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Oven Fresh Sandwiches	Hot Desserts	Snack Melts	
11 E Hwy 12, Groton ~ 397-8627			

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

Lewandowski Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Bride to Be, Sarah Lewandowski, Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church – Groton. Lance Dennert and Sarah are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.

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Jonathan Doeden - second place, 110m hurdles (SDPB Photo)

Robert Whitmyre

Democrat for District 1

House of Representatives



I would like to be a new voice in Pierre to work for our rural areas, the needs and rights of our citizens, and improve the opportunities for our young people that want to make South Dakota their home.

I ask for your vote in the June 5th primary.

- Lifelong Day County Ag Producer
- 30 Years in Manufacturing Industry
- WEB Water Board of Directors
- National Farmers Union Policy Committee
- Odin Lodge Sons of Norway President
- Webster High School Graduate
- BS in Mechanical Engineering from SDSU

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Whitmyre for District 1 House Committee, |
David Sigdestad Treasurer - 42449 133rd St. -
Pierpont, SD 57468

Groton Job Opportunities

C.N.A.s ~ Nurses

Part-Time Cook

Contact Brynn Pickrel or Nellie Hatfield at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

EOE/AA/M/F/V/D-Drug Free Workplace



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CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER

1106 N. 2nd Street, Groton

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Jonathan Doeden - fifth place, 300m hurdles (SDPB Photo)



Jessica Bjerke - fifth place, Discus (SDPB Photo)

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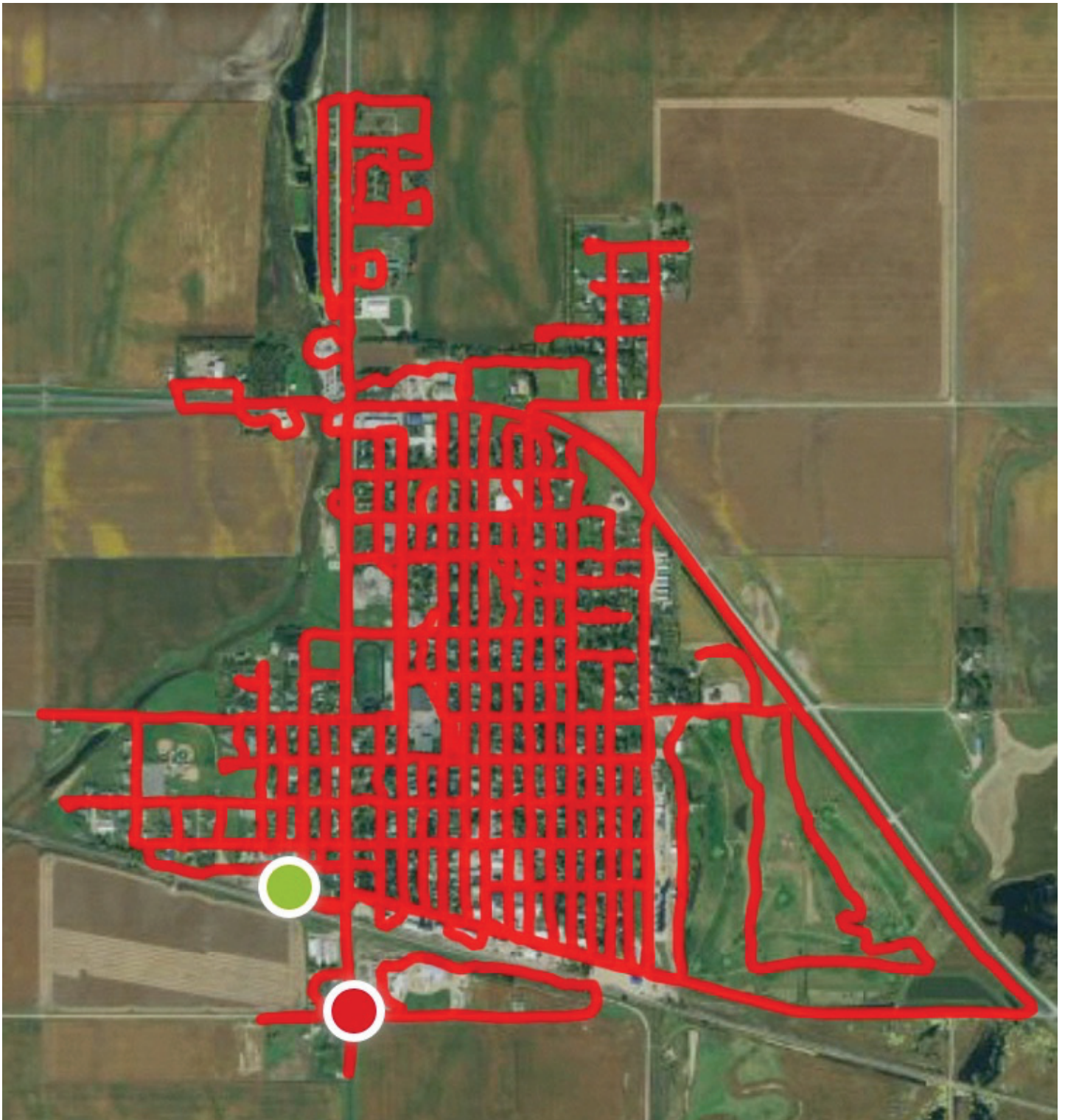
Mosquito Control last night

41 miles ~ Time: 3:48

65-70 degrees

NNE-NNW 2-5 mph

15 gallons Evolver



80th Birthday . . .



Joan Kjellsen

Joan will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Her family requests a card shower in her honor.

Greetings may be sent to:

Joan Kjellsen
208 Hillview Rd
Sisseton, SD 57262

Presentation College Spring 2018

President's and Dean's List:

Presidents list - Jamie Krueger, Groton

Deans list - Sean Schuring, Groton

Presidents list students must earn a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and Dean's list students must maintain a 3.5 or greater grade point average.

Hecla Rummage Sales

HECLA CITY-WIDE Rummage sale, Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maps available at locate businesses and City of Hecla Facebook Page.

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Today in Weather History

May 31, 1960: A late evening thunderstorm cut a path of destruction, principally from high winds from Beadle County, northeast to Roberts and Grant Counties. Twelve head of cattle electrocuted for a downed high tensions wire occurred at Wolsey. Winds with gusts of 65 to 75 mph were observed at Huron and Watertown. A grain elevator tipped over, and a windmill was destroyed near Willow Lake. A Steel corn crib was blown over at Hayti and damaged occurred to other farm buildings and implements.

1830: Shelbyville, Tennessee was turned into "a heap of ruins" as a tornado moved east through the center of the town. This tornado destroyed 15 homes and 38 businesses along with churches and other public buildings. Losses were estimated to be as high as \$100,000. A book was said to be carried seven miles away.

1889: The Johnstown, Pennsylvania disaster occurred, the worst flood tragedy in U.S. history. Heavy rains collapsed the South Fork Dam sending a thirty-foot wall of water rushing down the already flooded Conemaugh Valley. The wall of water, traveling as fast as twenty-two feet per second, swept away all structures, objects, and people. The flood killed around 2100 people.

2013: The 2nd of the top 10 weather events for 2013 was EL Reno, Oklahoma tornado of May 31, 2013. Part of the multi-day storm outbreak caused \$2 billion in damage. The EF3 that traveled through the western suburbs of Oklahoma City was the largest tornado ever observed with a width of 2.6 miles. It took eight lives including four tornado chasers.

