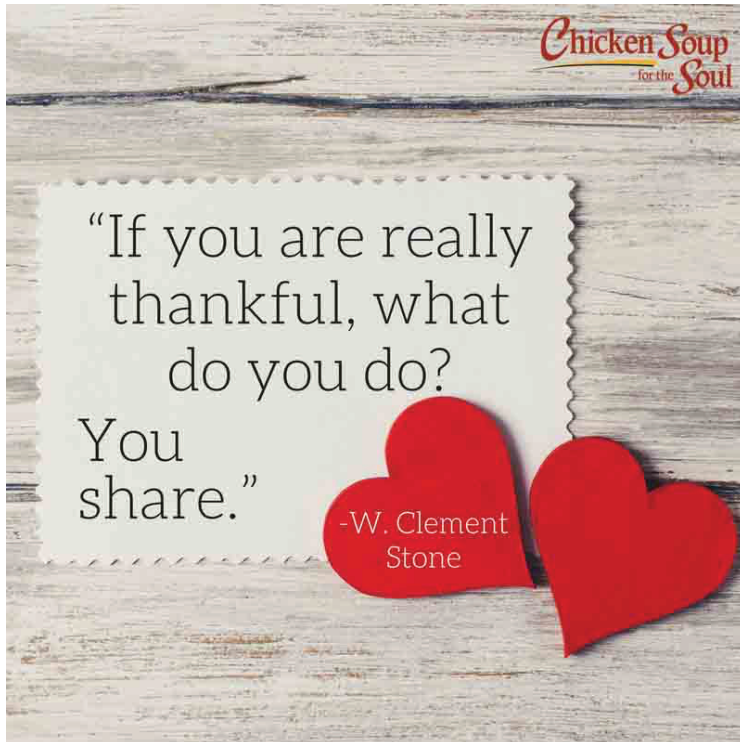


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## Today's Events

### Saturday, Jan. 27

Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School  
NEC/DAK12 Classic at Madison: 11:45 a.m., Groton Area vs. Lennox

10 a.m.: Wrestling at Groton (Britton-Hecla, Canton JV, Clark/Willow Lake, Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm, Huron JV, Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle, Milbank JV, Warner/Northwestern, Sioux Fall O'Gorman JV, Watertown JV, Webster Area, Wolsey/Wessington, Groton Area)

### Sunday, Jan. 28

80th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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## Boys Varsity Stat Sheet vs. Clark/Willow Lake

VISITOR: Clark/Willow Lake ( )

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
3 Florey, Grayson	*	2	5	1	3	0	1	0	3	3	4	5	0	1	0	1	8:00
5 Stevens, Ntai	*	2	3	0	1	0	2	2	6	8	3	4	1	5	1	0	32:00
13 Rusher, Bradyn	*	4	9	2	4	6	6	3	5	8	4	16	0	1	0	2	32:00
21 Prowley, Jacob	*	6	12	2	6	3	4	0	2	2	0	17	2	0	0	0	32:00
42 Burke, Micah	*	6	13	0	0	3	5	3	6	9	1	15	1	0	0	1	32:00
11 Sunagawa, Sho		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	24:00
32 Burke, Stone		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								1	2	3				0			
Team Totals		20	43	5	14	12	20	9	24	33	13	57	7	7	1	5	160

Total FG% - 1st: 8/23 0.348 2nd: 12/20 0.600 Game: 0.465 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/7 0.143 2nd: 4/7 0.571 Game: 0.357 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 6/9 0.667 2nd: 6/11 0.545 Game: 0.600 (2,0)

HOME: Groton ( )

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT							
11 RINTALA, ANDREW	F	2	8	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	6	0	1	0	0	8:00
20 KEITH, BRANDON	F	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	24:00
42 DEHOET, BRODYN	C	7	16	2	7	0	0	1	7	8	2	16	0	2	1	1	32:00
5 SHABAZZ, SERIC	G	2	4	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	5	5	5	2	0	0	24:00
10 LANE, MARSHALL	G	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	8:00
3 SIPPEL, ANTHONY		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	16:00
4 DOEDEN, JONNY		2	6	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	1	2	0	1	24:00
34 JONES, AUSTIN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
55 DIEGEL, TREYTON		3	5	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	2	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								1	2	3				0			
Team Totals		17	44	5	16	5	5	3	20	23	17	44	9	10	1	4	160

Total FG% - 1st: 9/23 0.391 2nd: 8/21 0.381 Game: 0.386 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/6 0.167 2nd: 4/10 0.400 Game: 0.313 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/2 1.000 2nd: 3/3 1.000 Game: 1.000 (0,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Clark/Willow Lake	16	7	17	17	57
Groton	12	9	4	19	44

Last FG: Clark/Willow Lake 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-06:59  
 Largest lead: Clark/Willow Lake by 16 4th-08:00, Groton NONE  
 Score tied: 2 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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## Boys Junior Varsity Stat Sheet vs. Clark/Willow Lake

VISITOR: Clark/Willow Lake ( )

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO			BK
10 Manach, Kalig	*	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	2	16:00
11 Shanagawa, Sho	*	4	8	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	1	9	4	2	0	1	24:00
15 Paulson, Jeff	*	2	6	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	0	2	0	2	32:00
30 O'Neill, Travis	*	2	8	1	4	1	2	1	3	4	2	6	2	2	0	0	24:00
32 Burke, Stone	*	4	8	0	0	2	3	1	5	6	0	10	0	2	0	1	16:00
5 Warkenthien, Garrett		1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	16:00
12 O'Neill, Tyler		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
24 Streft, Matt		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	8:00
40 Michalski, Cutler		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								1	2	3				0			
Team Totals		15	36	4	9	3	5	5	18	23	5	37	6	12	0	6	160

Total FG% - 1st: 7/19 0.368 2nd: 8/17 0.471 Game: 0.417 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/6 0.333 2nd: 2/3 0.667 Game: 0.444 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 3/5 0.600 Game: 0.600 (1,0)

HOME: GROTON AREA

NO PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO			BK
12 SHABAZZ, DARIEN	F	1	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	3	1	2	1	0	16:00
34 JONES, AUSTIN	F	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	1	4	0	0	24:00
14 KURTZ, KADEN	G	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	6	0	5	0	1	24:00
22 GUTHMILLER, CADE	G	2	8	0	2	0	0	1	5	6	3	4	2	1	0	4	32:00
55 Diegel, Treyton	*	2	9	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	1	6	1	3	0	1	24:00
32 LARSON, CHANDLER		3	6	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	1	0	0	1	32:00
50 TRAPHAGEN, TRISTAN		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	3	3				0			
Team Totals		12	31	4	13	2	4	3	17	20	7	30	6	15	1	7	160

Total FG% - 1st: 6/16 0.375 2nd: 6/15 0.400 Game: 0.387 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/5 0.200 2nd: 3/8 0.375 Game: 0.308 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/4 0.500 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.500 (0,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Clark/Willow Lake	11	5	8	13	37
Groton Area	6	9	8	7	30

Last FG: Add New Team 4th-08:00, Add New Team 4th-08:00

Largest lead: Add New Team by 9 1st-08:00, Add New Team by 2 2nd-08:00

Score tied: 2 times, Lead changed: 4 times

## Cyclones breeze past Groton boys in both games



**Brandon Keith passes the ball to Jonathan Doeden.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Clark/Willow Lake had a nine-point run in the second half to take a one-point game to 10 points and then added another nine-point rally to take down Groton Area, 57-44. This was a Northeast Conference game played Friday in the Groton Area Arena.

The game was tied twice in the first quarter as Clark/Willow Lake took a 16-12 lead at the break. The Tigers made 55 percent of tie field goals, making six of 11, while the Cyclones made 36 percent, making five of 14.

Groton closed to within one late in the second quarter, but Clark/Willow Lake held 23-21 lead at halftime. In the second quarter, Groton Area's shooting cooled to 25 percent, making three of 12 shots while Clark/Willow Lake made three of 10 for 30 percent.

Clark/Willow Lake outscored Groton Area, 17-4, in the third quarter to take a 40-25 lead. In the third quarter, Groton Area made two of nine field goals for 22 percent

and Clark/Willow Lake made seven of 12 for 58 percent.

Groton Area outscored the Cyclones in the fourth quarter, 19-17, thanks to a three-point shot at the buzzer by Jonathan Doeden. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made six of 13 shots for 46 percent and the Cyclones made five of eight for 63 percent.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 16 points and eight rebounds followed by Treyton Deigel with nine points, Andrew Rintalla and Jonathan Doeden each had six, Seric Shabazz had five and Marshall Lane added two points.

Three players hit double figures for the Cyclones with Jacob Prowley having 17, Bradyn Rusher 16 and Micah Burke with 15. Grayson Florey added five and Ntai Stevens added four points.

Groton Area made 17 of 44 field goals for 39 percent, five of 16 three-pointers for 31 percent and was five of five from the line off of Clark/Willow Lake's 13 team fouls. The Cyclones were 20 of 43 from the field for 47 percent, five of 14 in three-pointers for 36 percent and was 12 of 20 from the line for 60 percent off of Groton Area's 17 team fouls with Shabazz fouling out.

Shabazz had five of the team's nine assists. Groton Area had 10 turnovers of which five were steals as the Cyclones made seven points off of the Tigers' turnovers. Clark/Willow Lake had seven turnovers, four of which were steals with Diegel having two. Clark/Willow Lake controlled the boards, 33-23.

The junior varsity game was tied twice and the lead changed hands four times as the Cyclones pulled out a 37-30 win over the Tigers.

Chandler Larson led the Tigers with eight points followed by Kaden Kurtz and Treyton Diegel with six each, Cade Guthmiller had four and Darien Shabazz and Austin Jones each had three points.

Stone Burke led the Cyclones with 10 points.



**Brodyn DeHoet puts up a three-pointer as he made two on the night.**

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

## 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)**

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

Aberdeen S.D. – (RV) Northern State University picked up a 74-46 win over University of Sioux Falls on Friday night. The Wolves improve to 17-4 overall and 12-3 in NSIC play.

The Wolves took a double-digit lead heading into the second quarter, as the scoreboard read 17-7. The Wolves continued to out-score the Cougars in the second, 19-15, taking a 15-point lead heading into halftime. The Wolves extended their lead to 31 at one point in the second half, cruising to a victory over the Cougars.

NSU shot 50.0 percent from the field, 40.0 percent from behind the arc, and 85.7 percent from the free throw line, and out-rebounded the Cougars 41-25. Defensively, Northern State held the Cougars who shot 37.7 percent from the field and 4-of-10 from the 3-point line, with only four free-throw attempts. The Wolves also had 14 bench points, 24 assists on 32 field goals, and 23 points off turnovers.

Miranda Ristau led all scorers, with her fourth double-double of the season, in the game with 27 points and 13 rebounds, she also added three assists, two blocks, and two steals. Haley Froelich had 12 points, two rebounds, and one assist. Brianna Kusler was the last Wolves player in double-figures with ten points, two rebounds, two assists, and one block.

Gabby Laimer led the bench in scoring with seven points, three assists, and made half of Northern's 3-point shots. Jessi Marti had six points, five assists, and five rebounds. Jill Conrad rounded out the starters with five points, five assists, four rebounds, and one steal.

Alayna Johnson added five points off the bench for the Wolves, while Alexis Tappe notched two points, four rebounds, one block, and one steal. Brynn Flakus had three assists and two rebounds.

Northern State will return to action Saturday against Southwest Minnesota State. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. against the Mustangs.



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the right thing to do")**

## No. 12 Wolves Roll Past Cougars in I Hate Winter Opener

Aberdeen, S.D. – Six scorers in double-figures and a balanced offensive attack led the No. 12 Northern State men's basketball team over Sioux Falls Friday evening. The Wolves downed the Cougars 97-75, improving to 21-2 overall and 14-1 in the NSIC.

Despite a physical battle through 40 minutes of play, the Wolves cruised pasted the Cougars scoring 46 points in the first and 51 points in the second. They shot 67.3 percent from the floor, 61.1 percent from the 3-point line, and 87.0 percent from the foul line. Northern tallied 34 boards, out-rebounded Sioux Falls by 13 in the game and notched 11 second chance points.

They added 42 points in the paint, 42 points off the bench, nine points off turnovers, and a game leading 11 made 3-pointers. A total of nine players shot 50.0 percent or better from the floor, with three Wolves shooting a perfect 100.0 percent. Seven Wolves tallied multiple rebounds, while five notched more than one assist.

Logan Doyle led the team with 18 points and ten rebounds, notching his second straight double-double and third of the season. The senior shot 6-of-7 from the floor and added three assists and one block. Ian Smith was second on the team with 15 points, however dished out a team leading seven assists as Northern combined for 23 in the win. Smith added two rebounds and one block, while going a perfect 4-for-4 from the foul line.

Rounding out the starting five were DJ Pollard, Gabe King, Carter Evans, and Cole Dahl with 12, 11, ten, and seven points apiece. Pollard added three rebounds and three assists, while King shot 50.0 percent from the floor with three rebounds of his own. Evans and Doyle were second and third on the team with six and five rebounds each, with Evans adding a team second best four assists.

Andrew Kallman led the team off the bench with 14 points, hitting an impressive 4-of-4 from the arc and 2-of-2 from the foul line. Bo Fries and Justin Decker followed with seven and three points respectively, with Fries going 3-of-3 from the floor and Decker going 1-of-1 from the 3-point line. Fries added three rebounds and three assists as well.

The Wolves return to action tomorrow against Southwest Minnesota State. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. between the Wolves and Mustangs.

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Admission: 13 & older—\$3.00  
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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)

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## Today in Weather History

January 27, 1969: Snowfall of 7 to 10 inches combined with winds of 15 to 30 mph caused widespread low visibilities along with heavy drifting from the 27th to the 29th across Minnesota. Many roads were blocked or remained blocked. Many schools were closed with many accidents.

1922: On this date through the 29th, a great snowstorm struck the East Coast from South Carolina to southeastern, Massachusetts. Washington, DC reported 28 inches of snow. The heavy snow on the Knickerbocker Theater's flat roof put a significant strain on the structure. On the evening of the 28th, during a showing of the silent comedy "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," the building collapsed, killing 98 people and injuring 130 others.

1967: Residents of Chicago, Illinois began to dig out from the storm of the 26 and 27th which produced 23 inches of snow in 29 hours their worse snowstorm. The snow paralyzed the city and suburbs for days, and business losses were enormous. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the NWS Office in Chicago, Illinois.

1989: Bitter cold air gripped most of Alaska during the month of January, 1989. Tanana, near Fairbanks, saw a low temperature of 76 degrees below zero on this day. The high for the day was 60 degrees below zero. With an average temperature of 68 degrees below zero, Tanana saw an average temperature of nearly sixty degree below normal. You can read more about this event from the Alaska Dispatch News by clicking [HERE](#).

