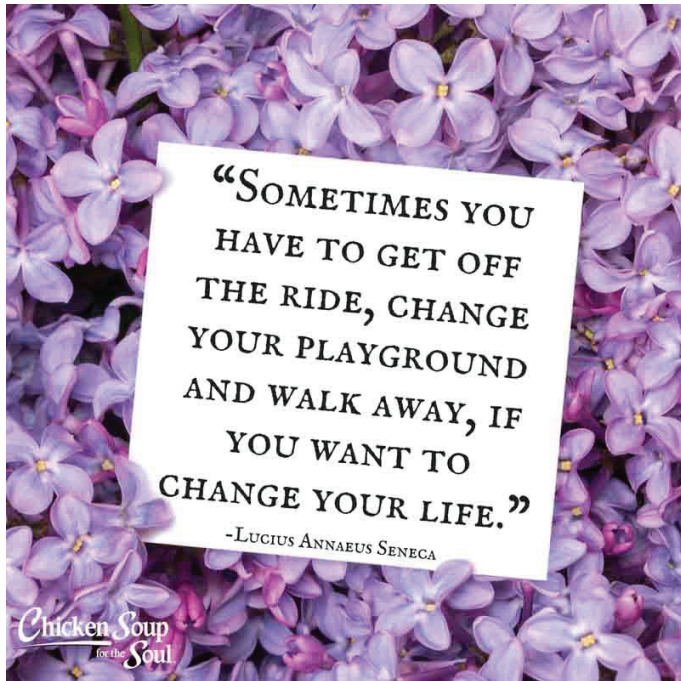


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TopKote awarded street project bid

TopKote was once again the low bidder for the 2018 street project. Four bids were submitted. Road Construction Guys and Bituminous both came in at \$135,000, Jensen Rock and Sand came in at \$106,800 and TopKote came in at \$85,200. TopKote's bid is actually 20 cents per unit cheaper than last year. The completion date is August 15 with the chips being removed by September 1.

The city-wide clean-up dates were set for May 4-11.

The council authorized the mayor to sign the agreement with FEMA for a generator for the Aspen Lift Station. The city's share of the project is \$2,000, which will be put into next year's budget. The city has two years to install the generator. It is an 85:15 grant.

An executive session was held with Brenda Waage, Randy Stanley and Dick Kolker in attendance.

Shawn Lambertz and Hope Block were authorized to attend the Heartland Annual Meeting May 11 in Madison and to attend the May 2 meeting in Madison on a load management workshop.

A special event retail on-sale liquor licence was authorized for the Groton Firemen for April 14.

Rebeca Padfield was hired to run the baseball concession stand this summer. Travis Kurth and Bary Keith were hired as head and assistant Legion coaches respectively. Matt Locke was hired as a softball coordinator.

The city council meeting is recorded and archived at 397news.com.



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What's the Secret Ingredient of a Winning Team

The Langford Area High School boys' basketball team recently made it to the State B tournament for the fifth time in the past six years. As I travel across South Dakota for my job people ask me, "How can Langford (being such a small school) continue producing winning teams year-after-year?" My answer is always, the same – it's because of the coaches. Successful coaches realize that winning teams are not run by one individual who dominates and reduces the rest of the group to mere followers. Winning teams are more like open forums in which everyone participates in the decision-making process, coaches and players alike, until the decision is made. Then, once a decision is made, the team is motivated to move ahead and execute it.

This winning team scenario had me thinking about the community engagement work I do with small towns in South Dakota. What would happen if our small-town leaders and residents started working together as a winning team, like our high school athletes and their coaches?

If we can envision the possibility of shaping our small towns into winning teams, then the first task for local leadership is to bring together groups of motivated people to make joint decisions and move grassroots ideas to action. Successful leaders, like winning coaches, recognize that they need to become more knowledgeable and competent in dealing with and developing local people and their ideas to create a dynamic small town. This team approach is a fundamental shift from the hierarchical leadership style we are accustomed to where the one person in charge provides instruction and the others in the group follow by doing the work.

Starting this process of building winning teams through community engagement can begin with local leaders inviting all residents to take part and volunteer their thoughts, impressions, and ideas. Effective community engagement requires 1) local leaders to be idea friendly, and 2) local residents to share ideas in a friendly way.

If you are a motivated resident with a great idea to implement, then here are a few pointers to help you prepare to share that idea in a friendly way:

- ➔ Start by finding a team of residents who support the creation of this idea;
- ➔ Brainstorm with the team a list of possible outcomes;
- ➔ Document the skill sets of each member of the team and assign roles;
- ➔ Identify any gaps that exist on the team and find outside resource partners;
- ➔ Determine what success will look like and how the team will measure that success;
- ➔ Consider any barriers to success or consequences if the team doesn't meet their goals;
- ➔ Create a method of team communication that is direct, fact-based, and flow two ways;
- ➔ Ask the team what they heard so you can be sure everyone has shared agreement; and
- ➔ Lastly, present the idea in a friendly way by explaining the why (make them care), the what (impacts to the community), and the who (team and partners) rather than bounding in to tell the how.

I can't speak to the secret ingredient of coaching a winning basketball team. But, I am certain it is similar to the secret ingredient of a winning community which is being committed to developing people. These communities create a strong sense of belonging among their residents. They are friendly to new ideas. And, they develop their residents into future leaders that will carry the winning team approach forward.

Having a passion for community leadership and development is what drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula resides in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+. She serves as a grant writer and community coach with Dakota Resources based in Renner, South Dakota. Dakota Resources is a 501c3 Community Development Financial Institution with the purpose of stimulating financial and human investments in rural communities that are invested in themselves. Contact her at paula@dakotaresources.org.



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New Medicare cards will begin to arrive in April says BBB

April 2, 2018—The Better Business Bureau serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa wants consumers who receive Medicare benefits to be aware that Medicare cards are undergoing a big change to make them more secure.

Medicare is rolling out new cards starting in April 2018 and continuing through April 2019. These new cards will be more secure because they use a "Medicare Beneficiary Identifier" instead of a Social Security number. The delivery of the new cards is staggered, so you will receive your card at a different time than your friends or neighbors. This process will happen automatically, so users do not need to do anything or pay anyone to receive their new card.

"While the new cards should help prevent identity theft, the Better Business Bureau advises Medicare patients to be aware of scams that may arise," said BBB President Jim Hegarty. Scammers will most likely be taking advantage of confusion around the launch.

How Medicare Scams Work

You receive a call from a person claiming to work with Medicare. They are allegedly calling about a problem with your new Medicare card. The con artist may say your new card was lost or someone tried to use your ID number. To resolve the situation, the scammer just needs your Social Security number.

In another version, the scammer claims you must pay money to receive your new Medicare card. They may ask you for payment information, so they can "complete the process" for you. They may even ask you to mail them your old card.

How to Avoid Medicare Scams

Know how the Medicare card replacement works. Understand that Medicare isn't calling consumers about the card switch. Also, the new Medicare cards are being provided free of charge.

Never provide personal information to a stranger. Don't share personal details with anyone who calls you unsolicited. Do not confirm or give out your full name.

Although your Social Security Number will be removed, you must still guard your card.

Destroy your old card.

Do not pay for your new card - there is no cost for it.

For more information about changes to the Medicare card visit:gomedicare.gov/newcard.

ABOUT BBB: Better Business Bureau has been assisting U.S consumers and businesses since 1912. It is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing trust in the marketplace. In 2017, BBB provided nearly 225 million instances of service to businesses, charities and the general public. BBB has Business Profiles on more than 4.7 million businesses and Charity Reports on over 11,000 charities, all available for free at bbb.org. Today, BBB serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is supported by approximately 10,000 Accredited Businesses that have voluntarily committed to adhere to BBB's Standards of Trust.

Gas Prices Increase as Market Transitions to Summer Blend Gasoline

April 2, 2018 - Gas prices are edging up across the country as the market continues to purge winter-blend gasoline to make room for summer storage. At \$2.66, the national gas price average is 5-cents more expensive on the week and 11-cents more expensive than two weeks ago.

"Today, only 38 percent of U.S. gas stations are selling gasoline for \$2.50 or less and that percentage will likely dwindle in coming weeks," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA South Dakota spokesperson. "The holiday weekend, strong demand and preparation for summer gasoline are all factors that have driven and will continue to drive higher gas prices into early spring."

South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.574
Yesterday Avg. \$2.576
Week Ago Avg. \$2.537
Month Ago Avg. \$2.565
Year Ago Avg. \$2.327

Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 largest weekly increases are: Utah (+14 cents), Kentucky (+10 cents), Missouri (+9 cents), Florida (+9 cents), Arizona (+9 cents), Idaho (+8 cents), Georgia (+8 cents), Nevada (+8 cents), New Mexico (+7 cents) and Indiana (+7 cents).

The nation's top 10 most expensive markets are: Hawaii (\$3.52), California (\$3.51), Washington (\$3.17), Alaska (\$3.13), Oregon (\$3.09), Nevada (\$3.01), Pennsylvania (\$2.86), Washington, DC (\$2.83), Idaho (\$2.80) and New York (\$2.77).

Great Lakes and Central

Gas prices are more expensive on the week across the Great Lakes and Central region with three states landing on this week top 10 list with the biggest increases: Kentucky (+10 cents), Missouri (+9 cents) and Indiana (+7 cents). Nebraska (\$2.56) was the only state in the region to see no change at the pump this week.