1941 - Thunderstorms deluged Burlington KS with 12.59 inches of rain to establish a 24 hour rainfall record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Severe thunderstorms spawned forty-one tornadoes across the Lower Great Lakes Region and southeastern Ontario which killed 74 persons. (Storm Data)

1987 - Thunderstorms in New England produced wind gusts up to 90 mph at Worcester, MA, and Northboro, MA, and hail an inch and a half in diameter at Williston, VT. Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S. The afternoon high of 94 degrees at Portland, ME, was a record for the month of May. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Hot and humid weather prevailed in the eastern U.S. Thirteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Cape Hatteras, NC, reported their first ninety degree day in May in 115 years of records. "Dust buster" thunderstorms in northwest Texas drenched Amarillo with more than three inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather and torrential rains in northern Indiana, northern Ohio and southern Lower Michigan. Saint John IND was drenched with four inches of rain in two hours, and Woodland MI was deluged with two inches in twenty minutes. Pittsburgh PA reported a record 6.55 inches of rain for the month of May, with measurable rain reported on twenty-five days during the month. (The National Weather Summary)

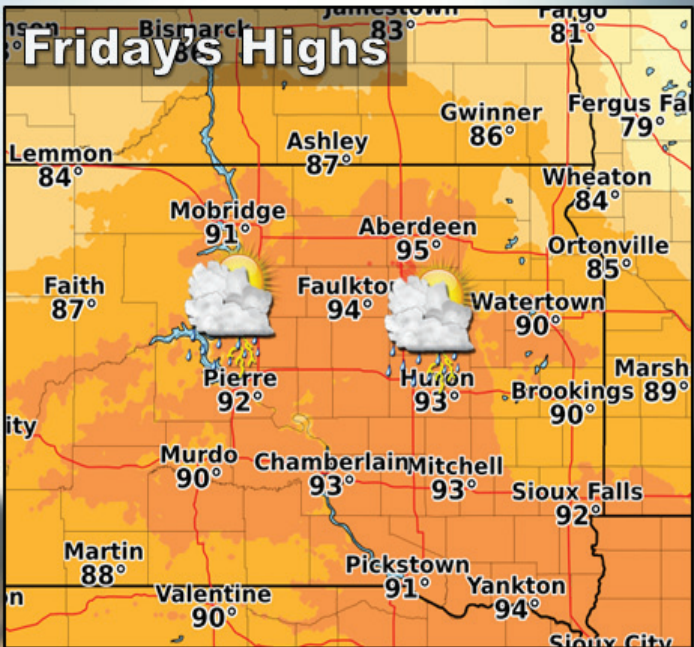
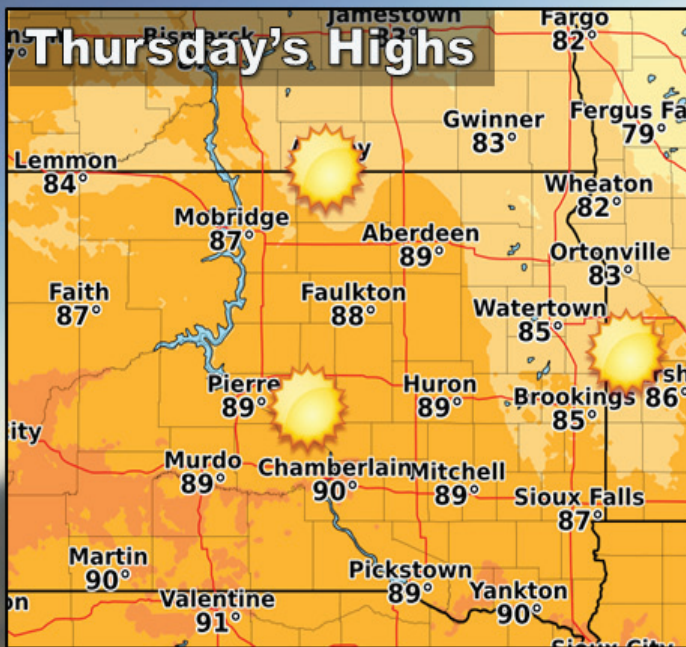
1990 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather from northwest Texas to southeastern Louisiana. The thunderstorms spawned sixteen tornadoes, including thirteen in northwest Texas. One tornado hit the town of Spearman, TX, causing more than a million dollars damage, and seven other tornadoes were reported within twenty-five miles of Spearman. Thunderstorms over northwest Texas also produced baseball size hail at Monahans, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Paducah. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Thu May 31	Fri Jun 1	Sat Jun 2	Sun Jun 3	Mon Jun 4	Tue Jun 5	Wed Jun 6
88°F	93°F	76°F	84°F	84°F	85°F	79°F
65°F	63°F	54°F	57°F	62°F	60°F	67°F
NNW 7 MPH	SE 19 MPH	WNW 17 MPH	WSW 13 MPH	ESE 13 MPH	ESE 13 MPH	N 14 MPH
		Precip 40%				Precip 20%

Very Warm, Stormy End To Week



Much above average temperatures and plenty of

Hot, sunny and breezy southerly winds. Severe

Today's weather features mostly sunny skies and highs in the mid to upper 80s, once areas of fog across northern South Dakota burn off this morning. A strong storm system works into the area on Friday. Much of the day will be sunny, breezy and humid. By the late afternoon, severe weather may develop and then spread east through the evening. Large hail and damaging winds will be the primary threats. Stay tuned to the latest forecast details.

