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## Gun Show

**GUN SHOW:** Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association 16th Annual ABERDEEN Gun Show. New location. Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dakota Event Center on LaMont East. Roger Krumm 701-851-0129. (...0203)



## Pre-order by Sunday, Jan. 14 for that someone special on Valentine's Day

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## Upcoming Events

On Saturday, Jan. 13, the boys will be playing with the following schedule at the Redfield Shoot-out: Parkston vs. Flandreau Indian at noon, Little Wound vs. Warner at 1:30 p.m., Aberdeen Christian vs. Platte-Geddes at 3 p.m., Timber Lake vs. Redfield-Doland at 4:30 p.m. and Dell Rapids vs. Groton Area at 6 p.m.

There is open gym on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for JK through eighth grade and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for sixth grade through seniors.

On Monday, Jan. 15, Langford Area will come to Groton Area with the junior varsity game starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the varsity match.

## Dunker Christmas Party

The annual Dunker Christmas party was held on Dec. 26, 2017, at the Groton Community Center. Members of the Knick-rehm family served as hosts for the evening.

The fifty-two family members who attended were Gordon and Dorene Nelson, Groton, SD; JoAnn Russ, Pueblo, CO; Gary and Carmel Willett, Carver, MN; Christopher and Cassie Willett St. Paul, MN; and Nicholas Willett, Aurora, CO (Hazel Sager family); Roberta Olson, Brookings, SD; Carol Osterman, Groton, SD; Aaron Monagale-Olson and Amelia, Berkeley, CA; Aaron's mother-in-law Kathrine Monagle and her daughter Ann Monagle, Prescott, AZ; Todd and Sandy Osterman and Lexi, Conde, SD; Bob and Angie Osterman, Andover, SD; Lee and Michelle Wasland, Kanin and Grady, Florence, SD; Loren and Katie Osterman, Drake, Gunner, and Hadley, Conde, SD; Chris and Nicole Freeman and Raelynn, Sioux Falls, SD; and Jason and Bridget Osterman and Logan, Andover, SD (Inez Knick-rehm family); Phyllis Halvorson, Aberdeen, SD; Lew Borge, Aberdeen, SD; Ralph and Jan Borge, Aberdeen, SD; and Richard Halvorson, Mellette, SD; (Evelyn Clausen family); Carol Dunker, Aberdeen, SD; Darlyne Johnson, Stratford, SD; Buzz and Linda Anderson, Eagan, MN; Reid and Nicole Johnson, Carlee and Liam, Groton, SD; and Laef Johnson, Minneapolis, MN (Ray Dunker family); Sandy Strom, Groton, SD; Nancy Larsen, Groton, SD; Steve and Betty Dunker, Groton, SD (Dale Dunker family).

Following a potluck dinner, Dorene Nelson served as the MC, and JoAnn Russ provided the musical accompaniment for the Christmas carols. Introduction of those at the Dunker Family Christmas was followed by up-to-date information from all family members present. Several of the twelve first cousins shared some memories and interesting stories.



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## Sisseton boys run past Tigers

Sisseton made 51 percent of its field goals and forced 23 Groton Area turnovers to dominate the Northeast Conference Game with a 71-46 win at Sisseton.

Sisseton led at the quarterstops at 20-7, 37-16 and 62-32.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Seric Shabazz with nine, Treyton Diegel had eight, Jonathan Doeden six, Andrew Rintala three, Brandon Keith, Marshall Lane, Kaden Kurtz and Peyton Johnson each had two points and Anthony Sippel had one.

Groton Area made 36 percent of its field goals, was 12 of 16 from the line for 75 percent off of Sisseton's 17 team fouls, Seric Shabazz and Andrew Rintala each had two of the team's eight assists and 15 of Groton's 23 turnovers were steals.

Sisseton controlled the boards, 36-25 as the Tigers had only four offensive rebounds.

The Redmen were led in scoring by Dion Iyarpeya with 21 followed by Bonji Thompson with 17, Spencer Weatherstone 13, Nate Nielsen seven, Hunter Ryan and Ramsey Heinecke with four each, Ty Peterson had three and Caesten Archer added two points. The Redmen shot 51 percent from the field and made 50 percent of their three-pointers, was seven of 12 from the line for 58 percent off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls, had 10 assists and 14 turnovers of which seven were steals with Anthony Sippel having three.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 42-20. Scoring for the Tigers were Cade Guthmiller with 10, Kaden Kurtz four, Darien Shabazz three, Austin Jones two and Peyton Johnson added a free throw.



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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## Boys Varsity Stat Sheet vs. Sisseton

VISITOR: Groton ( )

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG			3-PT		REBOUNDS								MIN		
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S
20	KEITH, BRANDON	F	1	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	22:56	
42	DEHOET, BRODYN	C	4	9	1	4	2	3	1	3	4	3	11	0	1	0	14:12	
3	SIPPEL, ANTHONY	G	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	3	0	14:00	
4	DOEDEN, JONATHAN	G	2	4	0	0	2	3	0	2	2	2	6	0	4	0	22:13	
5	SHABAZZ, SERIC	G	3	7	1	2	2	3	0	4	4	3	9	2	2	0	19:03	
10	LANE, MARSHALL		0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	3	0	0:06	
11	RINTALA, ANDREW		1	8	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	4	0	12:45	
12	SHABAZZ, DARIEN		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
14	KURTZ, KADEN		0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8:00	
22	GUTHMILLER, CADE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
34	JONES, AUSTIN		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
40	JOHNSON, PEYTON		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	9:48	
50	TRAPHAGEN, TRISTAN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
55	DIEGEL, TREYTON		3	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	8	1	4	0	4:57	
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3								
Team Totals			15	42	4	16	12	16	4	21	25	14	46	8	23	0	7	160

Total FG% - 1st: 6/20 0.300 2nd: 9/22 0.409 Game: 0.357 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/6 0.167 2nd: 3/10 0.300 Game: 0.250 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/3 1.000 2nd: 9/13 0.692 Game: 0.750 (1,0)

HOME: Sisseton ( )

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG			3-PT		REBOUNDS								MIN		
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S
12	Archer, Caesten	*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	10:23	
20	Ryan, Hunter	*	2	6	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	2	4	2	4	0	20:02	
22	Nielsen, Nate	*	3	14	1	3	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	0	2	0	24:00	
30	Iyarpeya, Dion	*	9	12	3	4	0	0	1	8	9	2	21	2	2	1	10:59	
54	Weatherstone, Spencer*		4	9	0	0	5	7	3	4	7	1	13	1	0	0	25:59	
10	Donnell, Xavier		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8:00	
24	Thompson, Bonji		7	9	1	1	2	3	2	3	5	0	17	3	0	0	4:54	
32	Tchida, Anthony		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	8:00	
34	Goodhart, Dylan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
40	Peterson, Ty		1	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	1	0	0	17:42	
44	Hanson, Reece		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8:00	
50	Heinecke, Ramsey		2	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	1	2	0	14:01	
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	2	2								
Team Totals			29	57	6	12	7	12	10	26	36	17	71	10	14	1	15	160

Total FG% - 1st: 16/33 0.485 2nd: 13/24 0.542 Game: 0.509 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/9 0.333 2nd: 3/3 1.000 Game: 0.500 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/6 0.333 2nd: 5/6 0.833 Game: 0.583 (2,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	7	9	16	14	46
Sisseton	20	17	25	9	71

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Sisseton 4th-08:00  
 Largest lead: Groton NONE, Sisseton by 34 4th-08:00  
 Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							MIN		
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S
12 SHABAZZ, DARIEN	F	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	2	0	1	24:00
34 JONES, AUSTIN	F	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	2	24:00
40 JOHNSON, PEYTON	C	0	4	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	2	1	0	2	0	0	8:00
14 KURTZ, KADEN	G	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	4	0	0	32:00
22 GUTHMILLER, CADE	G	4	8	2	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	10	1	1	0	2	24:00
4 DEHOET, CYRUS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00
5 COGLEY, JACKSON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
20 SIMON, LUCAS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
32 LARSON, CHANDLER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
50 TRAPHAGEN, TRISTAN		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	24:00
55 Diegel, Treyton		0	11	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3				3			
Team Totals		7	32	3	16	3	4	2	16	18	10	20	4	16	0	6	160

Total FG% - 1st: 5/14 0.357 2nd: 2/18 0.111 Game: 0.219 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/5 0.200 2nd: 2/11 0.182 Game: 0.188 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/2 1.000 2nd: 1/2 0.500 Game: 0.750 (0,0)

HOME: Sisseton ( )

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							MIN		
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S
32 Tchidacn, Anthony	*	2	7	0	3	0	1	2	6	8	1	4	1	3	0	2	24:00
34 Goodhart, Dylan	*	4	9	0	2	0	0	1	3	4	2	8	0	3	0	1	24:00
40 Peterson, Ty	*	2	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	16:00
44 Hanson, Reece	*	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	6	1	3	0	1	32:00
50 Heinecke, Ramsey	*	2	6	1	3	1	2	4	3	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	16:00
10 Donnell, Xavier		1	2	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	16:00
14 Kranhold, Andrew		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
20 ThinElk, Jesi		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
24 Anderson, Trevor		3	6	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	0	8	1	1	0	2	24:00
32 Wauna, Marcel		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	8:00
52 Brant, Jaylyn		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								2	2	4				1			
Team Totals		18	44	3	12	3	10	14	24	38	9	42	6	11	0	8	160

Total FG% - 1st: 8/21 0.381 2nd: 10/23 0.435 Game: 0.409 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/7 0.143 2nd: 2/5 0.400 Game: 0.250 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/6 0.167 2nd: 2/4 0.500 Game: 0.300 (3,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton Area	8	5	3	4	20
Sisseton	10	8	12	12	42

Last FG: Add New Team 4th-08:00, Add New Team 4th-08:00  
 Largest lead: Add New Team NONE, Add New Team by 22 4th-08:00  
 Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 0 times

## Andrew Kallman Hits the Game Winner in 71-69 Victory over Wayne State

Aberdeen, S.D. – Andrew Kallman knocked down a final second three, pushing the No. 9 Northern State University men over Wayne State, 71-69. The Wolves battled to their 16th straight victory of the season, improving to 17-1 overall and 11-0 in the league.

It was a gritty game from Wachs Arena, with Northern's largest lead of 11 points coming once in each half. The Wildcats battled back from multiple deficits, taking the 69-68 lead with just 38 seconds remaining in regulation. Following the timeout, the Wolves in-bound the ball with 33 seconds to go and ran the clock down. Logan Doyle skipped the ball over to freshman Andrew Kallman who knocked down the game winning three with ease, giving the Wolves the 71-69 lead.

Northern led 33-27 at the mid-way point, with the Wildcats storming back with 42 points to the Wolves 38 in the second. NSU was able to fend off the WSC comeback with 16 rebounds to the Wildcats ten and a 60.0 field goal percentage from the arc. For the game, the Wolves shot 44.9 percent from the floor and 47.4 percent from the arc. They out-rebounded the Wildcats 37-26, notching ten second chance points. NSU added 24 points in the paint, 17 points off the bench, and 13 points off turnovers.

Ian Smith led the team with 20 points, knocking down 6-of-13 from the floor and 2-of-4 from the 3-point line. The junior added a team leading seven rebounds, as well as two assists and one steal. DJ Pollard was second on the team with 18 points, shooting 62.5 percent from the floor, with three rebounds, one assist, and one block.

It was a career night for the freshman, as Kallman notched a team leading 12 points off the bench for a new career high. He went 4-of-5 from the 3-point and added two steals and one rebound. Justin Decker and Carter Evans notched the final five bench points for the Wolves, with Decker adding one of the team's nine made 3-pointers. Evans got things done in the paint with a team second best six rebounds, as well as two assists and three blocks. He was followed by Cole Dahl with a career high five rebounds in 13 minutes of action.

Gabe King and Logan Doyle each tallied seven points in the win. Doyle added six rebounds, while dishing out a team leading three assists including the game winner. Darin Peterka rounded out the starting five with two points, as well as a team leading two steals and three assists.

Northern returns to action tonight at 6 p.m. from Wachs Arena, against the Vikings of Augustana.

## Ristau's Fourth Double-Double helps Wolves Defeats Wildcats

Aberdeen S.D. - The #20 Wolves picked up their fifth straight win in conference play Friday night, a 81-71 win over Wayne State. The Wolves improve to 14-2 overall and 10-1 in NSIC play.

The Wolves took a 5-point on the Wildcats lead after one quarter of play. The second quarter saw the Wolves extend the lead to 13 going into the halftime break. Northern State only allowed 34.3 percent from the field in the first half. Northern added 40 points in the second half to secure the 10-point victory over the Wildcats.

The Wolves shot 56.3 percent from the floor for the game and 66.6 percent from the arc in the win. They out-rebounded the Wildcats 41-30 for the game and had 15 second chance points off of 12 offensive rebounds. Defensively, the Wolves held the Wildcats to 34.3 field goal percentage and 33.3 3-point percentage. Northern State added 54 points in the paint, 14 points off turnovers, and 24 bench points.