Kentucky (+37 cents) and Indiana (+35 cents) are the leading states in the region with the largest year-over-year increase. Ohio (+17 cents) has the region's and country's lowest year-over-year difference in gas prices.

With a nearly 500,000 bbl draw, gasoline inventories continue to sit above the 58 million bbl mark. The region carries the second-highest inventory level in the country – second to the South and Southeast's 84 million bbl.

Oil market dynamics

The NYMEX was closed on Friday due to the holiday. On Thursday, WTI increased 56 cents to settle at \$64.94. The increase was led by Baker Hughes active rig count report that revealed the U.S. dropped seven active rigs last week, bringing the total to 797.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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HOUGHTON/HECLA AREA LAND FOR SALE

Houghton/Hecla area real estate located 4 miles South and 2 miles East of Hecla, owned by the Estate of Florence Evelyn Peterson, will be sold at auction, cash sale only, the following described real estate:

- Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 127 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Approximately 162.46 acres of land (19.63 cropland, 142.83 pasture)

Seller makes no representation as to the actual number of acres contained in this description.

Bid opening and auction will take place at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Hecla Community Room located at 202 Main Street, Hecla, South Dakota.

Terms of Sale: Sealed bids can be mailed to the office of Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C., ATTN: Lonald L. Gellhaus, PO Box 73, Aberdeen, SD 57402-0073 or brought to the auction. Please contact Teresa at 605-225-6522 to request a bid packet. Each sealed bid must include a Bid Sheet.

Earnest money of 10% upon acceptance of bid made payable to "Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C. Trust Account". Title insurance and closing fees shall be split equally between Buyer and Seller. Balance due upon closing and delivery of good title. 2017 real estate taxes due in 2018 will be paid by the Seller. 2018 real estate taxes due in 2019 will be the responsibility of the Buyer.

Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Lonald L. Gellhaus, of Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C., represents the Seller. For additional information, please contact Lonald L. Gellhaus at 605-225-6522.

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Today in Weather History

April 3, 1968: Heavy snowfall, up to ten inches, was accompanied by winds of over 60 mph in parts of South Dakota. Snowdrifts of up to 4 feet were reported, and many roads were closed. Aberdeen was one of the hardest hit areas with 10.5 inches of snow and wind gusts of 62 mph. The strong winds and localized areas of icing caused considerable damage to utility lines.

April 3, 2003: Dry vegetation, along with windy conditions, caused a grassland burn northeast of Bath, near the James River in South Dakota, to get out of control during the early afternoon hours. Strong north to northeast winds of 20 to 35 mph caused the fire to spread quickly south along the James River. The fire became one and a half miles wide and burned six miles to the south before it was brought under control. A total of 4,000 acres were consumed. The smoke from the fire could be seen from miles around and lowered visibilities enough to close State Highway 12 two different times. At one point, traffic had to be diverted on Highway 12 for six hours due to the low visibility in smoke. Also, the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad was delayed in Bristol and Andover on April 3rd because of the smoke. Twenty-one fire departments with around 250 people worked to bring the fire under control.

April 3, 2007: A sharp frontal boundary along with an upper-level disturbance brought an unusual band of heavy snow across northern South Dakota. Snowfall amounts of 6 to 12 inches occurred from Eureka to Summit. Roads became snow covered or slushy making travel difficult. Due to the poor road conditions, several vehicles ended up in the ditch. Several schools and events were either postponed or canceled. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Eureka and Milbank, 7 inches at Conde, 8 inches at Hosmer, Columbia, Summit, and Britton, 10 inches at Webster, and 12 inches at Waubay.

April 3, 2009: An area of low pressure moved across the Central Plains producing widespread snow over central and north central South Dakota. Along with the snow came strong north winds of 15 to 30 mph causing areas of blowing snow and reduced visibilities. The snow and reduced visibility caused some travel problems. Snowfall amounts ranged from a few inches to almost a foot of snow. Some of the snowfall amounts included; 6 inches near Presho and Okaton, Fort Thompson, and Timber Lake; 7 inches in Murdo and 16 S Ree Heights; 8 inches 14 NNE Isabel and 11 inches 3 NW Parade and 6 E Hayes.

1898: An avalanche near Chilkoot Pass, Alaska in the Yukon during the Gold Rush buried 142 people and killed 43 others.








1964: KAUZ in Wichita Falls, Texas broadcast the first live television pictures of an F5 tornado moving through the city. Seven people were killed, 111 injured and 225 homes were destroyed during the twisters 5 to a 6-mile path. Extensive damage was done at Sheppard Air Force Base where three tanker planes, a hanger, the power plant, and the chapel were all destroyed. Damage estimates exceeded \$15 million.


1974: A "Super-Outbreak" of tornadoes ravaged the Midwest and the eastern U.S. Severe weather erupted early in the afternoon and continued through the next day. Severe thunderstorms spawned 148 tornadoes from Alabama to Michigan, most of which occurred between 1 PM (CST) on the 3rd and 1 AM on the 4th. The tornadoes killed 315 persons, injured 5300 others, and caused 600 million dollars damage. Alabama, Kentucky, and Ohio were especially hard hit in the tornado outbreak. One tornado destroyed half of the town of Xenia, Ohio killing 34 persons. Another tornado, near the city of Stamping Ground, Kentucky produced a path of destruction a record five miles in width. A tornado raced through Guin, Alabama at a speed of 75 mph. Two powerful tornadoes roared across northern Alabama during the early evening hours, killing fifty persons and injuring 500 others. Some rescue vehicles responding to the first tornado were struck by the second.

1987: An extensive, slow-moving low-pressure system produced very heavy snows over the Appalachian Region lasting through April 5th. 60 inches fell at Newfound Gap in western North Carolina, the most substantial single storm snowfall in the state's history. Up to 36 inches was reported in southeastern Kentucky. The total of 25 inches at Charleston, WV easily surpassed its previous record for the entire month of April of 5.9 inches. The 20.6 inch total at Akron, OH established an all-time record for that location. Snow closed interstate 40 for the first time since it was opened in 1967. Lightning and thunder accompanied the snow in some areas while a trace fell as far south as Mobile. The snow was the first snow ever reported in April in Mobile since records began in 1872. The storm became known unofficially as the "Dogwood Snowstorm" as many trees had fully bloomed.

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Tue Apr 3	Wed Apr 4	Thu Apr 5	Fri Apr 6	Sat Apr 7	Sun Apr 8	Mon Apr 9
						
18°F	35°F	34°F	28°F	36°F	37°F	36°F
3°F	18°F	10°F	14°F	28°F	25°F	9°F
N 21 MPH	S 9 MPH	WSW 17 MPH	NW 14 MPH	SSE 11 MPH	SE 17 MPH	NNW 15 MPH
Precip 90%					Precip 60%	

Today  *Breezy*
upper teens to mid 20s

Snow ending west to east through the afternoon hours



VERY ICY Sidewalks and Roadways



Road Conditions

North Dakota

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Plan extra time to get to your destination today! Very icy roads and sidewalks are being reported across much of the region this morning. It will be cold and breezy today, with additional light snow with blowing and drifting. Snow will end west to east through the afternoon hours.

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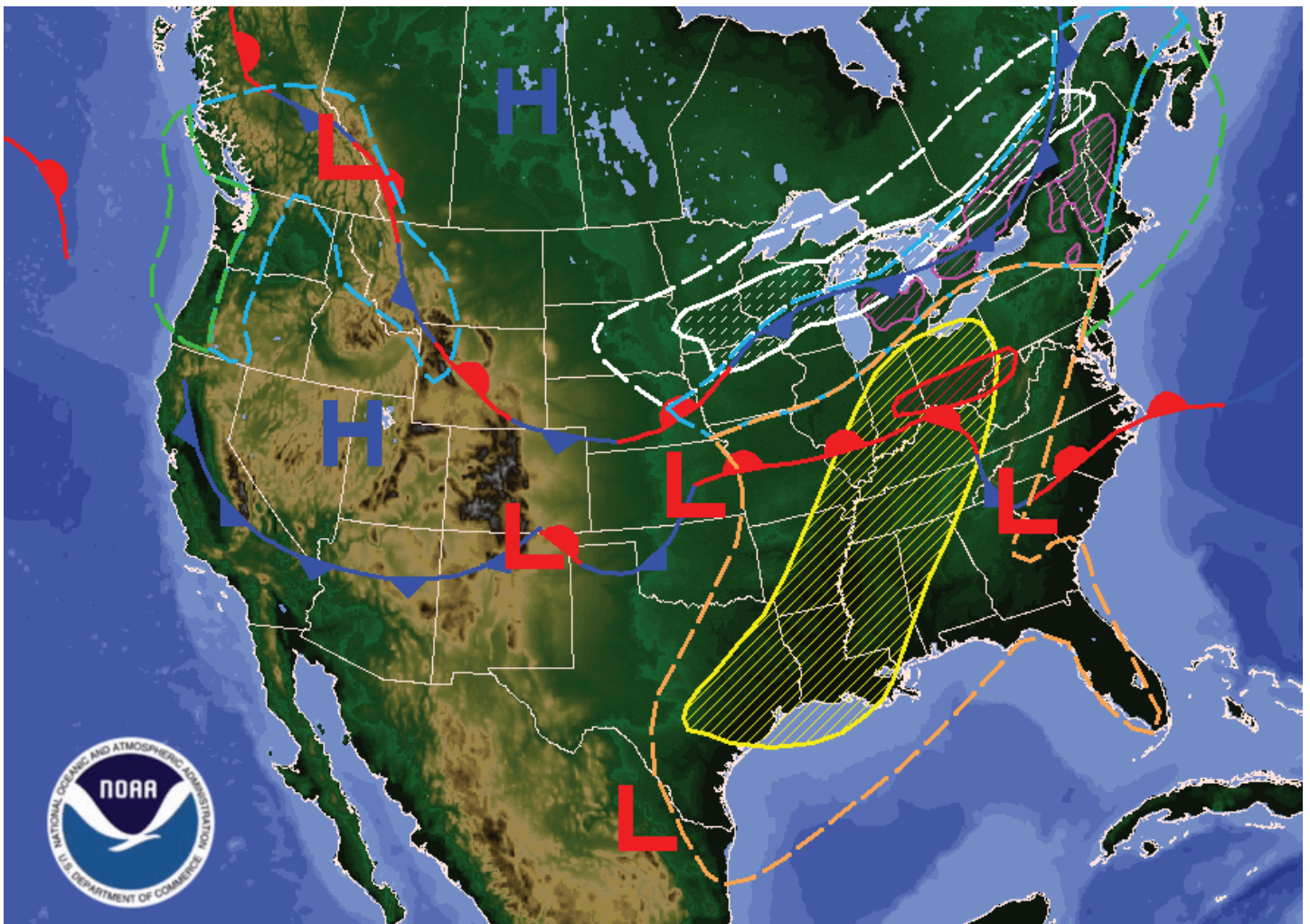
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 31.6 F at 2:18 PM
Low Outside Temp: 20.4 F at 11:28 PM
Wind Chill:
High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 1:05 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 83° in 1921
Record Low: -2° in 1975
Average High: 50°F
Average Low: 27°F
Average Precip in April: 0.13
Precip to date in April: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 2.31
Precip Year to Date: 2.07
Sunset Tonight: 8:04 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:08 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Apr 03, 2018, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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GOD'S CHARACTER

