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## Friday, April 27

VEX World Robotics Competition at Louisville, KY  
FFA Banquet  
3 p.m.: Track Meet at Sisseton

## Saturday, April 28

VEX World Robotics Competition at Louisville, KY

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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

## Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Holly Carlson, bride-to-be of Tyler Candor, will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton.

## Election Signs Not Allowed in Right of Way

PIERRE, S.D –The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public that political campaign and ballot-issue signs cannot be placed on state highway rights of way.

“With election season coming up, election signs are showing up along the state’s roadways,” says Kristi Sandal, public information officer. “Illegal signs create a safety hazard and may distract motorists from seeing important regulatory or directional signing.”

The use of right of way is reserved for official highway signage. All signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control, as authorized by law (SDCL 31-28-14), are prohibited and will be removed. That includes both candidate and ballot-issue signs.

Municipal ordinances regulating placement and removal of campaign signs within towns and cities do not have precedence over state jurisdiction and supervision of state highway rights of way within municipalities.

## Homestead Rest Area Closed For Construction

VERMILLION, S.D. - The South Dakota Department of Transportation has closed the Interstate 29 Homestead rest area near Vermillion Exit 26 for the reconstruction of the rest area and welcome center. Officials expect the new rest area and welcome center to open by April 2019.

JLG Architects is the designer and Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. is the prime contractor on this \$3.7 million rest area reconstruction project.

For more information on the state’s Rest Area Revitalization Plan, you can find the complete document at: <http://www.sddot.com/resources/reports/InterstateRestAreaFinalReport.pdf>

## Dakota Cash jackpot won in Wednesday’s drawing

The South Dakota Lottery’s Wednesday drawings featured a Dakota Cash jackpot winner.

The winning ticket worth \$83,440 was sold at the Park Ridge Gas N Pak, located at 1801 S. Western Ave. in Sioux Falls. The winning numbers were 1, 2, 30, 31 and 32 and the odds of hitting the jackpot were 1:324,632.

If you are Wednesday’s winner, please sign the back of your ticket immediately and visit a South Dakota Lottery office to claim your prize. The Sioux Falls Lottery office is located at 3605 S. Western Ave., Suite B.

The Dakota Cash game is exclusive to South Dakota with drawings each Wednesday and Saturday. For more information on the game, visit <https://lottery.sd.gov/games/lottogames/dakotacash>.

## **FIVE STEPS FOR Social Security success**

**By: Patty Hoffman**

**Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

No matter how much you've planned, there's no better time than now to think about your future. We'd like to encourage you to take Five Steps toward Your Financial Security. Planning for the future may seem intimidating to many, but we've broken the task down into five easy steps:

**Step 1: Get to know your Social Security** — You and Social Security are on a journey for life, but there is so much you may not know about the benefits and services we provide. Social Security delivers financial security to millions of children and adults before retirement; including the chronically ill, children of deceased parents, and wounded warriors. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/agency](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/agency).

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Share this information with the people you love. Get to know your Social Security and the many ways we help secure today and tomorrow for you and your family at [www.socialsecurity.gov/5steps](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/5steps).

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## Today in Weather History

April 27, 1968: A significant snowstorm raged over the northern Black Hills blocking many highways near Gillette and Moorcroft with an estimated three to four feet of snow. Winds in the Sturgis area were nearly 90 mph.

1898: The first Weather Bureau kite was launched in Topeka, Kansas to report daily, early morning, atmospheric observations. By year's end, 16 additional launch sites would be in operation.

1912: The April 27-28, 1912 outbreak was the climax of a wild, week-long period of severe weather that occurred in Oklahoma. Strong to violent tornadoes struck portions of central and north-central Oklahoma on April 20, 1912. Also, a violent tornado hit Ponca City, OK on April 25, 1912. From the 27 through the 28th, 16 tornadoes rated F2 or greater touched down in the state with 6 of them rated F4. About 40 people were killed, and the storms injured 120 people.

1931: The temperature at Pahala, located on the main island of Hawaii, soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record.

2003: For only the 11th time since records began in 1871, hail was observed in Key West Florida. A severe thunderstorm produced hail to 1.75 inches in diameter which easily broke the previous record of a half an inch in diameter which was set on May 10, 1961.

2011: April 27 was the single deadliest day for tornadoes since records began in 1950. The death toll from Wednesday's 199 tornadoes surpassed 300. The worst day in recorded history for storm fatalities is March 18, 1925, with 747 deaths. Of the 316 deaths reported, 313 were associated with the afternoon/evening tornadoes. In all, 31 of these tornadoes were rated as EF3 or stronger. Eleven tornadoes were rated EF4, and four were rated EF5. The average EF4 and EF5 tornado path length were 66 miles.

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Fri Apr 27	Sat Apr 28	Sun Apr 29	Mon Apr 30	Tue May 1	Wed May 2	Thu May 3
63°F	62°F	74°F	79°F	64°F	63°F	64°F
28°F	43°F	55°F	49°F	40°F	38°F	43°F
NW 22 MPH	E 13 MPH	S 26 MPH	S 17 MPH Precip 20%	W 15 MPH Precip 40%	WNW 10 MPH	NW 14 MPH

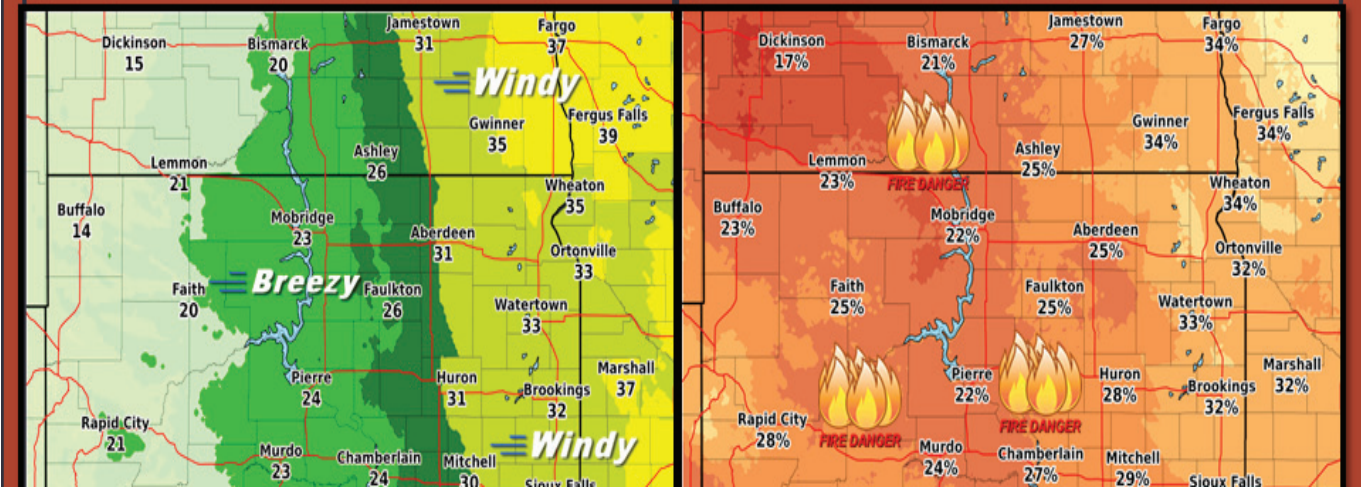
## \*\* High to Very High Fire Danger This Afternoon \*\*

- Mild and Dry with Gusty Winds This Afternoon
- Mostly Sunny, Highs 55 to 65F



Max Wind Gusts This Afternoon (mph)

Lowest Forecast Afternoon Relative Humidity (%)



Gusty north breezes will combine with very low relative humidity this afternoon to produce high to very high fire danger across the entire area this afternoon.