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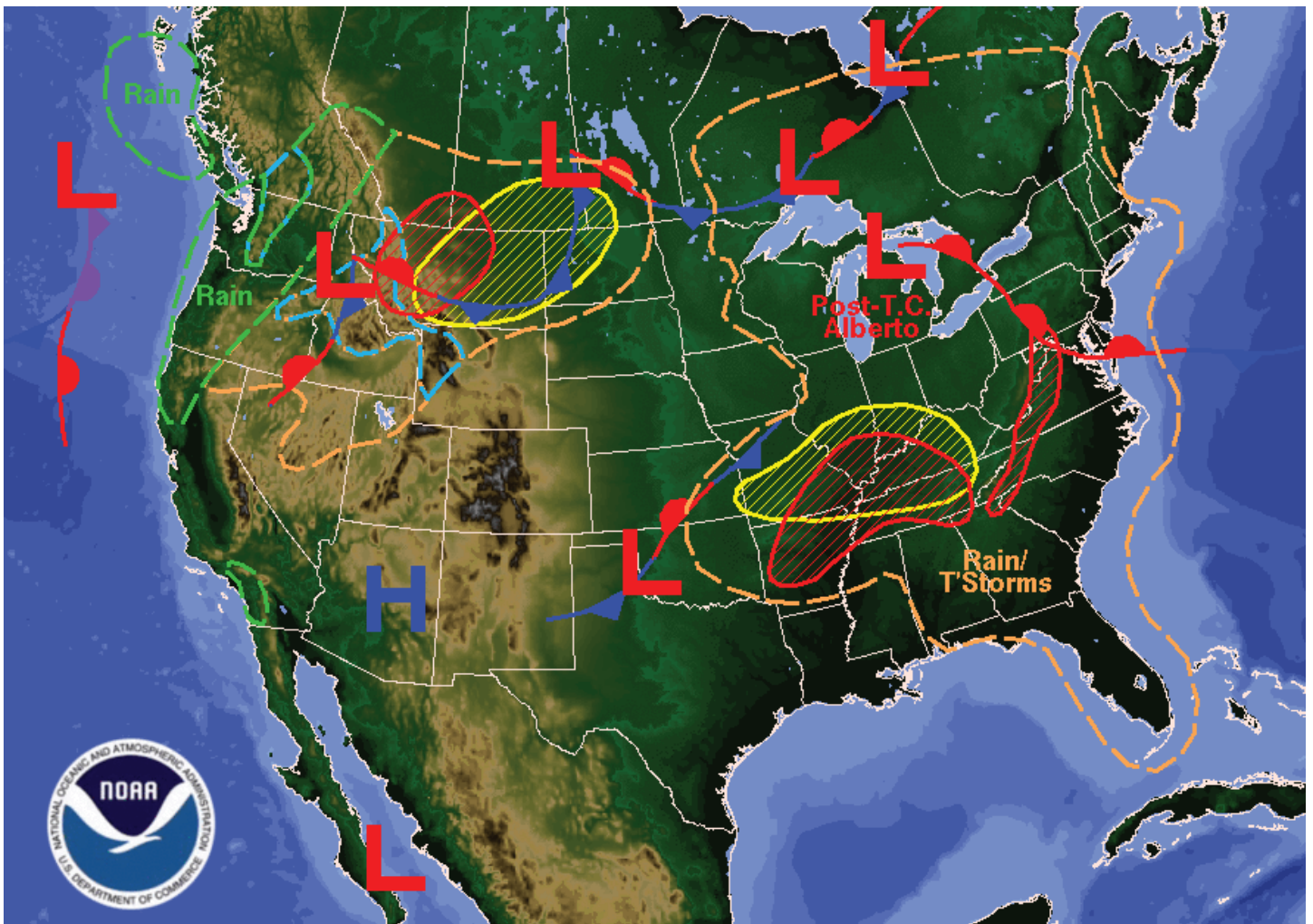
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 84.2 F at 6:13 PM
Low Outside Temp: 62.4 F at 5:47 AM
Wind Chill:
High Gust: 20.0 Mph at 12:00 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1934
Record Low: 23° in 1897
Average High: 73°F
Average Low: 49°F
Average Precip in May: 3.11
Precip to date in May: 1.62
Average Precip to date: 7.14
Precip Year to Date: 4.30
Sunset Tonight: 9:14 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, May 31, 2018, issued 4:47 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds 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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IT'S THERE - WAITING

Mary and I had been on a long trip. We had been driving for hours. We arrived home in the midst of a storm. The wind seemed to be coming from every direction and the rain was cold and biting. We sat in our car for a moment looking at our home that was dark and empty. I left the lights on in the car and made my way up the steps, turned on the lights and turned up the thermostat. Suddenly, what had once been dark and dismal was now warm and welcoming.

Although our home was cold and dark, power was available to eliminate the darkness and provide energy for warmth. But it was necessary for me to do "something" to change things.

In a spiritual sense, this is true of prayer. The writer of Psalm 118 was in a situation where he desperately needed help. He knew there was a source of power that was beyond himself that he could go to if he chose to. And he did! Hear his words: "In my anguish I cried to the Lord and He answered me by setting me free!"

The prayer of faith is far more powerful than any source of power we know about. It is the greatest force for good that is available to man.

It was Jesus who challenged us to go to this Source of power for anything and everything: "You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it!" Jesus set no limits on what we might ask for as long as it is in keeping with His nature and character. Whatever we ask for, if it will bring honor and glory to His name, He will give us.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to take Your challenge to pray for anything that we might need as long as it honors You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:5 When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place.

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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)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 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

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News from the Associated Press

Sentencing delayed for pipeline protester in shooting case

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Sentencing has been delayed a month for a Denver woman who pleaded guilty in a shooting incident during protests in North Dakota against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Authorities accused Red Fawn Fallis of firing a handgun three times during her October 2016 arrest in southern North Dakota. No one was hurt. She pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to civil disorder and a weapons charge.

Prosecutors agreed to drop a more serious weapons count and to recommend a sentence of no more than seven years in prison, though U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland can go as high as 15 years.

Fallis was to be sentenced Thursday. Hovland has moved it to June 25 to give her attorneys more time to prepare.

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash

05-11-21-29-30

(five, eleven, twenty-one, twenty-nine, thirty)

Estimated jackpot: \$44,000

Lotto America

23-32-34-35-36, Star Ball: 3, ASB: 2

(twenty-three, thirty-two, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six; Star Ball: three; ASB: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$3 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$97 million

Powerball

17-23-26-46-68, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 2

(seventeen, twenty-three, twenty-six, forty-six, sixty-eight; Powerball: twenty; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

Johnson rejects attack ads; Krebs criticizes state plane use

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former Public Utilities commissioner Dusty Johnson said Wednesday that he won't run negative ads in South Dakota's Republican congressional primary after his leading opponent started airing spots criticizing his use of a state airplane.

Johnson, Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and first-term state Sen. Neal Tapio are vying for their party's nomination in the June 5 U.S. House primary. Krebs released an ad last week alleging Johnson used his former job as a top gubernatorial aide to "abuse the state plane for personal convenience," a claim Johnson calls untrue.

Krebs has also faced negative advertising in the primary: An out-of-state super PAC has spent more than \$240,000 to oppose her, the Rapid City Journal reported. Johnson said he hasn't coordinated with the group.

Poll results released Wednesday by the Argus Leader and KELO-TV say Johnson has a significant lead

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among likely primary voters. Forty-one percent of respondents said they would vote for Johnson, 23 percent said they would cast their ballots for Krebs and 13 percent said they'd support Tapio.

But 23 percent of those interviewed were undecided. Florida-based Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy's telephone poll of 625 registered South Dakota Republican voters was conducted May 21-23 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Johnson said he doesn't think the critical advertising would erode support for his campaign, pledging he wouldn't run negative ads in the race's final days and instead would keep talking about the issues.

"I'm far more interested in talking about my strengths rather than anybody else's weaknesses," he said.

Krebs' campaign didn't immediately comment on the poll. Tapio, who headed President Donald Trump's South Dakota campaign, said in an email that the poll is days old and contains many undecided respondents.

"My goal was to give the voters of South Dakota a viable option between two Establishment career politicians and a political outsider who has the courage to face tough issues head on, just like President Trump," Tapio said.

The candidates were set to debate Wednesday evening on KELO. The Republican primary winner is set to face Democrat Tim Bjorkman, a former judge, and Libertarian George Hendrickson and independent Ronald Wieczorek in November.

Jackley: Box Elder officer justified in fatal shooting

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's attorney general says a Box Elder police officer was justified in using deadly force in a fatal shooting earlier this month.

Marty Jackley and the Division of Criminal Investigation released results Wednesday of an investigation into the officer-involved shooting of 44-year-old Jason Wayne Traversie of Box Elder.

Traversie was shot May 2 after officers responded to a domestic violence incident at a mobile home.

According to the report, Traversie tried to go back inside the home, grabbed an ax handle and allowed two dogs to charge the officers.

The report says Traversie came at Officer John Cargill with the ax handle and refused Cargill's commands to drop it. Cargill fired three times, striking Traversie twice and killing him.

Cargill was placed on standard administrative leave after the shooting.