1772 - The "Washington and Jefferson Snowstorm" occurred. George Washington reported three feet of snow at Mount Vernon, and Thomas Jefferson recorded about three feet at Monticello. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1966 - Oswego, NY, was in the midst of a five day lake effect storm which left the town buried under 102 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1967 - Residents of Chicago, IL, began to dig out from a storm which produced 23 inches of snow in 29 hours. The snow paralyzed the city and suburbs for days, and business losses were enormous. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A powerful storm moving into the western U.S. produced 13 inches of snow at Daggett Pass NV, and 16 inches in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Reno NV, and wind gusts in Oregon exceeded 80 mph. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The nation got a breather from winter storms, however, cold arctic air settled into the southeastern U.S. Hollywood FL reported a record low reading of 39 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - The last half of January was bitterly cold over most of Alaska. Nearly thirty stations established all-time record low temperatures. On this date Tanana reported a low of -76 degrees. Daily highs of -66 degrees were reported at Chandalar Lake on the 22nd, and at Ambler on the 26th. (The Weather Channel)

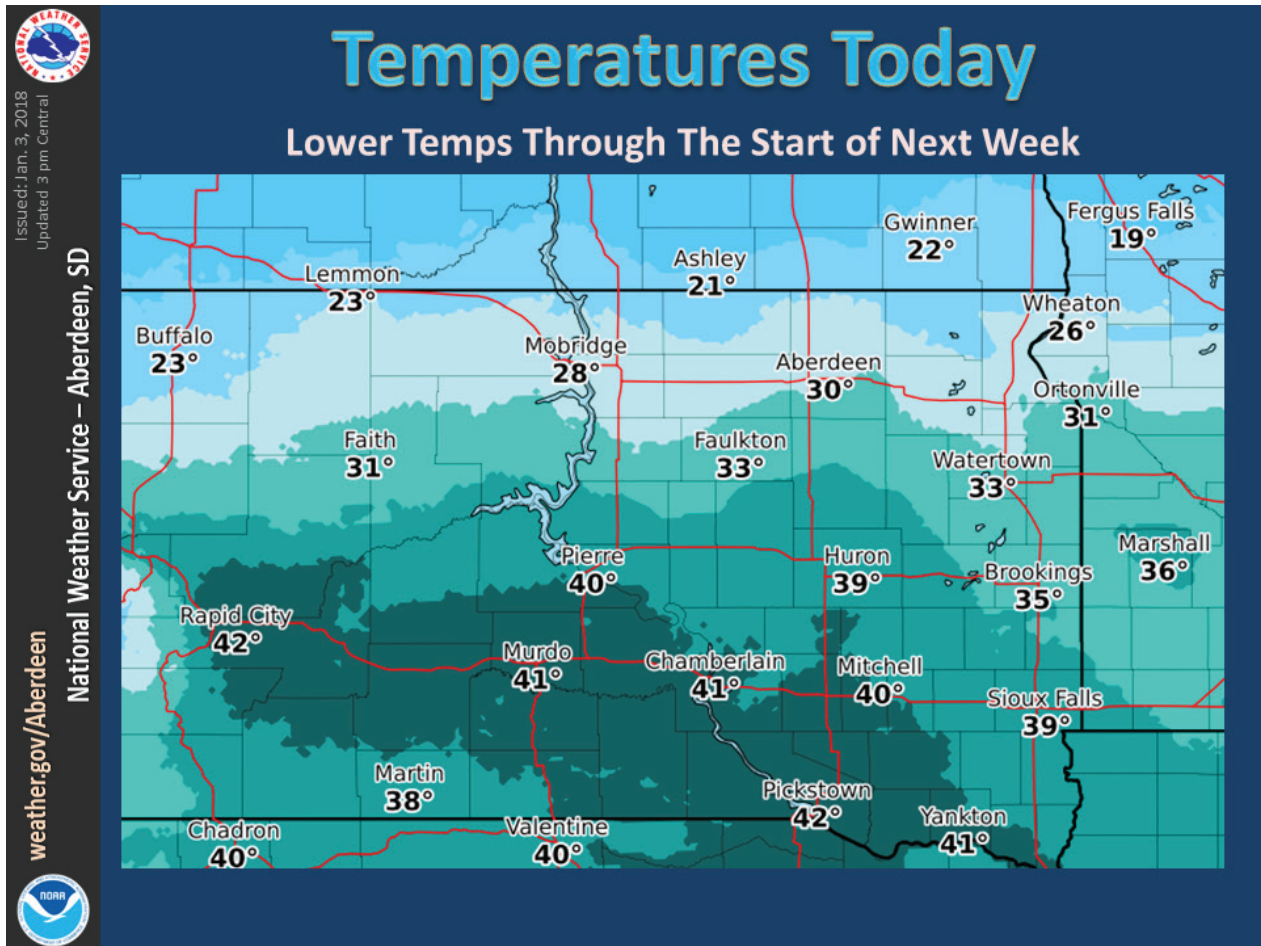
1990 - Another in a series of cold fronts brought high winds to the northwestern U.S., and more heavy snow to some of the higher elevations. The series of vigorous cold fronts crossing the area between the 23rd and the 27th of the month produced up to 60 inches of snow in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Month-to-date snowfall at Boston Logan International Airport totaled 43.1 inches, making January the snowiest month on record.

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Sat Jan 27	Sun Jan 28	Mon Jan 29	Tue Jan 30	Wed Jan 31	Thu Feb 1	Fri Feb 2
32°F	16°F	20°F	38°F	30°F	12°F	17°F
5°F	1°F	10°F	21°F	2°F	-3°F	10°F
W 18 MPH Precip 20%	N 9 MPH	SSE 3 MPH	S 17 MPH	NW 11 MPH	N 10 MPH	SW 7 MPH Precip 20%



Aside from some passing clouds and light snow showers and flurries, were looking at cooler temperatures today -- though these expected readings are still a touch above average. Colder temperatures will be the rule going into the start of next week.

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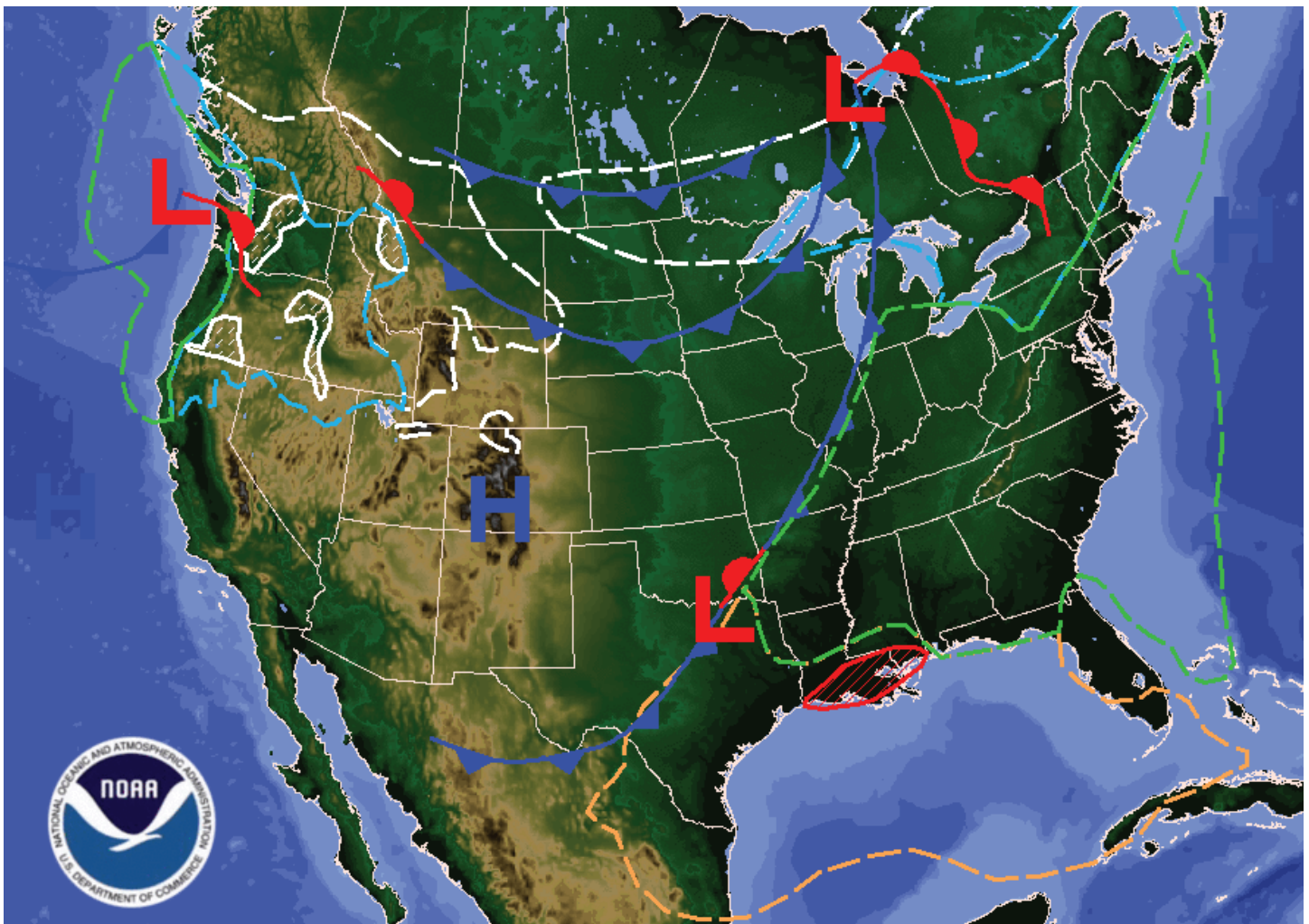
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 44.2 at 2:11 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 18.9 F at 11:10 PM**  
**Wind Chill: -**  
**High Gust: 24 at 3:21 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 53° in 1934**  
**Record Low: -34° in 1915**  
**Average High: 23°F**  
**Average Low: 2°F**  
**Average Precip in Jan: 0.42**  
**Precip to date in Jan: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 0.42**  
**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**  
**Sunset Tonight: 5:33 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:58 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 27, 2018, issued 3:54 AM 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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## WHY?

One of the most irritating, aggravating, frustrating – and yet stimulating – questions is – “Why?” It angers parents and annoys teachers. It disturbs moments of quiet reflection when we think we have the answers to “everything” then we realize we don’t. It bothers us deeply when we are asked “why” did you do this or “why” did you do that. It seems to be planted deep within the brains of children to make us defensive or angry or even feel stupid.

But “Why” is an important question. It can force us to look at what we have done or what we are about to do. It can, in all reality, keep us from doing wrong or encourage us to do what is right.

David addresses the “Why” question quite frequently. In Psalm 86, however, he makes an observation and then answers it with “why.”

He wrote, “I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever.” Then he adds the why for us: “For great is Your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.”

“Praise” and “glorify” are a most important part of our worship. When we look at these two verses together, we find an important reason to remind us why we worship God: it is because of His love and mercy.

We may not know what he is referring to when he said that “God delivered me from the depths of the grave.”

And perhaps that’s good. What’s don’t matter – God does! There are many days when we feel we are about to be “buried alive.” Then, God delivers us, and it’s time to worship.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for the endless times You rescued us from disaster. May we always praise Your name. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 86:12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

## 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
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Bison 41, Kadoka Area 34  
Bridgewater-Emery 53, Hanson 46  
Britton-Hecla 71, Redfield/Doland 56  
Canistota 74, Dell Rapids St. Mary 43  
Chamberlain 64, Mobridge-Pollock 59  
Clark/Willow Lake 57, Groton Area 44  
Colome 65, Platte-Geddes 62, OT  
Corsica/Stickney 61, Menno 31  
Edgemont 56, Hay Springs, Neb. 47  
Elk Point-Jefferson 67, Tri-Valley 60  
Faith 67, Newell 40  
Great Plains Lutheran 50, Florence/Henry 45  
Hartington Cedar Catholic, Neb. 84, Wagner 37  
Herreid/Selby Area 63, Ipswich 53  
Highmore-Harrold 62, Iroquois 33  
Hot Springs 50, Hill City 49  
Huron 65, Yankton 58  
Langford 49, Northwestern 36  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 50, Winner 38  
Pierre 74, Harrisburg 58  
Pine Ridge 90, White River 75  
Potter County 63, Sunshine Bible Academy 36  
Rapid City Christian 71, Custer 53  
Sioux Falls Christian 94, Dakota Valley 68  
Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 66, Eureka/Bowdle 37  
Sturgis Brown 63, Belle Fourche 34  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 45, Burke/South Central 43  
Warner 52, Waubay/Summit 44  
Wolsey-Wessington 68, Kimball/White Lake 43  
Dakota Oyate Challenge  
Consolation Semifinal  
Crazy Horse 44, Tiospaye Topa 36  
Takini 59, Marty Indian 48  
Semifinal  
Lower Brule 74, Flandreau Indian 54  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 75, Tiospa Zina Tribal 73, OT

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Avon 56, Parkston 36  
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## Standing Rock schools infuse art into curriculum

By **BLAIR EMERSON, Bismarck Tribune**

FORT YATES, N.D. (AP) — The walls of Standing Rock Elementary School and Standing Rock Middle School are lined with artwork and the sound of music reverberates from the classrooms.

For both of the schools' administrators and teachers, a real change has occurred in the past two school years. Morale among students and teachers has improved at the schools on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, which faces challenges of poverty. Through the arts, self-confidence among students has been boosted, the middle school principal said.

This is the second year since the schools were selected to join the national Turnaround Arts program, which infuses art-based learning into curriculum, the Bismarck Tribune reported .

On Jan. 9, both schools were surprised with a visit from Taboo, a Mexican-American and Native American hip hop artist and member of the group, the Black Eyed Peas, and Mic Jordan, also a hip hop artist and enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe Tribe. Their visit aligned with the schools' efforts to bring more artists, particularly Native American artists, to speak with students.

In a classroom, Darlene Schrenk used drums to teach kindergartners syllables. Each student was assigned a drum to beat on, and they took turns taking the lead in an activity where one student stood in the middle of the group and acted as the conductor.

Arts-inspired activities like this have allowed more freedom in her classroom, said Schrenk, who is in her ninth year teaching at Standing Rock.

Virginia Long Feather, principal of Standing Rock Elementary School, said through the Turnaround Arts program the school has been able to revamp teaching and learning. The shift has been motivational for faculty, and Long Feather said she has noticed more enthusiasm among students.

"What this brings for our school is hope," she said. "The climate here is so much better."

The 420-student school incorporates arts into reading, math and science, Long Feather said. Additionally, they have been able to include Native American culture and language into their studies.

Artists on Jan. 9 also stopped by Standing Rock Middle School. They visited Crissy Archambault's seventh and eighth grade science classroom, which was covered in colorful artwork, including a diagram of the water cycle, drawings of cells and outlines of the solar system.

"I love it, because that the type of education she wants to do," said Archambault, who is in her first year of teaching.

Archambault incorporates STEM — known as science, technology, engineering and mathematics — into art. For example, one of her lessons involves students tracing their bodies and drawing the body systems.

Art is invaluable to her students, she said.

"As native people, we are kinesthetic; we need to touch to learn," she said.

Turnaround Arts started in 2011 under former President Barack Obama administration and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. The program started off as a pilot project, blending art into curriculum to help eight of the nation's lowest performing schools.

In 2014, an outside evaluation of these schools found attendance rates went up and disciplinary referrals decreased. Students' math and reading proficiency rates also increased over the course of three years.

The Turnaround Arts program, currently led by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, provides professional development and resources to schools in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts and public-private partnerships.

Children who are highly engaged in the arts are four times more likely to finish school, said Kathy Fletcher, national director of Turnaround Arts.

"We feel like the kids who don't have access to the arts are arguable the ones who need it the most," Fletcher said, noting many students who lack access to the arts in school exist in high-poverty communities.

The Turnaround Arts program currently works at 73 schools. Through her visits at these schools, Fletcher said she has observed a sea of change among students.

"Oftentimes kids who were getting into trouble a lot or not coming to school, when they find their pas-



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sion through the arts, it's life-changing," she said.

Lisa Bordeaux-Taken Alive, principal of Standing Rock Middle School, which has 210 students, said the first year as part of the Turnaround Arts program she wanted to alter her school building and put more artwork on the walls. Now, the school is adorned with drawings and paintings by students. This year, she said the school shifted to become trauma-sensitive, and is attempting to use art to heal students who have been exposed to trauma.

The school also put together groups of students that explore various extracurricular activities and the arts. This year, the school assembled a set of students who received the most write-ups in one year, and they did graffiti spray-painting about family and respect. Their spray-painted canvases are displayed in the cafeteria, some in Lakota language, including one with the word, "Kola," which means friend.

On Jan. 9, the seventh and eighth grade bands displayed their musical talents for artists Taboo and Mic Jordan.

Mic Jordan, who is a national Turnaround Arts artist currently working with Standing Rock's elementary and middle schools, said he can relate to the struggles of Native American youth, and said he is glad to show that they can achieve their dreams, whether through art or any other form.

After the band played, students, faculty and staff broke out into dancing in the cafeteria. Taboo, who is also a national Turnaround Arts artist, break-danced with some of the students.

"That's the message; it's simple, it's hope, it's inspiration, it's motivation to keep on fighting, because that's what we need. We need to tell stories, change the narrative of upliftment and encourage indigenous kids to say, 'Hey, we can make it,'" Taboo said.

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

## Chislic's long history as South Dakota's iconic dish

By ALEXA GIEBINK, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — How did salty cubes of meat become the unofficial dish of South Dakota? Chislic is a culinary curiosity that's been woven into the fabric of South Dakota's story since before it became a state in 1889.

John Hoellwarth, a German Russian from the Crimea region, brought the dish with him when he immigrated to Hutchinson County in the 1870s, according to historical records. It is unclear why Hoellwarth and not the hundreds of other German Russian immigrants is credited with bringing chislic to South Dakota.

The term chislic most likely derives from the Turkic word shashlyk or shashlik. The Russian dish features cubes of skewered meat grilled over an open fire. The origin of the word shashlik is rooted in shish kebab, the Turkish and Arabic words for skewered meats.

When the dish arrived in the United States, the name was most likely anglicized to chislic, as were many foreign surnames.

Out of the thousands of recipes immigrants brought with them to the United States, how did this simple dish grow to be a staple of the South Dakota diet?

The little town of Freeman in Hutchinson County, population 1,306, is considered the chislic capital of America. It's the center of what's sometimes called the "Chislic Circle," an area that includes Sioux Falls.

