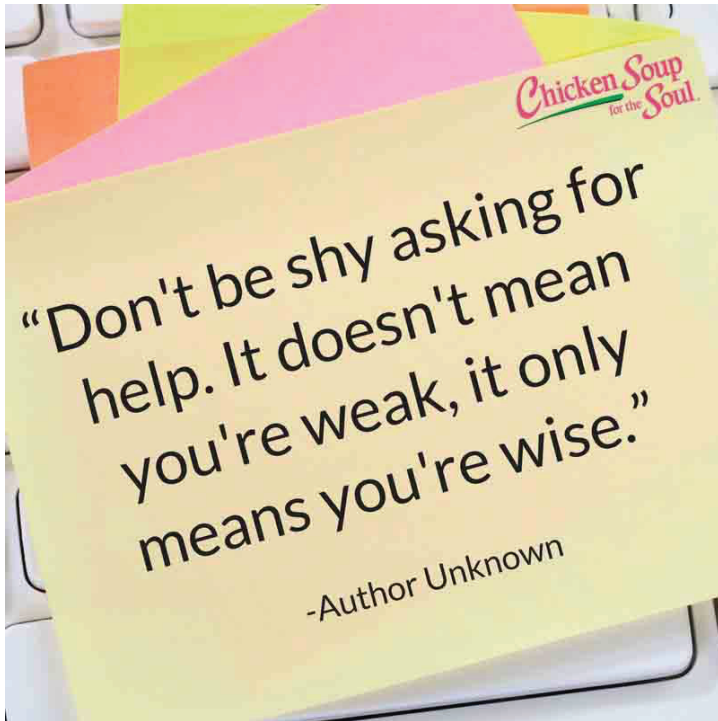


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## Today's Riddle:

**No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?**

**Answer at end of AP News**

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Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

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

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

**Closed**

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 18

Wrestling tri-angular at Webster

Boys' Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli with C game starting at 5:15 p.m. followed by the JV and the varsity. The JV and Varsity games will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM

## Schools to elect two new SDHSAA board members

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Schools across the state will have the opportunity to elect two new members to the board of the South Dakota High School Activities Association at the group's annual meeting in April.

The annual meeting is set for 2 p.m. April 17 at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre.

School districts will vote to fill the expired terms of school board member Sandy Klatt of Brandon Valley, representing large schools and Madison High School Athletic Director Bud Postma, representing Division III schools.

The school board member from large schools will be chosen from school districts with an average daily membership of 1,749 to 561. Those schools include Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Washington, Sioux Falls New Technology, Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens, Aberdeen Central, Watertown, Brandon Valley, Brookings, Harrisburg, Yankton, Huron, Mitchell, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Douglas and Pierre T.F. Riggs. Sioux Falls Technology School is included in this group because it draws students from Lincoln, Washington and Roosevelt.

The next representative for the Division III schools will be a superintendent, assistant superintendent or CEO from schools with an average daily membership ranging from 520 to 140. Those schools include Sturgis Brown, Spearfish, Tea Area, Todd County, West Central, Dakota Valley, Vermillion, Pine Ridge, Madison, Belle Fourche, Little Wound, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, Milbank, St. Thomas More, Flandreau Indian, Dell Rapids, Custer, Tri-Valley, Sisseton, Beresford, Wagner, Red Cloud, Mobridge-Pollock, Sioux Valley, Hamlin, Lead-Deadwood and Winner.

Nominations to these positions can be made from member schools of any size and all member schools will have the opportunity to vote. Board members serve five-year terms and are not allowed to run for re-election.

## Possibility of six-man football discussed

By Dana Hess For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — In many South Dakota communities, Friday nights in the fall are set aside for high school football games. In smaller towns, continuing that tradition may depend on going to six-man teams.

That possibility was discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors. SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand told the board that the matter had been discussed and unanimously endorsed by the football advisory committee.

Krogstrand said that schools with an average daily membership of 100 or less were surveyed about the possibility of going from nine-man to six-man football. More than 40 percent of the 112 respondents showed some level of favorability to adding six-man football to the offerings of the SDHSAA.

Notes from the advisory committee, available at the SDHSAA website at [www.sdhsaa.com](http://www.sdhsaa.com), say that adding six-man football would likely mean that fewer schools would offer nine-man football, requiring a realignment of the remaining nine-man teams.

Krogstrand said the change to the smaller teams may be necessary "to keep football Friday alive."

The advisory committee's recommendation will now go to a meeting of the state's high school athletic directors. Any action endorsed by the athletic directors would then need to come before the SDHSAA board for its approval.

## SDHSAA board, foundation on solid footing

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — After some rocky times in the past, it appears that the South Dakota High School Activities Association and its foundation are developing a solid working relationship.

The association's board of directors heard from SDHSAA Foundation board member Dave Stevens of Mitchell at its meeting on Wednesday.

"Our goal is to be partners with the activities board," said Stevens, who noted that the foundation and the activities association have completed the split that will make the foundation responsible for its own funding and operation.

Stevens said the goal of the foundation is to grow its assets through corporate sponsorships, contributions and matching funds. One sticking point last year was the desire of some of the association's corporate sponsors to switch their donations to the foundation. Those sponsors are still maintaining their relationship with the association.

"We'll see where that kind of ends up," Stevens said.

Stevens reminded the SDHSAA board that two years ago the foundation funded the donation of 10 automated external defibrillators to schools. Last year, the foundation didn't make any awards. In the future, according to Stevens, the foundation wants to make its donations in concert with the association.

"We want to work together, always realizing that it's for the benefit of students," Stevens said. He said the foundation is suggesting a joint committee to make those donation decisions. The committee would consist of four board members from the foundation, three board members from the association and SDHSAA Executive Director Daniel Swartos.

Stevens said the committee would "be able to decide what's best for schools."

The SDHSAA board took no action on the foundation request.

## Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Chipmunks 13, Foxes 13, Cheetahs 12, Shih Tzus 10, Coyotes 7, Jackelopes 5

**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 216, 199, 195, Mike Siegler 211, Roger Spanier 189

**women's High Games:** Sue Stanley 188, 165, 163, Michelle Johnson 162; Lori Giedt 160, Darci Spanier 160

**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 610, Mike Siegler 529, Roger Spanier 526

**Women's High Series:** Sue Stanley 516, Darci Spanier 459, Dar Larson 421

## **PUC offers suggestions to cope with winter utility bills**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission reminds consumers that lower winter temperatures will be followed by higher heating bills and offers suggestions to keep the cold at bay and the bills manageable this season.

The higher dollar amount reflected in winter utility bills correlates to higher usage, not higher rates. More energy is being used to heat homes and to keep lights on longer during the shorter days of winter.

Rather than be overwhelmed by winter energy bills, the PUC suggests consumers be prepared by taking personal steps to be energy efficient and working with their utility to explore billing options. Here are a few options to consider:

Seal air leaks around doors and windows with weather stripping and caulk. Easy to use window insulator kits are readily available at home improvement and hardware stores.

Turn your thermostat down during the day when you are not at home and at night when you sleep. Set it at 68 when you are at home.

Ensure your heating system is running efficiently by changing filters and having it serviced on a regular basis.

Contact your utility about a balanced billing program. With balanced billing (also called budget billing or even payment billing), a customer is billed an average amount each month regardless of their actual energy use. The utility works with the customer to determine the monthly payment, based on historical account information. Balanced billing is a budgeting tool, not a discount. Customers must meet criteria to participate in budget billing programs.

Utility customers are encouraged to contact their energy provider if they have concerns about their monthly bill. The electric and natural gas companies in South Dakota have knowledgeable customer service representatives who are available to answer questions and address concerns.

Find more information about energy efficiency at [www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com) and budget billing at [www.puc.sd.gov/consumer](http://www.puc.sd.gov/consumer).

## U.S. Department of Education approves South Dakota's ESSA plan

PIERRE, S.D. – The U.S. Department of Education has approved South Dakota's state plan for educating students under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

"South Dakota's plan reflects the state goal of ensuring that every student is provided the opportunity to be successful after high school," said Secretary of Education Don Kirkegaard. "While we have set rigorous expectations, the plan also recognizes that there are many ways to prepare students for success in postsecondary, careers and life. South Dakota aims to provide flexibility for local school districts in working with their students, while still ensuring high expectations and accountability for all."

Highlights of the plan include the following:

- The plan provides an expanded measure of College and Career Readiness, which recognizes the work the state has been doing to give all students meaningful opportunities to engage in rigorous coursework that prepares them to be college, career and life ready.

- South Dakota has worked with stakeholders to create ambitious, yet realistic, goals for the growth of our state's English learners. Within the accountability system, schools are recognized for the work they do to move students towards English proficiency and rewarded when they are able to help students make significant gains.

- Some parts of the South Dakota plan will be explored and implemented in the years ahead. For example, the state is just beginning a pilot program to immerse students in academic and work-based opportunities that are directly connected to a student's end goals. Participating schools will utilize a framework of career advising, early postsecondary opportunities and work-based learning experiences that pave the way for students to make informed decisions about their postsecondary and career plans.

Find South Dakota's approved plan on the South Dakota Department of Education's website at <http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/essa.aspx>.

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## South Dakota 4-H Members Participate in Western National Roundup

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Twenty-one South Dakota 4-H members represented the state, competing along with more than 1000 youth from more than 33 states including Alberta, Canada attended the Western National Roundup January 4-7, 2018 in Denver, Colorado.

The trip from South Dakota to Denver was sponsored and funded by the Livestock Industry 4-H Trust Fund.

South Dakota 4-Hers who competed include the following:

Livestock Judging Team Members: Sawyer Naasz, Brule County; Hunter Miller, Deuel County; Jadee Mattheis, Hutchinson County and Mitchell Vander Wal, Spink County; the team was coached by Amber Erickson and John Keimig.

Horse Judging Team Members: Cassandra Townsend, Brown County; Adrienne Schaubman, Brown County; Callie Mueller, Codington County and Jessica Mueller, Minnehaha County; the team was coached by Mysty Schaubman.

Hippology Team Members: Dani Holm, Minnehaha; Hannah Buchmann, Minnehaha County; Jami Bergeson, McCook County and Samantha Bergeson, McCook County; the team was coached by Melissa Ullerich.

Horse Bowl Team Members: Blayne Martinez, Hutchinson County; Hunter Haberman, Hutchinson County; Justin Edelman, Hutchinson County and Lexy Leischner, Hutchinson County; the team was coached by Jill Haberman.

Horse Demonstration: Sarah Vos, Pennington County and she was coached by Dallas Vos.

Consumer Decision Making Team Members: Bridger Gordon, Butte/Lawrence County; Danika Gordon, Butte/Lawrence County; Collin Hockenbary, Butte/Lawrence County and Layla Hockenbary, Butte/Lawrence County; the team was coached by Jamie Hockenbary.

More about Western National Roundup

The Conference, now in its 98th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Unmask the Superhero in YOU" is aimed at helping participants gain confidence to help them create unique experiences for both themselves and others and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate. The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification.

Workshops are offered throughout the week which provide a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from fitness and nutrition, to communication and team building, to dance and leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.

For further information about Western National Roundup and full results for each contest, please see the main conference website at <http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/>.



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## 2018 Western National Roundup Results

Livestock Judging Team Members: Sawyer Naasz, Brule County; Hunter Miller, Deuel County; Jadee Mattheis, Hutchinson County; Mitchell Vander Wal, Spink County

### Overall Individual

Hunter Miller - 14th  
Mitchell Vander Wal - 39th

Jadee Mattheis - 43rd

Sawyer Naasz - 56th

### Beef Individual

Mitchell VanderWal - 13th

Sawyer Naasz - 21st

Hunter Miller - 47th

Jadee Mattheis - 50th

### Goats Individual

Hunter Miller - 15th

Sawyer Naasz - 19th

Jadee Mattheis - 48th

Mitchell Vander Wal - 67th

### Sheep Individuals

Hunter Miller - 6th

Jadee Mattheis - 45th

Sawyer Naasz - 68th

Mitchell Vander Wal - 96th

### Swine Individuals

Hunter Miller, 18th

Mitchell Vander Wal - 30th

Jadee Mattheis - 40th

Sawyer Naasz - 88th

### Reasons Individuals

Jadee Mattheis - 39th

Hunter Miller - 40th

Mitchell Vander Wal - 45th

Sawyer Naasz - 46th

### Team Results

Overall - 10th

Beef - 9th

Goats - 6th

Sheep - 11th

Swine - 8th

Reasons - 15th

## Horse Classic

Horse Classic High Point State - 5th

**Horse Judging** - Onlytop 20 Individuals Recognized in Awards

Team Members: Cassandra Townsend, Brown County; Adrienne Schaunaman, Brown County; Callie Mueller, Codington County; Jessica Mueller, Minnehaha County

### Overall Individual

Cassandra Townsend - 12th

Adrienne Schaunaman - 14th

Callie Mueller - 15th

### Individual Halter

Cassandra Townsend - 12th

Callie Mueller - 18th

### Individual Performance

Adrienne Schaunaman - 8th

Cassandra Townsend - 11th

Callie Mueller - 17th

### Individual Reasons

Cassandra Townsend - 16th

Adrienne Schaunaman - 18th

### Team Results

Overall - 4th

Halter - 6th

Performance - 3rd

Reasons - 5th

## HippologyTeam Members:

(Only top 10 Individuals Recognized in Awards)

Dani Holm, Minnehaha; Hannah Buchmann, Minnehaha County; Jami Bergeson, McCook County; Samantha Bergeson, McCook County

### Judging

Samantha Bergeson - 8th

Jami Bergeson - 11th - Tied for 9th

### Teams

Overall - 9th

Team Exam/Slides - 7th

Team Stations - 9th

Team Judging - 4th

Team Problem - 10th

## Horse Bowl Team Mem-

**bers:** Blayne Martinez, Hutchinson County; Hunter Haberman, Hutchinson County; Justin Edelman, Hutchinson County; Lexy Leischner, Hutchinson County

### Individual

Hunter Haberman, Hutchinson County - 11th - Tied for 10th

### Team

Overall - 4th

## Horse Demonstration

Sarah Vos, Pennington County - 2nd

## Consumer Decision Making Team Members:

Bridger Gordon, Butte/Lawrence County; Danika Gordon, Butte/Lawrence County; Collin Hockenbary, Butte/Lawrence County; Layla Hockenbary, Butte/Lawrence County

### Overall Individual

Collin Hockenbary - 20th

Bridger Gordon - 22nd

Danika Gordon - 24th

Layla Hockenbary- 29th

### Individual Class Placing

Collin Hockenbary - 20th

Bridger Gordon - 21st

Danika Gordon - 25th

Layla Hockenbary - 28th

### Individual Reasons -

Danika Gordon - 15th

Bridger Gordon - 16th

Collin Hockenbary - 19th

Layla Hockenbary - 30th

### Teams

Overall - 8th

Class Placings - 7th

Reasons - 6th

Group Think - 6th

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Courtesy photo

First Row - Misty Schounaman, Jessica Mueller, Samantha Bergeson, Jami Bergeson, Cassandra Townsend and Lexy Leischner

Row 2 - Amanda Stade, Jill Haberman, Sarah Vos, Layla Hockenbary, Jadee Mattheis, Danika Gordon, and Blayne Martinez

Row 3 - Dallas Vos, Amber Erickson, Sawyer Naasz, Hannah Buchmann, Jamie Hockenbary, Adrienne Schounaman, Callie Mueller, and Hunter Haberman

Row 4 - Melissa Ullerich, Dani Holm, Mitchell Vander Wal, Hunter Miller, Collin Hockenbary, Justin Edelman, and Bridger Gordon



Courtesy photo

Horse Judging Team includes: Misty Schounaman (coach), Jessica Mueller, Adrienne Schounaman, Cassandra Townsend and Callie Mueller.



