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"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

-Anthony J. D'Angelo



Today's Riddle:

I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. Who am I?

Answer at end of AP News

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.

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After I was all done with the paper, I realized I forgot the girls' basketball story. That will show up in Monday's edition.

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Beware of scammers around here

Carroll and Pearl Dean received a call Friday morning. They shared their story with the Groton Daily Independent.

"Just to let you know the scammers are busy. We received a call this morning telling us our "supposed" grandson had been arrested in Aberdeen while being with a buddy who ran a stop sign, was stopped and the car was searched. In the process, the police discovered drugs in the trunk. Both were arrested, finger printed and tested for drugs. Bail was needed which was \$8,000. During the telephone call, I went to another phone and called the Aberdeen police, who relayed the information to the Groton police. We kept them on the phone long enough to get a phone number. The Groton police came out and assured us this is the way scammers work. Just a word to beware."

Good words to live by. Fortunately for the Dean's, they made the right choice to call the police. Other people have not been as fortunate and have fallen for the "bail" money request.

Groton City Council Meeting Agenda

January 22, 2018 – 7:00pm

Groton Community Center

1. Minutes
1. Bills
1. Herron – Mower quotes
1. Skating Rink Report – Hannah
1. Department Report – Mayou
1. Finance Report December
1. Meeting dates in February
1. Automatic Budget Supplement 2017
1. 2016 & 2017 Audit
1. Executive session personnel & legal 1-25-2 (1) & (3)

OPEN GYM

GHS ARENA

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11

Grades JrK-8 2:30-4:30 PM

Students grades JK-8 must be accompanied by an adult from 2:30-4:30.

Grades 6-12 4:30-6:30 PM

Students will be admitted free of charge.

They must sign in when they arrive.

Students are expected to behave appropriately.

HAVE FUN!

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Become an official - stay connected to high school sports

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Dan Swartos, Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

They don't make the headlines, their names are not in the box scores and they don't make the all-star teams, but perhaps the most important individuals in high school sports are the contest officials.

These individuals are so important that, in fact, there would be no organized competitive sports at the high school level without the men and women who officiate these contests every day across the country. Subtract the dedicated men and women who officiate high school sports and competitive sports would no longer be organized; they would be chaotic.

Anyone looking for a unique way to contribute to the local community should consider becoming a licensed high school official. For individuals who played sports in high school, officiating is a great way to stay close to the sport after their playing days have ended. Officiating helps people stay in shape, expands their social and professional network and offers part-time work that is flexible, yet pays. In fact, officiating is a form of community service, but with compensation.

Another benefit of officiating is that individuals become role models so that teenagers in the community can learn the life lessons that high school sports teach. Students learn to respect their opponents and the rules of the game and the importance of practicing good sportsmanship thanks, in part, to those men and women who officiate. And the objectivity and integrity that high school officials display is an example that every young person needs to observe firsthand. In short, communities around the country will be stronger because of the life lessons that high school officials help teach the next generation.

Officiating is a great way to stay connected to sports and to give back to the local high school and community. We need dedicated men and women to become involved so that high school sports can continue to prosper for years to come.

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a high school official, and even begin the application process, can do so at www.HighSchoolOfficials.com.

Applications for Artists in residence due March 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) is now accepting grant applications for its Artists in Schools and Communities (AISC) residency program, which provides matching grants to schools and other nonprofit organizations for artists in residence. Applications must be received through the AISC online grant form.

Through the AISC program, students – adults and children alike – will learn about fine arts in a relevant, hands-on environment.

Grantees choose their artist from a roster of professional teaching artists endorsed by the Arts Council. Disciplines include dance, literature, writing, music, theater, visual arts and traditional arts. A theater residency could include classroom workshops or a full-length production featuring local students at the end of the week. In the visual arts, choose from pottery, painting, drawing, sculpting, murals, comic book making and more. There are traditional arts residencies in American Indian hoop dancing and rodeo clowning. To view the extensive list of roster artists and read about the residencies offered, visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov/aisc/meetartist.aspx.

The deadline for grant applications to be submitted online is March 1. The simple, online form is available at www.artscouncil.sd.gov/aisc.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the state of South Dakota. For more information about SDAC grant programs and artist rosters, visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.



The Pursuit of Dreams

The whole experience of being a first-time parent can be overwhelming. There's unmatched joy, of course, but there are also so many questions. How are we going to provide for this baby? What kind of crib do we get? Cloth or disposable? What if something goes wrong? Boy or girl? What kind of person will they become? What kind of parents will we be? Are we ready for this? From the moment Bryon and I found out we were pregnant, we were asking these questions, we were planning, we were praying, and we were dreaming of our kids' futures.

This January, I introduced legislation that would allow parents to start investing in those dreams from the very beginning too. More specifically, my bill would let parents name their unborn children as beneficiaries of 529 accounts, which are tax-advantaged savings plans designed to help families save for future education costs. If enacted, this would mean unborn children would have a spot in our tax code, which they currently do not. It's another step toward ensuring every child – born or yet-to-be-born – is given the dignity they deserve.

President Trump has been a good working partner in this goal. His appointment of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, for instance, was a critical win for the pro-life cause. President Trump also signed legislation I backed empowering states to defund Planned Parenthood and put his name on legislation that bans taxpayer-funded abortion, for the time being.

I'm working to push more legislation his way too. In October, the House passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would prohibit abortion once a baby can feel pain (approximately 20 weeks). While I believe life begins at conception (and have backed legislation that would define life as such), I was pleased to get the House to move a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, the Senate has yet to act on the legislation.

I also helped introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which prohibits taxpayer-funded abortions as well as taxpayer-funded subsidies for healthcare plans covering elective abortions. A 2016 Government Accountability Office study showed abortions were paid for with federal dollars through Obamacare exchanges, which we had previously been told would not be the case. According to the Susan B. Anthony List, "Under Obamacare, as many as 111,500 additional abortions per year could be heavily subsidized by taxpayers." That is unacceptable, and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would fix it. While the House has passed it, the Senate has not taken it up at this point.

The House also passed legislation this January that requires healthcare professionals to provide care to babies who are born alive after a failed abortion attempt.

Additionally, I've cosponsored legislation that would prohibit gruesome dismemberment abortions. I'm also working to drive the Heartbeat Protection Act forward, which would protect unborn children whose heartbeats can be detected. And while it's not as widely covered as abortion is, I've been very supportive of pro-life efforts to prohibit physician-assisted suicide.

These issues are important because they center around the foundation of a society – life. On January 19, I joined hundreds of thousands of people, including many South Dakotans, in marching for life. It was a powerful experience. Together, we marched for the unborn, for their future, and for their right to pursue their dreams.

The Life of Eleanor Peterson Hejtmanek



Eleanor V. Peterson Hejtmanek died peacefully on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at the age of 97 in Topeka, Kansas. She was born June 9, 1920, to John G. and Tynne H. Peterson of Frederick, South Dakota, the third of five children. She graduated from Frederick High School in 1937. After completing Business College in Chillicothe, Missouri, Eleanor worked for Farmland Industries and Fluor Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1945, she assisted in interviewing U.S. prisoners of war in preparation for the Nuremberg trials while she was with the Civil Service, Security Intelligence Division, Camp Butner, North Carolina. She worked for Topeka Presbyterian Manor from 1967-1980.

Eleanor married Charles Clayton Hejtmanek on September 24, 1944. After her husband retired from military service in 1945, they lived in Coffeyville, Kansas, until 1955 when they moved to Topeka, Kansas.

She was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, Topeka, where she served as Deacon and was a member of the Women's Association. Eleanor loved spending time with family and friends and cooking and hosting large family dinners and get-togethers. Eleanor and Clayton both enjoyed garden-

ing and traveling together.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, C. Clayton Hejtmanek; parents, brother, Arnold Peterson, and sisters Jeanette Lund, Dorothy Nelson and Denise Grohnke. She is survived by her children Vicki Fordyce, Sugar Land, TX; Stephen (Judith) Hejtmanek, Topeka; and Kathy (Chris) Stiles, Overland Park, KS; grandchildren Kelly Fordyce; Charles (Rain) Fordyce; Harlow (Cheryl) Schmidt; Allen (Janie) Schmidt; and great grandchildren Chas and Hugh Fordyce; Graham, Griffin and Olivia Schmidt; Evan and Dana Schmidt; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

On Monday, January 22, a visitation will be held from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel. On Tuesday, January 23, a memorial service will be held in the Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel at 10:30 am, immediately followed by a reception for family and friends at the same location. A private family burial will be at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery before the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, Inc., 5720 SW 21st St., Topeka, KS 66604; Arthritis National Research Foundation, 5354 East 2nd St., Suite 201, Long Beach, CA 90803; or the charity of your choice. To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

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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)



It was a very busy day today as as my day comes to a close, my feet feel the business. Without much activity, the muscles have weakened in both feet. Now I can already hear your thought - if I'm not suppose to put any weight on the broken one, how can that be sore. Well, I did apply a little weight on it throughout the day when I was inside. I figure you have to put a little weight on it or it will really become weak when

it becomes fully exposed out of the cast.

First thing we had this morning was Jeslyn's volleyball action in Aberdeen. Then we went to the mall for a while before coming home. I had to get my church stuff done for tonight and go down to the office to get them printed off. Church was at 5:30 p.m. in Pierpont and I stood for the whole service.

Now I have both feet up on the recliner with the keypad on my lap, trying to get today/tomorrow's paper done. It will end up being a combination paper.

When I originally talked about my fall, I said I fell about 10 feet. I wasn't even close. For the first time, I stood and looked at where my accident occurred. I was in awe. The fall was more like 16 feet. I could have been so easily killed in the fall. I think God for He had to have a hand in saving me with only a broken ankle. I shudder ever time I think about that fall.



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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")**

Wolves Fall Short Against Huskies on the Road

St. Cloud Minn. – The #22 Northern State University Wolves fell short against St. Cloud State University, 57-61, on Friday night. The Wolves drop to 15-4 overall and 10-3 in NSIC play, after their second loss in a row.

The game was tied at six in the first quarter before the Wolves went on an 11-2 run, in the final five minutes of the quarter, taking the 17-8 lead. NSU extended their lead to 11 early in the second, before SCSU tied it up at 21 with 3:26 left in the first half. Northern State took a 25-24 lead heading into the intermission. The Wolves out-scored the Huskies in the third quarter 21-16, to take a 6-point advantage heading into the ten minutes of regulation. NSU was out-scored in the fourth quarter 21-11, as they were unable to get things going and take care of the ball on offense.

The Wolves shot 40.0 percent from the field and 40.0 percent from the 3-point line, while knocking down 23-of-27 from the free-throw line. They out-rebounded the Huskies 37-28 in the match-up. Defensively, the Wolves held the Huskies, who shot 37.9 percent from the field and 40.0 percent from behind the arc. NSU had a game high 13 assists on 22 field goals, and notched 24 points in the paint.

Miranda Ristau led the Wolves with 16 points, nine rebounds, three assists, and two blocks. Jessi Marti and Jill Conrad were also in double figures with 14 and ten points respectively. Marti also added eight rebounds, three assists, and one steal, while Conrad recorded four rebounds and one steal to go along with her ten points.

Brianna Kusler had seven points, four assists, three rebounds, one block, and one steal in the loss. Alexis Tappe tallied four points, seven rebounds, and two assists for the Wolves, while Anika Fredrick, Haley Froelich, and Tori Mekash all notched two points off the bench. Brynn Flakus recorded two rebounds, Alayna Johnson had one rebound, and Sara Tvedt had one block to finish the stat line for the Wolves.

Early Deficit Pushes Huskies over #8 Wolves

St. Cloud, Minn. – The No. 8 Northern State University men's basketball team's 18-game win streak came to an end Friday evening, as the Wolves fell to St. Cloud State 76-61. Northern tied the school record for consecutive wins against Presentation College last Monday. With the loss, the Wolves drop to 19-2 overall and 13-1 in the NSIC.

St. Cloud State opened the game on a 5-0 run and kept things rolling from there. The Wolves were unable to hold off the potent Husky offense which shot 51.7 percent in the first half and 52.4 percent in the second. NSU improved from the first to the second, shooting 37.5 in the opening period and 48.3 in the later, however the Wolves were unable to overcome 14-point first half deficit.

Northern tallied a game leading six made 3-pointers, as well as five blocks, however were out-rebounded by St. Cloud State. NSU notched 30 points in the paint, 30 points off the bench, nine second chance points, and seven turnovers. They combined for 26 rebounds, ten assists, and three steals.

Carter Evans not only led the team off the bench, but also in the game, with 12 points, shooting 55.6 percent from the floor. DJ Pollard, Logan Doyle, and Cole Dahl each followed with ten points of their own. Evans and Dahl led the team with five rebounds apiece, with Evans also notching a team leading two blocks. Doyle and Pollard combined for five rebounds, as Doyle added one assist and one block.

Bo Fries added eight points, hitting a team leading two made 3-pointers and shooting 75.0 percent from the floor. The junior added a team second best four rebounds, as well as one assist. Ian Smith followed with five points of his own, while Justin Decker and Gabe King rounded out the starters with four and two points respectively. Smith dished out a team leading four assists, and tallied the three steals for the Wolves.

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Wolves Track and Field Posts 23 Top-10 Finishes from SDSU DII Invite

Brookings, S.D. – The Northern State University track and field teams took on the SDSU Division II Invite Friday evening from the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex. The Wolves women tallied 13 top-10 finishes from the meet, while the NSU men notched ten.

Hanneke Oosterwegel led things off for the Wolves advancing to the semifinal round of the 60m dash. The junior ran a 7.93, missing finals by just .05. She went on to place third in the 200m dash with a time of 25.21 behind two competitors from Minnesota State. Oosterwegel qualified for semifinals and finals in the 60m hurdles, along with freshman Shanice Burrell. Oosterwegel took third overall with a time of 8.99, while Burrell crossed the finish line in sixth, with a time of 9.15.

Madison Barnes posted a strong showing in the 400m dash, finishing in eighth overall with a time of 59.93. The runners moved on to the distance events, where Paige Larson was the first to break into the top-10, finishing in fourth overall in the 3000m run. She crossed the finish line at 10:53.92, besting her seed time by over eight seconds.

The running events concluded for the Wolves with the 4x400m relay. The team of Barnes, Mackenzie Cruzen, Isabel Kinzer, and Emma Rezac finished in seventh, with a time of 4:03.73.

In the field events, Sonia Alaman finished tied for fourth in the high jump, clearing 1.55m. She was followed by teammate, Shanice Burrell in ninth, clearing 1.50m. Shannon Katz notched a strong showing in the pole vault, clearing 3.05m with a sixth place finish overall. Alaman went on to place seventh in the triple jump, with a 10.62m mark.

Jordan Menken led off the throwing events for the Wolves, finishing sixth in the shot put with a 13.45m throw. Next up was the weight throw, where Amy Wockenfuss and Nicolette Kneeland finished in sixth and ninth overall. Wockenfuss threw 16.42m, while Kneeland tossed 15.27m.

Luke Wietgreffe was the first placer of the day for the Wolves in the running events, finishing in ninth in the 600m run with a time of 1:25.29. Donovan Miller followed with a sixth place finish in the 800m run, crossing the line at 2:00.02.

Two Wolves ran their way into the top-10 in the 1000m run, finishing in fourth and seventh overall. Adam Leach crossed the finish line first in 2:34.96, bested his seed time, while Jacob Schweitzer finished with a 2:42.62 mark, besting his seed time by over eight seconds.

Bryce Malsam nearly qualified for final in the 60m hurdles, finishing with the ninth fast time in semis with a mark of 8.68.

Monte Meyerink opened the field events for the men, finishing fifth overall in the high jump, clearing 1.90m. Three Wolves placed in the top-10 of the pole vault led by Malsam in sixth clearing 4.50m. He was followed by Kelson Brewer in eighth, clearing 4.20m, and Jacob Wiedrich in tenth, clearing 4.05m. Trey Tiefenthaler jumped to a third place mark in the triple jump. The sophomore notched a jump of 13.81m.

Tanner Berg continued his solid opening season for the Wolves finishing seventh in the weight throw, against throwing over 17, with a 17.37m mark.

The Wolves return to action next Friday and Saturday from the MSU Open and Multi from Mankato.

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Lana's Annals

**Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative**

Greetings from our capitol! Members of our body have been scurrying around both chambers trying to get signatures of fellow legislator endorsement for bills they think should become law. Some make perfect sense; others are very creatively unique. For example, I signed on to the creation of a new Veteran's Cemetery to be built in Sioux Falls on donated land. Our obligation as a state will be to cover maintenance costs; however, one of the selling points in discussion was that part of this cost will likely be funded from private donations. While I am not a big fan of people or groups donating money to build and then expect the state to cover future costs, I do think this is a worthwhile project. Our veterans deserve our respect and

cooperation, and if this is what the entire consensus wants, then we should comply. Keep in mind, this is just a bill thus far. It has to go through two committees, two bodies, and then if passed, it has to be signed into law by the Governor. Watch for the outcome, which I would predict as a favorable one.

Now, it would be unfair if I also did not address a "creatively unique bill." I was asked to endorse one that would make it a law that children would not enter school until age 7. The reasoning behind this was that someone in another country had done a study which showed that in that location students who entered school later do better academically than students who start at age 5. Keep in mind that we each could probably look on our internet and find many studies on a plethora of issues that have been deemed as "credible." Needless to say, I did not sign on to that one! Continuing on with the discussion of bills and endorsements, I have heard that thus far, bills put in the hopper are in excess of 600 SO FAR with a couple of weeks left to file. Really?? We know that some will make it, and many will not. Granted, some are clean up bills while some are asking for legislative authority so that businesses, such as podiatrists, can raise their own membership fees. I do think a summer study will be forthcoming whereas some of these groups will no longer have ask our body to have legislative authority in order to raise their own association fees. These regulations are unneeded.

I am currently working on a bill, which would increase the wages of our CSP's (community service providers) and nursing home workers. It would seem that each year these people are the financially short-changed employees of our state. I am convinced that they work long, hard days, and if we wish to keep our nursing homes open, we need to assure that we will have a stable workforce in place. It is taking awhile to get this bill drafted, and I am currently working with the fiscal analysts to make it as specific and workable as we can. We have some incoming federal Medicaid money because we have partnered with IHS (Indian Health Services), creating a savings in the fund. Before we start creating new programs, I feel we should take care of what we already have in place. Hopefully I will get the support of my fellow legislators and have it be a bipartisan piece of legislation.

We are beginning to see more of our constituents out in the People's House. This past week we were visited by rural water, ABATE, and SDREA groups, just to name a few. I would encourage all of you to set aside a day and come out to see how the process works. So far we have not seen many high school government groups; I assume they are waiting until we debate hot button issues. In closing, I want to remind you of two things: at the state level, people of both of our parties are friends. While we do not necessarily agree on all issues, we do not attack and blame each other in a hostile manner. We applaud good bills, no matter which party presents them. The other reminder is this; to me there is a vast difference between the perception of politician and that of a citizen legislator. I would like you to think of me as the latter! I am earnest in trying to better our state and want to consider what is the best for us. Many times I turn a deaf ear to the argument that "14" states already have a certain law in place. My foremost question is this: will we be better or worse if we enact this type of legislation? Blessings upon your week.

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Rounds Statement on Government Shutdown

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) made the following statement on the government shutdown:

“For the 19th time in the 44 years since the modern budget process has been in place, the federal government has once again shut down because Congress could not get its work done on time. South Dakotans sent me to Washington to make informed policy decisions and be a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars. Continuing resolutions, which are just extensions of last year’s budget levels, fail to provide long-term certainty and stability, while government shutdowns waste taxpayer dollars. Reform of the budget process is absolutely necessary, however our immediate responsibility is to deal with the current government funding crisis. I will work with my colleagues to end this unnecessary shutdown as soon as possible.

I have encouraged the bipartisan immigration reform efforts because the H2B visa program is important to many South Dakota businesses, and our economy in general. I support strengthening our border security as a priority. Progress is being made on this effort and we believe an agreement can be reached within a February timeframe. Unfortunately, while our Democrat colleagues have filibustered the continuing resolution, which includes Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding, and bear responsibility for the current government shutdown, I believe there are a number of them who are very serious about finding a solution. This is important to South Dakotans because there are over 16,000 kids eligible for the Children’s Health Insurance Program in our state. This program is currently in jeopardy.

I’ve been a vocal critic of the continuing resolution process, particularly regarding its effect on our military, but I agreed to vote for it this time because I have received assurances that a vote on defense appropriations will occur in the Senate. I’ll continue to push for improvements to our budget process – but this is not a balanced way to govern.”

Skoric and Harris Lead Wolves from U-Mary Sprint Pentathlon

Bismarck, N.D. – The Northern State University swim team capped off dual competition on Saturday afternoon, taking on the University of Mary in the sprint pentathlon. Edda Skoric and Kady Harris led the Wolves finishing in the top-5 of the event. Each member of the team swam in the 50 yard distance of the fly, back, breast, and free, as well as the 100 IM. The times were then combined for each event, ranking the women in place order.