The waiting passenger became furious with the gate attendant when the time of departure for his flight had been delayed. "What good are those numbers if you have to change them and tell us that the flight is being delayed?" he demanded.

"Well, sir," said the attendant, "no one would be prepared for the departure of the flight unless we keep our passengers informed."

There is a strong statement about the character of God in this Psalm. The people were suffering and felt separated from God because of the sin in their lives. We often forget that suffering and sin are inseparable. And instead of crying to be delivered from sin, they wanted to be delivered from their suffering. But that's not the way God works!

"You will arise and have compassion," he wrote, "for it is time to show favor to Your chosen." There was no doubt in his mind that God would show compassion - but it would be in His time and on His terms. Our God is a righteous God and we cannot expect Him to show us His favor if we are disobedient to His Word.

"You will arise," said the Psalmist in confidence. He knew that God was not inattentive to their needs. He knew that "the appointed time had come."

What determines the "appointed time" for God to respond to our prayers? Our attitude: repenting and asking for forgiveness. Then He will open our eyes and we will see Him in all of His isHglory at work in our lives.

Prayer: Father, may we understand the fact that we must confess and forsake our sins if we want to be blest. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 4/13/2018 Elementary School Carnival, 5 p.m.
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2018 Historic Trinity Church Pump Organ Concert.
- 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)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party

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

News from the Associated Press

Houses in Pierre and Mitchell added to the National Register

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Houses in Pierre and Mitchell have recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The register is the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition.

The South Dakota State Historical Society says the Celina and Albert Goddard House in Pierre built in 1908 is a good example of residential concrete block construction.

In Mitchell, the Gottlieb and Friederike Scheurenbrand House built in 1906 is an example of the late work of prominent Sioux Falls architect Wallace L. Dow.

Also in Mitchell, the Louis N. and Helen Seaman House built in 1887 is an example of the Queen Anne style of architecture blended with elements of the Eastlake style.

2 ex-workers accused of child abuse at Sioux Falls day care

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two former employees of a Sioux Falls day care are accused of physically abusing children at the center.

Police arrested the two on Friday on potential charges of abuse or cruelty to a minor. The two worked at Little Blessings Learning Center.

The Argus Leader reports a child had told his mother in late February that a worker had banged his head on a mat while he was sleeping.

Sioux Falls police spokesman Sam Clemens says surveillance video showed the two workers slamming children 3 to 4 years old to the ground, yanking them by their arms and stomping on them.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas says it immediately placed the two workers on leave, investigated and reported the issue to authorities. The workers are no longer employed at the center.

New rules target underage people in South Dakota casinos

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Commission on Gaming has approved two new rules regarding underage people in casinos.

Casinos would be required to prominently display signs at entrances and on gambling machines notifying people that they must be 21 years old to gamble. The other rule bans people under 21 from loitering in a casino or being present at a gambling table or machine, the Black Hills Pioneer reported .

The rules now go to the legislative Interim Rules Review Committee for consideration on April 9. If they're approved, the rules will take effect 20 days later.

The move came in the wake of \$75,000 in fines levied against Cadillac Jack's in Deadwood for three August incidents involving underage gamblers.

Deadwood Gaming Association attorney Roger Tellinghuisen asked prior to the Tuesday approval for clarification on whether the gaming commission could develop a uniform sticker to place on each gaming machine notifying the 21 and older rule. Commission Executive Director Larry Eliason confirmed that the group could pursue the idea to bring uniformity in verbiage and size.

Another commissioner questioned how loitering would be defined in regard to families passing through the casino with children and stopping to gamble.

"The casinos are going to manage their patrons. we're a little bit unique in Deadwood. We don't have a 'no children on the gaming floor rule,'" said Craig Sparrow, an official with the Gaming Enforcement Division.

"You can't let the casino be your babysitter," said Mike Shaw, an attorney for the gaming commission. "That's what it boils down to."

___ Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

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Speed factor in crash that killed student athlete

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say speed was a factor in a crash that killed a University of Sioux Falls student athlete and seriously injured another.

Courtney Beane, a junior wide receiver on the football team, was killed in the crash Sunday morning in Sioux Falls. Junior defensive end Jared Brito was seriously injured. Head football coach Jon Anderson says team members are distraught and are praying for Jared's recovery.

The coach says Beane was part of the 2018 recruiting class and quickly found his place in the football program.

Authorities say the driver lost control, hit a bridge guard rail head on, traveled down a levee embankment and came to rest under the bridge.

The school is a Christian liberal arts university in Sioux Falls.

Judges order new evaluation of South Dakota prison porn rule

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal appeals panel has ordered a district judge to determine whether the South Dakota prison system policy barring pornography is constitutional.

The Argus Leader reports the state Department of Corrections' 2014 policy was challenged by Charles Sisney, who is serving a life sentence for killing his girlfriend.

The stricter policy he's challenging replaced an earlier rule from 2000 that banned photos of nudity and sexual acts.

Under the new policy, officials confiscated items such as pictures of works by Michelangelo and two novels: "Thornes of Desire" and "Pride and Prejudice: The Wild and Wanton Edition."

The three-judge panel's decision vacates a 2016 ruling mostly favoring Sisney because it considered his challenge based on the earlier policy. The panel ordered Sisney's claims be re-examined based on the 2014 policy.

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

South Dakota drawing sets ballot listing order for primary

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — U.S. House candidate Neal Tapio and governor hopeful Marty Jackley will be listed first on the ballot in their June Republican primary races.

South Dakota officials held a drawing Monday for statewide and legislative candidates' ballot orders. In the GOP congressional primary, Shantel Krebs will appear second and Dusty Johnson will be listed third.

Kristi Noem will appear on the ballot second in the race against Jackley to be the Republican candidate for governor. The order-pickers drew numbered objects out of a South Dakota mug featuring a bison to set the candidates' ballot sequence.

Democratic governor candidate Billie Sutton and U.S. House hopeful Tim Bjorkman don't have primary challengers.

Midwest economy: March state-by-state glance

By The Associated Press

The Institute for Supply Management, formerly the Purchasing Management Association, began formally surveying its membership in 1931 to gauge business conditions.

The Creighton Economic Forecasting Group uses the same methodology as the national survey to consult supply managers and business leaders. Creighton University economics professor Ernie Goss oversees the report.

The overall index ranges between 0 and 100. Growth neutral is 50, and a figure greater than 50 indicates growth in that factor over the next three to six months.

Here are the state-by-state results for March:

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Arkansas: The March overall index for Arkansas fell to 53.7 from February's 55.4. Components of the index were new orders at 57.3, production or sales at 59.8, delivery lead time at 50.3, inventories at 51.1 and employment at 50.1. "In 2017 Arkansas ranked 36th in the nation, and sixth in the nine-state region, in terms of the export of goods," Goss said. "These exports supported approximately 45,000 jobs, directly and indirectly, in Arkansas."

Iowa: Iowa's overall index jumped to 64.7 in March from 59.4 in February. Index components were new orders at 69.0, production or sales at 70.2, delivery lead time at 62.2 employment at 60.4, and inventories at 61.6. In 2017 Iowa ranked 27th in the nation, and third in the nine-state region, in exports. "These exports supported approximately 92,500 jobs, directly and indirectly, in the state," Goss said.