Miranda Ristau led the Wolves with a double-double, notching 27 points and ten rebounds. She was second on the team in assists with five and shot 65 percent from the field. Conrad and Tappe were also in double figures with ten each. Jill Conrad added a season high eight assists and five rebounds, while Tappe added seven rebounds and five rebounds in the win.

Flakus and Kusler were the other two starters; they both finished with five points. Brianna Kusler also added seven rebounds and two steals. Brynn Flakus finished with two assists and one steal to go along with her five points.

Haley Froelich led the bench scoring with nine points and two rebounds, shooting 4-for-6 from the field. Anika Fredrick came off the bench, and had four points, four assists, and two rebounds. Alayna Johnson made both of her shots from the field and also made a free throw to tally five points. Gabby Laimer made one of the four 3-pointers for the Wolves. Sara Tvedt also had three points and two rebounds to finish the scoring for the Wolves.

The Wolves return to action this afternoon from Wachs Arena for a 4 p.m. matchup against the #11 Vikings of Augustana.



## The Life of Janice Herman



Services for Janice Herman, 72, formerly of Conde will be 10 a.m., Monday, January 15th at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson and Rev. Jacqueline Braun will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, from 6–8 p.m.

Janice passed away January 10, 2018 at the Salem Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Janice Martha was born on June 15, 1945 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Carl and Martha (Elfmann) Gerhard. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Janice graduated from Conde High School in 1964 and then went on to attend the Aberdeen School of Commerce. On June 11, 1966, she was united in marriage with Richard Herman at St. Paul's Lutheran

Church in Ferney. They farmed in the Conde area.

Janice was active in the community, including the Conde American Legion Auxiliary and coordinating the local blood drives. She was well-known for her delicious pies. Janice continued to enjoy cards, board games and reading Debbie Macomber books. After her husband's passing, she was able to stay in her home due to the wonderful outpouring of community support. Janice entered Salem Care and Rehabilitation Center in December of 2010. She was truly grateful for all of her caregivers.

Celebrating her life are her children, Vonnie (Bill) Barnett of Hartford, Brian Herman of Dell Rapids, her brothers, David (Helen) Gerhard of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Dale Gerhard of Sioux Falls, brother-in-law, Bruce Herman of Conde, sister-in-law, Janette Imsland of Conde and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Richard on January 10, 1999, her brother, Dennis Gerhard and sister-in-law, Peggy Gerhard.

Casketbearers will be Jim Becker, Bud Bruckner, Jerry Grimes, Lynn Grimes, Randy Hausvik, and Darin Huber.

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## Today in Weather History

January 13, 1913: The temperature at Rapid City, South Dakota, rose sixty-four degrees in just fourteen hours.

January 13, 1916: Extreme cold affected central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota on January 13th, 1916. Record low temperatures were set at Kennebec, Timber Lake, Wheaton, and Watertown. Timber lake recorded a low temperature of 37 degrees below zero, Wheaton fell to 38 degrees below zero, Kennebec recorded a low of 39 degrees below zero, with 40 degrees below zero recorded at Watertown on this day in 1916. Aberdeen and Mobridge recorded 38 degrees below zero and 36 degrees below zero, respectively.








January 13, 2009: After a clipper system dropped from 1 to 4 inches of snow on the 13th, Arctic air and blustery north winds pushed into the area. The coldest air and the lowest wind chills of the season spread across much of central and northeast South Dakota. Wind chills fell to 35 to 50 degrees below zero late in the evening of the 13th and remained through the 14th and into the mid-morning hours of the 15th. Across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota, wind chills were as low as 60 degrees below zero by the morning of the 15th. Many vehicles did not start because of the extreme cold and several schools had delayed starts. The Arctic high pressure area settled in on the morning of the 15th bringing the coldest temperatures to the region in many years. The combination of a fresh and deep snow pack, clear skies, and light winds allowed temperatures to fall to record levels at many locations on the 15th. Daytime highs remained well below zero across the area. This was one of the coldest days that most areas experienced since the early 1970s. The records were broken by 1 to as much as 7 degrees. Some of the record lows included, -30 degrees at Kennebec; -31 degrees at Sisseton; -32 degrees at Milbank; -33 degrees at Mobridge; -35 degrees at Andover and near Summit; -38 degrees at Eureka; -39 degrees 8 miles north of Columbia and Castlewood; -42 degrees at Aberdeen; and -47 degrees at Pollock. Some near record low temperatures included, -24 degrees at Pierre; -29 degrees at Redfield and Victor; -32 degrees at Roscoe; and -34 degrees at Watertown. In Aberdeen, the low temperature of -42 degrees tied the third coldest temperature ever recorded.

1862: Known as the Great Flood of 1862, a series of storms from December 1861 to January 1862 produced the largest flood in the recorded history of Oregon, Nevada, and California. Estimated property damage in California alone was \$10 million in 1862 dollars. More than 200,000 head of cattle lost their lives. The State of California went bankrupt and the economy evolved from ranching to farm based.

1950: January 1950 was one of the worst winter months on record for Seattle, Washington and surrounding areas. By the end of the month, Seattle measured 57.2 inches of snow, the most snowfall in any month since records began in 1894. Normal January snowfall is 1.4 inches. On this day, a crippling blizzard produced 40 to 50 mph winds and an amazing 20 inches.




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This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	M.L.King Day	Monday Night	Tuesday
		 40%				
Cold	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow and Patchy Blowing Snow	Patchy Blowing Snow and Blustery then Partly Cloudy	Cold	Mostly Clear	Cold
High: 7 °F	Low: -1 °F↑	High: 23 °F	Low: -13 °F	High: -4 °F	Low: -25 °F	High: 1 °F

## Searching for Warmer Weather?

### Sunday is your day!

Today	Sunday	Monday
1 to 15°	17 to 36°	-7 to +3°
	 <i>becoming breezy</i>	 <i>wind chills -40 to -25°</i>
<i>warmest temperatures over south central South Dakota</i>		

 National Weather Service  
 Aberdeen, SD

[www.weather.gov/abr](http://www.weather.gov/abr)

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The cold weather will be temporarily interrupted Sunday, before low temperatures and dangerous wind chills return Sunday night and Monday. Wind chills of 25 below to 40 below zero will be possible Sunday night through Monday.



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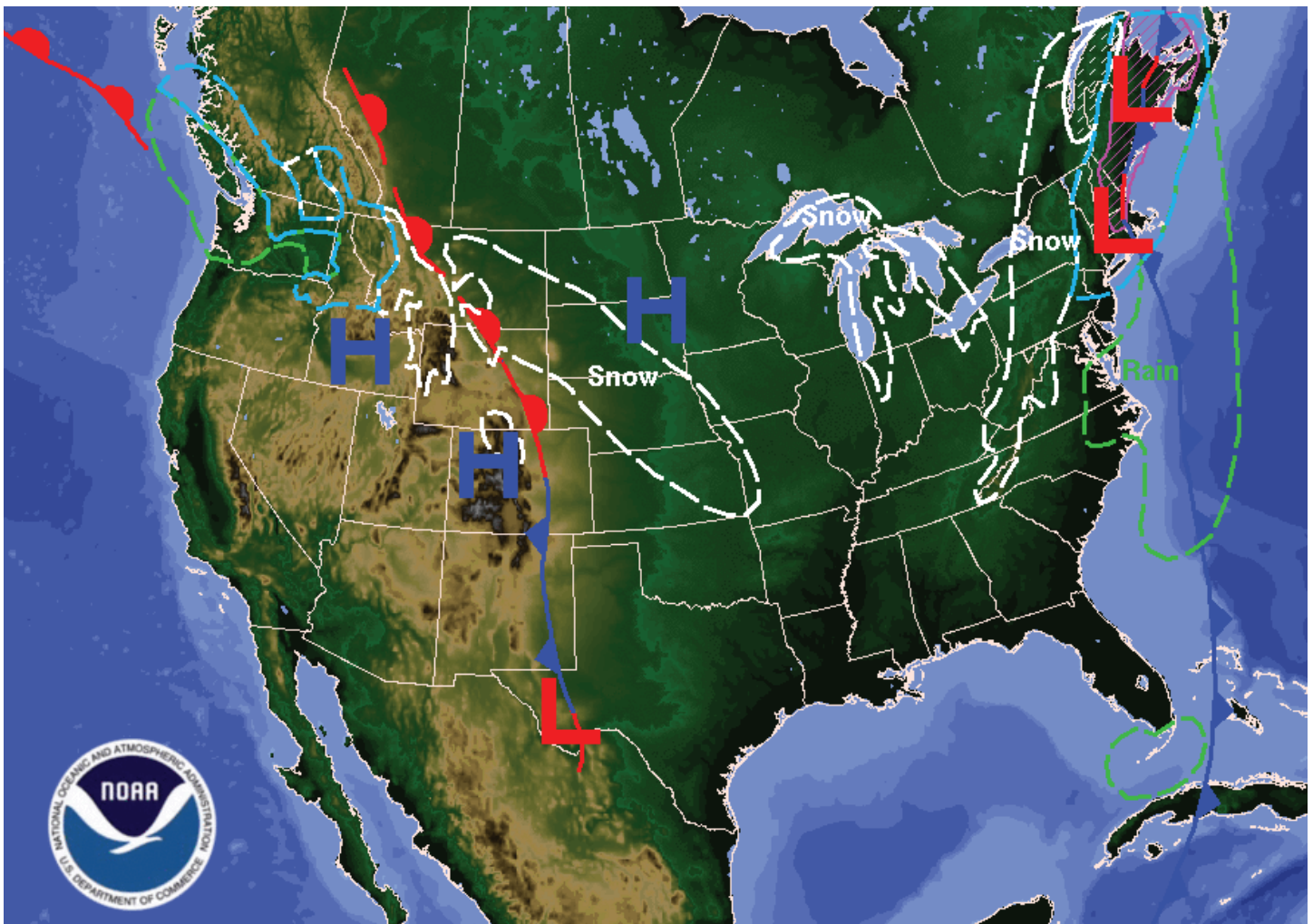
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: -.01 at 3:42 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: -14.3 at 6:14 AM**  
**Wind Chill: -23 at 7:27 AM**  
**High Gust: 12 at 8:05 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 56° in 1987**  
**Record Low: -40° in 1912**  
**Average High: 22°F**  
**Average Low: 1°F**  
**Average Precip in Jan: 0.23**  
**Precip to date in Jan: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 0.23**  
**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**  
**Sunset Tonight: 5:14 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:10 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 13, 2018, issued 3:47 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hurley 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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## ACCOUNTABILITY

There was a time on earth when there were no nations or governments. People did as they pleased. As a result, God's creation – the human race – sank into disgraceful depths of despair. God wanted to solve the problem so He covered the earth with a flood in judgment. Then He put government in the world to restrain wickedness. That first government came from God and every government ever since, has come from God.

Why? Because no one has any authority except from God. Whether those who govern us are good or bad, right or wrong, gracious or greedy – they are there because God put them there. Some use their power to do God's will. Others use their power in an attempt to go against God's will. Whoever serves the people as leaders serve as He pleases with His permission.

Yet, it follows that those who refuse to obey the laws of God will ultimately be punished for their disobedience. Perhaps they will get away with it here, but certainly not in the "hereafter."

"God presides in the great assembly," wrote Asaph, the author of Psalm 82. And he concluded, "He gives judgment among the 'gods'." In other words, if those whom God has placed in positions of leadership as rulers or judges do not rule with God's laws and commandments as their guide they will face His judgment.

Not long ago, one ruler who was dying cried out, "Now I must face the Judge. This is what disturbs me." We, too, must face this Judge. What will we face on that day?