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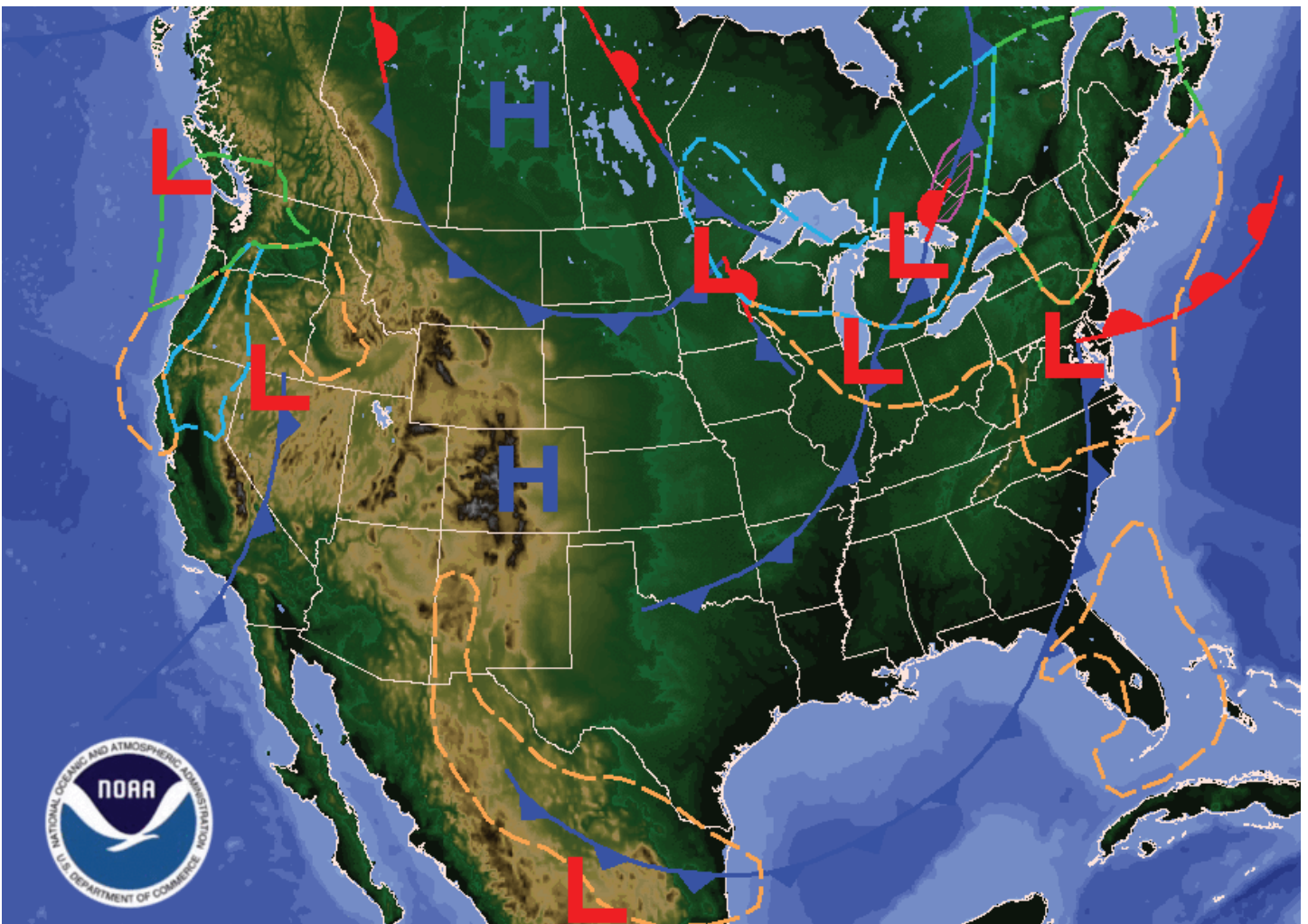
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 63.2 F at 5:50 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 39.8 F at 11:27 PM**  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust: 37.0 Mph at 4:01 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 91° in 1897**  
**Record Low: 17° in 2005**  
**Average High: 63°F**  
**Average Low: 37°F**  
**Average Precip in April: 1.59**  
**Precip to date in April: 0.83**  
**Average Precip to date: 3.77**  
**Precip Year to Date: 2.68**  
**Sunset Tonight: 8:35 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:26 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Apr 27, 2018, issued 4:42 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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## OUR WISE AND WONDERFUL GOD

The earth spins around like a top at a speed of about 1,000 miles per hour. This spinning is what makes our days and nights. If it slowed down gradually through the years our days would become so long that the sun would burn our vegetation during the day or freeze all vegetation during the long nights.

The earth tilts to one side as it goes around the sun. It is this tilt that makes the seasons. If it were not tilted 23½ degrees, vapors from the ocean would move north and south, piling up continents of ice.

Most of the time, the moon is about 237,000 miles from the earth. As it revolves around the earth it exerts a "pull." This "pull" causes tides - the rise and fall of the oceans. If the moon were not at the exact distance it is from the earth the tides would completely overflow the land twice a day.

The earth is a great storage facility. Its resources produce the foods we eat. It contains the fuels we need for heating and transportation. It has the minerals we need for survival hidden beneath its soil. It grows the lumber we need for building homes. Its vegetation purifies the air we breathe by removing various impurities that would suffocate us.

Can all this be the result of an accident? Was there a "big bang" that threw "things" up into the air and when things settled down there were form and function? Or was the Psalmist right when he wrote, "How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You made them all."

Prayer: It is amazing, Lord, how carefully You planned everything to fit together perfectly to reflect Your wisdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 104:24 How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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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
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 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

### **Some school districts extend year due to missed snow days**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota school districts are being forced to extend the academic year because of days they missed over the winter and spring due to snow storms.

The American News reports that the Aberdeen School District has added five days to its calendar to make up for days missed due to bad weather. The last day of classes has been moved from May 17 to May 24.

The Webster Area School District also has added five days, due in part to weather but also to city water problems.

State law designates a minimum number of hours of instruction that students need in a school year.

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

### **Bristol man convicted of scamming elderly man, tax crimes**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Day County jury has convicted a Bristol man of scamming an 83-year-old man.

The attorney general's office says 59-year-old Gary Podzimek did unauthorized and unnecessary mechanical work on the elderly man's pickup truck, billing him \$53,000 and receiving more than \$39,000 before he was caught.

Authorities say Podzimek also filed false or fraudulent business tax returns.

He was convicted of grand theft by deception, failing to pay taxes and other charges. A sentencing date wasn't immediately set.

### **Referendum push unlikely for new petition circulator rules**

By **JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota ballot question advocates lack the resources to run an expensive campaign to block a new state law they contend will make it harder to put voter initiatives on the ballot, a key activist said Thursday.

The Republican-backed law requires ballot question signature gatherers to provide more information to the secretary of state, including their driver's license numbers and the length of time at their current and past two addresses.