Competition kicked off with the 50 fly, where the Wolves were led by Julia Fomina in fourth with a time of 27.64. Gentry Musgrove and Josie Gillund came in sixth and seventh, hitting the wall at 27.99 and 28.16, while Ashley Dunn finished in eighth with a time of 28.27.

Northern then moved on to the 50 back, where Skoric led the placings finishing in second overall with a time of 28.46. Harris followed in fifth, hitting the wall at 29.33, while Lexie Malimanek and Dunn took ninth and tenth with times of 29.79 and 30.02.

The Wolves were strong in the 50 breast, notching six swimmers in the top-10 led by Harris winning the race with a time of 31.72. Skoric followed in second, finishing in 32.20. Malimanek and Musgrove took fifth and sixth with times of 33.86 and 33.96, while Makyl Ziegler and Dunn took eighth and ninth, hitting the wall at 34.03 and 34.16.

NSU again tallied a race win in the 50 free, this time by freshman Fomina with a time of 25.36. Skoric took sixth in the event, hitting the wall at 25.94, while Musgrove and Harris tied for eighth with a time of 26.23.

The meet ended with another strong showing from the Wolves in the 100 IM. Skoric won the race with a time of 1:01.47, while three other Wolves landed in the top-10. Harris finished in fourth, hitting the wall at 1:03.33, while Dunn and Malimanek took seventh and eighth with times of 1:04.70 and 1:05.25.

Skoric was the top finisher for the Wolves taking second overall with a combined time of 2:56.75. She was just two seconds off the winner Alyssa Boese. Harris came in fourth overall with a combined mark of 2:59.86. Rounding out the top-10 for the Wolves was Dunn in seventh, Malimanek in eighth, and Musgrove in tenth.

Northern returns to action February 13-17 from the NSIC Championships in West Fargo, North Dakota.

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#22 Wolves Notch First OT Win of the Season off the Back of Ristau

Duluth, Minn. – The No. 22 Northern State University women's basketball team battled with Minnesota Duluth on Saturday afternoon, ultimately coming away with the 84-83 overtime win. The Wolves improve to 16-4 overall and 11-3 in the league.

The Wolves trailed 35-33 at the half, but battled back with 25 points in the third to take the 58-55 lead. Duluth however would not lay down that easily as they out-scored Northern 19-16 in the fourth quarter and forced the decisive overtime period. NSU sank the first bucket of the overtime period, and held a lead as large as six points with 1:56 to play. Duluth however battled back and brought things within one as the clock read 33 seconds. Solid defense forced a missed shot by UMD and propelled the Wolves to victory.

Northern shot 49.3 percent from the floor, 36.4 percent from the arc, and 77.8 percent from the foul line. They added a game leading 48 points in the paint, in large part to seniors Ristau and Conrad. NSU out-rebounded UMD 47-27, notching 20 points on 14 offensive boards. The Wolves added six points off turnovers, as well as six points off the bench.

Miranda Ristau led the team with a career high 31 points, shooting 13-of-19 from the field. The senior was itching for the career high after scoring her previous mark of 29 in three separate contests this season. She added a team leading five blocks, as well as seven rebounds, three assists, and one steal.

Jill Conrad was second on the team with 18 points, notching a double-double with a team leading 12 rebounds. Conrad shot 43.8 percent from the floor and recorded six assist and one block. Haley Froelich was the final Wolf in double figures notching 13 points in the win. She shot 50.0 percent from the floor, and added four rebounds and four assists.

Brianna Kusler and Jessi Marti rounded out the starters with eight points apiece. Kusler tallied ten rebounds and one steal, while Marti notched seven rebounds and a team leading seven assists. The sophomore duo combined for the four made 3-pointers by the team.

Brynn Flakus led the team off the bench with four points, followed by Anika Fredrick with two. Flakus notched one rebound and two assists, while Fredrick tallied one of the team's 25 assists in the game.

Northern returns to action next weekend for the annual I Hate Winter festivities. The Wolves will face-off against the Cougars of Sioux Falls at 6 p.m. on Friday and the Mustangs of Southwest at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Moore and Campbell Notch Match Win, in Dual Loss to SMSU

Marshall, Minn. – The Northern State University wrestling team dropped their second NSIC dual of the season falling to Southwest Minnesota State 37-6 on the road. The Wolves drop to 1-8 overall and 0-2 in the league in dual matches this season.

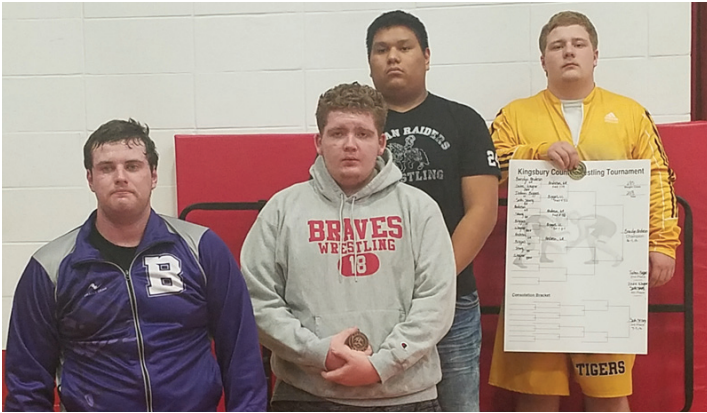
NSU fell in the first two matches of the dual and trailed 11-0, heading into the 141-pound match. Sophomore Josh Moore was the first to score for the Wolves, defeating Nick Santos in a 3-2 decision. Moore notched his third win of the season, and first against a league opponent.

Two losses followed, as well as an open weight at 165-pounds leaving a 20-3 deficit heading into the 174-pound match. Kaden Campbell battled with Griffin Osing, coming away with a 4-2 sudden victory win. Campbell earned six team points for the Wolves and was the final match winner of the night. He also notched his third win of the season, and first against a league opponent.

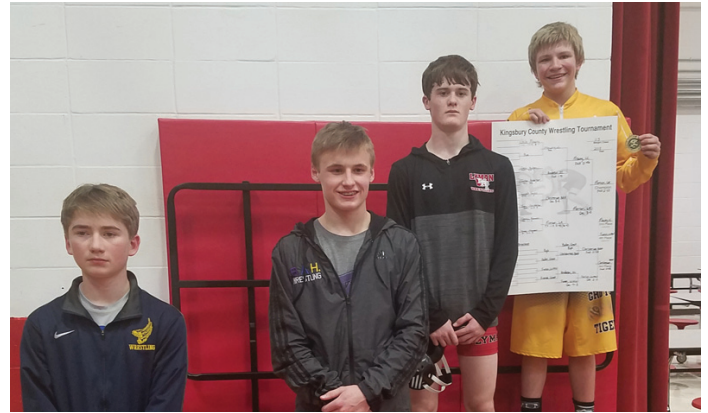
Northern returns to action next Thursday in the 2017-18 home opener from Wachs Arena. The Wolves will host St. Cloud State at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the annual I Hate Winter Weekend.

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Brandyn Anderson 1st



Dragr Monson 1st



Wyatt Locke 1st



Adrian Knutson 4th



Grady O'Neill 4th

Groton grapples three first place finishes at Arlington

Groton's grapplers had a successful day at the Arlington Tournament held Saturday. Groton Area came home with three first place finishes and two fourth place finishes. Brandyn Anderson, Wyatt Locke and Dragr Monson all placed first while Adrian Knutson and Grady O'Neill placed fourth.

Thanks to Kara Anderson for the photos.

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Six Wolves Score in Double Figures as No. 8 Northern State Downs Minnesota Duluth

Duluth, Minn. – It was a balanced offensive effort for the No. 8 Northern State University men's basketball team who defeated Minnesota Duluth 92-71. A total of six Wolves scored in double figures as NSU improves to 20-2 overall and 14-1 in the league.

Duluth scored first in the game, however that would be the only lead they would hold as the Wolves took control of the game with 13:10 left in the first. Northern led by 15 at the half as the scoreboard read 44-29, and pounded out another 48 points in the second.

NSU shot 55.6 percent from the floor, 42.1 percent from the 3-point line, and 77.8 percent from the foul line in the win. A defensive presence from the Wolves led UMD to shot 39.0 percent from the floor and 45.5 percent from the arc. Northern out-rebounded Duluth 46-23 in the game, notching 19 second chance points off of 15 offensive rebounds.

The Wolves totaled 40 points in the paint, 35 points off the bench, and six points off turnovers. As a team they combined for 15 assists, eight made 3-pointers, three blocks, and two steals. NSU held their largest lead of the contest, 28 points, with 5:35 to play in regulation. The 21-point victory is the Wolves sixth 20-plus point win and 16th double figure victory of the season.

DJ Pollard and Logan Doyle led the team with 16 points apiece, followed by Ian Smith, Carter Evans, and Andrew Kallman with 14. Cole Dahl rounded out the double-figure scorers with ten points in the first start of his career. Gabe King and Ethan Kranhold each tallied three points, while Justin Decker notched two.

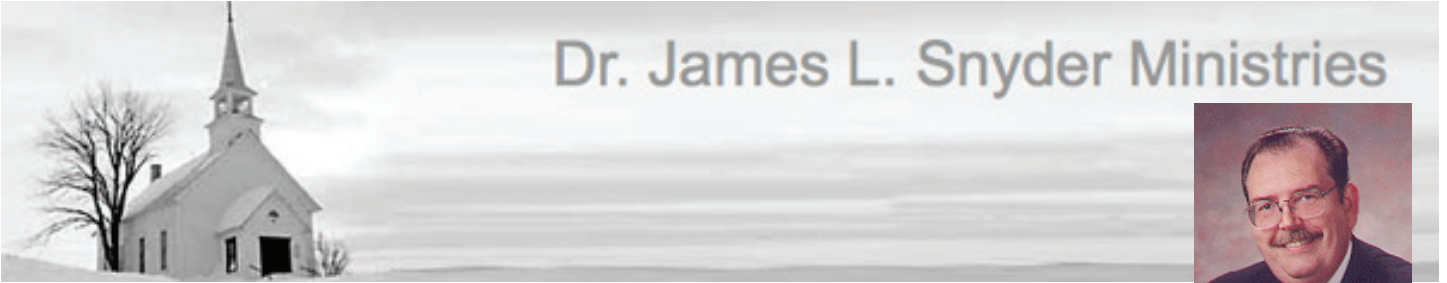
Doyle tallied his second double-double of the season notching a team high ten rebounds. He added two assists, one block, and shot 87.5 percent from the floor. Evans nearly notched a double-double of his own with nine rebounds. He added a team leading six assists, as well as one block and a 77.8 field goal percentage.

Smith, Dahl, and Doyle each notched two assists for the team, while Pollard and King tallied one. Kallman led the team with three made long range baskets, while Smith tallied two. Pollard and Dahl notched seven and five rebounds respectively, followed by Kallman and Smith with four each.

Northern returns to Wachs Arena next Friday and Saturday for two cross divisional match-ups with Sioux Falls and Southwest Minnesota State over the I Hate Winter Weekend. The Wolves will tip-off with the Cougars at 8 p.m. on Friday and the Mustangs at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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The Only Exercise I Get Is Shivering in the Cold

I am not one to complain, at least when anybody is listening. The greatest blessing I have in life is that nobody really listens to me. Therefore, I can say whatever I want to say and nobody will hear me.

Well, I used to believe that. Certain things have happened that has caused me to upgrade this aspect of my life. Believe me when I say that upgrading any aspect of your life has a price tag to it. Oftentimes that price tag is rather extreme.

Recently, we have been experiencing some rather cold weather in our area. Every morning the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage reminds me of how cold it is outside. As if I did not know it was cold outside.

As I'm preparing to leave the house, she will always say, "Make sure you wear a coat and keep warm."

I often chuckle, to myself of course, when she makes remarks something like this. Often she will say when I'm ready to leave, "Make sure you drive carefully." To which I always respond, "Rats, I was planning to drive recklessly today and now I have to drive carefully."

For some reason she never laughs at me, but just stares one of those stares every husband has come to recognize. Why she thinks she needs to tell me to drive carefully is beyond my pay level, I am sure. Maybe, and this is just a guess on my part, she has ridden with me while I was driving.

If that is the case I solved that a number of years ago. Whenever we go anywhere, I always allow her to drive and we use her vehicle. Now, do not let this get back to her, but I would rather use her vehicle and her gas than my vehicle and my gas.

When we go anywhere, she is the one who drives and I just sit back and enjoy the ride. So where she gets this idea that I drive carelessly, I'm not quite sure.

However, getting back to the cold weather she sometimes tells me to put on a coat before I go outside because it is "shivering cold out there." Of course, if I put my coat on I am not going to shiver. At least that's what I think.

I don't mind one day when it's cold, but when there are several days in a row, I am quite unprepared for that. After all, I live in Florida and I expect the weather to be warm if not hot. All of this cold weather has brought me to the idea that I want to gather together a class action suit against the governor of Florida because the motto of Florida is "The Sunshine State." If he cannot provide the sunshine and the warmth, then why in the world is he Governor?

However, shivering is becoming a daily practice with me. At first, I really did not like it because my shivering was out of my control. As soon as I step outside my body begins to shiver uncontrollably. For a person my age and size that is a little humiliating. I do not want any part of my body working without my permission.

Once I got over the humiliation of my body shivering beyond my control, I began to see the positive side of it. If you look hard enough, you can see the positive side in everything. It took me a while, but I finally got to where I began to appreciate the positive side of shivering in the cold.

My wife is always suggesting that I try to lose a little bit of weight and maybe exercising a little bit will help. But I am not as young as I used to be. I think I have earned the time to goof off and do nothing. In fact, I have become quite the expert at doing nothing. If anybody can do nothing, it is me and I do it quite well.

At my age, exercise is a little more than I can handle. I have put myself on a 12-step program when it

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comes to exercise. Six steps from my chair to the refrigerator, and six steps back to my chair. That is the kind of exercise that I can really deal with.

Then the shivering idea came into my lackadaisical head. I do not often get a chance to pull one over on my wife, and I thought I had a wonderful plan at this point. I practiced for several days so that I could get it right.

Then an opportunity presented itself.

"Maybe," my wife said as seriously as she has ever been, "you should do a little bit of exercise."

"I get plenty of exercise," I said rather smugly.

"Oh yeah," she said with both hands firmly placed on her hips. "Where are you getting any exercise?"

"I get all the exercise I need," I said, "by shivering out in the cold."

She looked at me for a moment and finally said, "You know that you're a mess!"

Paul said it best when he said, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

The best exercise, of course is spiritual. Exercising my faith in God is the most important thing in my life.

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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 21, 1999: Widespread dense fog and freezing drizzle created treacherous driving conditions across part of northeast South Dakota from the evening of the 21st to around noon on the 22nd. The freezing drizzle ended in the early morning hours of the 22nd. As a result, slippery conditions developed, especially across Hamlin, Deuel, and Codington counties. Many vehicles slid into the ditch. There were a few accidents resulting in minor injuries. Numerous activities were canceled the evening of the 21st and many schools had delayed starts on the 22nd.

1863 - A severe coastal storm dropped heavy rain on the Fredericksburg area of Virginia. It disrupted a Union Army offensive in an ill famed "mud march." (David Ludlum)

1982 - The second of two major snowstorms to hit southern Minnesota came to an end. Minneapolis received 20 inches of snow in 24 hours to break the previous record of 17 inches in 24 hours established just a few days earlier. A record 38 inches of snow covered the ground following the two storms, with drifts ten feet high. (David Ludlum)

1985: Jacksonville, Florida recorded its all-time record low of 7 degrees. Macon, Georgia had its coldest day ever with a temperature of 6 degrees. It was the coldest Inauguration day in history as President Reagan is sworn in for a second term during cold and winds that resulted in wind chill readings of 30 degrees below zero. Because of the bitter cold temperatures, many of the outdoor Inauguration events were cancelled and President Reagan was sworn in the Capitol Rotunda.

1985 - Three days of snow squalls at Buffalo NY finally came to an end. The squalls, induced by relatively warm water in Lake Erie, produced 34 inches of snow at the International Airport, with up to 47 inches reported in the suburbs of Buffalo. The New York "blizzard of '85" left many counties disaster areas. (19th-21st) (Weather Channel) (Storm Data) President Reagan was sworn in for a second term in the coldest Inauguration Ceremony of record. Cold and wind resulted in wind chill readings as much as 30 degrees below zero. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Low pressure over Minnesota produced high winds in the Northern Plains Region. Winds gusted to 66 mph at Rapid City SD, and reached 70 mph at Belle Fourche SD. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - High pressure over northern Nevada and low pressure off the coast of southern California combined to produce high winds in the southwestern U.S. Wind gusts in the San Francisco area reached 70 mph at Fremont. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

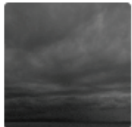







1989 - Cold and snow prevailed in the northeastern U.S. Up to 13 inches of snow was reported between Woodford and Searsburg in Vermont. Montpelier VT reported a wind chill reading of 42 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the state of Florida. Eight cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including West Palm Beach with a reading of 86 degrees. Rain in southern New England changed to freezing rain, then to sleet, and then to heavy snow during the late morning. Most of Massachusetts was blanketed with 6 to 10 inches of snow. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999: A major tornado outbreak occurred from southwest into central and northeast Arkansas during the afternoon and evening. In the Little Rock Area, 30 tornadoes tracked across 15 counties. Homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed in areas like Little Rock, Beebe, McRae, and in areas farther north and east. Eight deaths resulted from the tornadoes with 140 to 150 injuries also reported.

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Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
							
Cloudy	Slight Chance Snow 20%	Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Low: 22 °F	High: 32 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 13 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 14 °F	High: 34 °F

Tonight-Sunday

- Rain changing to snow around Pierre to I-90
- Tonight: Snow accumulations possible over central SD, of 2" or less
- Sunday: Additional 2 to 4" of snow possible from Pierre to Miller and south

Sunday Night-Monday

- Snow begins to focus across southeast SD
- For areas that do get snow, patchy blowing snow possible over E SD, as winds increase up to 35 mph 



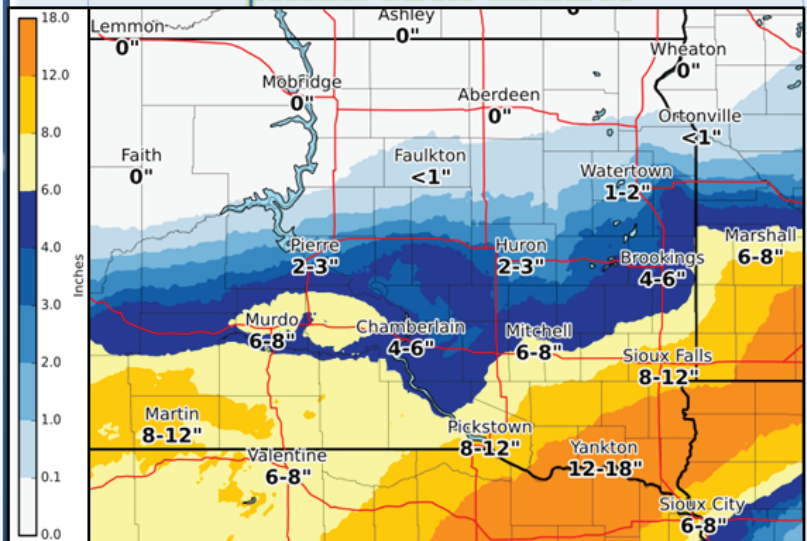
National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Looking for specifics, or have upcoming travel?

Check weather.gov

Storm Total Snow Possible through Monday Morning

further reduction in forecast snow amounts possible across central SD



Published on: 01/20/2018 at 3:57PM

Light rain will slowly transition to snow over central South Dakota from around Pierre to I-90 tonight. Snow accumulations of 2" or less are expected tonight over central South Dakota. Snow will continue off and on, before beginning to focus across southeastern South Dakota Sunday night into early Monday. Further reductions in forecast snow amounts will be possible across central South Dakota! Stay up to date on the latest forecast, especially if you are travelling to southern South Dakota or southern Minnesota.