Prayer: Lord, may we live our lives realizing that someday we will stand before You as Judge of all we have done. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 82:1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

## 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

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## Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Arlington 69, Deubrook 59  
Bridgewater-Emery 67, Menno 40  
Canistota 63, Ethan 43  
Colman-Egan 53, Estelline 25  
Corsica/Stickney 71, Kimball/White Lake 65  
Crow Creek 83, Mobridge-Pollock 48  
Dakota Valley 66, West Central 51  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 77, Lake Preston 51  
DeSmet 64, Elkton-Lake Benton 50  
Douglas 72, Belle Fourche 41  
Gregory 61, Burke/South Central 48  
Hamlin 56, Aberdeen Roncalli 52  
Harrisburg 74, Aberdeen Central 47  
Lemmon 51, Tiospaye Topa 34  
Omaha Bryan, Neb. 72, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 66  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 79, Marty Indian 65  
Pierre 58, Brookings 45  
Platte-Geddes 69, Tripp-Delmont 48  
Ponca, Neb. 70, Elk Point-Jefferson 44  
Rapid City Central 69, Campbell County, Wyo. 52  
Rapid City Stevens 55, Sturgis Brown 42  
Red Cloud 89, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 67  
Redfield/Doland 58, Deuel 47  
Sioux Valley 83, McCook Central/Montrose 29  
Sisseton 71, Groton Area 46  
Timber Lake 79, Takini 40  
Tri-State, N.D. 85, Wilmot 63  
Tri-Valley 48, Beresford 39  
Watertown 55, Huron 44  
Jones County Tournament  
Jones County 54, Stanley County 44  
Consolation Semifinal  
Colome 55, Philip 31  
Kadoka Area 63, Bennett County 55  
Semifinal  
White River 80, Lyman 53  
West River Tournament  
Consolation Semifinal  
Edgemont 40, New Underwood 33  
Newell 37, Moorcroft, Wyo. 36  
Semifinal  
Hot Springs 78, Wall 36  
Upton, Wyo. 77, Faith 50

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brandon Valley 58, Pierre 41  
Campbell County, Wyo. 61, Rapid City Central 44  
Castlewood 63, Great Plains Lutheran 31  
Clark/Willow Lake 64, Milbank 46  
Elk Point-Jefferson 42, Ponca, Neb. 38  
Flandreau 76, Madison 52  
Garretson 42, Baltic 41  
Hamlin 54, Aberdeen Roncalli 49  
Lake Preston 62, Dell Rapids St. Mary 52  
Lemmon 67, Tiospaye Topa 44  
Leola/Frederick 53, Eureka/Bowdle 27  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 48, Marty Indian 46  
Redfield/Doland 62, Deuel 38  
Sturgis Brown 50, Rapid City Stevens 45  
Tri-Valley 39, Beresford 37  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 52, Platte-Geddes 34  
Wakpala 78, Aberdeen Christian 35  
Wall 53, Custer 40  
Watertown 54, Huron 44  
Webster 60, Britton-Hecla 33  
West Central 46, St. Thomas More 44, OT  
281 Conference Tournament  
First Round  
Highmore-Harrold 67, James Valley Christian 19  
Wolsey-Wessington 64, Wessington Springs 53  
White River Tournament  
Consolation Semifinal  
Hot Springs 42, Rapid City Christian 33  
Newell 56, Upton, Wyo. 26  
Semifinal  
Faith 61, Moorcroft, Wyo. 29  
Oelrichs 46, Edgemont 39

## South Dakota volunteers needed for world archery competition

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Organizers say they'll need as many as 500 volunteers for the 2018 World Archery Indoor Championships held in southeastern South Dakota next month.

Nancy Wenande serves as the public relations director for the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex, where the world championship event will be held this February. She told the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan that more than 300 competitors from 31 nations have registered.

Volunteers will be needed for the Yankton event starting Feb. 10. Wenande said they'll have volunteer training in late January or early February.

Wenande said they're using VolunteerLocal, a site where people can register to volunteer online. Available shifts and job descriptions will be provided on the scheduling platform.

Volunteers needed include bus drivers, food service workers, and individuals to man information desks and handle identification badges for archery storage.

"We have shifts of 2-4 hours. And if you really want to volunteer and none of the shifts work for you, we can create a shift that meets your schedule," said Wenande. "We encourage people to try different jobs. And if they sign up now, they can cancel if a conflict comes up."



She said the most difficult time to find volunteers will be during weekdays. But companies have expressed interest in having their employees volunteer at the archery competition, according to Wenande.

"The businesses I talked to are really invested in this community and the events that are part of this community," she said. "There is also the recognition that this (volunteering) is the right thing to do."

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

## South Dakota historic church needs roof repair

GROTON, S.D. (AP) — A historic church in northern South Dakota is seeking help for a roof replacement project in order to preserve its more than a century-old structure.

Trinity Episcopal Church in Groton is the last remaining of the 153 churches built off architect Richard Upjohn's designs across the state, the Aberdeen American News reported. Upjohn provided free plans to build small rural churches with local materials.

According to the National Register of Historic Places, the Groton church was built in 1884. The building's roof was last repaired before 1975.

"To me preserving this Trinity church is important in that it is the last one of 153," said Topper Tastad, president of the Groton Community Historical Society. "One hundred and fifty three churches like that and this is the only one left. And this one's in incredibly good shape for being as old as it is."

Tastad said the historical society has applied for a Deadwood Fund Grant to fix the roof's shingles and holes that leak water. The grants are used for historic preservation and funded by gambling proceeds.

Tastad said the group also needs \$25,000 or in-kind labor donations to complete the project.

The structure was first built by an Episcopal congregation. It later served several other denominations and as a gathering space for early Groton residents.

Talstad said the building still holds a historical purpose, despite being deconsecrated by the church.

"It's not optional that we fix this," he said. "It's just got to be done."

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

## Semi driver suspected of purposely dumping contaminated soil

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — State officials say a semi-trailer driver hauling hazardous material to and from the Keystone oil pipeline leak site purposely dumped soil contaminated with crude oil on the side of a northeastern South Dakota road.

Brian Walsh, environmental scientist manager for the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, tells the Aberdeen American News that the semi was returning from taking soil to a landfill in Sawyer, North Dakota.

Walsh says it's suspected the driver realized there was contaminated soil in his trunk and emptied it in Marshall County before returning to the leak site near Amherst.

Officials do not know the trucking company responsible for dumping the soil, which was discovered last week. Walsh says the weight of the dirt and its oil content are not yet known.

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

## Artwork donated to North Dakota missing woman search

By JACK DURA, The Bismarck Tribune

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — When Bill Brien got the call for artwork in the search for Olivia Lone Bear, he knew he had to help.

"With art, it's an expression showing unity, hope and family because, at its core, that is what art is about: family working together," the Bismarck man said. "Contributing a piece to find Olivia is the least I could

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do, but also praying for her and a safe return for her.”

Brien donated a star he designed as a tribute to Lone Bear, who has been missing from New Town since Oct. 24. He said he never considered himself an artist until he began designing a couple months ago — funny, considering the artistry in his veins as the son of Bennett Brien, who designed the Fighting Sioux logo and sculptures on the North Dakota Capitol grounds.

From his perspective, the art has connectedness, from Lone Bear’s disappearance to his wife’s cancer. He started an art company, Bountiful Rei’s, to express his and his wife Geri’s experience with cancer.

“My wife has cancer. Olivia is missing. It’s all one and the same,” Brien said. “We’re here to help one another. We’re here to carry each other when times get tough.”

Lauren “LoLo” Head was the first artist to donate a piece of art to Lone Bear’s family. The Colorado woman of Irish and Mayan heritage said the Lone Bears’ social media posts caught her eye. She also has a sister who is Lone Bear’s age and said she wanted to make the Lone Bears something from love.

After she reached out, Matthew Lone Bear asked Head to coordinate the artwork his family has received as a response to his sister’s disappearance.

“In their darkest hours, when they are feeling alone and it’s a moment where they may feel the despair setting in or the hopelessness setting in, I believe that we’re here for (them),” Head said of the art’s meaning. “We may not know you personally, but our souls are here for you.”

Matthew Lone Bear said about 20 people have donated graphics designs and paintings to his family, the Bismarck Tribune reported. Much of it is displayed on the Facebook page, “Searching for Olivia Lone Bear.”

“We want to do something with them, but we’re not sure what yet,” he said. “All of it’s really good.”

A graphic design is forthcoming for T-shirts advocating search efforts, he added, all part of keeping his sister visible as the days and weeks tick by since she disappeared.

Lakota artist Joe Pulliam, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, donated a watercolor painting on antique ledger paper representing a woman in native dress with a cradleboard and butterflies.

A 25-year graphic designer, Pulliam said he took up watercolor to further his passions: making art and supporting others with his art, whether it be missing and murdered indigenous women, animal rescues or other efforts for reservation residents.

“It’s naturally in my blood and in my mind to help people, so whenever I’m asked, I think of it as an honor,” Pulliam said.

His piece took 10 hours to create, painted on a page from a ledger of land transactions in Sheridan County, Nebraska. Ledger art protests the perceived theft of his ancestors’ land, Pulliam said.

He and Head agreed that awareness has increased around missing and murdered indigenous women. With the advent of social media, search efforts are no longer limited to flyers and milk cartons, Head said.

“We haven’t given up on finding these women and these people that have gone missing,” Pulliam said.

Even in the maw of a North Dakota winter, the Lone Bears continue to search. Matthew Lone Bear said on Jan. 3 that warmer temperatures are on the horizon and tribal police have returned to strategize with volunteers after days of absence.

Head said she admired the Lone Bears’ perseverance.

“This family will not give up. They will never give up. I know this,” she said. “We will never give up. I can see for myself, I will never give up. If this is a lifelong journey, it is.”

Prayer also has been a form of outreach, Brien said, as he and Geri prepare to travel to Mayo Clinic, and as the Lone Bears continue their search.

“The journey that me and my wife are walking with this cancer, we hold everyone else with their struggles in our hearts as well,” he said. “We connect in that way even if physically we can’t go out and search.”

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Information from: Bismarck Tribune, <http://www.bismarcktribune.com>

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## Sticker sale raises \$7K for fire recovery in South Dakota

By TANYA MANUS, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Artist Bonny Fleming and shoppers nationwide raised \$7,000 for Legion Lake Fire recovery efforts by showing the Black Hills some love.

Fleming is a photographer and graphic designer who owns Bonzeye Studio in downtown Rapid City. The natural beauty of western South Dakota inspires much of her work, including a line of stickers. On Dec. 10, one day before the Legion Lake Fire ignited, Fleming's newest sticker design proclaiming "I Love the Black Hills" debuted in her studio.

As the Legion Lake Fire burned 85 square miles in Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park and private land, Fleming launched an impromptu fire recovery fundraiser. She posted a video on Facebook on Dec. 14 announcing the sale of "I Love the Black Hills" stickers at \$4 each, the Rapid City Journal reported. Fleming's goal was to raise \$1,000. The fundraiser turned out "a little bit better than anticipated," Fleming said, laughing.

"I didn't expect to raise the \$7,000 at all. I thought I would sell stickers and give the money away. The response was simply overwhelming. We received online orders from every corner of the country. We sold thousands in just two short weeks. I've never done anything that took off like this."

The sticker's sentiment struck a chord. Fleming had 200 stickers in stock on the first day; within 24 hours she had orders for 432 stickers and she'd already raised more than \$1,000. In the midst of the hectic Christmas season, Fleming was filling and shipping hundreds of orders a day, selling stickers in her downtown gallery and ordering more from her supplier.

"Stickers really did go everywhere," she said. "I had people come into the store and buy them and tell me they were sending stickers overseas. Everybody could pitch in and be a part of something and do something good."

Fleming credits the town of Custer and enthusiasm on social media for the fundraiser's success. "I did a little live video and the town of Custer shared it and that's when it really took off. I compare (the fundraiser) to the way the fire burned; it was going and it just exploded," Fleming said.

"The thing that was so cool for me was how many people participated. I just offered this way for people to help, and they were the ones that made it happen. It was so fantastic to be a part of it. ... I think that's the special thing about where we live. People come through and help everybody out."

Fleming concluded the fundraiser Dec. 31. On Jan. 3, she sent a \$7,000 check to the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation. The foundation will use the funds wherever they are most needed to aid fire recovery, she said.

The "I Love the Black Hills" sticker can still be purchased at [blackhillsstickers.com](http://blackhillsstickers.com), although no more proceeds will go toward fire recovery, Fleming said.

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

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Friday:

Mega Millions

17-18-33-46-60, Mega Ball: 24, Megaplier: 4

(seventeen, eighteen, thirty-three, forty-six, sixty; Mega Ball: twenty-four; Megaplier: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$45 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

## 1st trial date set in state lawsuit over opioid epidemic

By KEN MILLER, Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The first trial date has been set for a lawsuit by a state against pharmaceutical companies over the opioid epidemic, according to Oklahoma's attorney general.

Oklahoma, one of at least 13 states that have filed lawsuits against drugmakers, alleges fraudulent marketing of drugs that fueled the opioid epidemic in the lawsuit filed in June 2017, and seeks unspecified damages from Purdue Pharma, Allergan, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals and several of their subsidiaries.

"We appreciate the urgency Judge (Thad) Balkman saw in getting the case to trial," Attorney General Mike Hunter said. "Oklahomans who have suffered immeasurably from the years of fraudulent marketing campaigns will see this case resolved sooner rather than later."

Hunter said Balkman scheduled the trial to begin May 28, 2019.

The companies deny wrongdoing and say they complied with Federal Drug Administration requirements that include warning labels showing potential risks that come with using their drugs.

"We are deeply troubled by the prescription and illicit opioid abuse crisis, and are dedicated to being part of the solution," Purdue Pharma said in a statement Friday. "We vigorously deny these allegations and look forward to the opportunity to present our defense."

Teva spokeswoman Kaelan Hollon said the company "is committed to the appropriate use of opioid medicines," and complies with all state and federal drug regulations.

"Teva also collaborates closely with other stakeholders, including providers and prescribers, regulators, public health officials and patient advocates, to understand how to prevent prescription drug abuse without sacrificing patients' needed access to pain medicine," Hollon said.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office said other states that have filed lawsuits are Alaska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina and Washington state.

The state lawsuits are separate from pending lawsuits in Ohio by dozens of local governments, and lawsuits by Native American tribes in the Dakotas and Oklahoma.

In Ohio, a federal lawsuit by local governments nationwide that makes similar allegations is pending. And in South Dakota, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate filed a federal lawsuit in January against 24 opioid industry groups.

