encampments. But the homeless problem has now spread throughout Silicon Valley, where the disparity between the rich and everyone else is glaring.

There is no firm estimate on the number of people who live in vehicles in Silicon Valley, but the problem is pervasive and apparent to anyone who sees RVs lining thoroughfares; not as visible are the cars tucked away at night in parking lots. Advocates for the homeless say it will only get worse unless more affordable housing is built.

The median rent in the San Jose metro area is \$3,500 a month, yet the median wage is \$12 an hour

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in food service and \$19 an hour in health care support, an amount that won't even cover housing costs. The minimum annual salary needed to live comfortably in San Jose is \$87,000, according to a study by personal finance website GoBankingRates.

So dilapidated RVs line the eastern edge of Stanford University in Palo Alto, and officials in neighboring Mountain View have mapped out more than a dozen areas where campers tend to cluster, some of them about a mile from Google headquarters.

On a recent evening, Benito Hernandez returned to a crammed RV in Mountain View after laying flagstones for a home in Atherton, where Zillow pegs the median value of a house at \$6.5 million. He rents the RV for \$1,000 a month and lives there with his pregnant wife and children.

The family was evicted two years ago from an apartment where the rent kept going up, nearing \$3,000 a month.

"After that, I lost everything," said Hernandez, 33, who works as a landscaper and roofer.

He says his wife "is a little bit sad because she says, 'You're working very hard but don't have credit to get an apartment.' I tell her, 'Just wait, maybe a half-year more, and I'll get my credit back.'"

The plight of the Hernandez family points out one of the confounding problems of the homeless surge along the West Coast.

"This is not a crisis of unemployment that's leading to poverty around here," said Tom Myers, executive director of Community Services Agency, a nonprofit based in Mountain View. "People are working."

Mountain View, a city of 80,000 which also is home to Mozilla and 23andMe, has committed more than \$1 million over two years for homeless services, including money for an outreach case manager and a police officer to help people who live in vehicles. At last count, there were people living in more than 330 vehicles throughout the city.

Mayor Ken Rosenberg is proud of the city's response to the crisis - focusing not on penalties but on providing services. Yet he's also worried that the peace won't last as RVs crowd into bike lanes and over-taxed streets.

Last week, Mountain View officials posted signs banning vehicles more than 6 feet high on some parts of the street where Saldana, Hernandez and others living in RVs were parked, saying they were creating a traffic hazard. The average RV is well over that height.

That follows similar moves over the summer by Palo Alto, which started cracking down on RVs and other vehicles that exceed the 72-hour limit on a busy stretch of El Camino Real.

In San Jose, officials recently approved an ordinance pushed by an interfaith group called the Winter Faith Collaborative to allow places of assembly - including gyms and churches - to shelter homeless people year-round.

Ellen Tara James-Penney, a 54-year-old lecturer at San Jose State University, parks her old Volvo at one of those safe haven churches, Grace Baptist Church, and eats in its dining hall. She is paid \$28,000 a year to teach four English classes and is carrying \$143,000 in student debt after earning two degrees.

She grades papers and prepares lessons in the Volvo. At night, she leans back the driver's seat and prepares for sleep, one of two dogs, Hank, by her side. Her husband, Jim, who is too tall for the car, sleeps outside in a tent cot with their other dog, Buddy.

The Bay Area native remembers the time a class was studying John Steinbeck, when another student said that she was sick of hearing about the homeless.

"And I said, 'Watch your mouth. You're looking at one.' Then you could have heard a pin drop," she said. "It's quite easy to judge when you have a house to live in or you have meds when you're depressed and health care."

In response to growing wealth inequities, unions, civil rights groups and community organizations formed Silicon Valley Rising about three years ago. They demand better pay and benefits for the low-income earners who make the region run.

SEIU United Service Workers West, for example, organized roughly 3,000 security guards who work for companies that contract with Facebook, Google and Caltrain, the mass transit system that connects Silicon Valley with San Francisco.

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One of those workers is Albert Brown III, a 46-year-old security officer who recently signed a lease for half of a \$3,400 two-bedroom unit in Half Moon Bay, about 13 miles from his job.