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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)



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info, E30 prices\locations.

**\*Farmers Union's**

**PSA: Courtesy Merle  
Anderson (Merle is 94  
year old founder of Ace  
and legendary ethanol  
supporter... "because it is  
the right thing to do")**

## Winter Storm Late Saturday Through Monday

**From South Dakota/Nebraska – East into Western Lakes Regions**



### Can We Say For Certain:

**A Storm Will Develop With Potential For Heavy Snow**

### Less Clear:

**Exact Track & Timing**

### Now What?

**We Continue To Monitor**

**Remember - Minor Shifts In Track Will Significantly Impact Snowfall Forecast**

**National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD**



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 1/17/2018 1:45 PM Central

Published on: 01/17/2018 at 1:53PM

A potential winter storm looks like it is in the works for the weekend, though the track and timing remain uncertain. This certainly looks like it could be impactful for the communities it effects! Unfortunately that means that minor variations in the track will play a huge role in the amount of snow that can be expected across the region. More details will be forthcoming.

*80th Annual  
Carnival of Silver Skates  
Sunday, January 28th—2:00 and  
6:30*

Recognizing *past skaters*, showcasing several *specialty acts*, and a *walk down memory lane*. Join us for a great show, performed by our *local youth*, that helps *honor* those who have helped establish this *great community tradition* over

Admission: 13 & older—\$3.00  
6-12—\$2.00

Parking: Provided around the rink and on the ice or cozy up on the bleachers (ice parking begins at 10 am, then again at 4:30 pm)

\*\*Check us out on Facebook at "Silver Skates"

WE HOPE TO  
SEE YOU THERE!



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## Today in Weather History

January 18, 1979: A strong area of low pressure moving across the region brought widespread heavy snow of 5 to 10 inches to much of Minnesota from the 18th through the 20th. Travel was difficult if not impossible in many areas where there were near blizzard conditions. Schools and businesses closed along with many flights canceled.

January 18, 1999: One to 4 inches of snowfall combined with winds of 30 to 45 miles an hour brought blizzard conditions to part of northeast South Dakota. Highway 12 and Interstate 29 were most affected by the low visibilities. There was a seven car pileup on Highway 12 near Andover with minor injuries. As a result, traffic was shut off in the westbound lanes for a few hours. Over 200 people were stranded overnight at a restaurant near Summit. There was also a rollover north of Summit which resulted in minor injuries. One traveler said the visibility was frequently near zero.

January 18, 2014: A strong Alberta Clipper low-pressure system moved over the Northern Plains Friday night and Saturday morning. Anywhere from a trace to just near 3 inches of fresh snowfall accompanied this low-pressure system. Over this area, strong northwest winds of 25 to 40 mph developed by late Friday night with gusts of 45 to 55 mph. A few areas even experienced gusts to 58 mph or greater again. This system packed such a wallop that a couple of instances of thundersnow occurred as evidenced by the cloud to ground lightning strikes showing up in southwestern Day County and northwestern Clark County early Saturday morning.

Numerous reports of visibility reduced to one-quarter mile or less across northeast South Dakota, specifically on or just to the east of the Glacial Lakes region, were received.

1943: Idaho's coldest night on record occurred as the low temperature dropped to 60 degrees below zero at Island Park Dam.

1950: Oregon continued in the grips of one of its worst winter months ever. A major winter storm brought a thick glaze of ice to Columbia River Gorge, stopping automobile traffic in its tracks. Hundreds of motorists were stranded and had to be rescued by train. Even that was difficult with the coating of ice. The storm caused widespread power outages.

1971: A warm Santa Ana condition brought a 95 degree reading to Los Angeles, the highest January temperature on record. It was 95 degrees in Palm Springs, the highest temperature on record for January as well.








1973: The first tornado death of the year has been registered north of Coreys, Louisiana during the afternoon hours. Although a girl was killed when a tenant farm was destroyed, a baby received only minor injuries when it was carried 300 to 400 yards by the tornado.

1980: A tropical depression that developed on January 15th became Tropical Storm Hyacinthe on the 18th. From the 18th through the 27th this storm produced a world record rainfall amount of 223.5 inches at Cratère Commerson, on the island of La Réunion.




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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Likely 70%	Snow Likely 60%
High: 42 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 43 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 38 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 30 °F





## 4 Day Outlook

 **Aberdeen, SD**  
www.weather.gov/abr  
Updated: 1/18/2018 3:53 AM Central

### Central South Dakota

Today	FRI	SAT	SUN
			
Highs 42 to 52° Partly Sunny & Mild	43-50°	38-42°	29-32°

### Northeast South Dakota & West Central Minnesota

Today	FRI	SAT	SUN
			
Highs 35 to 45° Partly Sunny & Mild	39-46°	36-42°	28-32°

Published on: 01/18/2018 at 3:55AM

Relatively mild conditions will continue across the region through Saturday. However, come Saturday night and Sunday, snow is expected to move into the area. Accumulations look possible. Stay tuned!

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 38.9**

**Low Outside Temp: 3.4**

**Wind Chill: -**

**High Gust: 25**

**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 51° in 1944**

**Record Low: -34° in 1970**

**Average High: 22°F**

**Average Low: 1°F**

**Average Precip in Jan: 0.30**

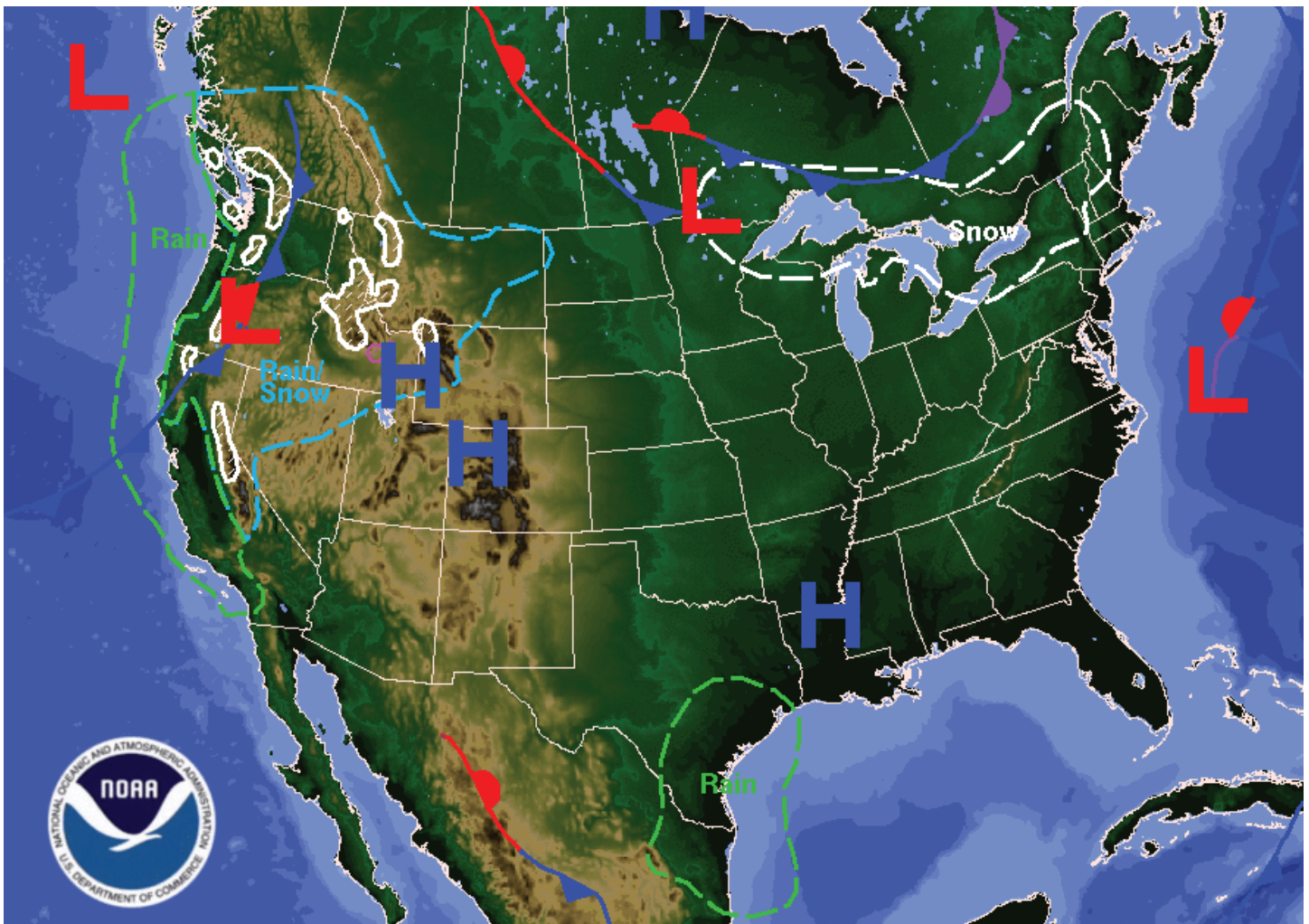
**Precip to date in Jan: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 0.30**

**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 5:20 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:07 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Jan 18, 2018, issued 3:48 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Gerhardt 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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## LIFE AFTER LIFE

A group of visitors once asked an eighty-two-year-old his age. After answering their question he said, "I'm going to live until I die. And then I'm going to live forever!"

Is it possible that he had Psalm 84 in mind and was reflecting on the words of the psalmist: "They go from strength to strength – or they make their way – till each appears before God."

God expects us to care for our bodies – He created them and entrusted them to us to do His work well. The story is told of two camels who deeply loved their masters.

While carrying their cargoes across the desert one decided that he would eat little so he could save his master money. He soon became weak and disoriented and thieves took advantage of his master when he died – beating him and taking the cargo. The other cared for both his master and his strength. He ate wisely and passed triumphantly across the desert.

We weaken ourselves spiritually by not nourishing ourselves with "soul-food" – God's Word. Because God made us for Himself, we must bring His life into our life through the Word of Life – Christ our Lord. He alone can satisfy the hunger in our hearts and the longing in our souls.

Jesus met these needs when He said, "I am the Bread of Life! No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. And those who believe in Me will never thirst, either."

Age does not matter. Life does. And life begins with the Lord. Believe in Him! He will nourish body and soul.

Prayer: We look to You, Lord, for our strength. The journey before us is uncertain – not our God who guides us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 84:7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.



## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

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



## News from the Associated Press

### **Developer says it's moving forward with Keystone XL pipeline**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The developer of the Keystone XL pipeline says it is moving forward with its plans and hopes to begin construction next year.

TransCanada Corp. said Thursday that its decision builds on the Nebraska Public Service Commission's decision to approve a route through the state on Nov. 20.

The company based in Calgary, Canada, says it has secured enough long-term commitments from oil companies to ship approximately 500,000 barrels per day through the pipeline.

The project faces opposition from environmental groups, property owners along the route and Native American tribes, who view it as a threat to groundwater and property rights.

The Nebraska commission's vote to approve a route through the state removed one of the last regulatory obstacles for the project, although it still could face years of court challenges.

### **Longtime Lincoln County sheriff to retire at end of the year**

CANTON, S.D. (AP) — Longtime Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Johnson says he plans to retire at the end of the year.

He's been the top law enforcement official in South Dakota's third-largest county for the past 20 years.

The 59-year-old Johnson has served more than 40 years in law enforcement. He says he has no specific plans for his retirement.

The public will elect a new sheriff in November.

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CANTON, S.D. (AP) — Longtime Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Johnson says he plans to retire at the end of the year.

He's been the top law enforcement official in South Dakota's third-largest county for the past 20 years.

The 59-year-old Johnson has served more than 40 years in law enforcement. He says he has no specific plans for his retirement.

The public will elect a new sheriff in November.

### **Suspect's competency in question in Sioux Falls slayings**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The case of a man accused of killing his mother and nephew in Sioux Falls is on hold until the court determines whether he's competent to stand trial.

Attorneys for 25-year-old Heath Otto say a doctor has found him incompetent. The Argus Leader reports a hearing will eventually be held on whether Otto is able to understand the nature and consequences of the case against him.