Rick Weiland, co-founder of initiative group TakeItBack.Org, a lead organization in discussions to refer the law to voters, said such campaigns require significant financial and volunteer resources in a tight timeframe. Putting the law on the ballot would require opponents to collect 13,871 valid signatures by June 25, but campaigns aim to collect significantly more names to have a cushion if officials invalidate some signatures.

"There have been numerous discussions about an appropriate and feasible path forward," Weiland said. "We simply don't have the money and time to collect 20,000 signatures to refer what we think is a constitutionally questionable piece of legislation making it more difficult, if not impossible, for the people to petition their government."

He said the group is "exploring other avenues."

The Secretary of State's office hasn't gotten any referendum petitions from the 2018 legislative session, spokeswoman Kristin Gabriel said in an email. The session ended last month.

House Speaker Mark Mickelson, the law's sponsor, has said it will make it easier for courts to determine whether circulators are South Dakota residents, a requirement in state law. Critics argued the law will make it tougher for campaigns to find people to gather signatures.

It also mandates that petitioners submit to the state information on whether they have resident hunting or fishing licenses, if they pay in-state college tuition and other proof of residency like library cards or utility bills.

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Under the law, ballot measure sponsors or those paid by initiative campaigns for signature gathering who commit multiple violations of petition circulation, residency or campaign finance regulations would be barred from working on initiatives for four years. It's set to take effect July 1.

The GOP majorities at the Capitol this year imposed a slew of new rules for citizens' initiative campaigns and decided to ask voters in November to make the state constitution harder to change. Cory Heidelberger, a ballot question activist and Democratic legislative candidate, said the new rules for petition circulators pose the "greatest danger" of hamstringing initiative efforts of the laws passed this year.

But the Aberdeen state Senate hopeful said he's campaigning for "comprehensive initiative reform" as a candidate, and encouraging others to join him, rather than pushing to refer the circulator rules to the ballot. Heidelberger helped refer two measures to the voters that the Legislature passed in 2015.

"The window is very, very narrow," he said of veto referendum campaigns. "It would be extremely difficult to start it now."

## Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

### Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, April 26

#### School debate doesn't have to be gun-centric

It's been five years since the school sentinel bill sponsored by Scott Craig of Rapid City was signed into law. Most school districts didn't like it then and still don't like it for numerous reasons, including one that everyone who pays property taxes should be able to agree with — it could cause catastrophic damage to a school district's finances.

Rapid City school district Superintendent Lori Simon spelled it out to sentinel supporters who brought their political agenda to Monday's school board meeting.

The discussion started before the 17-minute student walkout on March 13 when gun advocates asked to participate in the protest to educate students about school sentinels, who can be teachers, school staff members or volunteers that are permitted to carry guns in schools.

After the Rapid City school district denied the request, they decided to ask the school board to devote resources to studying a sentinel program.

"If schools are safer now, then why do we have a countrywide march to disarm law-abiding citizens?" asked one woman, referring to nationwide student protests after the school shooting in Florida that claimed 17 lives, including 14 students. She wants the school district to form a task force.

Tonchi Weaver of the activist group Citizens for Liberty asked the district to hold a study session with law enforcement officials and insurance experts to explore the need for more armed individuals in schools even though many parents and the police department don't want to see that.

Simon later explained, however, why the idea is a non-starter, which is something that every fiscally conservative government watchdog should understand. She explained that the district's insurance underwriters will only cover shooting incidents involving "school resource officers and armed security guards."

In other words, school sentinels are extreme liability issues. If they shoot anyone, it likely would lead to a civil lawsuit that would cost the district thousands of dollars in legal fees and much more if damages were awarded — and all at taxpayer expense if there is no insurance coverage.

She went on to say that as a result "any consideration is a waste of time, energy and focus," which should come as a relief to those who complain about the impact the schools have on their property taxes.

If the school district is going to hold a study session, the focus needs to be on making schools safer without invoking the Second Amendment and an individual's right to bear arms.

On Wednesday, the Journal reported that the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center will purchase portable metal detectors with grant money from the South Dakota Office of Homeland Security in order to comply with requests from promoters that demand better security at their shows.

Courthouses have used metal detectors for years with great success, preventing the kind of gun violence that occurs all too often at schools, churches, businesses and the workplace in the United States.

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At Columbine High School in Colorado, where 13 students were shot to death in 1999, doors that can only be opened from the inside have been installed to keep intruders out. The district also has taken steps that make it more difficult for students to get trapped if a shooter is rampaging through the school.

Other options for improving school safety exist and should be explored by the school district and state Legislature, which has done nothing to make schools safer beyond passing the school sentinel bill, which puts all the burdens and costs on school districts and local law enforcement.

As much as some want to make this a Second Amendment issue, it's really a school-safety issue. As Simon said, the district can't afford to take a chance on sentinels. In a rational debate, it would end the discussion and other options would be explored. That's what needs to happen. The school district already has too much on its plate to become another Second Amendment battleground.

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## Capital Journal, Pierre, April 25

### Another question to think about in regard to treating Pierre's water

Those of us who live in Pierre are well acquainted with the city's less-than-pleasant tap water situation. Indeed, there are more than a few Fort Pierre residents who'll cite Pierre's stinky, stain-inducing water as a key reason why they currently reside on the Missouri's western shore. Pierre water has an excess of manganese and iron, which stains fixtures, sidewalks, houses and anything else with which it comes into regular contact. The city's water also smells of sulfur. It's perfectly safe to drink according to state and federal regulators, it's just not aesthetically pleasing.

So it's a good thing that city leaders are, after several years, taking another serious look at building a treatment plant for the city's water. We are right to be asking our leaders to look for ways to de-stink our water.

The alternative we're being presented with, however, is another issue entirely. It's going to cost us \$37 million to build a new treatment plant. That's a huge chunk of change and could end up costing the average resident an extra \$32 a month or about \$384 a year. That's a lot of money to fix an aesthetic problem. This cost will be especially burdensome to those among us who already are struggling to make ends meet.

Most of us will be able to adjust to the new expense. And the adjustment will be made easier because the costs will be phased in over time. This is a good thing but it doesn't change the fact that the older folks on fixed incomes and the folks who just don't make much money are going to struggle to foot this heftier bill. We can't forget that as we debate the treatment plant.

We need to ask ourselves if it's fair to ask folks who can least afford an extra \$384 annual expense to help foot the bill for a problem that really isn't hurting anyone. After all, we don't have lead in our water. We have iron, manganese and an off-putting smell, all of which can be remedied with a water softener and a reverse osmosis filter, which are up to individual homeowners to buy.

Building a new water treatment plant isn't a bad idea. In fact, it may well be the best thing to do right now. Building such a facility isn't likely to get any cheaper over the years. But if we decide to build the thing, we need to recognize that some of us are going to be impacted more than others and we should take steps to make sure those folks aren't hurt by our collective desire for tap water that doesn't smell like fermented eggs.

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## Madison Daily Leader, April 25

### Mundy is inspiring to high school women

Best-selling author Liza Mundy spoke in Madison on Monday, and her message was eagerly received by high school women and others at Dakota State University.

The setting was the Aspirations in Computing Award Ceremony, which honored high school women who are active and interested in computing and technology, as well as educators who encourage high school women's interest in technology.