Kansas: The overall March index for Kansas advanced to 63.8 from February's 62.4. Index components were new orders at 68.1, production or sales at 69.3, delivery lead time at 61.2, employment at 59.6 and inventories at 60.8. Kansas ranked 30th in the nation last year, and fourth in the nine-state region, in exports. "These exports supported approximately 79,000 jobs, directly and indirectly, in the state," Goss said.

Minnesota: Minnesota's overall index rose to 61.0 last month from 57.6 in February. Index components were new orders at 65.1, production or sales at 66.7, delivery lead time at 58.2, inventories at 58.1 and employment at 57.0. In 2017 Minnesota ranked 23rd in the nation, and first in the nine-state region, in exports. The exports supported about 144,500 jobs in the state, directly and indirectly, Goss said.

Missouri: The overall index for Missouri climbed to 63.2 in March from 58.0 in February. Index components were new orders at 67.5, production or sales at 68.8, delivery lead time at 60.6, inventories at 60.2 and employment at 59.1. Last year Missouri ranked 26th in the nation, and second in the nine-state region, in exports. The exports directly and indirectly supported around 99,000 jobs, he said.

Nebraska: Nebraska's overall index jumped to 63.4 last month from 58.3 in February. Index components were new orders at 68.2, production or sales at 68.8, delivery lead time at 60.7, inventories at 60.3 and employment at 59.1. "In 2017 Nebraska ranked 34th in the nation, and fifth in the nine-state region, in terms of the export of goods," Goss said. The exports supported about 50,500 jobs, directly and indirectly, in the state.

North Dakota: The overall North Dakota index sank below growth neutral last month. It slumped to a regional low of 42.5 in March from 53.3 in February. Index components were new orders at 45.3, production or sales at 49.1, delivery lead time at 38.2, employment at 39.7 and inventories at 40.4. In 2017, North Dakota ranked 38th in the nation, and eighth in the nine-state region, in exports. The state's new export orders index for March of 53.4 "indicates that North Dakota exports remain solid," Goss said.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma's overall index hit 62.4 in March, compared with 60.5 in February. Index components were new orders at 66.6, production or sales at 68.0, delivery lead time at 59.7, inventories at 59.5 and employment at 58.3. Oklahoma ranked 37th in the nation, and seventh in the nine-state region, for exports last year. The exports supported directly and indirectly supported about 39,000 jobs in the state. The state's new export orders index for March of 64.8 indicates "that Oklahoma exports remain solid," he said.

South Dakota: The overall index for South Dakota rocketed to a regional high 67.4 in March from 56.6 in February. Index components were new orders at 71.9, production or sales at 72.7, delivery lead time at 65.1, inventories at 64.2 and employment at 62.9. "In 2017 South Dakota ranked 49th in the nation, and ninth in the nine-state region, in terms of the export of goods," Goss said. The exports supported around 9,500 state jobs, directly and indirectly. "The state's new export orders for March of 70.6 indicate that South Dakota exports remain very strong," he said.

Report: Midwest business conditions index rose again

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A business conditions index for nine Midwestern and Plains states surged again last month, which a report released Monday said is a sign of continued improvement in regional economic conditions.

The Mid-America Business Conditions Index hit 62.1 in March, compared with 59.7 in February, the report

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said. The January figure was 57.3.

Twenty percent of the business supply managers who participated in the survey "reported rapidly expanding healthy economic growth in their area, while only 4 percent reported an economic downturn in their area," said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey.

The survey results are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests growth in that factor. A score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Durable-goods manufacturers were expanding at almost twice the pace of nondurable-goods producers, Goss said. "Over the past 12 months, regional manufacturing employment has expanded by 1.9 percent, compared to U.S. manufacturing growth of 1.8 percent," he said.

The March employment index slipped to 58.4 last month from 59.4 in February, but two-thirds of firms who responded to the survey indicated they would add workers for the remainder of the year.

The regional wholesale inflation index and the U.S. inflation gauge remain elevated, the report said.

"I expect this elevated inflation to begin to show up at the consumer level," Goss said. "As a result, I expect the Federal Reserve's interest rate setting committee to raise short-term interest rates by one-quarter of one percentage point" at its meeting May 2.

Looking ahead six months, the March Business Confidence Index, dipped to a still strong 64.3 from February's 74.5. Goss cited good profit growth, low interest rates and a reduction of global trade tensions for maintaining business confidence.

Work starting on massive \$1.8M sculpture in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Work is to start this week on a massive stainless steel sculpture in downtown Sioux Falls.

The Arc of Dreams will span 280 feet across the Big Sioux River in the heart of the city. That's nearly the length of football field, and the sculpture also will tower 70 feet above the river.

The Argus Leader reports that the sculpture created by renowned South Dakota artist Dale Lamphere is expected to be a staple of the region's art scene for years to come.

The 120,000-pound sculpture is being assembled in a Colorado warehouse. It will be shipped to Sioux Falls in four pieces. Dirt work is starting this week at the bases of the sculpture.

About \$1.8 million in private donations is funding the project.

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

Woman pleads guilty to killing son over potty-training issue

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Pine Ridge Reservation woman accused of beating her 2-year-old son to death after he wet his bed has pleaded guilty.

The Rapid City Journal reports 30-year-old Katrina Shangreaux, of Porcupine, pleaded guilty Friday to second-degree murder in the death of 2-year-old Kylen Shangreaux in July 2016.

She reached a deal with prosecutors but still could face life in prison. She'll remain jailed until her sentencing, which wasn't immediately scheduled.

Shangreaux's mother and the boy's grandmother, Sonya Dubray, has pleaded not guilty to hindering the investigation.

The boy's father is serving time in federal prison for abuse and neglect of a son with a different woman.

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

Netanyahu cancels deal with UN to resettle African migrants

By IAN DEITCH, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday canceled an agreement with the United Nations to resettle thousands of African migrants, caving in to pressure from hawks in his coalition who opposed the deal because it would allow many other migrants to remain in the country.

The startling turnaround drew heavy criticism from Netanyahu's opponents and raised questions about the embattled Israeli leader's decision making processes.

Netanyahu proudly announced the deal with the U.N. refugee agency in a nationally televised news conference on Monday, saying it would benefit Israel and the migrants. But after coalition hard-liners attacked him, he announced late in the evening that he was suspending the arrangement in order to consult with residents of south Tel Aviv. Veteran residents of the working class area, where the migrant population is concentrated, had felt slighted by the deal.

After meeting with residents on Tuesday, Netanyahu said he had weighed the pros and cons and he "decided to cancel the agreement."

Nationalist allies who dominate Netanyahu's coalition had harshly criticized the deal because it would allow thousands of Africans to remain in Israel.

Naftali Bennett, leader of the nationalist Jewish Home party, tweeted earlier Tuesday that the deal "is bad for Israel."

"It's not enough to suspend it. I call on the prime minister to cancel it completely. Its approval would cause generations of crying and determine a precedent in Israel granting residency for illegal infiltrators," he said.

Netanyahu announced the deal on Monday after a plan to deport the migrants to an unnamed African country, presumed to be Rwanda, fell through.

Given the lack of choices, Netanyahu said his deal with the UNHCR was the best available option.

It called for resettling about half of the 35,000 African migrants in Israel to Western nations, while allowing the rest to remain in Israel. It also called for dispersing the migrant population throughout the country, and investing and rehabilitating Tel Aviv's impoverished southern neighborhoods.

Dozens of migrants and their Israeli supporters protested the suspension outside Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem and government offices in Tel Aviv as he met with the neighborhood representatives.

Some protesters stripped to the waist, draped themselves with chains and taped their mouths shut at a protest in Tel Aviv. Others waved signs reading "Human lives are not to play with. Yes to the deal."

Protester Daniella Elyashar called on Netanyahu to "stop this political game." Another protester, Veronika Cohen, said "yesterday we were in tears of joy and this morning just in tears."

Labor Party leader Avi Gabbay slammed the sudden turnaround on Army Radio questioning if defense decisions are also made in the same manner.

"It is sad, troubling and even a little scary that decisions are made that way," Gabbay said. He accused Netanyahu of leadership based on polls and comments on social media.

Ahead of Tuesday's cancellation, the UNHCR had urged Netanyahu to proceed with the agreement.

"We remain in close touch with the prime minister's office and we continue to believe this is a win win agreement," said UNHCR spokesman William Spindler in Geneva. "It benefits Israel, the international community and people needing asylum."

Israeli commentators chided Netanyahu for folding to pressure and flip flopping on the issue.

Writing in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper, Sima Kadmon noted Netanyahu's decision "lasted for just six hours and 45 minutes" before "an important and courageous decision by the prime minister was trampled under the boots of the right wing divisions."

Most of the African migrants are from war-torn Sudan and Eritrea, which has one of the world's worst human rights records. The migrants say they are asylum-seekers fleeing danger and persecution, while Israeli leaders say they are merely job seekers.

The Africans started arriving in 2005 after neighboring Egypt violently quashed a refugee demonstration

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and word spread of safety and job opportunities in Israel. Tens of thousands crossed the porous desert border with Egypt before Israel completed a barrier in 2012 that stopped the influx.

Thousands of African migrants are concentrated in neighborhoods in south Tel Aviv, where ethnic food shops and phone card stalls line the streets, and the area has become known as "Little Africa." Their presence has sparked tension with the working-class Jewish residents who have put pressure on the government to remove the Africans.

