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“You are NOT JUST  
WAITING IN VAIN. THERE  
IS A PURPOSE BEHIND  
every DELAY.”

-Mandy Hale

Chicken Soup  
for the Soul

## A Riddle

**A guy was waiting at home, he swung a metal pole then took 3 left turns and on his way back home there was a masked man waiting for him. What is he doing and who is the masked man?**

**(answer at the end of the AP News)**

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

While the Minnesota Vikings were sitting at home, resting and healing during their much-deserved bye week, eight teams were battling it out for the right to advance to the divisional round of the NFL playoffs. After the dust settled on the first week of the playoffs, the Vikings matchup is set – and it's a familiar foe: the New Orleans Saints.

The Vikings and Saints met in week one of the season, but these two teams are certainly different than the ones that met on September 12. The Vikings were led by Sam Bradford in the previous matchup, and in his one healthy game of the year, Bradford played phenomenally – throwing for 346 yards and three touchdowns while leading the Vikings to an easy 29-19 win. The Vikings also had rookie Dalvin Cook, who carried the ball 22 times for 127 yards. It was a great opening to the 2017 season for the Vikings.

For the Saints, the game couldn't have gone much worse. Drew Brees only had 216 yards, before adding another 75-yards and a touchdown in the Saints final drive of the game that started with four minutes left in the fourth quarter – what most people would call garbage time. This game was also supposed to be Adrian Peterson's "revenge game", but that didn't go so well, as he only gained 18 yards on six carries. As a team, the Saints only rushed for 60 yards, with their longest run of the game being a 9-yard carry by Peterson.

Getting back to the present, the Vikings are looking at a much more difficult matchup this time around. The Saints traded Adrian Peterson after week 4, which ended up being their best move of the season since it allowed their other two running backs – veteran Mark Ingram and rookie Alvin Kamara – to flourish. In fact, this was the first time in NFL history a pair of running backs from the same team each had 1500 yards from scrimmage. Drew Brees had a down year in 2017 (which is still a great season for any other quarterback in the NFL), but that's okay because he didn't need to put the team on his back because of the explosive running game and the Saints' much improved defense. The Saints defense has been historically bad over the past few seasons – in points per game, they finished 28th in 2014,

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32nd in 2015, and 31st in 2016. This season, however, the Saints are 10th in the NFL, allowing only 20.4 points per game.

After their 31-26 win over the Carolina Panthers, Saints head coach Sean Payton had this to say about the Minnesota Vikings "their team has been outstanding and deservedly seeded the way they are. They're playing great defense, running the ball well; every time you watch them, they're doing the necessary things to win. Understanding all that, it'll be a challenging week, and we'll have to be on-point to handle it."

This will be a tough game for the Vikings, perhaps the most difficult for the team in their pursuit of the Super Bowl. The game will be on Fox, and will start at 3:40 p.m. on Sunday, January 14. The Vikings have opened as four-point favorites, likely because the game will be played in Minnesota where the Vikings are 7-1 (the Saints are 4-4 on the road this season). The biggest key for the Vikings will be establishing the run game, which will allow them to keep their offense on the field and perhaps more importantly, keep Drew Brees off the field. The Vikings defense will be tested against the Saints and their plethora of playmakers, but I have no doubt they will be up to the task. This should be a win for the purple and gold, and should also provide a slight amount of payback to New Orleans for the "bountygate" scandal from 2009. Skol!

A quick note: four Vikings were named to the Associated Press All-Pro team. Xavier Rhodes and Harrison Smith were voted for the All-Pro 1st team, while Adam Thielen and Everson Griffen are on the 2nd team.

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



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the right thing to do")**



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## I have diabetes; I'm NOT a diabetic

When I was in my third year of medical school, I learned one of my most important lessons. It did not come from a textbook or from a teacher, but from a brief conversation with a patient on hospital rounds.

"How long have you had diabetes?" I asked. It was a simple enough question. Diabetes often progressed with time and the longer it was present, the longer the cumulative damage. I wanted to gauge if his foot infection was a new issue or part of a larger battle that had been going on for months to years.

"Thank you," he said.

I was confused. "Thank you for what?" I asked. That was not the expected answer.

"For asking me how long I had diabetes and not calling me a diabetic," he said.

For all intents and purposes, for me as a third-year medical student, the questions were identical. I did not realize there would be any significance to the phrase I chose.

My patient continued, "Diabetes is something that I have, not who I am. It does not define me. I am so much more than this disease." This gentleman's, my patient's, comment made me pause. When I walked into his room I had a lot of data about him, but no knowledge of him.

He went on to tell me about his life, his family, his prior job. He spoke of all the things that changed after his diagnosis and all the things that stayed the same. He no longer was the "diabetic in room 26", a task that I must complete, he was a person who needed my help. He had a name and a rich history that the medical chart did not record. This quick conversation completely changed how I interacted with him for the rest of his stay in the hospital and every patient I have encountered since.

I have a gentle reminder for you and me, like my gentleman gave me all those years ago: you are not a disease or a chronic illness; you are a person who is looking for help to improve your health. It is easy to let a chronic illness become one's identity and become the only subject discussed at a clinic visit. Remind us that there is so much more to your story, because sometimes we get busy and forget; we are human too.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



The Carnival of Silver Skates theme for January 2018 is "80 Years of Memories".

We would like to honor the former skaters who have passed away.

Please contact Tina at the Groton Independent at 397-6397 or email her at [tina@grotonsd.net](mailto:tina@grotonsd.net) to share the name of someone you would like remembered at this year's carnival.

Thank you for helping us to honor those who started this great community tradition.

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## Tax Reform Can Enhance 2018 Goals

As we turn the page to a new year, January is a time in which many Americans take the opportunity to make positive changes in their lives. Business owners may seek to expand their businesses, entrepreneurs may seek to start a new enterprise, and families may wish to purchase a new car or save enough to buy their first home. With the recent passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the opportunity to achieve these goals – whether personal or professional – is greatly enhanced. Now if you're looking to lose weight, this probably won't help you!

The average American family will get to keep more than \$2000 this year under The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. In addition to lowering the rates for every income bracket, this law doubles the standard deduction, doubles the child tax credit and repeals Obamacare's individual mandate which imposed an unfair tax on mostly lower-income families making less than \$50,000 a year. Businesses will also see relief, with a new corporate tax rate of 21 percent (from 35 percent), taking the U.S. from one of the highest to one of the lowest corporate tax rates in the world. Small businesses also benefit, as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act creates the first-ever 20 percent deduction for pass-through business income.

The American economy is already responding. The stock market is breaking records this month as the Dow reached 25,000 for the first time ever. Businesses are announcing new investment and bonuses for staff. Over 100 U.S. companies have already announced plans to increase wages, pay yearly bonuses, increase 401K matches and expand charitable contributions because of the tax reform bill. Wells Fargo, which is chartered in South Dakota, has announced that it plans to increase its minimum wage to \$15 per hour, effective in March 2018. We expect even more businesses to follow suit in coming months, as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provides companies with the capital and stability to reinvest in themselves, their employees and the economy.

Agriculture, South Dakota's largest industry, is poised to benefit from tax reform as well. In a Farm Forum article from December 26, 2017, Wheat Growers CEO Chris Pearson calls tax reform a "win" for farmers. This is due to an amendment in the final bill that stops a massive tax hike for farmer co-ops that was projected to cost them \$2 billion annually.

Individuals can expect to start seeing the amount of taxes coming out of their paychecks decrease within the next few months, possibly as soon as February. This is great news, and will benefit the majority of South Dakota workers. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act includes a reduction in individual tax rates, doubles the standard deduction and doubles the child tax credit from \$1,000 per child to \$2,000 per child.

For far too long, Americans have been saddled with high taxes and an overly-complicated tax code. As we welcome in this new year, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will finally provide the tax relief they deserve. In 2018, I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and President Trump on other legislative priorities to further grow our economy and make life even better for all South Dakotans.



## New Year, New Tax Code

It's a new year, and Americans have a new tax code. On January 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act took effect, delivering relief to families across the spectrum. I've received many questions from folks since the bill's passage: How will it impact my family? What does it mean for South Dakota? During the first few days of January, I fought the frigid temps and hit the road to answer many of these questions.

The first stop was Black Hills Bagels in Rapid City. Debra Jensen first opened the bakery in 1997 and has since expanded to two locations. South Dakota is home to around 83,000 small businesses like this. They employ nearly 60 percent of our state's workforce, and through tax reform, many will have access to a new small business deduction, lower tax rates, and better expensing tools. Each of these provisions were designed to keep more money locally, better ensuring that what we make in South Dakota is spent in South Dakota to grow wages and create jobs at home.

After making a few more stops in Rapid City, we headed east. In Brookings, I dropped by the home of Luke and Emma Perkins. They've been married a little over four years, have two beautiful children with another due in March, and work for Equip Campus Ministries at SDSU. For young families like theirs, we double the standard deduction, meaning the first \$24,000 a couple makes is tax free. The Child Tax Credit is doubled to \$2,000 per child. And on top of that, we lowered tax rates.

Let's say Luke and Emma make \$78,000 as a couple. Under the old tax code, the family's 2018 tax bill would be more than \$2,600. With tax reform, it would drop to \$99.