Mundy, who wrote the national bestseller "Code Girls," told the audience about women who worked to

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break German and Japanese coded communications during World War II that helped win the war. Part of the message was that women have succeeded in information technology for far longer than many people believe.

Mundy emphasized that college-educated women in 1942 were expected to be teachers, nurses or housewives, but thousands were codebreakers sworn to secrecy about their role in the war. Most of the stories were never told, but knowing them today can be inspiring to young women.

DSU President Dr. Jose-Marie Griffiths attributed some of the missing history of women in information technology to the fact that men wrote most of the history. Griffiths brought up the quote, "When you write your life's story, don't let someone else hold the pen."

DSU faculty Ashley Podhradsky and Pam Rowland have been especially diligent in encouraging young women to pursue information technology careers, especially in cyber sciences. They are co-founders of the organization CybHER, which seeks to motivate, educate and change the perception of women in cybersecurity.

The afternoon event was inspiring not only to the young women but also to all of us in attendance. We thank Liza Mundy and the organizers for a great day.

## Report: Soybeans most profitable for South Dakota farmers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Soybeans were the most profitable crop for some South Dakota farmers in 2017 for the fifth year in a row, according to a new report.

The South Dakota Center for Farm/Ranch Management examined the records and farming practices of about 75 member farmers and ranchers statewide, the Capital Journal reported .

The center found that soybeans averaged a net return of \$38 per acre last year. Farmers saw a drop from the \$96 per acre net return in 2016, but soybeans still proved to pay off the best in the state.

The total cost of producing an acre of soybeans declined by 5 percent last year. Surpassing corn acres, South Dakota saw a record 5.7 million soybean acres (2.3 million hectares) last year, according to Lori Tonak, an instructor for the management program.

Farmers saw an improvement in corn last year compared to 2016, but still experienced losses. Corn's net return was minus \$7 per acre in 2017, which is better than minus \$19 per acre in 2016, said William Walter, the program's director.

"It may seem odd to get excited about 'less' loss, but it represents an improvement," Walter said.

The average return on winter wheat harvested last year was minus \$32 per acre, which could affect farmers' planting plans this year.

"There will be some serious review by some producers," said Reid Christopherson, executive director of the South Dakota Wheat Commission. He predicted farmers will likely choose to plant beans, corn or sunflowers, rather than wheat.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

## Dem who ran for Mississippi governor helps GOP Sen. Wicker

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A former Democratic nominee for Mississippi governor is hosting a fundraising reception for Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker.

John Arthur Eaves Jr. tells the Clarion Ledger that Wicker has "put Mississippians first in his politics, ahead of party."

The reception is Tuesday at Eaves' home in the Jackson suburb of Madison, and Republican Sen. John Thune of South Dakota is scheduled to attend. Thune is the third-ranking member of the Senate Republican leadership.

Eaves is a trial lawyer who works internationally. He lost the 2007 governor's race to Republican incumbent Haley Barbour.

Wicker faces one opponent in the June 5 Republican primary. Five candidates are competing for the

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Democratic nomination. A Reform Party candidate and a Libertarian will also be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

Information from: The Clarion-Ledger, <http://www.clarionledger.com>

## Judge declines to move Sioux Falls building collapse trials

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota judge has denied a request by the developer of a downtown Sioux Falls building to move trials surrounding the structure's 2016 collapse to Aberdeen.

The Argus Leader reports that Legacy Development & Consulting Co. had wanted the venue change in three lawsuits filed by the families of a construction worker who died in the collapse and a woman who was trapped for hours in the rubble.

Legacy is among several defendants in the lawsuits. A lawyer representing Legacy argued the company has been prejudiced in the eyes of the community because of unfair and inaccurate media reports and social media posts.

Judge Mark Salter says it's too early to weigh moving the trials, but left open the opportunity for Legacy to try again later in the proceedings.

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

## Howard man fined for trapping migratory birds

HOWARD, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge in South Dakota has ordered a man to pay more than \$13,000 for trapping migratory birds in Miner County.

Authorities say they found twelve birds in steel-jawed metal traps, including a great horned owl and four hawks. Four birds were still alive when they were discovered last August. Three had surgery at the Great Plains Zoo and were released back into the wild.

The Argus Leader says 63-year-old Armand Dornbusch, of Howard, also lost his hunting privileges for three years when he was sentenced this week.

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

## South Dakota store robbery suspect apprehended in Iowa

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of robbing a gas station in Mitchell, South Dakota, earlier this month has been arrested in Davenport, Iowa.

Police last week issued an arrest warrant for 18-year-old Montez McClain after viewing surveillance camera video and investigating other leads.

The Daily Republic reports McClain was apprehended Wednesday. It wasn't immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

Police say a man walked into the Easy Come Easy Go store on April 12, threatened the clerk and fled with about \$800 in cash. He did not display a weapon.

McClain was wanted for second-degree robbery, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

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

## Yankton man involved in April 8 crash dies of his injuries

VOLIN, S.D. (AP) — A 27-year-old Yankton man involved in a vehicle crash earlier this month near Volin has died of his injuries.

The Highway Patrol says Michael Vos Jr. was driving a car that went off a rural Clay County road on April

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8, through a ditch and into a pasture.

Vos was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital, where he died on April 19.

Vos was traveling alone when the crash happened in the early morning hours.

## Man to plead guilty to theft from low-income program

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of stealing from a program that provides legal services to low-income people including on American Indian reservations in the Dakotas has agreed to plead guilty.

Authorities allege Kevin Lewis took nearly \$25,000 while working as managing attorney for Dakota Plains Legal Services between 2014 and 2017. He was fired last July.

The Rapid City Journal reports Lewis is scheduled to plead guilty Friday to a theft charge in a deal with prosecutors.

## Korean leaders pledge denuclearization, but avoid specifics

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

GOYANG, South Korea (AP) — The leaders of North and South Korea played it safe Friday, repeating a previous vow to rid the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons but failing to provide any specific new measures or forge a potential breakthrough on an issue that has captivated and terrified many since the rivals seemed on the verge of war last year.

In a sense, the vague joint statement produced by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in to achieve “a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula through complete denuclearization” kicks one of the world’s most pressing issues down the road to a much-anticipated summit between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump in coming weeks.

Even so, the Koreas’ historic summit Friday might be remembered as much for the sight of two men from nations with a deep and bitter history of acrimony holding each other’s hands and grinning from ear to ear after Kim walked over the border to greet Moon, and then both briefly stepped together into the North and back to the South.

Standing at a podium next to Moon after the talks ended, Kim faced a wall of cameras beaming his image live to the world and declared that the Koreas are “linked by blood as a family and compatriots who cannot live separately.”

What happened Friday should be seen in the context of the last year — when the United States, its ally South Korea and the North threatened and raged as the North unleashed a torrent of weapons tests — but also in light of the long, destructive history of the rival Koreas, who fought one of the 20th century’s bloodiest conflicts and even today occupy a divided peninsula that’s still technically in a state of war. Kim’s single step across the cracked, weathered concrete marking the Koreas’ border made him the first ruler of North Korea to step on South Korean soil since the war.

It marks a surreal, whiplash swing in relations for the countries, from nuclear threats and missile tests to intimations of peace and cooperation. Perhaps the change is best illustrated by geography: Kim and Moon’s historic handshake and a later 30-minute conversation at a footbridge on the border occurred within walking distance of the spot where a North Korean soldier fled south in a hail of gunfire last year, and where North Korean soldiers axe-murdered two U.S. soldiers in 1976.