He can barely afford the rent on his \$16-an-hour salary, even with overtime, but the car that doubled as his home needed a pricey repair and he found a landlord willing to overlook his lousy credit. Still, Brown worries he won't be able to keep up with his payments.

His feet have been hurting. What if a doctor tells him to rest for a few days or a week?

"I can't miss a minute. If I miss a minute or a shift? No way, man. A week? Forget it, it's over. It's all downhill from there," he said.

"It's a sad choice. I have to decide whether to be homeless or penniless, right?"

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Face to Face with Nest's smartest home security camera

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nest's new home security camera is supposed to be so smart that it can identify people it's been introduced to.

That skill comes from facial-recognition technology made by Nest's sibling company, Google. The Nest Cam IQ camera is so slick that it carries a premium price — \$300 — plus a \$10 monthly subscription to run the facial-recognition program and other features, such as 10-day video storage. That compares with Nest's \$200 standard camera. Google's facial-recognition technology also is being added to a camera-equipped doorbell from Nest; a price hasn't been disclosed yet.

Apple is also embracing facial recognition, though with a different type of technology and goal — to unlock the just-released iPhone X .

The Nest Cam IQ offers a glimpse at how deeply intelligent computers will be able to peer into our lives, especially as more home appliances become connected to the internet.

We set a camera in The Associated Press' San Francisco bureau and identified everyone who regularly works in the office. We tested whether the camera would remember them and send notifications when it spotted them. On the flip side, the camera also sends alerts when it sees someone it doesn't recognize, raising the possibility of an intruder on the premises.

That made us want to find out just how smart — and potentially creepy — this camera really is. As part of the test, a couple of us donned disguises.

It wasn't easy to pull the wool over this camera's prying eyes. It still recognized me wearing psychedelic garb, wolf-like head gear, an Egyptian pharaoh's headdress and a fake mustache. Understandably, the camera couldn't recognize me under a Frankenstein mask. For some reason, it was just as baffled when an editor it usually had no trouble recognizing donned his cycling helmet and sunglasses in the office. The camera occasionally got baffled when it saw someone from a side angle, even it had previously identified that person.

It also added images of paper print-outs of people's faces to their profiles and questioned the identity of an Albert Einstein image on my T-shirt. That's not something that would the iPhone X would have recognized, as it adds depth to its recognition algorithm to understand what's a real face and what's not.

Overall, it's an impressive camera, although it's probably not worth the higher price and monthly subscription unless you have a burning desire to own the latest technology and really need to know everything everyone is doing in your home all the time.

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Asian stocks rise after Wall Street gains, oil surges

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks rose Tuesday after Wall Street posted modest gains on deal reports and turmoil in Saudi Arabia sent crude prices surging.

KEEPING SCORE: Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.8 percent to 22,729.23 and the Shanghai Composite Index advanced 0.6 percent to 3,406.57. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.9 percent to 28,868.82 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 rose 0.7 percent to 5,995.10. Seoul's Kospi shed 0.1 percent to 2,547.32. Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore and Jakarta advanced, while New Zealand declined.

WALL STREET: Chipmakers surged after Broadcom offered to buy competitor Qualcomm for \$103 billion, which if completed would be the largest tech acquisition ever. Reports that Sprint's owner, Japanese conglomerate SoftBank, might buy cable company Charter hammered shares of telecom giants AT&T and Verizon, which might face tougher competition. Sellers of household goods slumped on weak quarterly results from CVS Health and food distributor Sysco. Twenty-First Century Fox and Disney both climbed after a report Disney might buy Fox assets. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.1 percent to 2,591.13. The Dow Jones industrial average added less than 0.1 percent to 23,548.42. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.3 percent to 6,786.44.