Chislic is most prevalent in southeastern South Dakota, but the salty delicacy shows up in other Midwest communities with a German Russian heritage. The dish is consumed at festivals and restaurants in neighboring states, and other parts of the world similarly cook up and skewer cubed meat, but chislic remains a symbol of South Dakota.

It wasn't until the 1930s that chislic began to gain regional notoriety. There remains a bit of local controversy over who started selling chislic in Freeman, the Argus Leader reported.

"I would say there was maybe about two or three different individuals that were very good at it," said Reno Huber, 72, a Freeman native. "And both of them had claimed that they were the first."

Some declare local entrepreneur Jake Huber, Reno Huber's distant relative, was the first to sell chislic.

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In the 1930s and '40s, Huber ran a chislic stand on summer Saturday nights when farm families would come to town for shopping and socializing.

Others argue that Albert Krieger deserves the credit for Freeman's chislic tradition.

"Whenever it was served, it was always good," said Reno Huber, who remembers getting a dozen sticks of chislic for a dollar at Krieger's stand by the old VFW.

Regardless of who started it, Freeman quickly entered a chislic boom that spread to the surrounding communities.

"It hit a real high point in the '40s, '50s, '60s. There was a lot of chislic served," said Tim Walter, contributing editor of the Freeman Courier. Old dives such as the Freedom Corner proudly served up chislic to locals and passersby.

Chislic didn't officially hit the Sioux Falls scene until the winter of 1961. The newly opened Pit Club ran an advertisement in the Jan. 27, 1961, Argus Leader stating, "The Pit offers the delicious Chislic. A newcomer to Sioux Falls. If you have never tried it, you're in for a treat!"

And on Jan. 30, the Pit ran a more aggressive advertisement saying, "If you haven't tried our Chislic by now, you must be some kind of nut!!"

In 1966, a newspaper advertisement for Burt's Drive-Inn urged customers to "try the real chislic." The diner even had a softball team named Burt's Chislic, after the local delicacy.

A recipe for chislic under the Russian name "shashlik" first appeared in the Argus Leader 12 years earlier on Feb. 27, 1949, in an article about Moscow night life. The "caucasian" version described featured small pieces of lamb well done.

Over time, regional differences developed for how to prepare and serve chislic. It can be grilled, fried, skewered, eaten with toothpicks, marinated, salted and more.

In Freeman, chislic is traditionally lamb cooked on a skewer. After an animal is butchered, residents often throw chislic sticking parties where friends and family gather to prepare the meal.

"Sometimes people will take pride in how many sticks they ate," Waltner said.

Freeman's restaurants also proudly serve chislic on their menu, including Meridian Corner, Blues Family Restaurant and Prairie House Restaurant, formerly Papa's.

According to a recent exhibit at the South Dakota Agriculture Museum in Brookings, sheep dominated pioneer life. This might explain why lamb is considered the traditional meat of choice for chislic. Nowadays beef is a more popular source of protein.

In Sioux Falls, it is more common to see the half-inch chunks of chislic served in a basket with toothpicks as your utensil, rather than on a stick. Chefs and consumers are less picky when it comes to the meat. Lamb is often substituted with beef or venison.

Most bar & grills in the Sioux Falls area have chislic on their menu. The debate is lively over who has the tastiest chislic or the most authentic. The Attic, W. 12th St. Pourhouse, Jono's and Gateway Casino & Lounge are among the names thrown around when discussing the best chislic in town.

Some locals say Kaylor, South Dakota, now deserves to be called the capital of chislic. Located roughly 40 miles southwest of Freeman, Kaylor Locker has been providing sheep chislic to local restaurants and groceries stores for over 50 years.

Traditionally, lamb chislic is fried, salted, and served with soda crackers. Some say it goes down well with a cold beer. Nowadays, chislic is served in a variety ways including marinated and with special dipping sauces.

"In my time we had it without any of that. You just threw it in the kettle," said Reno Huber, who remembers the days when the smell of sizzling lard filled the Freeman air.

With its current popularity and long history, maybe it's time to officially declare chislic South Dakota's state food.

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## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

10-16-27-38-43, Mega Ball: 1, Megaplier: 4

(ten, sixteen, twenty-seven, thirty-eight, forty-three; Mega Ball: one; Megaplier: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$76 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$112 million

## \$10M expansion project wraps up at South Dakota hospital

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The more than \$10 million expansion of a western South Dakota hospital is concluding its final days of construction in time to open next month.

The Sturgis Regional Hospital campus was expanded to include about 20,000 square feet (1,860 square meters) of additional space, the Rapid City Journal reported . The expansion project, which began in October 2016, puts more than 250 caregivers together under one roof in the main hospital. The clinic building is slated to be sold. The urgent care clinic added 36 new patient examination rooms.

Hospital President Mark Schulte said that added space in the hospital emergency room will help with handling peak patient loads, particularly during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that attracts hundreds of thousands of people annually.

Schulte said his staff is eager to move into the new space, which is scheduled for the third weekend in February.

"The feeling from a lot of the caregivers right now is that let's just get in there and get our stuff where we need it and start to figure out how to use it," he said. "I think once they see the benefits of being on the same campus and having everything under the same roof, it's really going to be a tremendous benefit to them."

The new complex also featured a 50-seat conference room, an electrical generator, additional parking and a refurbished historical monument on site.

An open house for the expanded hospital is planned for March 1.

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

## Lawmaker pay raise plan advances to South Dakota Senate

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota House has approved a measure that would ask voters to give state legislators a significant pay raise.

The chamber voted 38-26 Thursday to advance the proposal to the state Senate.

Top lawmakers are sponsoring the measure that would set legislators' salaries at one-fifth of the South Dakota median household income. U.S. Census numbers for 2015 show that would mean a raise of 70 percent for the state's 105 lawmakers to nearly \$10,200.

State lawmakers are currently paid \$6,000 per session plus a per diem allowance.

Supporters say low pay limits the pool of people who can serve as legislators. The proposal would put the plan before voters this year as a constitutional amendment.

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## Daugaard gives \$40K to out-of-state cash ban for initiatives

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has donated \$40,000 to the campaign for an initiative that would ban out-of-state fundraising for ballot questions.

The contribution from Daugaard's campaign account was the largest donation that Protect our Ballot SD received in 2017.

House Speaker Mark Mickelson's initiative would prohibit contributions to ballot question committees from nonresidents, out-of-state political committees and entities that haven't filed with the Secretary of State's office for the preceding four years.

A year-end state campaign finance report filed this week shows Protect our Ballot SD raised roughly \$58,500 in 2017. The group spent about \$46,000.

Mickelson's state House campaign donated \$10,000 to the cause, his company gave slightly more than \$7,100 and he contributed about \$1,300.

The Secretary of State's office has cleared the measure to appear on the November ballot.

## 1 in custody in shooting near Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — One person is in custody for a shooting that left two people critically wounded near Pine Ridge.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety says both victims were stabilized at Pine Ridge Indian Health Service Hospital Thursday before being flown to Rapid City Regional Hospital.

KELO-TV reports a suspect is in custody at the tribe's adult offenders facility.

Authorities say all three are from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The incident is under investigation by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the FBI.

## Man caught with 17,000 child porn photos, videos sentenced

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man caught with more than 17,000 photos and videos of child pornography has been sentenced to nine years in federal prison.

Thirty-seven-year-old Scott Dyson was indicted in October 2016 and pleaded guilty last September.

U.S. Attorney Ron Parsons says Dyson was recently sentenced to the prison time and ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution. He'll be on supervised release for six years following his time behind bars.

## Wozniacki beats Halep to win 1st major at Australian Open

By JOHN PYE, AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — It took Caroline Wozniacki 43 majors and two failed attempts in finals before finally claiming her first Grand Slam singles title.

One of the first things she did as a champion was apologize to top-seeded Simona Halep following her 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-4 win in the Australian Open final on Saturday night.

Wozniacki, 7 1/2 years after appearing in her first Grand Slam final at the 2009 U.S. Open, can remove the "but never won a major" footnote that has long been associated with her career.

"I'm sorry I'm just taking a second to hug Daphne," she said of the trophy for the women's singles champion. "I dreamt of this moment so many years, to be here now it's a dream come true."

She'll also regain the top ranking for the first time in six years, a record between stints at No. 1 in the Open era, in another benefit of beating the top-seeded Halep.

Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" played over the stadium speakers as the 27-year-old Danish player carried the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup around Rod Laver Arena.

Wozniacki lost two U.S. Open finals — in 2009 and 2014 — and Halep lost two French Open finals before their meeting at Melbourne Park.

It was the first time in the Open era that players ranked No. 1 and 2 were meeting in a major final without either having won a Grand Slam title.

So the pressure was on.

It was the first time in the Open era that both Australian Open finalists had saved match points before reaching the final, so in some ways the pressure was off. In Halep's case, she was the first time a player to have saved match points in multiple matches to reach the final.

"I know that today is a tough day," Wozniacki said to Halep. "I'm sorry I had to win today but I'm sure we'll have many matches in the future. Incredible match, incredible fight. And again, I'm sorry."

Halep, who was playing with an injured left ankle and had rallied from a break down in the third set to lead 4-3 when Wozniacki took a medical time out to have her left knee taped, just ran out of steam.

"It's not easy to talk now, she played amazing," Halep said. "It's been a great tournament for me. I started not very well with the ankle injury. I just wanted to give my best every match, which I did. Of course I'm sad I couldn't win today but Caroline was better than me.

"Sad that I couldn't make it the third time, maybe the fourth time will be with luck."

Wozniacki is the third first-time major winner in the last four Grand Slam tournaments.

## Officials say 40 killed, 140 wounded in Afghan car bombing

By RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomber killed at least 40 people and wounded about 140 more in an attack claimed by the Taliban on Saturday in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, authorities said. The bombing came just a week after Taliban militants killed 22 at an international hotel in the city.

The attacker used an ambulance to get through a security checkpoint, telling police he was taking a patient to a nearby hospital, said Nasrat Rahimi, deputy spokesperson for the Interior Ministry. The attacker then detonated his explosives at a second check point, Rahimi said.

The Health Ministry said 40 were killed and about 140 wounded.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which sent thick, black smoke into the sky from the site near the government's former Interior Ministry building. Also nearby are the European Union and Indian consulates.

It was the second successful Taliban attack in a week on targets in the city with high security.

Last Saturday, six Taliban militants attacked the Intercontinental Hotel, leaving 22 people dead, including 14 foreigners. Some 150 guests fled the gun battle and fire sparked by the assault by shimmying down bedsheets from the upper floors. The U.S. State Department said multiple American citizens were killed and injured in the attack.

Afghan security forces have struggled to fight the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO formally ended their combat mission in 2014.

President Donald Trump has pursued a plan that involves sending thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan and envisions shifting away from a "time-based" approach to one that more explicitly links U.S. assistance to concrete results from the Afghan government. Trump's U.N. envoy, Nikki Haley, said after a recent visit to Afghanistan that Trump's policy was working and that peace talks between the government and the Taliban are closer than ever before.

On Dec. 28 a suicide bomber and other explosions at a Shiite cultural center in Kabul killed at least 41 people in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group that may have been aimed at a pro-Iran news outlet based in the building.

On Wednesday, IS militants stormed the offices of Save the Children in eastern Afghanistan killing four and triggering a standoff with police that lasted almost 10 hours. The Islamic State group was involved in at least 10 fatal attacks in Afghanistan last year.

## Michigan St AD retires; Dantonio defends himself

By DAVID EGGERT and LARRY LAGE, Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State University's athletic director retired two days after the university president resigned over the school's handling of sexual abuse allegations against its disgraced former sports doctor, Larry Nassar.

Mark Hollis, who had been in the job for 10 years, disclosed the move Friday during a meeting with a small group of reporters on campus. He was asked why he would not stay on.

"Because I care," Hollis said, holding back tears. "When you look at the scope of everything, that's the reason I made a choice to retire now. And I hope that has a little bit, a little bit, of helping that healing process."

Hours later, the university named its vice president to serve as acting president after the departure of President Lou Anna Simon. Bill Beekman is expected to serve briefly in the role until the board of trustees can hire an interim president and then a permanent leader.

Also Friday, USA Gymnastics confirmed that its entire board of directors would resign as requested by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC had threatened to decertify the organization, which besides picking U.S. national teams is the umbrella organization for hundreds of clubs across the country.

Some of the nation's top gymnasts, including Olympians Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney, Simone Biles and Jordyn Wieber, said they were among Nassar's victims.

At the university board's meeting, Chairman Brian Breslin said it was "clear that MSU has not been focused enough on the victims." The trustees, he said, want to resume discussions with those who have sued the school to "reach a fair and just conclusion." Talks broke down last year.

The board plans to ask an independent third party to review health and safety at the school, and it wants state Attorney General Bill Schuette to consider appointing a neutral investigator to conduct an inquiry of the Nassar matter "to promote bipartisan acceptance of the results." Schuette, who is running for governor, will further detail his probe in a news conference Saturday.

Trustee Brian Mosallam addressed his remarks toward the victims: "I am so truly sorry. We failed you."

Beekman is vice president and secretary of the board. He began working at the university in 1995 and previously led the MSU Alumni Association. He has an undergraduate degree from MSU.

"I think our culture here at Michigan State clearly needs to improve," he said. "We need to be able to make everybody that comes on our campus feel safe."

Simon submitted her resignation Wednesday after Nassar, a former Michigan State employee, was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison for molesting young girls and women under the guise of medical treatment.

Several of the 150-plus victims who spoke at his sentencing hearing were former athletes at the school, and many victims accused the university of mishandling past complaints about Nassar.

"I don't believe that I've ever met him," Hollis said of Nassar. He insisted he did not know about complaints of abuse until an Indianapolis Star report in 2016.

Gov. Rick Snyder said Friday he is mulling an inquiry into the university, depending on whether it would interfere with other investigations such as the attorney general's. Under the state constitution, the governor can remove or suspend public officers for "gross neglect of duty," corruption or "other misfeasance or malfeasance."

"The governor hasn't seen enough done for the survivors after everything they've gone through," spokeswoman Anna Heaton said. "He wants to make sure that something is being done."

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos confirmed Friday that her agency is also investigating the Nassar scandal. She said in a statement that what happened at the school is "abhorrent" and "cannot happen ever again — there or anywhere."

The Education Department was already reviewing separate complaints about the school's compliance with Title IX, the law that requires public schools to offer equal opportunities to both genders, and compliance with requirements about providing campus crime and security information.

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The board expressed support for Simon before her resignation, but she faced pressure from many students, faculty and legislators. While there has been no evidence that Simon or Hollis knew of Nassar's sexual abuse, some of the women and girls who accused him said they complained to university employees as far back as the late 1990s.

Board members, who are elected in statewide votes, have also come under intense scrutiny. Two announced they will not seek re-election. Another, Joel Ferguson, apologized at the meeting for conducting an interview in which he said there was more going on at Michigan State than "this Nassar thing."

The university faces lawsuits from more than 130 victims. Ferguson previously had said victims were ambulance chasers seeking a payday. The school resisted calls for an independent investigation before asking Schuette for a review a week ago.

Dozens of Michigan State students gathered Friday evening on campus to protest the school's handling of the Nassar allegations. Some were expected to march to the Breslin Center where the men's basketball team was hosting Wisconsin Friday night.

Organizers called for students attending the game to wear teal-colored T-shirts in the "Izzone," a vocal student cheering section named after head basketball coach Tom Izzo.

In a recent filing, Michigan State asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuits on technical grounds. The school says it has immunity under state law and that the majority of victims were not MSU students at the time of the alleged assaults.

"These arguments can seem disrespectful" to victims, but a defense is required by Michigan State's insurers, Simon wrote last week in a campus-wide email. She added, "We have the utmost respect and sympathy" for victims.

The board last month authorized the creation of a \$10 million fund to offer victims counseling and mental health services.

A Title IX probe conducted by the university cleared Nassar of sexual assault allegations in 2014. He was advised by the school to avoid being alone with patients while treating their "sensitive areas," but the school did not follow up on and enforce its request.

At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the investigation ended, according to a university police report that was provided to the FBI for review by the U.S. attorney.

Hollis said he did not know about the 2014 investigation and has told as much to the FBI and campus police.

Former Michigan State rower Cate Hannum, who was treated by Nassar and wrote an open letter criticizing Simon's handling of the case almost a year ago, said Hollis would not be retiring if he had "approached the situation with integrity from the very beginning instead of adopting a not-my-problem attitude."

Now it doesn't matter what Hollis did for MSU athletics, she said, "because he will be remembered for egregiously failing his female athletes."