Authorities allege Otto killed his mother, 48-year-old Carol Simon, and his 7-year-old nephew, Brayden Otto, in November 2016. Authorities say Heath Otto told police he strangled them and slit their throats because his mother was sick and his nephew was handicapped. He faces murder charges.

Otto was scheduled for trial in March, but a date will not be set until his mental health status is determined.

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

### **Record year for commercial construction in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Commercial construction climbed to another record-breaking year in Sioux Falls.

Building permits issued in 2017 for commercial projects reached \$739 million. City leaders say it's the fifth year in a row that construction has reached record-breaking levels.

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The city's biggest project last year was the Win Chill building at Foundation Park, a refrigerated food warehouse with a price tag of nearly \$33 million. The contractor, Gil Haugan Construction, is also working on a number of other projects in the city, including Lewis Drug and Pave patio where the Copper Lounge once stood.

The Argus Leader says nine other projects in Sioux Falls ranged from \$25 million to \$10 million.

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

## Rapid City man to plead guilty in medical laser scheme

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man who authorities say ran an illegal medical laser scheme has agreed to plead guilty to a reduced list of criminal charges and repay at least \$16.7 million to customers.

The Rapid City Journal reports that in exchange, prosecutors will drop charges against the longtime live-in girlfriend of 82-year-old Larry Lytle.

Lytle was accused of making and selling bogus laser medical devices known as QLasers. He'd been scheduled for trial next week on charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy, contempt and obstruction of government proceedings.

Court documents show Lytle has agreed to plead guilty to criminal contempt and conspiracy. The other charges will be dismissed, as will charges against Lytle's girlfriend, Fredretta Eason.

Two others charged in the case pleaded guilty earlier and await sentencing.

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 Wednesday:

Dakota Cash  
03-04-11-28-35  
(three, four, eleven, twenty-eight, thirty-five)  
Estimated jackpot: \$99,000

Lotto America  
05-08-28-30-40, Star Ball: 4, ASB: 3  
(five, eight, twenty-eight, thirty, forty; Star Ball: four; ASB: three)  
Estimated jackpot: \$18.47 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$55 million

Powerball  
03-33-37-51-57, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2  
(three, thirty-three, thirty-seven, fifty-one, fifty-seven; Powerball: twenty-one; Power Play: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$62 million

## Mooney with 19 points, South Dakota beats Oral Roberts 82-70

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Matt Mooney scored 19 points with five assists and four steals and South Dakota beat Oral Roberts 82-70 on Wednesday night.

Tyler Hagedorn added 14 points and five rebounds for the Coyotes (16-5, 4-1 Summit League) who have

won four of the last five. Tyler Peterson had 13 points and Triston Simpson and Nick Fuller had 11 apiece. The team was 27 of 49 (55 percent) from the field and was 21 of 25 (84 percent) from the line.

South Dakota was up 43-31 at the break and Mooney, Simpson and Hagedorn teamed up for a 15-10 run to open the second half, pushing the advantage to 58-41 with 12:30 to play. Oral Roberts cut it to 62-51 with 8:29 left but the Coyotes held onto their double-digit lead for the win.

Sam Kearns scored 18 points with nine assists for the Golden Eagles (7-14, 3-3) who are on a three-game skid.

## South Dakota Legislature holds sexual harassment training

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers and their staff attended sexual harassment training Wednesday after news reports about women who experienced sexism and harassment around the statehouse.

The training was required for legislative employees. Leaders had said all lawmakers were expected to attend, but it wasn't mandatory.

"There's really no ability for us to make attendance here mandatory," Senate Majority Leader Blake Curd said. "We're all elected to serve our districts, and we participate where we see fit, but I think for the most part everybody was here."

The afternoon ethics, professionalism and sexual harassment training from the National Conference of State Legislatures addressed topics including state and federal law and the South Dakota Legislature's joint rules. It was provided for free, Legislative Research Council Director Jason Hancock said in an email.

Republican Sen. Deb Peters, who helped bring the training to South Dakota, said her goal was to make sure lawmakers keep the issues of ethics, civility and sexual harassment at the forefront of their thoughts. But Peters said she hasn't seen sexual harassment at the Legislature.

"It's just important that we keep it on the forefront of the conversation and we ensure that everybody feels safe in the workplace," Peters said.

A state lawmaker who admitted to having sexual contact with two interns resigned last year. Citing poor health, a former legislator named to the state Board of Pardons and Paroles withdrew from consideration in December after a past lobbyist accused him of sexual harassment. He criticized the allegations as "false attacks" leveled for political gain.

In October, a former state senator came forward with her story of sexual harassment by an ex-House majority leader and a lobbyist shared her story of being raped.

Some lawmakers declined to go to the training. Sitting at her desk on the state House floor while it was occurring, Republican Rep. Marli Wiese said she had "issues that just precluded me from attending." GOP Rep. Lance Carson, also at his desk, said he had previously went through sexual harassment training. It wasn't clear if Republican Sen. Neal Tapio, who didn't immediately return a telephone message from The Associated Press, attended the training.

Carson said that if someone is smart enough to get elected to the Legislature, they're "smart enough to know what's right and what's wrong."

Republican Rep. Elizabeth May said the training wasn't a good use of her time, but she came because she didn't want to let her leadership down.

"This is not a serious issue because there's not a problem," May said. "I have serious issues to deal with, and this is not one of them."

Senate President Pro Tempore Brock Greenfield, a Republican, disagreed.

"Anybody who's been around in the last year who says it wasn't worthwhile, they need to do a serious check as to what their attitude is," Greenfield said. "I take it too seriously to be dismissive and say, 'What a waste of time.'"

LEAD South Dakota, a nonprofit group that encourages women to enter politics, said in a statement that it hopes the training is the start of making the legislative session safer and more inclusive for women.

"This training is a good first step, but it can't be the last," LEAD Co-Chair Susan Kroger said. "Real change

for this issue comes from dismantling the permissive culture in Pierre and electing new leaders to office.”

Greenfield is going to appoint a legislative group to look at current anti-harassment policies, changes proposed by a Democratic lawmaker and issues proposed by others.

Democratic Sen. Billie Sutton had proposed changes that would require nonpartisan legislative staff to conduct investigations into harassment allegations. The proposed rules would apply to the harassment of legislators, lobbyists, interns, pages and legislative employees by people holding those positions.

This story has been corrected to show that Greenfield is going to appoint the legislative anti-harassment group, not that he recently appointed it.

## Investigation finds no conflict in Yankton hog farms votes

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An investigation has found that three commissioners didn't violate South Dakota's conflict of interest statute by approving several hog operations in a southeastern county.

The Yankton County commissioners themselves asked for the probe following accusations by hog farm opponents, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported .

Commissioner Ray Epp serves on the Board of Directors for the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. Epp said his involvement with the industry group was questioned as posing a conflict of interest for approving local hog farms.

Yankton County States Attorney Rob Klimisch announced Tuesday that Epp and Commissioners Todd Woods and Don Kettering didn't have a financial interest or benefit in their votes on hog confinement conditional use permits and variance requests.

Klimisch shared the investigation's findings during a commission meeting.

Klimisch said all three commissioners complied with his requests for information regarding employment history and organizational involvement. Klimisch also gave the collected information to the attorney general's office.

“We had considerable discussions with the attorney general's office,” said Klimisch. “They, too, did not find anything that would cause them concern where they would believe there would be a concern of conflict of interest regarding a direct financial interest.”

Woods serves as chairman of the commission. He said the discussion proves that the commission acted within the law throughout the approval process.

“I understand the law, and what I can and can't do. The biggest thing about this is that's been reaffirmed,” said Woods. “We are following the law and making decisions that are all legal.”

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

## Trump adds confusion to government shutdown concern

By ALAN FRAM and ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Injecting confusion into already perilous shutdown negotiations, President Donald Trump undercut his own administration's stance by tweeting Thursday that a children's health insurance program should not be part of a short-term budget agreement.

The president's tweet came as Republicans and Democrats were scrambling to avert the shutdown, which could come at midnight Friday. The administration had previously expressed support for GOP-drafted legislation that includes money for the popular children's program for six years, a tactic aimed at winning some Democratic support for the bill.

The House was to vote later Thursday.

After Trump tweeted, aides from both parties expressed bafflement at exactly what he meant and why he took his position. It was the latest instance that has raised doubts in Washington about the president's unpredictable approach to legislation, policy and political decisions.

The White House did not immediately respond to questions about the tweet, which said simply: “CHIP



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should be part of a long term solution, not a 30 Day, or short term, extension!"

Just Wednesday, the White House budget office sent Congress a letter expressing support for the overall bill and expressly wrote, "The Administration supports the bill's multiyear funding extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)."

Federal financing for the program that serves nearly 9 million children expired in October and several states are close to exhausting their money, and Congress has passed several short-term patches to keep their programs afloat.

Trump's comments came amid a flurry of tweets Thursday. He also insisted his views on a border wall with Mexico have not evolved, pushing back against his own chief of staff's comments to lawmakers.

Trump said on Twitter: "The Wall is the Wall, it has never changed or evolved from the first day I conceived of it."

Some Democrats who met with White House chief of staff John Kelly on Wednesday say Kelly told them parts of the border don't need a wall — and that Trump didn't know that when making campaign promises.

Trump tweeted Thursday that some of the wall will be "see through," and he wrote that the wall was never supposed to be built where there are natural barriers. He added that it "will be paid for, directly or indirectly, or through longer term reimbursement, by Mexico, which has a ridiculous \$71 billion dollar trade surplus with the U.S."

Kelly's assertion that Trump's views on immigration had evolved came as lawmakers try to reach accord on protecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation, a push the White House and Republicans say they would back, if it's coupled with tough border security measures and other restrictions.

Trump tweeted Thursday, "If there is no Wall, there is no Deal!" He said the U.S. needs a wall "to help stop the massive inflow of drugs from Mexico, now rated the number one most dangerous country in the world."

Kelly made the remarks about Trump and the wall Wednesday at a closed-door meeting with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, participants said, and he made similar comments later on Fox News Channel.

Kelly said on Fox he told the caucus that "they all say things during the course of campaigns that may or may not be fully informed." He said Trump has "very definitely changed his attitude" toward protecting the young immigrants, "and even the wall, once we briefed him."

"So he has evolved in the way he's looked at things," Kelly said. "Campaign to governing are two different things and this president has been very, very flexible in terms of what is within the realms of the possible."

Kelly's comments were noteworthy because they openly acknowledged the difference between campaign promises and governing, and even suggested that Trump needed to be educated on the subject.

They also come as lawmakers struggle to reach a bipartisan deal protecting "dreamers" — around 800,000 people who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children and could be deported without legal protections. Part of negotiators' problem has been uncertainty over what Trump would accept.

"He's not yet indicated what measure he's willing to sign," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters Wednesday. "As soon as we figure out what he is for, then I will be convinced that we would not just be spinning our wheels going to this issue on the floor."

Trump's tweets on Thursday were hardly the first time his words have been in conflict with comments by a senior aide. Among other clashes, he has repeatedly undercut Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Some lawmakers who met with Kelly Wednesday recounted his remarks.

"He specifically said that there's some areas of the border that didn't need the wall, and that the president didn't know that when he was making his campaign promises," Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., said in a brief interview.

Another lawmaker, Rep. Luis, Gutierrez, D-Ill., said Kelly told them that "there were statements made about the wall that were not informed statements. In other words, I've informed the president of what it takes to build a wall, so here's how we're going to do it. That's what I understood, and all of that was helpful."

Many Democrats have said that without an immigration deal in sight, they'll vote against a Republican bill preventing a weekend government shutdown. Congressional passage must come by Friday to prevent

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an election-year shutdown of federal agencies that could be damaging to both parties.

During his presidential campaign, Trump made it a mantra to promise to build a "beautiful" wall that would be paid for by Mexico. Supporters at his rallies often chanted, "Build that wall."

White House officials have repeatedly said it doesn't have to be a concrete wall from coast to coast but could include large stretches of fencing, technology or other systems. Trump also now wants Congress to provide taxpayer money to finance it.

Trump ended the legal shields on "Dreamers" last year and gave Congress until March to renew them.

Last week, he rejected a compromise by three Democratic and three Republican senators to restore those protections, a deal that included money to begin building the wall and other security steps. Trump's rejection angered the bargainers, and partisan feelings worsened after participants in a White House meeting last week said Trump had referred to African nations as "shitholes."

Another group of high-level lawmakers has also started talks aimed at brokering an immigration deal, adding an additional level of uncertainty.

Kelly said on Fox that "there's no doubt in my mind there's going to be a deal" protecting the Dreamers.

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said there's "very, very strong" sentiment among Democrats in the chamber to oppose GOP-drafted legislation to keep the government's doors open.

His comments underscored the problems GOP leaders face in winning congressional passage of that legislation. The bill would keep agencies open until mid-February and finance a popular children's health insurance program for a year.

Democrats' votes are needed to advance the stopgap measure through the Senate. It's even unclear whether GOP leaders have nailed down enough votes to prevail in the House, where conservatives and strong boosters of the Pentagon have been unhappy.

Conservative leader Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said he wants GOP leaders to add additional defense money. But he said he was pessimistic leaders would grant other conservative-backed ideas, such as the promise of a vote on a more conservative immigration bill authored by Judiciary Committee Chairman Robert Goodlatte, R-Va.

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## Emirates throws Airbus A380 a lifeline with \$16 billion deal

By AYA BATRAWY and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Middle East's largest airline, Emirates, is throwing Airbus a lifeline for its troubled A380 jumbo jet.

The carrier said Thursday it struck a deal with Airbus to buy 20 of its A380 double-decker jets, with the option to buy 16 more, in a deal worth \$16 billion.

Airbus had said earlier this week that if it didn't close the deal with Emirates, it would end production altogether of the jet. The plane has been difficult to sell in part because of its unusually large size, which can be hard to fill and requires bigger runways.

"This new order underscores Airbus' commitment to produce the A380 at least for another ten years," said Airbus chief salesman John Leahy.