The latest declaration between the Koreas, Kim said, should not repeat the “unfortunate history of past inter-Korean agreements that only reached the starting line” before becoming derailed.

Trump tweeted later Friday, “KOREAN WAR TO END!” and said the United States “should be very proud of what is now taking place in Korea!” Both Koreas agreed to jointly push for talks this year with the United States and also potentially China to officially end the Korean War, which stopped with an armistice that never ended the war.

Many will be judging the summit based on the weak nuclear language. North Korea’s nuclear and missile tests last year likely put it on the threshold of becoming a legitimate nuclear power. The North, which has spent decades doggedly building its bombs despite crippling sanctions and near-constant international

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opprobrium, claims it has already risen to that level.

South Korean conservative politicians criticized the joint statement as letting North Korea off the hook by failing to secure a clear commitment on nuclear disarmament. Liberty Korea Party Chairman Hong Joon-pyo denounced the summit as a "show camouflaged as peace."

But the Koreas made inroads on a raft of other points of friction between them. Moon agreed to visit Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, sometime in the autumn, and both leaders said they'd meet on a regular basis and exchange calls via a recently established hotline.

They agreed to settle their disagreement over their western maritime border by designating it as a peace area and securing fishing activities for both countries. They said they'd open a permanent communication office in the North Korean border town of Kaesong and resume temporary reunions of relatives separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

"I feel like I'm firing a flare at the starting line in the moment of (the two Koreas) writing a new history in North-South relations, peace and prosperity," Kim told Moon as they sat at a table, which had been built so that exactly 2018 millimeters separated them, to begin their closed-door talks. Moon responded that there were high expectations that they produce an agreement that will be a "big gift to the entire Korean nation and every peace-loving person in the world."

Kim acknowledged the widespread skepticism over their summit. "We have reached big agreements before but were unable to fulfill them. ... There are skeptical views on whether the meeting today will yield meaningful results," Kim said. "If we maintain a firm will and proceed forward hand in hand, it will be impossible at least for things to get worse than they are now."

Kim, during their talks, joked that he would make sure not to interrupt Moon's sleep anymore, a reference to the North's drumbeat of early-morning missile tests last year, according to Moon's spokesman, Yoon Young-chan. Kim also referred to a South Korean island that North Korea attacked with artillery in 2010, killing four, saying the residents of Yeonpyeong Island who have been living in fear of North Korean artillery have high hopes the summit will help heal past scars. Kim said he'd visit Seoul's presidential Blue House if invited.

The historic greeting of the two leaders, which may be the images most remembered from the summit, was planned to the last detail, though the multiple border crossings may have been impromptu. As thousands of journalists, who were kept in a huge conference center well away from the summit, except for a small group of tightly controlled pool reporters at the border, waited and watched, Moon stood near the Koreas' dividing line, moving forward the moment he glimpsed Kim, dressed in dark, Mao-style suit, appearing in front of a building on the northern side. They smiled broadly and shook hands with the border line between them. Moon then invited Kim to cross into the South, and, after Kim did so, Moon said, "You have crossed into the South, but when do I get to go across?" Kim replied, "Why don't we go across now?" and then grasped Moon's hand and led him into the North and then back into the South.

Moon then led Kim along a blindingly red carpet into South Korean territory, where two fifth-grade students from the Daesongdong Elementary School, the only South Korean school within the DMZ, greeted the leaders and gave Kim flowers. An honor guard stood at attention for inspection, a military band playing traditional Korean folk songs beloved by both Koreas and the South Korean equivalent of "Hail to the Chief."

They then took a photo inside the Peace House, where the summit took place, in front of a painting of South Korea's Bukhan Mountain, which towers over the South Korean Blue House presidential mansion and where dozens of North Korean commandos trying to assassinate the then-dictator in Seoul were killed in 1968. Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, was by Kim's side throughout the ceremony, handing him a pen to sign a guestbook, taking the schoolchildren's flowers from his hand and scribbling notes at the start of the talks with Moon.

Expectations were generally low on the nuclear issue, given that past so-called breakthroughs on North Korea's weapons have collapsed amid acrimonious charges of cheating and bad faith. Skeptics of engagement have long said that the North often turns to interminable rounds of diplomacy meant to ease the pain of sanctions — giving it time to perfect its weapons and win aid for unfulfilled nuclear promises.

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Advocates of engagement, however, say the only way to get a deal is to do what the Koreans tried Friday: Sit down and see what's possible.

The White House said in a statement that it is "hopeful that talks will achieve progress toward a future of peace and prosperity for the entire Korean Peninsula. ... (and) looks forward to continuing robust discussions in preparation for the planned meeting between President Donald J. Trump and Kim Jong Un in the coming weeks."

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## Police: Evacuation order lifted following refinery blast

By AMY FORLITI and JEFF BAENEN, Associated Press

An evacuation order was lifted early Friday for a northwest Wisconsin city where a refinery plant explosion injured at least 11 people and sent billowing plumes of black smoke into the air.

The Superior Police Department tweeted that the order issued Thursday following the blast was lifted at 6 a.m. Friday. Mayor Jim Paine said all indications are that the refinery site is safe and stable, and that the air quality is normal.

Authorities said the fire at the Husky Energy oil refinery was extinguished late Thursday but that the evacuation order remained overnight for Superior, a city of about 27,000 residents that shares a Lake Superior shipping port with nearby Duluth, Minnesota.

A tank of crude oil or asphalt exploded about 10 a.m. Thursday at the refinery, prompting authorities to order the evacuation of a 3-mile (5-kilometer) radius around the refinery, as well as a 10-mile (16-kilometer) corridor south of it where the smoke was heading.

It was unclear how many people evacuated, but Mayor Jim Paine said most of the city was affected. The refinery is in an industrial area, but there's a residential neighborhood within a mile to the northeast. Schools in Superior and nearby Maple, Wisconsin, canceled classes Friday as a precaution.

The corridor downwind to the south of the refinery is sparsely populated.

Hospital officials said only one of the injured was seriously hurt, with what was described as a blast injury. No deaths were reported, and officials said all workers had been accounted for.

Thick, black smoke that could be seen for miles poured from the refinery hours after the explosion. Refinery manager Kollin Schade said the smoke was from burning asphalt that was so hot that firefighters were unable to attack the fire to try to put it out. Emergency officials later said another tank had caught fire, too, though they didn't specify what was in it.

A four-person team from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board will investigate the blast. The board makes safety recommendations after serious chemical incidents.

The fire was put out about 11:20 a.m. Thursday — but it reignited, prompting police to urge residents living within an evacuation area to leave. Police blocked roads into the area around the refinery. Three schools and St. Mary's Hospital in Superior were evacuated as a precaution.

A contractor who was inside the building told WDIO television that the explosion sounded like "a sonic boom" and that it happened when crews were working on shutting the plant down for repairs.

Kara Tudor, 30, and Julia Johnson, 27, live about 2 miles from the refinery and were ordered to evacuate. They quickly scooped up their two dogs and three cats, grabbed their toothbrushes and drove to a friend's house in Duluth, where they were watching the news for updates.

Johnson, who was working from home at the time of the blast, said the windows shook.

"It felt like something had hit the house, like a vehicle or a branch from a tree. ... Our dogs started barking. It was a stressful moment," Johnson said.