In Oklahoma, a federal judge has ruled that another similar lawsuit by the Cherokee Nation cannot be tried in tribal court, and Cherokee Nation Attorney General Todd Hembree told the Tulsa World that the tribe will re-file the lawsuit in state court.

## Supreme Court to hear sales tax collection case

By JESSICA GRESKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to wade into the issue of sales tax collection on internet purchases in a case that could force consumers to pay more for certain purchases and allow states to recoup what they say is billions in lost revenue annually.

Under previous Supreme Court rulings, when internet retailers don't have a physical presence in a state, they can't be forced to collect sales tax on sales into that state. Consumers who purchase from out-of-state retailers are generally supposed to pay the state taxes themselves, but few do. A total of 36 states and the District of Columbia had asked the high court to revisit the issue.

Large brick-and-mortar retailers like Walmart and Target have long bemoaned the fact that they have to collect sales tax on online purchases because they have physical stores nationwide. Meanwhile, smaller online retailers, who don't have vast networks of stores, don't have to collect the tax where they don't have a physical presence.

Internet giant Amazon.com fought for years against collecting sales tax but now does so nationwide, though third-party sellers on its site make their own decisions. But the case before the Supreme Court



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does directly affect other online retailers, including Overstock.com, home goods company Wayfair and electronics retailer Newegg, who are part of the case the court accepted.

States say the court's previous rulings have also hurt them. According to one estimate cited by the states in a brief they filed with the high court, they'll lose out on nearly \$34 billion in 2018 if the Supreme Court's previous rulings stand. The Government Accountability Office, which provides nonpartisan reports to Congress, wrote in a report last year that state and local governments would have been able to gain between \$8.5 billion and \$13 billion in 2017 if they could require out-of-state sellers to collect tax on sales into the state. All but five states charge a sales tax.

The Supreme Court first adopted its physical presence rule on sales tax collection in a case dealing with catalog retailers in 1967, a year that states pointed out in their brief was "two years before the moon landing and decades before" the first online retail transaction. The high court last considered the issue in 1992.

The National Retail Federation, which represents both internet and brick-and-mortar sellers, said Friday it welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to take the case.

"Unfortunately, antiquated sales tax collection rules have resulted in an uneven playing field that's making it harder for Main Street retailers to compete in today's digital economy. This is a basic question about fairness, which all of our members deserve whether they're selling in stores or online," federation president Matthew Shay said in a statement.

The case the Supreme Court agreed to hear Friday comes from South Dakota, which has no state income tax and relies on retail sales and use taxes for revenue. In 2016, South Dakota lawmakers passed a law requiring out-of-state sellers to collect and turn over sales tax to the state. The state's highest court struck down the law, citing previous Supreme Court decisions.

Overstock.com said in a statement Friday that it "looks forward to the opportunity to convince the Supreme Court to confirm its prior rulings protecting the free flow of interstate commerce from overreaching state tax laws."

The Supreme Court will probably hear arguments in the case in April.

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AP Retail Writers Anne D'Innocenzio and Joseph Pisani contributed to this report from New York.

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## Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

### American News, Aberdeen, Jan. 11

#### City should not ban driverless vehicles

Life is full of examples in which a gut reaction to ban something unknown and scary usually turns out to be a punch in the gut to those who are doing the banning.

That's what could happen to Aberdeen if the city council goes too far down the road of banning driverless vehicles.

The topic came up at a recent meeting during which the councilors were trying to level the playing field between Aberdeen's taxicab companies and transportation network companies such as Lyft.

A transportation network company is one in which customers can use an app to schedule a ride and drivers use the app to accept the fare. Payments and tips are handled electronically.

No problem working toward fairness to all involved.

During the discussion, Councilman Rob Ronayne proposed an ordinance amendment defining a "driverless vehicle," and including language that prohibits their use by both cab companies and transportation network companies.

Councilwoman Jennifer Slight-Hansen lobbied for the removal of the language, calling it unnecessary. "I don't think anyone is dealing with driverless vehicles," Slight-Hansen said.

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"They're not on the road. There's no reason to be afraid of them before they're out there," she said. Ronayne disagreed, saying driverless vehicles are in use and, to date, they don't have a good safety record. Any such a ban that would be passed in 2018 is short-sighted.

How do we know what the future of driverless vehicles might look like? Today, they seem like something from science fiction.

The fact that companies are aggressively testing this concept should intrigue city leaders, not scare them off.

What if a major company like Google or Amazon starts looking for cities to test driverless vehicles or delivery systems?

Do we really want to keep a major company from dipping its toe into Aberdeen's water? Such a dip could lead to an economic splash.

And what happens when companies already here — say maybe a Walmart — start to invest in driverless vehicles to haul freight? So Aberdeen is not going to allow such vehicles into its city limits?

This is a bad decision that can be corrected.

The council rejected the motion to remove the language about driverless vehicles. The council also approved the first reading of that ordinance that included other new rules involving transportation companies.

We urge the council not to ban driverless vehicles. Situations, opportunities and products change all the time.

Such a ban might mean a missed opportunity for our city, one that we just cannot predict today.

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## Madison Daily Leader, Madison, Jan. 10

### Proposal brings back discussion of 1996

In his State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said South Dakota asked the Trump administration to allow the state to require some Medicaid recipients to work to qualify for the government-funded health coverage for the poor.

Daugaard said the change would apply to about 4,500 low-income, able-bodied parents who are not caring for a child under the age of 1. The governor proposed piloting the new requirement in Minnehaha and Pennington counties.

Many observers will say this is a common-sense idea. If a person is receiving government benefits, and is healthy and able to do work, that person should work to help support his/her family.

Some critics will say that the government should not require any citizen to work, regardless of whether they receive government payments or benefits.

The topic reminds us of 1996, when President Bill Clinton and Congress successfully passed welfare reform through the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. Clinton had pledged during the 1992 presidential campaign to "end welfare as we know it," and congressional Republicans had included welfare reform as part of "Contract with America" that same year.

Americans had grown to believe the welfare-receiving poor had become too dependent upon public assistance, thinking that those who were on welfare for many years lost any initiative to find jobs. Those on welfare realized that taking up a job would mean not only losing benefits but also incurring child care, transportation and clothing costs.

Overall, the Act was considered a success, increasing employment and bringing down welfare costs, although some criticism remained.

Daugaard's words sound familiar to the 1990s debate. "Work is an important part of personal fulfillment," he said. "By making this adjustment to our Medicaid program, we can continue to help those who need it the most and start to connect those who can work with jobs that give them that sense of self-worth and accomplishment."

We're eager to see how far this proposal progresses. It requires approval by the federal government and successful implementation in South Dakota. We believe it deserves the chance to be put in place and monitored.

## Argus Leader, Sioux Falls, Jan. 12

### Don't let intolerance carry the day

Each year, it seems, there's an issue at the South Dakota State Legislature that epitomizes our state's tug-of-war between constructive conservatism and outright intolerance.

The latest example came Wednesday in Pierre, when Republican state senator Neal Tapio confronted members of an interfaith prayer group at the Capitol and accused them of calling him a racist in the press.

The Watertown businessman and former state director for President Trump then called into question the concept of Interfaith Day, which brought together leaders from different religions and faith groups in the face of heated political rhetoric regarding immigrants and refugees.

They sang "America the Beautiful" as Tapio launched into familiar themes, advocating heightened restrictions on Muslim travel and immigration to the United States and calling for a legislative panel to evaluate South Dakota's refugee resettlement programs.

As a likely U.S. House candidate, Tapio appears to be boosting his Trumpist bona fides while playing upon anti-Muslim and other xenophobic sentiments that have darkened the presidency at times.

Other than playing upon fears and raising his profile, it's unclear what Tapio hopes to accomplish with his crusade. The extent to which immigrants from Muslim-majority countries can relocate to the U.S. is decided at the federal level, with the constitutionality of Trump's travel ban currently being weighed in the courts.

The refugee resettlement program in South Dakota, spearheaded by Lutheran Social Services, works within parameters also set at the federal executive level, with 270 individuals in Sioux Falls and 46 in Huron resettled in the 2017 fiscal year.

While vetting procedures are crucial, Tapio's anti-Muslim proposals — including implementation of a national registration system — run counter to the constitutional principle of equal protection and also represent an "establishment" of religion in violation of the First Amendment.

Just as it's unconstitutional to use religious affiliation as a basis to deny services or status, it's also unlawful to craft policy from the perspective of Christianity as a state religion — a common theme of sloppy legislation in Pierre over the years.

At last year's session, Tapio called for lawmakers to commend Trump's policies while condemning South Dakota's resettlement system, aiming to block refugees whose beliefs could be seen as "diametrically opposed to freedom."

That effort was tabled in the Senate, and Gov. Dennis Daugaard doesn't sound eager to revisit an issue that could reflect poorly on the state's religious and racial tolerance, as well as the constitutional competence of its legislative body.

"People that seize the refugee issue and try to paint it as a threatening immigrant issue misunderstand that situation," Daugaard said this week. "I don't think that's necessary."

There's a big difference between campaigning and legislating. If Tapio wants to take his agenda to the people as a declared candidate for U.S. House, that's one thing. But carrying it into the Capitol as a state senator comes off as a grandstanding ploy that doesn't serve his constituents well.

When faith leaders from around the state feel compelled to sing patriotic songs to drown out hateful rhetoric from one of our legislators, the notion of who is "diametrically opposed to freedom" takes on a different meaning indeed.

## 2 South Dakota cities may lose only grocery stores in area

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Residents in two neighboring South Dakota cities are rushing to save the only grocery stores in their communities.

Grocer R.F. Buche is closing the CashSmart stores in Tripp and Tyndall on Jan. 31 after a continued decline in sales, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and Mitchell Daily Republic reported.

"I needed at least 50 percent of the grocery sales volume in each of those communities," said Buche.

"That meant twice as much as we were getting."

Buche said the sales volume remained far below that amount.

Since the announcement of the closures, city officials and residents have been working to keep the stores open or to find a way to eventually re-open them. The next nearest supermarket for either city would be more than 10 miles away.

The Tripp Development Corporation is looking at all options for the small community of about 640 residents.

The corporation's secretary, Jennifer Friederich, said the grocery store is the center of the Tripp community.

"We have an older population, and a lot of them can't get out of town," said Friederich.

Ron Wagner, member of the Tyndall Development Corporation, said that Tyndall officials have been unsuccessful in finding a buyer for the local store.

"We went to three different people and tried to work with them (as potential buyers), but they decided against it," said Wagner.

Due to limited options, Tyndall residents are organizing and pulling money together. A group of local investors have created the Tyndall Market LLC for purchasing and re-selling the store.

Wagner said the investment drive isn't intended to be a permanent solution.

"We're not into the business of running the grocery store itself," he said. "We want to keep it open as long as needed before someone else buys and starts it."

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

## Pipeline protester won't get more details on FBI informant

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Denver woman accused of shooting at law officers during protests in North Dakota against the Dakota Access oil pipeline will not receive more information about an FBI informant she alleges seduced her and owned the gun.

Red Fawn Fallis is to stand trial in federal court in Fargo beginning Jan. 29 on accusations that she fired a handgun three times at officers during her October 2016 arrest. No one was injured.

She has pleaded not guilty to civil disorder and weapons charges, including illegal possession of a gun by a convicted felon. She would face at least 10 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Fallis last month asked U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland to compel prosecutors to hand over more evidence, including more details about the FBI informant. She maintained the man infiltrated the protesters' camp and initiated a "duplicitous" romantic relationship with her, and that she had a right to information about "the role he played in the creation and support of the civil disorder alleged by the government, as well as his role in the events" surrounding her arrest.

The government maintained it turned over all information about the informant to the defense, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Hagler said in court documents that "defendants' reference to the FBI informant as some sort of complex issue is misplaced."

Hovland in a ruling dated Wednesday said Fallis' "displeasure" with the information she received and her "speculation" that more material exists were not sufficient arguments.

Fallis' arrest was among 761 that authorities made between August 2016 and February 2017, when at times thousands of pipeline opponents gathered in southern North Dakota to protest the \$3.8 billion project to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois.

Pipeline opponents, including four Native American tribes, fear a leak could cause catastrophic environmental harm. The Texas-based developer says its pipeline is safe.

Hovland this week ruled on numerous defense and government requests leading up to Fallis' trial, including granting her request that details about her past criminal history not be allowed. She has a 2003 conviction in Colorado for being an accessory to a felony crime.



The judge also will not allow trial witnesses to use the term "civil disorder," which Fallis maintained might not be a factual description of the protest scene, though attorneys will be able to use the term in arguments to the jury.

Hovland restricted use of the word "riot" to law officers.

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## **Watertown man charged in early morning fatal shooting**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A Watertown man has been arrested and charged in a fatal shooting. Police say 30-year-old Donald Herron is charged with first-degree manslaughter and reckless discharge of a firearm in the early Friday death of 30-year-old Seth Murray.

Police allege Herron was playing around with a handgun in a residence about 3:30 a.m. when it fired, fatally shooting Murray in the head.