The deal removes one thorn in Airbus's side as it struggles with a series of production problems and legal woes. Authorities in Britain and France are investigating alleged fraud and bribery related to Airbus' use of outside consultants in commercial plane sales. Airbus has warned the investigations could lead to "significant penalties."

In an effort to get past these problems, the company in December shook up its top leadership, announcing that its CEO, Tom Enders, will step down in 2019.

The deal with Emirates also caps several weeks of talks and tensions with the airline.

In November, Airbus suffered the embarrassment of believing it had struck a deal to sell A380s to Emirates, only to see Boeing sit on the podium with the airline and sign a \$15.1 billion deal.

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Dubai-based Emirates already has 101 A380s in its fleet and 41 more on order, making it the largest operator of the jumbo jet. Its fleet relies solely on the Airbus 380 and the Boeing 777.

Emirates Chairman and CEO, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, said at a signing of the deal in Dubai that the order "will provide stability to the A380 production line."

Emirates, which is owned by the Dubai government in the United Arab Emirates, said the additional A380s will be delivered to the airliner from 2020 onwards and that some of the new A380s will be used as fleet replacements.

An Airbus A380 has a list price of \$445.6 million, but airlines and manufacturers often negotiate lower prices. Airbus delivered just 15 of the planes last year, and aims to deliver 12 more this year.

Leahy had said Monday that Emirates is the only airline with the ability to commit to a minimum of six planes a year for a minimum of eight to 10 years, or what is needed to make the Airbus program viable.

"It's positive news for both sides," said airline analyst John Strickland of JLS Consulting. "The A380 is critical to Emirates' hub-and-growth strategy and equally the airline is key to Airbus' continuation of the program. It will be a great relief to Airbus to have secured this order, but they have to work aggressively to secure orders from other airlines too now."

Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said the deal reflects Emirates' commitment to advancing "Dubai's vision to grow further as a world-class destination and aviation hub." Dubai's main airport, where Emirates is based, is among the busiest in the world with more than 80 million travelers passing through in 2016.

## Hot and bothered: Temperatures rise, seeds fall in Australia

By JOHN PYE, AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — On a day when shade was a valuable commodity in the searing heat at Melbourne Park, Roger Federer played it cool at the Australian Open.

Six-time champion Novak Djokovic, however, complained about the brutal conditions during his second-round win over Gael Monfils, when the temperature peaked at 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit).

Djokovic urged tennis organizers to be more flexible about the rules for drink breaks, time between points and suspension of play when the conditions were bordering on dangerous.

Federer, the defending champion, finished off a 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over Jan-Lennard Struff a half-hour before midnight, when the temperature was still around 29 degrees C (84 degrees F), and said playing at the height of the heat wouldn't have bothered him.

"I may have thrived in those conditions," he said. "It's definitely a challenge. It's hard to prepare for that in some ways, but you know when you come down here that can happen."

"Sure, I'm happy I played at night time. But, like I said on court, I would back myself playing during the daytime also. Used to go to Dubai when it was 45 — 38 seems almost OK."

Temperatures are expected to rise on Friday, before cooling off considerably over the weekend, when Federer and Djokovic's half of the draw is back for the third round.

Stan Wawrinka, the 2014 Australian Open champion, No. 7 David Goffin and No. 13 Sam Querrey didn't make it through the second round. Nor did Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza, one of the five seeded women's players who were eliminated on Day 4.

That left only Maria Sharapova and Angelique Kerber — who will meet in the next round — and French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko as Grand Slam winners in the women's draw.

Sharapova beat 14th-seeded Anastasija Sevastova 6-1, 7-6 (4) to avenge a loss in last year's U.S. Open, the five-time major champion's first Grand Slam after returning from a 15-month doping ban.

Kerber, the 2016 Australian Open champion, had a 6-4, 6-1 win over Donna Vekic before the crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to celebrate her 30th birthday.

Still looking for a first major after two French Open final losses, top-ranked Simona Halep held off 2014 Wimbledon finalist Eugenie Bouchard 6-2, 6-2. Halep will next play Lauren Davis.

U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys opened with four straight aces and won the first 11 games in a 6-0, 6-1

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win over 92nd-ranked Ekaterina Alexandrova.

Sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova, No. 8 Caroline Garcia and No. 26 Agnieszka Radwanska also advanced.

Blisters from the hot court surface didn't help Muguruza in a 7-6 (1), 6-4 loss to 88th-ranked Hsieh Su-wei, who has been No. 1 in doubles but had a career-high ranking of 23rd in singles.

Ninth-seeded Johanna Konta also struggled in a straight-set loss to lucky loser Bernarda Pera, an American who is ranked 123rd and making her Grand Slam debut. Pera, who didn't even know she had a spot in the main draw until another player withdrew, will next play No. 20 Barbora Strycova.

Wawrinka left it as late as possible before deciding his knee might just be good enough to get him through the first major of the season. Clearly, the 2014 champion was too ambitious. A 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 loss to 97th-ranked Tennys Sandgren in the second round was his earliest exit in a decade here.

"I only had surgery five months ago," said Wawrinka, who still has a visible scar running down his left knee and hadn't played since Wimbledon. "To be that far already, it's more than what we could have expected."

Wawrinka appeared lethargic and generally didn't threaten Sandgren, who had never beaten a top-10 player. His wins in the first two rounds make Sandgren 2-0 at majors.

Sandgren — his first name comes down from his great-grandfather — said he held his celebrations in check out of respect for an injured opponent.

Still, he added: "It's a huge deal for me, and something that if I don't ever get another accomplishment, I can at least hang my hat on this one."

Djokovic, who won four of the five Australian titles between 2011 and '16 before his shocking second-round exit last year, extended his career head-to-head domination over Monfils to 15-0.

The heat peaked during Djokovic's 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 win. Both players slouched over in the shade between points, earning warnings about time delays from the chair umpire.

The win was a relief for Djokovic, but he said officials need to be more considerate about the players in the conditions.

Now seeded 14th, Djokovic needed four match points in an eight-minute last game before clinching the win against Monfils, who needed a medical timeout for heat stress and said he had trouble breathing.

"It was obvious we both suffered on the court today," Djokovic said. "Really tough conditions — brutal."

Juan Martin del Potro, the 2009 U.S. Open champion, had issues with the heat but still advanced along with No. 19 Tomas Berdych, No. 21 Albert Ramos and No. 5 Dominic Thiem, who rallied to beat 190th-ranked American qualifier Denis Kudla 6-7 (6), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Djokovic said the conditions were some of the toughest he's ever played in, and had some advice for organizers with temperatures predicted to rise to 42 degrees C (108 degrees F) on Day 5.

"There are certain days where you just have to, as a tournament supervisor, recognize that you might need to give players few extra hours," he said. "I understand there is a factor of tickets. If you don't play matches, people will be unhappy."

But he said the conditions were at the point where it becomes a "danger in terms of health."

More AP coverage: [www.apnews.com/tag/AustralianOpen](http://www.apnews.com/tag/AustralianOpen)

## South's slow-motion freeze leaves vexing blanket of snow

By JONATHAN DREW and TOM FOREMAN Jr., Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The deep freeze that killed 10 people and shut down much of the South began to relent Thursday, but several states were still dealing with the lingering effects of the slow-moving storm that dumped up to 12 inches (30 centimeters) of snow in central North Carolina.

The snow had stopped by early morning in the Carolinas, but officials warned travelers to watch for black ice on roads that had been plowed. Others were still impassible. Even low hills in unplowed residential neighborhoods proved too much for drivers in northern Durham County, and a dark-colored sedan sat abandoned in the middle of the road in one neighborhood.

The storm that swept across the South through Wednesday dumped up to 12 inches (30 centimeters)



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of snow on the northern part the county. In the area's residential neighborhoods, a few people shoveled driveways but most stayed bundled inside.

Mark Foley, 24, wore a hat and jacket as he worked to start his pickup truck covered in a half-foot (15 centimeters) of snow in a Durham driveway. After a few minutes in the 15 degree (9 degrees Celsius) air, he had success. He said he had to drive several miles to pick up an in-home health aide for his disabled father.

"My lock was frozen, so I couldn't even unlock the door. So I had to use some warm water," he said holding an empty pitcher. "It's more snow than we thought we were going to get."

The National Weather Service said hazardous travel conditions in most of the Carolinas were not expected to improve before midday because of the frigid temperatures.

In Atlanta, temperatures also remained well below freezing. Metro Atlanta's commuter rail system was operating on a limited schedule as the city continued to recover from the approximately 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) of snow and ice that brought the area to a standstill. Officials at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest, were hoping to reduce lengthy security checkpoint wait times that occurred at the height of the storm. Delays on Wednesday were exacerbated when some security screeners were unable to get to the airport to check people in. Some spent Wednesday night at the airport to avoid a repeat.

On Thursday, airlines canceled another 200 flights at the Atlanta airport, and dozens of other flights at Charlotte Douglas International Airport as the South continued to recover.

Much of Alabama remained in weather-related limbo. State offices were resuming operations at noon Thursday, and some school systems returned to class with delayed openings. Forecasters say high temperatures Thursday should range from the upper 30s to the low 40s, helping melt the remaining ice.

At least four people died in Louisiana, including a man knocked off an elevated portion of Interstate 10 in New Orleans when a pickup spun out on ice, and an 8-month-old baby in a car that slid into a canal in suburban New Orleans. The baby's mother was in critical condition.

Two others died along an icy stretch of I-75 southeast of Atlanta when a driver lost control and hit them, one of them inside a stopped car and the other standing beside it, authorities said.

One person died in a weather-related traffic accident in West Virginia. In the freezing Houston area, a homeless man was found dead behind a trash bin, apparently of exposure, while an 82-year-old woman with dementia succumbed to the cold after walking away from her home. Also, a woman was discovered dead in a snowy park near City Hall in Memphis, Tennessee. The temperature was about 10 degrees (minus 12 Celsius) when she was found.

From Charlotte to Raleigh, North Carolina's five most populous cities all saw significant snow from a system that followed an atypical west-to-east path across the state — and moved more slowly than forecasters had predicted. One foot (30 centimeters) of snow was reported in Durham County by early Thursday morning. Winston-Salem and Greensboro each had about 7 inches (18 centimeters),

In North Carolina, state troopers responded to 1,600 crashes while Charlotte police reported another nearly 200 by late Wednesday. Gov. Roy Cooper said state officials weren't aware of any fatalities. About 10,000 homes and businesses were without power early Thursday, including about half in Durham and Wake counties.

In northern Durham County, Ben Kimmel marveled as snow blew across his property all day Wednesday. Kimmel said he had propane to heat his house if he lost electricity and has extra water, too.

"This is really unusual for this area to have this much snow," said the 49-year-old, who has lived in the state most of his life.

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Foreman reported from Winston-Salem. Also contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Jack Jones in Columbia; Gary D. Robertson in Cary and Emery P. Dalesio in Raleigh, North Carolina; Jay Reeves in Birmingham, Alabama; and Kate Brumback and Jeff Martin in Atlanta.

## Pope wraps up Chile stop with visit to migrants, on to Peru

By NICOLE WINFIELD and PETER PRENGAMAN, Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Pope Francis wraps up his Chile visit Thursday by meeting with members of the South American nation's booming immigrant community, who are flocking to the region's strongest and most stable economy but are increasingly the focus of political and social discontent.

After an emotional meeting with Chile's Mapuche indigenous in the south Wednesday, Francis is going to the northern city of Iquique, which is home to nearly two dozen migrant slums. He plans to celebrate Mass there before heading to Peru for the final leg of his two-nation trip.

Francis has long called for countries to welcome migrants and refugees fleeing war, drought or hardship — a message that often falls on deaf ears in Europe, where the migrant crisis has been a driving factor on politics for years.

Upon his arrival in Chile, Francis said the country's future lies in its ability to listen, including "to the migrants who knock on the doors of this country in search of a better life, but also with the strength and the hope of helping to build a better life for all."

Even though the numbers are comparatively small, Chile had the fastest annual rate of migrant growth of any country in Latin American between 2010 and 2015, according to U.N. and church statistics.

Most of the newcomers are Haitians, who often face language barriers that limit their job prospects. While Chile hasn't experienced the anti-immigrant backlash seen in the U.S. and Europe, the incoming conservative government of President Sebastian Pinera is looking to crack down.

Pinera, who previously was president in 2010-14, said during his election campaign that Chile would remain welcoming to migrants who follow the law and aim to be productive members of society.

"We want to shut the doors to drug trafficking, contraband that is often associated with it and, above all, we want people who come to Chile to respect our law," Pinera told local ADN radio in October.

Immigration groups say they fear a big change will follow when Pinera takes power in March from President Michelle Bachelet.

On Wednesday, Francis engaged in one of his most anticipated events: celebrating Mass for Mapuche amid a spate of unprecedented violence timed to his visit. Nearly a dozen churches and three helicopters were torched recently.

In his homily in the heart of Chile's restive Araucania region, Francis took both Mapuche radicals responsible for the violence and the government to task. He said violence must end and the government must do more than just negotiate "elegant" but ultimately meaningless agreements with the indigenous.

"You cannot assert yourselves by destroying others, because this only leads to more violence and division," he admonished. "Violence begets violence, destruction increases fragmentation and separation. Violence eventually makes a most just cause into a lie."

After the Mass, Francisca Linconao, a Mapuche leader who has been implicated in the burning deaths of a farm couple in 2013, tried to approach Francis as he passed by in his popemobile, but police kept her away. She said she wanted to give him a letter asking him to intervene in the long-standing conflict and proclaiming her innocence.

"The pope could speak, could mediate in the Araucania region about the situation of the Mapuche who are being incarcerated," Linconao told The Associated Press.

The Argentine pope is particularly attuned to indigenous issues and their campaigns for recognition of their land, culture and traditions. He hopes to use his weeklong trip to Chile and Peru to put the issue on the global agenda and set the stage for a church meeting next year on the Amazon and native peoples who live there.

The outdoor Mass at the Maquehue Air Base was steeped in symbolism because of its own history: The land was taken from the Mapuche in the early 20th century and the location was also used as a detention and torture facility in the early years of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's military dictatorship.