Next, I held a lunch with some young, Sioux Falls moms. We talked about the standard deduction and Child Tax Credit as well, but we also spent some time discussing the Child Care Credit. South Dakota has the highest rate of working moms in the country. The Child Care Credit is specifically designed to reduce the burden of day care expenses for working families.

Additionally, we touched on some of the other individual benefits that are there to give a little boost when you reach big life milestones. This includes the mortgage interest deduction, retirement savings options, and the enhanced 529 education savings plans.

After a stop at Double D Western in Huron and a night at home with my own family, I stopped in at Titan Machinery in Watertown. Farmers need a lot of expensive equipment to operate each year. To help producers manage cashflow, tax reform includes immediate expensing of the equipment they buy at places like Titan.

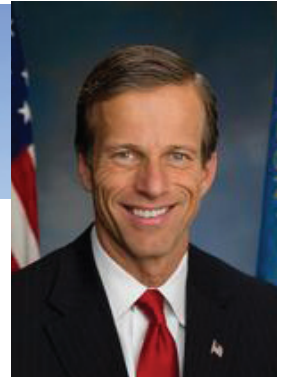
The week's final stop was at Aberdeen's 3M plant. By bringing our business tax rate in line with the rest of the developed world's, we make America a more competitive place to do business. Through tax reform, we also eliminated the incentives that currently reward companies for shifting jobs, profits, and manufacturing plants abroad. It's time to put America first.

Already, we're seeing new jobs being created while dozens of American companies have given hundreds of thousands of employees significant raises or bigger Christmas bonuses as a result of tax reform.

I believe it's incredibly important that South Dakotans understand exactly what was included in the tax reform package, which is why I took to the road in recent weeks. There's a lot of misinformation out there and you deserve the facts. While no tax reform package will be perfect for every family, this legislation is packed with benefits for hardworking South Dakotans that keep more money in your pockets and our communities. I was proud to be part of negotiating this landmark legislation. Happy New Year – and welcome to a new tax code.



**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Let's Keep the Momentum Going

The Republican-led Congress had a successful 2017. We confirmed a record number of the president's nominees to fill circuit court judgeships, and we confirmed Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court. We used the Congressional Review Act a record number of times to roll back burdensome regulations implemented by the Obama administration. We closed the year by passing historic legislation that reformed our outdated tax code and cut rates for all taxpayers, repealed Obamacare's unpopular rule that forced Americans to purchase an insurance product they might not want or can't afford, and opened additional land for domestic energy production.

I hope we can keep that momentum going in 2018, and it starts with finding a responsible solution that funds the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year. While I've never been a fan of the congressional budget process, and I strongly support reforming it so it works more efficiently, it's important for all Americans, particularly our men and women in uniform, that the government is funded for the long term. My goal is to ensure that it is.

I'm also hopeful that early this year we'll be able to find a bipartisan solution that strengthens U.S. border security. Our national security depends on it, and it's long overdue. As part of this effort, I expect Congress will address several immigration-related issues, too. In particular, those faced by children who, at no fault of their own, entered the United States illegally. While the previous president acted unilaterally, without congressional buy-in, I've always believed this was an area where Congress should be responsible for finding an acceptable long-term solution.

At the Senate Commerce Committee, which I chair, we made significant progress in 2017, and I look forward to continuing our important work on self-driving vehicle technology, expanding access to broadband internet – particularly in rural parts of the country, like South Dakota – and improving transportation security and other infrastructure needs.

Finally, it's never too early to start working on the next farm bill, as I like to say. The current bill, which I helped write, expires later this year, and it's important that we complete our work on the next bill on time. That's why I spent 2017 writing seven individual farm bill proposals that cover multiple portions of the overall bill. I hope that by doing a lot of this work early, we can get a final farm bill to the president before the current one expires.

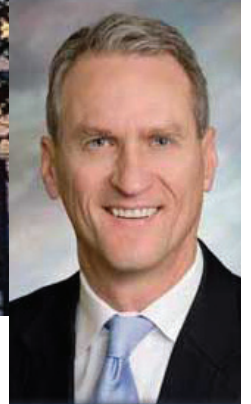
On New Year's Day in 1983, President Reagan said, "[L]et us thank God for life and the blessings He's put before us. High among them are our families, our freedom, and the opportunities of a new year." I'm looking forward to what 2018 has in store for South Dakotans and the rest of the American people, and I can't wait to continue my work in Congress on their behalf.

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South Dakota Governor  
Dennis Daugaard



## Another Way To Manage The Cold

With the extremely cold weather we have recently experienced, I am reminded how important it is to plan for it. This doesn't just mean stocking long underwear and packing emergency kits in cars. It can also mean incorporating energy efficient designs into our homes and businesses. This can help keep heat bills under control and keep us comfortable everywhere, not just next to a heating vent.

My interest in energy efficiency goes back to the 1980s when Linda and I built our home on the family farm. I began reading about wall assemblies and window sills in my free time. Back then, the energy efficient lingo of the day was "super-insulated." I made sure that the R-values in the walls and ceiling would keep my energy costs low. I put no windows on the west side and only one small window on the north side. To reduce electric demand, and help cool the house in summer, I installed a heat-pump water heater.

I am very proud of the house, and Linda and I are very eager to return there once we finish our stay in Pierre. It remains comfortable and solid yet today. The energy cost savings I have realized have paid for the extra costs at construction many times over.

Since then, some features in my house have become more mainstream and energy efficiency has become a more common aspiration. Building science has seen additional advances since the 1980s and I've recognized a few mistakes that I made in building my house. Today, the leading standard for energy efficient building is the Passive House standard. The standard defines needed elements with rigor, but still allows customization. It can be tricky to build a home that meets all passive house standards, but even if a building cannot meet the full standard, many of the concepts can be applied to provide significant savings. The standards are outlined at [www.phius.org](http://www.phius.org).

We have applied some of these standards to the Governor's House program. The program builds houses for income-qualified individuals and families using inmate labor. A few years ago, we upgraded insulation, tightened the envelope in the homes and added an air exchanger. More recently, we added a high efficiency heat pump system. The homes are comfortable and affordable to heat and cool.

If you are considering remodeling your current home or building a new one, I encourage you to look towards energy efficiency. A modest investment in the short-term can reap long-term rewards by making your house more economical and more comfortable.



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## Not Too Small to Have It All!

by Paula Jensen

There have been too many years of disinterest and disinvestment in rural America and at times I grow weary of defending the value of the rural place I call home to a national audience. I recently read multiple articles about the rural underclass and the poverty that plagues our landscape from Bloomberg Business, NY Times, and Wall Street Journal. One of those articles written by Paul Krugman stated, "once upon a time dispersed agriculture ensured that small cities serving rural hinterlands would survive. But for generations we have lived in an economy in which smaller cities have nothing going for them except historical luck, which eventually tends to run out."



I need to ask, is your community living in this fairytale and just running on historical luck, like the author suggests? Or, are you investing in your community and taking responsibility for the inherent change that is affecting your future?

We have all heard about the changing rural landscape from a national perspective...population decline, low median household income, high poverty, high unemployment, dilapidated housing, decaying Main Streets, etc. Yet, according to the 2010 Census research done by Ben Winchester of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, "People in small towns can stop talking negatively about what things their town has lost or what it used to be like. The changes in the rural Midwest are almost all microcosms of globalization. Rural is changing, not dying,"

Ray Kurzweil, author of *The Singularity is Near* states, "At the given rate of change, we will experience the equivalent of 20,000 years of change in this century." This kind of fast-paced change means we have more choices and less time to make those choices. Today's rural communities and the people willing to lead them need to be prepared for this environment. From my observation, communities that succeed in the face of change are connected to: data, outside resources, other communities, engaged residents, and global trends. Having insight about this ever-changing knowledge-base makes communities ready to move in a forward direction, quickly.

Here is a story of Neligh, Nebraska. Neligh is a community that refused to begin their story with once upon a time or let themselves slip quietly into obscurity. Since 2012, this community of 1,600 people has seen a colossal reinvestment. Neligh has welcomed 27 new businesses – a 17 percent increase in total businesses – and transitioned 14 businesses to new ownership. Antelope County has seen more than \$600 million in capital investment. In a few years, when they complete all the projects in their pipeline, capital investments will clear \$1 billion. Neligh didn't pull up its bootstraps by itself. They asked for help. Their network of partners is long: engaged citizens, local businesses, nonprofits, education community, elected officials and more.

This story may sound like an overwhelming task or a one-of-a-kind success story. However, I am here to tell you that this kind of local development is realistic and beginning to take hold in many small communities because they are investing in themselves! Your community can replicate this type of de-

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velopment when residents like you are willing to be engaged and do the internal work necessary to establish a community development culture, clarify local values, and set priorities. This internal work is then balanced with external forces (e.g. resource providers, peer network, investors, developers, etc.) while seeking regular feedback, support, and advice from empowered community residents.

Let's invest in rural places and build a community development culture that believes we are not too small to have it all.

Having a passion for community leadership and development is what drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula resides in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+, where she and her husband own and operate an auto repair business. Together they have raised three boys, who love growing up rural.