Herron was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

## **Health technology firm in Sioux Falls lays off employees**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A health technology firm in Sioux Falls has laid off employees. DocuTap confirmed the Wednesday layoffs to the Argus Leader but wouldn't say how many workers lost their jobs.

Company Vice President of Marketing Dusty Schroeder said the cuts were "strategic restructuring." DocuTap sold a majority stake of the business in 2016 to private equity firm Warburg Pincus. DocuTap acquired Atlanta-based Clockwise.MD in November. In December, it filled two open executive-level positions and said it had added about 70 employees.

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

## **Aberdeen woman sentenced for exploiting 3 elderly people**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Aberdeen woman has been sentenced to five years in prison for financially exploiting three elderly people while working for a home health agency.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says 37-year-old Amy Schmidt was sentenced Thursday for grand theft. Along with her prison time, she was ordered to pay about \$7,000 in restitution.

The case was prosecuted by the attorney general's Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation Subdivision.

## **Woman pleads guilty in alleged bogus medical device scheme**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Canadian woman has pleaded guilty in federal court in South Dakota in what authorities say was a scheme to sell bogus laser medical devices known as QLasers.

The Justice Department says 63-year-old Irina Kossovskaja of Ontario, Canada, reached a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge Wednesday. She faces up to five years in prison. A sentencing date wasn't immediately set.

Three other people were charged in the case, which authorities say involved the sale of devices falsely advertised as treating more than 200 conditions, including cancer, HIV and AIDS, heart attacks, paralysis and diabetes.

Two Rapid City residents, Robert "Larry" Lytle and Fredretta Eason, have pleaded not guilty. A fourth suspect, Ronald Weir Jr., pleaded guilty a year ago.

## Leaders say Trump presidency is at odds with MLK's legacy

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK, AP National Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday of Donald Trump's presidency is taking place amid a racial firestorm of Trump's own making.

In the same week that he honored King by making a national park out of the ground where King was born and preached until his death, Trump denigrated practically the entire African diaspora, and left many Americans headed into the civil rights icon's birthday convinced that the leader of their country is a racist.

For African-Americans in particular, this latest insult from Trump felt like whiplash. Barely a year ago, America's first black president, Barack Obama, marked his final King Day in office with his usual community service; now, his successor is presiding over a racial backlash the country has hardly seen in more than a generation.

Trump has denied being racist, labeling himself the "least racist person there is" during his 2016 campaign. Some of his actions leading up to this year's federal holiday honoring King's birth seemed to be an attempt to live up to that.

He began last week by designating the historic site around King's Atlanta birth home as a national park. By week's end, Trump was signing a King holiday proclamation with the martyred activist's nephew at his side.

But in between, the president sat in a White House meeting on immigration policy and denigrated much of the African diaspora as "shithole countries" while expressing a preference for immigrants from Norway, a majority white nation.

This is the type of thing, activists, religious leaders and scholars say, that puts Trump's presidency in direct conflict with the legacy of King, who was assassinated April 4, 1968 while trying to make America a more inclusive society.

King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, will be the keynote speaker at the commemorative service honoring her father at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. As is the custom for most presidents, Trump is not expected to participate, but she does hope he will observe the holiday.

"This is what I would like President Trump to do: Don't let the King Holiday find you using your Twitter account in an inappropriate way," Bernice King told The Associated Press in an interview. "If he can dare to do that, I would be proud on that day that our president honored Dr. King by not doing things that are offensive."

Much of Trump's first year as president has been marked by racial controversy. Last February, Trump kicked off Black History Month by praising long-dead abolitionist Frederick Douglass in the present tense, as if Douglass were still alive. He referred to NFL players protesting systemic racism as "sons of bitches" and suggested they should be benched or fired for their refusal to stand during the national anthem.

During a speech to African leaders last fall, he referred to the non-existent country of "Nambia" when attempting to discuss Namibia. In June, he said Nigerian immigrants would "never go back to their huts" after coming to the U.S.

King's son, Martin Luther King III, met with Trump on the last King holiday, four days before Trump took office. He spoke to the then-president-elect about the importance of voting rights — only to see Trump establish a now-defunct commission to investigate voter fraud, which some saw as a move to intimidate minority voters.

"I would like to believe that the president's intentions are not to be divisive, but much of what he says seems or feels to be divisive," King III told AP in an interview. "It would be wonderful to have a president who talked about bringing America together and exhibited that, who was involved in doing a social project ... that would show humility."

Civil rights leaders said Friday the president's comments are not new, but are the most recent and glaring proof of Trump's racist views, and shocking to the point that congressional leaders and Americans can no longer ignore his bigotry.

"The Trump era ... is a direct assault on the legacy of Dr. King," said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor

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of Ebenezer, where King preached for the last eight years of his life. "The conversation about who we are as Americans has shifted and given in to a kind of xenophobia that makes it difficult to discuss issues that affect all Americans."

During the civil rights movement, King directly confronted and exposed the ills of racism, and led a movement that pressured the American government to end legalized segregation. He spent the last year of his life condemning what he called the "triple evils" of racism, poverty and war.

Bernice King, who serves as chief executive officer of The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, said the lesson of nonviolence is to focus on defeating injustice, not individuals. She said her father's life and work should be applied to the current moment, where racism has again come out into the open.

"Trump's election could be a blessing in disguise," Bernice King said. "This is the opportunity for America to correct itself."

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## Hawaii officials mistakenly warn of inbound missile

By AUDREY McAVOY and JENNIFER KELLEHER

HONOLULU (AP) — A push alert that warned of ballistic missile heading straight for Hawaii and sent residents into a full-blown panic Saturday was a mistake, state emergency officials said.

The emergency alert, which was sent to cellphones shortly after 8 a.m, said in all caps, "Ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii. Seek immediate shelter. This is not a drill."

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency spokesman Richard Repoza said it was a false alarm and the agency is trying to determine what happened.

The incident prompted defense agencies including the Pentagon and the U.S. Pacific Command to issue the same statement, that they had "detected no ballistic missile threat to Hawaii."

Michael Kucharek, spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, said NORAD and the U.S. Northern Command are still trying to verify what happened in Hawaii — but that "NORAD did not see anything that indicated any sort of threat to Hawaii."

"From a NORAD perspective and that of the U.S. Northern Command, we are still trying to verify what happened," he said of the false alert.

NORAD is a U.S.-Canada joint command that conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning to defend North America. The U.S. Northern Command, also based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is tasked with air, land and sea defense of the continental United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico and portions of the Caribbean.

The alert caused a tizzy on the island and across social media.

At the PGA Tour event on Oahu, Waialae Country Club was largely empty and players were still a few hours from arriving. The tournament staff urged the media center to evacuate. "This is not a drill," said Candice Kraughto, who runs the press operations for the Sony Open.

A local radio show from the clubhouse, next to glass windows that overlook the Pacific, kept broadcasting. Staff members at the club streamed into the clubhouse and tried to seek cover in the locker room, which was filled with the players' golf bags, but instead went into the kitchen.

Several players took to Twitter.

"Just woke up here in Hawaii to this lovely text. Somebody can verify this?" tweeted Emiliano Grillo of Argentina.

Justin Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year, tweeted, "To all that just received the warning along with me this morning ... apparently it was a 'mistake'?? hell of a mistake!! Haha glad to know we'll all be safe."

Jaime Malapit, owner of a Honolulu hair salon, texted his clients that he was cancelling their appoint-

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ments and was closing his shop for the day. He said he was still in bed when the phone started going off "like crazy." He thought it was a tsunami warning at first.

"I woke up and saw missile warning and thought no way. I thought 'No, this is not happening today,'" Malapit said.

He was still "a little freaked out" and feeling paranoid even after hearing it was a false alarm.

Richard Ing, a Honolulu attorney, was doing a construction project at home when his wife told him about the alert.

He dug his phone out and had confirmed he had the same alert. Attempts to find further information on the television or radio didn't provide further information, but then he saw on Twitter that it was a false alarm.

While he was trying to confirm, his wife and children were preparing to evacuate in case they needed to move to safer ground.

After finding out it was a mistake, Ing tried to find some humor in the situation.

"I thought to myself, it must be someone's last day at work or someone got extremely upset at a superior and basically did this as a practical joke," he said. "But I think it's a very serious problem if it wasn't that, or even it was, it shows that we have problems in the system that can cause major disruption and panic and anxiety among people in Hawaii."

Some were outraged that such an alert could go out in error.

Hawaii U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz tweeted the false alarm was "totally inexcusable" and was caused by human error.

"There needs to be tough and quick accountability and a fixed process," he wrote.

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## Medicaid work mandate: Common sense reform or unfair burden?

By **ANDREW DeMILLO** and **GRETCHEN EHLKE**, Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Republicans this past week began to realize their long-held goal of requiring certain adults to work, get job training or perform community service in exchange for getting health coverage through Medicaid.

Whether that's a commonsense approach or an added burden that will end up costing many Americans their health insurance will now be debated in states across the country considering the landmark change to the nation's largest health insurance program.

To Medicaid recipients such as Thomas J. Penister of Milwaukee, it has created uncertainty about their ability to have health coverage.

He has been unemployed for the last four or five years and has received Medicaid for the past two. He sees a behavioral health specialist to deal with anxiety and said Medicaid has made a big difference in his life.

Penister, 36, said he is not yet ready to rejoin the workforce and is unnerved by the prospect of potentially losing Medicaid. His state, Wisconsin, is one of 10 that applied to the federal government for a waiver seeking to implement work and other requirements for single adults.

"Would it be advantageous for me even to go into the workforce instead of me therapeutically transitioning to a state where I'm actually ready to perform in the workforce?" he said. He compared it to someone recovering from a car accident "and saying that in order for me to give you this medication, you got to go to work. Well, I can't."

Yet his story also helps make the case for those who favor some type of commitment from working-age adults who benefit from Medicaid, the state-federal health care program for poor and lower-income Americans. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, sought federal approval for a work requirement last year and said it helps prepare recipients to leave public assistance.



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Penister's status is unclear, because Wisconsin's proposed changes would exempt anyone diagnosed with a mental illness or who is mentally unable to work.

Republicans say work and other requirements will return Medicaid to its original intent — to act as a stopgap until people can find work. They say it has expanded far beyond its basic mission.

The program, created in 1965 for families on welfare and low-income seniors, now covers more than 70 million people, or about 1 in 5 Americans. It expanded under President Barack Obama's health care law, with a majority of states choosing to cover millions more low-income people.

President Donald Trump's administration announced that it will allow states to implement certain requirements as a condition of receiving Medicaid benefits. Generally, it will mean that states can require many adults on Medicaid to get a job, go to school, take a job-training course or perform community service to continue their eligibility.

Ten states had previously asked the federal government for the requirement waiver, and others are sure to follow. On Friday, Kentucky became the first to have it approved. Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican, called the new requirement "transformational."

Bevin has said he expects the move to save the state more than \$300 million over the next five years in Medicaid costs. But he also estimated that as many as 95,000 Kentucky residents could lose their Medicaid benefits, either because they will not comply with the new rules or will make too much money once they begin working.

Critics of the policy shift point to the number of people who could lose coverage, even if they meet the new requirements.

"We just have concerns that a lot of people who still are legitimately eligible, who do meet the work requirement, will end up falling off the rolls because they don't know how to verify or there's a technology glitch," said Marquita Little, health policy director for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families.

In Arkansas, the work requirement is among several new restrictions the state has proposed for its hybrid Medicaid expansion. About 285,000 people are on the program, which uses money from Medicaid to buy private health insurance for low-income people.

Supporters of the work requirement cast it as a way to move more people into the workforce and eventually off the program.

"These are people that are either underemployed or do not have sufficient training, and this is a mechanism to put into place to make sure that the health care coverage is really a bridge to training and better employment," Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, a Republican, told The Associated Press. "I think it really fits in with the goals of our state in increasing our workforce and training our workforce."

States face limits on how far they can go. The administration has said states should exempt pregnant women, the disabled and the elderly, and that they should take into account hardships for people in areas with high unemployment or for people caring for children or elderly relatives. States also have to make accommodations for people in treatment for drug and alcohol problems.

Arkansas' waiver request to the federal government says it would require childless, able-bodied adults on expanded Medicaid between the ages of 19 and 49 to work 20 hours a week or participate in other activities such as job training or volunteering.

In Maine, where Republican Gov. Paul LePage is pushing for a work requirement, Democrats are deriding the idea as essentially a political stunt to punish the poor.

"They aren't about getting people back to work. Instead, it's a political move to take health care away from people who have already fallen on hard times," Democratic House Speaker Sara Gideon said. "The reality is that Medicaid supports work, and the sooner Governor LePage and the Trump Administration realize this, the better."

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## Frustrations, tragedy mount for California mudslide town

By **KRYSTA FAURIA** and **BRIAN MELLEY**, Associated Press

MONTECITO, Calif. (AP) — Frustrations and dark discoveries mounted for a California town ravaged by a deadly and destructive mudslide.

Most of the people of Montecito, a town usually known for its serenity and luxury, were under orders to stay out of town as gas and power were expected to be shut off Saturday for repairs.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown on Thursday expanded what was known as the public safety exclusion zone to incorporate most of the town. That meant even those who had stayed behind would have to leave and those who entered the zone would be subject to arrest.