Hannum reached out to Nike about the apparel company's partnership with Michigan State. Nike replied with a letter and a phone call to Hannum, who said she's pleased with the response.

"We stand in support of athletes and we've expressed our deep concerns with Michigan State University," the letter said. "We are following the details of the rapidly developing events at the university and evolving actions by the Board of Trustees."

A message seeking comment was left with Nike earlier this week by The Associated Press.

Before the Spartans basketball game Friday night, football coach Mark Dantonio briefly addressed reporters in response to an ESPN report detailing various allegations involving Michigan State football and basketball players.

"I'm here tonight to say that any accusations of my handling of any complaints of sexual assault individually are completely false," Dantonio said. "Every incident reported in that article was documented by either police or the Michigan State Title IX office. I've always worked with the proper authorities when dealing with the cases of sexual assault."

The fallout also includes former Michigan State basketball player Travis Walton, put on administrative leave by the Los Angeles Clippers, who employ him as an assistant coach with their G League team. Walton

had assault and battery charges dismissed and was named in a sexual assault report in 2010, according to ESPN, citing a police report and university document. Hollis said he would conduct his own investigation about sexual assault allegations against Walton, a former Michigan State sexual assault counselor told ESPN.

## Fleetwood Mac helps raise \$7 million for charity

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rock 'n' roll's dysfunctional family, Fleetwood Mac, joined with artists paying tribute to their work to raise \$7 million for down-on-their luck musicians at a benefit in Radio City Music Hall on Friday.

The annual MusiCares fundraiser, held each year just before the Grammys, like the awards show was in New York for the first time in 15 years. Fleetwood Mac, made whole again recently when Christine McVie rejoined after a 15-year hiatus, have mellowed and grown more appreciative of their career since their drug-taking, partner-swapping heyday.

"Not very far below the level of dysfunction is what really exists and what we're feeling now more than ever in our career, which is love," said member Lindsey Buckingham.

The band capped the benefit with a five-song mini-set, including the sprawling, experimental "Tusk" and Buckingham's classic kiss-off, "Go Your Own Way." Before that, they listened to artists like Lorde, HAIM, OneRepublic and Miley Cyrus perform their songs.

Former President Bill Clinton was on hand, joined by wife Hillary in the audience, to honor the band whose song "Don't Stop" was the theme for Clinton's 1992 campaign. He said the song was played for him more than "Hail to the Chief."

"I owe them more than any of you do, and I wouldn't miss this for the world," he said.

Clinton and Fleetwood Mac have something else in common: They've both won two Grammys in their careers; Clinton's was for spoken-word recordings.

Stevie Nicks barely held back tears in recalling the 2017 MusiCares honoree, Tom Petty, who died last fall. Petty's daughter Adria was Fleetwood Mac's guest on Friday. Nicks said she knew Petty was ill last year and should have cancelled the concert tour that ended a week before his death.

"My heart will never get over this," she said.

Nicks said she was turning 70 in a few months and marveled that Fleetwood Mac now has several generations of fans. "We have 90-year-old fans," she said. "They're still out there. They just can't make it to our shows."

As the voluble Nicks went on, McVie and drummer Mick Fleetwood danced a waltz behind her. "I should have been a teacher, don't you think?" Nicks said.

She said the band took particular pleasure in hearing younger artists interpret their work, since it brought her back to the time she wrote the words. It was special, too, she noted, since Fleetwood Mac's songs haven't been covered that much.

Lorde was a show-stopper, stalking the stage and tossing her jacket aside as she sang Nicks' "Silver Spring." Other women — the three sisters in HAIM ("Gypsy") and a sparkly-suited Cyrus ("Landslide") also tackled Nicks' compositions.

The Latin artist Juanes stuck with English for his cover of "Hold Me." Alison Krauss, joined by Jerry Douglas on dobro, did a slow and affecting take on McVie's "Songbird." Keith Urban had an energetic take on Buckingham's "Second Hand News."

Jared Leto, dressed all in white and backed by a choir, sang "Never Going Back Again" and remarked how his mother would constantly play the classic Mac album "Rumours" as he was growing up.

"I just want to say thank you to Fleetwood Mac for the inspiration, for the music, for changing my life and changing the lives of so many people here," Leto said.



## Ex-colleagues call new US attorney in Manhattan apolitical

By LARRY NEUMEISTER, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The new, top federal prosecutor in Manhattan is a Republican, a former law partner of Rudy Giuliani and was reportedly interviewed personally by President Donald Trump before getting the job.

But people who know Geoffrey Berman say he will keep politics out of a prosecutor's office that has long prided itself on independence from Washington.

"He's not about politics. He's about doing the right thing and the law," said Mary Jo White, who led the office from 1993 to 2002 and was later chairwoman of the Securities and Exchange Commission under Democratic President Barack Obama.

Berman, 58, was appointed Jan. 3 as the interim U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, a post that gives him oversight of more than 220 federal prosecutors who often take the lead battling wrongdoing on Wall Street and international terrorism. He had served in the office once before as an assistant U.S. attorney from 1990 to 1994.

For now, his status in the job is unsettled. The president hasn't formally submitted his name to the Senate for confirmation for the permanent position. Partisans are on high alert for even a whiff of anything politically suspicious for the leader of an office whose territory includes Trump Tower in Manhattan.

At least one Democrat, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, has threatened to block any nomination because of reports that the Republican president personally interviewed Berman and other U.S. attorney candidates last year.

"Reports that President Trump took the unusual step of personally interviewing Berman are deeply disturbing considering the conflicts of interest inherent by his potential jurisdiction on matters that could affect the president personally," her office said in a statement. "If this meeting took place it is disqualifying."

Prior to his inauguration Trump also had met with his predecessor, former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, who thought he'd won assurances he'd be kept in the job only to be swept aside in a purge of all prosecutors appointed by Obama, a Democrat.

Several former prosecutors who worked with Berman said he had an apolitical nature.

White said she remembered him as "one of the stars" of the office and someone who would always "stay on the high road and try to do the right thing and be very independent."

Lorin Reisner, who was chief of the criminal division under Bharara and is now in private practice, said Berman "really cares about the history and the heritage of the office," long nicknamed the "Sovereign District of New York" for its independence from Washington.

"Knowing Geoff the way I know Geoff, I have no question about this independence and his commitment to carry out his responsibilities apolitically and completely on the merits," he said.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Berman studied at the University of Pennsylvania and got his law degree at Stanford before becoming a clerk to Judge Leonard I. Garth in the 3rd U.S. District Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

From 1987 to 1990 he worked for the independent counsel who investigated the administration of President Ronald Reagan in the Iran-Contra affair.

William Treanor, Dean of Georgetown Law School and the associate counsel for the Iran-Contra probe, said he was impressed by the rare Republican working on the investigation.

"Geoff is very low key. He doesn't take himself too seriously but he takes his work seriously," Treanor said. "He's not a: 'Look at me! Look at me!' type of person."

Treanor said Berman was "somebody very committed to getting the law right and deciding on questions of what's legal and illegal in a fair and apolitical way."

Berman left the U.S. attorney's office in 1994 after winning guilty pleas from a group of hackers who became known as the Masters of Deception. The prosecution led one publication, "2600: The Hacker Quarterly" to feature a cover picture that included a rag doll named "BERMAN," a dagger in his chest.

Since leaving the prosecutor's office, Berman has worked at Greenberg Traurig, the same firm that employs Giuliani, the former Republican mayor of New York City who advised Trump during his presidential

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campaign.

Berman declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

Colleagues say Berman won't be a peacock in a prosecutor's office that has had more than its share of big personalities and media darlings during the last few decades, including Giuliani, Bharara and ex-FBI head James Comey.

"He's not what you would call flamboyant," said Bob Fiske, another former Manhattan U.S. attorney. "But I think he'll be a good leader."

Berman's approach to his work also wins praise from Rich Appel, who was sworn in as an assistant U.S. attorney the same day as Berman only to give up law three years later to write for "The Simpsons" TV show.

Appel, whose extensive TV credits include executive producer on "Family Guy," identifies himself as a progressive Democrat and doubts he'd often vote the same as Berman. But he called him a great choice for the job.

"Here's someone who was completely in charge. There's like seven left arms and nine right arms in an investigation and you have to keep track of them all, and Geoff did," Appel said. "One of the only times I recall him leaving the office early was to go to a mixer. And I think it was the mixer where he met his wife. Wasn't a lot of wasted time. Even with that, he was efficient."

Associated Press Writer Tom Hays contributed to this report.

## Minnesota mood: Bummed about Vikings, but Super Bowl ready

By DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Many of the feelings in Minnesota this week were a little colder and darker than the usual wintry conditions, even with Super Bowl 52 coming closer into view.

The Vikings fell one win short of landing on the NFL's biggest stage, leaving the local mood a bit less festive than the hysteria that would've enveloped an unprecedented appearance by the home team in the big game.

The Philadelphia Eagles will be here seeking their first Lombardi Trophy instead, trying to deny the New England Patriots a sixth Super Bowl title that would match the most of all time.

"It's going to be hard to watch them come play in our stadium next week," Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph said after the 38-7 loss to the Eagles in the NFC championship game.

This is Minnesota's second Super Bowl, having hosted it at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome after the 1991-92 season, but it will also likely be its last. The NFL's sporadic northern stops in the warm-weather-areas rotation are simply fulfillments of promises made to municipalities for pumping public money into new stadiums like the \$1.1 billion project that produced U.S. Bank Stadium in 2016. New Jersey had the most recent one four years ago, the only northern Super Bowl played outside to date. Indianapolis hosted two seasons before that. The Detroit area has had two.

After finishing 13-3 in the regular season and winning their divisional round playoff game on a last-play touchdown pass, now known as the Minneapolis Miracle, the Vikings were on track to be the first team to play a Super Bowl on home turf until the Eagles ruined that goal. The Atlanta Falcons are next in line to try next year.

The Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl 14 and the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl 19 played in their local market, but neither of those games were actually held in their home stadium. The Vikings came by far the closest of any team.

Maureen Bausch, the chief executive officer of Minnesota's Super Bowl host committee, was a little worried about the vibe while the Vikings were getting blown out last week. She checked the Facebook page for committee's crew of volunteers in the fourth quarter and started to smile.

"I thought, 'Oh my goodness, are we all going to be sad?'" Bausch said. "They're the most amazing group. They were already posting on there, 'You guys, this is too bad, but when we signed on, we signed on to represent Minnesota, and we are going to give the warmest possible welcome to the world no mat-

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ter who plays. I was just so moved.”

Yes, despite the disappointment in the air over the home team’s latest deflating loss on the cusp of a Super Bowl, a bitterness in some corners that was exacerbated by stories of Vikings-fan-harassing and full-beer-can-throwing rowdies in Philadelphia at the NFC championship game last weekend, this is still the place where the trite-but-true slogan “Minnesota Nice” was spawned.

“Once people are starting to let their wounds heal with the loss, in true Minnesota fashion, everybody will be friendly and welcoming,” said Jeff Hahn, the owner of Day Block Brewing Company, a restaurant and brewpub located two blocks from U.S. Bank Stadium . “We are definitely more laid back than perhaps one of the two teams coming into town, but I think everybody will find that the hospitality here is friendly and nice, and we live in a neat city. I think people will be impressed with how beautiful the city is, even if it’s cold out.”

Threats of signing up to drive for ride-sharing services so they can intentionally drop Eagles fans off in the wrong spots or cancelling Airbnb rentals to travelers from Pennsylvania have most likely been social media users blowing off steam.

The storm that dropped more than a foot of snow on the Twin Cities came the day after the NFC championship game letdown, giving the locals an immediate opportunity to change the subject. There’s enough time before kickoff and enough pride in the chance to show off on the biggest stage in sports that the public face of this Super Bowl site probably won’t be frowning by the time the Patriots, the Eagles and the rest of the celebrity, corporate and football circles descend on the area.

“Treat everyone like you would want to be treated, right?” said Kerry Rauschendorfer, a Minneapolis resident who’s one of the 10,000 volunteers on official duty during the week of the game.

He’ll be working shifts in the skyway system, tasked with helping visitors navigate the maze of more than 8 miles of enclosed footbridges that span almost every street in the downtown Minneapolis core and allow a person to spend an entire day of employment, entertainment and exercise without stepping outside. The grid includes an entrance into U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Patriots and Eagles will be staying at luxury hotels adjacent to the Mall of America, the country’s largest entertainment and retail complex that sits in Bloomington on the suburban site where the Vikings once played before moving downtown and indoors. That’s another place where visitors can have fun and relax without a parka.

Winter around here , however, doesn’t automatically mean hibernation.

The Super Bowl committee’s theme is “Bold North ” a reflection of the culture that bundles up and embraces the longest of the four seasons rather than running from it. At the NFL’s Super Bowl Live festivities along Nicollet Mall downtown, there’s a bridge for cross-country skiing, biking and tubing through 85 truckloads of snow. A few blocks away, a zip line is set up to take daredevils across a portion of the frozen Mississippi River. In the other twin city, St. Paul, there’s a 70-foot ice palace set up at its annual winter carnival.

The forecast for the weekend of the Super Bowl is predicting low temperatures around zero degrees.

“When people say something about the weather, we can’t say we didn’t warn them, right?” Bausch said. “It is cold, so enjoy it.”

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## Bumpy road: Goepper overcomes depression for 2nd Olympic run

By EDDIE PELLIS, AP National Writer

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — In the aftermath of his history-making triumph at the Sochi Olympics — the non-stop parties, the interview on Letterman, the random stops to be adored by strangers — Nick Goepper kept coming back to two questions.

What just happened?

What happens next?

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The freestyle skier had been given a good chance to win a gold medal in Sochi, but ended up with a bronze, and yet, to the outside, that barely mattered. He was part of history: The Americans swept the first-ever slopestyle contest at the Olympics and became just the third U.S. trio to accomplish that feat at the Winter Olympics.

It took the down-home kid from Indiana nearly two years to find a satisfactory answer for either of his questions — two years in which he would roam the country trying to find himself, contemplating suicide, entering a rehab facility, alienating, then winning back, the trust of friends and family, and rediscovering his passion for skiing. Through all that, Goepper also discovered that the Olympic journey was worth it, even if a bronze — or even silver or gold medal — would never, by itself, make him a happier person.

"My general takeaway from the Olympics was that of excitement, disappointment, stress," Goepper says, "and things I definitely would've done differently."

Goepper says at the end of the Olympic celebrations he found himself in "a crazy depression," with zero motivation, "just this weird, sort of nothingness." He was reeling from what could be called "Post-Olympics Depression" — a not-uncommon phenomenon for Olympians, especially those in sports that draw so little mainstream attention outside the two-week Olympic window every four years.

"He'd go sneak off to different college towns, party, meet girls. But the grass wasn't always greener," said his former coach and longtime friend, Mike Hanley. "And the whole idea of competing, skiing, training, it seemed like that had been maxed out. He felt like there was no place left for him to go in that world."

He stayed up late. Drank. Did nothing with his days, or nights. Eventually, Goepper gathered up the energy to go train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs where things felt like they were getting back on track.

The next winter, he hurt his shoulder, then hurt it again later in the summer. That was, he said, the injury "that kind of broke me mentally."

"I was in a zombie-like stage," he said. "I needed a serious change that I wasn't going to enact on my own."

So much had happened during the Olympic experience that felt strange and out of his control.

For instance, only at the Olympics does the entire concept of winning become so twisted. The late Dale Earnhardt gets credit for the classic saying: "Second place is the first loser." At the Olympics, though, second place wins a silver medal, and third place is a winner, too, in the form of a bronze.

"I was actually gutted for him and felt really bad," Hanley said. "He was actually happy that he put down the run he wanted to. He seemed content. He had a plan and did what he planned on doing. The cards didn't fall the way he wanted.

"But the issues didn't set in until the media tour started going."

It wasn't that Goepper disliked the attention — the selfie-takers, autograph seekers and all the rest of the love. It was more that it felt so strange to be worshipped because of his prowess on the ski hill. Hanley tells of a time, shortly after the games, when they got off a ski lift in Vermont, and Goepper was recognized by a gaggle of fans, one of whom told him, "Thank you for everything you've done for our country."

"It's nice and he was very grateful, but what do you say to that? 'You're welcome?' He's a skier," Hanley said.

And while all the skiers — or make that all besides Goepper and fellow medalists Gus Kenworthy and Joss Christensen — were going back to skiing after the Olympics, Goepper was learning what fame was like.

"A whirlwind experience that I really wasn't ready for," Goepper called it.

Nor was he ready for what would happen when it was over.