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**Pictured left to right are Reed Litch, Kiwanis Club president; Samantha Pappas, sophomore at GHS; and Lee Schinkel, Kiwanis Club HOBY chairman. Reed and Lee are congratulating Samantha on being chosen for Kiwanis sponsored HOBY winner, to attend this annual youth leadership award.**

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Dear EarthTalk: I've been having trouble sleeping and my doctor suggested that indoor air pollution could be a contributing factor. Do you have any tips for how to improve my home's air quality without breaking the bank?  
-- Jennifer Abromovitch, Putney, VT

The key to a healthy indoor environment is clean air, but many of the finishes and furniture in a typical home or office off-gas pollutants that can compromise air quality. While opening a window might help, it also could make matters worse by introducing auto exhaust and other noxious emissions in. So, what's a clean air lover to do about keeping the indoor environment safe?

For starters, it can't hurt to change the filters on your furnace and air conditioner(s) on a regular, scheduled basis. Manufacturers recommend changing out furnace filters every three months, but mileage may vary depending on square footage and other factors. (When you install a new filter, write the date on it when it should be changed to keep yourself honest.) Also, getting your HVAC air ducts cleaned once every few years—or more frequently if you have pets or lots of people using the space in question.

Another way to help filter your indoor air is the all-natural way: with house plants. While humans have always had a special relationship with the plants around them, it wasn't until NASA published research in the 1980s that we knew just what an important role house plants could play in ridding indoor environments of noxious chemical pollutants. Plants scrub particulates from the air while taking in carbon dioxide and processing it into oxygen, thereby creating more clean air for us to breathe. Garden mums, spider plants, dracaenas, ficus, peace lilies, Boston ferns, snake plants and bamboo palms are great choices given their especially powerful air purifying abilities.

Yet another relatively easy fix would be to purchase an air purifier that plugs into the wall and uses carbon filtration or other methods for filtering contaminants out of the indoor environment. The Coway Mighty and Winix 5500-2 share top rankings from leading consumer review service, Wirecutter, while the Dyson Pure Hot+Cool Link gets kudos for great air cleaning with style.



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If you really want to go all out, think about repainting interior walls with paint formulations that use little or no volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) that have been linked to respiratory problems, headaches, nausea, dizziness and fatigue, among other health worries. AFM Safecoat is the industry leader in low- and no-VOC paints and finishes, but the big players like Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore now also have healthier formulations for a quickly increasing number of eco-conscious home improvement customers.

Another easy albeit more costly way to green up your indoor environment would be to get rid of those old couches, mattresses and other furniture which were required by law to contain flame retardant chemicals before we knew how harmful they could be to our indoor environment and health. Now that California has mandated that new furniture products cannot contain these noxious chemicals, more and more manufacturers (including Ikea and Pottery Barn) are starting to phase them out, so it's a great time to replace that old mattress with a new one that won't off-gas carcinogens every time you plop down onto it.

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## Snow Drought Continues. How Unusual?

### 2017-18 Season Snow Deficit Through Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

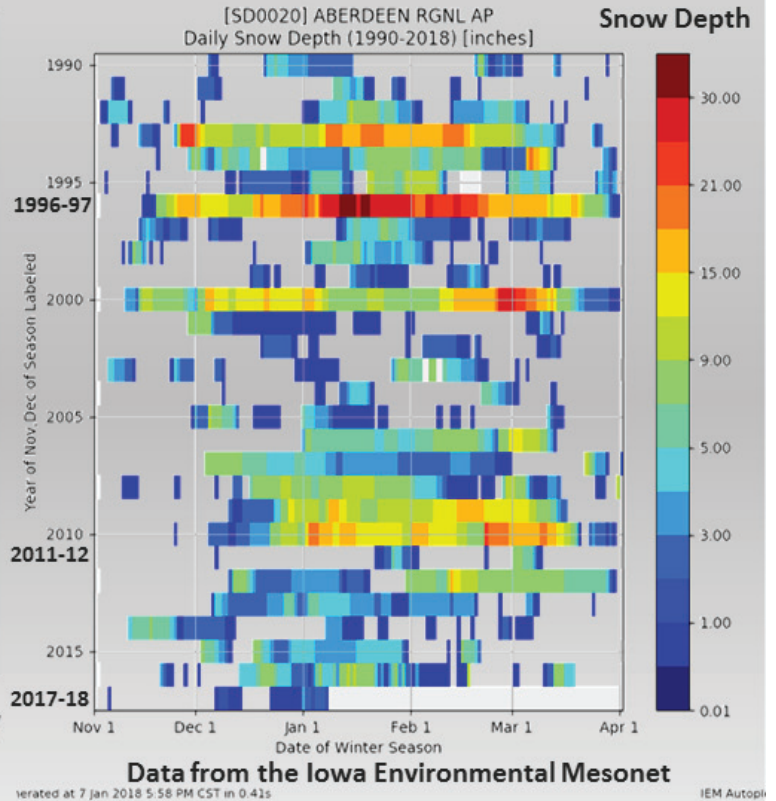
Aberdeen: -11.6" (4.4" so far)

Pierre: -7.9" (4.4" so far)

Watertown: -8.5" (6.4" so far)

Sisseton: -13.0" (4.5" so far)

Mobridge: -3.4" (8.6" so far)



Snow depth at Aberdeen through each winter season since 1990. Several years have had minimal depths through early January. On the contrary, notice 1996-97?

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Below average snowfall in November and December has continued into January, leading to snowfall deficits of over 10 inches for some so far this season. Looking back at snow depth of past years, this lack of snowfall is not unprecedented through early January.

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## Today in Weather History

January 8, 1969: Winds of 30 whipped new snowfall of 3 to 5 inches on top of 10 to 20 inches of previous snow cover to 50 mph. Temperatures fell to around five below zero resulting in dangerous wind chills. This storm halted all traffic from early on the 8th to midday on the 9th, closed all schools, and stranded motorists.

January 8, 2010: Arctic high pressure combined with strong northwest winds resulting in extreme wind chills from 35 to nearly 50 degrees below zero across central and northeast South Dakota. Some of the lowest wind chills included, -40 in Aberdeen; -41 in Watertown; -42 in Highmore; -43 in Leola and Faulkton; -44 in Eagle Butte, Herreid, and Gettysburg; and -47 in Bowdle. Several record lows were also tied or broken during the morning hours of the 8th including, -22 degrees NW of Gann Valley and Victor; -23 degrees at Pierre and Sisseton; -24 degrees at Roscoe; and -34 degrees at Pollock.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1973: Georgia's worst ice storm since 1935 occurred on from the 7th through the 8th. Freezing rain and sleet began during the early morning hours on Sunday the 7th and ended in most areas during the day on Monday. Total damage was estimated at well over \$25 million. The electric power companies suffered losses estimated at \$5 million and telephone companies had another \$2 million in damages. Some schools were closed for more than a week. Click [HERE](#) to see a video from WAGA-TV Channel 5 on this ice storm.

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)




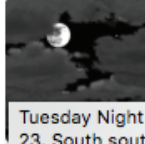
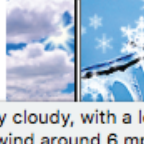
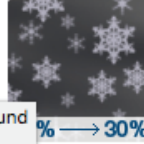

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)



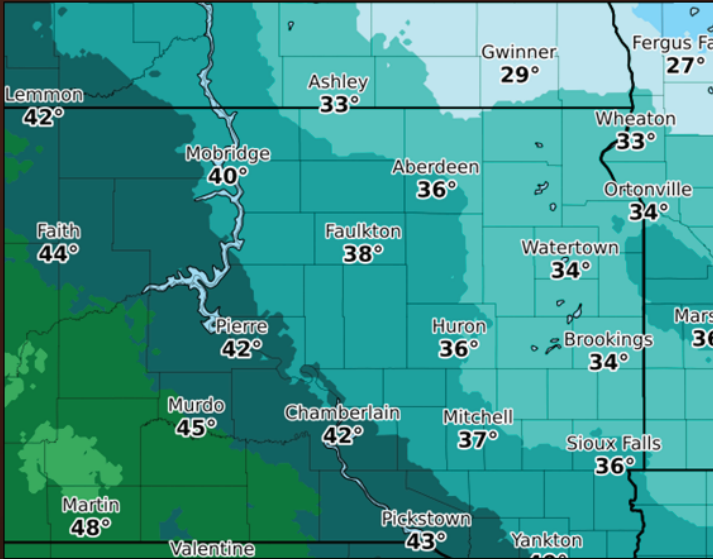
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. South southeast wind around 6 mph becoming southwest after midnight.	then Wintry Mix Likely and Patchy Blowing Snow	Snow and Areas Blowing Snow	Patchy Blowing Snow and Blustery then Mostly Sunny
High: 35 °F	Low: 19 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 33 °F	Low: -1 °F	High: 3 °F

## Mild Again Today!


Temperatures in the 30s and 40s






**Colder Starting Thursday!**

Travel Plans?