"It is a little frustrating," said Sarah Ettman, whose home was undamaged and whose section of town still had gas and electricity. "It's martial law here, basically."

However, with most utilities about to be cut off and sewage running into the nearby creek, she decided to heed the order to leave.

"I mean you're losing all your basic health and sanitation services," she said. "When those go down, you have to leave."

It was another difficult turn for those living in the Southern California town that has been subject to repeated evacuation orders in recent weeks, first because of a monster wildfire last month, then because of downpours and mudslides.

Cia Monroe said her family was lucky their home wasn't ruined and they were all healthy and safe, though her daughter lost one of her best friends.

But Monroe said it was stressful after evacuating three times during the wildfire to be packing up a fourth time. A family had offered them a room to stay overnight, but then they were looking at spending up to \$3,000 a week for a hotel.

"Where do you go when you're a family of four and you don't have a second house?" Monroe asked, noting that some residents of town have third and fourth homes. "Financially that's a burden."

While Montecito is best known as a getaway for the rich and famous — the median home price among current listings is more than \$4 million — there are also working families living in modest houses and apartments.

More than 1,200 workers taking part in the search and cleanup effort flooded into the town with a population of about 9,000.

A backhoe scooped up mud and rocks around buckled and flattened homes, while bulldozers cleared roads of tangled trees, muck and boulders. Tanker trucks were being used to haul off floodwaters sucked up from U.S. Highway 101, the crippled coastal route connecting Santa Barbara to Ventura.

Brown said the recovery effort has been hindered by residents who had stayed behind or tried to check on damage in neighborhoods where homes were leveled and car-size boulders blocked roads and littered properties.

Rescuers were busy probing thick muck, swollen creeks and tangled trees with poles in search of seven missing people while dogs sniffed for bodies.

A crew found the body of the 18th victim, Joseph Bleckel, 87, before noon in his home near Romero Canyon, Brown said. It was the first death discovered since Wednesday.

The cause of Bleckel's death wasn't announced, but all other victims died from multiple traumatic injuries due to a flash flood and mudslides.

The seven missing people included Fabiola Benitez, the mother of Jonathan Benitez, a 10-year-old killed in the flooding.

Benitez lived with her sister-in-law, Marilyn Ramos, 27, who was asleep with her daughter, Kaelly, 3, when mud crashed through their Montecito rental home, carrying both to their deaths.

"My sister was such a good person, she only thought of others to the point that she would cry with you when you were hurt or sick," said Ramos' sister, Jennifer Ramos, pausing to sob for several seconds.

The husbands of both women and the 2-year-old son of Fabiola Benitez, were hospitalized with injuries,

Ramos said.

Drenching rains that unleashed the deadly torrents managed to finally contain the largest wildfire in state history, which burned for weeks above Montecito and stripped the steep hills of vegetation, making it prone to mudslides. The U.S. Forest Service announced Friday that the fire that burned 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers) was fully contained.

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## Trump defends vulgar remarks while partly denying them

By JILL COLVIN and ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump offered a partial denial in public but privately defended his extraordinary remarks disparaging Haitians and African countries.

Trump said he was only expressing what many people think but won't say about immigrants from economically depressed countries, according to a person who spoke to the president as criticism of his comments ricocheted around the globe.

Trump spent Thursday evening calling friends and outside advisers to judge their reaction, said the confidant, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to disclose a private conversation. Trump wasn't apologetic about the inflammatory remarks and denied he was racist, instead, blaming the media for distorting his meaning, the confidant said.

Critics of the president, including some Republicans, on Friday blasted the vulgar comments made in the Oval Office. In a meeting with a group of senators, Trump had questioned why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to one participant and people briefed on the remarkable conversation.

The comments revived charges that Trump is racist and roiled already tenuous immigration talks that included discussion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

"The language used by me at the DACA meeting was tough, but this was not the language used," Trump insisted in early tweets Friday, pushing back on some depictions of the meeting.

But Trump and his advisers notably did not dispute the most controversial of his remarks: using "shithole" to describe African nations and saying he would prefer immigrants from countries like Norway instead.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the only Democrat in the room, said Trump had indeed said what he was reported to have said. The remarks, Durbin said, were "vile, hate-filled and clearly racial in their content." He said Trump used the most vulgar term "more than once."

"If that's not racism, I don't know how you can define it," Florida GOP Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen told WPLG-TV in Miami.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said the comments were "beneath the dignity of the presidency" and Trump's desire for more immigrants from countries like Norway was "an effort to set this country back generations by promoting a homogenous, white society."

Republican leaders were largely silent, though House Speaker Paul Ryan said the vulgar language was "very unfortunate, unhelpful."

Trump's insults — along with his rejection of the bipartisan immigration deal drafted by six senators — also threatened to further complicate efforts to extend protections for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, many of whom were brought to the country as children and now are here illegally.

Trump last year ended DACA, which provided young immigrants with protection from deportation along with the ability to work legally in the U.S. He gave Congress until March to come up with a legislative fix.

The three Democratic and three GOP senators who'd struck the deal Trump rejected had been working for months on how to balance those protections with Trump's demands for border security, an end to a visa lottery aimed at increasing immigrant diversity, and limits to immigrants' ability to sponsor family

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members to join them in America.

On Saturday, Trump sought to blame “all talk and no action” Democrats for lack of an immigration deal. “I don’t believe the Democrats really want to see a deal on DACA. They are all talk and no action. This is the time but, day by day, they are blowing the one great opportunity they have. Too bad!” Trump tweeted from Florida as he arrived at his private golf club in West Palm Beach.

It was unclear now how a deal might emerge, though both sides insist the clock is ticking. Failure could impact government operations.

Lawmakers have until Jan. 19 to approve a short-term government spending bill, and Republicans will need Democratic votes to push the measure through. Some Democrats have threatened to withhold support unless an immigration pact is forged.

Trump’s comments came as Durbin was presenting details of the compromise plan that included providing \$1.6 billion for a first installment on the president’s long-sought border wall.

Trump took particular issue with the idea that people who’d fled to the U.S. after disasters in places such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti would be allowed to stay as part of the deal, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to publicly describe the discussion.

When it came to talk of extending protections for Haitians, Durbin said Trump replied: “We don’t need more Haitians.”

“He said: ‘Put me down for wanting more Europeans to come to this country. Why don’t we get more people from Norway?’” Durbin told reporters in Chicago.

The administration announced last year that it would end a temporary residency permit program that allowed nearly 60,000 Haitians to live and work in the U.S. following a devastating 2010 earthquake.

Trump insisted Friday that he “never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is, obviously, a very poor and troubled country. Never said ‘take them out.’ Made up by Dems.” Trump wrote, “I have a wonderful relationship with Haitians. Probably should record future meetings — unfortunately, no trust!”

Trump ignored shouted questions about his comments as he signed a proclamation Friday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is Monday.

Sens. David Perdue, R-Ga., and Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who attended Thursday’s meeting, issued a statement saying they “do not recall the president saying these comments specifically.” What Trump did do, they said, was “call out the imbalance in our current immigration system, which does not protect American workers and our national interest.”

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said by Durbin to have voiced objection to Trump’s comments during the meeting, issued a statement that did not dispute the remarks.

“Following comments by the president, I said my piece directly to him yesterday. The president and all those attending the meeting know what I said and how I feel,” Graham said, adding: “I’ve always believed that America is an idea, not defined by its people but by its ideals.”

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## Evangelical rift intensifies over Trump immigration remarks

By RACHEL ZOLL, AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump’s vulgar remarks about why the U.S. should admit immigrants from Haiti and Africa have spotlighted the bitter divide among American evangelicals about his presidency.

While some of his evangelical backers expressed support for his leadership, other conservative Christians are calling the president racist and say church leaders had a moral imperative to condemn him.

“Your pro-life argument rings hollow if you don’t have an issue with this xenophobic bigotry,” tweeted pastor Earon James of Relevant Life Church in Pace, Florida.

Trump won 80 percent of the white evangelical vote in the 2016 election. But recent polls show some weakening in that support, with 61 percent approving of his job performance, compared with 78 percent

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last February, according to the Pew Research Center.

Still, conservative Christians remain as polarized as ever over his leadership.

Many evangelical leaders who defended him in the past would not comment on Trump's remarks to a group of senators. A few offered some criticism. Pastor Ronnie Floyd, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said it was "not good" to devalue any person.

Johnnie Moore, a public relations executive and a leader among Trump's evangelical advisers, said the reports of what Trump said were "absolutely suspect and politicized."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who attended the Oval Office meeting Thursday, and people briefed on the conversation said Trump did make the comments as reported: He questioned why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who Durbin said objected to Trump's remarks at that time, did not dispute Durbin's description.

Pastor Mark Burns from South Carolina remained skeptical, but said if the remarks were true, Trump was only reacting to poor conditions in Haiti and Africa that were the fault of "lazy governments" there.

The Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Dallas and a frequent guest at the White House, said that apart from the president's choice of words, "Trump is right on target in his policy," putting the needs of the U.S. above those of other countries.

Yet anger spread among other conservative Christians.

They posted family photos on social media and proudly noted immigrant relatives. Bishop Talbert Swan of the Church of God in Christ, or COGIC, the country's largest black Pentecostal denomination, tweeted a photo of one of his grandchildren born to what Swan said was his "educated, hard-working" Haitian-American daughter-in-law.

Swan, based in Springfield, Massachusetts, called Trump's comments "vile, foul-mouthed, racist," and posted the hashtag #ImpeachTrump.

A significant number of African immigrants are Christians who joined U.S. evangelical congregations, and many have become advocates for more generous immigration policies and critics of Trump's views on the issue.

Thabiti Anyabwile, pastor of Anacostia River Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Washington, said his church includes Christians from Rwanda, Nigeria, Guyana, Cameroon and Zimbabwe.

"This is my immigrant family, my true brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus," he wrote on the site of The Gospel Coalition, an evangelical group. "As a shepherd, I cannot abide the comments our president makes regarding immigrant peoples and their countries of origin. I cannot leave them alone to hear racist barbs, evil speech, incendiary comment, and blasphemous slander against the image and likeness of God in which they are made."

American connections with Christians overseas also have grown in recent years through mission projects often in Haiti and Africa.

In one of the more dramatic examples, Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life," created a partnership between his Saddleback Church in California and the government of Rwanda that involved short mission trips by more than 2,000 congregants. Church members worked with more than 4,000 Rwandan churches providing health care, training pastors and helping orphan, among other projects.

At the same time, evangelicals are increasingly aware in a geographical shift in global Christianity. As its numbers shrink in North America and Western Europe, the Christian population is exploding in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, creating ties across borders.

Todd Johnson, director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, said African Christians closely follow evangelical voting in the U.S., and have deep concern about American evangelical support for Trump.

"I heard many Africans say they were dumbfounded by this," Johnson said.

The Rev. Tish Harrison Warren, an author and Anglican priest who serves at The Church of the Ascension in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, worried about the fallout for the fellowship of evangelicals outside and inside the U.S. Her denomination, the Anglican Church in North America, was formed under the leadership of



African Anglican bishops to serve conservative U.S. Episcopalians and others. Her local church includes parishioners from Uganda, Iran, Turkey, China and other countries.

"It hurts evangelism," Warren said of the president's comments. "I've sort of come to expect him to say outlandish things. I sort of expect that from him. But I do expect more from the church and from Christian leaders."

## Trump's nuclear strategy seeks new weapons to counter Russia

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Russia in mind, the Trump administration is aiming to develop new nuclear firepower that it says will make it easier to deter threats to European allies.

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## Rival Koreas agree to talk on art troupe's visit to Olympics

By YOUKYUNG LEE, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The rival Koreas have agreed Saturday that their talks next week will address a North Korean art troupe's visit to the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in the South, rather than the

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participation of the nation's athletes.

Pyongyang wanted talks on sending its athletes and other officials to the February Olympics to be held at a later date so that next Monday's talks can focus primarily on the North Korean art troupe's participation in the Games, Seoul's Unification Ministry said. The South agreed to the North's proposal, the ministry said.

Officials from the rival Koreas met earlier this week in the border village of Panmunjom, their first talks in more than two years. At that meeting they agreed to hold military talks and send a North Korean delegation of officials, athletes, cheerleaders, journalists and others to the Olympics.

Seoul's delegation to next Monday's meeting at the border village of Panmunjom will be an official from its culture ministry, the head of the Korean Symphony Orchestra and its art director and an official from Unification Ministry, the ministry said.

They will meet a delegation from Pyongyang headed by the director of the arts and performance bureau of the North's culture ministry. A conductor and two other officials from a North Korean orchestra will also be part of the delegation.

Seoul's Unification Ministry said it asked Pyongyang to promptly respond on when further talks can be held to discuss details of sending North Korean athletes and other officials to Games.

Separately, the International Olympic Committee has proposed a meeting on Jan. 20 at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, involving the rival Koreas to discuss North Korea's participation in Pyeongchang.