His mother, Linda, said in an X Games interview that she knew there was trouble when Nick called her and said he was going to down a bottle of vodka at Lambs Canyon in Utah, which is where freestyler skier Speedy Peterson had taken his own life in 2011.

Eventually, Goepper's parents talked him in to going to a rehab center in Texas. After a few weeks of going through the motions at the center, something clicked.

He started having conversations, reading more, writing a journal, taking more control of his life and think-

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ing more about throwing himself back into skiing for not only this Olympic cycle, but the next one, as well. He was introduced to Jonny Moseley, the cutting edge, party-hearty freestyle skier of the 1990s, and was surprised with what he learned.

"Johnny told Nick he didn't drink when he was in his prime," Hanley said. "He told him when you put in the leg work on the front end, it's a lot more fun to take advantage of it all on the back end. That made a big impression on Nick."

Goepper is rocking it in the leadup to the 2018 Olympics. In Korea, he'll be favored to win some color medal again. If he does, he knows he'll do things differently this time, though he's not sure where the journey will take him. And maybe the point of the whole journey is that he doesn't have to know.

"I think Nick's probably in the best spot he's been in since he was 15," Hanley said. "I think he's finally to a point where he's fine just saying, 'I'm Nick Goepper and I like to ski.'"

## Trump plan would sharply change legal immigration

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI, Associated Press**

President Donald Trump's new immigration plan is stirring up controversy with its proposals on legal immigration. Much of the public debate to this point has been about young immigrants brought to this country as children illegally.

But the plan's potential impact on legal immigration has sparked fierce Democratic opposition and appears it may sink chances for a bipartisan deal in Congress.

The proposal outlined Thursday by the White House would end much family-based immigration and the visa lottery program, moves that some experts estimate could cut legal immigration into the United States nearly in half.

The plan would also protect some 700,000 young immigrants from deportation and provide a pathway to citizenship, a top Democratic goal.

## What if Trump did try to fire Mueller? Why does it matter?

By **TOM LOBIANCO, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump pushed back against reports that he ordered White House lawyer Don McGahn to fire special counsel Robert Mueller last June.

"Fake news, folks. Fake news. Typical New York Times fake stories," Trump retorted dismissively when asked about it by reporters at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The reports, first by the Times and then others, said Trump backed off on his attempt to fire the man who is investigating him, his election campaign's Russian contacts and his firings of FBI Director James Comey and national security adviser Michael Flynn — but only after lawyer McGahn refused to relay his directive to the Justice Department and threatened to quit if Trump pressed the issue.

In Washington, Mueller's team was still on the job Friday, investigating the president and his 2016 election campaign.

So. ...

### WHAT IF THE ALLEGATION IS TRUE?

After the news came out Thursday night, Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia quickly accused Trump of crossing "a red line" that should be met forcibly by lawmakers to protect the Constitution. Warner is the ranking Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee. But Republicans were quick to dismiss the report, pointing out that Mueller had not actually been fired.

Some legal experts noted that presidents, like anyone else, can say things they don't mean when angry. At the same time, others saw the alleged Trump order as part of a pattern of obstruction that could be pressed by Mueller, disrupting or even dooming Trump's presidency.

### WOULD SUCH A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER BE ILLEGAL?

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Jacob Frenkel, a defense lawyer and former prosecutor, said defense lawyers would argue that the conversation with McGahn "was an expression of frustration and irritation, not an intended personnel action."

A statement alone, without follow-up action, can be subject to different explanations and allow for reasonable doubt as to the intent, he indicated.

"It may not be the conclusion that people want to reach, but sitting back and looking at it objectively, the fact that there was no firing means there was no obstruction," Frenkel said.

Andrew Leipold, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law, concurred.

"People say all sorts of things that they're going to do, and then they calm down and they think better of it and they get talked out of it," he said. "Some of this may just be no more than the president — as all presidents have done — racing their engines about things."

That said, this latest revelation isn't the only example of presidential action that could be seen as an attempt to interfere with an investigation of Trump and his campaign. Another is the firing of Comey as FBI director last May. Mueller was appointed special counsel by Rod Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general, after Attorney General Jeff Sessions stepped aside because of his own close involvement with the Trump campaign.

"It is easy to see where this would be an element or component to consider as part of an obstruction mosaic," Frenkel said.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MUELLER'S INVESTIGATION?

It could have no bearing on the investigation at all.

Or it could be part of an obstruction case against Trump or others.

But that raises a perennial constitutional question: Can the president be charged in criminal court? Some in the legal field say yes. More say no, the only recourse is impeachment by Congress.

Meanwhile, despite the sensational nature of the Times report, there is likely little that Mueller doesn't already know about events in the White House. More than 20 White House employees have given interviews to the special counsel's team investigating possible obstruction and Trump campaign ties to Russian election interference.

John Dowd, one of Trump's attorneys, said the White House, in what he called an "unprecedented" display of cooperation with Mueller's investigation, has turned over more than 20,000 pages of records. The president's 2016 campaign has turned over more than 1.4 million pages.

The number of voluntary interviews includes eight people from the White House counsel's office.

An additional 28 people affiliated with the Trump campaign have been interviewed by either the special counsel or congressional committees probing Russian election meddling. Dowd did not name the people nor provide a breakdown of how many were interviewed only by Mueller's team.

## LEGAL JEOPARDY ASIDE, WHAT ABOUT POLITICAL FALLOUT?

Trump's national approval numbers are low, but his conservative base has kept up its solid support through all the criticism he has come under in his first year as president. Why would this be any different?

In Congress, Democrats have been quick to exploit the report. Warner called Trump's actions "a gross abuse of power." However, Republicans noted that the purported order came long ago and before Trump surrounded himself with new lawyers. Since then, his public demeanor toward Mueller has changed.

Nonetheless, Senate Republicans were worried last summer, and GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham and Thom Tillis introduced legislation that would protect the special counsel. But that hasn't gone anywhere.

Trump has softened his public criticism of Mueller, White House officials say over and over that he has nothing to hide, and his lawyers have signaled they are cooperating, too.

Tillis spokesman Daniel Keylin says that since the legislation was introduced, "the chatter that the administration is considering removing special counsel Mueller has completely come to a halt."

## WHAT NOW?

Mueller's investigators hope to interview Trump soon.

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This week, the president declared he was eager to do it — and under oath.

"I'm looking forward to it, actually," Trump said when asked by reporters. As for timing, he said, "I guess they're talking about two or three weeks, but I'd love to do it."

His lawyers walked that back a bit. No interview has been agreed to, all sides agreed.

The story of Trump's alleged effort to sack Mueller added just one more question.

AP writers Chad Day, Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick contributed to this report.

## Michigan St athletic director retires over Nassar sex abuse

By DAVID EGGERT and LARRY LAGE, Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State University's athletic director retired Friday, two days after the university president resigned over the school's handling of sexual abuse allegations against its disgraced former sports doctor, Larry Nassar.

Mark Hollis, who had been in the job for 10 years, disclosed the move during a meeting with a small group of reporters on campus. He was asked why he would not stay on.

"Because I care," Hollis said, holding back tears. "When you look at the scope of everything, that's the reason I made a choice to retire now. And I hope that has a little bit, a little bit, of helping that healing process."

Hours later, the university named its vice president to serve as acting president after the departure of President Lou Anna Simon. Bill Beekman is expected to serve briefly in the role until the board of trustees can hire an interim president and then a permanent leader.

Also Friday, USA Gymnastics confirmed that its entire board of directors would resign as requested by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC had threatened to decertify the organization, which besides picking U.S. national teams is the umbrella organization for hundreds of clubs across the country.

Some of the nation's top gymnasts, including Olympians Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney, Simone Biles and Jordyn Wieber, said they were among Nassar's victims.

At the university board's meeting, Chairman Brian Breslin said it was "clear that MSU has not been focused enough on the victims." The trustees, he said, want to resume discussions with those who have sued the school to "reach a fair and just conclusion." Talks broke down last year.

The board plans to ask an independent third party to review health and safety at the school, and it wants state Attorney General Bill Schuette to consider appointing a neutral investigator to conduct an inquiry of the Nassar matter "to promote bipartisan acceptance of the results." Schuette, who is running for governor, will further detail his probe in a news conference Saturday.

Trustee Brian Mosallam addressed his remarks toward the victims: "I am so truly sorry. We failed you."

Beekman is vice president and secretary of the board. He began working at the university in 1995 and previously led the MSU Alumni Association. He has an undergraduate degree from MSU.

"I think our culture here at Michigan State clearly needs to improve," he said. "We need to be able to make everybody that comes on our campus feel safe."

Simon submitted her resignation Wednesday after Nassar, a former Michigan State employee, was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison for molesting young girls and women under the guise of medical treatment.

Several of the 150-plus victims who spoke at his sentencing hearing were former athletes at the school, and many victims accused the university of mishandling past complaints about Nassar.

"I don't believe that I've ever met him," Hollis said of Nassar. He insisted he did not know about complaints of abuse until an Indianapolis Star report in 2016.

Gov. Rick Snyder said Friday he is mulling an inquiry into the university, depending on whether it would interfere with other investigations such as the attorney general's. Under the state constitution, the governor can remove or suspend public officers for "gross neglect of duty," corruption or "other misfeasance or malfeasance."

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"The governor hasn't seen enough done for the survivors after everything they've gone through," spokeswoman Anna Heaton said. "He wants to make sure that something is being done."

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos confirmed Friday that her agency is also investigating the Nassar scandal. She said in a statement that what happened at the school is "abhorrent" and "cannot happen ever again — there or anywhere."

The Education Department was already reviewing separate complaints about the school's compliance with Title IX, the law that requires public schools to offer equal opportunities to both genders, and compliance with requirements about providing campus crime and security information.

The board expressed support for Simon before her resignation, but she faced pressure from many students, faculty and legislators. While there has been no evidence that Simon or Hollis knew of Nassar's sexual abuse, some of the women and girls who accused him said they complained to university employees as far back as the late 1990s.

Board members, who are elected in statewide votes, have also come under intense scrutiny. Two announced they will not seek re-election. Another, Joel Ferguson, apologized at the meeting for conducting an interview in which he said there was more going on at Michigan State than "this Nassar thing."

The university faces lawsuits from more than 130 victims. Ferguson previously had said victims were ambulance chasers seeking a payday. The school resisted calls for an independent investigation before asking Schuette for a review a week ago.

Dozens of Michigan State students gathered Friday evening on campus to protest the school's handling of the Nassar allegations. Some were expected to march to the Breslin Center where the men's basketball team was hosting Wisconsin Friday night.

Organizers called for students attending the game to wear teal-colored T-shirts in the "Izzone," a vocal student cheering section named after head basketball coach Tom Izzo.

In a recent filing, Michigan State asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuits on technical grounds. The school says it has immunity under state law and that the majority of victims were not MSU students at the time of the alleged assaults.

"These arguments can seem disrespectful" to victims, but a defense is required by Michigan State's insurers, Simon wrote last week in a campus-wide email. She added, "We have the utmost respect and sympathy" for victims.

The board last month authorized the creation of a \$10 million fund to offer victims counseling and mental health services.

A Title IX probe conducted by the university cleared Nassar of sexual assault allegations in 2014. He was advised by the school to avoid being alone with patients while treating their "sensitive areas," but the school did not follow up on and enforce its request.

At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the investigation ended, according to a university police report that was provided to the FBI for review by the U.S. attorney.

Hollis said he did not know about the 2014 investigation and has told as much to the FBI and campus police.

Former Michigan State rower Cate Hannum, who was treated by Nassar and wrote an open letter criticizing Simon's handling of the case almost a year ago, said Hollis would not be retiring if he had "approached the situation with integrity from the very beginning instead of adopting a not-my-problem attitude."

Now it doesn't matter what Hollis did for MSU athletics, she said, "because he will be remembered for egregiously failing his female athletes."

Hannum reached out to Nike about the apparel company's partnership with Michigan State. Nike replied with a letter and a phone call to Hannum, who said she's pleased with the response.

"We stand in support of athletes and we've expressed our deep concerns with Michigan State University," the letter said. "We are following the details of the rapidly developing events at the university and evolving actions by the Board of Trustees."

A message seeking comment was left with Nike earlier this week by The Associated Press.

Before the Spartans basketball game Friday night, football coach Mark Dantonio briefly addressed re-



porters in response to an ESPN report detailing various allegations involving Michigan State football and basketball players.

"I'm here tonight to say that any accusations of my handling of any complaints of sexual assault individually are completely false," Dantonio said. "Every incident reported in that article was documented by either police or the Michigan State Title IX office. I've always worked with the proper authorities when dealing with the cases of sexual assault."

## Secret report: Honduras' new top cop helped cartel move coke

By **CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN, MARTHA MENDOZA and GARANCE BURKE, Associated Press**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When Jose David Aguilar Moran took over as Honduras' new national police chief last week, he promised to continue reforming a law enforcement agency stained by corruption and complicity with drug cartels.

But a confidential Honduran government security report obtained by the Associated Press says Aguilar himself helped a cartel leader pull off the delivery of nearly a ton of cocaine in 2013.

The clandestine haul of more than 1,700 pounds of cocaine was packed inside a tanker truck that, the report says, was being escorted by corrupt police officers to the home of Wilter Blanco, a drug trafficker recently convicted in Florida and now serving a 20-year sentence.

Aguilar, who at the time was serving as chief of intelligence for Honduras' National Police, intervened after a police official safeguarding the drugs was busted by a lower-ranked officer who had seized the tanker, the report says. The handcuffed officer called Aguilar, who ordered that the officer and the tanker be set free, says the report which was prepared by the Honduran Security Ministry's Inspector General.

The U.S. street value of the cocaine involved could have topped \$20 million.

The incident raises questions about Honduras' much-touted purge of corrupt police and the reliability of the administration of President Juan Orlando Hernandez, a key U.S. ally in the war on drugs.

On Friday, Omar Rivera, a member of the special commission that says it has purged more than 4,000 members of the National Police for reasons ranging from corruption to restructuring and voluntary retirement, held a press conference alongside a spokesman for the National Police.

They said the National Police did not have a document that corresponded to the number on the AP's report, something police spokesman Jair Meza had told the AP on Jan. 15.

Government authorities have often had difficulties in recent years locating information in police archives. Members of the government commission, including Rivera, have said publicly since it started its work in 2016 that the Security Ministry archives were in disarray and that some police officers assigned to the archives have worked to disappear files or wipe them clean of incriminating details.

Rivera said the commission would again look at Aguilar, his deputy and the new police inspector general. "Starting today they will be subjected to a rigorous re-evaluation process to show their suitability for the positions they hold," he said.

As Hernandez swore in his new police chief, local media reported that he said Aguilar was chosen "with the utmost confidence" and would lead "a National Police that becomes a role model for the region."

"We are in a process of transforming the National Police, with a huge investment of financial resources," the president said.

Aguilar, 54, vowed to instruct his officers "to follow the law and make sure the law is followed," said local reports.

Asked about the incident, the Honduran government issued a lengthy statement saying that the investigative report is fake and doesn't correspond to any "official communication from the Honduras Police." The AP has not shared the document with the government due to security concerns but described its contents.

The statement also said the allegations against the police high command "lack veracity" and demanded that the news media verify information before creating "false scoops" that damage the institution and its employees.

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But an ex-member of the National Police with knowledge of the investigation confirmed officials found that top officers conspired to cover up the incident, and that the handcuffed officer was later put on leave. Three other current and former high-ranking Honduran police officials confirmed elements of the report. All four spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of violent reprisals.

In addition to the report, the AP confirmed the story using other internal memos and a page from Aguilar's personnel file summarizing his alleged participation.

Aguilar did not respond to requests from AP for comment. In public remarks Jan. 15, he said he would work to strengthen cooperation among his nation's police and judicial agencies and make sure that officers serving under him would act with "respect for human rights."

The inspector general's office began its inquiry in early 2014, just as the United States was ramping up funding for collaborative anti-drug trafficking efforts in the region. The inspector general's report blames Aguilar and other commanders for failing to discipline the officers involved and for failing to turn over the investigation to prosecutors and U.S. authorities.

The report alleges that Aguilar and other police officials sat on the case at Blanco's request and never sent it to prosecutors or the American Embassy, "with the end goal of letting the case expire."

Former and current U.S. law enforcement officers and a U.S. prosecutor reviewed the document for AP and said it appeared genuine.

Honduras has been an ally of the United States for decades. The strategically positioned Soto Cano Air Base near Honduras' capital, Tegucigalpa, served as a center for U.S. efforts to beat back pro-communist movements in Central America in the 1980s, and continues to support regional anti-drug efforts and host a U.S. military presence of about 600 troops.