Residents complained the agreement doesn't address their needs and demanded assurances that remaining migrants will be dispersed around the country as promised.

The prime minister's turnaround threw into limbo the surprise agreement, which had finally offered a solution to an issue that has divided Israel for a decade. The deportation plan had been widely criticized at home and abroad, even by some of Israel's closest supporters.

Trump administration seeks to close immigration 'loopholes'

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trump administration officials said they're crafting a new legislative package aimed at closing immigration "loopholes" following the president's calls for Republican lawmakers to immediately pass a border bill using the "Nuclear Option if necessary" to muscle it through.

"As ridiculous as it sounds, the laws of our country do not easily allow us to send those crossing our Southern Border back where they came from. A whole big wasted procedure must take place. Mexico & Canada have tough immigration laws, whereas ours are an Obama joke. ACT CONGRESS!" President Donald Trump wrote in a series of continual, sometimes-misleading tweets Monday after a weekend in Florida with several immigration hardliners.

Trump also declared protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants "dead," accused Democrats of allowing "open borders, drugs and crime" and warned Mexico to halt the passage of "caravans" of immigrants or risk retribution.

"Honduras, Mexico and many other countries that the U.S. is very generous to, sends many of their people to our country through our WEAK IMMIGRATION POLICIES," he wrote. "Caravans are heading here. Must pass tough laws and build the WALL."

Trump has been seething over immigration since realizing the major spending bill he signed last month barely funds the "big, beautiful" border wall he has promised his supporters. The \$1.3 trillion funding package included \$1.6 billion in border wall spending, but much of that money can be used only to repair existing segments, not to build new sections.

Among the measures the administration is pursuing: ending special safeguards that prevent the immediate deportation of children arrested at the border and traveling alone. Under current law, unaccompanied children from countries that don't border the U.S. would be placed under the supervision of the Department of Health and Human Services and undergo often-lengthy deportation proceedings before an immigration judge instead of being deported.

The administration is also pushing Congress to terminate a 1997 court settlement that requires the government to release children from custody to parents, adult relatives or other caretakers as their cases make their way through immigration court. Officials complain that many children never show up at their hearings.

The proposals appear the same as those included on a White House immigration wish list that was released in October but failed to gain traction during negotiations over the border wall. Such proposals are likely to face opposition from moderate Republicans and Democrats going into the midterm elections. But Trump appears intent on ensuring the issues remain at the forefront of public conversation, even though the omnibus was widely seen as the last major legislation likely passed this year.

Trump spent much of the weekend at his Mar-a-Lago resort, having meals with his family, watching cable news shows and rubbing elbows with conservative commentators including Fox News host Sean Hannity, according to several club members. Also spotted at the club: champion golfer Dustin Johnson, MyPillow

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maker Michael J. Lindell, boxing promoter Don King and former New York Police Commissioner Bernie Kerik. Staffers with Trump over the Easter holiday included policy adviser Stephen Miller, one of the chief architects of the administration's anti-immigration policies

Trump's past calls to use the "nuclear option" — changing Senate procedure to require a simple majority of 51 votes to override a rule instead of 60— have been repeatedly dismissed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who argues that Republicans will welcome the filibuster if they return to being the Senate minority. The current split is 51-49 favoring Republicans.

"Dreamer" immigrants are due to lose coverage under a program that Trump tried to eliminate. Notably, his favored solution for extending protections to them mustered only 39 votes in the Senate, meaning it couldn't have passed even with the nuclear option.

Trump's tweets calling on Mexico to halt "caravans" filled with immigrants in the country illegally came after a "Fox & Friends" report Sunday that featured the leader of the union representing border patrol agents predicting that those in the caravan would create havoc and chaos in the U.S. as they wait for immigration reform.

About 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, have been marching along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

These "Stations of the Cross" migrant caravans have been held in southern Mexico for at least the last five years. They began as short processions of migrants, some dressed in biblical garb and carrying crosses, as an Easter-season protest against attacks against Central Americans as they cross Mexico.

Individuals in the caravans often try to reach the U.S. border but usually not as part of the caravan. The caravans typically don't proceed much farther north than the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz. The current march is scheduled to end this month with a conference on migration issues in the central Mexican state of Puebla.

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat in San Diego; Catherine Lucey, Darlene Superville, Lisa Mascaro, Kevin Freking and Zeke Miller in Washington; and Mark Stevenson in Mexico City contributed to this report.

US raises prospect of Trump-Putin meeting at the White House

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration says it is amenable to a White House meeting between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, raising the prospect of the Russian president's first Washington visit in more than a decade even as relations between the two powers have eroded.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the White House was among "a number of potential venues" discussed in Trump's telephone call last month with Putin. The Kremlin said earlier Monday that Trump invited Putin during the call.

Both sides said they hadn't started preparations for such a visit.

If it happens, Putin would be getting the honor of an Oval Office tete-a-tete for the first time since he met President George W. Bush at the White House in 2005. Alarms rang in diplomatic and foreign policy circles over the prospect that Trump might offer Putin that venue without confronting him about Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election or allegations that Russia masterminded the March 4 nerve agent attack on a former Russian double agent.

"It would confer a certain normalization of relations and we're certainly not in a normal space," said Alina Polyakova, a foreign policy fellow at the Brookings Institution. "Nothing about this is normal."

Much has happened since Trump and Putin spoke in the March 20 phone call. Trump said afterward he hoped to meet with Putin "in the not too distant future" to discuss the nuclear arms race and other matters. But their call was followed by reports that Trump had been warned in briefing materials not to congratulate the Russian president on his re-election but did so anyway.

Since the call, two dozen countries, including the U.S. and many European Union nations, and NATO expelled more than 150 Russian diplomats in solidarity with Britain over the poisoning of Sergei Skripal, the

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former spy, and his daughter Yulia. Moscow has denied any involvement in the nerve attack and retaliated by expelling the same number of diplomats from each nation.

Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, told reporters Monday that when the two leaders spoke by phone, "Trump suggested to have the first meeting in Washington, in the White House," calling it a "quite interesting and positive idea."

Ushakov voiced hope that tensions resulting from the diplomatic expulsions wouldn't derail discussions about a summit.

Trump has said maintaining a strong personal relationship with Putin is in the U.S. interest and has signaled to allies that he trusts his own instincts in dealing with the Russian president.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe private discussions, said Trump raised the possibility of a White House meeting in a "casual, open-ended" fashion during the call. The official reiterated that no extensive preparations had taken place.

Talk of a White House summit comes as Trump is preparing to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at an undetermined location. White House welcomes are typically reserved for friends and allies.

Trump has avoided criticizing Putin personally even as his administration has crossed Moscow by providing Ukraine with lethal weapons and upholding Obama-era sanctions against Russia and its shuttering of diplomatic outposts.

Michael McFaul, who served as the U.S. ambassador to Russia under President Barack Obama, said the "symbolism of Putin standing in the East Room with the president at a news conference" would be a major goal for the Russian leader. "The only reason you should do it is if you're going to obtain a concrete objective that serves America's national security interest before the meeting," he said.

McFaul said he feared that Trump "thinks that a good meeting with Putin is the objective of his foreign policy with Russia. That should never be the objective. That should be the means to achieve things that are actually of importance to the United States."

Trump had already fallen under sharp criticism from some Republican lawmakers for congratulating Putin on his re-election during the call and for not raising the ex-spy's poisoning. The fact that Trump also extended a White House invitation during that call was likely to increase concerns that Trump, when in direct contact with Putin, is inclined to offer olive branches and reluctant to raise difficult issues.

"I worry that Trump wittingly or unwittingly may be sending a more positive signal to Putin than he deserves," said Nicholas Burns, a top State Department official during the Bush administration who also served as U.S. ambassador to NATO.

Russia's disclosure of the invitation came the day before the leaders of three Baltic countries — Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — were to visit the White House. The three NATO nations are seen as a bulwark against Russia's aspirations of extended influence west of its border.

Trump has met Putin twice as president, at the Group of 20 summit in Germany last summer and briefly at the Asia-Pacific economic summit in Vietnam in November.

Putin, who was president of Russia once before, visited the White House in 2005, when Bush welcomed him in the East Room as "my friend."

Putin has been to other parts of the U.S. frequently in recent years, including a visit to the Bush family compound in Maine. Putin's meetings with Obama occurred at international summits and along the sidelines of the United Nations gathering in New York.

Obama met Russian President Dmitry Medvedev at the White House in 2010, when the pair also chowed down on burgers at a popular hamburger joint outside the capital.

Associated Press writers Vladimir Isachenkov in Moscow and Josh Lederman in Washington contributed to this report.

Sacramento police chief struggles with change after shooting

By DON THOMPSON, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn had his first major encounter with officers as a kid who witnessed a murder in a tough part of California's capital city.

His second: as a teenager busted on allegations of assaulting an officer.

"Nobody in my neighborhood thought about being a police officer," Hahn said in an interview last week with The Associated Press.

The unlikely officer is now Sacramento's first African-American police chief, on the job less than a year and at the center of the nation's latest upheaval over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man. Hahn has received both support and criticism from some community members and black leaders, forcing him walk the line between protecting officers and supporting protesters as he contemplates changes to his department.

Demonstrators angry over the March 18 death of 22-year-old Stephon Clark have interrupted City Council meetings, snarled traffic and delayed thousands of fans heading to NBA games.