## Who'd prefer their country to Trump's US? Norwegians would

By MARK LEWIS, Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — Norwegians generally live longer than Americans. There's a generous safety net of health care and pensions. And although it's pricey, the country last year was named the happiest on Earth.

President Donald Trump says the United States should take in more Norwegians, but is it any wonder that more Americans are going the other way?

The country of 5.2 million people that seldom makes global headlines awoke Friday to the news that Trump wanted to have more immigrants from Norway, rather than Haiti and countries in Africa that he disparaged with a vulgar term.

The comments came after Trump met Wednesday with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg in Washington. His remarks were seen in Oslo as racially charged and sharply at odds with Norwegian values of inclusivity.

"This says a lot about what Trump thinks it means to be an American. It is more about ethnicity than shared values," said Hilde Restad, an associate professor in international affairs and a former U.S. resident.

She added that Norwegians generally didn't want "to be flattered by this U.S. president in this way."

Henrik Heldahl, a commentator for the political website *Amerikansk Politikk*, said the sentiment would have been welcomed in Norway had Trump used less coarse language for Haiti and African countries.

He said "it could have been a compliment and a nice sending off for Erna Solberg as a trusted U.S. partner," Heldahl said. "But the way he said it guarantees that the reaction here will be very negative."

Emigration from Norway to the U.S. hit its peak in 1882 when almost 29,000 mostly poor Norwegians crossed the Atlantic. In 2016, however, only 1,114 Norwegians moved to the U.S., while 1,603 Americans moved to Norway.

Trump's comments were unlikely to trigger an exodus from one of the wealthiest countries in the world.

Oil-rich Norway ranks fourth in the world for GDP per person, according to the World Bank, compared with the U.S., which was eighth. Norway also boasts a universal health care system, low unemployment and \$1 trillion "rainy day" fund fueled by its offshore oil and gas resources that helps pay for generous pensions and other social welfare programs.

Norwegians also have a life expectancy of 81.8 years on average, making them the 15th longest-living people in the world, according to the World Health Organization. The U.S. is in 31st place, with a life ex-

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pectancy of 79.3 years.

"Why would people from Norway want to immigrate here? They have actual health care, and longer life expectancy," author Stephen King wrote on Twitter.

Last year, Norway soared to the top slot in the World Happiness Report. The U.S. was 14th in the latest ranking, down from No. 13 in 2016, and over the years Americans steadily have been rating themselves less happy.

Not that the Nordic land of Edvard Munch's "The Scream" is a perfect paradise: It's gloomy from a lack of sunlight for most of the winter, temperatures are comparable to the northern United States, and the cost of living is high — a beer can cost as much as \$12, and so can a meal at McDonald's.

It also is not as ethnically homogenous as some might think. About 17 percent of inhabitants are immigrants or children of immigrants.

Norway has its own battles over foreign-born migrants, with the populist Progress Party — a junior partner in the ruling coalition — calling for a tightening of immigration controls.

Solberg's U.S. visit was hailed as a success in Norway where she was praised for raising issues around climate change and international trade. But immigration appeared not to have been on the agenda.

Christian Tybring Gjedde, the Progress Party's head of foreign policy, said Trump was stating that "citizens of other countries are not as nice as Norwegians."

"I would never express myself in that way, but it is flattering that he wants more of us in the country," he said, adding: "Asylum seekers are expensive and a challenge to the culture."

National Norwegian broadcaster TV2 went to the streets in Oslo on Friday, asking people if they wanted to move to the U.S. None said they wanted to leave.

"Absolutely not," one unidentified man said. And an unnamed woman added: "If they get a new president."

## Arizona Republican embraces Trump in high-profile Senate bid

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Martha McSally wants Arizona to know she supports President Donald Trump.

The Republican congresswoman has voted with the Republican president nearly 97 percent of the time so far. She says that young immigrants shouldn't be shielded from deportation unless Democrats agree to build Trump's massive border wall. She doesn't even mind if the tough-talking commander-in-chief described Haiti and other African nations with vulgar language earlier in the week.

"I speak a little salty behind closed doors at times as well, so I'm not going to throw the first stone on using any language," said McSally, who wants to be Arizona's next U.S. senator. She added, "You better believe I will keep working with President Trump."

The enthusiastic allegiance marks a shift for McSally, who refused to endorse Trump's presidential campaign and refuses even now to say whether she voted for him. But her party fight to maintain control of the Senate in 2018, the 51-year-old former fighter pilot is betting big that she needs Trump's most passionate supporters on her side if she's to keep outgoing Sen. Jeff Flake's seat in Republican hands.

The seat is empty, in large part, because Flake could not — or would not — "be complicit or silent" about his deep concerns with the Trump presidency.

McSally, meanwhile, is embracing Trump and his political playbook — which emphasizes the dangers of illegal immigration and demands border security above all else — in a state where nearly 1 in 3 residents is Hispanic and roughly 1 million are eligible to vote, according to the Pew Research Center.

The success of her message will help determine whether it's finally time for Republican candidates to heed party leaders who warned six years ago that candidates must soften their tone on immigration and do far more to connect with Hispanic voters and other minorities.

In announcing her candidacy on Friday, at least, McSally is showing no sign of moderating her tone.

"When facing vicious cartels and the possibility of terrorists, a secure border is not just the people's right, it is the federal government's urgent responsibility," she told dozens of people gathered for her announcement speech in a Tucson, Arizona, aircraft hangar. "There should be no sanctuary for anyone breaking our



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laws and harming our people.”

McSally enters a dynamic Republican primary field that features a nationally celebrated immigration hardliner, 85-year-old former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was pardoned by Trump last year after defying a judge’s order to stop traffic patrols that targeted immigrants. Another high-profile candidate, former state Sen. Kelli Ward, was an early favorite of former Trump adviser Steve Bannon.

“She obviously has a primary where immigration will play a big role,” Republican strategist Alex Conant said of McSally. “Trump’s position on immigration is where the base of the party is. You cannot be perceived as being soft on illegal immigration and expect hold the base.”

There are obvious risks among a more diverse general election audience, however.

“If you’re perceived as anti-immigrant, you’re going to have difficulty winning anywhere in America, especially border states,” Conant said.

McSally appears to be trying to walk a fine line in the early days of her Senate campaign.

She co-sponsored an immigration plan considered a conservative wish list of sorts released by House conservatives this week that would reduce legal immigration levels by 25 percent, block federal grants to sanctuary cities and restrict the number of relatives that immigrants already in the U.S. can bring here. The bill, which is unlikely to survive the GOP-controlled Senate, also provides temporary legal status for young immigrants enrolled in DACA.

In an interview, she refused to say whether she supports a pathway to legal status for millions of other immigrants in the country illegally. Nor would she say whether her political party should do anything to improve its standing among Hispanic voters.

“I’m only responsible for myself,” McSally said. “I’m a Republican. So what I’m doing every day is listening to people getting out to all the different diverse elements in my community, hearing what their main concerns are, and fighting tirelessly for them.”

The Republican National Committee determined back in 2013 that GOP candidates must work harder to use welcoming and inclusive messages to win over Hispanic voters, who are becoming a larger share of the American electorate.

“It does not matter what we say about education, jobs or the economy,” the RNC wrote, “if Hispanics think we do not want them here, they will close their ears to our policies.”

Despite the warning, Trump won the presidency by adopting aggressively anti-immigrant language that continues to spark accusations of racism and bigotry.

In Arizona, McSally doesn’t see any cause for concern with Trump’s leadership.

“He’s a fighter. He’s a scrapper. He can’t help it when he’s attacked but to punch back. It is who he is,” she said. “We’re not going to change him. So why don’t I focus on what I can do instead of focusing on what somebody else is doing?”

## White House doctor: Trump in ‘excellent health’

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s White House physician declared him in “excellent health” after the president received his first medical checkup at Walter Reed military hospital on Friday, undergoing a physical examination amid suggestions in a recent book and by his detractors that he’s mentally unfit.

Dr. Ronny Jackson, in a statement released by the White House, said the examination “went exceptionally well. The President is in excellent health and I look forward to briefing some of the details on Tuesday.” Trump spent about three hours at the medical facility in Bethesda, Maryland, outside Washington, for the Friday afternoon checkup, his first as president, before departing for Florida for the weekend.

The fairly routine exam for previous presidents has taken on outsized importance in the age of Trump, given the tone of some of his tweets, comments attributed to some of his close advisers and Trump’s recent slurring of words on national TV.

Some of the comments were published in a new book about Trump’s first year, “Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House” by Michael Wolff, which White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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has denounced as "complete fantasy" for portraying her 71-year-old boss as undisciplined and in over his head as president.

Trump himself has pushed back hard against any suggestion that he's mentally unfit, declaring himself "a very stable genius." He told reporters on Thursday that he expected the exam "to go very well. I'll be very surprised if it doesn't."

The examination lasted several hours and measured things like Trump's blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, heart rate and weight. The White House did not provide specific results of those tests. Jackson, who also provided care for President Barack Obama and became a White House physician in 2006, is expected to provide a detailed readout of the exam on Tuesday and answer questions from reporters.

But conclusions about Trump's mental acuity were not expected. The White House said Trump would not undergo a psychiatric exam. Officials did not address a different type of screening: assessments of cognitive status that examine neurologic functions including memory. Cognitive assessments aren't routine in standard physicals, though they recently became covered in Medicare's annual wellness visits for seniors.

While the exams are not mandatory, modern presidents typically undergo them regularly and release a doctor's report declaring they are "fit for duty."

Two months before the November 2016 election, Trump released a five-paragraph letter from his long-time physician, Dr. Harold Bornstein, who concluded that Trump "is in excellent physical health." A year earlier, Bornstein said in a December 2015 letter: "If elected, Mr. Trump, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency."

The 2016 letter put Trump's blood pressure and cholesterol measurements in the healthy range, though he uses a cholesterol-lowering statin medication. His EKG, chest X-ray, echocardiogram and blood sugar were normal.

The 6-foot-3 Trump weighed 236 pounds (107 kilograms), and his body mass index, or BMI, of 29.5 put him in the category of being overweight for his height.

Trump takes Crestor for his cholesterol, a low-dose aspirin for heart attack prevention, Propecia to treat male-pattern baldness and antibiotics for rosacea. The doctor's 2016 letter stated that Trump's testosterone level, 441.6, was in the normal range, as were his PSA reading for prostate abnormalities and tests of his liver and thyroid.

Trump was 70 when he took office on Jan. 20, 2017, making him the oldest person ever elected to the nation's highest office.

How much of Trump's health information is released to the public is up to the president, but Sanders said she expects the White House to release the same kind of details past presidents have made public.

Obama's three medical reports included sections on vital statistics; physical exam by system, such as eyes, pulmonary and gastrointestinal; lab results; his past medical and surgical history; his social history; and medications, among others.

Trump has said he gets most of his exercise playing golf. The American Heart Association has said the best types of exercise increase the heart rate and make a person breathe heavily, but that activities like golf don't provide as much cardiovascular benefit since they don't require much extra effort. The association suggests players walk the golf course instead of renting a golf cart. Trump drives a cart from hole to hole.

Obama played basketball, lifted weights, worked out on an elliptical machine or treadmill and played golf. George W. Bush traded running for mountain biking to preserve his knees. Bill Clinton was a runner who installed a jogging track at the White House. He also played golf and indulged in Big Macs.

Trump likes fast food, too, along with well-done steaks, chocolate cake and double scoops of vanilla ice cream. He reportedly downs 12 Diet Cokes a day. In their recent book, "Let Trump Be Trump," former top campaign aides Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie described the four major food groups on Trump's campaign plane as "McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, pizza and Diet Coke."

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## Cybersecurity firm: US Senate in Russian hackers' crosshairs

By RAPHAEL SATTER, Cybersecurity Writer

PARIS (AP) — The same Russian government-aligned hackers who penetrated the Democratic Party have spent the past few months laying the groundwork for an espionage campaign against the U.S. Senate, a cybersecurity firm said in a report Friday.

The revelation suggests the group often nicknamed Fancy Bear, whose hacking campaign scrambled the 2016 U.S. electoral contest, is still busy trying to gather the emails of America's political elite.

"They're still very active — in making preparations at least — to influence public opinion again," said Feike Hacquebord, a security researcher at Trend Micro Inc. who authored the report. "They are looking for information they might leak later."

The Senate Sergeant at Arms office, which is responsible for the upper house's security, declined to comment, but Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse said it was time for U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions to return to Congress to say what action had been taken to help ensure lawmakers' digital safety.

"The Administration needs to take urgent action to ensure that our adversaries cannot undermine the framework of our political debates," he said in a statement.

Trend Micro based its report on the discovery of a clutch of suspicious-looking websites dressed up to look like the U.S. Senate's internal email system. The Tokyo-based firm then cross-referenced digital fingerprints associated with those sites to ones used almost exclusively by Fancy Bear, which it dubs "Pawn Storm."

Trend Micro previously drew international attention when it used an identical technique to uncover a set of decoy websites apparently set up to harvest emails from the French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron's campaign in April 2017. The sites' discovery was followed two months later by a still-unexplained publication of private emails from several Macron staffers in the final days of the race.