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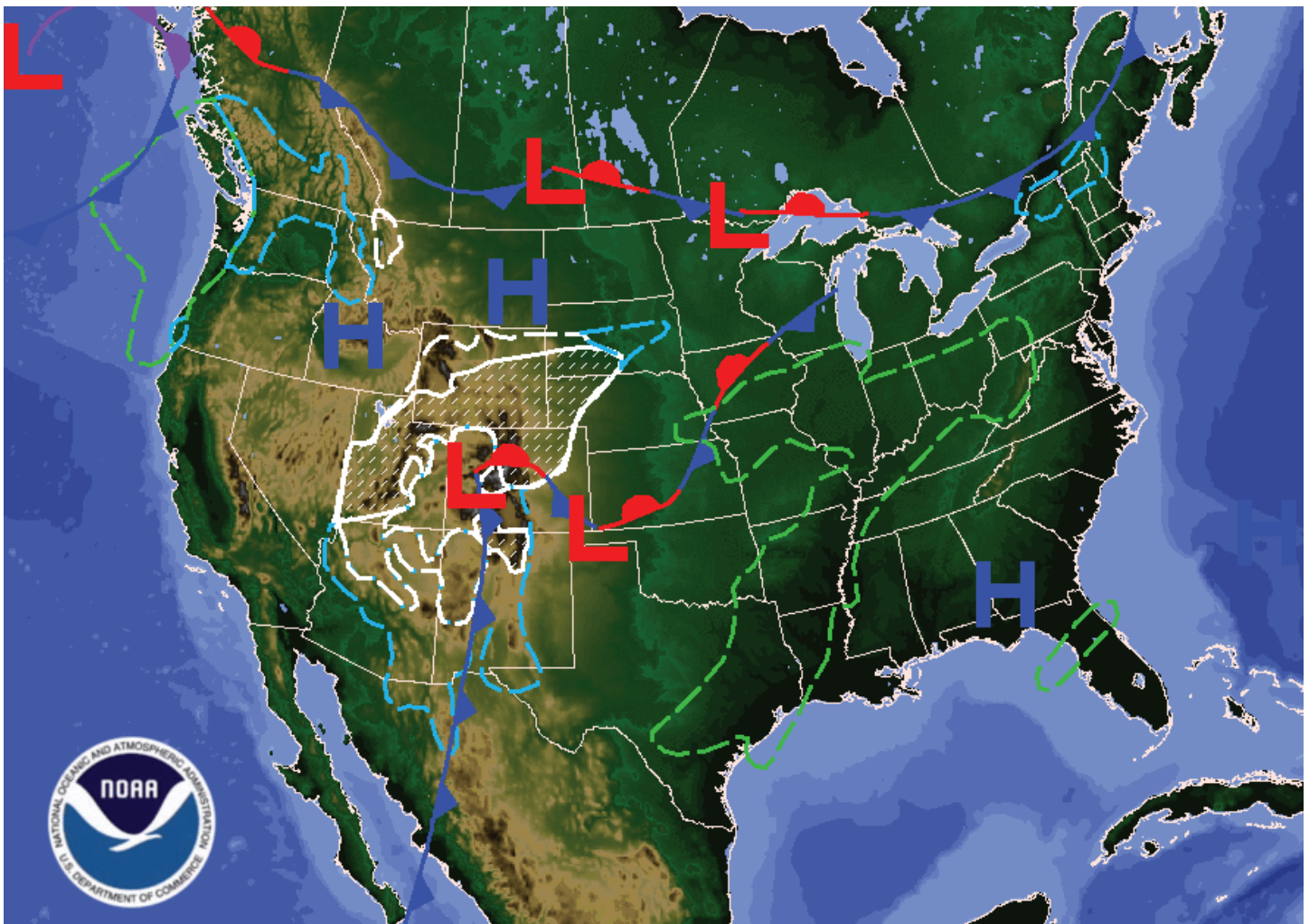
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 47.1 at 3:46 PM
Low Outside Temp: 21.4 at 1:18 AM
Wind Chill: -
High Gust: 18 at 1:18 AM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 57° in 1942
Record Low: -31° in 1949
Average High: 23°F
Average Low: 1°F
Average Precip in Jan: 0.34
Precip to date in Jan: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.34
Precip Year to Date: 0.00
Sunset Tonight: 5:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:04 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 20, 2018, issued 3:22 PM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate 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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SPEAKING OF GRACE...

The word grace in Scripture is used in many different ways. In the Old Testament it is often included with "grace-words" when the writer is speaking of God's loyalty or forgiveness, His steadfast love or loving-kindness. It is also used in association with relationships, such as the relationship of a superior to an inferior. And this is noteworthy: An inferior cannot show a superior grace. In other words, we cannot show God grace. Everything flows from His grace and there is nothing we have that did not come from Him.

In the New Testament the word for grace is charis – a word used when speaking of forgiveness. From it comes our word "charity" – giving something to someone when they do not deserve "it" or cannot get "it" themselves. It also implies being "gracious" – which is, grace in action.

Showing God's grace is what Christians are to do after they accept God's grace. And unless we show it we might question whether or not we really have it!

For example, when we are saved by grace we are to become gracious and act differently. Cruelty is to be replaced with kindness, anger with acceptance, rejection with reconciliation and giving instead of always getting.

Grace is certainly a comprehensive word. It is as wide as the world. Remember what Jesus said: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him shall be saved."

Our indebtedness to God for His grace is beyond us. Our indebtedness to show His grace to others is within us.

Prayer: Your love, Father, is beyond our comprehension and Your grace can never be understood – only accepted. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 84:11b The Lord will give grace and glory;

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

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

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

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News from the  Associated Press

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Avon 59, Wagner 49
Bennett County 62, Philip 44
Dakota Valley 77, Lawton-Bronson, Iowa 37
Dell Rapids 73, Elk Point-Jefferson 59
Florence 56, Webster 42
Hot Springs 66, Lead-Deadwood 42
McLaughlin 66, Miller 44
Milbank Area 64, West Central 48
Oelrichs 64, Crazy Horse 46
Parker 49, Beresford 39
Rapid City Central 53, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 51
Rapid City Stevens 51, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 46
Sisseton 64, Redfield/Doland 56
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 54, Gayville-Volin 52
Yankton 61, Aberdeen Central 46
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Fifth Place
Deubrook 59, Lake Preston 54
Third Place
Dell Rapids St. Mary 64, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 44
DSU Classic
Kimball/White Lake 68, Waverly-South Shore 41
Leola/Frederick 71, St. Francis Indian 54
Wessington Springs 58, Alcester-Hudson 55, OT
Hanson Corn Palace Classic
Canistota 56, Langford 50
St. Thomas More 55, Pine Ridge 49
Warner 58, Castlewood 47
White River 65, Aberdeen Roncalli 63
Mobridge Big Bob Classic
Herreid/Selby Area 71, Dupree 27
Mobridge-Pollock 52, Eureka/Bowdle 44
Sully Buttes 73, Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 45

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 66, Yankton 29
Avon 54, Wagner 40
Beresford 60, Parker 30
Bon Homme 51, Bridgewater-Emery 48
Burke/South Central 71, Kadoka Area 60
Colome 44, Jones County 35
Elk Point-Jefferson 40, Dell Rapids 37
Gregory 41, Stanley County 25
Lyman 59, White River 56

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Miller 68, McLaughlin 55
New Underwood 39, Wall 38
Philip 50, Bennett County 21
Rapid City Central 63, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 54
Rapid City Stevens 46, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 38
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Fifth Place
McIntosh 49, Harding County 44
Third Place
Dupree 48, Lemmon 30
Mobridge Big Bob Classic
Mobridge-Pollock 60, Faulkton 46
Sully Buttes 71, Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 20
Panhandle Conference Tournament
Championship
Morrill, Neb. 47, Edgemont 33

Sioux Falls mayor gives women's marchers key to city

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The mayor of Sioux Falls is recognizing demonstrators at the city's second annual Women's March for their marching efforts.

Mayor Mike Huether presented marchers with a key to the city Saturday. The Argus Leader reports the march — one of many across the country — drew thousands to downtown Sioux Falls. Last year's march also drew a big crowd.

Speakers urged marchers to vote in upcoming elections and support candidates.

Twenty-one-year-old Mark McLaughlin traveled from Brookings to join the march. The student at South Dakota State University says he "came to stand against hate."

Tammie Harris helped her daughters— ages 5 and 6 — draw a sign saying, "Love Trumps Hate." Harris says she wants her daughters to grow up "knowing they are powerful and that they have a voice."

Government shutdown means civilian furloughs at Ellsworth

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The federal government shutdown means furloughs for hundreds of civilian employees at Ellsworth Air Force Base in western South Dakota.

The U.S. Air Force says the shutdown requires a furlough for about 500 civilians at Ellsworth, starting Saturday.

A news release says civilians will report to work Monday following their normal duty hours and receive

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guidance from their chain of command.

Military personnel on active duty, including reservists on federal service, will continue to report for duty. Personnel on temporary duty status will receive information from their supervisors.

Col. John Edwards, 28th Bomb Wing commander, says officials are working to minimize impact to Ellsworth's workforce while ensuring the base meets its mission and cares for its airmen and families.

The library and education center will be closed during the shutdown.

1 dead, 1 hurt in pickup crash near Sisseton

SISSETON, S.D. (AP) — One person is dead and another seriously injured after a pickup crash in northeastern South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol says a 2007 Ford Crew Cab was southbound on Interstate 29 when it left the road and rolled north of Sisseton Saturday morning.

A 23-year-old woman who was a passenger was thrown from the pickup and died at the scene. The 28-year-old man who was driving suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital in Fargo, North Dakota.

Neither was wearing a seat belt. Authorities say charges are pending against the driver.

Abandoned dog rescued after retrieving bird to hunters

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Two hunters had shot down a pheasant in a wildlife refuge in northern South Dakota when they were approached by an underweight yellow Labrador covered in sores.

To their surprise, the abandoned dog had fetched their bird for them.

"When I looked up and saw her bringing the rooster back I couldn't believe it," said Scott Behan, one of the hunters.

Behan and Matt Flannigan told Aberdeen American News that the lab was in bad condition when they found her in the Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 4. The dog had endured days in bitter cold temperatures without food, water or shelter. She didn't wear tags and wounds covered her joints and feet from excessive licking.

"We kind of talked and decided she'd walk out with us," said Behan. "We were taking a pretty leisurely walk, not going through cattails, because we wanted to take it easy on her."

Behan and Flannigan brought the lab to the refuge's headquarters. She was later brought to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society, where she was named River.

"She was also a lot thinner than she should be," said Shelter Manager Elaine Schaible.

The shelter gave River a warm, dry kennel to recover. River slept soundly for 48 hours, according to Schaible.

Schaible estimates that River is between 8- and 10-years-old. She can only speculate why River was left near the refuge, but she suspects River "could've gotten lost during a hunt and the owner didn't care enough to go after her."

River's condition is improving under the care of the shelter. She's available for adoption.

"Hopefully she'll get to a good family," said Behan.

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

South Dakota county pushes for new \$4.5M courthouse

OLIVET, S.D. (AP) — County commissioners in southeast South Dakota may face a lawsuit over a proposed courthouse.

Hutchinson County commissioners passed a construction resolution Tuesday for a \$4.5 million courthouse in Olivet, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported. The current courthouse was built in 1881, making it the oldest still in use in South Dakota.

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Under the resolution, the commission has authority to acquire ground for site.

But Menno attorney Tom Hertz told the commissioners before their vote that they'd likely be sued over the courthouse approval. Hertz didn't say whether the lawsuit would come from him, but that he expects someone would step forward.

"It looks like a rush attempt to push this through before anyone can stop it," said Hertz.

He said the county should either remodel the current building or scale down the cost of the new courthouse. Hertz suggested that commissioners hold a public hearing.

Commissioners said the current building has structural and environmental issues, including black mold, a cracked wall and leaks.

Puetz Construction of Mitchell found that remodeling the current courthouse would cost an estimated \$3.5 million.

"Do you want to spend 75 percent of new for remodeling?" said Commissioner Steve Friesen. "It's hard working with a 150-year-old building."

The commissioners authorized a resolution in 2013 to accumulate funds for either a courthouse renovation or construction.

Hutchinson County State's Attorney Glenn Roth said the commissioners have a short window to use its courthouse accumulation fund and need to take action this year.

No formal decisions have been made for proceeding with the project. If the new courthouse is approved, county officials hope to start construction in the spring.

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

Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 62, Mitchell 30
Brandon Valley 51, Huron 44
Britton-Hecla 61, Deuel 47
Clark/Willow Lake 60, Webster 24
Colome 52, Gayville-Volin 48
Dakota Valley 61, Tri-Valley 42
Douglas 71, Little Wound 67
Edmunds Central 57, Wakpala 53
Faulkton 50, Aberdeen Christian 43
Flandreau 62, McCook Central/Montrose 29
Great Plains Lutheran 65, Iroquois 50
Harrisburg 69, Sioux Falls Washington 59
Herreid/Selby Area 66, Eureka/Bowdle 18
Hot Springs 60, Belle Fourche 35
Hulett, Wyo. 80, Newell 72
Langford 49, Castlewood 47
Lennox 71, Platte-Geddes 32
Leola/Frederick 47, Northwestern 46
Lower Brule 66, Flandreau Indian 58
Milbank Area 52, Hamlin 46
Sioux Falls Christian 75, Madison 63
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 65, Rapid City Central 49
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 64, Rapid City Stevens 62

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Sturgis Brown 74, Spearfish 62
Vermillion 64, Garretson 54
Watertown 50, Pierre 29
Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 71, Tea Area 66
Wilmot 49, Waverly-South Shore 38
Yankton 66, Brookings 38

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 47, Mitchell 46
Aberdeen Roncalli 56, Groton Area 41
Baltic 30, Viborg-Hurley 29
Belle Fourche 45, Hot Springs 10
Beresford 67, Canton 34
Brandon Valley 60, Huron 52
Brookings 51, Yankton 29
Dakota Valley 50, Tri-Valley 38
Dell Rapids 80, Sioux Valley 65
Deuel 49, Britton-Hecla 29
Ethan 47, Corsica/Stickney 42
Freeman 51, Menno 41
Hanson 72, Canistota 43
Lennox 58, Parkston 31
Little Wound 61, Douglas 45
Madison 70, Sioux Falls Christian 69
McCook Central/Montrose 60, Flandreau 54
Northwestern 54, Leola/Frederick 40
Platte-Geddes 55, Scotland 54
Rapid City Christian 53, Crazy Horse 44
Rapid City Stevens 45, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 30
Red Cloud 66, Bennett County 30
Redfield/Doland 48, Sisseton 43
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 45, Rapid City Central 23
Spearfish 68, Sturgis Brown 64, OT
Vermillion 59, Garretson 24
Wakpala 63, Edmunds Central 59
Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 76, Tea Area 36
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Colman-Egan 55, Estelline 25
Dell Rapids St. Mary 47, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 14
Semifinal
Deubrook 53, Lake Preston 51
Elkton-Lake Benton 37, Arlington 32
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Harding County 55, Tiospaye Topa 49
McIntosh 44, Bison 12
Semifinal
Faith 63, Dupree 37
Timber Lake 70, Lemmon 47

Southern Plains Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Jones County 49, Stanley County 41
Semifinal
Kadoka Area 75, White River 68

South Dakota referee survives heart attack on court

By MICK GARRY, Argus Leader

BRANDON, S.D. (AP) — There is a lot more to this story than Jeff Schroder having a heart attack and hitting the floor while officiating a college basketball game in Marshall, Minn.

Thankfully, it is Schroder himself, a 46-year-old married father of two, who is saying this a little more than a week after he lay on the Southwest Minnesota State University court in danger of dying right there in front of everyone.

He said this while sitting with his wife at his Brandon home, pressing a rolled-up towel against his chest that alleviates the strain of emergency quadruple bypass surgery.

The First Premier Bankcard employee is feeling better every day, though challenges remain. He is overwhelmingly grateful in spite of the trauma and discomfort that comes with being so close to something so frightening.

"I'm not afraid to dive in and talk about this if it might help somebody again down the road," said Schroder, who has officiated basketball for 27 years in the area. "Maybe somebody will go get themselves checked out or purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator) who doesn't have one now. If it can help like that down the road, then every interview I do is successful."

No one would say that New Year's Eve afternoon in Marshall started out as Schroder's lucky day. But after the fact — after he stumbled and fell and the world went dark — a series of good fortunes piled up in a hurry.

"There was a movie out there called, 'The Perfect Storm,'" Schroder said. "Well, this was kind of like the perfect heart attack. I don't know how else to put it. I had two of my better friends refereeing with me who were able to get in touch with my wife (Larissa). A doctor was there who really wasn't even supposed to be there. There were athletic trainers on hand. There was an AED there. No one wants to go through that, but it was about as perfect a situation as it could be if somebody was going to save somebody's life."

Schroder got interested in officiating while following his father, Chuck, around doing the same stuff. By the time he was in his teens, Jeff was riding along with his dad and doing the junior varsity game while the elder Schroder officiated the varsity.

The week leading up to his heart attack, the Brandon native had been trying to whip a virus that had been lingering within him for weeks. He was feeling well enough to do games Friday and Saturday and got about halfway through the game on Sunday — Southwest Minnesota State vs. Wayne State — when the lights began to dim.

"I didn't feel that great, but I thought it was from the virus," Schroder said. "Obviously I'd never had a heart attack before so I didn't know what was happening, but I kept feeling weaker and weaker throughout the second half. Then everything just gave out."

He'd already had several conversations with his officiating colleagues about how he was feeling. Twice Southwest Minnesota State athletic trainer Laura Crowell, seeing how fatigued he looked, asked him if he was OK to continue.

"The first time he told me he'd been sick and it felt good to sweat it out," Crowell said. "The second time he said it was great to be out moving around."

He doesn't remember much after he fell, though his refereeing partners for the day, Jim Ricketts Jr. of Sioux Falls and Levi Pearson of Watertown, can fill in some blanks.

"Out of the corner of my eye I saw him go down," said Ricketts, whose father Jim had refereed with Schroder's father. "I knew something wasn't right. If you trip and fall, you bring your hands out in front

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of you and he didn't really fall like that."

Seeing Schroder face down and not moving in front of the home bench, Crowell and SMSU coach Brad Bigler rushed to his aid. Crowell sent Bigler to the scorer's table to get somebody to call 911. Wayne State athletic trainer Muffin Morris, a friend of Crowell's, joined Crowell as did Jess Swedzinski, an athletic trainer from the area who was at the game.

"We were just trying to keep his airway open," Crowell said. "He had a pulse and he was still breathing."

They rolled him to his back to assist his breathing — they were thinking he'd banged his head — when the breaths became more labored. Moments later he was in full cardiac arrest, the Argus Leader reported.

Though he was not aware of it at the time, from that point onward Schroder started rolling sevens. As fortune would have it, Bigler's brother-in-law, Jeremy Walker, a doctor visiting from Nashville, was standing nearby along with Lois Sinram, a nurse and Bigler's godmother.

It was a bit of a surprise for the rest of the family that Walker was there at all. He'd anticipated work was going to keep him occupied in Tennessee, but at the last minute he was able to get on the same flight as the rest of his family to take in New Year's in Marshall.

"It's one thing to learn how to give CPR on a mannequin," Bigler said. "Jeremy had been in a few code red situations in the last year and he'd saved lives. There's an intensity to it with how hard you have to push."

Walker took over on the chest compressions while a trainer ran to get the AED. They cut Schroder's shirt open to attach the device's leads and then stood back and waited for a response from the unit, which assesses a victim's heartbeat and provides audible instructions on what should happen next.

The AED said Schroder's heart needed a shock. Translation: If you don't do something soon, he's gone. They pushed the button, his chest lurched, his heart reset itself and Schroder was again among the living.

"We watched him come back," Crowell said. "His color came back, his breathing was sporadic at first, but he was retaking control of himself."

Pearson was now on the phone with Larissa, finding out what medications Schroder was taking, while the paramedics got up to speed on what had just happened. At that point, Schroder stirred and Crowell heard a new voice amid the chatter.

"I can hear you talking, you know," Schroder said.

It was a gift to the rest of his refereeing crew and those who had worked to save his life. Though Schroder doesn't remember it, he kept talking. When Ricketts approached Crowell after his colleague regained consciousness, he asked her whether he was ornery.

"I said yes," Crowell said. "Some of his language was very colorful."

"I heard that," Ricketts said, "and felt a lot better about things."

With Schroder now headed to the Marshall hospital, where he would later be airlifted to Sioux Falls, there were still almost 12 minutes of basketball to be played.

The remaining two referees went back to the coaches and asked them if they wanted to keep going. There were consultations with NSIC officials and SMSU administrators. Both teams wished to proceed and they finished it up — an 86-65 Mustang victory — with Ricketts and Pearson doing the officiating.

"I went to Jim and we agreed we needed to take a minute before finishing the game," said Pearson, a Watertown PGA teaching pro. "Jeff was alert and talking when he left. He was in the best hands and he was going to be just fine. As grave as it all looked, on the opposite side of things we told ourselves it was going to turn out well. We were going to get through it."

The rest of the game proceeded without any thing remarkable happening other than the gym being conspicuously quiet to the end.

"My communication with those guys was a lot different the rest of the game," said Bigler, who along with Walker visited with Schroder at the hospital before he was flown to Sioux Falls. "Even last weekend, I was controlling my emotions quite differently than I usually would. When something like this happens, it's a good reminder that they're good people."

The what-ifs were abundant in the aftermath. What if Schroder had decided he was too tired to continue and had gone to the locker room, where there would have been no one there to save him? What if it had

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happened on the ride home with Ricketts?

"At Jeff's age and condition, cardiac arrest doesn't enter your mind at all," Pearson said. "One of the things I've taken from this is that when someone tells you they're not feeling well, pay a little closer attention and learn what the signs might be."

It had been an incredibly grim, but ultimately inspiring, chain of events.

Doctors have since told Schroder, who had always checked out fine at his yearly physical, that he could not have seen it coming. There is a history of heart disease in the family, however, and the clock on the incident ultimately started ticking when he was back in his 20s.

"A paramedic told me Jeff had had what they call a 'widow-maker,'" Crowell said. "He'd been a paramedic for more than 20 years and he'd only seen a person go from full cardiac arrest to being able to speak again twice in his career."