Tudor, a scientist at a research company, said residents were not told much about the potential danger,



what was in the smoke or why it was so black. But she said it was clear people should not have been breathing it in and she wondered how it will affect the water and air quality.

Oil smoke can contain a mix of noxious hydrocarbons and other chemicals with potential short- and long-term health effects.

National Weather Service radar showed the smoke plume extending south-southeast, taking it into sparsely populated areas. The weather service said winds were expected to weaken Thursday evening and eventually shift toward Lake Superior. It said the smoke probably would not affect Duluth, a city of about 87,000.

Calgary, Alberta-based Husky Energy bought the refinery from Indianapolis-based Calumet Specialty Products Partners last year for more than \$490 million. It's Wisconsin's only refinery, and it produces gasoline, asphalt and other products.

The refinery had been fined by federal officials several years ago under its previous owners. U.S. Department of Labor spokesman Scott Allen said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined Calumet Superior LLC \$21,000 over emergency response and flammable liquids violations in 2015. The violations were settled and the problems resolved by the end of that year.

Allen said it was the only OSHA enforcement action taken against Calumet Superior LLC in the past 20 years. Calumet Superior operates as a subsidiary of Calumet Specialty Products Partners, which sold the plant to Husky Energy last year.

The refinery, which dates back to the early 1950s, has a processing capacity of around 50,000 barrels per day and a storage capacity of 3.6 million barrels of crude and products. It processes both heavy crude from the Canadian tar sands in Alberta and lighter North Dakota Bakken crude.

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## **Trump says of Comey: 'He's either very sick or very dumb'**

**By JONATHAN LEMIRE and CHAD DAY, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump insists he "won't be involved" in any attempt to interfere with the investigation into Russian election meddling — unless he changes his mind.

Trump also is renewing his attacks on James Comey, the FBI director he fired last year, accusing him of lying about Trump's trip to Moscow in 2013 that has received fresh scrutiny. Early Friday, Trump accused Comey in a tweet of leaking classified information.

"He's either very sick or very dumb," Trump tweeted.

On Thursday, the GOP-led Senate Judiciary Committee approved a measure that would safeguard special counsel Robert Mueller from being fired. The move came shortly after Trump, in a television interview, blasted the Justice Department, which oversees the special counsel's investigation.

"I am very disappointed in my Justice Department. But because of the fact that it's going on, and I think you'll understand this, I have decided that I won't be involved," the president said in a telephone interview with "Fox & Friends."

But then he added: "I may change my mind at some point, because what's going on is a disgrace."

The Mueller legislation approved by the Senate panel may be largely symbolic, since Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he won't bring it up for a full Senate vote. But it shows there are limits to Republican support for Trump when it comes to the president's attacks on the special counsel's probe.

Four Republicans joined Democrats in a 14-7 committee vote to approve the measure.

Nearly all GOP senators say Trump shouldn't fire Mueller. And Republicans who support the legislation say it's necessary to guard against presidential interference by giving Congress more oversight power.

"While my constitutional concerns remain, I believe this bill should be considered by the full Senate," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the committee, adding to pressure on McConnell.

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Trump has increased his criticism of the Russia investigation since the FBI's raids on the office and hotel room being used by Michael Cohen, a Trump personal attorney who is under federal criminal investigation in New York for unspecified business dealings.

Trump again called the investigation "a witch hunt" and insisted there was "no collusion" with Russia. Much of his vitriol in his TV remarks was directed at Comey.

He laced into the former FBI director as "a leaker" and "a liar." He disputed Comey's claim that Trump told him he did not spend the night in Moscow during his 2013 trip to attend the Miss Universe pageant.

"He said I didn't stay there a night. Of course I stayed there," Trump said. "I stayed there a very short period of time but of course I stayed."

Comey last year created a series of contemporaneous memos — some classified, some not — to document his interactions with Trump. He wrote in the memos that Trump repeatedly brought up allegations contained in an unverified document that explored ties between Trump's orbit and Russia.

Among the most salacious details was a report that Trump consorted with prostitutes overnight on that trip, a claim Trump has denied. Comey wrote in the memos that Trump told him that he'd never stayed the night in Moscow.

Flight records and social media posts from that week indicate that Trump did spend at least one night in Russia. Comey said on a CNN program that aired Wednesday — watched by Trump — that he was always concerned when someone lied to the FBI, particularly if it was about something that an agent never asked about, as he said was the case with Trump.

"It tends to reflect consciousness of guilt as we would say in law enforcement," Comey said. He added: "If they bring things up you didn't ask about, and if they bring it up and make a false statement about it, that's — it's not definitive, but it certainly makes you very concerned about what might be going on there."

Trump denied having that conversation with Comey.

"You look at the corruption at the top of the FBI. It's a disgrace," Trump said. "And our Justice Department, which I try and stay away from, but at some point I won't."

He also suggested Comey leaked classified information in the memos.

Comey has denied that allegation. He has acknowledged that the Justice Department's inspector general, who has been investigating FBI actions during the Hillary Clinton email probe, was examining whether Comey complied with FBI policy in how he produced and stored the memos. He said that inquiry is not looking at whether he mishandled classified information, "because that's frivolous."

"The bottom line is, I see no credible claim by any serious person that that violated the law," he said on CNN.

A conscious effort by Trump to mislead the FBI director could lend weight to the allegation, contained in the private research dossier compiled by a former British spy in 2016, that Trump engaged in compromising activity during the trip that exposed him to potential Russian blackmail.

The Mueller probe has already led to the indictments of several former Trump campaign officials, including onetime campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who is charged with engaging in conspiracy and money laundering. Trump, who recently added former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani to his legal team, has not committed to sitting for an interview with Mueller's investigators.

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## Cosby could spend rest of life in prison for sex assault

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NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — After decades of whispers, lawsuits, investigations and close calls, Bill Cosby could be headed to prison at age 80 for sexual assault for the rest of his life, vindicating a multitude of women who doubted anyone would ever believe their word against that of America's Dad.

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The comedian was convicted Thursday of drugging and molesting Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in January 2004. Women's advocates called the verdict a turning point in the #MeToo movement that proved what Cosby's accusers had been saying all along: his nice-guy image was a sham.

Lili Bernard, who said Cosby sexually assaulted her before giving her a one-time role on "The Cosby Show" in 1992, became so emotional in the courtroom gallery that she accidentally banged her forehead on the bench in front of her.

"I'm overcome with gratitude," Bernard, sobbing, said outside the courthouse. "I feel like I have to pinch myself. Am I awake? It's a miracle."

The verdict, in the first big celebrity trial of the #MeToo era, sealed the spectacular late-in-life downfall of an entertainer who broke racial barriers in Hollywood on his way to TV superstardom as sweater-wearing, wisdom-dispensing Dr. Cliff Huxtable.

It was the only criminal case to arise from a barrage of allegations from more than 60 women who said Cosby drugged and molested them over five decades but whose stories were often disbelieved or ignored years before #MeToo put a spotlight on sexual misconduct by powerful men.

Cosby stared straight ahead as the verdict was read but moments later lashed out loudly at District Attorney Kevin Steele after the prosecutor demanded Cosby be sent immediately to jail. Steele told the judge they'd learned through the trial that Cosby has an airplane, and feared he could flee.