Two officers responding to reports of a man breaking windows shot Clark in his grandparents' backyard because they thought he was moving toward them with a gun, police say. They found only a cellphone.

A prominent pathologist hired by Clark's family says the autopsy shows the officers shot Clark from behind.

Hahn, who became chief following other contentious police shootings, said the department is re-examining a generations-old practice of pursuing suspects into dangerous areas when other tactics might be safer. But he warned that every change brings consequences.

"And so we have to make sure that we look at it holistically and determine, 'Are we OK with those additional or different consequences?' And if we are, maybe we do make fundamental changes such as that," Hahn said.

He's also questioning a policy that allowed officers to turn off the audio on their new body-worn cameras, which he said "bred more mistrust." Officers are supposed to mute their microphones only for personal conversations or confidential communications such as talks with informants, Hahn said.

It's unclear why they did so after shooting Clark and finding he was unarmed.

The police chief's decision to release audio and video of the shooting just three days later earned him praise from black leaders. Hahn said it likely fueled protesters' anger but was worth it because it showed the city had "nothing to hide."

He also called Clark's family in the days after his shooting to offer condolences.

Some black leaders are praising his leadership since he became chief of the racially diverse city, even as they demand criminal charges against his officers.

Hahn took over following police shootings that included the 2016 death of Joseph Mann, a mentally ill black man whose case led to increased training for officers on how to deal with individuals with mental illness, updated firearms policies and additional options for using less-lethal force.

Betty Williams, president of the NAACP's Sacramento branch, called the latest shooting "a great test" for Hahn.

"He is a young African-American chief of police that's been in office for seven months. You've got an opportunity to be the model, to actually change the way they do things around the country — take it," Williams said.

California NAACP President Alice Huffman praised Hahn's officers for showing restraint as some protesters tried to incite police into overreacting after Clark's death.

"That had to be an order from the top to stay cool," she said.

But Curtis Gordon, Clark's uncle and a spokesman for the family, is skeptical.

"I thank him for the condolences, but Stephon's still not here. He won't be back," Gordon said.

And Tanya Faison of Sacramento's Black Lives Matter chapter has criticized Hahn for urging protesters to remain peaceful.

"I was really offended by that because we shouldn't be telling people how to mourn and how to be

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traumatized," she said at a City Council meeting. "We should be providing help for people."

Eugene O'Donnell, a professor of police studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said Hahn must balance changes to the department with the possibility of losing his officers' trust and morale by making them skittish or ineffective against crime.

"We've got to stop police wrongdoing but we've got to make sure we don't stop police right-doing. That's a major conversation we're having in this country," O'Donnell said. As for Hahn, "Will he stand up in the gale force that he's in the midst of? It's an unenviable place for him to be."

It's one Hahn didn't always expect to find himself in.

His run-in with police at age 16 came after an argument with his mother, who called authorities. He was held on suspicion of assault on an officer and resisting arrest, though Hahn said he didn't assault the officer and wound up spending just four hours in juvenile hall.

He later signed up for a junior college criminal justice class because a friend told him it was easy. Then he took the police entry exam because the test site was near his house and the pay of \$8.14 an hour was more than he made at a local shopping mall.

Hahn's roughest day on the force may have been when his younger brother, who was involved with drugs, was killed in 1992. He identified his brother's body.

Hahn, whose mother died days before Clark's shooting, said he knows what it's like to grieve. He also knows his department must build better relationships with the residents it serves.

"We can't just be there when we're arresting people," he said.

California eyes lethal force law after shootings by police

By DON THOMPSON, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Several state lawmakers and the family of a 22-year-old unarmed black man fatally shot by police are proposing Tuesday that California become the first state to significantly restrict when officers can open fire.

The proposed legislation would change the current "reasonable force" rule to a "necessary force" standard.

That means officers would be allowed to shoot only if "there were no other reasonable alternatives to the use of deadly force" to prevent imminent serious injury or death, said American Civil Liberties Union legislative advocate Lizzie Buchen, whose organization is among the groups behind the bill.

The goal is to encourage officers to try to defuse confrontations or use less-lethal weapons, said Terry Schanz, a spokesman for Assemblyman Kevin McCarty of Sacramento. McCarty is co-authoring the bill with fellow Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber of San Diego.

Leslie McGill, executive director of the California Police Chiefs Association, and Cory Salzillo, a lobbyist for the California State Sheriffs' Association, said they hadn't seen the proposed bill and couldn't comment.

The proposal comes after two Sacramento police officers chased Stephon Clark, who was suspected of breaking into cars, into his grandparents' backyard. They say they shot at him because they thought he had a gun, but investigators found only a cellphone.

California's current standard, set in law and by court decisions, means it is rare for police officers to be charged following a shooting and rarer still for them to be convicted. Frequently it's because of the doctrine of reasonable fear: If prosecutors or jurors believe that officers have a reason to fear for their safety, they can use force up to and including lethal force.

That standard "gives very broad discretion for using deadly force," said Buchen. "It doesn't mean there has to have been a threat. If a reasonable officer could have perceived a threat and responded with deadly force, then it's legal."

The proposed standard could require officers to delay confronting a suspect they fear may be armed until backup arrives, for instance, or to give explicit verbal warnings that the suspect will be killed unless he or she drops the weapon, she said. Officers might also have to first engage in de-escalation techniques or try non-lethal weapons if possible before shooting.

The proposed bill would also make it clear that the use of deadly force wouldn't be justified if the officer's

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gross negligence contributed to making the force "necessary." It would open officers who don't follow the stricter rules to discipline or firing, or sometimes to criminal charges.

The ACLU says California would be the first state to adopt such a standard, though some other law enforcement agencies including San Francisco have similar or even more restrictive rules.

Officers fatally shot 162 people in California last year, only half of whom were armed with guns, according to the lawmakers. They cited studies showing blacks are far more likely than whites to die in police shootings, and that California has five of the nation's top 15 police departments with the highest per capita rates of police killings: Bakersfield, Stockton, Long Beach, Santa Ana and San Bernardino.

Separate legislation proposed by Democratic state Sen. Nancy Skinner of Berkeley would make law enforcement records on officer use of force, on the job sexual assault or dishonesty available to the public. Current California law is among the nation's most secretive, Skinner says, arguing that more disclosure would promote better public trust.

DiVincenzo makes it rain; Nova tops Michigan 79-62 for title

By EDDIE PELLIS, AP National Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When he wasn't dribbling behind his back, winking to the TV announcers, stuffing shots or dishing out assists, Villanova guard Donte DiVincenzo was making it rain.

First, 3-pointers.

Later on, confetti.

The redhead kid with the nickname Big Ragu came off the bench to make five 3s and score 31 points Monday to lift Nova to another blowout victory in the NCAA Tournament — this time 79-62 over Michigan for its second national title in three seasons.

The sophomore guard had 12 points and an assist during a first-half run to help the Wildcats (36-4) pull ahead, then scored nine straight for Villanova midway through the second to snuff out the Wolverines. He capped the second shooting skein with a 3-pointer from a step behind the arc. He punctuated it with a knowing wink over to the sideline, where TV announcers Jim Nantz and Bill Raftery were sitting.

Yep, he knew he could do it. And his teammates were more than willing to let him steal the show.

"If someone's hot, feed 'em," said Jalen Brunson, the national Player of the Year, who finished with nine points and was perfectly fine with playing a supporting role on this night.

In taking the program's third overall title, Villanova won all six games by double digits over this tournament run, joining Michigan State (2000), Duke (2001) and North Carolina (2009) in that rare air.

The last team to win its two Final Four games by 16 or more: UCLA in 1968. During the dynasty.

One key question: Does Jay Wright's team belong on the list of the best of all-time?

Maybe so, considering the way Villanova dismantled everyone in front of it in a tournament that was dripping with upsets, underdogs and at least the appearance of parity.

Maybe so, considering the Wildcats won in seemingly every way imaginable. This victory came two nights after they set a Final Four record with 18 3-pointers (they had 10 in this one), and one week after they relied more on defense in a win over Texas Tech in the Elite Eight.

"We don't really look at it that way," Wright said. "We don't look at it as, did we just dominate that team? No. We played well."

And really, that debate's for later.

DiVincenzo squashed any questions about this game with a 10-for-15 shooting night — 5 for 7 from 3 — that was, frankly, better than that. He was a no-doubt winner of the Final Four's most-outstanding-player award.

With Michigan trying to stay in striking range early in the second half, he opened his game-sealing run with an around-the-back dribble to get to the hoop and get fouled. On the other end, he delivered a two-handed rejection of Michigan's Charles Matthews — his second block of the game, to go with five rebounds and three assists — when Matthews tried to bring it into the paint.

The 3 that capped things off came from a big step behind the arc and gave Villanova a 62-44 lead with

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"Honestly, I didn't look at the score at all," DiVincenzo said. "I didn't know how many points I had. I didn't know any of that. I was just trying to make the right play. And Omari (Spellman) was setting unbelievable screens for me getting me open. And I was just feeling it."

About the only drama at the end was whether DiVincenzo could unwrap himself from his teammates' mob hug to hurl the ball underhanded toward the rafters after the buzzer. He succeeded there, too.

"Sometimes I think about whether I'm a good defender, because in practice, he makes me look bad," said junior Mikal Bridges, who likely made this his final audition for the NBA with a 19-point night on 7-for-12 shooting.