Ellsworth airman admits fatally beating infant son

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AP) — An airman at Ellsworth Air Force Base has pleaded guilty to fatally hitting his infant son in November 2016.

Twenty-four-year-old Airman 1st Class David MacDonald pleaded guilty to murder shortly after his court-martial began Wednesday at the air base.

The Rapid City Journal reports MacDonald admitted striking his 3-month-old son, Elliot, after he got frustrated trying to calm the infant at their on-base residence on Nov. 4, 2016. He had been watching the infant on his own while his wife was out working.

MacDonald told the judge he remembered striking the baby at least three times. The child was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital and pronounced dead three days later.

An autopsy found the baby died of blunt trauma injury to the head.

Sentencing was scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

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

Mitchell mayor candidate in hot water after lake dumping

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Mitchell officials have requested a state environmental investigation after a mayoral candidate dumped an unknown product into Lake Mitchell to address a chronic algae problem.

Tara Volesky, one of the city's candidates for mayor, recently posted a video to her Facebook page show-

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ing an area of Lake Mitchell where she put a foreign substance into the water on Saturday.

All four candidates in Tuesday's election have said that cleaning Lake Mitchell is a priority.

Volesky told The Daily Republic that she and Brian Brown, president of Advance Water Systems, dumped his product into the lake as an alternative treatment method to a harmful blue-green algae issue. She said it's "all natural" and is already working.

It's unclear what Brown's product contains, or whether its toxic. Brown said his treatment would reset the lake's biological balance. He didn't offer specifics on his product's ingredients, only saying that it's organic.

Current Mayor Jerry Toomey said Volesky had no authorization to dump chemicals into the body of water.

"I'd like to know under what authority she had to allow this guy to dump chemicals, of who knows what, on public property, into the lake?" Toomey said Tuesday. "It was not OK'd by the mayor, the city administrator or the city attorney."

Volesky admitted that she didn't seek permission to put the substance in the lake.

Toomey told the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources that he plans to file a formal complaint. He also said he'll review the city's ordinances regarding dumping foreign substances into the lake.

"I don't like the idea that somebody is dumping something into our lake without permission for political gain at the expense of our city," Toomey said.

Patrick Snyder, an environmental scientist with the state agency, confirmed that the department is looking into the complaint.

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

Employee arrested for attempted abduction at Menards

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — An employee of a Menards store in Watertown has been arrested for trying to abduct a young child.

Police say the attempted abduction of the 4-year-old child happened at the store Sunday afternoon. Assistant Police Chief Tim Toomey says the 35-year-old Canby, Minnesota man grabbed the child and quickly walked away from the boy's family. KSFY-TV reports the child's father pursued the man to an employee break area where the employee released the boy.

Police were called and the employee was arrested on a possible charge of second-degree kidnapping. He's currently being held on \$20,000 cash bond.

Information from: KSFY-TV, <http://www.ksfy.com>

2 killed, 3 injured in UTV, car crash in Lyman County

KENNEBEC, S.D. (AP) — Two people have died and three others have been injured in a collision between a utility vehicle and a car in Lyman County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 79-year-old man operating the utility vehicle and his 80-year-old female passenger were killed Tuesday night when they were hit by a car at a Highway 1806 intersection near Kennebec.

Three people in the car received minor injuries, including the 18-year-old female driver, an 18-year-old male passenger and 60-year-old female passenger. They were taken to the Chamberlain hospital, treated and released.

The Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. The victims have not been identified.

Judge dismisses complaint against pipeline security company

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A judge on Wednesday dismissed a complaint that North Dakota regulators filed against a North Carolina-based company that handled security for the developer of the heavily protested Dakota Access oil pipeline.

TigerSwan CEO Jim Reese applauded the ruling in a statement to The Associated Press and said the company looked forward to “continuing our conversations” with regulators, who still have options.

North Dakota’s Private Investigative and Security Board plans to appeal to the state Supreme Court, attorney Monte Rogneby said. Should the appeal fail, the board “very likely” would still pursue tens of thousands of dollars in fines against TigerSwan through an administrative process, he said.

The board sued TigerSwan and Reese last June, alleging that the company illegally operated in North Dakota without a state license in 2016 and 2017. Texas-based pipeline developer Energy Transfer Partners hired TigerSwan when pipeline-laying work in North Dakota drew large protests by opponents who feared environmental harm from the \$3.8 billion project to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois.

TigerSwan maintains that it provided consulting services to ETP that don’t require a North Dakota license and that any investigative work occurred in North Carolina, outside the board’s jurisdiction.

Judge John Grinsteiner in late April rejected a board request to ban TigerSwan from the state. In his Wednesday ruling, he agreed with TigerSwan’s attorney that any decision on whether the company should be fined for its actions during the protests should be made administratively.

“There is nothing left of the complaint that is within the purview of the district court,” Grinsteiner wrote. “It would be improper for this court to impose itself on an otherwise regulatory function.”

The board had wanted the complaint kept in the court system to avoid wasting a year’s worth of work and starting over in the administrative arena. TigerSwan had argued that the case should be handled administratively, a process attorney Lynn Boughey has said would provide better protections for his client in part because alleged violations would need to be more detailed.

Ongoing settlement negotiations in the dispute have yielded no agreement. TigerSwan has said it would be willing to pay fines as long as it isn’t required to admit any wrongdoing — a stipulation that hasn’t appeared to be acceptable to the board.

Follow Blake Nicholson on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/Nicholson>

Governor to order flags to half-staff to honor late lawmaker

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard will order flags to be flown at half-staff statewide in honor of the late state Rep. Jim Schaefer.

Daugaard’s office said Wednesday that Schaefer, of Kennebec, died the day before while working on his ranch. Schaefer had been a member of the South Dakota Legislature since 2011.

Daugaard says Schaefer never sought the limelight, but worked hard for his district and the state. The governor says he will always remember Schaefer’s advocacy on reconstructing a rail line from Chamberlain to Presho.

Daugaard will order flags to fly at half-staff on the day of Schaefer’s funeral, which hasn’t been set.

South Dakota agriculture secretary to leave post in July

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota’s agriculture secretary is leaving his position to join an electric cooperative in the state.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Jaspers said Wednesday he’s stepping down from his post July 1. Jaspers is set to become business development director for East River Electric Power Cooperative, based in Madison, South Dakota.

He took over as agriculture secretary in 2016.

Jaspers says serving South Dakota’s top industry has been “extremely fulfilling.” Gov. Dennis Daugaard

says Jaspers' knowledge and experience have strengthened the Agriculture Department.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven will be interim secretary for the rest of Daugaard's administration, which ends in January.

Organizations partner to support Sioux Falls trolley service

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Several organizations are helping to financially support the downtown Sioux Falls trolley service through the summer of 2022.

The Argus Leader reports that Downtown Sioux Falls took over operation of the trolley four years ago as the city started to phase out the service, but found trouble getting funding for 2018.

After an April announcement that the trolley wouldn't run during the 2018 summer season, Sanford Health, Lewis Drug and Howalt+McDowell partnered with Downtown Sioux Falls to support the service.

DTSF president Joe Batcheller says the organization is thrilled to have the means to have the trolley service available now and in future years.

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

United States Hockey League names new CEO and president

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Stampede CEO and President Tom Garrity has been named president and commissioner of the United States Hockey League.

Garrity had been serving as interim commissioner of the Chicago-based junior hockey league since November.