Hacquebord said the rogue Senate sites — which were set up in June and September of 2017 — matched their French counterparts.

"That is exactly the way they attacked the Macron campaign in France," he said.

Attribution is extremely tricky in the world of cybersecurity, where hackers routinely use misdirection and red herrings to fool their adversaries. But Trend Micro, which has followed Fancy Bear for years, said there could be no doubt.

"We are 100 percent sure that it can attributed to the Pawn Storm group," said Rik Ferguson, one of the Hacquebord's colleagues.

Like many cybersecurity companies, Trend Micro refuses to speculate publicly on who is behind such groups, referring to Pawn Storm only as having "Russia-related interests." But the U.S. intelligence community alleges that Russia's military intelligence service pulls the hackers' strings and a months-long Associated Press investigation into the group, drawing on a vast database of targets supplied by the cybersecurity firm Secureworks, has determined that the group is closely attuned to the Kremlin's objectives.

If Fancy Bear has targeted the Senate over the past few months, it wouldn't be the first time. An AP analysis of Secureworks' list shows that several staffers there were targeted between 2015 and 2016.

Among them: Robert Zarate, now the foreign policy adviser to Florida Sen. Marco Rubio; Josh Holmes, a former chief of staff to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who now runs a Washington consultancy; and Jason Thielman, the chief of staff to Montana Sen. Steve Daines. A Congressional researcher specializing in national security issues was also targeted.

Fancy Bear's interests aren't limited to U.S. politics; the group also appears to have the Olympics in mind.

Trend Micro's report said the group had set up infrastructure aimed at collecting emails from a series of Olympic winter sports federations, including the International Ski Federation, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation, the International Luge Federation and the International Biathlon Union.

The targeting of Olympic groups comes as relations between Russia and the International Olympic Committee are particularly fraught. Russian athletes are being forced to compete under a neutral flag in the upcoming Pyeongchang Olympics following an extraordinary doping scandal that has seen 43 athletes and several Russian officials banned for life. Amid speculation that Russia could retaliate by orchestrating the leak of prominent Olympic officials' emails, cybersecurity firms including McAfee and ThreatConnect have picked up on signs that state-backed hackers are making moves against winter sports staff and anti-doping officials.

On Wednesday, a group that has brazenly adopted the Fancy Bear nickname began publishing what appeared to be Olympics- and doping-related emails from between September 2016 and March 2017. The contents were largely unremarkable but their publication was covered extensively by Russian state media and some read the leak as a warning to Olympic officials not to press Moscow too hard over the doping scandal.

Whether any Senate emails could be published in such a way isn't clear. Previous warnings that German lawmakers' correspondence might be leaked by Fancy Bear ahead of last year's election there appear to have come to nothing.

On the other hand, the group has previously dumped at least one U.S. legislator's correspondence onto the web.

One of the targets on Secureworks' list was Colorado State Senator Andy Kerr, who said thousands of his emails were posted to an obscure section of the website DCLeaks — a web portal better known for publishing emails belonging to retired Gen. Colin Powell and various members of Hillary Clinton's campaign — in late 2016.

Kerr said he was still bewildered as to why he was targeted. He said that while he supported transparency, "there should be some process and some system to it.

"It shouldn't be up to a foreign government or some hacker to say what gets released and what shouldn't."

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## Has flu season, in full swing, reached its height?

By **MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Flu is now widespread in every state except Hawaii, but the good news is the season appears to already be peaking.

It's been a rough few weeks: Hospitals have set up tents to handle patient overflow. Doctors are putting in double and triple shifts. Ambulances have been sidelined while paramedics waited to drop off patients.

"This morning, I couldn't stand up. I was really weak," said Margaret Shafer, who went to a Seattle emergency room this week after a bout with the flu was followed by pneumonia.

But an update out Friday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows patient traffic for flu is no longer skyrocketing the way it was in December.

"It looks like it's starting to level out," said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer, who oversees flu tracking.

Still, flu is unpredictable. "I don't know where it will end up," she added.

Many flu seasons don't really get going until around Christmas, and don't crescendo until February. That's how last year's flu season played out. This season got off to an early start and cases surged over the holidays.

Patients who went to the ER at Palomar Medical Center Escondido, north of San Diego, then had to wait



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as long as nine hours. The hospital this week took down a tent it used to handle the overflow but is still seeing a lot of patients with fevers, aches, chills and other flu symptoms.

"We're having to treat people in hallways, in chairs, wherever we have space," said Michelle Gunnett, the director of emergency services.

There's a tent in place at Kaweah Delta Medical Center in the Central California city of Visalia, where doctors this week have been pulling double and triple shifts to keep up.

"It's like a MASH unit," said Dr. Ed Hirsch, the hospital's chief medical officer.

In Chicago, paramedics have been forced to wait at ERs with patients for as long as two hours for an open spot. That means the ambulances can't be used for other calls, said Larry Langford, a spokesman for the city's fire department.

What had some people worried about this U.S. flu season was the bad season last year in Australia. That country was hit hard by a flu bug that's notorious for causing severe illness, and flu viruses spread around the world. Preliminary estimates suggested the vaccine barely worked there, and the U.S. was again facing the same H3N2 virus with the same flu shot.

That virus caused one of the worst U.S. flu seasons in recent years, 2014-15, when the vaccine was a poor match. It was back last winter but the vaccine was a better fit.

Health officials say this year's shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, primarily H3N2. How well it is working won't be known until next month but it's expected to be better than the 10 percent Australia reported.

The report out Friday shows flu and pneumonia deaths crept up last week to push flu to an epidemic level. Flu reaches that threshold most winters, even during seasons that are not considered particularly bad.

Hospitalizations of the elderly are climbing. So far they're not shooting up quite like they did in 2014-2015, but health officials are watching the numbers closely.

The CDC estimates there are tens of thousands of deaths each year from flu and pneumonia.

One suburban San Diego case shows how serious the flu can be. Jennifer Burrough and her family didn't get flu shots this year after hearing reports that suggested it might not work very well this season.

Her 12-year-old son came home with the bug around the holidays, then her two youngest kids got sick and she did, too. They all recovered quickly. But her 48-year-old Navy veteran husband, Shawn Burrough, landed in the hospital. There, he had trouble breathing and his kidneys started shutting down. He was medically sedated and put on a breathing machine.

"We didn't figure it would be like this," said Jennifer Burrough. "You don't expect to wake up with sniffles and two days later find yourself in a medically induced coma. It was rapid, just rapid."

AP writers Julie Watson in San Diego, Paul Elias in San Francisco, Manuel Valdes in Seattle and Don Babwin in Chicago contributed to this report.

## Stocks keep pushing higher in 2018, led by retailers

By STAN CHOE, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rising retailers pushed U.S. stock indexes further into record territory on Friday, as the market's fabulous start to 2018 carried through its second week.

Interest rates also climbed after a report showed that a key component of inflation accelerated last month. But stocks absorbed the gains without a hiccup, unlike earlier in the week when rate worries helped send the Standard & Poor's 500 lower for its lone blemish this year.

The S&P 500 rose 18.68 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,786.24 on Friday to close out its seventh week of gains in the last eight. The index is already up more than 4 percent for 2018.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 228.46, or 0.9 percent, to 25,803.19, the Nasdaq composite rose 49.28, or 0.7 percent, to 7,261.06 and the Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks gained 5.18, or 0.3 percent, to 1,591.97.

Retailers led the way after a government report confirmed that the holiday shopping season was a strong

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one, with retail sales rising 0.4 percent last month following a 0.9 percent surge in November. The numbers fit with what individual retailers have said recently, and several have raised their profit forecasts as a result.

Shares of Kohl's, Target, Nordstrom and Dollar Tree all jumped more than 3 percent.

Treasury yields, meanwhile, rose after a key measure of inflation rose more last month than economists expected.

Overall inflation slowed in December, but that was mostly due to gasoline and other items that are prone to quick changes in price. "Core" inflation, which looks at the steadier components of the consumer price index, accelerated more than expected last month.

That pushed the yield on the two-year Treasury to 2.00 percent from 1.98 percent late Thursday. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note held steady at 2.54 percent after climbing as high as 2.59 percent in the morning.

Investors have been preparing for a gradual rise in rates, as the Federal Reserve slowly removes the aid it provided the economy following the Great Recession. The worry is that a surprise spike in inflation would force central banks to move more quickly on rates than investors expect and upset markets.

Stocks have been remarkably calm and strong for more than a year. Sandy Villere, a partner and portfolio manager at Villere & Co., said he's optimistic stocks can rise even further because the economy is strengthening and Washington's move to cut tax rates last month will boost corporate profits, among other reasons.

But some caution is starting to creep in as prices keep climbing. Villere said he's holding more cash than prior years as the types of stocks he prefers become more difficult to find: companies with strong growth but low prices relative to their earnings and growth.

"We're not fully invested at this point, but we haven't switched to pure defense yet either," Villere said. "Things are good enough to keep things going solidly, at least for the first half of 2018. We try not to be greedy about it."

The next tests for companies will arrive in coming weeks, as they report their results for the last three months of 2017. Expectations are generally high, and analysts are forecasting growth of nearly 11 percent for S&P 500 earnings per share, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Financial companies are some of the earliest to report, and BlackRock jumped \$17.61, or 3.3 percent, to \$555.53 after it reported stronger earnings than analysts expected.

On the losing end was Facebook, which fell after the social-media giant said it will show users fewer posts from brands and fewer videos in favor of more posts from friends and family. The changes may mean people spend less time on Facebook, and less advertising revenue for the company.

Facebook dropped \$8.40, or 4.5 percent, to \$179.37.

In markets abroad, Japan's Nikkei 225 index lost 0.2 percent, South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.3 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng jumped 0.9 percent.

France's CAC 40 gained 0.5 percent, the FTSE 100 in London rose 0.2 percent and Germany's DAX climbed 0.3 percent.

The euro jumped to \$1.2181 from \$1.2036 late Thursday. The British pound rose to \$1.3734 from \$1.3536, and the dollar held steady at 111.09 Japanese yen.

In the commodities markets, benchmark U.S. crude rose 50 cents to settle at \$64.30 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, gained 61 cents to \$69.87 per barrel.

Natural gas gained 12 cents to \$3.20 per 1,000 cubic feet, heating oil added a penny to \$2.09 per gallon and wholesale gasoline rose 1 cent to \$1.85 per gallon.

Gold rose \$12.40 to settle at \$1,334.90 per ounce, silver added 18 cents to \$17.14 per ounce and copper dipped a penny to \$3.22 per pound.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2018. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1968, country singer Johnny Cash performed and recorded a pair of shows at Folsom State Prison in California; material from the concerts was released as an album by Columbia Records under the title "Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison," which proved a hit.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," (zhah-KOOZ') was published in Paris.

In 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezzano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 1997, seven black soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor for World War II valor; the lone survivor of the group, former Lt. Vernon Baker, received his medal from President Bill Clinton at the White House.

In 2012, the Italian luxury liner Costa Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan island of Giglio and flipped onto its side; 32 people were killed.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, visiting the United Arab Emirates, gently urged authoritarian Arab allies to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it "the world's leading state-sponsor of terror." The winners of the Golden Globe Awards were announced in a dry, news conference-style ceremony lasting only 31 minutes, devoid of stars because of the Hollywood writers' strike; "Atonement" won best motion picture drama, while "Mad Men" was named best dramatic TV series.

Five years ago: A Cairo appeals court overturned Hosni Mubarak's life sentence and ordered a retrial of the former Egyptian president for failing to prevent the killing of hundreds of protesters during the 2011 uprising that toppled his regime. (Mubarak was later acquitted.) "Argo" won best motion picture drama at the Golden Globes; "Homeland" won best TV dramatic series.

One year ago: Republicans drove a budget through Congress giving them an early but critical victory in their crusade to scrap President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Federal prosecutors in Detroit announced that Takata Corp. had agreed to plead guilty to a single criminal charge and pay \$1 billion in fines and restitution for concealing a deadly defect in its air bag inflators. Lord Snowdon, the society photographer and filmmaker who married Britain's Princess Margaret and continued to mix in royal circles even after their divorce, died in London at age 86. Dick Gautier (goh-tee-AY'), the Tony-nominated actor who found fame as Hymie the Robot on the 1960s sitcom "Get Smart," died in Arcadia, California, at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 88. TV personality Nick Clooney is 84. Comedian Rip

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Taylor is 84. Comedian Charlie Brill is 80. Actor Billy Gray is 80. Actor Richard Moll is 75. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 63. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 59. Actor Kevin Anderson is 58. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 57. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 57. Country singer Trace Adkins is 56. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 54. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 52. Actress Suzanne Cryer is 51. Actress Traci Bingham is 50. Actor Keith Coogan is 48. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 48. Actress Nicole Eggert is 46. Actor Ross McCall is 42. Actor Michael Pena is 42. Actor Orlando Bloom is 41. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 37. Actress Ruth Wilson is 36. Actor Julian Morris is 35. Actor Liam Hemsworth is 28.

Thought for Today: "A little too much is just enough for me." — Jean Cocteau, French author and filmmaker (1889-1963).