SAUDI TURMOIL: A wave of arrests of princes and other officials in what the Saudi leadership says is an anti-corruption crackdown sent shockwaves through global oil markets, pushing prices to two-year highs. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest exporter of oil. Energy companies jumped and drilling companies making some of the biggest gains. Skeptics of the sweep say it targets potential rivals or possible critics of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who heads the anti-corruption committee that was formed late Saturday shortly before the arrests.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "The Saudi corruption purge is boosting crude oil prices. But while this may sound bad news from an economic perspective, it may actually be good news for Asia," said Rob Carnell of IG in a report. "The current rise means the Middle East will hopefully be buying more of what is made in this part of the world, and provide a boost to what is otherwise a rather narrow semiconductor-driven export rise."

TRUMP WATCH: South Korea was deploying more than 15,000 officers as critics and supporters of Donald Trump planned rallies during the American president's visit to Seoul. Many South Koreans are concerned that Trump's fiery rhetoric on North Korea, which has included threats of military options, is raising risks of war on the Korean Peninsula. Trump is on a 12-day tour of Asia. Before leaving Tokyo for Seoul, the president said on Twitter he and South Korean President Moon Jae-in "will figure it all out" when it comes to North Korea.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude declined 10 cents to \$57.25 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract surged \$1.70 on Monday to close at \$57.35. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 14 cents to \$64.13 in London. It soared \$2.20 the previous session to \$64.27.

CURRENCY: The dollar climbed to 113.88 yen from Monday's 113.71. The euro declined to \$1.1608 from \$1.1612.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2017. There are 54 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1861, former U.S. President John Tyler was elected to the Confederate House of Representatives (however, Tyler died before he could take his seat).

In 1867, Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie was born in Warsaw.

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In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress, winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1940, Washington state's original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm just four months after opening to traffic.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1954, the CBS News program "Face the Nation" premiered with Ted Koop as host; the guest was Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis.

In 1962, Republican Richard Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, died in New York City.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor.

In 1991, basketball star Magic Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV, and was retiring. (Despite his HIV status, Johnson has been able to sustain himself with medication.)

In 1996, the U.S. liquor industry voted to drop its decades-old voluntary ban on broadcast advertising. A Nigerian Boeing 727 jetliner crashed en route to Lagos, killing 144 people. NASA's Mars Global Surveyor blasted off on a mission to map the surface of the red planet. (It went into orbit around Mars the next year.)

Ten years ago: An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in Tuusula, Finland, killing seven other students and the principal before taking his own life. A cargo ship struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, causing the San Francisco Bay's worst oil spill in nearly two decades. Space shuttle Discovery and its crew returned to Earth, concluding a 15-day space station build-and-repair mission. At the Country Music Association Awards, Kenny Chesney won his second straight entertainer of the year award, while Carrie Underwood made it back-to-back trophies as female vocalist of the year; Brad Paisley was named male vocalist.

Five years ago: One day after a bruising election, President Barack Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) both pledged to seek a compromise to avert looming spending cuts and tax increases that threatened to plunge the economy back into recession. A 7.4-magnitude earthquake killed at least 52 people in western Guatemala.

One year ago: In Philadelphia, with tens of thousands shivering in the cold, Barack and Michelle Obama passed the torch to Hillary Clinton in an emotional but anxious plea to elect her president. Meanwhile, Donald Trump accused Clinton of being protected by a "totally rigged system" and urged voters to "beat the corrupt system and deliver justice." Dozens of buildings sustained "substantial damage" after a 5.0 magnitude earthquake struck Cushing, Oklahoma, home to one of the world's key oil hubs, but officials said no damage was reported at the terminal. Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, 78, died in Miami. Singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, 82, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 99. Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., is 87. Actor Barry Newman is 79. Singer Johnny Rivers is 75. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 75. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 74. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 65. Jazz singer Rene Marie is 62. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 60. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 57. Actress Julie Pinson is 50. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 49. Actress Michelle Clunie is 48. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 45. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 45. Actress Yunjin Kim is 44. Actor Adam DeVine is 34. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 34. Actor Lucas Neff is 32. Rapper Tinie (TY'-nee) Tempah is 29. Rock singer Lorde is 21.

Thought for Today: "History is simply a piece of paper covered with print; the main thing is still to make history, not to write it." — Otto von Bismarck, German statesman (1815-1898).