What a couple of months it's been for Philly. First the Eagles. Now this. The Super Bowl, though, was a classic. This one was only beautiful to one team.

Michigan (33-8) came out playing tough-nosed defense it relied on over a 14-game winning streak that got the Wolverines to their second final in six years.

Moe Wagner scored 11 early points to pick up where he left off in a dominating performance in the semifinal. Villanova started 1 for 9 from 3-point range. And yet, after DiVincenzo banged down a 3 from a step behind the arc for Villanova's second of the night, coach John Beilein looked at the scoreboard and saw his team behind, 23-21.

"The way DiVincenzo shot the ball, it was just incredible for us to try to win that game with the roll he went on," the coach said.

If his first 3 wasn't demoralizing enough, DiVincenzo made another, then took a bounce pass from Brunson for a dunk, then paid it forward with an assist to Spellman. It was part of a 23-7 run that gave the Wildcats a nine-point lead at halftime; they never looked back.

DiVincenzo competed hard for a starting spot this year, but didn't win it. He made the best of it as a sixth man. Wright waited all of 52 seconds in the second half to get him back on the floor.

"It just shows how much depth we have, and that we don't care who gets the credit," Brunson said.

Though he didn't play in the 2016 Final Four, DiVincenzo got his fair share of credit for that title, too.

His season cut short because of a knee injury, he was healthy enough to run the scout squad for Villanova. Some on the team said he was better at doing Oklahoma star Buddy Hield than Hield himself.

But maybe a more apt comparison is to ... Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar?

DiVincenzo joins them in the rare club of players to crack 30 points while also shooting better than 66 percent from the floor in a Final Four game.

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Oklahoma teachers walk out for 2nd day in red-state revolt

By SEAN MURPHY and BRUCE SCHREINER, Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Many schools will remain closed for a second day in Oklahoma Tuesday as teachers continue to rally for higher pay and education funding in a rebellion that has hit several Republican-led states across the country.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed legislation last week granting teachers pay raises of 15 to 18 percent. But some educators — who haven't seen a pay increase in 10 years — say that isn't good enough and walked out.

"If I didn't have a second job, I'd be on food stamps," said Rae Lovelace, a single mom and a third-grade teacher at Leedey Public Schools in northwest Oklahoma who works 30 to 40 hours a week at a second job teaching online courses for a charter school.

Oklahoma three largest school districts, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Edmond, will remain closed Tuesday to honor the walkout. Some schools are offering free meals to students aged 18 or younger while various churches, faith organizations and charitable agencies are providing free day-care services. Spring break

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was last week in many Oklahoma districts.

Fallin on Monday warned that the state budget is tight and there are other critical needs besides education. "We must be responsible not to neglect other areas of need in the state such as corrections and health and human services as we continue to consider additional education funding measures," the Republican said.

But Democratic lawmaker Collin Walke said teachers should keep up the pressure. Two separate bills pending in the Legislature to expand tribal gambling and eliminate the income tax deduction for capital gains could generate more than \$100 million in additional funding each year.

"I think the Republican strategy is to wait the teachers out," Walke said.

Oklahoma ranks 47th among states and the District of Columbia in public school revenue per student while its average teacher salary of \$45,276 ranked 49th before the latest raises, according to the most recent statistics from the National Education Association.

The demonstrations were inspired by West Virginia, where teachers walked out for nine days earlier this year and won a 5 percent increase in pay. Teachers in Arizona are now considering a strike over their demands for a 20 percent salary increase.

In Frankfort, Kentucky, teachers and other school employees chanted "Stop the war on public education," during a rally at the Capitol Monday.

"We're madder than hornets, and the hornets are swarming today," said Claudette Green, a retired teacher and principal.

Schools across Kentucky were closed, due either to spring break or to allow teachers and other school employees to attend the rally.

Amid a chorus of chants from teachers, Kentucky lawmakers considered a new state budget that includes higher spending for public education.

Budget negotiators unveiled a spending plan Monday that includes increased spending for the main funding formula for K-12 schools to be paid for by a 6 percent sales tax on a host of services that had previously been tax-free.

The Kentucky teachers are mad because Republican lawmakers passed a pension overhaul last week that cuts benefits for new teachers. Opponents objected that the pension changes were inserted into an unrelated bill without a chance for public input, and worry that the changes will discourage young people from joining the profession.

Republican Gov. Matt Bevin has not yet signed the bill, but last week tweeted his support, saying public workers owe "a deep debt of gratitude" to lawmakers who voted to pass it.

During Monday's rally, some teachers, angry at lawmakers who supported the bill, chanted "Vote them out."

Melissa Wash, a first-grade teacher from Gallatin County who has been teaching for 19 years, said she voted for Bevin, but now plans to become a Democrat. To the lawmakers who voted for the pension overhaul, she said: "You better not count on another year in office."

Schreiner reported from Frankfort, Kentucky. AP writers Tim Talley in Oklahoma City and Morgan Lee in Santa Fe, New Mexico, contributed to this report.

King's heirs still grappling with his killing 50 years later

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK, AP National Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — On April 4, 1968, a movement lost its patriarch when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed on a hotel balcony in Memphis.

Yolanda, Martin, Dexter and Bernice King lost their father.

The loss has not gotten easier in 50 years, but his three surviving children each bear it on their own terms.

"That period, for me, is like yesterday," said Dexter King, now 57. "People say it's been 50 years, but I'm living in step time. Forget what he did in terms of his service and commitment and contribution to humankind ... I miss my dad."

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His children cling to the few memories they have left of him. For years, they have had to publicly mourn a man who was among the most hated in America at the time of his death — a task they have been reluctant and, at times, angry to carry out.

Now that King is among the most beloved figures in the world, his heirs are forced to share him with the multitudes who have laid claim to his legacy. For more than a decade, they have had to do this without two of the family's cornerstones: their mother, Coretta Scott King, who died in 2006, and eldest child, Yolanda, who died in 2007.

As adults, the siblings have earned a reputation over their infighting, which has spilled into rancorous lawsuits over heirlooms including their father's Bible and Nobel Peace Prize. Today, the three say they are in a "good place" and have managed to compartmentalize their differences and come together as a family in times of difficulty.

Their recollections are a reminder that at the center of this tragedy was a young family, robbed of a loving husband and father, who was just 39. All are older now than King was. The tributes to their dad — from the buildings and streets that bear his name, to statues in his home state and in the nation's capital — are points of pride, but also constant reminders of the void he left.

Martin Luther King III's eyes crinkle into a smile as he recalls the happier times: in the pews at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta helping his dad greet new members, tossing a football or baseball on the lawn of the family home, swimming lessons at the YMCA.

When he came home from the front lines in the fight against racism, King's somber expression would give way to smiles and a playful mood. For them, he was not an icon, but a buddy.

King III and his brother also traveled with King. Months before he was killed, they accompanied King as he mobilized people in South Georgia to attend his upcoming Poor People's Campaign in Washington.

"That was our time for camaraderie," recalled King III, now 60.

King III said he can still get emotional around his father's death. If he listens too closely to King's "Drum Major Instinct" speech, in which the preacher muses about wanting to live a long life, he still gets moved to tears.

For years afterward, King III tensed whenever he saw a news bulletin like the ones that told him his father was killed, or that his uncle, A.D. King, had been found dead in his swimming pool, or that his grandmother had been killed by a madman while playing the organ at Sunday service at Ebenezer — all while he was still a child.

"I was afraid, because I was like, 'Is this going to be something else that happens to our family?'" he said.

Bernice King, the youngest, was once envious of her siblings, who had many more memories of King. Shared stories from her mother, sisters and brother, as well as home movies, helped humanize her father.

Nicknamed "Bunny," Bernice King said she cherishes the scant moments she remembers sharing between father and daughter, like the "kissing game" they would play.

"That stayed with me so vividly," said Bernice, now 55. "I'm glad I had that, because everything else, other than a few memories of being at the dinner table, I don't recall. I wish I knew him more."

She admitted to struggling with having to share her parents with strangers over the years.

"It bothered me," she said. "It's hard to have the private moments ... It's like everybody else has a part of him, and that's always hard to deal with. But I won't let it get in the way of what they have done and what they mean to the world."

That night and the days that followed the killing remain frozen in Dexter King's memory. He remembers his mother telling them something had happened to their father as she prepared to head to the airport. After Coretta Scott King left, their caregiver answered the kitchen telephone, started screaming and fell backward.

Dexter, then 7, knew the worst had happened.

When King's body returned to Atlanta, Dexter remembered running up and down the aisle of the airplane,

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and seeing his father's coffin on the floor.

"I asked my mom, 'What's that?'" he said. "She explained, 'Your dad is going to be sleeping when you see him and he won't be able to speak with you. He's gone home to be with God.'"

Dexter King spoke of his father's warmth and playfulness, a departure from the serious approach he took to his work. Seeing him in his roles as pastor and civil rights leader, Dexter King said he and his siblings were aware that their father's work was important.

"You saw the interaction and the energy, just the way people reacted to him," he said.

He was again struck by the people's reaction at his father's funeral, as a seemingly endless sea of mourners formed a funeral procession through Atlanta.

"There's Dad, and there's the leader the world owns," Dexter continued. "Generally, I accept that. But he had a family. As kids, we did not choose this life. And I don't know that my dad chose it. It really chose him. We're human, and in some ways, we're still grieving."