**Gusty Winds & Snow possible Wed night/Thurs**



**National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD**

Updated: 1/8/2018 5:26 AM Central

Published on: 01/08/2018 at 5:33AM

A few more mild days are in store, as temperatures remain in the 30s and 40s through Wednesday. More snow will be melting across the region through mid week! Big changes are in store though as a storm system looks to cross the Plains Wednesday night into Thursday. Confidence is increasing in regards to accumulating snow spreading across the area. Early indications suggest a potential of 2 to 4 inches across the region, with higher amounts possible over east central and southeast South Dakota. The evolution and exact track of this storm are still uncertain, which could affect future snowfall forecasts. Wind will accompany this system as well, which could lead to areas of lowered visibility in blowing snow. Arctic air is also set to make a return by the end of the week as the storm system departs, bringing back below zero temperatures and bitterly cold wind chills.

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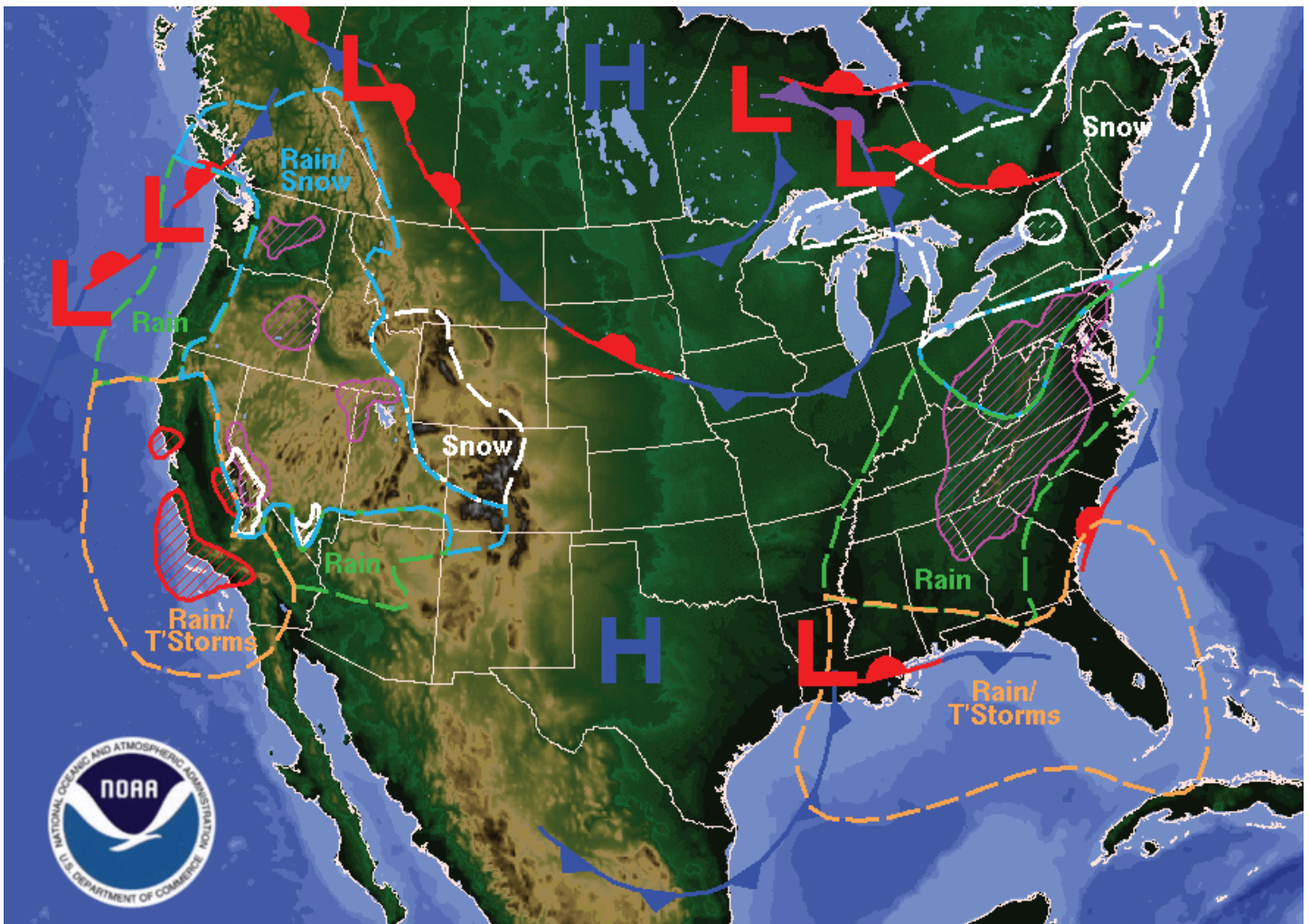
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 37.4**  
**Low Outside Temp: 16.1**  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust: 26**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 55° in 1963**  
**Record Low: -33° in 1912**  
**Average High: 22°F**  
**Average Low: 1°F**  
**Average Precip in Jan: 0.14**  
**Precip to date in Jan: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 0.14**  
**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**  
**Sunset Tonight: 5:08 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:12 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jan 08, 2018, issued 4:43 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)**

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## HE NEVER QUIT!

We are reminded throughout God's Word that He has given us the gift of choice and its consequences. Nowhere are we told that we cannot choose our destinies. But we are told that our choices determine our destinies.

Even a casual reading of the New Testament tells us that there were those who followed Jesus because they wanted to get something from Him for selfish reasons. We read that when things looked horrible at His trial those who had been with Him for years fled for their lives. In His days of glamour and glory they were close by His side. There were others who wanted to be with Him but they refused to make any sacrifices and went their own way.

A graduate of a Midwestern university was just an average student. He played sports but never made any of the varsity teams. He was never elected to any office and did not make it far up the corporate ladder. When war broke out he was among the first to volunteer. After completing basic training he was sent to a war zone in France.

One day in combat he was serving alongside a soldier in the French army. His comrade was severely wounded and with no thought of himself, he made a decision to get him help. Unfortunately, he did not succeed and was killed on his way to find a medic.

The French Government learned of his act of bravery and awarded him The Croix de Guerre – Cross of War. And his alma mater posted a plaque in his honor that read, "He played with the scrubs for four years – but never quit."

The psalmist said, "We will not turn away from You" by quitting.

Prayer: Give us courage, Father, to stand with You and for You when we are tempted to turn from You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 80:18a Then we will never abandon you again.



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## 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

### **Rapid City planning \$7 million expansion of city landfill**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City is planning a \$7 million expansion of the city landfill so it doesn't run out of space.

The Rapid City Journal reports the City Council this month authorized the advertising of contractor bids for a project to create two additional landfill cells. The work is expected to be finished in August.

The landfill accepts about 450 tons of garbage each day. Superintendent Karl Merbach says the landfill has only one operating cell remaining, with a year of usability left.

The expansion project will add about two decades of life to the landfill.

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

### **Concealed carry permits slow in 2017**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State officials say the number of new and renewed concealed carry weapon permits declined in 2017.

The decline follows a record year for number of permits issued with more than 30,000 in 2016. While the number of new permits has slowed, the state is still at an all-time high for total active permits at about 100,700.

KOTA-TV reports Secretary of State Shantel Krebs says one in six citizens eligible for a concealed carry permit in South Dakota currently hold one. Minnehaha County has the most permits with about 15,500. Pennington County is next with about 15,000.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

### **Review concludes events center siding is structurally sound**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An independent review has concluded that flawed siding panels on the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls are structurally sound.

The Argus Leader reports Chicago-based consultants Simpson Gumpertz and Heger Inc. concluded the use of flat paneling approved by the city led to ripples in the siding on the \$117 million facility.

The flawed paneling was the subject of a city settlement with five construction companies in 2015. Mayor Mike Huether's administration late last year agreed to hire an independent consultant to assess whether the exterior panels are protecting the building's interior.

An earlier forensic report concluded the flawed paneling wasn't worth replacing, but the report was never made public.

City secrecy surrounding the paneling problems prompted calls from the public, City Council and Chamber of Commerce for more transparency.

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

### **South Dakota Presentation sisters celebrate milestone years**

**By KELDA J.L. PHARRIS, Aberdeen American News**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — When Virginia Hallauer decided at the age of 19 that she wanted enter the convent, her mom put the brakes on the plan.

Now 92, Hallauer last year celebrated her 70th year as a Presentation sister.

"Don't tell your parents the way I did it. I quit my job and said I decided to go to the convent," she

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said. "I didn't go then for two years. My mother thought I was too young to make that decision. It kind of hounded me that whole time."

The second time around, Hallauer told her parents more gently about her interest in joining the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She's never regretted her decision, nor has she thought of leaving, like she did when she was working at J.C. Penney's in Watertown in the mid-1940s.

Now retired, Hallauer still seeks to help where she can. She's known as a joker around the convent, always has a quick smile and seemingly never at loss for a punchline.

Seven Presentation sisters have celebrated milestone jubilees last year — 50 years, 60 years or 70 years, the Aberdeen American News reported. The women have combined for 440 years of faithful service.

Recently, Hallauer, Sister Francene Evans and Sister Janice Klein reflected on their careers during a visit at the convent on the north side of Aberdeen. Evans's 60th jubilee was last year. Klein has been on the job for 50 years.

Hallauer had a simple explanation for the group's longevity: "They put up with us that long."