Garrity since 2012 has led the Sioux Falls Stampede and Sioux Falls Sports LLC, which also encompasses the Sioux Falls Canaries baseball club. The Wisconsin native also founded a sports consulting business that has worked with numerous professional teams, and he has worked for Major League Baseball's Houston Astros and the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild.

Garrity will remain an owner and managing partner with the Sioux Falls Canaries but will no longer be involved with day-to-day operations of the Stampede.

The USHL has teams in nine mostly northern states.

Aerodynamics to continue flying out of Pierre and Watertown

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Aerodynamics Inc. will continue to provide subsidized air service to Pierre and Watertown.

The new contract under the federal government's Essential Air Service program runs through July 2020.

The EAS program subsidizes airline flights to dozens of communities across the county that otherwise would have no air service.

KCCR radio reports that the number of people flying out of the Pierre airport has nearly doubled since 2016, the year Aerodynamics began providing service to Denver.

Aerodynamics was going to add service to Minneapolis but retracted the offer when it couldn't get access to the airport there.

Information from: KCCR-AM, <http://www.todayskccr.com/>

Firefighters free man hit by car, trapped underneath

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Firefighters came to the rescue of a man who was hit by a car and trapped underneath the vehicle in Rapid City.

Authorities say firefighters were able to lift the car and free the man, who suffered serious injuries but survived the crash Monday.

The accident remains under investigation. Police say the driver didn't seem to be impaired before strik-

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ing the man.

Fugitive sought in Illinois killing arrested in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man wanted on a murder charge in Illinois has been arrested in South Dakota. The Sioux Falls Area Task Force arrested 28-year-old Jonathan Kelly on Sunday after being alerted by U.S. marshals in Illinois that he might be in the area, where he has acquaintances.

Kelly is wanted in the April 1 shooting death of Jenni McGruder in Galesburg, Illinois. McGruder was struck by a stray bullet after leaving a bar on Easter.

Authorities say Kelly was arrested without incident and is jailed in Sioux Falls pending extradition to Illinois.

Trail of Governors in Pierre to add 3 more statues

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Bronze statues of three more South Dakota governors will be added to the Trail of Governors in Pierre next month.

Former Govs. Ralph Herse, William McMaster and Merrell Sharpe will be honored.

The ceremony is June 15 in the state Capitol rotunda. The statues will join the 19 others on the trail that goes through Pierre and the Capitol's grounds. Three are commissioned each year by the trail's nonprofit foundation using donations.

US-N. Korea meetings in New York aimed at salvaging summit

By JOSH LEDERMAN, MATTHEW LEE and CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Top American and North Korean officials are holding a full day of meetings in New York on Thursday aimed at deciding whether a summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un can be salvaged.

Ahead of the meetings, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and the North's former military intelligence chief, Kim Yong Chol, had dinner Wednesday night. Kim had flown in from Beijing and Pompeo from Washington.

It's the highest-level official North Korean visit to the United States in 18 years.

Kim, the former military intelligence chief and one of the North Korean leader's closest aides, landed midafternoon Wednesday on an Air China flight from Beijing.

During his unusual visit, Kim had dinner for about an hour and a half with Pompeo. The two planned a "day full of meetings" Thursday, the White House said. Their talks will be aimed at determining whether a meeting between Trump and Kim Jong Un, originally scheduled for June 12 but later canceled by Trump, can be restored, U.S. officials have said.

"Good working dinner with Kim Yong Chol in New York tonight," Pompeo tweeted Wednesday. "Steak, corn, and cheese on the menu."

The talks come as preparations for the highly anticipated summit in Singapore were barreling forward on both sides of the Pacific Ocean, despite lingering uncertainty about whether it will really occur, and when. As Kim and Pompeo met in New York, other U.S. teams were meeting with North Korean officials in Singapore and in the heavily fortified Korean Demilitarized Zone.

"If it happens, we'll certainly be ready," White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said of the Singapore summit. Regarding the date for the meeting, she added, "We're going to continue to shoot for June 12th."

North Korea's flurry of diplomatic activity following a torrid run in nuclear weapons and missile tests in 2017 suggests that Kim Jong Un is eager for sanctions relief to build his economy and the international legitimacy the summit with Trump would provide. But there are lingering doubts on whether Kim will ever fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival in a region surrounded by enemies.

Pompeo, Trump's former CIA chief, has traveled to Pyongyang twice in recent weeks for meetings with Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve in talks. South Korean media speculated that Pompeo could make a third trip to Pyong-

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yang and that Kim Yong Chol was carrying a personal letter from Kim Jong Un and might push to travel to Washington to meet with Trump.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations in New York is its sole diplomatic presence in the United States. That suggests Kim might have chosen to first go to New York because it would make it easier for him to communicate with officials in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. North Korea and the United States are still technically at war and have no diplomatic ties because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Trump views a summit as a legacy-defining opportunity to make the nuclear deal that has evaded others, but he pledged to walk away from the meeting if he believed the North wasn't serious about discussing dismantling its nuclear program.

After the North's combative statements, there was debate inside the Trump administration about whether it marked a real turn to belligerence or a feint to see how far Kim Jong Un could push the U.S. in the lead-up to the talks. Trump had mused that Kim's "attitude" had changed after the North Korean leader's surprise visit to China two weeks ago, suggesting China was pushing Kim away from the table. Trump's open letter to Kim last week canceling the summit, the aides said, was designed to pressure the North on the international stage for appearing to have cold feet.

White House officials maintain that Trump was hopeful the North was merely negotiating but that he was prepared for the letter to mark the end of the two-month flirtation. Instead, the officials said, it brought both sides to the table with increasing seriousness, as they work through myriad logistical and policy decisions to keep June 12 a viable option for the summit.

Kim Yong Chol is a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee. The last official of his stature to visit the United States was Jo Myong Rok, the late first vice chairman of the National Defense Commission, who visited Washington in 2000, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue. Sanders said Trump will host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on June 7 to coordinate their thinking ahead of the summit. Trump hosted South Korean President Moon Jae-in last week.

Moon, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader on Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

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'Roseanne' cancellation brings unemployment, uncertainty

By ANDREW DALTON, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The unprecedented sudden cancellation of one of television's top comedies has left a wave of unemployment and uncertainty in its wake.

Roseanne Barr's racist tweet and the swift axing of her rebooted show put hundreds of people out of work, with some wondering whether they would be paid, most knowing they wouldn't be, and few with any legal recourse.

"A lot of people there are just middle class Americans making a living and now they're out of work, especially at a time when we're ramping up into production for the fall season," Rebecca Sun of the industry trade publication The Hollywood Reporter said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It is pretty devastating for all of the people who worked on that show who are now collateral damage as a result of their star's racist beliefs."

Contractual details for those involved with the show, including Barr, were not immediately clear, and would play out in the coming months.

Experts say high-profile figures in the television industry typically have contractual clauses that give them

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significant severance for shows that are not produced.

Lower-level workers are generally out of luck at an unfortunate time. Though "Roseanne" and many shows just had their season finales, jobs for next season are mostly taken.

Ben Sherwood, president of Disney-ABC Television Group, apologized in a memo Wednesday to "the many men and women who poured their hearts and lives into the show and were just getting started on next season. We're so sorry they were swept up in all of this and we give thanks for their remarkable talents, wish them well, and hope to find another way to work together down the road."