Schroder is mending. He moves slowly and tires quickly, but he's walking on his own and will soon start a cardiac rehab program that will include three sessions a week. Doctors have told him it will be two months yet before he really begins feeling like himself again.

Still less than two weeks since he fell, he can deliver information on his own discomforts with matter-of-fact calmness. Assessing the outpouring of support from his refereeing colleagues and others that followed his scrape with death is not as easy. It's all still overwhelming.

"I'm truly blessed to have the people I have around me within the reffing community," Schroder said. "I really don't know how to express that. There's a camaraderie that you can't really explain. I've had high school coaches reach out — guys where we've had our ins and outs during games — who have been very kind. And just having Jimmy and Levi there with me that day and knowing they had to get a hold of my wife. They were the guys who had to go back out there and finish the game after seeing one of their buddies go down. That took a lot."

Schroder will return to officiating, he said, at the highest level they will take him. If that's eighth-graders, so be it. The irony as he looks back on the ordeal is that the highest praise goes to those who were with him when he wasn't aware of it.

"I don't know how to say it really — I owe those people everything," he said. "What else can you say after they saved my life? I owe them everything."

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SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

03-17-23-49-66, Mega Ball: 23, Megaplier: 3

(three, seventeen, twenty-three, forty-nine, sixty-six; Mega Ball: twenty-three; Megaplier: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$55 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$78 million

Wisconsin man struggles with effects of football injuries

By LAURA SCHULTE, Wausau Daily Herald

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Drew Bouche loves to play catch with his son, Abram.

The two often can be seen on in downtown Wausau, tossing a football, smiles on their faces.

Football is deeply rooted in both of their lives. Abram, who is 11 years old, can't wait to play just like his father did before him. At Wausau East High School, Bouche was a running back, a fixture in local sports

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coverage and someone recognized throughout the community. Bouche's dad, Abram's grandfather, was the East football coach.

Bouche went to South Dakota State University to further his career, but he never got the chance to shine. He left the sport in his freshman year after a blow to the head left him unable to walk off the field.

He lives the consequences of those brain injuries every day. He struggles with extreme and sometimes violent mood swings, migraines, days when depression makes it hard to get out of bed and forgetfulness can cause him to lose track of conversations or what task he's supposed to accomplish. He thinks his struggles with alcohol stem from the injuries, too.

Bouche is experiencing what doctors say is typical of chronic traumatic encephalopathy. CTE is a degenerative brain disease, believed to be caused by repetitive hits to the head. And it's a disease that has been traced by researchers to the hard hits that athletes take on the field, including collisions that never result in a concussion diagnosis.

Most of the national media attention around CTE has focused on former NFL players, who've won a \$1 billion settlement against the league. But Bouche is among countless football players who believe they suffered brain damage without ever playing beyond high school or college.

Doctors say the disease has long-term effects on health and quality of life. But CTE is mysterious because most research can occur only after the person has died and the brain can be examined.

Football leagues at all levels have made changes in response to heated discussion around CTE. The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association now mandates that high school players sit out if they appear to have suffered a concussion, with rigid rules for returning to play. There are new rules on how players should tackle, with their heads off to the side instead of into another player's chest. Equipment manufacturers have created helmets intended to limit head trauma.

But there's no way to take hits out of football, and top researchers say large and small collisions alike will inevitably cause damage in at least some of those who play. More than two decades after Bouche's football playing came to an end, it's not clear that any of the new policies, new guidelines or new equipment would have prevented the damage to his brain.

Bouche's own feelings about football are complicated — he worries about Abram playing, but also said that the game teaches so many lessons that can't be learned another way.

The first time Drew Bouche saw stars after a hit to the head was when he was in sixth grade. He was 12; it was his first year of tackle football. The sport was ingrained in his family because his dad, Jim Bouche, was the coach of Wausau East High School.

"(My brother and I) grew up around East athletics. Football was a part of life," he told USA Today Network-Wisconsin. "He would take us to practice as babies."

The pain and discomfort of taking a hard hit and becoming disoriented — something doctors now say is a sign of a sub-concussive hit — didn't faze Bouche. He continued on with the sport, into high school. That's when the real problems started.

The first time he was told he had a major concussion was in his freshman year of high school. It was the first time a hit had ever left him physically reeling on the field.

"I hit someone and I couldn't remember where I was," he said. "But I kept playing. I chose to keep playing."

In his sophomore season, he experienced his second serious head injury. This time, he could barely walk to the bench and the field spun around him. Before the end of that year, he would take a few more serious hits, causing him to sit out practices for some of the season, but he resumed play as quickly as possible each time.

It wasn't until his junior year that an injury gave Bouche pause.

"I was knocked out for 20 minutes," he said. "I don't remember anything until I was in the ambulance."

Jim Bouche, a high school and college football player himself in the 1960s and '70s, got into the ambulance that day with his son, who didn't regain consciousness until they were halfway to the hospital. It was the school's homecoming game, played on a Saturday, against Stevens Point Area Senior High. Jim

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Bouche acknowledged that if that hit were to happen today, Drew's career in football would have been over. But at that point, Jim said, he thought time would heal the injury.

Drew Bouche sat out the rest of the season but returned in time for senior year and the college football recruitment process. There was hardly a game or practice at that point, he said, where he didn't lose his bearings after a hit. His senior year was when the headaches began, too.

In 1999, he started at South Dakota State University.

His time as a college ball player didn't last long. At a practice one day, he took a knee to the head, an accidental hit. He thought he lost consciousness, but later, his teammates told him he'd been talking and sitting up the entire time.

"It was almost like being drunk," he said. "I was not with it. My mind and body weren't communicating."

Soon after that hit in college, Bouche visited a doctor. Jokingly, the physician told him he'd be dumb to keep playing. By then, Bouche knew his condition was no joke.

He hung up his pads and cleats at age 19, but the struggle with the effects of his career was just beginning.

Though it's been getting a lot of attention in the past decade, CTE isn't a new problem, said Dr. Ann McKee, one of the lead researchers with the Boston University CTE Center.

Doctors first started noticing the symptoms of CTE nearly 100 years ago, in people who were sustaining blows to the head regularly, especially boxers. They called it "punch drunk."

It's become more prevalent in football players recently, she said, because players are starting earlier in life, and the game is becoming more violent and aggressive.

McKee, an Appleton native who got her undergraduate degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been on the forefront of the research, noticing the degradation of a boxer's brain years ago, she said. She was fascinated by the patterns of CTE, and how it affected brains.

Later, she was asked to look at the brains of football players, and she noticed the same degradation of the brain tissue. So began her research on CTE, opening a brain bank through Boston University, and examining brains of those believed to have suffered from the disease during life. Her research, which received national publicity, shocked with its findings: Of 111 players' brains studied, 110 studied showed signs of CTE.

That research has shown that CTE is a buildup of the tau protein in the brain, caused by repeated blows to the head, whether concussive or not. Sub-concussive hits can do the same amount of damage, McKee said, even if the person has never been diagnosed with a concussion. All it takes is a jostling of the brain inside of the skull. The tau protein is then released, and when it collects, it can cause the death of brain tissue.

And when the brain tissue starts to die, it can cause everything from forgetfulness to bouts of rage, and later maybe even dementia.

The problem of CTE isn't a new one for the Bouche family, either. Jim Bouche, who left the Wausau East coaching job in 2007 and today is the principal of Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, believes he probably had almost 10 concussions himself when he played, with two serious ones. His symptoms have never been as serious as his son's, but he struggles with short-term memory loss, and he wonders if it's a result of those hard hits.

After college, slowly but surely, other symptoms started to creep in for Drew Bouche.

Bouts of depression were debilitating. Migraines kept him home from work weekly. Anger would cloud his mind for no apparent reason.

"He was a lighthearted middle-schooler and high-schooler," his father said. "His mother and I would agree, how he looks at things now is different."

Drew had seen news coverage of CTE in 2009 and went through the checklist of symptoms.

"It listed a lot of symptoms that could be related and I went down the list and was like, check, check, check," he said.

Bouche has thought about contacting the Boston University CTE Center and volunteering for tests, maybe even donating his brain after death. He went to see a local neurologist, who said he was likely the

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textbook example of CTE, but that there was no way to know. And there was no way to treat or cure it.

"The doctor said right away that he (couldn't) give me a magic pill," he said. "It's just something we still don't know a lot about, we're still learning about, and the research is just now kicking in."

He went to the neurologist a few times after that but hasn't been back in years.

"I just kind of got to the point where I can't be seeing a specialist for the rest of my life, when there's nothing to be done," he said.

Bouche struggles to focus at work as a graphic designer at the nationwide printing firm FASTSIGNS, and attends weekly counseling sessions to combat his anger and depression. When the occasional migraine happens, he swallows pills to kill the pain.

"I make it sound like I'm some type of horrible dude, but when you go from 'I'm just standing there' to 'something triggers you and you're angry about something stupid,' it affects relationships, it affects friendships," he said. "I'm still trying to figure out, in some cases, how to deal with mood swings."

McKee echoed what Bouche's doctor told him. Although she said that research may be bringing doctors closer to being able to diagnose CTE before death, there still isn't a cure. It's like Alzheimer's disease, she said.

"We don't have a treatment that halts or slows Alzheimer's in its tracks," she said. "A lot of time compassionate care, the following of patients and helping them with the tasks of daily living, giving them access to support groups and, most of all, suggesting a diagnosis (of) why they're experiencing these symptoms can be comforting to patients.

"That's all we can do right now."

When Bouche was playing football, the rules were very different from today's rules.

He said his dad was often frustrated with him for hitting players with his head — not for safety reasons, but because it wasn't the most effective way to hit. Now, it's mandated that players avoid hitting with their heads.

Today, the state athletic association mandates that a student-athlete who is injured during play gets taken out of the game, evaluated and allowed to return to play only after he or she has been cleared by a doctor, said Brett Schulz, director of athletic training for Sport and Spine Physical Therapy in Wausau, which often works with students after they've had a concussion. That approval can come anywhere from a week after the injury to months later, depending on recovery time and symptoms shown by the player.

Those new steps haven't seemed to slow the tide of high school sports injuries. Bouche's alma mater, Wausau East, reported six serious concussions and 18 serious injuries in the 2015 football season alone. The school declined to provide more recent figures to USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin.

New guidelines won't prevent players from sustaining concussions, McKee said. Just because players aren't hitting with their heads doesn't mean their brains aren't jostled when they fall hard to the ground, or when their helmets collide as they fall.

Bouche said he still will allow his son to play football, once Abram reaches middle school. He believes that the discipline and preparation that football takes, not only physically, but mentally, could be to his son's benefit.

"It's great practice for life," he said.

Abram's grandfather has talked to him about the sport, too. Jim Bouche and Abram's grandmother have always emphasized the triple A's — academics, arts and athletics.

Academics, he said, are important, because Abram will use his cognitive skills more than any other part of his body. Arts are important to develop music appreciation, design skills and creative-thinking skills. And athletics teaches the importance of learning teamwork.

Drew Bouche believes there's also a difference between his sports career and Abram's. Learning from his past, he'll keep a close eye on his son, watching for any signs of concussions or brain injuries during and after games. And he said he will make these decisions alongside Abram's mother.

"It's going to be a very short leash," he said. "He has one serious concussion, sorry, he's done. Heck, it'll be tough for me to not say 'You're done' after seeing stars for the first time."

Despite the risk, Bouche said, there's too much value to the game and too firm a family legacy of football to completely say no to his son's requests to play.

"I want him to experience it."

Information from: Wausau Daily Herald Media, <http://www.wausaudailyherald.com>

South Dakota officer says he feared for life before shooting

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota police officer said he feared for his life during a struggle that resulted in the shooting death of a man about three years ago, according to court documents.

Former Mitchell officer Russell Stevenson shot and killed Curtis Meyer, 37, in 2015 during an armed confrontation after Stevenson responded to a noise complaint at a house party.

Court documents filed Tuesday show Stevenson said he didn't know his body-worn camera wasn't recording when he confronted Meyer, the Daily Republic reported. Stevenson stated in his affidavit that he believed Meyer was going to shoot him if he didn't secure Meyer's gun. He said Meyer gave no indication that he would release his weapon.

"During the struggle, I remember thinking that I was going to be shot and I feared for my life," said Stevenson. "I remember thinking about my children as I was unable to secure the gun."

Meyer's mother, Hon Kasselder, filed a federal lawsuit against the city, Stevenson and the chief of public safety last year. The lawsuit alleged that Meyer's civil rights were violated.

The South Dakota Attorney General's Office previously found that Stevenson was justified in using lethal force. Stevenson's statement provided in the court documents matches his statements with the state's Division of Criminal Investigation in 2015.

The case is ongoing.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Judge rejects privacy claim in South Dakota affair case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that an Illinois woman's privacy wasn't violated when a South Dakota man sent her evidence that her husband was having an affair with his wife.

Federal Judge Roberto Lange rejected Virginia Flaum's privacy claim against Richard Hylland, the Argus Leader reported.

Hylland had sent Flaum printouts of romantic emails and text messages between his wife, Traci, and Flaum's husband, Russell. Hylland later sent the evidence to Flaum's children.

Lange ruled that Virginia Flaum didn't have an expectation of privacy in the messages between her husband and Traci Hylland.

"A reasonable person would not find that Richard committed a highly offensive intrusion into Virginia's seclusion by reading text messages and emails that Russell sent to Traci's electronic devices concerning Traci's alleged affair with Russell," Lange wrote.

Lange also ruled that Virginia Flaum has the right to discover whether Traci Hylland sent her husband emails that would bolster her allegation that Traci alienated her husband's affections.

Both Richard Hylland and Virginia Flaum sued their spouse's lover under South Dakota's alienation of affection law. South Dakota is among a half-dozen states that still allow lawsuits accusing a cheating spouse's lover of alienation of affection.

The Hyllands were from South Dakota, while the Flaums were from Illinois. Both couples had homes in Indian Wells, California, where Traci Hylland and Russell Flaum first met. Traci and Russell met at a country club in late 2014, and began playing tennis together.

Court records show Traci Hylland returned in 2015 to South Dakota, where she and Russell Flaum continued to communicate and discussed leaving their spouses.

Both lawsuits are ongoing.

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

Daugaard backs ending collective bargaining at universities

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he would support legislation to end collective bargaining at the state's public universities.

House Speaker Mark Mickelson said Friday that the bill should be ready next week. The Republican lawmaker says it's important that the institutions can adapt and meet the needs of students and industry.

Daugaard, a Republican, says he worries that unionization in some cases has made it difficult for administrators to retain certain employees and discipline others who need it.

Alan Aldrich, state president of the Council of Higher Education, the faculty labor union, didn't immediately return a telephone message seeking comment from The Associated Press.

Union contracts cover more than 1,300 staff members at the state's six public universities and at schools for the blind and deaf.

South Dakota hunters catch 2 bucks with tangled antlers

By SHANNON MARVEL, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A group of hunters in Faulk County got a two-for-one deal after finding two bucks locking antlers.

Roy Heintzman hosted a group of 12 hunters from Hartford on his land near Onaka in November, Aberdeen American News reported .

The group has been hunting on Heintzman's land for more than 20 years, he wrote in a note to the American News.

Duane Miles of Hartford said he dropped off a group of hunters on one side of a field before driving to the other end to wait for them. As he waited, he spotted a buck and a second deer he couldn't make out.

He said the group of hunters actually walked by the deer before his son spotted them. Then, his son hollered to Joe Blocker, the only hunter in the group with a buck tag, to wait to shoot so the buck could get away from the second deer, believed to be a doe, Miles said.

Blocker, of Hartford, was eventually able to land a shot on the buck, but the animal took off over a hill, Miles said.

That's when Miles saw that it was actually two bucks locked together by the antlers.

He was able to grab his camera out of his pickup and take some photos.

"The funny thing about me taking pictures was after about three or four pictures, a little light bulb goes (off in my head, reminding me that) I can zoom in with this camera. A blind squirrel can find a nut once in a while, and that's what happened to me. They were about a quarter mile away when I took that picture," Miles said.

The two bucks then ran, still locked together, into another person's property, he said.

"They even jumped a fence together," Miles said.

The hunters were supposed to be joined by another small group that day, but the second group was delayed, Miles said.

"They and stopped and talked to someone along the road," he said.

One of the hunters in the second group also had a buck tag.

"We called those guys and said, 'Get your butt over here,' then I had to go around and get permission to go on the land," Miles said.

The two groups combined forces to form a 13-man hunting party.

Miles said it took about two hours from when the group first saw the two deer to when it found them again in a slough over a hill.

"We got everyone there and started walking the slough, and I'm looking with my binoculars and all I

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could see was horns. The other guy that was walking with a buck tag took three or two shots, missed, then he was able to hit him and knock him down. (The bucks) probably ran close to 3 miles together. We had to work the slough to try to find them," Miles said.

Blocker's son-in-law, Cody McMahon, of Humboldt was able to fill his buck tag with the second deer.

"We had quite a few people with us. We got 13 does, then there were four buck tags and they got all four," Miles said of the trip.

He said no one in the group had ever before seen anything quite like the two bucks locked together.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing that we'll probably never see again. Usually people find them dead. The weird thing about this is they were locked from behind and usually they (are) locked from the front. Usually they're fighting forward," Miles said.

He said the deer were both five-point bucks.

Blocker and McMahon took their prizes to Travis Taxidermy in Humboldt to be mounted.

"We didn't unhook them on purpose. There were a couple of war spots on the horns. I don't think they were locked together for a really long time," Miles said.

He said the taxidermist, Jesse Travis, will mount the heads of the bucks in a way that replicates how they were locked together.

The only question remaining is which hunter will get to take home the mount.

"They'll probably share it back and forth and there's a debate," Miles joked. "They both want it at their houses while both of their wives want it at the other guy's place."

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Executive branch workers taking online harassment training

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says executive branch employees are undergoing new online anti-harassment training.

The Republican governor said Friday that the deadline to complete the training is in February. Officials say more than 60 percent of employees have gone through it.

Daugaard says he's asked supervisors in annual employee performance discussions to remind workers of the state's policy against harassment. The governor says he's also asking employees to sign a document acknowledging they know they're held to policies including the anti-harassment rules.

Daugaard says officials are trying to do more to encourage people to pay attention to the rules.

State lawmakers this week attended ethics, professionalism and sexual harassment training from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Democrats, GOP try to dodge blame for shuttered government

By ALAN FRAM, ANDREW TAYLOR and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours after shuttering much of the federal government, feuding Democrats and Republicans in Congress spent Saturday dodging blame for a paralyzing standoff over immigration and showed few signs of progress on negotiations needed to end it.

The finger-pointing played out in rare weekend proceedings in both the House and Senate, where lawmakers were eager to show voters they were actively working for a solution — or at least actively making their case why the other party was at fault. The scene highlighted the high political stakes for both parties in an election-year shutdown whose consequences were far from clear.

"The American people cannot begin to understand why the Senate Democratic leader thinks the entire government should be shut down until he gets his way on illegal immigration," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., hours after a last-chance Senate vote failed.

Democrats refused to provide the votes needed to reopen the government until they strike a deal with President Donald Trump protecting young immigrants from deportation, providing disaster relief and boosting spending for opioid treatment and other domestic programs.

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Democrats feel "very, very strongly about the issues" said Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, adding that he believes "the American people are on our side."

The fighting followed a late-night vote in which Senate Democrats blocked a House-passed measure that would have kept agencies functioning for four weeks.

Republicans began the day hopeful they might pick off Democratic support for a three-week version and bring the episode to a quick end. Democrats are insisting on an alternative lasting only several days — which they think would pressure Republicans to cut an immigration deal — and say they'll kill the three-week version when the Senate votes on it by early Monday.

The shutdown came on the anniversary of Trump's inauguration. As lawmakers bickered in the Capitol, protesters marched outside in a reprise of the women's march from a year ago. The president remained out of sight and canceled plans to travel to his resort in Florida for the weekend. He did tweet, making light of the timing by saying Democrats "wanted to give me a nice present" to mark the start of his second year in office.

Trump worked the phones, staying in touch with McConnell, while White House legislative affairs director Marc Short and budget chief Mick Mulvaney met at the Capitol with House Republicans. GOP lawmakers voiced support for the White House stance of not negotiating while the government was shuttered.

Tempers were short and theatrics high. Lawmakers bickered over blame, hypocrisy and even the posters brought to the House floor. While neither chamber voted on a measure to open the government, the House did vote on whether a poster displayed by Republican Rep. Bradley Byrne of Alabama violated the House rules on decorum. The House voted to allow the poster, which bore a photo of Schumer and the quote "the politics of idiocy."

While Republicans blamed the breakdown on Schumer, Democrats increasingly focused their messaging on criticizing Trump, whose popularity is dismal. Democrats were using his zigzagging stance in immigration talks — first encouraging deals, then rejecting them — to underscore his first, chaotic year in office.

"Negotiating with President Trump is like negotiating with Jell-O," Schumer said.

Short compared Democrats' actions to "a 2-year-old temper tantrum."

Republicans seemed content to hope additional Democrats will break as pressure builds and the impact of the shutdown becomes clearer.