She was Klein's first-grade teacher at St. Mary Catholic School in Dell Rapids.

Klein, 70, thought long and hard about joining the convent, an idea she first had at a young age.

"When I was in high school I started thinking about being a sister but I said to myself, 'I wouldn't get married right out of high school so I won't go to convent right out of school,'" Klein said. "And I love children, so it was very difficult in thinking about not having my own children. It was difficult but it was the right decision for me."

Jubilee is a time of reflection, and each sister said it would be nice to spend more time in contemplation and prayer. They explain it as more of a deep need now, having grown in its depth through the years.

Evans, 80 and originally from Conde, found the Presentation sisters to be role models while she studied as an undergraduate.

"I went to Presentation College. I met some sisters there who I admired. I was pretty serious about life as a young person. It seemed to me that I only had one life and I wanted to make it special," she said.

It's not in Evans's nature to pick out a favorite mission or one she's proudest of since joining the sisters in the late 1950s.

"I've mostly been a teacher, college level, psychology. I taught here and then Minnesota West College, there for 20 years. I helped resettle Vietnamese refugees in 1980s, volunteered at a prison before they hired any women at the prison," Evans said.

That was in in 1973, '74 and '75, she said.

"I'd just gotten out of the University of Minnesota (with my doctorate). At the university I was a teaching assistant, and we got a grant so I would fly into a 10-state area to do drug education workshops for state employees and teachers," Evans said.

Among other ministries, Evans today leads book studies. It's thorough work focused on updating theology, she said.

For Klein, joining the sisters gave her a sense of peace in multiple ways.

"The attraction to religious life was twofold for me. The opportunity and time to deepen my spiritual life, and secondly to be able to share that with others, help them deepen their own relationship."

She first did that through teaching after earning her master's degree in ministry at Loyola University of Chicago. Klein then stayed on in Chicago and worked in parishes.

"Then my community asked me to return to South Dakota and start the (convent's) development office friend-raising and fundraising. Really promoting the mission of the sisters," Klein said.

Klein also did a development mission in Sioux Falls. She is now president of the sisters and on the leadership council. The four-member team is elected every four years.

She appreciates being able to carry on the sisters' mission. She said it hasn't really changed since they first arrived in Aberdeen in 1886.

"The mission has stayed the same, we were founded by Nano Nagle in Ireland," Klein said. "Nano Nagle saw in Ireland the poor children who were not allowed to be educated because they were Catholic."



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"It was illegal to start schools for those children, but she did. She could've been imprisoned. What we like to say — I think it's really true — Nano created a social reversal. If you take that mission down through the years and you take that to Aberdeen, when we first came, we came to teach Catholic children," Klein said.

For example, she said, in the late 1800s, there were children running around the streets in Aberdeen, something that displeased the business community. The sisters started schools for the kids, and as a result, everybody benefited. Eventually, Klein said, business leaders asked the sisters to start a hospital — St. Luke's.

"That's what we do. We go where the need is, help others respond to the need and then leave when we're not needed," she said.

"The poor have always been of great interest, today and in the time of Nano," Hallauer said. "We're drawn to them."

Fewer young women are joining the sisterhood, but unique partnerships and collaborations keep the Presentation Sisters' mission strong.

"If you look worldwide, we do have vocations. If you look in Aberdeen, we do not have many young members," Klein said. "We also see our lay partners — we call them Presentation People — who help carry and keep the mission robust."

Those laypeople include employees of Presentation organizations, donors and others. Klein explained that the sisters' mission of justice, alleviating oppression and promoting human dignity is carried out through the partnerships. Laypeople can be volunteers, disciples and staff at the college or medical facilities.

"Now we have a lot of laypeople who work with the sisters. We see them more as partners now, and we're connecting a lot more with Presentation Sisters around the world," Klein said.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

## University of South Dakota moves forward with DakotaDome

BY JEREMY HOECK, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The nearly 40-year-old DakotaDome needs a facelift, according to University of South Dakota officials.

And in early December, their desire to update and modernize the facility took a step — one of many along the way — forward when the South Dakota Board of Regents approved USD's Facility Program Plan for an estimated \$26.3 million renovation project to the DakotaDome.

The plans call for updates to the lighting, electrical, plumbing, fire and sound systems, as well as "significant" ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvements to restrooms, locker rooms, meeting rooms and coaching offices.

It's time to modernize the DakotaDome, according to USD athletic director David Herbster.

"I look at it from the perspective that it's time to finish the dome," he said.

Opened in 1979, the DakotaDome — which houses most of USD's athletic programs, as well as the host site for a number of other events — has not undergone any major renovations. The most recent structural work was connecting the south wall to the year-old Sanford Coyote Sports Center (SCSC).

In addition to the other updates, the dome renovations will radically modernize USD's football facilities.

Head coach Bob Nielson said the topic of the dome project was discussed early during his conversations with USD officials prior to his hiring in December 2015.

"That was one of the things they indicated was part of the facility plan," Nielson said.

When the SCSC came online a year ago, there was space freed up on the west and east ends of the DakotaDome, and the first phase of the renovation plan calls for the following on the first floor of the west end: new football locker room, support spaces, meeting room, offices and a renovation to the restrooms.

The new weight room in the SCSC was a major step for his program, Nielson said, but a new locker room is also a needed step.

"Those are two places where the guys spend the majority of their time," he said. "That aspect of the

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improvement will be big for us and our recruiting and our student-athletes.”

Those are things USD needs to have to keep pace with schools like South Dakota State and North Dakota State, according to Nielson.

“Facilities have become a little bit of an arms race,” he said. “You look all over Division I football — and even within our league — and that’s what schools have done.”

The second phase of the DakotaDome renovation would include permanent seating on the west end, with suites on the upper level, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported . The goal, Herbster said, is to expand seating capacity for football games to the 12,000 to 13,000 range, an increase from the current 10,000-seat capacity. USD averaged 9,347 this past season.

“But I also know all these things can take unique twists and turns,” Herbster said.

The projected renovation cost of \$26.3 million will be funded through bonds, USD funds and Higher Education Finance Funds (HEFF).

Following the approval of the Regents, USD will work to form a building committee and then hire an architect firm, Herbster said. The final steps must be approval by the South Dakota Legislature during their upcoming session and then the last go-ahead from the regents.

It’s much the same process USD underwent during its \$66 million facilities project two years ago that included the new arena, as well as a new soccer field and outdoor track complex.

“We’ll need to have some patience,” Herbster said.

That was the same thing USD officials said during the fundraising efforts for its last facility project, and the result has been rave reviews of the SCSC.

“This building (SCSC) has given us some things that are state of the art,” said Nielson, who referenced the weight room and sports medicine areas.

“Now we just need to update those things that are a little more specific to football,” he added.

“That’s what this Dome project will allow us to do.”

More than just football will be affected by the renovations to the DakotaDome, as well, according to Herbster. USD will host the annual Dakota Farm Show this week, and the facility also hosts graduation ceremonies, track meets, youth football games and the South Dakota state high school championships.

“If this building is going to remain as an iconic structure as it’s been since it opened, we need to do some things to make sure it’s a functioning and vital structure,” Herbster said.

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

## Arrest warrants issued after 2 men shot dead in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police have issued arrest warrants for two people in the fatal shooting of two men in Sioux Falls last week.

The Sioux Falls Police Department said Saturday that warrants were issued for 34-year-old Manuel Jesus Frias and 27-year-old Maria Shantel LeClaire. Both were named as persons of interest Friday night.

The Argus Leader reports the Frias warrant is \$1 million cash for first-degree murder. The LeClaire warrant is \$500,000 cash for accessory to first-degree robbery.

The two men were shot outside an apartment building around 5:30 a.m. Friday. One man died at the scene. The other was taken to the hospital where he later died of his injuries.

The men, both in their 20s, have not been identified. Two weapons were recovered from the scene.

## Sioux Falls condo complex takes shape downtown

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A multi-million-dollar, mixed-use building is taking shape in downtown Sioux Falls.

The Washington Square complex features restaurants on the ground floor topped by parking, office spaces, condos and a terrace with a birds-eye view of the city, the Argus Leader reported .

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Other perks include a car wash area in the residence's indoor parking, a fitness center on the top floor and a pet area.

"Part of what newer buildings are starting to do now is implement these pet areas where people can take care of their pets and it's maintained by the (condo owners) association," said Grant Houwman, a development partner in Washington Square.

Houwman said there hasn't been a shortage of interest, and about three-quarters of the condo square footage have been sold already.

Public records show two recent condo sales totaled \$1.2 million and \$1.03 million respectively.

Houwman said the offices should be complete and occupied by March and a new restaurant should be open by spring.

Parlour Ice Cream House is expected to start construction this month.

Houwman said there are promising talks with another restaurant to take over a high-ceilinged space on the ground floor of the building.

There are also plans for expansive outdoor seating.

Washington Square is anticipated to change the conversation about the future of Sioux Falls' downtown.

"Nobody saw the vision, it took a lot of people to understand what we were trying to do," Houwman said. "It came slowly, but eventually it came around."

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

## Lake trout surviving in South Dakota lake after stocking

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks report says a lake trout restock of a western reservoir is going well.