U.S. aid to Honduras has grown since 2014, when the Obama administration determined that it was in U.S. interests to improve security and strengthen governance in Central America. Since then, Congress has appropriated more than \$300 million for Honduras, according to a recent report by the Congressional Research Service.

Honduras, with a population of more than 9 million, is one of the poorest and most violent countries in Latin America. Much of the country is controlled by criminal gangs. It has endured widespread human rights abuses and impunity at the hands of the police and military for more than a decade. Critics argue that reform efforts backed by the U.S. and the Organization of American States have been ineffective. And in recent weeks, security forces have shot and killed demonstrators protesting a disputed presidential election that handed Hernandez a second term.

U.S. President Donald Trump recognized Hernandez's re-election last month, and certified the country's progress in protecting human rights and attacking corruption, clearing the way for Honduras to receive millions of dollars in U.S. funds. The U.S. Senate appropriations committee, however, has put a hold on some of that money.

"There is so much illegal drug money to be made and it is so easy to get away with it, especially if you are in the police force," U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) said earlier this month in reaction to Aguilar's appointment. "Much more needs to be known about him given the history of the Honduran police and its connections to organized crime, before there can be confidence that he has the integrity to lead that institution."

Aguilar, a 29-year police veteran, worked his way up, serving as a regional chief along the Caribbean coast and other regions and heading up a national inter-agency security force. At one point he led a police directorate overseeing planning and "continuous improvement." Earlier this month, Omar Rivera, a member of the government commission responsible for purging corrupt cops, told La Prensa newspaper that Aguilar was a strong candidate because of his "merits and good performance." But a page of Aguilar's personnel file, obtained by the AP, includes a disciplinary record summarizing his participation in the 2013 incident, alleging complicity with organized crime and drug traffickers. There's no indication any action was taken regarding the allegations against him.

The other key player in the inspector general's report, Blanco, got into drug running as a fisherman, smuggling boat loads of cocaine from one coastal community to another, according to records in the U.S.

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criminal case against him.

The trafficking grew as Blanco and his armed guards collected shipments of Colombian cocaine on the Honduran shore and took it to his property before it was moved north through Guatemala and Mexico into the U.S., according to a U.S. criminal complaint. When Blanco knew the DEA was onto him, the complaint said, he tried to negotiate a surrender, communicating on text messages that included, as his profile picture on his BlackBerry, a small plane with kilos of cocaine stacked next to it.

Blanco was arrested in 2016 in Costa Rica and extradited to the U.S. He pleaded guilty to conspiring to move 4,000 pounds of cocaine from Colombia to Honduras during a two-month period. It was widely reported in Honduras that Blanco's arrest had sparked investigations of dozens of police and other political and criminal justice officials, but nothing about any corruption probes relating to Blanco has been publicly revealed. His attorney Victor Rocha told AP that in repeated discussions his client never mentioned police collaborating with his drug smuggling operations.

"If Mr. Blanco-Ruiz is deported to his home nation, he may well be murdered shortly thereafter in retaliation for what the Honduran press has erroneously and recklessly alleged as his cooperation," Rocha said in court documents, using his client's formal last name.

Drug trafficking ties within Honduras' law-enforcement and political circles are well documented.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration announced last week that Honduran lawmaker Fredy Renan Najera Montoya faces drug trafficking charges in a New York federal court and the U.S. would seek his extradition. American authorities claim Najera used his influence to secure safe passage for loads of cocaine flown from Colombia to Honduras and then on to the U.S.

High-ranking Honduran police officials have been accused of ordering assassinations, trafficking cocaine and leading criminal gangs. At least six former National Police officers now face U.S. criminal charges in a federal court in New York and the DEA says their investigations into Honduras police corruption are still active. The U.S. Embassy in Honduras declined to comment.

The inspector general's report detailing the investigation into the tanker full of cocaine explains how Blanco held sway over police.

Sources in the La Ceiba police headquarters said that before and after the tanker incident, the regional police chief Jose Rolando Paz Murillo met with Blanco in Paz's office along with other police officials. At the meetings Blanco handed out thousands of dollars in bribes to make sure police allowed airplanes stuffed with cocaine to land and then the drugs to be transported without interference, according to the investigative report.

Among those who attended such meetings, the report asserts, were Aguilar, as well as the new National Police inspector general, Orlin Javier Cerrato Cruz, and Orbin Alexis Galo Maldonado, the man recently named as Aguilar's top deputy. In a brief phone conversation Galo denied any knowledge. Cerrato could not be reached for comment.

It was the local head of the tourism police, Grebil Cecilio Giron Miranda, who intercepted the drug-laden truck flanked by 11 police officers in four vehicles, according to the report. He was on patrol with two other officers when an informant in a rival cartel called to tell him about the tanker full of cocaine, investigators said.

The report says Giron and his patrol took the tanker back to the police station and that, soon after, Paz, the regional police chief, arrived and began threatening Giron and the other arresting officers, telling them he would make sure they lost their jobs. Giron pointed his gun at Paz, forced him to the ground and handcuffed him, according to the report. As the higher-ranking cop's threats escalated, the report says, the officers allowed Paz to make a phone call. Paz called Aguilar and then passed the phone to Giron. According to the officers' statements, Aguilar told them to immediately release Paz and the tanker full of drugs.

They obeyed and the load of drugs continued on its way to Blanco's home, the report says.

The head of the National Police at the time ordered an investigation, according to the document, but it was scuttled until a new inspector general took over in early 2014. By the time the report was submitted in late February 2014, the four-month window for police leadership to take action against those involved had passed.

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All the police officers named in the report and reached by the AP said they knew nothing about the allegations. The National Police did not make any of its officers available for comment.

According to the report, Paz told the arresting officer that then police director Juan Carlos Bonilla Valadares and another top police official, Hector Ivan Mejia Velasquez, were aware of what was happening with the drugs and that they ordered his release. Bonilla told AP the documents were fake and Mejia said he didn't know anything about the case.

Paz resigned from the police after his suspension and another assignment, a former National Police official said, and currently serves as a judge in Roatan. Paz did not return messages left at the court.

Former DEA agent Gary Hale reviewed a copy of the document and said it appears genuine.

"On the face of it, it looks authentic," said Hale, now a drug policy and Mexico studies scholar at Rice University.

Opposition party politician Maria Luisa Borjas, who ran the National Police's internal affairs division during her long career on the force, said she had seen the inspector general's report and could confirm its authenticity.

"The work that the police purging commission did was of completely no use, a failure," she said. "It was more of a source of official protection for people who have been tied to drug trafficking."

Burke and Mendoza reported from San Francisco, Calif.

## Relations between Trump, global elites seem to thaw at Davos

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Snow was piled high outside, but inside the Davos summit, relations between President Donald Trump and the assembled global elites seemed to thaw.

Before Trump's debut appearance at the World Economic Forum, critics speculated that the president would function as a protectionist bull in the free-trade-loving china shop. After all, this was a former reality television star who rode a wave of nationalist angst to the White House, blew up international trade deals and inflamed allies with his coarse rhetoric.

That uncertainty was clear as Trump arrived at the modern conference center Thursday for his two-day stay in the Swiss Alps. A hush fell on the crowd of people snapping photos and then someone asked the president how he would be treated.

"You tell me," Trump shot back.

Overall, not that bad.

While there were scattered protests, some critiques and many panel discussions with Trump-wary titles — "Democracy in a Post-Truth Era" and "The Global Impact of America First" — the president's visit also brought him praise from allies, a reception in his honor and a fawning dinner with European business executives.

"I think I have 15 new friends," Trump enthused about his business dinner.

Before Trump's centerpiece speech on Friday, attendees crowded around an international buffet in an open hall, dining on curry and empanadas, before filing into the brightly lit hall.

"Now is the perfect time to bring your business, your jobs and your investments to the United States," the cheerleading president told the crowd, which seemed to regard him with a skeptical eye.

Applause was light, but the reception was generally polite.

Forum Chairman Klaus Schwab did draw some hisses in his introduction of the president when he said Trump's presidency could be subject to "misconceptions and biased interpretations."

And Trump himself got a mixed reaction during a brief question-and-answer session. When Schwab threatened to ask a personal question, Trump drew laughs by quipping: "I didn't know about that."

He also got a laugh about how he's always been the recipient of good press coverage — but that quickly turned into boos when he made a crack about the "fake" media.

Showing up for the last two days of the summit, Trump flew over spectacular mountain scenery before

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landing in Davos via helicopter. Aides held Trump's arms as he walked across the snowy landing zone to his waiting car — a wintry metaphor, perhaps, for entering the conference with caution.

It was not clear if he'd noticed a protest banner reading "Trump not welcome!" that hung on the side of a Swiss mountain.

As he moved through the conference center, political and business elites in dark suits and snow boots angled to snap his photo. Trump stopped to chat with a delegate waving a copy of "God and Donald Trump" by Stephen E. Strang. The president also waved aloft a Swiss newspaper headline declaring, "Dear Mister President Welcome to Switzerland!"

Taking time for some diplomacy along the way, Trump exuded affection in a Thursday meeting with close ally Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and earlier played nice with British Prime Minister Theresa May, batting away the idea of a strained relationship. On Friday, he worked to mend relations with a key African leader following his use of a vulgar term when referring to African nations. Rwandan President Paul Kagame said they had "good discussions" on economic and trade issues.

Trump emanated confidence as he strode from room to room in the conference center, flanked by aides. "Today has been a very exciting day," he declared to questions about how it was going.

After a reception in his honor, Trump used his dinner with business leaders to boast about the booming U.S. economy, showcasing his recent tax overhaul and deregulation efforts before soliciting comments from the group.

As he has before, Trump went around the table of CEOs, bantering with the president of Volvo about Mack Trucks, noting to a Nestle executive that he'd read candy was not their primary product and telling a Bayer executive he takes a daily aspirin.

"I should say, I only take Bayer," Trump said. "One aspirin a day. So far, it's been working. But it's a great company. So are you going to be investing in the U.S.?"

Werner Baumann responded: "Yes, we are."

Many executives praised Trump's administration and promised, like Bayer, to do more.

Still, Trump did take a few hits.

Denmark's finance minister, Kristian Jensen, tweeted that Trump's address was "rather ordinary" and added that the crowd "didn't need a sales speech" about the United States.

George Soros, the billionaire liberal philanthropist, predicted that Trump would be a "temporary phenomenon" and lose in the 2020 election if he got that far.

Of course, not that long ago in Davos, everyone predicted Trump would never win in the first place.

This week, to hear Trump tell it, not only did he come to Davos, but he also made Davos better.

Said Trump: "We have a tremendous crowd and a crowd like they've never had before."

## Howie Roseman's master plan has Eagles in Super Bowl

By **ROB MAADDI**, AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Howie Roseman wrapped his arms around Doug Pederson on the sideline in the final minute of Philadelphia's lopsided win over Minnesota in the NFC championship game and flashed a big smile.

The most criticized team executive in the city engineered a dramatic turnaround.

After finishing last in the NFC East last season, the Eagles (15-3) are in the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots (15-3).

Radio hosts, columnists, writers, fans and even bloggers are not blasting Roseman anymore because he made all the right moves to build a team that's one victory away from the franchise's first NFL title since 1960.

It's been quite a journey for Roseman, the once-exiled executive vice president of football operations.

Roseman rose from being a non-paid summer intern in 2000 to youngest general manager in the NFL at age 34 in 2010. But in January 2015, Roseman lost control of personnel decisions in a power struggle with former coach Chip Kelly.

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Owner Jeffery Lurie elevated Roseman to his current position, but gave Kelly full control on the draft, trades and all player moves.

Kelly bombed and was fired less than 12 months later. Roseman, after spending a year self-reflecting, regained control over personnel decisions. He hired Pederson to coach and Joe Douglas to be vice president of player personnel and quickly began undoing the mess Kelly created.

Roseman traded players Kelly signed to horrible contracts — DeMarco Murray and Byron Maxwell — and built enough assets to help the Eagles move from No. 13 in the draft to the second spot. With the second overall pick in 2016, the team selected Carson Wentz from North Dakota State.

Wentz is the main reason Philadelphia was in position to get to the Super Bowl. He had an MVP-caliber season before tearing his ACL in Week 14 when the Eagles secured the NFC East title.

The Eagles didn't crumble after losing their franchise player because they have a solid backup in Nick Foles. Kelly traded Foles, one season after he was offensive MVP of the Pro Bowl. Roseman brought Foles back last March, giving him an \$11 million, two-year deal to provide insurance behind Wentz.

Foles shredded the Vikings and their top-ranked defense last week.

"It's a credit to Howie and Joe to bring a guy like that in here who is very capable of getting the job done," Pederson said.

Many of the players Roseman acquired before the season made big plays in the 38-7 rout over Minnesota. He signed wide receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith, running back LeGarrette Blount and cornerback Patrick Robinson to team-friendly contracts in free agency. They combined to score Philadelphia's five touchdowns.

"He's a very, very smart guy," Lurie said. "In the role today to be in charge of football operations, it is so much more than simply what has been in the past decades with scouting. Scouting is a big part of it, but you have to manage in so many ways short-term needs, midterm needs, long-term needs."

The Eagles entered the season with modest expectations, but Wentz was spectacular and the defense was excellent. After a 7-1 start, Roseman bolstered the offense by getting running back Jay Ajayi from Miami for a fourth-round pick. Ajayi has become a valuable addition.

"We found ourselves in an interesting situation where this is Year 2 of the plan but we have a quarterback that was advancing by leaps and bounds and a team that was playing great, great defense, and an offensive line that was really good," Lurie said.

"We thought: 'Why can't we win it all?' We took an approach where we were going to do everything possible that could help our team this year, and at the same time not relinquish any options going forward. I think that was the key to the strategy. We were aggressive at the trade deadline because we thought we had a chance. Normally you wouldn't do that, but we thought we had a chance."

Other key starters Roseman acquired in trades or free agency since reclaiming his role as personnel boss: defensive tackle Tim Jernigan, cornerback Ronald Darby, safety Rodney McLeod, Pro Bowl right guard Brandon Brooks, left guard Stefen Wisniewski and kicker Jake Elliott. He also drafted starting cornerback Jalen Mills in the seventh round in 2016 and starting left tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai in the fifth round that year.

The Eagles have overcome season-ending injuries to Wentz, nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters, middle linebacker Jordan Hicks, return specialist/running back Darren Sproles, special teams captain Chris Maragos and kicker Caleb Sturgis because of the depth of a roster Roseman put together.

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## Kin seeks Manson corpse to put 'so-called monster' to rest

By BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fight for the corpse of Charles Manson was thrown out of a Los Angeles court Friday, as another potential heir stepped into the case and the grandson of the cult leader made an emotional plea to a judge.

In a hearing to determine the venue for legal battles over Manson's estate and the disposition of his remains, Jason Freeman, whose father was born by Manson's first wife, echoed the frustration of several parties who have been trying to get control of the notorious criminal's body since he died in November.

"My grandfather has been on ice over 60 days," Freeman blurted in court as he choked up.

Judge David Cowan divided the two dueling Manson cases, deciding that litigation over the potentially lucrative estate should remain in Los Angeles because that's where Manson was living when he was arrested and convicted in the murders of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and eight others.

Cowan said the case over the remains, however, belongs in either in Kings County, where the cult leader was imprisoned or Kern County, where he died at 83 in a Bakersfield hospital Nov. 19. A hearing is already scheduled Wednesday in Bakersfield and the Kern County coroner, which has the body, requested the case be decided there.

Each of the parties that have come to court all have said they want to collect Manson's body so he can be cremated or properly buried, though some have suggested others have less noble motives, such as selling cadaver photos or carving off Manson's tattoos for sale or display.

Freeman, an oil worker and former pro mixed martial arts fighter, said he got to know Manson in the last eight years of his life through phone calls and letters. He said it was not an easy or smooth relationship and that Manson had urged him not to get involved in his affairs, but that he felt it was his mission.

"I'm here to claim my grandfather, have him cremated, spread his ashes and do the right thing," Freeman said. "And put this so-called monster, this historical figure that shouldn't have been blown up as big as it was for all these years, now that he's passed (away), I want to help bury it."

So far, three parties have staked claims in court to collect Manson's body from the morgue and take control of any assets, which could include rights to any property he left behind, the commercial right to use his image or royalties to songs he wrote. Guns N' Roses recorded a Manson song, "Look at Your Game, Girl," and the Beach Boys, who Manson was acquainted with, recorded a variation of a tune he wrote.

Freeman is being challenged by Manson's longtime pen pal, Michael Channels, who holds a will that names him as executor and sole beneficiary.

A lawyer for a purported son of Charles Manson appeared in court Friday for the first time and said he was representing Michael Brunner, whose mother was an early member of the infamous "Manson family." Mary Brunner was in jail when Manson's followers slaughtered Tate and friends, and a wealthy grocer and his wife over two nights in August 1969.