In the late-night vote blocking the bill preventing a shutdown, five Democrats from states Trump won in the 2016 election voted to keep government functioning. In a sign that moderates are feeling pressure, more than a dozen centrist senators from both parties have been trying to craft an immigration and spending compromise that party leaders would embrace, but they've fallen short so far.

Republicans argued that Democrats were blocking extra Pentagon funds by keeping government closed and thwarting a long-term budget deal.

"I question if Senate Democrats are really united," Short told reporters. "We think there'll be more today and hopefully they'll continue to see that it's not wise to hold our troops hostage."

But pressure on Republicans could mount with the new workweek Monday and the impact of the federal shutdown becomes more apparent to people.

While the Statue of Liberty — the nation's emblem of its immigrant past — and Philadelphia's Liberty Bell were closed Saturday, visitors had access to other iconic national parks like Yellowstone. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted a photo of himself talking to students at the World War II Memorial in Washington, blocks from White House.

Social Security and most other safety-net programs were unaffected by the lapse in federal spending authority. Critical government functions continued, with uniformed service members, health inspectors and law enforcement officers set to work without pay. But if no deal is reached before Monday, hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be furloughed.

For leverage, Democrats were banking on Trump's wobbly presidency and the GOP's control of the White House, the House and Senate — a triumvirate that until now had never allowed a government closure to occur.

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"Republicans in Congress plunged head-first into the Trump shutdown," Schumer told reporters. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called Republicans "so incompetent and negligent that they couldn't get it together to keep the government open."

Which party's strategy would succeed remained open to debate.

Retired Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., a veteran of shutdown wars, said he believed Democrats believe "the more chaos they can create the better." He said Schumer's tough strategy was "a gross overplaying of his hand" and predicted Democrats would eventually relent.

Former Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., said both parties needed to be cautious.

"It's obvious that Democrats are playing to their base and Republicans are playing to their base," he said. "Everybody loses. It just feeds into the fed-up atmosphere of the American people."

Democrats have been seeking a deal to protect so-called Dreamers. Around 700,000 of them have been shielded against deportation by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which Trump halted last year. He's given lawmakers until early March to pass legislation restoring the protections, but he's demanded added money for his proposed border wall with Mexico as a price.

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US marches for women's rights slam Trump, encourage voting

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Demonstrators from Los Angeles to New York marched in support of female empowerment and denounced President Donald Trump's views on immigration, abortion, LGBT rights and women's rights on Saturday, the anniversary of his inauguration.

People marched in Casper, Wyoming, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Houston. In Park City, Utah, where the annual Sundance Film Festival is in full swing, actress Jane Fonda and nationally known attorney Gloria Allred joined the women's march.

In Morristown, New Jersey, that state's new first lady told a crowd she was a victim of sexual violence while attending college.

Tammy Murphy, the wife of Democrat Phil Murphy, said the attack occurred while she was a sophomore at the University of Virginia. She said she was walking along a path when a man grabbed her and pulled her into some bushes. She said the man tried to take her clothes off and put a crab apple in her mouth to silence her but she bit his hand and fled half-dressed to a nearby fraternity house, where students called police.

In Los Angeles, Eva Longoria, Natalie Portman, Viola Davis, Alfre Woodard, Scarlett Johansson, Constance Wu, Adam Scott and Rob Reiner were among the celebrities who addressed a crowd of hundreds of thousands of demonstrators.

Longoria, who starred in TV's "Desperate Housewives," told marchers their presence matters, "especially when those in power seem to have turned their backs on reason and justice."

Portman, an Academy Award winner, talked about feeling sexualized by the entertainment industry from the time her first film, "Leon: The Professional," was released when she was 13 and suggested it's time for "a revolution of desire." In the 1994 film, Portman played a young girl taken in by a hit man after her family is killed.

Woodard urged everyone to register and vote, saying, "the 2018 midterms start now." And Davis spoke with the passion of a preacher as she discussed the nation's history of discrimination and her past as a sexual assault survivor.

The 2017 rally in Washington, D.C., and hundreds of similar marches created solidarity for those opposing Trump's views, words and actions. Millions of people around the world marched during last year's rallies, and many on Saturday talked about the news avalanche of politics and gender issues in the past year.

Critics of the weekend's marches said the demonstrations were really a protest against Trump. More rallies were planned at other cities on Sunday.

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Meanwhile, Trump on Saturday tweeted that it was a "perfect day" for women to march to celebrate the "economic success and wealth creation" that's happened during his first year in office.

"Get out there now to celebrate the historic milestones and unprecedented economic success and wealth creation that has taken place over the last 12 months," the Republican wrote. "Lowest female unemployment in 18 years!"

Trump's main opponent in the 2016 presidential election, Democratic former U.S. first lady Hillary Clinton, said the Women's March last year was "a beacon of hope and defiance."

"In 2018, it is a testament to the power and resilience of women everywhere," she tweeted, urging people to show that power at the voting booth this year.

Demonstrators on Saturday denounced Trump's views with colorful signs and even saltier language.

Oklahoma City protesters chanted "We need a leader, not a creepy tweeter!" One woman donned a T-shirt with the likeness of social justice icon Woody Guthrie, who wrote "This Land Is Your Land."

Members of the group Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women of Seattle burned sage and chanted in front of Seattle's rainy march.

In Richmond, Virginia, the crowd burst into cheers when a woman ran down the middle of the street carrying a pink flag with the word "Resist."

The march in Washington, D.C., on Saturday took on the feel of a political rally when U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, both Democrats, urged women to run for office and vote to oppose Trump and the Republicans' agenda.

"We march, we run, we vote, we win," Pelosi said, to applause.

People gathered from Montpelier to Milwaukee, from Shreveport to Seneca Falls.

"I think right now with the #MeToo movement, it's even more important to stand for our rights," said Karen Tordivo, who marched in Cleveland with her husband and 6-year-old daughter.

In Palm Beach, Florida, home to Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, several hundred people gathered carrying anti-Trump signs before marching. A group of women wearing red cloaks and white hats like the characters in the book and TV show "The Handmaid's Tale" marched in formation, their heads bowed.

Cathy Muldoon, a high school librarian from Dallas, Pennsylvania, took her two teenage daughters to the New York rally and said marching gives people hope. She said this year's action is set against the backdrop of the Trump presidency, which "turned out to be as scary as we thought it would be."

"I've not seen any checks and balances," she said. "Everything is moving toward the right, and we have a president who seems to have no decency."

Earlier Saturday, dozens of activists gathered in Rome to denounce violence against women and express support for the #MeToo movement. They were joined by Italian actress and director Asia Argento, who made headlines after alleging in 2017 she had been sexually assaulted by Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein in the 1990s.

Argento addressed the criticism she received once she spoke up about her abuse.

"Women are scared to speak, and because I was vilified by everything I said, I was called a prostitute for being raped," she said at the rally.

Argento, who's 42, was strongly criticized by many Italian media and Italian women for not speaking out earlier and was hounded on Twitter with accusations that she sought trouble.

Weinstein has apologized for causing "a lot of pain" with "the way I've behaved with colleagues in the past," but he has denied "any allegations of non-consensual sex."

Lush reported from St. Petersburg, Florida. Dobnik reported from New York.

This story has been corrected to show that the Chicago event participant's surname is Mirza, not Miza, and that millions of people, not 1 million, marched last year.

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Geysers yes, Ellis Island no: Some US parks open, some not

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Visitors could still ride snowmobiles and ski into Yellowstone National Park Saturday to marvel at the geysers and buffalo herds, despite the federal government shutdown.

But across the country in New York, the nation's most famous monuments to immigration — the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island — were closed.

The Interior Department had vowed to keep open as many parks, monuments and public lands as possible during the shutdown, which began at midnight Friday on the East Coast.

By mid-day Saturday, the pattern was spotty, and some visitors were frustrated.

"My initial reaction is, they really kind of screwed up our day. We had a great day planned," said Dan O'Meara, a California firefighter who wanted to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

"But the next thing is, you know — it's troubling that the people we voted in are not doing the job that they're supposed to be doing. So, it's very frustrating," he said.

In Yellowstone, cross-country skier Carol Weaver was unhappy with lawmakers, even though the trails were open for her and a group of friends making a two-day visit.

Weaver, from Bozeman, Montana, worried about what would happen if the impasse is lengthy.

"This is our public land, and we should be able to use it any time we want," she said. "Congress better get its act together. They've been so irresponsible the last year, as well as the White House."

Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., said the Trump administration is trying to minimize the effects of the shutdown by keeping parks open, but he accused former President Barack Obama of doing the opposite.

"There's a little different philosophy on the shutdown from the Obama administration, which was, 'We're going to try to inflict pain on the American people,'" Daines said.

He said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Montana congressman, wants to keep Montana's Glacier National Park and Yellowstone open. Most of Yellowstone is in Wyoming but three of the five entrances are in Montana.

On Saturday, Zinke tweeted, "Not all national parks are fully open but we're working hard to make as much accessible as is safely possible."

Yellowstone had 2 inches of fresh snow on Saturday and temperatures in the teens. Visitor centers, public toilets and other facilities run by the National Park Service were closed, but privately operated hotels, tour services and gift shops were open.

Snow coaches — small buses with tank-like tracks and oversized tires — shuttled visitors from the edge of the park to the geyser field that includes Old Faithful and to other popular destinations within the parks remote interior.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts and other private companies that serve visitors at Yellowstone said they'd cover the cost of grooming the park's snow-packed roads for at least a week to keep them open.

Ginger Lee, visiting the park from Palm Beach County, Florida with her husband and daughter, worried before coming that Yellowstone might be closed. But after cruising past the closed booth where entrance fees are usually collected, the Lees were soon trudging through the snow on a boardwalk leading to one of the park's famous thermal features.

"The bison and the elk and the bighorn sheep — the shutdown doesn't affect them so we're happy," Lee said.

In Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall — where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed — were closed.

Gaetana Dimauro of Adelaide, Australia, wasn't aware of the government shutdown when she went to see the Liberty Bell.

"That's bad though," she said. "I never heard of that before."

In Boston, the USS Constitution, the 220-year-old warship anchored at Charlestown Navy Yard, was open to visitors. But the site of the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill was closed.

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s childhood home in Atlanta was closed, along with historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and the visitor center at MLK National Historic Site, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

A monument and museum dedicated to the victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, however, stayed open. Kari Watkins, executive director of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, said the center is affiliated with the National Park Service but is owned and operated by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation.

In New Mexico, parts of Bandelier National Monument's cliff dwellings and fragile archaeological sites were off-limits to protect them from damage, but the entrance road and some trails were open.

Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and Yosemite National Park in California were open, but few Park Service staff were available to help visitors.

A storm moving into Colorado Saturday was expected to drop up to 18 inches of snow, and Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson said crews would not plow the roads.

In Florida, the western entrance to Everglades National Park was closed but boat tours were still operating, the Naples Daily News reported .

Elliott reported from Denver. Associated Press writers Matthew Daly in Washington; Paul Davenport in Phoenix; Anthony Izaguirre in Philadelphia; Robert Jablon in Los Angeles; Ken A. Miller in Oklahoma City; Bob Salsberg in Boston and Julie Walker in New York contributed to this report.

Signs of government shutdown spotty but symbolic

By RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Symbols of American promise became emblems of American dysfunction on Saturday when a dispute in Congress over spending and immigration forced scores of federal government agencies and outposts to close their doors.

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island turned away visitors in New York, due to what the National Park Service described as "a lapse in appropriations," a bureaucratic term for a lack of money. In Philadelphia, crowds of tourists were told Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed, and the Liberty Bell were closed.

The shuttered icons were some of the easiest-to-spot impacts of the partial government closure. Funds ran out at midnight Friday, leaving 48 hours before the most dramatic effect — the furloughing of nearly a million federal employees — goes into effect.

As in shutdowns past, federal services were carved into two categories — essential and non-essential — with the former set to carry on as normal. In that category, the mail will be delivered and Social Security checks still go out, the air traffic control system stays up and running, as do the FBI, Customs and Border Protection and veterans hospitals.

Still, there were plenty of inconveniences to irk American taxpayers.

While active-duty troops will stay at their posts during a shutdown, people stationed overseas were touched by the political fallout almost immediately. The American Forces Network, which broadcasts American radio and television programming in Europe and other locations outside the U.S., put a message on its Facebook page that said its services would not be available "due to the government shutdown."

The notice sparked a series of angry reactions from viewers, with several noting that the timing couldn't have been worse: The NFL conference championships will be played Sunday. "During NFL PLAYOFFS?!" one post read. "AFN, start a GoFundMe & broadcast these games! Make it happen!"

Yet congressional Republicans and Democrats appeared no closer Saturday to settling their differences over immigration policy and striking an agreement to fund the government. The longer the shutdown lasts, the worse the effects will be. Almost half the 2 million civilian federal workers will be barred from doing their jobs if the shutdown extends into Monday.

That'll put on hold a swath of government functions, from the processing of new veterans benefits claims to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's support for the government's annual seasonal

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flu program. At the Internal Revenue Service, more than half of the 80,565 employees will be barred from working just as tax filing season is beginning and the agency is dealing with the sweeping changes made by the new GOP tax law.

Until then, much of the immediate fallout was in Washington, where lawmakers carried out the part of jobs that involve assigning blame.

There were few signs of shutdown at the Capitol, where lawmakers spent most of the day making speeches about the dispute. A women's march carried on as planned, under the eye of U.S. Park Police protection. Vice President Mike Pence did not reschedule a visit to the Middle East, the administration labeling the trip "integral" to U.S. national security and diplomacy.

Trump's own next scheduled trip was up in the air. The president was due to leave for the Swiss Alps on Wednesday evening to participate in the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. A number of White House staffers and agency advance teams are already there awaiting his arrival.

The president was forced to cancel his plan to attend a fundraiser Saturday night at his Florida estate.

Budget Director Mick Mulvaney told reporters Friday that a shuttering of the government would "look very different" from the 16-day government closure in 2013 under President Barack Obama. He said the previous administration "weaponized" the government shutdown in budget negotiations and did not encourage agencies to lessen the impact with unobligated funds. He said, "They chose to make it worse."

Underscoring the point, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted a photo of himself talking to students at the World War II Memorial in Washington, blocks from White House.

The memorial and other open-air parks were open Saturday unlike in 2013 when they became a flashpoint in the government shutdown, as veterans were denied the right to visit and protested loudly. House Republicans in particular took up their cause and slammed Obama and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

"Not all parks are fully open, but we are all working hard to make as many areas as accessible to the public as possible," Zinke said.

But several famous locations were closed shortly after the shutdown started. In New York, the National Park Service said the closure of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island was effective immediately and until further notice.

"To get this close where you can see them, and the government shuts them down — that's very, very frustrating," said Dan O'Meara, a firefighter from Fresno, California, who is descended from an Irish immigrant family that entered through Ellis Island. "But now, we're not allowed to go out there and see it."

At Independence Hall in Philadelphia, security guards wearing all black stood around the hall, shooing away people who got too close. A park ranger did the same at the doorway into the building that surrounds the Liberty Bell, saying "something'll have to happen in Washington" when asked when it would reopen.

Gaetana Dimauro, 34, a property inspector from Adelaide, Australia, sat near the blocked off entrance of the Liberty Bell in a bright red New Jersey Devils sweater.

"Huh," she asked when told about the shutdown, "I had no idea that it'd be closed."

A national monument in northern New Mexico is mostly closed to visitors because of the shutdown. Officials of Bandelier National Monument at Los Alamos say campgrounds, the visitor center and other main areas of the monument are closed as of Saturday but that the entrance road and a few trails remain open.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s childhood home, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and the visitor center at MLK National Historic Site in Atlanta are closed. And Big Cypress National Preserve, Everglades National Park and other federally managed natural areas in Florida will be partially closed.

The shutdown wasn't knocking "Old Ironsides" out of commission. The USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship, will remain open to tourists during the shutdown at the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, officials said.

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Missouri governor: 'no blackmail,' 'no violence' in affair

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — In his first interview since acknowledging an extramarital affair, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens said Saturday that there was “no blackmail” and “no threat of violence” by him in what he described as a months-long “consensual relationship” with his former hairdresser.

Greitens told The Associated Press that he has no plans to resign from office as a result of the affair, despite calls to step aside from several Republican and Democratic state lawmakers.

“I’m staying. I’m staying,” he said twice for emphasis, adding about his relationship with his wife, staff and supporters: “We’re strong.”

Greitens, 43, has remained out of the public eye since shortly after delivering his State of the State address on Jan. 10. Later that night, St. Louis television station KMOV reported that Greitens had an extramarital affair in 2015 as he was preparing to run for governor.

The report included an audio recording of a conversation between a woman and her then-husband — recorded secretly by the husband — in which the woman said Greitens had bound her hands and blindfolded her, taken a photo of her partially nude and warned her to remain silent during an encounter in his St. Louis home.

Greitens did not directly say “yes” or “no” when asked Saturday if he had bound and blindfolded and taken a photo of the woman. But he firmly denied that he had attempted to coerce the woman, or that he or anyone associated with him had paid her to be silent.

“This was a consensual relationship,” Greitens said. “There was no blackmail, there was no violence, there was no threat of violence, there was no threat of blackmail, there was no threat of using a photograph for blackmail. All of those things are false.”

Greitens added: “The mistake that I made was that I was engaged in a consensual relationship with a woman who was not my wife. That is a mistake for which I am very sorry.”

The AP has not identified the woman because she has not agreed to an interview.

The governor said he has had no other romantic or sexual relationships with anyone else while he’s been married.

“I made a mistake with one woman,” he said.

A former Navy SEAL officer, Rhodes Scholar, author and founder of a veterans’ charity, Greitens took his first step into politics by opening an exploratory committee for governor in February 2015. The extramarital relationship started around that March and ended that fall, Greitens said without being more specific. He officially announced he was running for governor in September 2015. He told the AP he discussed and resolved the affair with his wife that same year.

Greitens emerged the winner in a crowded and expensive GOP primary before defeating the state’s attorney general, Democrat Chris Koster, in November 2016 to give Republicans control of the governor’s mansion for the first time in eight years.

After news of the affair broke this month, an attorney for the ex-husband said his client told him that Greitens had slapped the woman, and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner said she was opening a criminal investigation into the various claims about Greitens’ actions.

Asked Saturday if he had ever slapped the woman, Greitens responded: “Absolutely not.”

He said he hasn’t been contacted by the circuit attorney’s office and that neither he nor his attorneys have been contacted by the FBI “on this or any other matter.”

“As far as my conduct, there is nothing to investigate,” Greitens said.

On Friday, CNN reported that the FBI had recently opened an inquiry into Greitens, citing two unnamed U.S. officials as sources. CNN reported that 22-year-old Eli Karabell — who said he had volunteered to help with Greitens’ transition in December 2016 — approached the news organization to say he had been interviewed by the FBI last November, though he did not offer specifics about what he told agents.

Greitens told the AP he doesn’t know Karabell.

Greitens’ spokesman Parker Briden said Karabell was a “serial liar” who had called Briden multiple times

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“acting crazy,” including claiming he would donate millions to the governor if he could meet with him.

Amid the controversy over his affair, Greitens postponed a scheduled statewide promotional tour this past week for what he had billed in his State of the State address as “the boldest state tax reform in America.” Instead, Greitens said he has called almost every state lawmaker and also posted a Facebook apology. Greitens said the “love and support has been tremendous from people all over the state.”

Before becoming governor, Greitens wrote a book entitled “Resilience,” which was a collection of letters to a former Navy SEAL friend about overcoming adversity. Greitens now finds himself in a similar position, and he said he recently received a call from that friend encouraging him to hang in there.

“I’m very confident that God has a way of bringing good from difficulty. God has a way of helping people in the midst of pain to emerge with wisdom,” Greitens said. “God has a way of helping you to move through suffering and actually become stronger.”

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French president warns that UK can’t keep full access to EU

By **DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron has suggested that Britain is likely to negotiate a unique relationship with the European Union before it leaves the bloc next year, while stressing that any agreement must be consistent with EU rules.

In remarks released Saturday, Macron told the BBC’s Andrew Marr television program that Britain cannot maintain its full access to the EU’s single market if it doesn’t accept the bloc’s founding principles, including the free movement of people and the jurisdiction of EU courts.

“This special way should be consistent with the preservation of the single market and our collective interests,” he said. “And you should understand that you cannot, by definition, have the full access to the single market if you don’t tick the box.”

That means Britain must continue to contribute to the EU budget and accept the four freedoms guaranteed by the bloc — free movement of people, goods, services and capital — if it wants to maintain full access to the single market, Macron said. The full interview will be broadcast Sunday.

The comments undermine the position of some Brexit supporters who want to regain control of the U.K.’s borders and shun the oversight of European courts while retaining access to the single market.

It will also dash the hopes of some in Britain who thought Macron might be more flexible than German Chancellor Angela Merkel in negotiating a deal. Macron’s influence within the EU is on the rise as Merkel’s position weakens following an election in September that eroded her power base. Merkel has still not been able to cobble together a coalition government even after months of talks with other political parties.

Macron’s comments echo those he made during a meeting Thursday in which he and British Prime Minister Theresa May pledged closer cooperation on defense and border security after Britain leaves the EU in March 2019. Macron said the U.K.’s financial services industry can’t keep its coveted access to the EU market unless the country continues playing by EU rules.