Cosby angrily denied he has a plane and called Steele an "a--hole," shouting, "I'm sick of him!"

Judge Steven O'Neill decided Cosby can remain free on \$1 million bail while he awaits sentencing but restricted him to Montgomery County and the mansion where the encounter with Constand occurred.

Cosby was convicted of three counts of aggravated indecent assault, each carrying a standard sentence of five to 10 years in prison. The counts are likely to be merged for sentencing purposes, but given Cosby's age even a modest term could mean he will die behind bars.

Sentencing will likely be held within three months. Before that, Cosby must face assessment to determine if he is a sexually violent predator. He will also be required to register as a sex offender under Megan's Law.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated 14 hours over two days before convicting Cosby.

Constand, a 45-year-old Temple University women's basketball administrator, said Cosby knocked her out with three blue pills he called "your friends" and then penetrated her with his fingers as she lay immobilized, unable to resist or say no. Cosby claimed the encounter was consensual, saying he gave her the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl to relax.

Cosby waved to the crowd outside the courthouse, got into an SUV and left without saying anything. His lawyer Tom Mesereau declared "the fight is not over" and said he will appeal.

Shrieks erupted in the courtroom when the verdict was announced, and some of Cosby's accusers whimpered and cried. Constand remained stoic, then hugged her lawyer and members of the prosecution team.

The verdict came after a two-week retrial in which prosecutors had more courtroom weapons at their disposal than they did the first time: They put on the stand five other women who testified that Cosby, married for 54 years, drugged and violated them, too.

At Cosby's first trial, which ended in a deadlocked jury less than a year ago, only one additional accuser was allowed to testify.

"Justice has been done!" celebrity attorney Gloria Allred, who represented some of Cosby's accusers, said on the courthouse steps. "We are so happy that finally we can say women are believed."

The district attorney became teary-eyed as he commended Constand for what he said was courage in coming forward. As Constand stood silently behind him, Steele apologized to her for a previous DA's decision in 2005 not to charge Cosby.

Cosby "was a man who had evaded this moment for far too long," Steele said. "He used his celebrity, he used his wealth, he used his network of supporters to help him conceal his crimes."

He added: "Now, we really know today who was really behind that act, who the real Bill Cosby was."

Since Cosby's first trial, the #MeToo movement has taken down powerful men in rapid succession, among

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them Harvey Weinstein, Matt Lauer, Kevin Spacey and Sen. Al Franken. During closing arguments, Cosby's lawyers slammed #MeToo, calling Cosby its victim and likening it to a witch hunt or a lynching.

Cosby's new defense team, led by Mesereau, the celebrity attorney who won an acquittal for Michael Jackson on child-molestation charges, launched a ferocious attack on Constand during the trial, calling her a "con artist" and "pathological liar" who framed Cosby to get rich.

Cosby's defense team derided the other accusers as home-wreckers and suggested they made up their stories in a bid for money and fame.

But Cosby had long ago confirmed some of the rumors about drugs and extramarital sex. In a deposition he gave more than a decade ago as part of Constand's lawsuit, he acknowledged he had obtained quaaludes to give to women he wanted to have sex with.

A federal judge, acting on a request from The Associated Press, unsealed portions of Cosby's deposition about quaaludes and sexual conquests in 2015, citing the disconnect between Cosby's private behavior and his reputation as a public moralist.

That prompted authorities to reopen the criminal investigation, and they eventually brought charges.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission. Constand has done so.

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## Live and unfiltered: Kim Jong Un captivates South Koreans

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Technology Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Koreans watched Friday as history unfolded and Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader they normally only see in heavily edited footage, walked across the border and had his every word broadcast live and unfiltered on airwaves across the country.

From train platforms to tech forums, South Koreans took a pause from their normal routines to get a glimpse of Kim as he became the first North Korean leader to visit South Korean territory. Major South Korean television networks canceled their usual programming for wall-to-wall coverage of the inter-Korean summit with President Moon Jae-in.

"I can't believe I'm listening to the voice of Kim Jong Un. Someone I have only seen as jpg is speaking now," South Korean Lee Yeon-su wrote on Twitter, referring to a common image format. She spoke to the AP as she watched the live footage at home.

It's a dramatic change for South Koreans, who under the National Security Act are banned on threat of jail from accessing media considered pro-North Korean. Websites for the North's official Korean Central News agency and Rodong Shinmun newspaper, which regularly publish propaganda images of Kim, are blocked in South Korea.

South Koreans used the rare opportunity of seeing raw footage of Kim to speculate on everything from his speech habits to his health. Some even said they found Kim cute.

"Most South Koreans probably heard his voice for the first time. I found his way of speaking friendly, like a guy living next door," said Ryu Seok-woo, a reporter at a local news outlet who didn't cover the summit.

Some noted that the reclusive leader, who rules his country unquestioned, seemed to drone on and on in his first speech. They speculated that he had never been stopped or interrupted when speaking before.

There was a moment many South Koreans noted when Kim made an off-the-cuff comment about naengmyeon, cold buckwheat noodles that are a North Korean delicacy popular among South Koreans and are to be served at Kim and Moon's dinner meeting.

"Pyongyang naengmyeon that came from afar. Ah, I shouldn't say it's from afar," Kim said before the two leaders started their morning meeting.

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Kim appeared to be making a joke about the distance between the two countries. The remarks, which didn't seem to fit with the intimidating image most South Koreans have of Kim, went viral on social media as people shared them in disbelief and even suggested he has a future in comedy.

"I thought he had a sense of humor. He's certainly different from his father's generation," said Lee Seung-won, an office worker. "I thought I would never see such scene before I die."

As Kim walked a few hundred meters from the border and climbed some stairs to the Peace House where the summit is taking place, some South Koreans questioned whether the heavyset young leader was physically struggling. When Kim was leaving a message in the guest book, his shoulders appeared to be moving up and down as if he was panting.

"He probably doesn't walk a lot and seemed to be having a hard time," homemaker Cho Jin-joo said, noting that such a common struggle made him seem real. "Before I found him intimidating on the news but today I felt like he was much more human," she said.

Some were sympathetic to Kim.

"Ah, Kim Jong Un panting hard after walking that much. It strikes a chord with people who don't like walking," South Korean Kim Somi confirmed she said in a tweet.

Between Kim's jokes and big smiles, some on social media and elsewhere said the rival leader looked cute.

"He was so different from what I saw on the news in the past. He looked friendly. I thought he looked like a teddy bear," said office worker Yang Hae-ra, who watched the footage live on her phone.

Such comments raised the ire of others on social media, who thought it distracted from the fact that Kim is an authoritarian leader.

## After night of QBs in NFL draft, proving ground ahead

By BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Now that the Great QB Grab of 2018 is over, what's ahead for the five first-round quarterbacks selected might be more daunting than getting selected on opening night of the draft.

When NFL teams get desperate at the position, they tend to reach. Or mortgage portions of their future. Or sometimes simply blow it.

Of course, in many other instances, they nail it, from top overall selections Eli Manning, Cam Newton and Andrew Luck to wise lower picks on the first night such as Ben Roethlisberger, Matt Ryan and, yes, Aaron Rodgers.

It really is a crapshoot.

"Everybody's draft board is set up differently, and when I recite to you all the best available player in this draft for the Cleveland Browns organization, this was the best available player," general manager John Dorsey said of taking Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield of Oklahoma to begin proceedings. "What he brings to this organization, I couldn't be more excited to have him. Those other guys are really good quarterbacks, too, but I just felt that this was the best fit for this organization moving forward."