The cancellation came on the first day of meetings for the newly assembled writers for the fall season of "Roseanne." They arrived after Barr's tweet, but before ABC President Channing Dungey's announcement that the show was finished, leading to what executive producer and writer Dave Caplan said were "a lot of bittersweet hellos — and a couple hours later, a lot of very difficult goodbyes."

"Everybody is still in shock at how quickly this all went down," Caplan told The Hollywood Reporter on Wednesday. "It's unfortunate because the writers did pass on other jobs to take this job and nobody really knows yet what kind of compensation they're going to get."

For cast and crew members that did have longer-term contracts, Barr's show-sinking tweet could be deemed, strange as it sounds, an "act of God." A "force majeure" or "act of God," legally, is some unpredictable event such as an earthquake or a riot that changes the underlying circumstances.

"It means something outside of the control of the parties. Roseanne's speech wasn't in the control of ABC," said F. Jay Dougherty, a professor who specializes in entertainment and media law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. "It wouldn't surprise me if this was treated by the studio like that kind of event, giving the studio a right to terminate contracts."

Barr herself suggested on Twitter lately that she may try to take some action.

"You guys make me feel like fighting back," Barr tweeted to her followers Wednesday. "I will examine all of my options carefully and get back to U."

Her contract may have a "morals clause," however, which are often included in the contracts of television stars, athletes and other prominent figures, demanding a standard of behavior as the face of an enterprise.

"If there is a morals clause in her contract, then breaching that would give the studio a right to terminate her contract, and possibly even sue her for damages for breach of contract,"

"We can't predict whether there will be lawsuits or not," Dougherty said, "but I don't think there will be successful lawsuits."

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Trump plans to go ahead with steel, aluminum tariffs on EU

By KEN THOMAS and ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's administration is planning to impose tariffs on European steel and aluminum imports after failing to win concessions from the European Union, a move that could provoke retaliatory tariffs and inflame trans-Atlantic trade tensions.

U.S. and European officials held last-ditch talks in Paris on Thursday to try to reach a deal, though hopes are low and fears of a trade war are mounting.

"Global trade is not a gunfight at the OK Corral," France's finance minister quipped after meeting U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. "It's not about who attacks whom, and then wait and see who is still standing at the end."

The tariffs are likely to go into effect on the EU with an announcement before Friday's deadline, according to two people familiar with the discussions. The administration's plans could change if the two sides are able to reach a last-minute agreement, said the people, who spoke only on condition of anonymity to

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discuss internal deliberations.

Ross told Le Figaro newspaper that the announcement would come Thursday, likely after markets close.

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"Realistically, I do not think we can hope" to avoid either U.S. tariffs or quotas on steel and aluminum, said Cecilia Malmstrom, the European Union's trade commissioner. Even if the U.S. were to agree to waive the tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, Malmstrom said, "I expect them nonetheless to want to impose some sort of cap on EU exports."

Malmstrom is meeting U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in Paris on Thursday among other international trade chiefs.

If the U.S. moves forward with its tariffs, the EU has threatened to impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. orange juice, peanut butter and other goods in return.

Fears of a global trade war are already weighing on investor confidence and could hinder the global economic upturn. European officials argue that tit-for-tat tariffs will hurt growth on both sides of the Atlantic.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire called the U.S. tariffs "unjustified, unjustifiable and dangerous."

"This will only lead to the victory of those who want less growth, those who don't think we can develop our economies across the world. We think on the contrary that global trade must have rules in a context of multilateralism. We are ready to rebuild this multilateralism with our American friends."

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But Macron said those "who waged bilateral trade wars ... saw an increase in prices and an increase in unemployment."

Besides the U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs, the Trump administration is also investigating possible limits on foreign cars in the name of national security.

Ross criticized the EU for its tough negotiating position. But German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier insisted the Europeans were ready to negotiate special trade arrangements, notably for liquefied natural gas and industrial goods, including cars.

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As Trump summit nears, Kim Jong Un meets Russia's Lavrov

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met Thursday with Russia's foreign minister, who was in Pyongyang on a visit that Moscow hopes will reassert its role as a force to be reckoned with ahead of Kim's expected summit with U.S. President Donald Trump in Singapore next month.

Moscow has remained largely on the sidelines as Kim has made a major diplomatic outreach to Seoul, Beijing and Washington over the past several months. But Sergey Lavrov's visit suggests Russia wants to make sure it is informed of North Korea's intentions and is mindful of Moscow's concerns.

Lavrov relayed President Vladimir Putin's "warmest regards and best wishes" for Kim's "big endeavors"

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on the Korean Peninsula. He also expressed Moscow's support for an agreement Kim reached with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at a summit last month that focused on measures to ease hostilities and increase exchanges between the two Koreas.

Video of the beginning of their meeting showed Lavrov inviting Kim to Moscow and complimenting the North Korean leader on the many new projects that have brightened up the capital.

According to Russian media, he also discussed ways to expand relations during a meeting with Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho.

"We welcome the contacts that have been developing in the recent months between North and South Korea, between North Korea and the United States," Lavrov said in comments to the media. "We welcome the summits that already took place between Pyongyang and Seoul as well as planned meetings between North Korean and U.S. leadership."

He vowed Russia's support for denuclearization and a broader effort to create a stable and long-lasting peace in the region, but indicated that Moscow believes sanctions can be eased while the process is in progress, which diverges from the U.S. position that denuclearization must come first.

"It's absolutely obvious that when a conversation starts about solving the nuclear problem and other problems of the Korean Peninsula, we proceed from the fact that the decision can't be complete while sanctions are still in place," he said.

Despite having a border with North Korea and relatively cordial relations that Putin has seemed to want to develop further, Russia has kept a surprisingly low profile as Kim has emerged onto the world stage this year, meeting twice with Chinese President Xi Jinping and South Korea's Moon.

As Lavrov was visiting Pyongyang, one of Kim's top lieutenants, former intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol, was in New York to discuss with U.S. officials the agenda for the Trump summit.

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Harvey Weinstein indicted on rape, criminal sex act charges

By JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Harvey Weinstein was indicted on rape and criminal sex act charges, furthering the first criminal case to arise from a slate of sexual misconduct allegations against the former movie mogul.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said Wednesday's indictment brings Weinstein "another step closer to accountability" for alleged attacks on two women in New York.

Weinstein's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said he would "vigorously defend" against the indictment and ask a court to dismiss it. He called the allegations "unsupported" and reiterated that Weinstein strongly denies them.

The indictment came hours after Weinstein's lawyer said the film producer would decline to testify before the grand jury because there wasn't enough time to prepare him and "political pressure" made an indictment unavoidable.

"Regardless of how compelling Mr. Weinstein's personal testimony might be, an indictment was inevitable due to the unfair political pressure being placed on Cy Vance to secure a conviction of Mr. Weinstein," the statement said.

Weinstein, 66, learned of the specific charges and the accusers' identities only after turning himself in Friday, according to his lawyers. Brafman said that with a deadline set for Wednesday afternoon for Weinstein to testify or not, prosecutors denied his request for more time.

Vance said the Weinstein camp's "recent assault on the integrity of the survivors and the legal process is predictable."

"We are confident that when the jury hears the evidence, it will reject these attacks out of hand," Vance said in a statement.

Weinstein was charged Friday with raping one woman and committing a criminal sex act by compelling oral sex from another. A grand jury continued hearing evidence in the case, as it had been doing for weeks.

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Defendants have the right to testify in a grand jury's secret proceedings but often don't, for various reasons.