The fish were added to Deerfield Reservoir in 2015 to deal with an overabundance of rock bass, a smaller predatory fish, the Rapid City Journal reported.

Tagged lake trout and accounts from local anglers show that the fish have been able to survive and are adjusting to life in the reservoir, the agency's report said.

The lake trout have been able to survive because of Deerfield's size, depth, water temperature and oxygen level, said John Lott, the agency's aquatic resources chief.

"At Deerfield one of initial concerns at the time of stocking was if the temperature and oxygen level in the summer period would be sufficient, and it was believed that lake trout would do OK there," Lott said.

However, some of the fish are smaller in size, said Gene Galian, the report's author.

"We have seen condition declining in our fish, they are getting skinny, which is to be expected," Galian said. "These fish spent about 10 years living in a hatchery feeding on pellets and now they have to feed on a more natural diet of fish and insects, so they are getting pretty skinny on us right now and we're watching that."

Officials don't plan to introduce any new predator species to the reservoir, Lott said.

"Lake trout are something that we want to evaluate and see how they do," Lott said. "It's very hard to evaluate a number of species at any one time, and another thought is we want to have a predator in there that will have the least amount of negative impact on anything that's a positive in the lake."

## Lawmakers to gather for Daugaard's final legislative session

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard's final legislative session as governor won't be full of new state spending, but South Dakota lawmakers will keep busy debating changes to the state's ballot question system, tougher penalties for meth dealers and the use of lakes on private land.

Legislators return Tuesday for the opening of the 2018 session and Daugaard's State of the State address. Here's a look at the agenda until lawmakers adjourn in late March:

LACKLUSTER FINANCES



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It's simple: South Dakota's not flush. Daugaard last month proposed government spending limited by disappointing tax collections, meaning schools can't expect a per-student funding hike and most state workers will likely go without raises for the second straight year.

Officials pin the weakness in sales tax, the state's main revenue source; low farm income; e-commerce sales and increased health care costs. The GOP-controlled Legislature will reshape the current budget and craft the next one during the upcoming session.

## BALLOT QUESTIONS

Some lawmakers are eyeing changes to South Dakota's first-in-the-nation state ballot question system, including a proposal that would ask voters to make it harder for constitutional amendments to pass at the ballot box.

House Speaker Mark Mickelson has floated an idea that would end citizens' ability to gather signatures to propose constitutional changes at all. He's also discussed giving voters a chance to scrap a victims' rights constitutional amendment approved at the ballot that critics say has brought too many unintended consequences with it.

## LAWMAKER PAY

Should legislators get a raise? It could be voters' choice. Top lawmakers are sponsoring a measure that would set legislators' salaries at one-fifth of the median income. U.S. Census numbers for 2015 show that would mean a raise of 70 percent for the state's 105 lawmakers to nearly \$10,200.

Supporters say low pay limits the pool of people who can serve as legislators.

## UNIVERSITY UNIONS

Faculty take note: Mickelson has proposed ending collective bargaining at South Dakota's public universities.

Mickelson has said he doesn't think collective bargaining "serves the mission of educating our kids." Union contracts cover more than 1,300 staff members at the state's six public universities and at schools for the blind and deaf.

The union negotiates on issues such as academic freedom, grievance rights, evaluation and tenure, but members can't bargain for salary and benefits.

## FLOODED LANDS

Daugaard wants lawmakers to extend an expiring law that governs the use of lakes on private land for recreation. The new rules were the product of a special legislative session last year on so-called nonmeandered waters.

Nonmeandered waters are bodies of water that weren't specially designated during government surveys in the late 1800s. Some private property has since flooded, forming new, unofficial bodies of water and creating good fishing. But that has come at the cost of farmland and pastures lost by agriculture producers.

The law restored access to nearly 30 specific lakes for public recreation hampered after a 2017 state Supreme Court decision. It also said lakes on private property are open for recreational use unless a landowner installs signs or buoys saying an area is closed.

The governor's bill would move the law's June expiration date to 2021.

## AG'S BILLS

Attorney General Marty Jackley is seeking harsher penalties for methamphetamine dealing and manufacturing. The proposed changes also include tougher sentences for meth distribution if the person has things such as cash or guns and increasing penalties for distributing the drug to a minor.

Jackley also wants to require companies to inform state residents whose personal information was acquired in a data breach. The plan would require companies to notify the attorney general if it affected

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more than 250 residents.

## Protests planned as Trump arrives in Atlanta for game

ATLANTA (AP) — Protesters plan to demonstrate against President Donald Trump when he visits Atlanta Monday for the College Football Playoff title game.

The NAACP is urging people to hold anti-Trump signs and wear white to mock the “snowflake” label Trump’s supporters use to describe their opponents. Another group, Refuse Fascism ATL, says they’ll “take a knee against Trump” outside CNN’s world headquarters near the stadium before kickoff in the game between the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia.

Atlanta police have said they will set up several designated areas for protesters and won’t interfere with demonstrations. Local, state and federal law enforcement authorities said last week that they’ve worked for months to develop security plans for the game.

## Trump book author contradicts Bannon’s explanation

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The author of an explosive new book that questions President Donald Trump’s fitness for office on Monday contradicted Steve Bannon’s explanation of comments that had angered his former boss.

Michael Wolff appeared on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” to discuss “Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House.”

In the book, Bannon, Trump’s former chief strategist, described as a meeting between Donald Trump Jr., senior campaign aides and a Russian lawyer as “treasonous” and “unpatriotic.”

The reference angered the president, who last week lashed out at Bannon, saying he “lost his mind.”

Bannon sought to make amends Sunday, saying in statement that his description wasn’t aimed at Trump’s son but at former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

But Wolff told MSNBC: “it was not directed at Manafort, it was directed directly at Don. Jr.”

Wolff’s book portrays the 45th president as a leader who doesn’t understand the weight of his office and whose competence is questioned by aides.

Trump administration officials and allies defended Trump and attacked the book Sunday.

Chief policy adviser Stephen Miller, in a combative appearance Sunday on CNN, described the book as “nothing but a pile of trash through and through.”

CIA Director Mike Pompeo said Trump was “completely fit” to lead the country.

“These are from people who just have not accepted the fact that President Trump is the United States president and I’m sorry for them in that,” Pompeo, who gives Trump his regular intelligence briefings, said on “Fox News Sunday.”

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said she visits the White House once a week, and “no one questions the stability of the president.”

“I’m always amazed at the lengths people will go to, to lie for money and for power. This is like taking it to a whole new low,” she told ABC’s “This Week.”

That picture, said Miller, “is so contrary to reality, to the experience of those who work with him.”

Miller also criticized Bannon, who is quoted extensively in the book, saying it was “tragic and unfortunate” that Bannon “would make these grotesque comments so out of touch with reality and obviously so vindictive.”

Bannon is chairman of Breitbart News, and his comments caused a key Bannon backer, Rebekah Mercer, the billionaire GOP donor and Breitbart co-owner, to distance her family from him.

In his statement Sunday, Bannon praised Trump Jr. as “both a patriot and a good man.”

“I regret that my delay in responding to the inaccurate reporting regarding Don Jr has diverted attention from the president’s historical accomplishments in the first year of his presidency,” Bannon said in the

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statement, which was first obtained by the news site Axios.

Miller's interview on CNN's "State of the Union" quickly grew heated, with Miller criticizing CNN's coverage and moderator Jake Tapper accusing Miller of speaking to an audience of one: his boss.

Tapper abruptly ended the interview, saying: "I think I've wasted enough of my viewers' time."

Soon after, Trump tweeted: "Jake Tapper of Fake News CNN just got destroyed in his interview with Stephen Miller of the Trump Administration. Watch the hatred and unfairness of this CNN flunky!"

Trump took the extraordinary step Saturday of using Twitter to defend his fitness for office, insisting he is "like, really smart" and, indeed, a "very stable genius." He pressed the case again on Sunday as he prepared to depart Camp David, where he spent the weekend meeting with Republican congressional leaders, top aides and Cabinet members.

"I've had to put up with the Fake News from the first day I announced that I would be running for President. Now I have to put up with a Fake Book, written by a totally discredited author," he tweeted.

On Sunday, two days after the book's release, WikiLeaks tweeted a link to an electronic image of the text. Posting the text of a book without permission would violate copyright restrictions and potentially damage sales. Yet, hours after WikiLeaks tweeted the link, "Fire and Fury" remained No. 1 on Amazon's lists of hardcover and ebook bestsellers.

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## UN raises probable death toll in migrant boat sinking to 64

ROME (AP) — The UN migration agency has raised the probable death toll to 64 in the weekend sinking of a smugglers' rubber dinghy in the Mediterranean Sea off Libya.

The Italian coast guard, hours after the boat started sinking Saturday due to a puncture, rescued 86 people from it and retrieved the bodies of eight dead women.

Flavio Di Giacomo of the International Organization for Migration says Monday that according to survivors, interviewed by the agency in Catania, Sicily, after they arrived on a rescue ship, there were 150 persons aboard the overcrowded rubber dinghy when it took off from Libya.

Rescue agencies had expressed fears shortly after the tragedy that dozens could be missing. The Italian coast guard launched a search but didn't find any more survivors or bodies.