As the New York Jets felt with Southern California's Sam Darnold; the Buffalo Bills with Wyoming's Josh Allen, for whom they traded up five spots with Tampa Bay to get; the Arizona Cardinals with Josh Rosen of UCLA, also by using a trade, with Oakland; and the Baltimore Ravens, who concluded Round 1 with — you guessed it — a deal with Philadelphia so they could grab 2016 Heisman recipient Lamar Jackson of Louisville.

Five QBs, the most since the 1999 draft and second to the epic 1983 first round that produced three Hall of Famer quarterbacks (John Elway, Jim Kelly, Dan Marino) of the six QBs selected.

On Thursday, as the five teams with new signal callers looked ahead, all they saw and spoke about was sunshine and success.

"We feel he has a very, very bright future," Jets GM Mike Maccagnan said of Darnold, "and really when you put the whole thing together with quarterbacks, you analyze them from an ability standpoint, you analyze them from a character standpoint, and then you see what you think they can grow into, and we felt very good about Sam from that standpoint."

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So what are the challenges ahead for these five potential franchise quarterbacks?

## BROWNS

History certainly plays a role here. Since re-entering the NFL in 1999, the Browns haven't had anything more than stopgap QBs. That's almost two decades of searching, with the last two seasons' record of 1-31 as abysmal as it gets.

Enter Mayfield, who eventually should beat out newly acquired veteran Tyrod Taylor, if not immediately.

Dorsey adeptly evaluated the pros about Mayfield:

"It is a combination of things. I talk about hand size; he has 9 6-8th (inch) hands. ... That is good for the elements in November and December. He has feet to extend the play. He has really good accuracy. He has a quick release. He has a strong arm. His efficiency in the red zone offense is uncanny.

"You know what else separates him? He is hungry. He wants to be a really good football player, and he is going to be a really good football player."

Mayfield also is short for the position at just over 6-foot. He has to adjust to the pro-style offense of coach Hue Jackson. He must show he can take the kind of hits college players couldn't deliver but the pros do regularly.

And while teammates adore him for his leadership skills, there's also a cockiness and borderline rebelliousness that can take a player (and team) in several directions, not all of them positive.

## JETS

Size is no issue with Darnold. Nor are arm strength or competitiveness.

Like Mayfield, he can sit behind a veteran, Josh McCown, who is a good teacher, though that won't be for too long, either.

What must be cured is Darnold's penchant for turnovers and sloppy plays.

"Obviously, we don't want turnovers on any level," coach Todd Bowles said, "but we think his upside and his ability far outweighs the turnovers. And sometimes just trying to do too much, sometimes trying to make the wrong reads and things he can learn from. Getting to know him, we think those things can be corrected, and I know just talking with him personally those things can be corrected."

## BILLS

Allen might have a higher ceiling than any of the QBs taken Thursday. He's tall and solid and won't be bothered by fall and winter weather in Western New York. He's smart, had a sensational offseason to boost his draft stock, and throws a terrific deep ball among the many spirals he unleashes.

Allen also comes from the Mountain West, not the highest level of college conferences, and his career completion percentage is a mere 56.2.

"We just think his makeup is going to help him work on his flaws," GM Brandon Beane says. "We like a lot of his strengths. And that'll be part of our job here is to accentuate his strengths and work on his fundamentals and the things that his so-called weaknesses are."

Buffalo has veteran AJ McCarron, an infrequent starter with Cincinnati before the Bills brought him aboard this year.

## CARDINALS

All three of Arizona's 2017 quarterbacks were gone, most notably the retired Carson Palmer. Although the Cardinals signed Sam Bradford in free agency, it's conceivable Rosen will win the starting job. Indeed, many NFL personnel people rated him the most ready QB for the pros.

Rosen certainly has an edge, which cuts two ways. His competitiveness and desire to outdo anyone and everyone can be a major plus. It also can backfire and lead to impatience and bad decisions.

He's also had some injury issues, including a concussion.

"To make a difference, you've got to be different," new coach Steve Wilks said. "I love his personality. He's wired the right way."

## RAVENS

In some ways, this is as intriguing as any first-round selection.

Baltimore's starter, Joe Flacco, is diametrically opposite in style to Jackson. Where Flacco is anchored to the pocket, Jackson is a dynamo outside of it. Where Flacco is lead-footed, Jackson is a flash. Jackson's

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creativity with the ball works best in a different type offense than Flacco's strong-armed, tradition manner. Like Mayfield, Darnold and possibly Allen, Jackson has the luxury of sitting behind a solid vet — and a Super Bowl winner, don't forget — and learning the NFL game. His biggest challenge, a huge one, is adapting to a totally different scheme from the one he ran in college.

"Joe Flacco is our quarterback. That's the thing that you got to remember," coach John Harbaugh said. "Lamar is going to have a chance to develop."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, April 27, the 117th day of 2018. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1968, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey declared his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president, less than a month after President Lyndon B. Johnson said he would not run for re-election.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, resulted in a limited British victory.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin, Inc. of New York.

In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1950, Britain formally recognized the state of Israel.

In 1967, Canada's International and Universal Exhibition, also known as "Expo 67," began a six-month run as it was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground. Convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.

Ten years ago: Afghan President Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zeye) escaped an attempt on his life during a ceremony in Kabul marking Afghanistan's victory over Soviet occupation in the 1980s; three other people were killed in the rocket and rifle attack claimed by the Taliban. Ashley Force, 25, became the first woman to win a national Funny Car race as she beat her father, drag racing icon John Force, in the final round of the 28th annual Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals in Commerce, Georgia.

Five years ago: North Korea announced that Kenneth Bae, an American missionary detained for nearly six months, was being tried in the Supreme Court on charges of plotting to overthrow the government (Bae was later sentenced to 15 years of hard labor; he was released in November 2014 along with another American, Matthew Miller). Center-left leader Enrico Letta forged a new Italian government in a coalition with former Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservatives.

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One year ago: David Dao, the airline passenger who was violently dragged off a flight after refusing to give up his seat, settled with United for an undisclosed sum; cellphone video of the April 9 confrontation aboard a jetliner at Chicago's O'Hare Airport had sparked widespread public outrage over the way Dao was treated. About 20 hours after he fatally shot a state trooper, a Delaware man was shot to death following an overnight standoff with police. Texas A&M defensive end Myles Garrett was picked first overall by the Cleveland Browns in the NFL Draft.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anouk Aimee is 86. Former NFL coach Chuck Knox is 86. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 76. Singer Ann Peebles is 71. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 69. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 69. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 67. West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is 67. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 59. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 56. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 53. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 49. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., is 49. Actor David Lascher is 46. Actress Maura West is 46. Actress Sally Hawkins is 42. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 39. Neo-soul musician Joseph Pope III (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 39. Country musician John Osborne (Brothers Osborne) is 36. Actress Ari Graynor is 35. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 34. Actress Sheila Vand is 33. Actress Jenna Coleman is 32. Pop singer Nick Noonan (Karmin) is 32. Actor William Moseley is 31. Actress Emily Rios is 29. Singer Allison Iraheta is 26.

Thought for Today: "For those who do not think, it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while." — Luther Burbank, American horticulturist (1849-1926).