Leading some 150,000 people in a moment of silent prayer, Francis said the fertile green fields and snow-capped mountains of the Mapuche heartland were blessed by God and cursed by man as the site of "grave human rights violations" during the 1973-1990 dictatorship.

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"We offer this Mass for all those who suffered and died, and for those who daily bear the burden of those many injustices," he said.

The world's first Latin American pope knows well the conflict-ridden modern history of his home continent. He was a young Jesuit superior during neighboring Argentina's "dirty war," when thousands of suspected leftists were killed, imprisoned or disappeared at the hands of the military junta.

In Chile, the government estimates 3,095 people were killed, including about 1,200 who were forcibly disappeared.

Some of them washed ashore along the river that runs through Maquehue, said Patricia Aravena, a 44-year-old secretary who said she grew up hearing stories from her parents and grandparents of atrocities committed at the base.

"My father-in-law told us that in 1973 the military entered the air base with trucks full of people and then left with them empty," she told AP. "They would also hear shooting and would go to see bodies that were left on the riverbanks."

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## Trump hoping to keep Pennsylvania seat in Republican hands

By **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

President Donald Trump on Thursday pledged "total support" for a Pennsylvania lawmaker trying to keep a House seat in Republican hands in the first congressional race of the year, tweeting his endorsement hours before visiting the state.

Trump said Rick Saccone "is a great guy" and that "We need more Republicans to continue our already successful agenda!" The 59-year-old state representative faces Conor Lamb, a 33-year-old lawyer and former Marine, in the March 13 special election as Democrats look to build on their Senate victory in conservative Alabama and lay the groundwork for gains in the midterm contests in November.

The president's official mission during the trip to the Pittsburgh area was to hail the recently enacted tax cuts. Trump planned to appear with Saccone, although the White House said the president didn't intend to mention the candidate in his remarks. Also, the event won't take place in the 18th Congressional District, where the GOP incumbent, Tim Murphy, resigned after admitting to an extramarital affair.

The election is shaping up as the next test of Democratic enthusiasm and GOP resilience in the Trump era and an early indicator of whether a midterm wave may be coming, as Democrats hope. They want to show they can win in Trump territory without benefit of a scandal or flawed candidate, as was the case with Republican Roy Moore in the Alabama Senate election.

"Will be going to Pennsylvania today in order to give my total support to RICK SACCONNE," Trump tweeted.

Saccone, in an interview Wednesday, framed his candidacy as an extension of the agenda that propelled Trump. "It's only natural to have him come out to see his core constituency and have us celebrate his successes with him," Saccone said.

The White House would confirm only that Saccone was to greet the president at the airport and attend Trump's tour of a factory.

Saccone, a retired Air Force officer with a doctorate in international affairs and experience in counterterrorism, said he didn't know whether he would sit with the president or even get to spend any time one on one with him. "I don't have any details," he said after spending the day in Washington raising money alongside GOP House leaders.

The Congressional Leadership Fund, a political action committee aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., has opened offices in the district with paid canvassers. Political groups bankrolled by the billionaire Ricketts family, owners of the Chicago Cubs, are airing television ads on Saccone's behalf.

As for Democrats, at the national party's House campaign headquarters, spokeswoman Meredith Kelly praised Lamb's "long record of public service to our country." But the party hasn't included the district on its official list of GOP-held targets, which now has 91 seats. Democrats must flip 24 GOP-held seats to

regain a majority in the House.

In 2017, Democrats managed surprisingly competitive races in four special congressional races in heavily Republican districts, but lost all four.

Lamb must "run a perfect campaign," said Mike Mikus, a Democratic campaign strategist who has run congressional races in the Pittsburgh area. "But it can be done," Mikus added.

Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans in the district by about 70,000, a reflection of organized labor's long influence in the district. But many of those union households embraced Trump's populist, protectionist message in 2016, and Mikus noted they're also culturally conservative.

Lamb and Democrats believe they have an opening that wasn't available before, given that Murphy was among the few Washington Republicans who voted with labor unions and regularly got their endorsements.

This time, the state AFL-CIO has endorsed Lamb, and he is trying to strike the tone Mikus says is necessary for a Democrat to win.

Lamb's first television ad, set to air Thursday, notes he has refused "corporate PAC money" and believes both parties "need new leaders in Congress." That's a reference to his promise to not to back House Democrat leader Nancy Pelosi for speaker. She is unpopular in many districts and the GOP regularly uses her as a cudgel on Democratic nominees.

The 30-second spot also tells voters that Lamb grew up in the district and says he "still loves to shoot."

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## Has #MeToo gone too far? Ansari story sparks debate

By DAVID CRARY and TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

The #MeToo movement has been embraced by legions of women as a vital step toward countering widespread sexual abuse and misconduct. This week, more so than at any point in the movement's brief history, there's visceral discussion about its potential for causing harm.

The catalyst was the publication by Babe.net of an account by a woman identified only as "Grace" detailing her 2017 encounter with comedian Aziz Ansari. The article intimated that Ansari deserved inclusion in the ranks of abusive perpetrators, yet many readers — women and men — concluded the encounter amounted to an all-too-common instance of bad sex during a date gone awry.

Ansari has said he apologized immediately after the woman told him about her discomfort during an encounter he believed to be consensual.

"Too many women have joined #MeToo too quickly and unthinkingly," said Carole Lieberman, a Beverly Hills psychiatrist and author of the relationship books "Bad Boys" and "Bad Girls."

"Though they may have wanted to be in solidarity with other women, the stories of dates gone wrong or women scorned have detracted from women who have been raped or seriously sexually assaulted," she said.

A conservative analyst, Carrie Lukas of the Independent Women's Forum, said Ansari "believed that everything that occurred with his accuser was consensual and welcomed."

"His reputation is now in tatters," Lukas wrote in an email. "Is that really fair?"

Online and in person, many women are talking about experiences comparable to Grace's account — encounters with men who initially seemed wonderful, but turned pushy, if not criminally abusive, when things became sexual.

Sarah Hosseini, who writes about sex for Bustle, Romper, Scary Mommy and Ravishly, said the #MeToo movement might actually benefit from the Grace/Ansari controversy, and that the movement is big enough to encompass another layer in the discussion.

"There is some really murky and confusing sexual territory here that we haven't really talked about



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yet collectively as a society," she wrote, adding that the woman's account in Babe was "disgusting and cringe-worthy."

"What she experienced with Ansari is not OK. But do we have language yet for intimate encounters that teeter on the edge of absolute sexual assault/abuse?" she wondered. "I don't think we do. We've lived in a misogynistic world with misogynistic sex for so long. We thought this "bad sex" was normal. Until someone spoke up and said, this is NOT normal. This is not OK."

Michael Cunningham, a psychology professor at the University of Louisville, said the Grace/Ansari encounter reflected misunderstandings that may arise due to differences between conventional dating relationships and hook-ups.

"It appears that Grace wanted Ansari to treat her as a potential girlfriend to be courted over multiple dates, rather than a pickup from a party engaging in a mutually acceptable transaction," Cunningham wrote in an email. "When he did not rise to her expectations, she converted her understandable disappointment into a false #MeToo."

Liz Wolfe, managing editor of Young Voices, a D.C.-based organization that distributes op-eds by millennials, said the Ansari story gets at the core of what men and women are taught regarding dating, sex and romance. Men should pursue, women should play hard to get.

"So many women have wondered in a situation, 'Have I said "no" decisively enough?'" Wolfe said. "They can't quite figure out whether they want to go forward or leave. ... And from the male perspective, he can't quite figure out what the woman wants."

Wolfe has noticed a generational divide in their reactions. Older women tend to think Grace should have been more vocal and assertive, or simply left Ansari's apartment. Younger women feel that Ansari should have read Grace's body language and listened to her more closely, and he was at fault for pressuring her.

Among men, likewise, there are varying views.

Tahir Duckett of ReThink, a nonprofit seeking to deter boys and young men from committing sexual assault, says the #MeToo movement "is exactly where it needs to be" as it continues to embolden victims.

"This moment absolutely calls for a changed approach to dating and courtship," he said. "It means paying just as much attention to body language as we do to words, and stopping to check in if at any time you're anything less than 100 percent certain the other participant is as enthusiastic as you about what's going on."

However, Glenn Sacks, a commentator who writes often about men's issues, said the Ansari case buttresses his belief that #MeToo "is lumping the trivial mistakes or misdeeds of the many in with the genuinely awful actions of a handful."

Warren Farrell, an early member of the National Organization for Women who more recently has authored such books as "Why Men Are the Way they Are" and "The Boy Crisis," suggested that women should bear more of the responsibility for initiating sexual interest. And he recommended training in schools for each gender to view relationship issues from the other's perspective.

"When #MeToo focuses only on women complaining and not both sexes hearing each other, it reinforces the feeling of women as fragile snowflakes rather than empowered to speak, and empowered to listen," Farrell said. "Boys and men, like girls and women, also grew up confused about what was expected of them sexually in a culture that did not make speaking about sex easy for either sex."

Alexandra Allred, an author and self-defense instructor in Dallas, groaned when she read Grace's account of her evening with Ansari.

"It really does sound like it was a mutual thing, but she thought about it later and she didn't enjoy herself," Allred said. "But this is the story of millions of young women everywhere, where you just made a mistake. This does not belong to the #MeToo movement. She should have just kept this to herself."

As a supporter of the movement, Allred worries that this kind of story might generate a backlash and prompt skepticism when other women report abuses.

"This isn't show and tell," she said. "This is a movement to educate people and hopefully stop the violence."

## Federal responsibility in nuclear attack alerts is unclear

By CALEB JONES, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A timeline shows Hawaii officials botched efforts to immediately correct a false missile alert over the weekend, taking more than 20 minutes to contact federal authorities for approval they didn't need and then taking another 15 minutes to cancel the alert that was sent to mobile devices statewide.

The astonishing error and dismal response has prompted both state and federal investigations and left one of the state's U.S. senators wondering aloud if top brass at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency should be replaced.

"I think (Gov.) David Ige has a tough decision in front of him, and it's his call," Sen. Brian Schatz told reporters Wednesday. Either way, the state has a long road ahead in restoring the public's confidence in the alert system, the Democrat said.

Nearly 40 minutes passed between the time Hawaii officials fired off the bogus alert about an incoming missile over the weekend and the moment the notice was canceled.

The confusion raises questions about whether any state should be solely responsible for notifying the public of such an event. The debate comes as North Korea claims it is testing weapons that could deliver a nuclear-tipped ballistic missile to Hawaii, Guam and even the U.S. mainland.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with a pre-programmed alert that can be quickly sent to wireless devices if a ballistic missile is heading toward the U.S. FEMA said Hawaii did not require its approval to cancel the alert on Saturday.

U.S. Reps. Colleen Hanabusa and Tulsi Gabbard, both of Hawaii, have asked the House Armed Services Committee to hold a hearing on the issue.

They said in a letter to the committee Tuesday that it's understandable for states to have primary jurisdiction over warnings for floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

"However, when it comes to matters of national security, including whether a ballistic missile has been launched against the United States, one must question whether any state emergency management agency is best suited for that role," the letter says.

The two networks that were activated in Hawaii were the Wireless Emergency Alert and the Emergency Alert System, both of which use a federal system to send messages to people in certain geographic areas.

The systems can be used by state and federal agencies for weather events, natural disasters, law enforcement notifications and alerts issued by the president.

Signal carriers allow people to block alerts from state and law enforcement agencies, but not those issued by the president.

"The decision to send a national alert directly to the public rests with the president," FEMA spokeswoman Jenny Burke told The Associated Press in an email.

FEMA has the ability to send alerts to targeted audiences but has not yet taken on that responsibility, said Daniel Gonzales, a senior scientist at RAND Corp. who was contracted by Homeland Security to study the Wireless Emergency Alert.

Gonzales said under the current system, it makes sense for states to handle alerts because they may be more familiar with local needs. But he acknowledged that since no state except Hawaii has a prepared message, it could take other states as long as 30 minutes to create, enter and distribute a missile alert.

In addition, there is uncertainty about how long it takes for an alert to make its way to all cellphones since the nationwide system for mobile devices has never been tested, Gonzales said.

He said the process could add another five minutes, further cutting into the time that people have to prepare for a disaster.

Sending a national alert could cause more problems than a targeted alert, he said.

"I think you want to be careful about not causing panic everywhere," he said.

In case of a real launch, U.S. Pacific Command would notify Hawaii state officials, who would then activate their warning systems for residents and visitors.

It is estimated that a ballistic missile would take about 20 minutes to reach Hawaii from North Korea. State officials say it would take about five minutes for the military to analyze the launch trajectory, leaving

only 12 to 15 minutes of warning time for residents.

There has never been a national emergency warning sent to mobile devices, radio or television, FEMA said. The agency has conducted three tests of the national public warning system for radios and television only.

President Donald Trump did not make any public comments about the false alert on Saturday. He was at his golf club in West Palm Beach, accompanied by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Asked about the alert on Sunday, the president said it was "a state thing."

"I love that they took responsibility. They took total responsibility," Trump said. "But we're going to get involved. Their attitude and their — what they want to do, I think it's terrific. They took responsibility. They made a mistake."

Trump acknowledged people's fears, saying that "part of it is that people are on edge, but maybe, eventually, we'll solve the problem so they won't have to be so on edge."

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## Grandparents shocked by reports of 13 starved grandchildren

By **BRIAN MELLEY** and **MICHAEL BALSAMO**, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The grandparents of 13 starved and tortured children say their son's family looked happy and healthy when they last visited California six years ago.

"They were just like any ordinary family," said Betty Turpin, the 81-year-old mother of David Turpin. "And they had such good relationships. I'm not just saying this stuff. These kids, we were amazed. They were 'sweetie' this and 'sweetie' that to each other."

Betty Turpin and her husband James Turpin of Princeton, West Virginia visited her son's family for five days at their previous home in Murrieta, California.

Betty Turpin told the Southern California News Group on Wednesday that they are still in shock from learning that her son and his wife were arrested this week, their children, ages 2 to 29, found malnourished with some in shackles.