“As soon as you decide not to join these preconditions, it’s not a full access,” Macron told the BBC.

“What’s important is not to make people think, or believe, that it’s possible to have” your cake and eat it, he said, accepting Marr’s suggestion for the last five words.

Dior travels back in time for couture-infused menswear

By **THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — Designer Kris Van Assche travelled back in a fashion time machine Saturday while Robert Pattinson explained the importance of clothes for acting roles as he attended Dior Homme’s Paris menswear collection.

Here are some highlights of the fourth day of fall-winter shows:

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DIOR'S TATTOOED COUTURE

It was an ambitious fusion of two periods for Dior Homme: A sartorial homage to the past that twinned what the house called the "reckless abandon" of youth with the couture of Monsieur Dior's New Look.

Designer Van Assche used references to 1990s tattoo culture in prints and gothic silver jewelry alongside suit variations on the Bar Jacket from the famed 1947 collection that transformed Western fashion.

The two-periods theme in the 49 suit-heavy looks was also evident in the age range of the models, who were either very young, or over 40.

The first styles, accessorized with silk neck scarves, featured some beautifully refined single- and double-breasted suits with narrow waists that curved out in a slight peplum-shape. Suits are the bread-and-butter of the house.

"I thought it was a good moment for Dior to go back to its DNA, like really the sharply cut suit," the 41-year-old Van Assche told The Associated Press.

A flash of bright red across a striped T-shirt, meanwhile, turned the dial to the '90s with the appearance of a spiked tattoo motif on the shirt undergarment. Continuing that vibe were the baggy jeans, wooly tank tops and sneakers, which were worn by models with messy hair.

"It's looking back with a lot of love and sweet memories to when I myself was a teenager," Van Assche said.

It was an intentionally split aesthetic — and featured some very strong individual pieces.

Yet, the result was sometimes incongruous as a whole.

PATTINSON SAYS CLOTHES HELP ACTING ROLE

"Twilight" star Robert Pattinson demonstrated why he'd been chosen as a Dior brand ambassador by extolling the influence of fashion and clothing on the ability of an actor to engage in a role.

"Shoes. I always find that when you play a character, if you find the right pair of shoes there's a trigger that happens inside you," said the 31-year-old who was dressed head to toe in Dior Homme.

"Or to have your pants up here, you feel like an entirely different person."

He added that "you can change your body language and your entire silhouette. It's all done through the clothing."

FRONT ROW AT DIOR

Model Bella Hadid joined Chanel designer Karl Lagerfeld, sporting a chic new beard, alongside "Pearl Harbor" actor Josh Harnett on the Dior Homme front row.

A rare face on the Paris fashion scene, Harnett, 39, said he was invited by Dior since he was in town promoting his new movie "Oh Lucy!" It's a French-Japanese co-production that was screened in the International Critics' Week section of last year's Cannes Film Festival.

"It's a comedy and lot of it is a road trip with me and two older Japanese ladies not speaking the same language and having parallel crises," he said. "I think it's really funny."

WALKING IN A THOM BROWNE WONDERLAND

There was the real crunching sound of fake snow at Thom Browne's theatrical menswear display that wowed guests with its snowy white forest scene and tall silver birches lining the runway.

Equally impressive were the winter styles in the clothes.

With many designs channeling the sartorial vibe from which the New York City-based designer cut his cloth, Browne prepared his models to brave the harshest elements of the coldest months and in the process produced one of the best shows of the season.

Gray-blue knit ted caps, oversize knit scarves, red snow gloves and robust black hiking boots with thick lacing accessorized wrapped-up looks. They included block-like fur trims on cuffs and hems in the coat-heavy 32-look collection with classic tailoring in knit fabric.

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Textured wool and checks motifs — that merged a winter scarf with a suit-style pattern — adored long A-line coats amid some of the thickest outerwear to be seen this fall-winter.

A touch of humor, in braided hair extensions with colored ribbons and sheeny ankle warmers that evoked a tied trash bag, was a crowd pleaser.

BALMAIN HOMME'S ECLECTIC SPARKLE

Eclectic was the word for Olivier Rousteing's high-energy show for Balmain Homme.

Mixing menswear and the womenswear pre-collection designs, the 32-year-old designer referenced almost all of the thematic touchstones used in previous shows within the same collection.

The 64 looks — in mainly green, black and gold — were a glimmering treasure trove of ideas.

Silver sparkle on a women's singlet looked like chainmail, seen again in a men's statement coat which screamed 1980.

Tribal patterns — horizontal and vertical stripes, and a "V" shape running down the torso — gave the designs a wild edge.

And 1980s peaked shoulders, slashed sections, black PVC pants and architectural, sculptured jackets gave the silhouette lots of sexy attitude.

Subtle is simply not a word in Rousteing's vocabulary.

SACAI REVAMPS THE PONCHO

One of Japan's most popular luxury brands, Sacai gave traditional Latin American styles an urban reworking for its Saturday morning show.

With its signature use layering, thick embroidered sweaters sported voluminous fringing that evoked ponchos that originated in the Andes region. Their hue of intense pastel red gave the statement garments a contemporary lift.

Then styles from the gaucho horse riders that were popular in 19th-century Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay were included.

Thigh-length soft leather riding boots were combined with highly embroidered patterns and fringing and myriad layers of material across the torso that created divergent lines in the silhouettes.

It was fun, and fall-winter saw a more coherent side to the designs than has been seen in recent seasons.

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IOC says North Korea to have 22 athletes in 5 Olympic sports

By GRAHAM DUNBAR, AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — A Korean unity deal for the Pyeongchang Olympics will bring 22 North Korean athletes across the border to South Korea, where they will march as one under a unification flag at the opening ceremony and compete together in one sport.

In the most symbolic agreement approved Saturday, 12 North Korean women's hockey players will join their neighbors in a united roster playing in special uniforms with a Korean song as their anthem.

North Koreans will also compete in figure skating, short track speed skating, Alpine skiing and cross-country skiing after being given exceptional late entries by the International Olympic Committee.

The North Korean delegation will also include 24 coaches and officials, plus 21 media representatives at the Feb. 9-25 Winter Games.

The governments of North and South Korea were offered "sincere thanks" by IOC President Thomas Bach announcing the agreement.

An Olympic deal became possible after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said in a New Year's speech that a team could cross the border to compete.

"Such an agreement would have seemed impossible only a few weeks ago," said Bach, who did not take questions from international media.

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Bach was flanked by Olympic and government officials from both countries at a brief news conference at the Olympic Museum after a 2 1/2-hour meeting at IOC offices nearby.

North Korea's delegation, including sports minister Kim Il Guk, did not stay to brief media after signing the agreement for the cameras.

South Korea's sports minister, Do Jong-hwan, said through a translator of the accord: "It is very important for the Korean peninsula."

When Do was asked if North Korea had given any guarantees not to use the Olympics for political reasons, the translator intervened to say "I don't think we can take that question."

There has been skepticism about Kim Jong Un's offer. Critics believe he may try to leverage the Olympics to weaken U.S.-led international pressure and sanctions toughened due to North Korea's prolonged program of nuclear tests and missile launches.

Bach said the IOC had talked with Olympic officials from both countries separately since 2014 to see if the Pyeongchang Games could be the catalyst for peace-making.

"This was not an easy journey," said Bach, who competed in fencing at the Olympics for West Germany when it was divided from its neighbor to the east.

The deal confirmed Saturday built on a breakthrough agreement reached Wednesday at the Korean neighbors' shared border.

"The Olympic Games show us what the world could look like, if we were all guided by the Olympic spirit of respect and understanding," Bach said.

The united women's hockey team will be the first time the two Koreas will have joined together in Olympic events. They will play under the Olympic code of "COR" — the French acronym for Korea — and hear the song "Arirang" as a pre-game anthem.

The roster will include 12 players from the north and 23 from the south. However, to maintain fairness for opponents, only 22 can suit up for each game. At least three must be North Korean, the IOC said.

North Korea will also send: two figure skaters to compete in the pairs competition; two male speed skaters; two men and one woman in cross-country skiing distance events; two men and one woman in Alpine skiing's slalom and giant slalom races.

The 22 athletes will not be expected to win a first Winter Games medal for North Korea since 1992, when it got a bronze in women's short track speed skating.

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Paul Bocuse, modest but grandiose French chef, dies at 91

By ELAINE GANLEY, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — He was modest about his accomplishments in the kitchen but grandiose in his dreams. Paul Bocuse credited his long reign as France's master chef to everything but himself: good produce fresh from the garden, a superb kitchen staff and happy diners.

But the three-star Michelin rating held since 1965 by his restaurant outside the French city of Lyon wasn't enough. Bocuse parlayed his business and cooking skills into a globe-spanning empire, along the way transforming chefs from kitchen artists toiling in the shadows into international celebrities.

Bocuse died at 91 on Saturday at Collonges-au-Mont-d'or, the place where he was born and had his restaurant, French President Emmanuel Macron said in a statement. He had undergone a triple heart bypass in 2005 and also suffered from Parkinson's disease.

"French gastronomy loses a mythical figure," Macron said. "The chefs cry in their kitchens, at the Elysee (presidential palace) and everywhere in France."

Interior Minister Gerard Collomb tweeted that "Mister Paul was France. Simplicity and generosity. Excellence and art de vivre."

"He has been a leader. He took the cook out of the kitchen," said celebrity French chef Alain Ducasse, speaking at a 2013 gathering to honor Bocuse, one of more than 100 chefs from around the world who

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traveled to Lyon for the occasion.

"Monsieur Paul" — as he was affectionately known — cultivated a larger-than-life image. The public Bocuse was all white starch, most often portrayed in his tall chef's hat, or "toque," arms folded over his crisp apron.

He was a tireless pioneer, the first chef to blend the art of cooking with savvy business tactics — branding his cuisine and his image to create an empire of restaurants around the globe whose offerings range from haute cuisine to fast food.

But the man dubbed by critics as the "pope of French cuisine" never forgot his humble beginnings learning the ropes in his family kitchen along the Saone River in southeast France. He turned that family house into a temple of gastronomy — L'Auberge du Pont de Collonges — and still lived upstairs, sleeping in the same room where he was born, he told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview.

"One must never forget how one reached the top of the pedestal," he is quoted as saying in a 2005 biography.

The restaurant has held three stars — without interruption — since 1965 in the Michelin guide, the bible of gastronomes. Bocuse greets arriving guests in a "tromp l'oeuil" painting on an outside wall and peers at them from a large portrait inside the cozy but elegant Auberge. Renowned chefs, some of whom he worked with, are portrayed in a giant mural.

Bocuse's cuisine was simple yet his personality complex. Three women, his wife Raymonde and two other female companions, accompanied his ascension, playing pivotal roles while remaining mostly behind the scenes.

In 1982, Bocuse opened a restaurant in the France Pavilion in Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida, headed by his son Jerome, also a chef.

But while excelling in the business of cooking, Bocuse never flagged in his devotion to his first love, creating a top class, quintessentially French meal. He eschewed the fads and experiments that have captivated many other top chefs.

"In cooking, there are those who are rap and those who are concerto," he told the French newsmagazine L'Express — adding that he tended toward the concerto — a solo artist backed by an orchestra of talented kitchen staff.

In traditional cooking, there is no room for guesswork he said, declaring "one must be immutable, unattainable, monumental."

Born on Feb. 11, 1926, to a family of cooks that he dates to the 1700s, Bocuse entered his first apprenticeship at 16. He worked at the famed La Mere Brazier in Lyon, then spent eight years with one of his culinary idols, Fernand Point, whose cooking was a precursor to France's nouvelle cuisine movement with lighter sauces and lightly cooked fresh vegetables.

Bocuse's career in the kitchen traversed the ages. He went from apprenticeships and cooking "brigades" at a time when stoves were coal-fired and chefs also served as scullery workers to the ultra-modern kitchen of his Auberge.

"There was rigor," Bocuse told the AP. "(At La Mere Brazier) you had to wake up early and milk the cows, feed the pigs, do the laundry and cook It was a very tough school of hard knocks."

"Today, the profession has changed enormously. There's no more coal. You push a button and you have heat," he said.

Bocuse adapted seamlessly to the changing times, making his mark with a first coveted Michelin star in 1958, a second in 1960 and a third in 1965. In 1989, he was named Cook of the Century by Gault & Millau, a noted guidebook. In 2011, the Culinary Institute of America named him Chef of the Century, opening a restaurant for students in his name.

Despite the accolades, he maintained a special pride in the blue, white and red stripes on his chef's collar holding a large medal, attesting to his selection in 1961 as a "Meilleur Ouvrier de France," a sought-after distinction for chefs and other artisans.

The gastronomic offerings at Bocuse's L'Auberge du Pont de Collonges are rooted in the French culinary

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tradition: simple, authentic food that was "identifiable" in its nature.

Emblematic of that is the crock of truffle soup he created in 1975 for then-French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing — a soup that is still served to this day. Another Bocuse classic is fricassee of Bresse chicken — from France's Bresse region, which is famed for its poultry — served in cream with morilles, a type of spring mushroom.

And his favorite ingredient? Butter.

"(It's a) magical product," he said during a visit to the Culinary Institute of America. "Nothing replaces butter."

Three other cooking must-haves, according to the chef, are fresh produce (his from his own garden), a solid, trusted kitchen staff and happy diners.

"It's the client who runs the house," Bocuse told the AP.

He disparaged the notion that his culinary offerings amounted to nouvelle cuisine, although he incorporated aspects of it. And he scoffed at critics who contended that his food was stuck in a bygone age. Georges Auguste Escoffier, who gave classic French cuisine a world profile, remained a solid inspiration at Bocuse's table.

"Escoffier was the master of us all," Bocuse once said.

World War II interrupted his kitchen duties. He fought in the First Division of the Free French Forces, was wounded and cared for at a U.S. field hospital.

"I always say I have American blood in my veins because ... I had transfusions of American blood," he said in the AP interview. An American flag still flies outside his restaurant.

The war had a lasting impact on the chef.

"(It) forges the character," he said. "You no longer have the same idea of life."

Bocuse might have settled for being a renowned French chef worthy of a pilgrimage by food lovers with deep pockets. Instead, he parlayed his culinary skills into a worldwide food conglomerate.

He opened two brasseries in Lyon in 1995 and 1997. He added three other eateries in the city and even a hotel. He planted restaurants in the south of France, in Geneva and hopped across the world to Japan, where eight Bocuse brasseries, cafes and other establishments were opened.

He also aimed to transmit his savoir-faire to a young generation through the Foundation Paul Bocuse, established in Lyon in 2004 to initiate youth into the cooking profession. His Bocuse d'Or, or gold award — an international competition for young chefs — has grown into a major culinary showcase since its inception in 1987.

While Bocuse's kitchens were meticulously in order, his personal life was unorthodox as he quietly shared his life with three women.

"I think cuisine and sex have lots of common points," Bocuse told the L'Express before publication of his biography "Paul Bocuse: The Sacred Fire." "Even if it seems a bit macho, I love women."

The chef put an upbeat spin on his private life: "If I calculate the number of years I've been faithful to the three women who count in my life, I get 145 years," he is quoted as saying in "The Sacred Fire."

The biography was written by Eve-Marie Zizza-Lalu, daughter of the most recent woman in Bocuse's life, Patricia Zizza, whom he met in 1972.

Yet it is his wife Raymonde, with whom Bocuse had a daughter, Françoise, who helps watch over his main restaurant. That is no small task — Bocuse saw the reservation book as the real measure of any chef's cuisine.

"If the restaurant works, if it's full of clients ... whatever the cuisine, he (the chef) is right," he said.

In addition to his wife, Bocuse is survived by his daughter Françoise and his son Jerome.

Big towers to rise near historic Jamestown: \$90M in payouts

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NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A big change is looming on the horizon near Jamestown Island, site of Britain's first permanent settlement in North America: 17 transmission towers — four nearly as tall as the Statue

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of Liberty — are set to rise to help meet Virginia's growing energy appetite.

But not everyone is electrified by the prospect, never mind the \$90 million the utility is spreading around to blunt the impact on this tourist region steeped in early American history.

The project calls for stringing power lines across the muddy James River, an undertaking the utility says is vital to maintaining the region's power supply as aging coal-fired plants are mothballed. Richmond-based Dominion Energy already has begun the federally required payouts. And the so-called mitigation funding is providing rare windfalls to local groups in an era of dwindling public dollars for preservation efforts.

Groups receiving the money have expressed gratitude, though some remain opposed to the towers.

"It was not our intent to benefit. We would rather not have the project," said Robert Gray, chief of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, which received \$4.5 million in payments. "Once those towers go up, the cultural landscape is ruined."

The project could take nearly two years to complete. Work has already begun on foundations for the towers.

Eventually, the power lines are to cross a 4-mile (6.4 kilometers) stretch of the broad James River within view of the eastern tip of Jamestown Island, although not its historic fort. To accommodate river barge traffic, four of the towers are to rise as high as 295 feet (90 meters) — just shy of lady Liberty's 305-foot (93 meter) height from the pedestal's ground level to the torch.

More than 400 years ago, Britain established Jamestown, aided by Capt. John Smith, a colorful adventurer and explorer who is part of the tourist draw here.

Because power lines would cut through areas with historical significance, the federal government required the mitigation funding by Dominion, which is flowing through an array of state agencies and nonprofit foundations.

The Pamunkey Tribe, for instance, will use its money to expand its fish hatchery and other projects. Another tribe, the Chickahominy, will acquire 105 acres (42 hectares) along the river. Money will also bolster shorelines, improve water quality and help to preserve five battlefield sites associated with the American Revolution and the Civil War.

Dominion says the towers are crucial to providing reliable service to 600,000 people living between the York and James rivers, including the city of Newport News, as well as a Busch Gardens theme park and Joint Base Langley-Eustis — a combined U.S. Air Force and Army installation. The lines will carry electricity from a nuclear power station across the river and other sources, compensating for the coal-powered plants shutting down because of new clean-air regulations.

Dominion spokeswoman Bonita Billingsley Harris said the project's location poses the least impact of the options considered.

Critics, meanwhile, are still calling for Dominion to run the transmission lines underwater or elsewhere. But Dominion said the underwater proposal would balloon costs from \$180 million to at least \$500 million, with ratepayers absorbing the expense. Harris also said underground lines would be inadequate for meeting future power needs.

Conservationists are fighting the project in court, saying it should be redesigned or relocated.

"You can't solve the problem with money," said Sharee Williamson, an attorney for one opponent, the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "This is one of the most significant historical resources in the United States. It tells the story of some of the earliest beginnings of our nation."

Williamson said the power lines will extend across the water on a portion of the river that has lacked crossings of any kind for miles, a rare phenomenon on the East Coast. But Dominion contends the James already flows through a well-developed region and has steady maritime traffic.

In October, a federal judge rejected a request by conservation groups to immediately halt construction. But the judge said the merits of the case will be considered as it moves forward.

Besides Jamestown, founded in 1607, the area includes the Carter's Grove plantation, a National Historic Landmark built beside the James River in the 1750s. There's also the Colonial Parkway, a scenic route linking Yorktown, Williamsburg and Jamestown.

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The power lines would be visible from Carter's Grove, some lookouts along the parkway and the eastern tip of Jamestown Island.

Among groups benefiting from Dominion's payout is Belmead on the James Inc., which hopes to preserve more than 2,000 acres further upriver. The group is getting \$750,000.

Belmead, a former plantation site, also housed schools for black and native American students between 1895 and 1972.

"I think irony is a good way to frame it," Belmead vice president Joe Elton said of benefiting from the power lines. "But it's the way of the world. If there's an opportunity for us to do something good for conservation out of the funding that's available, we're certainly going to take advantage of it."

US flu season gets worse, has 'lot more steam' than expected

By MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The flu season in the U.S. is getting worse.

Health officials last week said flu was blanketing the country but they thought there was a good chance the season was already peaking. But the newest numbers out Friday show it grew even more intense.

"This is a season that has a lot more steam than we thought," said Dr. Dan Jernigan of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One measure of the season is how many doctor or hospital visits are because of a high fever, cough and other flu symptoms. Thirty-two states reported high patient traffic last week, up from 26 the previous week. Overall, it was the busiest week for flu symptoms in nine years.

Hawaii is the only state that doesn't have widespread illnesses.

This year's flu season got off to an early start, and it's been driven by a nasty type of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths than other common flu bugs. In New York, state officials say a drastic rise in flu cases hospitalized more than 1,600 this past week.

The flu became intense last month in the U.S. The last two weekly report show flu widespread over the entire continental United States, which is unusual.

Usually, flu seasons start to wane after so much activity, but "it's difficult to predict," Jernigan said.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness, spread by a virus. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but more a more severe illness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications. In a bad season, there as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu. In the U.S., annual flu shots are recommended for everyone age 6 months or older.

In Oklahoma and Texas, some school districts canceled classes this week because so many students and teachers were sick with the flu and other illnesses. In Mississippi, flu outbreaks have hit more than 100 nursing homes and other long-term care places, resulting in some restricting visitors.