## Oprah for President? Twitter fans make the case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oprah Winfrey's moving speech at the Golden Globes has some fans and fellow celebrities calling for her presidential run.

The actress accepted the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award at Sunday's ceremony, and it didn't take long for Twitter to start lighting up with the hashtag #Oprah2020.

Comedian Sarah Silverman tweeted "Oprah/Michelle 2020." Leslie Odom, Jr., who played Aaron Burr in the Broadway musical "Hamilton" tweeted "She's running. A new day is on the way."

Winfrey's longtime partner Stedman Graham tells the Los Angeles Times "It's up to the people" whether she will be president, adding "she would absolutely do it."

Winfrey brought the typically rowdy crowd to silence and tears with her speech.

She spoke of seeing Sidney Poitier win an Academy Award when she was a girl, and weaved it into the #MeToo movement.

## Oil tanker burning off China's coast at risk of exploding

By GERRY SHIH, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — An oil tanker that caught fire after colliding with a freighter off China's east coast is at risk of exploding and sinking, Chinese state media reported Monday, as authorities from three countries



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struggled to find its 32 missing crew members and contain oil spewing from the blazing wreck.

State broadcaster China Central Television, citing Chinese officials, said none of the 30 Iranians and two Bangladeshis who have been missing since the collision late Saturday had been found as of 8 a.m. Monday. Search and cleanup efforts have been hampered by fierce fires and poisonous gases that have engulfed the tanker and surrounding waters, CCTV reported.

The Panama-registered tanker Sanchi was sailing from Iran to South Korea when it collided with the Hong Kong-registered freighter CF Crystal in the East China Sea, 257 kilometers (160 miles) off the coast of Shanghai, China's Ministry of Transport said.

China, South Korea and the U.S. have sent ships and planes to search for the Sanchi's crew, all of whom remain missing. The U.S. Navy, which sent a P-8A aircraft from Okinawa, Japan, to aid the search, said late Sunday that none of the missing crew had been found.

All 21 crew members of the Crystal, which was carrying grain from the United States to China, were rescued, the Chinese ministry said. The Crystal's crew members were all Chinese nationals.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the collision.

Kwon Yong-deok, a Korea Coast Guard official, said thick black smoke was still billowing from the ship on Monday afternoon and bad weather was worsening visibility at the scene.

The Sanchi was carrying 136,000 metric tons (150,000 tons, or nearly 1 million barrels) of condensate, a type of ultra-light oil, according to Chinese authorities, who have dispatched three ships to clean the spill.

By comparison, the Exxon Valdez was carrying 1.26 million barrels of crude oil when it spilled 260,000 barrels into Prince William Sound off Alaska in 1989, badly damaging local ecology and the area's fishing-based economy.

But the size of the oil slick from the Sanchi — and the scale of the environmental toll — may be smaller. Unlike the thick crude that gushed out of the Valdez, much of the light, gassy condensate from the Sanchi may have evaporated or burned immediately, Kwon said.

The Sanchi's own fuel that leaked during the collision will be more difficult to clean, officials said.

South Korean petrochemical company Hanwha Total Co., a 50-50 partnership between the Seoul-based Hanwha Group and French oil giant Total, said in an email to the AP it had contracted the Sanchi to import Iranian condensate to South Korea.

A Hanwha Total spokesman, who asked not to be named citing office policies, said there is "little possibility" that condensate would leave traces in the ocean after it burned. He added the losses would be covered by an insurance company. The Sanchi's cargo was estimated to be worth more than \$60 million.

The tanker has operated under five different names since it was built in 2008, according the U.N.-run International Maritime Organization. The IMO listed its registered owner as Hong Kong-based Bright Shipping Ltd., on behalf of the National Iranian Tanker Co., a publicly traded company based in Tehran. The National Iranian Tanker Co. describes itself as operating the largest tanker fleet in the Middle East.

An official in Iran's Oil Ministry, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters, said the tanker was owned by the National Iranian Tanker Co. and confirmed that 30 of the tanker's 32 crew members were Iranians.

"We have no information on their fate," he said Sunday. "We cannot say all of them have died, because rescue teams are there and providing services."

It's the second collision for a ship from the National Iranian Tanker Co. in less than a year and a half. In August 2016, one of its tankers collided with a Swiss container ship in the Singapore Strait, damaging both ships but causing no injuries or oil spill.

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## Pope urges efforts to rebuild trust in North Korea, Syria

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis urged concerted international efforts Monday to rebuild trust on the Korean peninsula and in Syria, using his annual foreign policy address to demand that political leaders put the dignity of their people before war, profit or power.

In a wide-ranging speech to ambassadors from some 185 nations, Francis reaffirmed the need to respect the status quo of Jerusalem and refrain from any initiative that exacerbates hostilities.

Francis didn't cite the United States by name, but many elements of his speech could have been read as an implicit appeal to the Trump administration: He called for governments to provide universal health care for all, demanded they respect commitments made in Paris in 2015 to curb global warming, urged them to better integrate migrants and to participate in a "serene and wide-ranging debate" on nuclear disarmament.

Speaking on the 100th anniversary of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson's proposed League of Nations, Francis said today's leaders can learn two lessons from the ashes of World War I: "That victory never means humiliating a defeated foe," and that war isn't deterred by the "law of fear, but rather by the power of calm reason."

Francis has voiced rising alarm about the threat of nuclear conflict in the Koreas, asserting at a special Vatican nuclear conference in November that there simply is no reason for an atomic arms race and every reason to destroy existing stockpiles. On Monday, he listed the threat of nuclear war on the Korean peninsula at the top of his rundown of global hot spots.

He said it was of "paramount importance" to support every effort at dialogue "in order to find new ways of overcoming the current disputes, increasing mutual trust and ensuring a peaceful future for the Korean people and the entire world."

He also called for confidence-building measures in Syria and for the international community to facilitate the return of all refugees, particularly Christians who have fled communities that have had a Christian presence since the time of Christ.

He didn't refer to the U.S. decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem, but he cited "recent" tensions in the Holy Land in renewing what he called the Vatican's "pressing appeal that every initiative be carefully weighed so as to avoid exacerbating hostilities." He urged a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians and for Jerusalem's status quo to be respected, noting the city is sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Francis' sole mention of his native Latin America was over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Venezuela, where the Holy See had tried — but failed — to facilitate talks between the government and the opposition. The Argentine pope said he hoped elections this year in Venezuela would resolve the existing conflicts and give residents hope for the future.

## Oprah, 'Three Billboards' triumph at black-draped Globes

By JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

With a red carpet dyed black by actresses dressed in a color-coordinated statement, the Golden Globes were transformed into an A-list expression of female empowerment in the post-Harvey Weinstein era. Oprah Winfrey led the charge.

"For too long women have not been heard or believed if they dared to speak their truth to the power of those men," said Winfrey, accepting the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement. "But their time is up. Their time is up!"

More than any award handed out Sunday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, Winfrey's speech, which was greeted by a rousing, ongoing standing ovation, encapsulated the "Me Too" mood at an atypically powerful Golden Globes. The night — usually one reserved for more carefree partying — served as Hollywood's fullest response yet to the sexual harassment scandals that have roiled the film industry and laid bare its gender inequalities.

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"A new day is on the horizon!" promised Winfrey, who noted she was the first black woman to be given the honor.

With a cutting stare, presenter Natalie Portman followed Winfrey's speech by introducing, as she said, "the all-male" nominees for best director.

The movie that many believe speaks most directly to the current moment — "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," about a mother avenging the rape and murder of her daughter — emerged as the night's top film. It won best picture, drama, best actress, drama, for Frances McDormand, best supporting actor for Sam Rockwell and best screenplay for writer-director Martin McDonagh.

Accepting her award, McDormand granted she was befuddled at the identities of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, but gave them credit. "At least they managed to elect a female president," she said. She added that the evening indeed had a special feeling.

"Trust me, the women in this room tonight are not here for the food," said McDormand.

Host Seth Meyers opened the night by diving straight into material about the sex scandals. "Good evening ladies and remaining gentlemen," he began. In punchlines on Weinstein — "the elephant not in the room" — Kevin Spacey and Hollywood's deeper gender biases, Meyers scored laughs throughout the ballroom, and maybe a sense of release.

"For the male nominees in the room tonight, this is the first time in three months it won't be terrifying to hear your name read out loud," said Meyers.

The first award of the night, perhaps fittingly, went to one of Hollywood's most powerful women: Nicole Kidman, for her performance in HBO's "The Big Little Lies," a series she and Reese Witherspoon also produced. Kidman chalked the win up to "the power of women."

"Big Little Lies" won a leading four awards, including best limited series and best supporting actress for Laura Dern. Like seven other female stars, Dern walked the red carpet with a women's rights activist as part of an effort to keep the Globes spotlight trained on sexual harassment. Dern was joined by farmworker advocate Monica Ramirez, Michelle Williams with "Me Too" founder Tarana Burke, and Meryl Streep with domestic worker advocate Ai-jen Poo.

"May we teach all of our children that speaking out without fear of retribution is our new North Star," said Dern, accepting her Globe.