David and Louise Turpin, jailed on \$9 million bail, are expected to make their first court appearance on Thursday, and could face charges including torture and child endangerment, authorities said. Prosecutors plan a news conference for earlier in the day.

Betty Turpin said her son told her he had so many kids because God wanted him to. She said her son shared her Pentecostal Christian faith but he wasn't affiliated with a church in California.

"I feel they were model Christians," she said. "It's hard to believe all of this. Over the years, the Lord knows what happened."

James Turpin said during their visit, "the all looked to me well-adjusted. They weren't skinny or nothing. They were joyous to see us."

He said they were dealing with social workers in attempting to connect with their grandkids, who are hospitalized as they recover from their years-long ordeal.

On Wednesday, authorities searched the couple's current home in Perris, 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles, where one of the daughters, a 17-year-old jumped out the window and called 911 on Sunday. Investigators removed dozens of boxes, what appeared to be two safes and pieces of a bed frame.

Some siblings were shackled to furniture in the foul-smelling four-bedroom home that looked perfectly normal from the outside.

The Turpins have lived in two Riverside County communities since moving to California in 2011, and police said they were never called to either home, nor were any reports fielded by child protective services.

It's not clear what motivated the Turpins to live a secluded life with their large brood or what went on in the house.

Nor is it clear why the teen girl fled when she did, breaking a silence that had likely lasted years.

Psychiatrists say that even in cases of extreme deprivation, it's common for feelings of helplessness or

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confusion to lead to staying in place despite opportunities to flee.

"This happens all the time. The number of individuals who would immediately respond to an opportunity where they could get away is very small compared to the number of people who would have that paralysis and insecurity and confusion about what to do," said Dr. Bruce Perry, a psychiatrist and senior fellow at The ChildTrauma Academy in Houston.

The vulnerable girl might have been shamed, beaten or threatened with violence and only after many missed opportunities did she probably work up the courage to act, Perry said.

"It's pretty remarkable that she'd do that," he said. "The power that must have been exerted to keep an entire family like that for so long must have been pretty sophisticated."

Associated Press writers Emily Schmall in Rio Vista, Texas, and Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

## Russia probes come up against claims of executive privilege

By TOM LOBIANCO, ZEKE MILLER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's White House is relying on a sweeping interpretation of executive privilege that is rankling members of Congress on both sides of the aisle as current and former advisers parade to Capitol Hill for questioning about possible connections with Russia.

The White House's contention: Pretty much everything is off limits until the president says it's not.

The argument was laid bare this week during former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon's interview with the House Intelligence Committee. As lawmakers in the closed-door session probed Bannon's time working for Trump, his attorney got on the phone with the White House counsel's office, relaying questions and asking what Bannon could tell Congress, according to a White House official and a second person familiar with the interview.

The answer was a broad one. Bannon couldn't discuss anything to do with his work on the presidential transition or later in the White House itself.

The development brought to the forefront questions about White House efforts to control what current and former aides may or may not tell Congress about their time in Trump's inner circle, and whether Republicans who hold majorities on Capitol Hill will force the issue. It was also the broadest example yet of the White House using executive privilege to limit a witness' testimony without making a formal invocation of that presidential power.

On Wednesday, White House officials said that the phone calls with the counsel's office were standard procedure followed by past administrations in dealings with Congress. They argued that Bannon, like every current and former member of the administration, starts under the assumption that he is covered by executive privilege and can only answer certain questions unless Trump explicitly says otherwise.

But members of Congress, including Republicans, criticized the move. The House panel's top Democrat called it effectively a "gag order." The committee's Republican chairman, Devin Nunes of California, served a subpoena on Bannon in an attempt to compel him to answer.

Lawmakers will be closely watching another interview later this week to see how the White House responds. Trump's longtime spokeswoman Hope Hicks is to appear Friday for a closed-door interview with committee, according to a person familiar with the panel's work. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

The criticisms echoed those from last summer when Attorney General Jeff Sessions baffled some lawmakers by refusing to answer questions about his conversations with the president, while also maintaining he was not citing executive privilege. Following Sessions' testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said, "As someone who served in the Justice Department, I would love to know what he is talking about."

Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University, said that while traditionally Congress has required a formal assertion of executive privilege in order for a witness to refuse to answer a question,



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more recently “we’ve seen people just not answer questions without asserting privilege.”

“It’s kind of a game of separation-of-powers chicken that’s going on there,” he said. “Because nobody knows the full scope of executive privilege — other than that it’s not absolute from the Nixon case — no one really wants to push it.”

Dorf referred to the court case surrounding the Supreme Court’s rejection in 1974 of President Richard Nixon’s assertion that he could use executive privilege to prevent the release of tape recordings involving him and other aides. Dorf said it does seem unusual for a witness’ lawyer to consult in real time with the White House about which questions can be answered, it is a “bit more respectful” than a pre-emptive blanket refusal to answer questions.

Bannon’s attorney, Bill Burck, spoke with Uttam Dhillon, deputy White House counsel. Burck is also representing top White House lawyer Don McGahn in special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into contacts between the Trump campaign and Russia.

The White House official and a second person familiar with Bannon’s interview who confirmed the conversations spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

At the White House, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders confirmed the questions were relayed over the phone and said it was a typical process.

“Sometimes they actually have a White House attorney present in the room,” she said. “This time it was something that was relayed via phone and again was following standard procedure for an instance like this and something that will likely happen again on any other number of occasions, not just within this administration but future administrations.”

On Wednesday, the AP also confirmed that Bannon will meet with Mueller’s investigators for an interview instead of appearing before a grand jury. A person familiar with that issue confirmed the interview. That person was not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Peter Carr, a spokesman for the special counsel’s office, declined comment.

White House lawyers to date have prided themselves on their cooperation with Mueller, making documents and witnesses available upon request without asserting privileges that could slow the investigation in a protracted legal fight. The goal of the cooperation, from the White House perspective, has been to help the investigation conclude as quickly as possible.

That posture has not been uniformly extended to Congress, though. And Wednesday, there were new signs other Trump associates would be less than totally forthcoming.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who never served in the Trump administration, had adopted the administration’s posture in his interview with the committee. After saying he would answer all of the committee’s questions, Lewandowski on Wednesday refused to answer any about things that happened after his time on the campaign, saying he wasn’t prepared, Schiff said.

“We as an investigative committee cannot allow that to become routine,” Schiff said.

There were signs, though, that not all administration officials were expected to do the same.

Schiff said that in an interview with another administration official, “there was no claim of privilege, no claim that these periods of time were off limits. And no effort to hide behind a later potential invocation of privilege by the executive,” Schiff said.

He didn’t refer to the official by name, but it was White House deputy chief of staff, Rick Dearborn.

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## Pence visit showcases dilemma facing Egypt, Jordan leaders

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CAIRO (AP) — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence’s upcoming visit to the Middle East comes at a time of intensely publicized friction between his administration and the Palestinian leadership, posing a dilemma for his Arab hosts — Egypt’s president and Jordan’s king — on how to safeguard their vital ties with Wash-

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ington without appearing to ignore Palestinian misgivings.

Both countries are heavily dependent on U.S. military and economic aid, and talks with a senior Trump administration official like Pence offer them an opportunity to strengthen those ties.

It's a tall order given that Pence is visiting at a time of rising anti-U.S. sentiments in the region, stoked by President Donald Trump's recognition of contested Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The city is home to major Muslim sites, along with Christian and Jewish shrines, and its Israeli-annexed eastern sector is sought by the Palestinians as the capital of a future state.

Egypt's elder statesman, Amr Moussa, warned Arab leaders against altering their longstanding objective: A Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital. In a jarring article published recently, the former foreign minister and Arab league chief warned that making concessions on the Palestinian issue would be a "gross strategic mistake."

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who has openly cursed Trump over his Jerusalem decision, showed just how deep the gap is between him and the United States after Trump's decision. Addressing a Cairo conference Wednesday, he repeated that Washington removed itself from its role as an honest peace broker. He added: "Jerusalem will be a gate for peace only if it is Palestine's capital, and it will be a gate of war, fear and the absence of security and stability, God forbid, if it is not."

Pence was to have visited the region in mid-December, but rescheduled as Trump's dramatic policy shift on Jerusalem just a few days earlier triggered Arab condemnation and region-wide protests.

At the time, Abbas said he would not receive Pence in the biblical city of Bethlehem, as originally planned, and the spiritual leaders of Egypt's Muslims and Orthodox Christians — Al-Azhar's Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb and Tawadros II respectively — also canceled their meetings with him.

The U.S.-Palestinian crisis has escalated since, with Abbas publicly attacking Trump this week over what he fears is an emerging U.S. plan to propose a Palestinian mini-state in only some of the land Israel captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and without a foothold in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the Trump administration on Tuesday said it was sharply reducing funding to a U.N. aid agency serving millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants, blaming the Palestinians for lack of progress in Mideast peace efforts.

Egypt's president, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, reassured Abbas on Wednesday of Cairo's continued efforts to secure an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital, according to a statement by presidential spokesman Bassem Radi. That may in part have been designed to put to rest the fallout from a New York Times report last week which claimed that while Egypt publicly condemned Trump's Jerusalem decision, it privately supported the move.

El-Sissi has repeatedly appealed to Trump to be more involved in the fight against Islamic militancy in the region. With his security forces struggling to contain an insurgency by an Islamic State affiliate in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, the general-turned president will show little willingness to allow anything to diminish what he sees as a strategic alliance with Washington.

Sounding a realistic note, Abbas aide Ahmed Majdalani said the Palestinians did not expect Arab countries to follow suit in their strong response to Trump's Jerusalem's decision. At the same time, he explained, they don't believe the Trump administration will win support for any peace plan that weakens Arab ties to Jerusalem.

Still, Jordan's king faces a particular conundrum, as U.S.-Palestinian ties deteriorate. Palestinians make up a large segment of his country's population.

His Hashemite dynasty largely derives its political legitimacy from its historic role as custodian of Jerusalem's main Muslim shrine, the Al-Aqsa mosque, which is Islam's third holiest site. Any perceived threats to Muslim claims to the city, such as Trump's shift on Jerusalem, undermine its vital role there.

Over the years, Abdullah has tried to soften continued domestic opposition to Jordan's peace treaty with Israel, struck by his father in 1994, in part by offering his services as mediator on behalf of the Palestinians, in dealings with Israel and the U.S.

Pence's meeting with Abdullah on Sunday follows a series of anti-U.S. protests in the kingdom — including some organized by Islamists.

Musa Shteivi, director of Jordan University's Center for Strategic Studies, said Amman cannot afford to

disengage from the U.S. But, he explained, Pence needs to “carefully listen” to what U.S. allies are saying about the risk involved in Trump’s Jerusalem decision.

Jordan is the recipient of \$1.5 billion in 2015 and \$1.6 billion last year in U.S. aid, partially given to fund humanitarian assistance and help Jordan shoulder the burden of hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees from Syria and Iraq.

Jordan, with its deteriorating economy and rising unemployment, is bracing for the fallout from the cuts in U.S. funding for the U.N. agency that has for decades provided education, health and welfare services to some 5 million Palestinian refugees and their descendants in the region.

In contrast, Pence can expect a warm welcome in Israel, whose hard-line government is one of the Trump administration’s biggest supporters on the international stage. Trump has adopted a series of decisions seen as sympathetic to the Israeli government, distancing himself from the two-state solution favored by the international community, expressing little opposition to settlement construction and most recently, recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

Pence’s visit will be highlighted by an address to Israel’s Knesset, or parliament, an honor rarely accorded to visiting dignitaries. When Trump recognized Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, he insisted that it did not preclude Palestinian claims or the city’s future borders. But the Pence visit, particularly if he refers to the area as being Israeli, will deepen the Palestinian suspicions that Trump has sided with Israel on the most sensitive issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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## Haitians face hurdles after protected status renewal delays

By PHILIP MARCELO and ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Thousands of Haitian immigrants living in the U.S. legally will face employment and travel hurdles because President Donald Trump’s administration delayed the process of re-registering those with temporary protected status, Haitian community leaders and immigrant activists say.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will release details Thursday about the next steps for the 60,000 Haitians with the special status, an agency spokeswoman told The Associated Press.

But the information comes too late to help the thousands of Haitians who hold immigration documents that show their legal and work status expiring Monday, said immigrants and advocates, some of whom wondered — in light of the president’s recent remarks about Haiti — if the bureaucratic slowdown was deliberate.

“They told me that if I don’t bring the work papers, they will send me home because it is the law. You have to have work papers. I am under pressure,” said Edelyne Jean, a 35-year-old nursing assistant in Coral Springs, Florida, who supports four younger siblings still in Haiti. “They say that if I don’t bring anything new by Jan. 22 or the 23rd at the most, I am jobless.”

Haitian workers like Jean will be left at the mercy of employers, who could simply choose to let them go or hire someone else rather than wait for a process that could take months, says Rev. Dieufort Fleurissant, chairman of Haitian Americans United, a Boston-based community group.

“They’re putting a lot of people in a very, very difficult situation,” he said of federal officials. “Employers are not going to take time to understand this. People will be in limbo come Monday.”

Haitians were granted temporary protected status to live and work in the U.S. after a devastating earthquake struck their Caribbean homeland in 2010. The status has been renewed a number of times over the past seven years, to the chagrin of critics who say the humanitarian measure was never meant to allow immigrants to establish roots in the U.S.

The Trump administration announced in November that Haitians living under the temporary status would have until July 2019 to get their affairs in order and return home.

The problem is that officials haven’t told people with that status how to go about renewing it. Other

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groups eligible for similar status have received more lead time to re-register; the administration announced extensions for Nicaraguans and Hondurans last month and has already issued renewal guidelines for them.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services wasn't able to release details about the re-registration process for Haitians sooner because officials had to work out the work authorization language, among other things.

But Thursday's announcement will automatically extend the work permits for Haitians on temporary protected status through July, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services spokeswoman Sharon Scheidhauer said.