Freed on \$1 million bail and electronic monitoring, he is due back in court July 30, though that date may now be moved up in light of the indictment.

Beyond the two women involved in the case, dozens more women have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct ranging from harassment to assault in various locales.

He has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex, and Brafman said Tuesday that Weinstein was "confident he's going to clear his name" in the New York prosecution.

Brafman called the rape allegation "absurd," saying that the accuser and Weinstein had a decade-long, consensual sexual relationship that began before and continued after the alleged 2013 attack.

The woman, who hasn't been identified publicly, told investigators that Weinstein confined her in a hotel room and raped her.

The other accuser in the case, former actress Lucia Evans, has gone public with her account of Weinstein forcing her to perform oral sex at his office in 2004. The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assaults unless they come forward publicly.

Vance, a Democrat, came under public pressure from women's groups to prosecute Weinstein after declining to do so in 2015, when an Italian model went to police to say Weinstein had groped her during a meeting.

Police set up a sting in which the woman recorded herself confronting Weinstein and him apologizing for his conduct. But Vance decided there wasn't enough evidence to bring charges.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, also a Democrat, ordered the state attorney general to investigate how Vance handled that matter.

AP source: Ex-FBI deputy McCabe wrote memo on Comey firing

By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe drafted a memo on circumstances leading up to the firing of his onetime boss, James Comey, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday to discuss a secret document that has been turned over to special counsel Robert Mueller. His team is investigating whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election and whether the president sought to obstruct that inquiry through actions including the firing of Comey last May.

The memo concerns a conversation that McCabe had with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein about Rosenstein's preparations for Comey's firing. Rosenstein played an important role in that episode, having written a memo faulting Comey for his handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation that the White House held up as justification for President Donald Trump's decision to fire the FBI director.

Rosenstein has said he wrote a memo laying out his concerns with Comey after learning that the White House intended to fire him.

According to McCabe's memo, Rosenstein indicated to him that he was initially asked to reference the Russia investigation in his own memo on Comey. But the final version didn't include discussion of Russia and focused instead on the Clinton email case.

Rosenstein appointed Mueller as special counsel one week after Comey was fired. He has said he would recuse himself if necessary if his actions became relevant to Mueller's investigation.

The AP reported in March that McCabe had drafted multiple memos, including about his interactions with Trump. Comey also drafted a series of memos about his own encounters with Trump that unnerved him.

The New York Times first reported on the content of this particular memo.

McCabe became FBI acting director following Comey's firing last May. He was fired as deputy director in March, just days before his scheduled retirement, amid an inspector general finding that he had misled internal investigators about his role in an October 2016 disclosure to The Wall Street Journal.

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Trump planning tariffs on European steel, aluminum

By **KEN THOMAS, SYLVIE CORBET and ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press**

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Europe has been bracing for the U.S. to place the restrictions even as top European officials have held last-ditch talks in Paris with American trade officials to try to avert the tariffs.

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European officials said they expected the U.S. to announce its final decision Thursday. The people familiar with the talks said Trump could make an announcement as early as Thursday.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross attended meetings at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris on Wednesday, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer joins discussions in Paris on Thursday.

The U.S. plan has raised the threat of retaliation from Europe and fears of a global trade war — a prospect that is already weighing on investor confidence and could hinder the global economic upturn.

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Ross criticized the EU for its tough negotiating position.

"There can be negotiations with or without tariffs in place. There are plenty of tariffs the EU has on us. It's not that we can't talk just because there's tariffs," he said. He noted that "China has not used that as an excuse not to negotiate."

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But German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier insisted the Europeans were being “constructive” and were ready to negotiate special trade arrangements, notably for liquefied natural gas and industrial goods, including cars.

Macron also proposed to start negotiations between the U.S., the EU, China and Japan to reshape the World Trade Organization to better regulate trade. Discussions could then be expanded to include other countries to agree on changes by the end of the year.

Ross expressed concern that the Geneva-based World Trade Organization and other organizations are too rigid and slow to adapt to changes in global business.

“We would operate within (multilateral) frameworks if we were convinced that people would move quickly,” he said.

Ross and Lighthizer seemed like the odd men out at this week’s gathering at the OECD, an international economic agency that includes the U.S. as a prominent member.

The agency issued a report Wednesday saying “the threat of trade restrictions has begun to adversely affect confidence” and tariffs “would negatively influence investment and jobs.”

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Gridlock over: Virginia lawmakers approve Medicaid expansion

By ALAN SUDERMAN, Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Republican-controlled Virginia General Assembly gave final approval Wednesday evening to a state budget expanding Medicaid coverage to the state’s poor, ending years of partisan gridlock on the issue.

The state Senate voted in favor of expansion after a full day of debate. The House, which had previously endorsed expansion, gave its final approval shortly afterward. Several Republicans in both chambers joined with Democrats to approve the measure.

Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam is expected to sign the budget in coming days, and the roughly 400,000 newly eligible low-income Virginians will begin enrolling in Medicaid at the start of next year.

Expanding Medicaid was a key provision of then-President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul, and a tally from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows Virginia will become the 33rd state to approve Medicaid expansion.

Senate passage came by a 23-17 vote with four Republicans joining Democrats for passage. The House quickly followed about an hour later with a lopsided 67-31 final endorsement.

Wednesday’s voting marked the end of a more than four-year battle over whether Virginia should expand the publicly funded health care program for the poor. A fight over Medicaid expansion led to a standoff over the state budget in 2014 and again this year.

Virginia Democrats have argued the state should not pass up the roughly \$2 billion in extra federal funding the program would bring to the state. Republicans had previously been near unified in blocking past expansion efforts, saying the long-term costs were unsustainable.

Those arguments were again replayed in the final hours before Virginia’s partisan battle was finally ended.

Sen. Ben Chafin, a Republican lawmaker from Virginia’s economically depressed southwest coal country, announced his support for expansion on the Senate floor. He said his rural area needed expansion to help bolster its hospitals and provide care for constituents in need.

“I came to the conclusion that no just wasn’t the answer anymore,” Chafin said.

But several Republican senators remained strongly opposed, saying Medicaid costs would eventually overwhelm the rest of the state’s budget needs for schools and public safety.

“It is a ticking time bomb,” said GOP Sen. Bill Stanley.

A federal-state collaboration originally meant for poor families and severely disabled people, Medicaid has grown to become the largest government health insurance program, now covering 1 in 5 people.

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The GOP-controlled General Assembly's support for Medicaid comes despite Trump administration rejections.

President Donald Trump has vigorously sought to negate his predecessor's health law. And White House officials, including budget director Mick Mulvaney, have urged Virginia lawmakers this year not to expand Medicaid.

Yet ironically, his administration's embrace of work requirements for low-income people on Medicaid prompted lawmakers in some conservative states to resurrect plans for expansion.

Virginia GOP Speaker Kick Cox said the Trump administration's openness to conservative reforms, including work requirements, "was probably the biggest key" in getting Republican support for Medicaid expansion.

Last year, Virginia saw its state legislature reshaped by an anti-Trump wave as Democrats made unexpectedly large gains in the state House. And a failure by the GOP-led Congress to repeal and replace the health law helped spur several of Virginia's Republican state legislators to flip positions.

Democrats campaigned heavily on expanding Medicaid last year and some House Republicans were eager to take the issue off the table before next year's election, when both House and Senate seats are up.