Governor denies parole for Manson follower Leslie Van Houten

By ANDREW DALTON, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The governor of California once again denied parole Friday for Leslie Van Houten, the youngest follower of murderous cult leader Charles Manson who blamed herself at her parole hearing for letting him control her life.

Gov. Jerry Brown said in his decision that Van Houten still lays too much of the blame on Manson, who died two months ago at 83.

Brown acknowledged that Van Houten's youth at the time of the crime, her more than four decades as a model prisoner and her abuse at the hands of Manson make it worth considering her release.

"However," he wrote in his decision "these factors are outweighed by negative factors that demonstrate she remains unsuitable for parole."

The 68-year-old Van Houten is serving life for the murders of wealthy grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, when Van Houten was 19. They were stabbed a day after other Manson followers killed

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pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four other people in Los Angeles.

Van Houten's attorney, Rich Pfeiffer, said Brown's decision shows an unprecedented and unlawful reliance to deny parole based on the circumstances of the crime, rather than the inmate's fitness.

"We're going to challenge this in court," Pfeiffer said. "I expect the courts to uphold the law and allow her to be released."

Pfeiffer added that he has "dozens of clients who have done much worse deeds than Leslie has done and they're out leading productive lives."

Van Houten has long been considered among the most likely candidates among Manson "family" members to be paroled, But Brown, like Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger before him, has steadfastly refused to let anyone associated with Manson's killings go free.

It's the second time Brown has blocked parole for Van Houten after a state parole panel recommended that she be freed.

Brown wrote Friday that Van Houten "played a vital part in the LaBianca murders, one of the most notorious of the Manson family crimes. The devastation and loss experienced by the LaBianca family and all the victims' families continues today."

Although she said at her September parole hearing that she accepts full responsibility for her role, Van Houten "still shifted blame for her own actions onto Manson to some extent."

Brown recalled Van Houten saying that she takes responsibility for "Manson being able to do what he did to all of us. I allowed it. I accept responsibility that I allowed him to conduct my life in that way."

She appeared frail at the parole hearing with her silver hair pulled back in a bun, almost unrecognizable from the young woman who pledged her allegiance to Manson.

She said at the hearing that she was devastated when her parents divorced when she was 14. Soon after, she said, she began hanging out with her school's outcast crowd and using drugs in the Los Angeles suburb of Monrovia. When she was 17, she and her boyfriend ran away to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury District during the city's summer of love.

She was traveling up and down the California coast when acquaintances led her to Manson, who was holed up at an abandoned movie ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles where he had recruited what he called a "family" to survive what he insisted would be a race war he would launch by committing a series of random, horrifying murders.

At her hearing, Van Houten candidly described how she joined several other members of the group in killing the LaBiancas, carving up Leno LaBianca's body and smearing the couple's blood on the walls.

No one who took part in the Tate-LaBianca murders has been released from prison.

Manson died of natural causes on Nov. 20 at a California hospital while serving a life sentence. A man who befriended him through letters and another who purports to be his grandson are fighting in court over his body and possessions.

Church conservatives question pope's airborne nuptials

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The honeymoon, as it were, is apparently over.

A day after Pope Francis grabbed headlines by pronouncing two flight attendants man and wife while flying 36,000 feet over Chile, the conservative Catholic commentariat on Friday questioned the legitimacy of the impromptu sacrament and warned it could cheapen the church's marriage preparation down the line.

"Do you know what's a 'marriage' ripe for annulment?" tweeted the traditionalist blog Rorate Caeli. "One celebrated apparently on a whim in an airplane whose celebrant cannot even be sure if parties are validly baptized."

For those who missed the news, Francis on Thursday presided over what the Vatican said was the doctrinally and canonically legitimate wedding of Paula Podest and Carlos Ciuffardi, two flight attendants from LATAM flight 1250 that brought the pope, his delegation and travelling press from Santiago to the northern city of Iquique.

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As the happy couple told journalists after the fact — and after serving breakfast — they had hoped to just get a blessing from the pope. They told him that they had been married civilly in 2010, but that their plans for a church wedding fell through when an earthquake hit.

As Ciuffardi told it, the pope proposed that he marry the couple right there, in part to motivate other couples to contract a church wedding at a time when more and more couples are merely cohabitating.

"He told me it's historic, that there has never before been a pope who married someone aboard a plane," Ciuffardi told reporters from the back galley.

The surreal scene had the effect — at least temporarily — of giving Francis a bit of a reprieve after his visit to Chile was dominated by a church sex abuse scandal.

Canon lawyer Ed Peters, a consultant on the Vatican high court but a frequent critic of Francis, questioned whether a host of church laws were followed, including the requirement that the couple undergo pastoral counseling and that the church have evidence that there were no obstacles to the marriage.

In a follow-up blog post Friday, Peters noted a Chilean media report from December saying the couple was hoping for an airborne wedding presided over by Francis, suggesting the portrayal of the surprise ceremony was anything but. Ciuffardi said Chilean reporters had suggested it before the fact, but he insisted he and Podest were only looking for a papal blessing, and that nothing was confirmed until they were airborne.

Conservative blogger Phil Lawler mused that priests might now have a harder time trying to properly prepare Catholic couples for marriage now that Francis had set the papal precedent of completing the process between takeoff and landing.

"Does he ask them to reflect seriously on their commitment? Nope," Lawler wrote at Catholic Culture. "Does he question them about their years of cohabitation? Evidently not. Does he hear their confessions? Not likely. Plan a dignified ceremony? Not at all."

To be sure, the naysayers all hail from the Anglo-Saxon blogosphere, which is among the most vocal in criticizing Francis, especially on issues of marriage.

Francis has split the church over his cautious opening to allowing divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion, so any issue related to marriage is particularly sensitive.

At The Tablet, a more liberal leaning British weekly, Vatican correspondent Christopher Lamb suggested that the airborne nuptials were part of the "paradigm shift" that Francis is trying to press in the church.

"It's not that the pope is doing away with the need for rules, for canon law or for paperwork, but rather ensuring it is correctly prioritized," Lamb wrote. "For the pope, these things must support the spread of the Gospel, and not become like the thorns that grow up and strangle the seeds in the parable of the sower."

Pence says troops should not have to worry about shutdown

By KEN THOMAS and TOM LoBIANCO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence is making his fourth visit to Israel, returning to a region he's visited "a million times" in his heart.

An evangelical Christian with strong ties to the Holy Land, Pence this time comes packing two key policy decisions in his bags that have long been top priorities for him: designating Jerusalem as Israel's capital and curtailing aid for Palestinians.

Pence departed as scheduled Friday evening as U.S. lawmakers sought to avert a federal government shutdown at midnight. Alyssa Farah, a Pence spokeswoman, said the trip was "integral to America's national security and diplomatic objectives" and would go on as scheduled. Pence was set to depart Friday evening, and Air Force Two was expected to land in Ireland for a refueling stop early Saturday en route to Cairo.

During a stopover in Ireland, Pence greeted US soldiers at Shannon Airport in Ireland hours after the federal government shutdown. Pence told troops: "We'll get this thing figured out in Washington."

He told the soldiers to "stay focused on your mission."

Pence told reporters that "we have soldiers that are headed down range to Kuwait for six months in a critical theater to serve the country, and yet because of Democrats in the Senate, they have anxiety

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about their pay.”

He said: “It’s disappointing to every American that Democrats would shut down the government at a time when we have troops in harms way.”

Since his days in Congress a decade ago, Pence has played a role in pushing both for the shift in U.S. policy related to the capital and for placing limits on funding for Palestinian causes long criticized by Israel.

Traveling to Israel just as Palestinians have condemned recent decisions by President Donald Trump’s administration, Pence will arrive in the region as a longtime stalwart supporter of Israel who has questioned the notion of the U.S. serving as an “honest broker” in the stalled peace process.

“The United States certainly wants to be honest, but we don’t want to be a broker,” Pence once told the Christian Broadcasting Network in 2010. “A broker doesn’t take sides. A broker negotiates between parties of equals.”

The vice president will hold four days of meetings in Egypt, Jordan and Israel during his visit, the first to the region by a senior administration official since Trump announced plans in December to designate Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and begin the process of moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv, angering Palestinian leaders.

His trip will also follow Tuesday’s announcement that the U.S. is withholding \$65 million of a planned \$125 million funding installment to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which provides health care, education and social services to Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Both decisions have come as Trump has expressed frustration over a lack of progress in restarting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, who withdrew plans to meet with Pence during his visit to the Middle East.

Senior White House officials said security issues, countering terrorism and efforts to push back against Iran would figure prominently during Pence’s trip, which concludes on Tuesday. But the vice president also is expected to face questions about Israel’s future.

On the embassy, Pence played a steady role in pushing for the shift in U.S. policy. The decision upended past U.S. views that Jerusalem’s status should be decided in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, who claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state.

Pence had wanted the Trump administration to convey “a clear-cut policy” on Jerusalem after the president asked him last summer to visit the Middle East, White House officials have said.

Pence discussed the issue with Jewish and evangelical leaders in the months leading up to the decision and advocated for the plan within the administration. But he noted to religious leaders late last year that the decision was the president’s alone and would fulfill a commitment from the 2016 campaign.

Pence has long aligned himself with Israel.

In Congress, he pushed for limiting U.S. aid to the Palestinian Authority during the presidency of George W. Bush, warning the funding could be redirected to groups like the militant Hamas movement, which controls Gaza.

He was a vocal advocate for Israel’s security fence and co-sponsored the Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act in 2011 to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s undivided capital. Veteran House members recall Pence’s role as a staunch ally of Israeli causes and his steadfast support for moving the embassy to Jerusalem at times when few were talking about the issue.

As Indiana’s governor, Pence signed a bill requiring the state to divest from any business that engaged in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement — a grassroots international boycott movement against Israel.

Kenneth Weinstein, CEO of the Hudson Institute, a conservative think tank, said it has been “central to his political life from the absolute outset, from when he first ran for Congress — it’s something that’s central to who he is, to what he believes in.”

Pence traveled to Israel for the first time as an Indiana congressman in January 2004, joining a delegation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. He placed a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and visited the Western Wall, both of which are on Pence’s itinerary again next week, and he

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had a private meeting with then-Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Doug Rose, a philanthropist in Indianapolis, flew with Pence on his 2004 trip to Israel and recalled him being deeply affected by the experience. "How could you not be moved?" Rose said of their site visits.

Pence told the Indiana Jewish Post and Opinion after his 2004 trip that he was often asked if he had been to Israel before, "and my response was, 'Only in my dreams.' I was raised an evangelical Christian and tried to read the Bible every day, so in my mind and in my heart I have been there a million times."

Trump's decision on Jerusalem has drawn protests from Middle Eastern leaders and prompted Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to pull out of a planned meeting with Pence in the biblical West Bank town of Bethlehem. Administration officials said Pence is not expected to meet with Palestinian leaders during the trip.

Pence remains popular with evangelical voters in the U.S., a large and influential constituency that helped propel Trump to victory in last year's election. American evangelicals, especially the older generation, have a strong affinity for Israel, drawn both on spiritual grounds and a genuine love for the modern-day country and the Jewish people.

"From our very first meeting, I knew this was a man deeply committed to standing with Israel," said the Rev. John Hagee, founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel, whose organization helped pay for a portion of Pence's trip to Israel with family members in 2014.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, the U.S.-born founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, a charity that raises tens of millions of dollars for Israeli causes from American evangelicals, said Pence's upcoming visit should go over well with evangelicals and help shore up their support for the Trump administration.

"He's an extension of evangelicalism and evangelical feelings for Israel, and its history," Eckstein said. "Trump doesn't have that history. Pence has that history of being pro-Israel."

Associated Press writer Josef Federman in Jerusalem contributed to this report.

This story has been corrected to say this is Pence's fourth trip to Israel. A previous version of this story described the trip to Israel as Pence's fifth, based on information provided by the administration.

US government shuts down as partisan blame game heats up

By ZEKE MILLER, ANDREW TAYLOR and ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has shut down at the stroke of midnight Friday. That has halted all but the most essential operations and marred the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's inauguration in a striking display of Washington dysfunction.

Last-minute negotiations crumbled as Senate Democrats blocked a four-week stopgap extension in a late-night vote, causing the fourth government shutdown in a quarter century. Behind the scenes, however, leading Republicans and Democrats were trying to work out a compromise to avert a lengthy shutdown.

Congress scheduled an unusual Saturday session to begin considering a three-week version of the short-term spending measure.

Autopsy: Tom Petty died of accidental drug overdose

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Petty died last year because of an accidental drug overdose that his family said occurred on the same day he found out his hip was broken after performing dozens of shows with a less serious injury.

His wife and daughter released the results of Petty's autopsy via a statement Friday on his Facebook page, moments before coroner's officials in Los Angeles released their findings and the rocker's full autopsy report. Dana and Adria Petty say they got the results from the coroner's office earlier in the day that the

overdose was due to a variety of medications.

The coroner's findings showed Petty had a mix of prescription painkillers, sedatives and an antidepressant. Among the medications found in his system were fentanyl and oxycodone. An accidental overdose of fentanyl was also determined to have killed Prince in April 2016.

Petty suffered from emphysema, a fractured hip and knee problems that caused him pain, the family said, but he was still committed to touring.

He had just wrapped up a tour a few days before he died in October at age 66.

"On the day he died he was informed his hip had graduated to a full on break and it is our feeling that the pain was simply unbearable and was the cause for his over use of medication," his family's statement said, adding that he performed more than 50 concerts with a fractured hip.

The family said Petty had been prescribed various pain medications for his multitude of issues, including fentanyl patches, and "we feel confident that this was, as the coroner found, an unfortunate accident."

They added: "As a family we recognize this report may spark a further discussion on the opioid crisis and we feel that it is a healthy and necessary discussion and we hope in some way this report can save lives. Many people who overdose begin with a legitimate injury or simply do not understand the potency and deadly nature of these medications."

Painkillers and sedatives are among the most commonly prescribed medications in the U.S., but both drug types slow users' heart rate and breathing. The Food and Drug Administration has warned against mixing them because the combination can lead to breathing problems, coma and death.

Government figures released in December showed that for the first time, the powerful painkiller fentanyl and its close opioid cousins played a bigger role in the deaths than any other legal or illegal drug, surpassing prescription pain pills and heroin.

Petty was a rock superstar with the persona of an everyman who drew upon the Byrds, Beatles and other bands he worshipped as a boy in Gainesville, Florida. He produced classics that include "Free Fallin'," "Refugee" and "American Girl." He and his longtime band the Heartbreakers had recently completed a 40th-anniversary tour, one he hinted would be their last.

The shaggy-haired blond rose to success in the 1970s and went on to sell more than 80 million records. He was loved for his melodic hard rock, nasally vocals and down-to-earth style. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which inducted Petty and the Heartbreakers in 2002, praised them as "durable, resourceful, hard-working, likable and unpretentious."

Associated Press Writers Leanne Italie and Stephanie Nano contributed to this report.

'Watching my family burn': Woman frantic after copter crash

By P. SOLOMON BANDA and MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press

RATON, N.M. (AP) — Andra Cobb was frantic when she called for help, telling an emergency operator that a helicopter she was riding in with her father, longtime partner and others had crashed in a remote part of New Mexico and that she was watching her "family burn."

Police released 911 recordings Friday from the crash near the Colorado-New Mexico line that killed five people, including Zimbabwean opposition leader Roy Bennett, and his wife, Heather. Cobb, 39, was the sole survivor, escaping with broken bones before the helicopter burst into flames.

Her father, Paul Cobb, the co-pilot, and her longtime partner, Charles Burnett III, a Texas-based investor who owned the ranch where the group of friends was headed, also were killed in the crash Wednesday, along with pilot Jamie Coleman Dodd.

"I'm watching my family burn in a fire," Andra Cobb screamed on the call. "I don't know what to do. There's a big fire. I'm covered in gasoline."

Dodd also called 911 before he later died. He told authorities immediately after the crash that there were three victims and three survivors — him, Andra Cobb and Roy Bennett, who was suffering from a head wound as authorities tried to determine their location.

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Officials launched a search but said the response was slow because of the rugged terrain and lack of access. Andra Cobb remained on the call for about an hour as she waited for authorities to arrive.

Bennett's death was met with an outpouring of grief in Zimbabwe. A white man who spoke fluent Shona and drew the wrath of former President Robert Mugabe, Bennett had won a devoted following of black Zimbabweans for passionately advocating political change.

Bennett, treasurer-general of the Morgan Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change opposition party, previously survived a traumatic year in jail and death threats over his work.

He and his wife had traveled to New Mexico to spend their holiday with their friend Burnett, according to loved ones. The wealthy businessman was described as a fun-loving person who enjoyed entertaining, at times extravagantly.

Burnett's friends Dodd and Cobb were experienced aviators who would not have taken unnecessary risks in the helicopter, according to the investor's personal lawyer, Martyn Hill. Hill and Cobb's wife, Martha, said the co-pilot had survived being shot down while flying a helicopter in the Vietnam War.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Despite frigid temperatures, there was no indication of bad weather that night.

Authorities eventually found the wreckage engulfed in flames, which had sparked a grass fire.

Colfax County Sheriff Rick Sinclair told The Associated Press that he helped search the rugged terrain and that when crews found the wreckage, residents from nearby ranches were working to extinguish the blaze.

Two victims were found in the helicopter, and a third was found several feet away, he said.

Bennett and Dodd were alive but in critical condition when authorities arrived. One of them was so injured that he rolled some 150 feet (46 meters) to get away from the flames, Sinclair said. The other appeared to have walked an equal distance before collapsing.

"The will to survive from the guy that rolled is incredible because he was smashed up," Sinclair said.

State police say one of the men died at the scene a short time later and the other died en route to the hospital.

Dodd said on his call that he had a broken pelvis and was trying to move away from the blaze. Andra Cobb also told a 911 operator that Dodd was "rolling away from the fire the best he can."

She said the helicopter had been in the air for just three to five minutes after taking off from the airport in the small community of Raton. In the call, she can be heard weeping and telling Bennett to breathe.

"I'm very, very cold," she tells the operator.

Hudetz reported from Albuquerque. Associated Press writers Nomaan Merchant in Houston and Farai Mutsaka in Harare, Zimbabwe, contributed to this report.

Pope: Corruption is 'social virus' infecting Latin America

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO, Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Pope Francis strongly condemned corruption in Latin America as a "social virus" infecting all aspects of life in stern remarks Friday to Peru's president and high-ranking political leaders, several of whom are embroiled in the region's biggest graft scandal.

Hours after decrying the destruction of Peru's Amazon, the pontiff warned President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski and other leaders gathered that another, more subtle form of environmental degradation is also pervading society: corruption.

"How much evil is done to our Latin American people and the democracies of this continent by this social virus," the pope said. "Everything being done to combat this social scourge deserves our utmost attention."

The remarks come less than a month after Kuczynski narrowly avoided impeachment over \$782,000 in payments Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht made to his private consulting firm over a decade ago when he served as a minister. Odebrecht has admitted to paying hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes to officials throughout Latin America in exchange for lucrative public works contracts.

The bribery scandal has ended the careers of some of Latin America's most prominent politicians and

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in Peru two former presidents stand accused of accepting money from Odebrecht while a third is under investigation.

Peru has been jolted in recent weeks into a new period of uncertainty following Kuczynski's near ouster and the subsequent pardon of former strongman Alberto Fujimori from a 25-year prison sentence. The pardon sent thousands of Peruvians into the streets in protest and reopened wounds from a bloody chapter in Peru's history.

While some Peruvians credit Fujimori with stabilizing the nation's economy and defeating Maoist guerrillas in the 1990s others condemn him for having permitted grave human rights abuses. Fujimori was convicted for his role in the deaths of 25 Peruvians in addition to having sanctioned the use of military death squads.

In the weeks since his release angry Peruvians have staged multiple protests and scrawled graffiti with phrases like "Fujimori never again" on buildings around the capital city.

Kuczynski told the pope he hoped his visit would serve as "a push toward peace and dialogue."

The president dodged impeachment after Fujimori's lawmaker son, Kenji Fujimori, and a small group of lawmakers from his party surprisingly abstained from voting in what many Peruvians believe was a quid pro quo to release the former president from jail. Both Kenji Fujimori and his sister Keiko Fujimori, a two-time presidential candidate, were on hand for the pope's remarks Friday.

Keiko Fujimori has been under investigation into whether she received money from Odebrecht during her campaign.

Francis called for a greater culture of transparency between the public and private sectors and society in his speech, saying that, "No one can be excluded from this process."

Border wall tests find heights should keep out crossers

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Recent assaults by tactical teams on prototypes of President Donald Trump's proposed wall with Mexico found their imposing heights should stop border crossers, The Associated Press has learned, a finding that's likely to please security hawks but raise concerns about costs and environmental damage.

Military special forces based in Florida and U.S. Customs and Border Protection special units spent three weeks trying to breach and scale the eight models in San Diego, using jackhammers, saws, torches and other tools and climbing devices, a U.S. official with direct knowledge of the rigorous testing told the AP on condition of anonymity because the information was not authorized for public release.

Each model was to be 18 to 30 feet (5 to 9 meters) high, and contractors built at or near the maximum, which is roughly twice as high as many existing barriers. Ronald Vitiello, the agency's acting deputy commissioner, said after visiting the prototypes in October that he was struck most by their height.