And Haitian workers will be able to simply show employers the agency's Thursday notice as proof their work status is still valid until their new employment documents arrive, she added.

Nevertheless, the bureaucratic slowdown "reinforces the message" that Haitians aren't welcome in America, says Geralde Gabeau, a Haitian immigrant who heads the Immigrant Family Services Institute, a Boston-based nonprofit that provide academic support to immigrant youths.

"It goes hand-in-hand with what the president said last week," she said, referring to the closed-door meeting Trump held with U.S. senators during which he profanely disparaged African countries and asked why the U.S. would want more Haitians. "It's not just words. It's actions. They don't want Haitians here, so they're doing whatever they can to discourage them so that they go back to their country."

At least in Boston, which has the nation's third-largest Haitian community after Miami and New York, the delays have already led to job losses, Fleurissant said. Some Haitians working as porters, janitors and food service workers at Boston's Logan International Airport were let go this summer because they didn't receive new work permits before the most recent expiration date for temporary protected status, which was in July, he said.

And a woman in Massachusetts was warned by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services this week that she wouldn't be able to re-enter the country if she attempted to attend her father's funeral in Haiti this weekend, Gabeau said.

Haitians on temporary protected status could encounter other hurdles, like renewing their driver's licenses, says Sarang Sekhvat, director of federal policy at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, or MIRA.

Haitian community leaders are gathering lawyers to assist families as problems arise.

"We're going to be fighting back," Gabeau said. "We will not stay silent. This is not acceptable."

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## Russia probes come up against claims of executive privilege

By TOM LOBIANCO, ZEKE MILLER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's White House is relying on a sweeping interpretation of executive privilege that is rankling members of Congress on both sides of the aisle.

The contention espoused by top White House officials? Pretty much everything is off limits until the president says it's not.

The argument was laid bare this week during former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon's closed-door interview with the House Intelligence Committee as part of its Russia probe.

As lawmakers probed Bannon's time working for Trump, his attorney got on the phone with the White House counsel's office, relaying questions and asking what Bannon could tell Congress. The answer was a broad one. Bannon couldn't discuss anything to do with his work on the presidential transition or later in the White House itself.



## WH claiming sweeping 'executive privilege' in Russia probes

By TOM LoBIANCO, ZEKE MILLER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's White House is relying on a sweeping interpretation of executive privilege that is rankling members of Congress on both sides of the aisle as current and former advisers parade to Capitol Hill for questioning about possible connections with Russia.

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The development brought to the forefront questions about White House efforts to control what current and former aides may or may not tell Congress about their time in Trump's inner circle, and whether Republicans who hold majorities on Capitol Hill will force the issue. It was also the broadest example yet of the White House using executive privilege to limit a witness' testimony without making a formal invocation of that presidential power.

On Wednesday, White House officials said that the phone calls with the counsel's office were standard procedure followed by past administrations in dealings with Congress. They argued that Bannon, like every current and former member of the administration, starts under the assumption that he is covered by executive privilege and can only answer certain questions unless Trump explicitly says otherwise.

But members of Congress, including Republicans, criticized the move. The House panel's top Democrat called it effectively a "gag order." The committee's Republican chairman, Devin Nunes of California, served a subpoena on Bannon in an attempt to compel him to answer.

Lawmakers will be closely watching another interview later this week to see how the White House responds. Trump's longtime spokeswoman Hope Hicks is to appear Friday for a closed-door interview with committee, according to a person familiar with the panel's work. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

The criticisms echoed those from last summer when Attorney General Jeff Sessions baffled some lawmakers by refusing to answer questions about his conversations with the president, while also maintaining he was not citing executive privilege. Following Sessions' testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said, "As someone who served in the Justice Department, I would love to know what he is talking about."

Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University, said that while traditionally Congress has required a formal assertion of executive privilege in order for a witness to refuse to answer a question, more recently "we've seen people just not answer questions without asserting privilege."

"It's kind of a game of separation-of-powers chicken that's going on there," he said. "Because nobody knows the full scope of executive privilege — other than that it's not absolute from the Nixon case — no one really wants to push it."

Dorf referred to the court case surrounding the Supreme Court's rejection in 1974 of President Richard Nixon's assertion that he could use executive privilege to prevent the release of tape recordings involving him and other aides. Dorf said it does seem unusual for a witness' lawyer to consult in real time with the White House about which questions can be answered, it is a "bit more respectful" than a pre-emptive blanket refusal to answer questions.

Bannon's attorney, Bill Burck, spoke with Uttam Dhillon, deputy White House counsel. Burck is also representing top White House lawyer Don McGahn in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into contacts between the Trump campaign and Russia.

The White House official and a second person familiar with Bannon's interview who confirmed the

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conversations spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

At the White House, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders confirmed the questions were relayed over the phone and said it was a typical process.

"Sometimes they actually have a White House attorney present in the room," she said. "This time it was something that was relayed via phone and again was following standard procedure for an instance like this and something that will likely happen again on any other number of occasions, not just within this administration but future administrations."

On Wednesday, the AP also confirmed that Bannon will meet with Mueller's investigators for an interview instead of appearing before a grand jury. A person familiar with that issue confirmed the interview. That person was not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Peter Carr, a spokesman for the special counsel's office, declined comment.

White House lawyers to date have prided themselves on their cooperation with Mueller, making documents and witnesses available upon request without asserting privileges that could slow the investigation in a protracted legal fight. The goal of the cooperation, from the White House perspective, has been to help the investigation conclude as quickly as possible.

That posture has not been uniformly extended to Congress, though. And Wednesday, there were new signs other Trump associates would be less than totally forthcoming.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who never served in the Trump administration, had adopted the administration's posture in his interview with the committee. After saying he would answer all of the committee's questions, Lewandowski on Wednesday refused to answer any about things that happened after his time on the campaign, saying he wasn't prepared, Schiff said.

"We as an investigative committee cannot allow that to become routine," Schiff said.

There were signs, though, that not all administration officials were expected to do the same.

Schiff said that in an interview with another administration official, "there was no claim of privilege, no claim that these periods of time were off limits. And no effort to hide behind a later potential invocation of privilege by the executive," Schiff said.

He didn't refer to the official by name, but it was White House deputy chief of staff, Rick Dearborn.

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## At least 10 deaths from snow, ice and record cold in South

By KATE BRUMBACK and JAY REEVES, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Snow, ice and a record-breaking blast of cold closed runways, highways, schools and government offices across the South and sent cars sliding off roads Wednesday in a corner of the country ill-equipped to deal with wintry weather. At least 10 people died, including a baby in a car that plunged off a slippery overpass into a Louisiana canal.

Icicles hung from a statue of jazz musicians in normally balmy New Orleans, and drivers unaccustomed to ice spun their wheels across Atlanta, which was brought to a near-standstill by little more than an inch (2.5 centimeters) of snow. The beach in Biloxi, Mississippi, got a light coating. And the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill canceled classes as the storm unloaded at least 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow in Durham and Greensboro.

Even the best drivers had trouble: Retired NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt Jr. tweeted that he had just used his winch to help pull a car out of a ditch when he drove off the road and into a tree in North Carolina.

"NC stay off the roads today/tonight. 5 minutes after helping these folks I center punched a pine tree," he reported. A spokesman said Earnhardt was not hurt and his pickup had only minor damage.

Though skies were sunny and bright in many places, temperatures remained below freezing throughout

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the day in much of the South.

Thousands of schoolchildren and teachers got the day off. Many cities canceled meetings and court proceedings, and some businesses closed. Slippery runways and the need to de-ice planes forced cancellations and delays in New Orleans; Memphis, Tennessee; and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. Electricity usage surged as people struggled to keep warm.

In Alabama, where some places got at least 3 inches (7 centimeters) of snow, dairy farmer Will Gilmer bundled up for the drive to his milking barn before daybreak in rural Lamar County, the thermometer reading 7 degrees (minus 14 Celsius).

"I probably had four layers on and then insulated coveralls and a heavy coat on over that. I made it OK except for my toes," he said.

The mercury dropped to record lows overnight in several places in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi. It was 21 degrees (minus 6 Celsius) before dawn in New Orleans, breaking the city's record of 23 (minus 5 Celsius), set on the same date in 1977.

At least four people died in Louisiana, including a man knocked off an elevated portion of Interstate 10 in New Orleans when a pickup spun out on ice, and an 8-month-old baby in a car that slid into a canal in suburban New Orleans. The baby's mother was in critical condition.

Two others died along an icy stretch of I-75 southeast of Atlanta when a driver lost control and hit them, one of them inside a stopped car and the other standing beside it, authorities said.

One person died in a weather-related traffic accident in West Virginia. In the freezing Houston area, a homeless man was found dead behind a trash bin, apparently of exposure, while an 82-year-old woman with dementia succumbed to the cold after walking away from her home. Also, a woman was discovered dead in a snowy park near City Hall in Memphis. The temperature was around 10 degrees (minus 12 Celsius) when she was found.

Snow fell in a wide band that stretched from southeastern Texas all the way to western Massachusetts. And along the Gulf Coast, ice pellets covered the tops of sago palm trees, and stretches of I-10 were closed in Louisiana and across Alabama's Mobile Bay.

Downtown Atlanta — the corporate capital of the South, notorious for its heavy traffic — was eerily quiet.

Susan Luciano, walking in snow-blanketed Peachtree City just south of Atlanta, was delighted: "It is the most romantic setting. It is beautiful. This is God's masterpiece ... a living postcard."

Still, dozens of accidents were reported across the Atlanta metro area, one involving a salt truck.

Southern states and cities don't have the large fleets of snowplows, salting trucks and other snow-removal equipment common in the North.

"Y'all aren't going to make it!" a driver in a pickup truck yelled at two drivers in compact cars that were spinning their wheels on an icy boulevard near SunTrust Park, where the Atlanta Braves play. "You're going to slide back down the hill! Turn around!"

Adrian Benton, a 26-year-old native of snowy Buffalo, New York, tried to help.

"The up-north way of dealing with snow needs to come down here," Burton said of snowplows and salting up North.

Yet one weather expert who grew up in brutal Michigan winters and now lives in Atlanta said Southern winters have the North beat.

Ryan Maue, a meteorologist with the private forecaster Weather.US, said Atlanta's mostly untreated roads were fraught with icy peril during his car outing Wednesday to the supermarket.

"My little car was struggling even to move," he said, adding he worried just as much about Southern motorists risking their necks — and those of others in their "non-winterized cars." But he told The Associated Press that Southern comfort is on the way, with the mercury to start rising above freezing by midday Thursday in the region and even into the low 60s (15 Celsius) in spots by the weekend.

Said Maue: "We should feel a widespread warming throughout the South. It will feel wonderful."

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## Violinists and cheering squads: North Korea's Olympic lineup

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea won't be dominating any medal counts when the Winter Olympics come to Pyeongchang in South Korea next month. But it's hoping to grab as much of the spotlight as it can with what might be an Olympic first in ice hockey and a flamboyantly crowd-pleasing all-female cheering section to liven up the stands.

Negotiators from the two Koreas, fighting against the clock ahead of the games' Feb. 9 start date, announced some of the key details of North Korea's plans after a day of talks Wednesday in the Demilitarized Zone that divides them.

Officials from North and South will take the plan to the International Olympic Committee in Switzerland this weekend for approval.

Here's a quick look at who might be coming. And a note on who conspicuously isn't.

### THE ATHLETES

Who, how many, and maybe even if there will be any at all — those are still open questions at this point. South Korea's media are reporting maybe 10 or so athletes will come.

The North and South agreed to create a unified women's hockey team, which would mark a first in the Olympics. The plan has gotten some criticism from the South because of concerns that South Korean athletes who made the national team might be bumped off to make room for the North's players.

South Korea's president said fielding a joint ice hockey team would be a historic event that would move the hearts of people around the world. He also expressed support for athletes from the Koreas marching together under a blue-and-white "unification" flag. The plans still must be approved by the IOC.

Two North Korean figure skaters qualified for the games, but the North failed to register them in time and they lost their slot in the pairs competition. Whether a special effort is being made to get them back into the games, or to bring in athletes for any other events, isn't clear.

No medals are involved, but the North will unleash a taekwondo squad on Pyeongchang. They'll demonstrate the North's version of the traditional Korean martial art, which is an official Summer Olympic event.

There has been some speculation about the attendance of high-ranking officials from the North. Kim Jong Un sent three of his top lieutenants to the South for the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon — one of whom hasn't been seen lately, sparking rumors last month of a purge.

If a similarly senior bunch were to go, that would be big news.

### THE CHEERING SQUADS

The real crowd pleasers at North Korean sporting events are often in the stands.

North Korea is known for the highly trained, ultra-serious and usually all-female cheering groups wearing bright outfits that it sends to motivate its athletes — and grab media attention — at important competitions abroad. North Korea intends to send 230 of them to Pyeongchang, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

It's widely believed that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's wife, Ri Sol Ju, is an "Army of Beauty" alumna, having traveled to Incheon in 2005 as part of a cheering squad at the Asian Athletics Championships.

The women are chosen not only for their cheering skills but also for their youth and good looks.

The mere prospect of seeing the women in action has already touched off quite a stir on South Korean and Japanese television shows.

If nothing else, they will be ratings gold.

### ... AND THE DIVAS THAT GOT AWAY



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In talks earlier this week, North Korea sent the leader of its most popular girl band to negotiate, raising hopes the band would be coming to the games.

That had the potential to be huge. Super Bowl halftime huge.

Hand-picked by Kim himself, the Moranbong Band serves as the "soft" public face of the regime. Its members alternate between miniskirts and military uniforms on stage and are often called up to do concerts marking major political events, frequently with missiles or photos of the leader covering the big screens looming behind them.

The presence of bandleader Hyon Song Wol in itself was sensational. South Korean media reports in 2013 claimed she had been executed by firing squad for her role in a salacious scandal. She put that speculation to rest by appearing on TV about a year later and is now an alternate member of the ruling party's central committee.