Representatives for another alleged son, Matthew Lentz, who claims he was fathered by Manson during a Wisconsin orgy, have said he would appear in court, but he's been a no-show at two hearings and has yet to file court papers. However, a will purportedly signed by Manson leaving everything to Lentz, his "one living child," was filed with the Kern County coroner.

Attorneys for Freeman, Brunner and Kern County have all questioned the validity of the two wills.

Brunner's lawyer, Daniel Mortensen, said Manson acknowledged his client as a son, but they didn't have a close relationship. He said Brunner, a military veteran, would cremate the remains and dispose of them immediately in a dignified way "that does not appeal to culty people."

"He wants to as quickly as possible end the circus," Mortensen said. "He doesn't want anything ghoulish to go on with the body."

## Flu widespread across US for third straight week

By **MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Sick with the flu? You've got a lot of company.

The flu blanketed the U.S. again last week for the third straight week. Only Hawaii has been spared.

The government doesn't track every flu case but comes up with estimates. One measure is how many people seek medical care.

Last week, 1 in 15 doctor visits were for symptoms of the flu. That's the highest level since the swine flu pandemic in 2009.

Thirty-nine states reported high flu traffic last week, up from 32 the week before.

Some good news, at least so far: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday that hospital stays and deaths from the flu among the elderly so far haven't been as high as in some other recent flu seasons.

However, hospitalization rates for people 50 to 64 — Baby Boomers, mostly — has been unusually high, CDC officials said.

The CDC reported what was seen across the nation for the week ending January 20.

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 are 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.

Health officials say this year's correctly shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, including one causing most of the illness, a Type A H3N2 flu virus. But exactly well it is working won't be known until next month.

The same virus was the dominant flu bug last winter, when the flu season wasn't so bad. It's not clear why this season — led by the same bug — is so much more intense, some experts said.

"That's the kicker. This virus really doesn't look that different from what we saw last year," said Richard Webby, a flu researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

It may be that many of the people getting sick this year managed to avoid infection last year. Or there may be some degree of mutation in the virus that hasn't been detected yet, said the CDC's Dr. Dan Jernigan, in a call with reporters Friday.

Based on patterns from past seasons, it's likely flu season will start to wane soon, experts say. There are some places, like California, where flu season already seems to be easing, CDC officials said.

"If I was a betting man, I'd put money on it going down," Webby said. "But I've lost money on bets before."

Jennifer Manton got sick with the flu about two weeks ago, hit by high fever and body aches. She missed two days of work, and felt bad for about 10 days.

"I had not had the flu since 1996," said Manton, 48, a chief marketing officer for a law firm in New York City. "It's been 22 years since I felt that badly."

## Wynn Resorts shaken by misconduct claims against founder

By **DAMIAN J. TROISE, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Wynn Resorts is denying multiple allegations of sexual harassment and assault by founder Steve Wynn detailed in a Wall Street Journal report that sent shares of the casino company tumbling more than 10 percent Friday.

The paper reported that a number of women say they were harassed or assaulted by the casino mogul and finance chair of the Republican National Committee.

One case led to a \$7.5 million settlement with a manicurist, the paper reported. The detailed report relies on interviews with dozens of people who corroborate a decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct with female employees.

The company says it is committed to operating with the "highest ethical standards and maintaining a



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safe and respectful culture." In a statement sent to The Associated Press, it called the allegations part of a smear campaign related to divorce proceedings from Wynn's ex-wife.

Wynn also denied the allegations personally.

Wynn, who is chairman and CEO of the company he founded, is a titan in Las Vegas and played a major role in the revitalization of the Las Vegas Strip in the 1990s. It was Wynn's company that built the Golden Nugget, The Bellagio and Mirage Resorts in the heart of the town.

A wave of sexual misconduct claims against prominent figures in entertainment, media and politics gained momentum last fall in the aftermath of articles detailing movie producer's Harvey Weinstein's decades of alleged rape and harassment. But Wynn is the first CEO and founder of a major publicly held company to come under scrutiny since the Weinstein allegations surfaced.

There appeared to be immediate business implications for the casino magnate. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission said Friday it is launching a review following the allegations published by the Journal. Spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said the commission's investigations and enforcement bureau will conduct a regulatory review to determine the appropriate next steps, adding "the suitability and integrity of our gaming licensees is of the utmost importance."

Wynn is building a roughly \$2.5 billion resort in the Boston suburb of Everett.

In a lengthy statement, Wynn and his company both attributed the allegations to a campaign led by Wynn's ex-wife, Elaine Wynn.

"The conduct of Elaine during the course of the pending lawsuits has been shocking and deeply disturbing to me personally and as the CEO of Wynn Resorts," Wynn said.

Devon Spurgeon, a spokeswoman for Elaine Wynn, declined to comment on the allegations in the article or Steve Wynn's allegations responding to the article.

In its reporting, The Wall Street Journal stated that none of the alleged victims reached out to the publication. Instead, the newspaper said it sought out more than 150 people who had worked for Wynn, many of whom did not want to go on record for fear of losing their jobs.

The newspaper reported that Wynn's actions were well known enough that employees would sometimes enter fake appointments in the books to help other female workers avoid him. In some cases, female employees in the salon would hide in back rooms if they knew Wynn was on his way to the casino.

Wynn Resorts Ltd. said there has never been a complaint made about Wynn to the company's independent hotline for reporting harassment.

The White House and the Republican National Committee did not respond to requests for comment Friday on Wynn's status as the RNC's finance chair.

Wynn has been a prolific Republican donor, contributing more than \$600,000 to GOP causes last year, according to the Federal Election Commission. Among his 2017 beneficiaries are Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada whose re-election campaign received almost \$19,000 from Wynn and his wife last year.

Heller, once a sharp critic of President Donald Trump, faces a difficult re-election fight this year in a state Democrat Hillary Clinton carried, but where Republican Danny Tarkanian is challenging him in the June primary. Heller campaign aides did not immediately return messages requesting comment on the contributions.

Since 2013, Wynn has contributed nearly \$2.4 million to GOP candidates and party organizations around the country, including 2017 special election winners as well as dozens of state Republican Party committees.

In 2016, Wynn contributed \$167,000 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, and made individual donations totaling \$5,400 each to Republican Senate campaigns of Alaska's Lisa Murkowski, Florida's Marco Rubio, South Carolina's Tim Scott, Texas' Ted Cruz and Wisconsin's Ron Johnson.

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## Kentucky governor says shootings are a “cultural problem”

By **ROBERT RAY** and **BRUCE SCHREINER**, Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — This was supposed to be Spirit Week at Marshall County High School.

Instead, homecoming events were canceled, the governor was in town lamenting the nation’s moral decay, and preparations were being made for the funerals of two 15-year-old children.

Tuesday’s attack by a fellow classmate at the high school left more than a dozen survivors with gunshot wounds or other injuries, and three of them remain hospitalized. Hundreds more were scarred by what they saw.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin called on Americans Friday to “wake up” and recognize that school shootings are a “cultural problem.”

“We have become desensitized to death, we have become desensitized to killing, we have become desensitized to empathy for our fellow man and it’s coming at an extraordinary price and we have got to look at the root causes of this,” Bevin told The Associated Press.

“We can’t celebrate death in video games, celebrate death in TV shows, celebrate death in movies, celebrate death in musical lyrics and remove any sense of morality and sense of higher authority and then expect that things like this are not going to happen,” he added.

The Republican governor spoke at a community event in Benton, where he was followed by the father of one of the slain students. Sobbing, Jasen Holt asked for prayers for all the “sweet kids” who were killed, injured or traumatized.

“It’s not only ours, it’s about all of them,” said Holt, whose daughter Bailey Nicole Holt was the first to die. “Just pray and take care of each and every one of them.”

The governor declared a statewide day of prayer Sunday for the grief-stricken county. It was reminiscent of his response to a wave of urban gun violence last year. Bevin called then on the power of prayer to help combat Louisville’s rising murder rate, and urged people to form prayer groups to walk high-crime neighborhoods. Skeptics wondered aloud whether that would deter gun-wielding thugs.

Bevin, a social conservative who has made it clear that he won’t sign laws that restrict guns, said he’s prepared for more skepticism as he once again asks Kentuckians to pray. But he said he believes God intervenes on behalf “of his people” when they call out to him in prayer.

“There are people who do not understand and do not believe in the things we’re talking about right now,” he said. “And there will be all the social media trolls and people that will scorn and mock and will ridicule the fact that we would call out to our creator at a time like this.”

At the same time, Bevin said prayer won’t help explain the inexplicable.

“There really are no answers to the questions that are in our minds,” he said. “And even when we have all the facts, we still don’t have the answers. That’s just a harsh reality of this. Because this side of eternity, there are no answers to the very things that have torn this community apart. But this I know: We can sustain one another, we can support one another.”

Authorities, meanwhile, are hoping to discover why 15-year-old boy would have opened fire on his classmates, all 14 to 18, as they waited for the morning bell Tuesday. Bailey Holt died at the scene, while Preston Ryan Cope was declared dead at a hospital in Nashville.

Brian Cope told the Louisville Courier Journal that he knew his son was among the victims when he peered into an ambulance and saw the Nike socks he had laid out the night before.

“We want to thank each and every person, from the East Coast to the West Coast, because we feel the prayers, we feel so much love,” Cope said.

The high school reopened Friday with an assembly in the gymnasium. Funerals for the two teens will be held Sunday. The families requested privacy, but said they will make a public statement on Saturday.

Schreiner reported from Frankfort, Kentucky. Associated Press Writer Adam Beam in Frankfort contributed to this report.

## US trade court rules against Boeing in dispute with Canada

By PAUL WISEMAN, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Delivering a big defeat to Boeing, a U.S. trade panel ruled Friday that the U.S. aircraft giant was not harmed by competition from Canada's Bombardier.

The 4-0 decision by the independent International Trade Commission effectively blocks the Trump administration from slapping 292 percent tariffs on Bombardier. The Commerce Department ruled last year that the Canadian firm had unfairly received government subsidies and sold its C series planes at artificially low prices in the United States. The trade panel disagreed. The case threatened to raise tensions between Washington and U.S. allies Canada and Britain, which has a Bombardier plant in Northern Ireland.

Bombardier immediately praised the ruling as a "victory for innovation, competition, and the rule of law." Boeing said it was "disappointed" and vowed to continue to document the damage from "illegal subsidies and dumped pricing."

Boeing had charged that Bombardier sold Delta Air Lines 75 CS100 aircraft for less than it cost to build them. But Delta said Boeing didn't even make the medium-size jets it needed. On Friday, Delta said it was "pleased by the ITC's ruling rejecting Boeing's anticompetitive attempt to deny U.S. airlines and the U.S. traveling public access to the state-of-the-art 110-seat CS100 aircraft."

The Trump administration has repeatedly clashed with Canada over trade, including Canadian softwood lumber imports. It has launched contentious talks to renegotiate the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico — a pact that President Donald Trump has called a job-killing disaster.

Last October, Bombardier sold a majority stake in the C Series program to Europe's Airbus for no cost. The C Series headquarters was slated to stay in the Montreal area but a second assembly line for the 100- to 150-seat plane is scheduled to be set up at Airbus' plant in Mobile, Alabama.

AP staff writer David Koenig in Dallas contributed to this report.

## US economy grew at solid 2.6 percent rate in fourth quarter

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a solid rate of 2.6 percent in the final three months of last year, helped by the fastest consumer spending since the spring of 2016 and a big rebound in home construction.

The fourth quarter advance in the gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, followed gains of just above 3 percent in the second and third quarters, the Commerce Department reported Friday. The slowdown in the October-December period reflected a worsening trade deficit and less growth in inventory restocking by companies.

For all of 2017, the economy grew 2.3 percent. That is a significant improvement from a 1.5 percent gain in 2016 but little changed from the modest 2.2 percent average growth rate turned in since the Great Recession ended in June 2009.

Economists are looking for even better growth this year, propelled by the \$1.5 trillion tax cut that President Donald Trump pushed through Congress in December. The Trump administration contends that its economic program of tax cuts, deregulation and tougher enforcement of trade laws will lift economic growth to sustained rates of 3 percent or better in coming years.

Trump has said his tax plan will serve as "rocket fuel" for the economy by prompting Americans to spend more and businesses to step up investment.

Economists, however, believe the growth spurt will be short-lived.

"Deficit-financed tax cuts will provide some near-term juice to the economy but it will prove to be temporary because we are already at full employment and the Federal Reserve will respond by raising interest rates more aggressively," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Michael Pearce, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said that the imports surge that widened the trade deficit reflected a pay-back from port disruptions caused by hurricanes in the third quarter. He

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forecast solid growth in coming quarters.

"The U.S. economy had plenty of momentum even before the tax cuts take effect this year," Pearce said. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, interviewed on CNBC, described the modest slowdown in the fourth quarter as a short-term aberration.

"We're not concerned about any one quarter which could be revised up or down," he said. "I think people now expect we're getting to 3 percent GDP."

Mnuchin said the administration was very happy with the initial reaction from U.S. companies to the new tax bill, which he said had already generated pay bonuses for more than 2.5 million Americans, amounting to "literally hundreds of billions of dollars of commitments."

The president, speaking Friday to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, also touted the benefits of the tax overhaul, saying, "America is open for business and we are competitive once again."

Trump said that because of the tax plan, which had reduced individual and corporate tax rates, Apple had announced it planned to bring \$245 billion in overseas profits back to America.

Zandi said he believed the tax cuts would add as much as 0.4 percentage points to growth this year, pushing total GDP to 2.9 percent. He said growth would fall back to 2.2 percent in 2019 as the impact of the tax cuts fades, then slow further to a tiny 1 percent gain in 2020 as rising interest rates from the higher budget deficits and Fed rate hikes begin to drag growth.

Friday's GDP report showed that the fourth quarter growth was spurred by a 3.8 percent surge in spending by consumers, who account for 70 percent of economic activity. That was up from a 2.2 percent rise in the third quarter and was the fastest quarterly advance since the spring of 2016.

Business investment in new plants and equipment was also strong, rising at a 6.8 percent rate in the fourth quarter. Spending on home construction surged at a rate of 11.6 percent after two quarters of declines.

The areas of strength were offset somewhat by a big increase in the country's trade deficit, which subtracted 1.1 percentage points from growth, and a slowdown in business spending to restock their inventories, which trimmed growth by 0.7 percentage point.

## Grim reminders of a war in Vietnam, a generation later

By **ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — It's been over for 40-plus years, the war that Americans simply call Vietnam but the Vietnamese refer to as their Resistance War Against America.

Yet it lingers in so many ways, as was apparent this week when Defense Secretary Jim Mattis dropped in for a couple of days of defense diplomacy with a former enemy. Although he never served in Vietnam and had not previously visited the country, Mattis has said he learned from a lot of Marines who did.

In his meeting with Vietnamese government leaders, Mattis' focus was on a peaceful future. Not the bloody past.

Still, the legacy of the conflict that divided America and ultimately unified Vietnam confronted Mattis almost immediately after his arrival on Wednesday as he visited a U.S. office that oversees the search for remains of American servicemen still missing from the war.

More than 1,200 Americans are unaccounted for in Vietnam and 350 more are missing in Laos, Cambodia and China, according to the Pentagon's POW-MIA Accounting Agency. That accounting effort, decades in the making and dependent on cooperation from Hanoi, is likely to continue for decades.

Later, while talking to his Vietnamese counterpart, Mattis was presented with photo identification cards of two U.S. servicemen from the war. Details weren't made public.

More than 58,000 U.S. service members were killed in the war, including more than 1,200 in Cambodia and Laos.

Estimates of the number of Vietnamese killed vary widely, from about 2 million to nearly twice that. For the Vietnamese, the war was a continuation of their fight for independence from French colonial masters. And it was quickly followed by a border war with China in 1979. The country reunified and remains communist, although it has opened up to foreign investment. Hanoi is a bustling, vibrant capital city.

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Among Vietnam's other reminders of the war: environmental damage and unexploded mines. Vietnamese still suffer from the effects of herbicides, including Agent Orange, sprayed by U.S. forces to defoliate the countryside.

"We're still remediating the effects of the war," Mattis told reporters Thursday as he flew out of the country. The U.S. government has helped clean up contamination from bases American forces used before completing their withdrawal in 1975. Last year the U.S. and Vietnam finished the first phase of dioxin cleanup at Danang airport.

Remarkably, given this history, Vietnam indicated during Mattis's visit that it may permit a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to make a port visit in March — something that has never happened in the postwar period.