The highly trained testers scaled 16 to 20 feet (5 to 6 meters) unassisted but needed help after that, said the official, who described the assaults on the wall prototypes to the AP. Testers also expressed safety concerns about getting down from 30 feet.

Only once did a tester manage to land a hook on top of the wall without help, the official said. Tubes atop some models repelled climbing devices but wouldn't work in more mountainous areas because the terrain is too jagged.

The findings appear to challenge what Janet Napolitano, now chancellor of the University of California, often said when she was President Barack Obama's homeland security secretary: "You show me a 50-foot wall, and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder."

A Customs and Border Protection report on the tests identifies strengths and flaws of each design but does not pick an overall winner or rank them. The report recommends combining elements of each, depending on the terrain. The official likened it to a Lego design, pulling pieces from different prototypes.

The report favors steel at the ground level because agents can see what is happening on the other side through mesh, and damage can more easily be fixed than concrete, the official said. With concrete, large slabs have to be replaced for even small breaches, which is time-consuming and expensive. Topping the

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steel with smooth concrete surfaces helps prevent climbing.

Brandon Judd, who heads the union representing border agents, said the recommended height and steel-concrete design make sense. He said people have been able to scale the smaller border walls, which were not put to same degree of testing before construction.

"Not many people are going to attempt to go over 30 feet," said Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council. "I just don't see it happening."

Just as daunting as getting over, he said, is climbing back if someone decides to try to return to Mexico to avoid capture.

Taller barriers are undoubtedly more effective, but they drive up the cost and could endanger wildlife.

Brian Segee, an attorney for Center for Biological Diversity, which has sued to block construction, said border walls 15 feet (5 meters) or less have prevented the movement of low-flying birds and insects.

"The bigger, more impervious the wall, the worse the impacts are going to be for wildlife," Segee said.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat in a border district, said a 30-foot (9-meter) wall would increase the cost "tremendously" and do nothing to address the problem of people entering the country legally and overstaying their visas.

Customs and Border Protection leaders were set to be briefed on the findings this week amid a standoff over immigration legislation that threatens to shut down the government. Democrats insist it includes protections for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who were shielded from deportation under an Obama-era program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which is scheduled to end in March.

The administration has insisted wall funding be part of any immigration deal, but Trump has been unclear about how long the wall would be and how it should be designed. The administration has asked for \$1.6 billion this year to build or replace 74 miles (118 kilometers) of barriers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley and San Diego and plans to request another \$1.6 billion next year.

A proposal by Customs and Border Protection calls for spending \$18 billion over 10 years to extend barriers to cover nearly half the border. Mexico has steadfastly rejected Trump's demand that it pay for the wall.

The agency is still in "the testing phase" and results are being evaluated, spokesman Carlos Diaz said. Combining elements of different prototypes instead of picking a winner is consistent with previous statements by officials, he said, noting that the agency said in bidding guidelines that a minimum height of 18 feet (5 meters) would be a key characteristic.

Contractors were awarded between \$300,000 and \$500,000 for each prototype. They were built last fall in a remote part of San Diego to guide future construction of one of Trump's signature campaign pledges. Four were concrete and four were made of other materials.

Olympic gymnast abused by ex-doctor wants him to suffer

By DAVID EGGERT and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER, Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman on Friday confronted her former doctor who has pleaded guilty to multiple sexual assaults, warning him that the testimony of the "powerful army" of 140 survivors at his sentencing will haunt him in prison.

More than 80 of the women and girls whom Larry Nassar abused under the guise of medical treatment have stood before the court during a marathon sentencing hearing that began Tuesday, describing with eloquence and sometimes tears the harm Nassar did and the impact he has had on their lives.

"You have not taken gymnastics away from me," Raisman said. "I love this sport, and that love is stronger than the evil that resides in you, in those who enabled you to hurt many people."

Facing pressure over how Michigan State University handled allegations made against Nassar when he was employed there, the school's board of trustees on Friday asked the state's attorney general to investigate but stood by university president Lou Ann Simon — who is facing growing calls to resign or to be fired by the board.

"Through this terrible situation, the university has been perceived as tone deaf, unresponsive and insensitive to the victims. We understand the public's faith has been shaken. The board has listened and heard

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the victims," chairman Brian Breslin said after a closed-door meeting that lasted more than four hours. Trustees declined to answer reporters' questions.

Nassar also was a team doctor at the Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

Raisman said if just one adult had believed Nassar's accusers and had "the courage and character to act, this tragedy could have been avoided. I and so many others would have never, ever met you. Larry, you should have been locked up a long, long time ago."

Nassar pleaded guilty to molesting girls at his university office, at home and at a Lansing-area gymnastics club, sometimes in the presence of parents, who were shielded from seeing what he was doing. Already sentenced to 60 years in prison on a separate federal child pornography conviction, the 54-year-old man can expect to be behind bars for the rest of his life. Raisman hoped the testimonies of her fellow survivors will never leave him.

"All these brave women have power, and we will use our voices to make sure you get what you deserve — a life of suffering spent replaying the words delivered by this powerful army of survivors," Raisman said.

Nassar, who has often looked down or blankly at victims giving statements, broke down when longtime family friend Trinea Gonczar spoke.

"I don't know who you are now. Maybe I never knew. Maybe none of us did," she said, as Nassar took off his glasses and wiped away tears.

Earlier Friday, another member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic gymnastics team — known as the "Fierce Five" — said she refused to let Nassar's abuse ruin her dreams.

"Even though I'm a victim, I do not and will not live my life as one," Jordyn Wieber said. "I'm an Olympian despite being abused. I worked hard and managed to achieve my goal."

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who is running for governor and whose office charged Nassar, said he would provide "a full and complete review, report and recommendation" of Michigan State's actions over Nassar, but only after the ex-doctor's victims have had "their day in court."

The university fired Nassar in 2016, as allegations against him stretching back years came to light.

"After watching many of these heartbreaking statements and reading accounts about them, we have concluded that only a review by your office can resolve the questions in a way that the victims, their families, and the public will deem satisfactory and that will help all those affected by Nassar's horrible crimes to heal," the university's board said in a letter to Schuette requesting his help. Also Friday, state House Speaker Tom Leonard asked the leaders of two legislative committees to open inquiries into Michigan State, which could lead to budget implications for the university and broader policy changes statewide.

The criminal cases against Nassar followed reports last year in The Indianapolis Star about how USA Gymnastics mishandled complaints about sexual misconduct involving the doctor and coaches.

Many of the accusers have sued Michigan State, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The university board said as information is presented by the attorney general's office, the board "will act. This can never happen again. We continue to believe President Simon is the right leader for the university and she has our support." Women's gymnastics coach Kathie Klages resigned last year after she was suspended for defending Nassar for years. Another university doctor, Brooke Lemmen, resigned.

A Title IX probe conducted by the university cleared Nassar of sexual assault allegations in 2014. At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the investigation was concluded, according to a university police report that was provided to the FBI for review by the U.S. attorney.

"I have always done my best to lead MSU and I will continue to do so today and tomorrow," Simon said in a statement.

Associated Press writer Jeff Karoub in Detroit contributed to this report.

Mudslides take heavy toll on immigrants serving posh town

By JULIE WATSON, The Associated Press

Oprah Winfrey and Rob Lowe give Montecito its star power, but it's people like Antonio and Victor Benitez who keep the wealthy Southern California community running.

The Mexican brothers are gardeners and part of the town's working-class immigrant population, which suffered outsized losses from the recent mudslides that killed at least 20, injured dozens and damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes.

Antonio and Victor Benitez suffered broken bones and each lost a child. Antonio's wife was killed, while Victor's wife is missing and his toddler son was injured.

Nearly a third of those killed in the Jan. 9 mudslides were from immigrant families working in service jobs in the largely white and retired Pacific coast town of 9,000. Many of these families are from developing countries seizing the opportunities provided by the area's wealth to make a better life for their children.

Among them was 30-year-old Pinit Sutthithepa from Thailand who worked at a Toyota dealership in Santa Barbara and sent money to his wife and two children for years before being able to bring them to the United States in 2016. The mudslides killed him, his 6-year-old son and his 79-year-old stepfather. Crews are still searching for Sutthithepa's 2-year-old daughter.

His wife and mother were working at a grocery store when rocks and rushing water obliterated their home, Mike Caldwell, Sutthithepa's boss wrote on a GoFundMe page seeking help for the family.

Martin Cabrera Munoz, 48, worked long hours as a landscaper so he could send money to his children in his native Guanajuato, Mexico. He was sleeping in the room he kept at his boss's home when an avalanche of mud ripped through the property.

"He wanted to give his kids a better life," his youngest sister, Diana Montero, told the Los Angeles Times.

His funeral was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Santa Barbara, where people are also mourning the deaths in the Benitez family.

The Rev. Pedro Lopez has tried to offer words of comfort to his tightknit, Spanish-speaking parish — but he knows the healing will be slow and painful.

"We've let everyone know the importance of being available to one another to share their grief," Lopez said.

Many members of the modest church are without work now that the million-dollar homes they cared for have been destroyed by the storm-triggered landslides, which also closed U.S. Highway 101, a major route for commuters between the coastal region's two major cities, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

A lot of families "can't get to work because of the freeway closure, or they don't know where to work now, and they don't know how they are going to pay rent or buy groceries," Lopez said.

Victor and Antonio Benitez built a thriving gardening business after coming to the United States as teenagers from Mexico, joining their father and another brother.

The two brothers, their wives and children shared a home so they could afford the rent in Montecito, where the median home price is more than \$4 million.

They were asleep when the mud and rocks thundered down the hillsides. As it poured in, collapsing the walls, some of the family members tried to escape through the kitchen door but were swept away.

The body of Victor's son, 10-year-old Jonathan Benitez, was found nearly 2 miles (3 kilometers) away.

"He was quite a popular young man. He took everybody under his wing," Lopez said, adding that one girl cried when recalling how Jonathan welcomed her to the first communion class.

Jonathan's mother, 28-year-old Fabiola Benitez, a housekeeper, is still missing.

Antonio and Victor Benitez, and Victor's toddler son, Ian, remain in the hospital with broken bones and bruises. Antonio Benitez underwent surgery for abdominal injuries from being dragged by the landslide. He is recovering but overwhelmed with grief over the loss of his 27-year-old wife, Marilyn Ramos, and his 3-year-old daughter, Kaelly, their only child.

"Antonio wakes up, cries and cries, and then is given a sedative to go back to sleep, only to wake up again later and cry again," said his sister-in-law, Jennifer Ramos.

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Marilyn Ramos was living the American dream that had spurred her to come to the United States at age 20, said her sister, who remained in Marquelia, a small Mexican fishing community south of Acapulco. Ramos met her husband in California.

"All she wanted was to be a mother and have a good family life, which she had," Jennifer Ramos said.

Nearly a third of Pamela Viale's upscale neighborhood in nearby Goleta hired Antonio and Victor Benitez. The brothers worked for her for five years.

"Once people saw what wonderful work they do and what a strong work ethic they have, word spread," she said. "It grew from one family to 18 families here, and everyone feels strongly about them. They are always willing to go the extra mile, always smiling — very friendly, just amazing people.

"We're really very devastated by their loss."

Viale and others organized GoFundMe pages to help the family, who also lost their tools and truck and face mounting medical bills and funeral costs before they can rebuild their lives.

Lori Lieberman, a recording artist who lives part-time in Montecito, said the outpouring of support has been incredible.

"Everyone really loves this family," she said.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump disdained jobless rate, now loves it

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER and JOSH BOAK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump, the presidential candidate, would not like the way Trump, the president, is crowing about today's unemployment rate. He'd be calling the whole thing a "hoax."

Trump raised a red flag about declining jobless numbers during his campaign, so as to deny President Barack Obama any credit. Trump noted that the jobless rate masks the true employment picture by leaving out the millions who have given up looking for work.

But Trump is seeing red no more. The same stats he assailed in 2015 and 2016 now are his proof of "fantastic," "terrific" economic progress, for which he wants the credit.

That disconnect is part of why Trump's statements about the economy this past week, some accurate on their face, fall short of the whole truth.

On top of that, Trump made the far-fetched claim that the economy is better than it has ever been. And in a week consumed with the dustup over a government shutdown, Trump's doctor stepped forward with a testament to the president's health that other physicians found to be too rosy.

A look at some recent remarks away from the din of the budget battle:

TRUMP: "Black unemployment is the best it's ever been in recorded history. It's been fantastic. And it's the best number we've had with respect to black unemployment. We've never seen anything even close." — remarks from Oval Office on Tuesday.

THE FACTS: Yes, the black unemployment rate of 6.8 percent is the lowest on record. No, it's not far and away superior to any time in the past. In 2000, it was within one point of today's record for six months, and as low 7 percent.

As Trump was quick to note as a candidate, the unemployment rate only measures people without jobs who are searching for work. Like other demographic groups, fewer African-Americans are working or looking for work than in the past. Just 62.1 percent of blacks are employed or seeking a job, down from a peak of 66.4 percent in 1999.

The black unemployment rate would be much higher if the rate of black labor force participation was near its levels before the Great Recession.

During the campaign, Trump claimed that real unemployment then was a soaring 42 percent. It's not quite clear, but he could have been referring to the percentage of the U.S. population without jobs — a figure that includes retirees, stay-at-home parents and students. At the time, he considered the official jobless rate a "phony set of numbers ... one of the biggest hoaxes in modern politics."

TRUMP: "We're making incredible progress. The women's unemployment rate hit the lowest level that

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it's been in 17 years. Well, that's something. And women in the workforce reached a record high. ... That's really terrific, and especially since it's on my watch." — at women's event Tuesday.

THE FACTS: Again — yes, but. The 4 percent jobless rate for women is at a 17-year low, just as it is for the overall population. But the labor force participation rate by women is lower today than in 2000. The proportion of women in the workforce is not at a record high.

TRUMP: "Our country is doing very well. Economically, we've never had anything like it." — from Oval Office on Tuesday.

THE FACTS: Never say never. The U.S. economy had better employment stats during the 2000 tech boom, just for one example. It's enjoyed stock market surges before. It's had blazing, double-digit annual growth, a far cry from the 3.2 percent achieved during the second and third quarters of 2017. That was the best six-month pace since 2014 — hardly the best ever.

The economy added about 170,000 new jobs a month during Trump's first year. That was slightly below the average of 185,000 in Obama's last year.

DR. RONNY JACKSON, White House physician, on his examination of Trump: "I think he'll remain fit for duty for the remainder of this term and even for the remainder of another term if he's elected. ... His cardiac health is excellent." — White House briefing Tuesday.

THE FACTS: Physicians not connected with the White House have widely questioned that prediction of seven more years of healthy living and that conclusion about his heart. Cardiac functioning was indeed normal in the tests, according to the readings that were released. But Trump is borderline obese and largely sedentary, with a "bad" cholesterol reading above the norm despite taking medication for it. He'll be 72 in June. It's doubtful that most men that age with similar histories and findings would get such a glowing report from their doctors.

Trump has some things in his favor: "incredible genes, I just assume," said his doctor, and no history of tobacco or alcohol use.

But "by virtue of his age and his gender and the fact he has high cholesterol and that he is in the overweight-borderline obese category, he is at a higher risk for cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Ranit Mishori, a primary care physician and professor of family medicine at Georgetown University. "The physician was saying, yes he's in excellent health — but yes he does have risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Which is why the comment he will remain healthy for the remainder of his term makes little sense to me. How you can make that kind of assessment from a one-point-in-time examination? Just from those four factors he is at a higher risk."

Trump's LDL, the bad cholesterol, registered at 143, a number his doctor wants below 120.

Jackson also said Trump has nonclinical coronary atherosclerosis, commonly known as hardening of the arteries from plaque, which is a combination of calcium and cholesterol.

That's common in people over 65 and can be a silent contributor to coronary heart disease. Jackson's conclusion was based on a coronary calcium score of 133, which Mishori called "a little bit concerning" because it could show mild coronary artery disease, although how to interpret these scores isn't clear-cut. Jackson said he consulted a variety of cardiologists about that calcium score and the consensus was reassuring.

TRUMP: "Americans are more and more pro-life. You see that all the time. In fact, only 12 percent of Americans support abortion on demand at any time." — remarks Friday to opponents of abortion rights.

THE FACTS: Neither side of the abortion debate is scoring breakaway support in public opinion research. Gallup said in conjunction with its poll in June: "The dispersion of abortion views today, with the largest segment of Americans favoring the middle position, is broadly similar to what Gallup has found in four decades of measurement." In short, half said abortion should be "legal only under certain circumstances," identical to a year earlier, while 29 percent said it should be legal in all circumstances. The smallest pro-

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portion, 18 percent, said it should always be illegal.

Americans' positions on abortion are sufficiently nuanced that both sides of the debate can find polling that supports their point of view. Polling responses on abortion are also highly sensitive to how the questions are asked.

But in the main, the public is not clamoring for abortion to be banned or to be allowed in all cases.

Trump's claim that only 12 percent support abortion "on demand" may come from a Marist poll sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, which opposes abortion rights. In that poll, 12 percent said abortion should be "available to a woman any time during her entire pregnancy."

Most polls have found that a distinct minority, though more than 12 percent, think the procedure should be legal in all cases. The percentage was 25 percent in an AP-NORC poll, 21 percent in a Quinnipiac poll, both done in December.

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How major US stock indexes fared on Friday

By The Associated Press

Stocks closed higher Friday, driving several of the major indexes to record highs.

Retailers, banks and consumer goods companies accounted for much of the latest gains, which reversed modest losses from a day earlier. Energy stocks fell along with crude oil prices. Utilities also declined as bond yields hit the highest level in more than three years.

On Friday:

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.27 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,810.30, a record.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 53.91 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,071.72.

The Nasdaq added 40.33 points, or 0.6 percent, to 7,336.38, a record.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 20.90 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,597.63, a record.

For the week:

The S&P 500 is up 24.06 points, or 0.9 percent.

The Dow is up 268.53 points, or 1 percent.

The Nasdaq is up 75.32 points, or 1 percent.

The Russell 2000 is up 5.66 points, or 0.4 percent.

For the year:

The S&P 500 is up 136.69 points, or 5.1 percent.

The Dow is up 1,352.50 points, or 5.5 percent.

The Nasdaq is up 432.99 points, or 6.3 percent.

The Russell 2000 is up 62.12 points, or 4.1 percent.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

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Today is Sunday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2018. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 21, 1968, the North Vietnamese Army launched a full-scale assault against the U.S. combat base in Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, in a siege lasting 11 weeks; although the Americans were able to hold back the communists, they ended up dismantling and abandoning the base. An American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive

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material. North Korean commandos tried but failed to assassinate South Korean President Park Chung-hee at his official residence, the Blue House, in Seoul.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public establishments (the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., but not before one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was jailed overnight for refusing to pay a fine).

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1937, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1958, Charles Starkweather, 19, killed three relatives of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, at her family's home in Lincoln, Nebraska. (Starkweather and Fugate went on a road trip which resulted in seven more slayings; Starkweather was eventually executed while Fugate spent 17 years in prison despite maintaining she was a hostage, not an accomplice.)

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1982, convict-turned-author Jack Henry Abbott was found guilty in New York of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of waiter Richard Adan in 1981. (Abbott was later sentenced to 15 years to life in prison; he committed suicide in 2002.)

In 1998, Pope John Paul II began a historic pilgrimage to Cuba. Actor Jack Lord of "Hawaii Five-O" fame died in Honolulu at age 77.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama accused each other of repeatedly and deliberately distorting the truth for political gain in a highly personal debate in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Five years ago: A day after being inaugurated for a second term in a private Sunday ceremony, President Barack Obama took a public oath, summoning a divided nation to act with "passion and dedication" to broaden equality and prosperity at home, nurture democracy around the world and combat global warming. British movie director Michael Winner, 77, who made 30 films, including three in the "Death Wish" series, died in London.

One year ago: A day after Donald Trump's inauguration, more than 1 million people rallied at women's marches in the nation's capital and cities around the world to send the new president an emphatic message that they wouldn't let his agenda go unchallenged. The Southeast saw the beginning of a weekend outbreak of tornadoes and severe thunderstorms; sixteen people were killed in Georgia, four people died in Mississippi and one death was reported in Florida. Karen Chen edged three-time champion Ashley Wagner to win the ladies' title at the U.S. figure skating championship in Kansas City, Missouri.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 78. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 77. Singer Mac Davis is 76. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 71. Country musician Jim Ibbotson is 71. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 68. Former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 68. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 67. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 65. Actor-director Robby Benson is 62. Actress Geena Davis is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 55. Actress Charlotte Ross is 50. Actor John Ducey is 49. Actress Karina Lombard is 49. Actor Ken Leung is 48. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the

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Bizz) is 48. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 48. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 46. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 45. Actor Vincent Laresca is 44. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 42. Actor Jerry Trainor is 41. Country singer Phil Stacey is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokio (Dru Hill) is 39. Actress Izabella Miko is 37.

Thought for Today: "Would to God that we might spend a single day really well." — Thomas a Kempis, German monk and author (c. 1380-1471).

Riddle Answer: Pencil lead.