In the end, North Korea announced its 140-member Samjiyon band — an orchestra with dancers and vocalists — will make the trip.

Maybe that's for the best.

The Moranbong Band was supposed to make its international debut in Beijing in 2015, but that fell through mysteriously at the last minute. Considering the more delicate North-South situation, concerns had been raised over what the band would perform in Pyeongchang — its repertoire includes such hits as "We Can't Live Without His Care," "The Song of the Hwasong Artillerymen," and "My Country is the Best."

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## Apple banks on tax break to build 2nd campus, hire 20,000

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple is planning to build a new corporate campus and hire 20,000 U.S. workers in an expansion driven in part by a tax cut that will enable the iPhone maker to bring an estimated \$245 billion back to its home country.

The pledge announced Wednesday comes less than a month after Congress approved a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code championed by President Donald Trump that will increase corporate profits.

Besides dramatically lowering the standard corporate tax rate, the reforms offer a one-time break on cash held overseas.

Apple plans to take advantage of that provision to bring back most of its roughly \$252 billion in offshore cash, generating a tax bill of about \$38 billion. That anticipated tax bill implies Apple intends to bring back about \$245 billion of its overseas cash, based on the temporary tax rate of 15.5 percent on foreign profits.

Apple has earmarked about \$75 billion of the money currently overseas to finance \$350 billion in spending during the next five years. The spree will include the new campus, new data centers and other investments.

But most of the \$350 billion reflects money that Apple planned to spend with its suppliers and manufacturers in the U.S. anyway, even if corporate taxes had remained at the old 35 percent rate.

Analysts have also predicted that most of those overseas profits will flow into stock buybacks and dividend payments. That's what happened the last time a one-time break on offshore profits was offered more than a decade ago.

The new law lowers the corporate tax rate to 21 percent on U.S. profits while providing a sharper discount on overseas cash this year.

Apple CEO Tim Cook is now delivering on a longtime promise to bring back most of the company's overseas cash if the taxes on the money were slashed.

Other U.S. companies, including American Airlines, AT&T and Comcast, have handed out \$1,000 bonuses to all their workers to share the wealth they will gain from the lower rate on their domestic earnings.

Excluding banks and other financial services companies, Moody's Investors Service estimates corporate

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America has an estimated \$1.6 trillion in overseas cash. Most of that is in the technology industry, with Apple at the top of the heap.

Trump and lawmakers are hoping companies use the money to raise wages, expand payrolls, open more offices and invest in new equipment.

After plowing nearly \$46 billion into dividends and stock repurchases in its last fiscal year, Apple is likely to funnel a big chunk of overseas money to its shareholders. But Wednesday's announcement was clearly designed to be a sign of its allegiance to the U.S., Apple's most lucrative market.

The public show of support also helps the optics of a company that will still make most of its iPhones, iPads and other gadgets in factories located in China and other faraway countries that offer cheaper labor — a practice that Trump and others have criticized.

"Apple is a success that could only have happened in America, and we always felt a very big sense of responsibility to give back to our country and the people who have made our success possible," Cook said during a ceremony Wednesday celebrating a new warehouse being built in Reno, Nevada.

The White House applauded Apple's commitment.

"Just as the president promised, making our businesses more competitive internationally is translating directly into benefits for the American worker, through increased wages, better benefits, and new jobs," White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said.

Apple Inc., which just spent an estimated \$5 billion building a Cupertino, California, headquarters that resembles a giant spaceship, plans to announce the location of a second campus devoted to customer support later this year.

The company didn't say how big the second campus will be, or how many of the additional 20,000 workers that it plans to hire will be based there. About 84,000 of Apple's 123,000 workers currently are in the U.S.

One thing seems certain: Cities from across the U.S. will likely be offering Apple tax breaks and other incentives in an attempt to persuade the company to build its second campus in their towns.

That's what happened last year after Amazon announced it would build a second headquarters in North America to expand beyond its current Seattle home. The online retailer received 238 proposals from cities and regions in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Amazon is expected to announce the winning bid later this year.

Unlike Amazon, Apple isn't openly soliciting bids from cities interested in its new campus.

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## Democrats dig in on immigration, shutdown risk or no

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **NICHOLAS RICCARDI**, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Congressional Democrats on Wednesday dug in on their threats to reject any government funding bill that isn't paired with protection for thousands of young immigrants — a hard-line stance celebrated by liberal groups who have shrugged off risks of a government shutdown.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer said there's "very, very strong" sentiment among his party's lawmakers to oppose GOP-drafted legislation that would only keep the government's doors open for four weeks past a looming Friday deadline. Schumer did not say his caucus was entirely unified, but the rhetoric signaled growing chances that a stop-gap measure could come up short of votes in the Senate and federal agencies could begin closing their doors Friday at midnight.

"The overwhelming number in our caucus have said they don't like this deal and they believe if we kick the can down the road this time we'll be back where we started from next time," Schumer told reporters. "So there's very, very strong support not to go along with their deal."

The hardening stance reflects the influence of an emboldened Democratic base clamoring for a showdown with a president many on the left view as racist and untrustworthy. The fight over the fate of the "dreamers" — some 700,000 people who were brought to the U.S. as children and are now here illegally — is increasingly becoming a test of Democrats' progressive mettle, surpassing health care or taxes as

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the top year-two priority for the liberal base.

"It needs to be very clear for vulnerable Republicans as well as for Democrats who do not act this week that there will be political consequences," said Cristina Jimenez of the immigrant activist group United We Dream. "The progressive movement who are going to be the boots on the ground for the Democrats to regain power" in November's midterm elections, she added, "are going to hold them accountable if they don't come through."

On Capitol Hill, Democrats are being urged to let federal funding expire unless Republicans and President Donald Trump agree to extend the expiring Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Protesters have rallied at offices of Senate Democrats, threatened primary foes for those who don't push hard enough for an immigration deal and promised to brand those deemed to have fallen short "the deportation caucus."

That approach undoubtedly comes with risks for the moderates in the party — senators from states won by Trump such as West Virginia, Montana and Indiana. While the tough talk carries weight in some Democratic circles, it's far from clear other voters will look kindly on using federal agencies as leverage in the fight over immigration.

Trump has telegraphed how the GOP would attack Democrats should there be a shutdown this weekend. "The Democrats want to shut down the government over amnesty for all and border security," Trump tweeted Tuesday. "The biggest loser will be our rapidly rebuilding Military, at a time we need it more than ever."

On Wednesday, ongoing talks over a deal showed no signs of progress. White House Chief of Staff John Kelly met with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and expressed vague optimism about prospects — but attendees said Kelly would not commit to supporting one bipartisan proposal, introduced Tuesday by Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, and Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., which would provide protection for immigrants brought into the U.S. as young people and add resources for border security.

Immigration activists have been gearing up for this fight for months.

Clashes over health care and taxes dominated Trump's initial year in office, even as his administration cracked down on illegal immigration. The administration has given agents leeway to detain and try to deport a wide range of people in the country illegally, from criminals to otherwise law-abiding residents with jobs and U.S.-citizen children.

Those actions did not require congressional approval, and there was limited pressure activists could bring compared to the battle that helped stall repeal of President Barack Obama's health care law.

That changed in September when Trump announced he'd end, effective March 5, Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which let hundreds of thousands avoid deportation and legally work. Trump tossed the issue to Congress to act before March. That also turned the spotlight on those who have benefited from DACA, men and women who were raised in the United States and are the most sympathetic face of the immigrant rights movement.

The Trump administration was "out in front, advancing their agenda and they were basically getting away with it," said Frank Sharry of America's Voice, an immigrant rights group. "Then they picked a fight with well-organized, American kids. They picked the wrong fight and it's brought attention to all their immigration agenda."

It was during Oval Office negotiations over a potential DACA replacement last week that, in the course of dismissing one deal negotiated by Senate Democrats and Republicans, Trump used a vulgar word to describe African countries and wondered why the U.S. doesn't get more immigrants from places like Norway. That stiffened the resolve of liberal groups to push for a DACA deal this week, at the moment they feel Democrats have maximum leverage.

"Everything we've seen from this administration has been this effort to remove people of color and streamline the process for white people," said Angel Padilla of the anti-Trump group Indivisible. "This week is an opportunity for Congress to reject that racism."

Corey Stewart, a pro-Trump Republican Senate candidate in Virginia, said Trump is picking the right battle. "It's a smart fight," Stewart said. "His biggest promise of the campaign trail was to crack down on illegal

immigration and build a border wall. He cannot back down on this.”

Still, Republicans fear they may lose their majority in the House of Representatives, where several of their vulnerable members represent diverse districts and support a DACA deal. Immigration advocates are confident popular opinion is on their side -- people from heads of companies like Amazon, Apple and Starbucks to TV personality Kim Kardashian have urged a deal.

Todd Schulte of FWD.US, which supports increased immigration, also noted that people previously safe under DACA already are losing protections every day. While the program technically doesn't expire until March 5, roughly 100 immigrants a day who didn't renew their enrollment in time are losing permission to work and protection from being deported. That number will rise to 1,200 a day after March 5.

## Banker survey suggests economy remains slow in rural areas

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Declining numbers in a new monthly survey of bankers suggests the economy remains weak in rural parts of 10 Plains and Western states.

The overall economic index for the region dropped to 46.8 this month, compared with the December reading of 47.8. The November figure was 44.7. Survey organizers say any score below 50 suggests a shrinking economy in the months ahead.

The confidence index reflects expectations for the economy six months out, and it fell to 46.7 in the January survey from 51.2 in December.

However, Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says “year-over-year indices are trending higher.” The January number a year ago was 42.8.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

## US stock indexes edge lower in early trade; oil prices slide

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U.S. stock indexes edged lower in early trading Thursday, pulling back slightly from the market's latest record highs. Losses by health care stocks and other sectors were outweighing gains by technology companies. Energy stocks also fell as crude oil prices declined.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,799 as of 10:14 a.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 49 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,065. The Nasdaq lost 20 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,278. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 3 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,583. The Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq hit record highs on Wednesday.

UNDER THE WEATHER: Health care stocks were down in early trading. Biogen slid \$5.82, or 1.7 percent, to \$339.05.

ROUGH QUARTER: Alcoa tumbled 6.6 percent after the company reported a wider loss in the fourth quarter. Alcoa said it will freeze its pension and move some employees to a defined contribution retirement plan starting in 2021 as it looks to cut costs. The stock lost \$3.74 to \$53.25.

MIXED RESULTS: Banks were moving after several of them reported quarterly results. Morgan Stanley gained 0.7 percent after its latest earnings beat Wall Street's expectations. The stock rose 38 cents to \$55.73. Bank of NY Mellon and Key Corp were trading lower after their latest quarterly snapshots. Bank of NY Mellon lost \$2.36, or 4.1 percent, to \$55.54, while Key declined 43 cents, or 2 percent, to \$20.83.

RESILIENT TECH: Technology stocks, one of the biggest gainers this year, continued to notch gains. Advanced Micro Devices rose 41 cents, or 3.4 percent, to \$12.59.

CHECKING IN: La Quinta rose 2.6 percent after Wyndham Worldwide agreed to buy its hotel franchise and management business. Shares in La Quinta added 51 cents to \$19.56. Wyndham gained \$6.12, or 5.2 percent, to \$123.25.

ENERGY: Benchmark crude rose fell 24 cents to \$63.73 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.



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Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 35 cents to \$69.03 a barrel.

The decline in oil prices weighed on some energy sector stocks. Kinder Morgan slid 71 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$18.86.

**BOND YIELDS:** Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.60 percent from 2.59 percent late Wednesday.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar fell to 110.92 yen from 111.13 yen on Wednesday. The euro rose to \$1.2257 from \$1.2235.

**BITCOIN:** The price of bitcoin added 7.7 percent to \$11,999, according to the tracking site CoinDesk. Bitcoin futures on the Cboe Futures Exchange rose 10.3 percent to \$11,930. The futures allow investors to make bets on the future price of bitcoin.

**MARKETS OVERSEAS:** Major stock indexes in Europe were mixed. Germany's DAX rose 0.5 percent, while France's CAC 40 edged 0.1 percent lower. Britain's FTSE 100 was down 0.4 percent. In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 finished 0.4 percent lower. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.4 percent after China reported 6.9 percent economic growth in 2017, faster than expected. South Korea's Kospi inched up less than 0.1 percent.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2018. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1949, Charles Ponzi, engineer of one of the most spectacular mass swindles in history, died destitute at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at age 66.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

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Ten years ago: With recession fears rising and the stock market tumbling, President George W. Bush called for up to \$150 billion in tax relief for consumers and business. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon designated George Clooney a U.N. "messenger of peace" to promote the world body's activities. Actress Lois Nettleton died in Woodland Hills, California, at age 80.

Five years ago: Former Democratic New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin was indicted on charges that he used his office for personal gain, accepting payoffs, free trips and gratuities from contractors while the city was struggling to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. (Nagin was found guilty of charges including bribery and money laundering, and is serving a 10-year prison sentence; his conviction is being appealed.)

One year ago: Twenty-nine people were killed when an avalanche buried the Hotel Rigopiano in central Italy (nine people were pulled out alive by rescuers). President Barack Obama firmly defended his decision to cut nearly three decades off convicted leaker Chelsea Manning's prison term, arguing in his final White House news conference that the former Army intelligence analyst had served a "tough prison sentence" already. Jeff Bagwell, Tim Lincecum and Ivan Rodriguez were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. Opera singer Roberta Peters, 86, died in Rye, New York.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 85. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 80. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 77. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 65. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 63. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 62. Actor Mark Rylance is 58. Actress Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 56. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 55. Actress Jane Horrocks is 54. Comedian Dave Attell (uh-TEHL) is 53. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 49. Rapper DJ Quik is 48. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 47. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 45. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 44. Actor Derek Richardson is 42. Actor Jason Segel is 38. Actress Samantha Mumba is 35. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 34. Actress Devin Kelley is 32. Actress Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 30. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 30. Actor Mateus Ward is 19.

Thought for Today: "If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten." — Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936).

**Riddle Answer: A Calendar**