Just down the street from the hotel where Mattis stayed is Hoa Lo prison, known to the Americans who spent part of the war there as the Hanoi Hilton. Inside are dark reminders of the suffering, the sacrifice and the shackles — not just of the Americans held there but also Vietnamese imprisoned in earlier decades by the French.

One of those American prisoners was John McCain, shot down on a bombing mission over Hanoi in 1967, before the U.S. anti-war movement was in full swing. Along the lake from which a badly injured McCain was recovered by his captors stands a concrete marker depicting the captured pilot and noting that his Navy plane was one of several shot down that day.

Mattis' motorcade drove by the McCain marker as the Pentagon boss made his way to a lakeside pagoda to show his respect for Vietnamese culture. He told the monk there that he enjoyed the serene setting.

"Beautiful. Peaceful. It makes you think more deeply," Mattis said.

By coincidence, Mattis' visit came just days before the Vietnamese marked the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive. That series of assaults by the North Vietnamese was timed to coincide with Tet, the Lunar New Year holiday, on Jan. 31, 1968. Militarily it was a failure, but the offensive marked a turning point in the war because it punctured American hopes of certain and swift victory. After Tet, the U.S. began to focus less on how to win and more on how to get out.

Even with past hostilities in mind, Mattis said his visit made clear that Americans and Vietnamese have shared interests that in some cases predate the Vietnam War.

"Neither of us liked being colonized," he said.

## Trump declares America open for business under his tenure

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Playing the role of economic cheerleader, President Donald Trump told an annual gathering of political and business elites Friday that America is open for business and that economic growth in the U.S. under his "America first" agenda could benefit the globe.

Trump told the World Economic Forum in Davos, an incongruous location for a nationalist president, that American prosperity has created countless jobs around the world and he made clear he would remain focused on the U.S. economy.

But with a chamber of commerce-style pitch, the businessman-turned-president used the forum to sell the U.S. as a prime place to conduct business, noting the recent passage of a sweeping tax overhaul.

"America is the place to do business. So come to America, where you can innovate, create and build," Trump said. "I believe in America."

The president sought to strike a balance, tempering his nationalist agenda with reassurances to the globalist and cooperation-minded audience that his protectionist vision "does not mean America alone."

"When the United States grows, so does the world," Trump said. "American prosperity has created countless jobs around the globe and the drive for excellence, creativity and innovation in the United States has led to important discoveries that help people everywhere live more prosperous and healthier lives."

Trump claimed he had inherited "years of stagnation" in the U.S. but recent economic figures show that U.S. companies and other employers added 2.1 million jobs in 2017, the lowest job growth in seven years.

Taking the stage, Trump received modest applause but some people kept their hands at their sides. The

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crowd was largely subdued as the president spoke but there were boos and hisses when he took a swipe at "how nasty, how mean, how vicious and how fake the press can be."

The free-trade-focused gathering had viewed Trump with skepticism, given his "America First" message, but the White House has insisted that his protectionist policies and international cooperation can go hand-in-hand.

Trump addressed a crowd of over 1,500 people packed into a high-ceilinged hall in the modern conference center. Anticipation was high from attendees, who had watched the president closely since he arrived, snapping photos when he entered and as he moved from room to room.

Jay Flatley, executive chairman of California-based genome sequencing company Illumina, said Trump's speech was "a very calming presentation, considering how it could have gone."

But Joseph Stiglitz, a frequent Trump critic and Nobel Prize winner in economics, found it far from convincing. He argued that the new U.S. tax cuts will create a bubble in the housing market. "I've never known an economy to grow long-term by real estate speculation," he said.

Others faulted Trump for not using the opportunity to broaden the message beyond business and bring the U.S. into line with concerns expressed by other leaders in Davos — such as on climate change.

"I was very disappointed but not surprised that the president didn't say anything positive about global warming," said Environmental Defense Fund president Fred Krupp. "He talked about doing things in partnership and together, and yet the United States is the only country in the world standing aside from the Paris agreement."

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## Some liken Michigan State to Penn State amid abuse scandal

By ED WHITE and DAVID EGGERT, Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Sports doctor Larry Nassar is on his way to prison for the rest of his life for molesting scores of young female athletes, but the scandal is far from over at Michigan State University as victims, lawmakers and a judge demand to know why he wasn't stopped years ago.

Some are likening Michigan State to Penn State University, where three senior officials, including the school's president, were sentenced to jail last year for failing to tell authorities about a sexual abuse allegation involving coach Jerry Sandusky.

Nassar, a 54-year-old former member of Michigan State's sports medicine staff, has admitted penetrating elite gymnasts and other athletes with his fingers while he was supposedly treating them for injuries.

Some of the more than 150 women and girls who have accused him said they complained to the sports medicine staff, a psychology professor and the women's gymnastics coach as far back as the late 1990s.

In Michigan, it is a misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine for certain professionals to fail to report a suspected case of child abuse.

Lou Anna Simon, who resigned under pressure Wednesday as Michigan State's president, insisted, "There is no cover-up." But the university last week asked Michigan's attorney general to conduct a review. And in sentencing Nassar to 40 to 175 years in prison Wednesday, Judge Rosemarie Aquilina called for "a massive investigation as to why there was inaction, why there was silence."

Jennifer Paine, a Michigan lawyer who specializes in child protection law and is not involved in the Nassar case, said there are probably grounds for charging some Michigan State staff members for failing to report what victims were saying.

"The obligation to report doesn't mean anything unless people enforce. That's why it's there," she said.

No one has been charged in the scandal besides Nassar.

John Manly, an attorney who represents more than 100 victims in lawsuits, said Michigan State, USA

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Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee "miserably failed children." Nassar was a team doctor at USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

"They had an opportunity, instead of being Penn State, to make them a beacon of how to handle this," Manly said. "It's too late. You can't fix it now."

Penn State's former president, Graham Spanier, and two other ex-administrators, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, were prosecuted for child endangerment for not reporting a 2001 complaint about Sandusky showering with a boy. Sandusky's arrest a decade later blew up into a scandal that brought down legendary football coach Joe Paterno.

Sandusky is serving 30 to 60 years in prison for sexually abusing 10 boys. As of last year, Penn State had paid nearly \$250 million in fines, settlements and other costs associated with the scandal.

Nassar has also been sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography. Federal prosecutors have declined to say if they are looking at any other aspects of the case.

Elsewhere, in Texas, the Walker County sheriff's office said it is investigating the Karolyi Ranch, which was a training site for Olympic gymnasts. Some gymnasts said Nassar assaulted them there.

In Washington, U.S. senators from both parties are calling for creation of a select committee to investigate the U.S. Olympic Committee. The NCAA said it has sent Michigan State a letter of inquiry about potential rules violations.

In the Penn State scandal, the NCAA fined the school \$48 million, reduced the number of football scholarships, barred the team from postseason play and invalidated 112 victories. Some penalties were later eased.

Kyle Stephens, who was a Nassar family friend, said he molested her for years at his Lansing-area home. She said she told a psychologist, Gary Stollak, about the abuse in 2004. Nassar — who was a professor at Michigan State but saw Stephens through his separate private practice — met with Stollak and denied it, and no police report was made.

Stollak, now retired, testified in 2016 that he couldn't remember anything because of a stroke.

"He didn't report it, and he's a mandatory reporter," Stephens said, referring to those who are legally required to report sexual abuse. "Michigan State keeps saying that 'we didn't know.' Who should I have told? Tell me who I should have told so I know what I should have done. ... They are continuing to drag out my pain, and that is inappropriate."

A 2014 police investigation into other assault allegations ended with no charges against Nassar. The university, however, told him that he needed to have a chaperone in the room during certain exams. He was fired in 2016 for failing to do so.

Some victims say they reported Nassar to Kathie Klages, who ran camps for teen gymnasts and was Michigan State women's gymnastics coach until last February. She has denied wrongdoing.

State Sen. Margaret O'Brien said college coaches should be added to Michigan's list of mandatory reporters, which includes therapists and medical professionals. In the state House, lawmakers sent a letter to Michigan State on Thursday requesting certain reports about Nassar.

White reported from Detroit.

## Outdoor gear sales slip as millennials drive shift in habits

By DAN ELLIOTT, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Sales of outdoor equipment are slipping as millennials drive changes in U.S. consumer habits by favoring clothes and sporting goods that are less specialized and more versatile, analysts say.

Industry retail sales totaled \$18.9 billion from December 2016 through November 2017, down 6 percent from the previous 12 months, according to NPD Group, a market research company that tracks trends in two dozen industries.

The company announced the numbers this week as manufacturers and buyers gathered in Denver for the Outdoor Retailer and Snow Show, the industry's biggest winter marketplace.

Millennials — sometimes defined as people born between 1982 and 2004 — are less likely than the pre-

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vious generation to demand outdoor gear that stands up to extreme conditions, said Matt Powell, NPD's senior adviser for the sports industry. He used boots as an example.

"The hardest, the most extreme condition some of these boots are going to have is walking from the Prius to the craft brewery," he said.

Powell also cited mountain bikes, which riders can use on streets or trails without special clothing and usually cost less than specialized road bikes.

"I describe it as good-enough products. A product that will get me through most of what I want to do, and a product that is versatile," he said.

Millennials are outdoorsy and support environmental preservation and sustainability, Powell said, but they have a different take on health and fitness than their predecessors. They have a more lighthearted approach that involves their friends, he said.

Some individual retailers and manufacturers have adapted, but the overall industry has not, Powell said.

"I think the outdoor industry has not responded enough to this shift in the mindset of consumers," he said.

Greg Thomsen, U.S. managing director for Adidas Outdoors, said his company is focusing on consumers in their 20s and younger.

"This industry has been aging for a long time, and it's nice to bring in some new people," he said.

Thomsen said millennials like Adidas' Flyloft jacket, which isn't suitable for severely cold weather but still works for outdoor recreation. It's less expensive, easier to care for and more versatile than more a hard-core outdoor jacket, he said, and it's suitable for a day in the mountains or a night on the town.

The Outdoor Retailer and Snow Show gives retail buyers a look at goods they can sell starting next fall. About 1,000 manufacturers are showing new products to 11,000 retail buyers at the show, which opened Thursday and runs through Sunday.

The 500,000-square-foot (46,000-square-meter) expo is packed with nearly everything outdoors people might need, and a few things they might not: Ski parkas and bikinis, snow boots and sandals, axes and accounting software, snowboards and sleds, bicycles and camper vans, packaged food and Colorado whiskey.

Displays range from a humble table to elaborate, two-story exhibits with changing rooms or conference tables. Some exhibitors wore clingy ski pants; another wore a Royal Canadian Mounted Police uniform complete with scarlet tunic.

This is the first Outdoor Retailer Show since it left its longtime home in Salt Lake City. Some big players in the outdoor industry argued that Utah's political leaders were too hostile toward preserving public lands, so the show moved to Colorado, whose environmental politics are more in tune with the industry's.

This week's show is also the first since its producer, Emerald Expositions, acquired the SnowSports Industries America Snow Show, which had been held each January in Denver. Organizers say it's the first time in nearly 30 years that the outdoor and snow industries have a combined show.

Snow industry sales, which include skis, snowboards, boots, bindings and other equipment, are faring better than the larger outdoor industry. For the first four months of the current winter season, sales totaled \$2 billion, up 7.8 percent

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## Health care, tech and trade hopes lead another stock surge

By MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks powered to their biggest gain in almost nine months Friday as drugmakers and technology companies surged. Investors were cheered that President Donald Trump appeared to take a more positive tone on international trade.

AbbVie boosted biotechnology companies with a strong fourth quarter and a greater annual profit fore-



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cast, while Pfizer and other drugmakers also made big gains. Intel had its best day in almost nine years after its fourth-quarter results reassured investors that security flaws recently discovered in its processors aren't damaging its sales. Wynn Resorts tumbled following numerous allegations of sexual assault and harassment by Steve Wynn, the casino operator's chairman, CEO and biggest shareholder.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, President Donald Trump said Friday that leaders should prioritize their own countries, but that his administration isn't opposed to international cooperation and that continued growth for the U.S. economy is good for the rest of the world.

"He did talk about making sure trade deals are fair, but I just thought it was a completely different tone today," said JJ Kinahan, chief investment strategist for TD Ameritrade. "I think the market really took a lot of positives away from that."

On Wednesday and Thursday, comments from Trump as well as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross contributed to swings in stock prices and the dollar as investors tried to parse the remarks for indications of administration's stances on the dollar and international trade.

The Commerce Department said the U.S. economy grew 2.6 percent in the fourth quarter. That was a bit less than analysts predicted but still a solid result, as Americans continued to shop and home construction increased. The economy grew 2.3 percent in 2017 and experts think growth will speed up this year, partly because of the tax cut package signed into law in December.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 33.62 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,872.87, its biggest gain since March 1. The Dow Jones industrial average added 223.92 points, or 0.8 percent, to 26,616.71. The Nasdaq composite rose 94.61 points, or 1.3 percent, to 7,505.77. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 6.39 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,608.06.

Already at record highs, the S&P 500 is up 7.5 percent in January and on track for its largest monthly increase since October 2015.

Technology and industrial companies made hefty gains, as did Amazon and other retailers, and banks rose along with interest rates. Those companies tend to benefit from more global trade and faster economic growth. Many of them are helped by a weaker dollar, and the U.S. currency declined again Friday. The weaker dollar raises costs for more U.S.-focused companies such as those in the Russell 2000, which lagged other indexes Friday.

Intel said its data center business did well in the fourth quarter and the "Meltdown" and "Spectre" security flaws aren't affecting its sales. It forecast \$65 billion in revenue this year, more than analysts expected. The stock added \$4.78, or 10.6 percent, to \$50.08, its biggest gain since March 2009.

Technology companies have led the market's big gains since the start of 2017, and that will be put to the test next week as a slew of major companies including Apple, Microsoft, Facebook and Google's parent company Alphabet all report their quarterly results.

AbbVie posted greater sales of key drugs including Humira, an inflammatory disease treatment that is the world's biggest-selling drug by revenue, and its hepatitis C treatments. AbbVie also raised its profit forecast for 2018. The stock jumped \$14.91, or 13.8 percent, to \$123.21.

Pfizer rose on reports that it's getting closer to a deal to sell its consumer health care business, a possibility Pfizer raised in October. Its stock gained \$1.78, or 5.3 percent, to \$39.01.

Wynn Resorts stock plunged \$20.31, or 10.1 percent, to \$180.29 after the Wall Street Journal reported on dozens of allegations against Wynn, who denied any wrongdoing.

Starbucks skidded \$2.56, or 4.2 percent, to \$57.99 after it posted weaker growth than investors had hoped. Analysts were unhappy with its results outside the U.S., and Starbucks also said sales of holiday merchandise were slow.

The dollar declined further against other currencies. It fell to 108.66 yen from 109.41 yen. The euro rose to \$1.2423 from \$1.2391. The ICE US dollar index is at three-year lows and has declined for six consecutive weeks.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.66 percent, matching its highest level in more than three years. It finished at 2.62 percent Thursday.

After it reached an 18-month high Thursday, gold fell \$10.80 to \$1,352.10 an ounce. Silver dropped 17

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cents, or 1 percent, to \$17.44 an ounce. Copper slipped 2 cents to \$3.20 a pound.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 63 cents, or 1 percent, to \$66.14 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 10 cents to \$70.52 per barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline picked up 2 cents to \$1.94 a gallon. Heating oil rose 2 cents to \$2.14 a gallon. Natural gas rose 9 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$3.53 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The CAC 40 in France jumped 0.9 percent while the German DAX gained 0.3 percent. The FTSE 100 in Britain rose 0.7 percent. Japan's Nikkei 225 slipped 0.2 percent and South Korea's Kospi rose 0.5 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index jumped 1.5 percent.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2018. There are 338 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War II.

### On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1888, the National Geographic Society was incorporated in Washington, D.C.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams," featuring the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr., opened in New York.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the deploying of nuclear weapons in outer space.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband, President Bill Clinton, were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

In 2001, 10 people were killed when a plane bringing people home from Oklahoma State University's basketball game against Colorado crashed in a field outside Denver.

Ten years ago: Former Indonesian president Suharto, a U.S. Cold War ally whose military regime killed hundreds of thousands of left-wing opponents, died in Jakarta at age 86. Gordon B. Hinckley, the 15th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 97. Novak Djokovic fended off unseeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2) in the Australian Open final, earning his first Grand Slam title. Evan Lysacek won his second straight title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Five years ago: Flames raced through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil, killing 242 people. The NFC blew past the AFC 62-35 in the Pro Bowl. Novak Djokovic beat Andy Murray 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-2 to become the first man in the Open era to win three consecutive Australian Open titles. Max Aaron won