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For AP's complete coverage on the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, go to <https://apnews.com/tag/MartinLutherKingJr>

'Miraculous': Teen survives 12 hours in Los Angeles sewage

By AMANDA LEE MYERS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was miraculously rescued Monday after falling into a river of sewage in Los Angeles, getting swept away and spending more than 12 hours in the city's toxic and mazelike underground sewer system.

Jesse Hernandez had been playing with other children on wooden planks over an access portal to the sewer system during a family outing Sunday at a Los Angeles park. When a plank broke, Jesse fell about 25 feet (8 meters) and landed in fast-moving sewage, said Brian Humphrey, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The other children immediately notified adults, who called 911, initiating a frantic and exhaustive 12-hour search of labyrinthine underground pipes using cameras propped on flotation devices.

Rescuers finally found Jesse after seeing images of handprints on a sewage pipe. A sanitation crew rushed to the area and opened a manhole.

"The first thing they heard was 'Help!'" said Adel Hagekhalil, assistant general manager of the sanitation department.

The crew lowered down a hose to Jesse, who was about 11 feet (3 meters) deep in the pipe.

"He caught onto the hose and was reeled back up," Hagekhalil said.

Rescuers gave him immediate medical attention, including hosing him down to get rid of the sewage and cleaning out his eyes and nose with sterile saline, Humphrey said.

Jesse immediately asked for a cellphone to call his family. A worker handed him a phone, and he called his mom.

The boy later told KNBC-TV that he was tired and a bit scraped up, but otherwise OK.

"I was praying to God to help me and to not die," Jesse said. "It was all quiet. You could just hear the water running through and you couldn't see anything. It was dark."

Video released by the city later in the day showed long dark marks on the sides of the dank sewage pipe, which was about 4 feet (1 meter) in diameter, where Jesse's fingers would have slid.

After an accident like Jesse's, rescuers say the likelihood of someone being found safe diminishes by the hour. Hagekhalil said rescuers were thrilled at the outcome.

"They never gave up hope," Hagekhalil said. "They wanted to bring Jesse back to his family."

About 2,400 feet (731 meters) of pipe had been inspected when rescuers found Jesse less than a mile

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from where he disappeared. He was taken to a hospital for a full evaluation and to be reunited with his family.

In addition to the massive rescue effort involving more than 100 people, Humphrey credited Jesse for his survival. Not only did he survive getting swept through sewage moving at 15 mph (24 kph), he managed to find a pocket of breathable air and hang on until he was found, authorities said.

"Any subterranean location, particularly one that involves waste, can produce toxic gases — methane, hydrogen sulfide — so breathable air is a key element," Humphrey said. "The odds of someone falling into such a pipe and surviving are slim. The odds were not in his favor, and many would call it miraculous."

He called Jesse "a resolute young man."

"He has tremendous inner strength," Humphrey said. "It's obvious he's not a quitter."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti was among the many Angelenos closely watching the rescue efforts for Jesse. In a string of tweets, Garcetti praised rescuers and thanked the teen's family for their "patience and optimism during this harrowing experience."

"We're keeping Jesse's health and recovery in our thoughts today," he said.

Also Sunday, an 11-year-old boy fell into a canal in Meadow Vista, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) northwest of Sacramento. He was found dead a couple hours later.

Famously in October 1987, rescuers freed an 18-month-old girl who had been trapped in a narrow, abandoned well in Midland, Texas, for more than 58 hours. Jessica McClure's rescue captured the nation's attention in some of the first round-the-clock television coverage in the U.S.

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Asians stocks fall on US-China trade tensions, yen rises

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks fell for a second day Tuesday amid jitters about U.S.-Chinese trade tensions and mounting public scrutiny of technology companies.

Markets in China, Japan, Australia and South Korea all declined while the Japanese yen rose against the dollar as currency traders looked for a safe haven.

The Shanghai Composite Index lost 1.1 percent to 3,129.55 points and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 dropped 0.9 percent to 21,199.98. Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.9 percent to 29,828.46.

Investors worry China's decision to raise tariffs on \$3 billion of U.S. goods including pork, apples and steel pipe raises the risk of a broader conflict that might depress global trade.

The amount of goods affected is a small share of China's \$150 billion in annual imports of U.S. goods. But investors see a bigger fight looming over U.S. President Donald Trump's approval of possible higher duties on \$50 billion of Chinese goods in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

"The risk of a downward spiral to tit-for-tat trade measures has appreciably increased," said Weiliang Chang of Mizuho Bank in a report.

China's foreign minister tried to reassure companies and investors that Beijing, the No. 1 trading partner for all of its Asian neighbors, wasn't closing its markets.

"Despite the rise of protectionism in the world, China will remain committed to openness (and) will open wider to the rest of the world," said Wang Yi at a news conference.

Elsewhere in the region, Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed 0.1 percent to 5,752.70. Seoul's Kospi retreated 0.6 percent to 2,429.18. Benchmarks in Taiwan and Southeast Asia also declined.

The dollar edged down to 105.87 yen from Monday's 105.89 yen as currency traders shifted money into the Japanese currency, seen as a haven in times of market turmoil.

Benchmark U.S. crude gained 15 cents to \$63.16 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract plunged \$1.93 on Monday to close at \$63.01.

Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 16 cents to \$67.80 in London. It tumbled \$1.70 to

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\$67.64 on Monday.

On Wall Street, stocks sank as worry about trade tensions compounded by heightened public scrutiny of tech companies in the United States and Europe.

That deflated some previously high-fliers including Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.9 percent to 23,644.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gave up 2.2 percent, to 2,581.88. The Nasdaq composite slumped 2.7 percent to 6,870.12.

Amazon fell 5.2 percent following broadsides from Trump on Twitter. Facebook tumbled as a widening privacy scandal weighed on its stock.

The threat of tighter regulation in Europe and the United States prompted investors to pull money out of Netflix, Microsoft and Google parent Alphabet.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2018. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

On this date:

In 1776, George Washington received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Harvard College.

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander held responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed by firing squad outside Manila.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1965, the United States launched the SNAP-10A nuclear power system into Earth orbit; it was the first nuclear reactor sent into space.

In 1978, at the Academy Awards, Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" was named best picture of 1977; its co-star, Diane Keaton, won best actress while Richard Dreyfuss was honored as best actor for "The Goodbye Girl."

In 1985, the landmark Hollywood Brown Derby restaurant closed after 56 years in business.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee) was arrested at his remote Montana cabin. An Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard.

In 2003, Atlantic magazine editor Michael Kelly, 46, became the first American journalist to be killed while covering the Iraq war.

Ten years ago: NATO allies meeting in Bucharest, Romania, gave President George W. Bush strong support for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the program. Model Naomi Campbell was arrested at London Heathrow Airport after getting into an altercation with

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police during a dispute about lost luggage. (Campbell was later sentenced to 200 hours of community service and fined 2,300 pounds.) Ohio State defeated Massachusetts, 92-85, for the National Invitation Tournament title.

Five years ago: The White House announced President Barack Obama would return 5 percent of his salary each month to the Treasury in a show of solidarity with federal workers smarting from government-wide spending cuts. Palestinian militants launched several rockets into southern Israel and Israeli aircraft struck targets in the Gaza Strip in the heaviest exchange of fire between the sides since a cease-fire ended a major flare-up the previous year. Oscar-winning screenwriter and award-winning novelist Ruth Praver Jhabvala, 85, died in New York.

One year ago: A suicide bombing aboard a subway train in St. Petersburg, Russia, left 16 people dead and wounded more than 50; authorities identified the bomber as a 22-year old Kyrgyz-born Russian national. A divided Senate Judiciary Committee panel voted 11-9 along party lines to favorably recommend Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch to the full Senate. The NHL announced it would not participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. North Carolina scored the last eight points for a 71-65 win over Gonzaga and an NCAA title.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Doris Day is 96. Conservationist Dame Jane Goodall is 84. Actor William Gaunt is 81. Songwriter Jeff Barry is 80. Actor Eric Braeden is 77. Actress Marsha Mason is 76. Singer Wayne Newton is 76. Singer Tony Orlando is 74. Comedy writer Pat Proft is 71. Folk-rock singer Richard Thompson is 69. Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway 101) is 68. Blues singer-guitarist John Mooney is 63. Rock musician Mick Mars (Motley Crue) is 62. Actor Alec Baldwin is 60. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 59. Rock singer John Thomas Griffith (Cowboy Mouth) is 58. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 57. Rock singer-musician Mike Ness (Social Distortion) is 56. Rock singer Sebastian Bach is 50. Rock musician James MacDonough is 48. Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 47. Actress Jennie Garth is 46. Actor Jamie Bamber is 45. Actor Adam Scott is 45. Christian rock musician Drew Shirley (Switchfoot) is 44. Comedian Aries Spears is 43. Actor Matthew Goode is 40. Actress Cobie Smulders is 36. Rock-pop singer Leona Lewis is 33. Actress Amanda Bynes is 32. Actress-comedian Rachel Bloom is 31. Actress Hayley Kiyoko is 27.

Thought for Today: "Our firmest convictions are apt to be the most suspect, they mark our limitations and our bounds. Life is a petty thing unless it is moved by the indomitable urge to extend its boundaries."
— Jose Ortega y Gasset, Spanish philosopher (1883-1955).