Other winners continued the theme. Amazon's recently debuted "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," about a 1950s housewife who takes up stand-up comedy, won best TV series comedy, and best actress for Rachel Brosnahan. Elisabeth Moss, accepting an award for her performance in Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale," movingly dedicated her award to Margaret Atwood, whose book the show is based on. "The Handmaid's Tale" later added the award for best TV series, drama.

"We no longer live in the blank white spaces at the edge of print," said Moss, referencing Atwood's prose. "We no longer live in the gaps between the stories. We are the stories in print and we are writing the stories ourselves."

Hollywood's awards season is seen as wide open. And though the Globes have little correlation with the Oscars, a handful of movies came away with big wins.

Greta Gerwig's mother-daughter tale "Lady Bird" won best picture, comedy or musical, and best actress honors for Saoirse Ronan. Guillermo del Toro's Cold War-era fantasy "The Shape of Water" won for its score and del Toro's directing. The emotional Mexican-born filmmaker wiped back tears and managed to quiet the music that urged him off.

Notably left empty-handed were Christopher Nolan's "Dunkirk," Jordan Peele's horror sensation "Get Out" and Steven Spielberg's "The Post," starring Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep. At the top of the show, Meyers alluded to Spielberg's film's awards-season bona fides, feigned to present an armful of Globes before the show even started.

The Globes had long been the stomping grounds of disgraced mogul Weinstein, whose downfall precipitated allegations against James Toback, Spacey and many others. Weinstein presided over two decades of Globes winners and was well-known for his savvy manipulation of the 89-member press association.



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Though it bills itself as Hollywood's biggest party, the Golden Globes struck a slightly more formal, Oscar-like tone, complete with moments of appreciation for movie legends. Kirk Douglas, 101, appearing with his daughter-in-law, Catherin Zeta-Jones, received a warm standing ovation.

Best actor in a comedy or musical went to James Franco for his performance as the infamous "The Room" filmmaker Tommy Wiseau. Franco dragged his co-star and brother, Dave, to the stage and called up Wiseau. When the Wiseau, wearing his trademark sunglasses, got to the stage, he moved for the microphone before Franco turned him back. "Whoa, whoa, whoa," said Franco as the audience chuckled.

Gary Oldman, considered by some to be the best actor front runner, won for his Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour," edging out newcomer Timothee Chalamet ("Call Me By Your Name") and Hanks.

Best foreign language film went to Germany's "In the Fade." Allison Janney took best supporting actress in a comedy for the Tonya Harding tale "I, Tonya." Aziz Ansari took best actor in a comedy series for his Netflix show "Master of None."

Best animated film went to the Pixar release "Coco." Pixar co-founder John Lasseter is taking a "six-month sabbatical" after acknowledging "missteps" in his workplace behavior. Backstage, "Coco" director Lee Unkrich was asked about changes at Pixar. "We can all be better," he said. "We have been taking steps and continue to move forward to create art."

Sunday night's black-clad demonstration was promoted by the recently formed Time's Up: an initiative of hundreds of women in the entertainment industry—including Streep, Williams, Dern and Winfrey—who have banded together to advocate for gender parity in executive ranks and provide legal defense aid for sexual harassment victims.

Ashley Judd, the first big name to go on record with her Weinstein experience, and Salma Hayek, who last month penned an op-ed about her nightmare with Weinstein, arrived together.

Just about everyone, woman and man, celebrity and red-carpet reporter, was dressed in black, many of them wearing a Time's Up pin. "This Is Us" star Chris Sullivan even sported black fingernails. Later, his co-star Sterling K. Brown won for best drama actor. Brown, the first black man to win the category, thanked "This Is Us" creator Dan Fogelman.

"You wrote a role for a black man that can only be played by a black man," said Brown. "I'm being seen for who I am."

Though the atmosphere was still buoyant and positive, the usually superficial red carpet had unusual exchanges. While being interviewed live on E!, Debra Messing called out the network for allegedly not paying its female hosts the same as its male hosts. E!'s Catt Sadler recently departed after she said she learned she was making about half the pay of her male counterpart, Jason Kennedy.

It was just another illustration of how the "MeToo" reckoning that has plowed through Hollywood has upended awards season. Among the nominees Sunday was Christopher Plummer, who was brought in at the last minute to erase Spacey from "All the Money in the World."

But the night belonged to women. Even Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, marking the 25th anniversary of "Thelma & Louise," were brought in as much-cheered presenters.

Said Davis with thick irony: "They love that we fixed everything."

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For full coverage of awards season, visit: <https://apnews.com/tag/AwardsSeason>

## 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. PRESIDENT'S SUPPORTERS CIRCLE THE WAGONS

Trump administration officials and allies are rallying to the president's defense, trying to contain the fallout from an explosive new book that questions Trump's fitness for office.

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## 2. WHAT DOMINATED THE GOLDEN GLOBES

Oprah Winfrey's speech, and actresses dressed in black in solidarity, transformed the awards into an A-list expression of female empowerment in the post-Harvey Weinstein era.

## 3. WHO WANTS UNIVERSAL COVERAGE

Democrats shift to offense on health care, emboldened by successes in defending the Affordable Care Act and seeking a government guarantee of inexpensive treatment for all.

## 4. HOW AUTOMATION IS AFFECTING SHELF STOCKERS, CASHIERS

The retail industry is being radically reshaped by technology, the explosion of online shopping and the related changes in consumer behavior and preferences.

## 5. SOON TO BE FACE-TO-FACE ON THE PENINSULA

Rare talks Tuesday between the two Koreas have raised hopes for Olympic cooperation, but sharp differences are expected on political and military issues.

## 6. OLD TWEETS MAY SPELL TROUBLE FOR TRUMP

Atlanta, where President Trump will attend college football's biggest game, hasn't forgotten how a year ago he disparaged the city as "falling apart" and "crime infested."

## 7. ON THE EDGE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

An oil tanker on fire after a collision off China's east coast is at risk of exploding and sinking, while authorities search for its 32 missing crew members and contain oil spewing from the wreck.

## 8. A PROFITABLE TIME FOR PLAYING THE NUMBERS

A lone Powerball ticket sold in New Hampshire will claim a \$559.7 million jackpot, a day after another single ticket sold in Florida nabbed \$450 million.

## 9. WHAT NEW FEATURES ARE ON THE LATEST TELEVISIONS

TV manufacturers are showcasing new models at the CES gadget show in Las Vegas this week — all with acronyms to set their sets apart.

## 10. A POPULAR VEGETABLE IN REALLY SMALL DOSES

An Israeli company is growing the "drop tomato," about the size of a blueberry and possibly the smallest of its kind.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2018. There are 357 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 8, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

### On this date:

In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

In 1867, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in overriding President Andrew Johnson's veto of the District of Columbia Suffrage Bill, giving black men in the nation's capital the right to vote.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1968, the Otis Redding single "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In 1976, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai, 77, died in Beijing.

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In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

In 1998, Ramzi Yousef (RAHM'-zee YOO'-sef), the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner (LAWF'-nur) was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.)

Ten years ago: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton powered to victory in New Hampshire's 2008 Democratic primary in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurrecting her bid for the White House; Sen. John McCain defeated his Republican rivals to move back into contention for the GOP nomination. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan, the only officer charged in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, was cleared of criminal wrongdoing. Paintings by Pablo Picasso and Brazilian painter Candido Portinari, stolen from Brazil's Sao Paulo Museum in December 2007, were recovered.

Five years ago: Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, Mark Kelly, launched a political action committee aimed at curbing gun violence as her Arizona hometown paused to mark the second anniversary of the deadly shooting rampage.

One year ago: A Palestinian truck driver rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers, killing at least four people in one of the deadliest attacks of a year and half-long wave of violence (the driver was shot dead). "La La Land" won seven Golden Globe Awards, including best motion picture, comedy or musical, while "Moonlight" was recognized as best movie drama; Meryl Streep, accepting a lifetime achievement award, criticized President-elect Donald Trump without mentioning him by name.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 95. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 90. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 85. Singer Shirley Bassey is 81. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 80. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 77. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 76. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 76. Singer Juanita Cowart Motley (The Marvelettes) is 74. Actress Kathleen Noone is 73. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 72. Movie director John McTiernan is 67. Actress Harriet Sansom Harris is 63. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is 60. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 54. Actress Maria Pitillo (pih-TIHL'-loh) is 53. Actress Michelle Forbes is 53. Singer R. Kelly is 51. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 49. Actress Ami Dolenz is 49. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 45. Country singer Tift Merritt is 43. Actress-rock singer Jenny Lewis is 42. Actress Amber Benson is 41. Actor Scott Whyte is 40. Singer-songwriter Erin McCarley is 39. Actress Sarah Polley is 39. Actress Rachel Nichols is 38. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 36. Rock musician Disashi Lumumbo-Kasongo (dih-SAH'-shee LUHM'-uhm-boh kuh-SAHN'-goh) (Gym Class Heroes) is 35. Actor Freddie Stroma is 31.

Thought for Today: "The devil is easy to identify. He appears when you're terribly tired and makes a very reasonable request which you know you shouldn't grant." — Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York City (1882-1947).

## Riddle Answer

**He is playing baseball and the masked man is the Catcher.**