76ers exec accused of trashing others anonymously on Twitter

By DAN GELSTON, AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers are investigating whether team president Bryan Colangelo used a variety of Twitter accounts to anonymously trash some of his own players and fellow executives and defend himself against criticism from fans and the sports media.

The allegations, reported Tuesday by the sports website The Ringer, raised questions about Colangelo's future and that of the NBA team itself, a rising franchise heading into perhaps its most important summer ever as it tries to attract free agents to contend for championships.

The five Twitter accounts under suspicion took aim at Philadelphia players Joel Embiid and Markelle Fultz, former Sixers general manager Sam Hinkie, Toronto Raptors executive Masai Ujiri and former Sixers players Jahlil Okafor and Nerlens Noel, according to The Ringer.

Among other things, the user or users of the accounts complained that Embiid, the 24-year-old All-Star center, was "playing like a toddler having tantrums" and was "a bit lazy," "selfish" and "acting like a tool."

The user of one of the accounts claimed to know Colangelo and described him more than once as a "class act." The tweets also raised the question of whether Colangelo used the anonymous accounts to divulge team strategy and details about players' medical conditions.

Colangelo acknowledged using one of the accounts to monitor the NBA industry and other current events but said he wasn't familiar with the four others.

"The allegations are serious and we have commenced an independent investigation into the matter," the Sixers said Wednesday in a statement. "We will report the results of that investigation as soon as it is concluded."

Embiid, Philly's franchise star, made a few wisecracks about the furor for his 1.4 million Twitter followers before standing up for Colangelo.

"All jokes asides I don't believe the story," he tweeted. "That would be just insane."

The Ringer said it had been monitoring the accounts since February, when it received an anonymous tip. It said it found numerous connections among the accounts that suggested the same person was behind them.

The Ringer said it initially asked the Sixers about just two of the accounts, and the same day the three others were suddenly made private.

For the Sixers, the first order of business is determining whether the accounts are, in fact, Colangelo's.

The Sixers had at least 20 impostor accounts shut down this season with people pretending to be Colangelo, a person familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the probe is not over.

If the investigation shows that Colangelo is in any way connected to the accounts, the organization's

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reputation would be heavily damaged as it tries to chase big free agents like LeBron James, Paul George or other All-Stars.

Colangelo, the son of longtime sports executive Jerry Colangelo, was hired as president of basketball operations in 2016 after Hinkie abruptly resigned. Hinkie was the architect behind what the team calls The Process — the long-term tearing down and rebuilding of the Sixers.

Colangelo previously served as Raptors general manager. He lost his job there after Toronto missed the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, and Ujiri took over basketball operations.

According to The Ringer, one of the Twitter accounts it connected to Colangelo bristled at the suggestion that Hinkie deserved credit for the Sixers' turnaround.

"BC has done nothing but clean up hinkie's mess," the account user wrote in January 2017, referring to Colangelo. Another post lamented that Ujiri hadn't done anything to make the Raptors better.

Colangelo has been blamed by Philly fans for the so-far disastrous deal that brought Fultz to the Sixers. One of the accounts that The Ringer linked to Colangelo blamed Fultz's poor performance on his longtime trainer and his "so called mentor/father figure."

Colangelo was likewise criticized when Noel was sent to the Dallas Mavericks in 2017. The Twitter accounts defended the trade, describing Noel as a "selfish punk" who was "behaving like a vulture" and was "bad for locker room."

"Bc is class act not a bad guy," the Twitter user added.

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Ahead of summit with Kim Jong Un, Trump has lots of options

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — When President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meet in Singapore next month, assuming they can stay on track long enough to make it happen, they will have two very different agendas.

Washington has set the bar for the summit extremely high — complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization. Pyongyang, meanwhile, has a pretty tall order of its own: the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, with the precondition that the "hostile policy" of the U.S. toward their country must first end.

For sure, bridging that gap will be quite a feat. Both leaders might well opt instead for a "shiny object summit," a meeting that is heavier on photo ops and TV-friendly sound bites than on long-term change.

But what if they really go for a deal?

Here are few of the possibilities they might explore:

HANDING SOME OVER

Reports, albeit speculative and anonymously sourced, keep popping up that Kim may be willing to hand over several of his nuclear weapons as a sign of sincerity.

As far as theatrics go, this would be hard to top.

It would be a tangible, dramatic move that could happen very quickly — factors that would certainly appeal to the reality TV show side of Trump. It could even be big enough to earn him a shot at that Nobel Peace Prize he says everyone is talking about.

Outlandish as it sounds, something like this was what national security adviser John Bolton had in mind when he suggested the Libya model as a good example for North Korea to follow. After Libya unilaterally decided to give up its fledgling nuclear program in 2003, planeloads of documents, equipment and even centrifuges related to the country's nuclear and missile programs were transported by U.S. military aircraft to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

But considering the way leader Moammar Gadhafi was deposed and killed several years later, Pyongyang flipped out at Bolton's suggestion, almost dooming the summit itself. Arms control experts have also noted

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that, unlike Libya, the North is already a nuclear power. So the Libya model really doesn't fit.

There are other problems, too.

North Korea is believed to have several dozen nuclear weapons, so handing over a few — spectacular as that would be — wouldn't really solve anything unless a further agreement was made regarding what to do with the rest. At the same time, for the North, it would be a huge and painful concession.

Nuclear weapons are top secret for a reason. Giving up even one would potentially reveal details of design and technology that the North's military would rather keep to itself.

CAP AND FREEZE

Kim has already promised to stop launching intercontinental ballistic missiles and conducting nuclear tests. He even made a big show of demolishing tunnels at Punggye-ri, the North's only known underground testing site.

That's a start.

But North Korea has announced similar moratoriums before, only to change its mind later. Nothing Kim has done so far is either irreversible or particularly costly. And the North hasn't said anything about launching shorter-range missiles, a big concern for U.S. ally Japan, which hosts numerous U.S. military bases.

So, short of immediate denuclearization, the logical next step is for Washington to push for a freeze on production not only of the bombs themselves, but also of missiles and the fissile material — the plutonium and highly enriched uranium — that can be used to make more bombs.

It's quite likely that even at the highest levels American officials don't know how big the North's nuclear arsenal is or where all of its bombs are located. They will need to verify that right off the bat, which won't be easy and will involve a lot of cooperation from Kim.

They will also need to work out a way to verify that the North isn't actively making more, another daunting task that will require monitors on the ground and a lot more transparency than Pyongyang is inclined to be comfortable with.

Washington can't reasonably expect all that to happen without giving something in return. So there will have to be more give-and-take, more talking, more exercises in developing mutual trust and probably a lot more problems and potential deal-breaking disputes along the way.

And that's if everything goes well. Which it never has yet.

PHASING THEM OUT

The end game here is Trump's goal of total denuclearization, but with provisions that give North Korea time to comply.

Nuclear physicist Siegfried Hecker and Robert Carlin, two of the top experts on North Korea's nuclear program and how to negotiate with Pyongyang, teamed up with another researcher, Elliot Serbin, to produce such a plan for the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University.

Their roadmap, released on Monday, lays out three phases over 10 years.

It starts essentially with cap and freeze in the first year, a rollback phase of 2-5 years and finally, eliminating or setting mutually acceptable limits on what's left.

Along with the steps Kim has already announced, the report suggests North Korea should "frontload" its efforts to demonstrate its commitment. Pyongyang could, for example, quickly disable its plutonium-producing reactor. Washington should seek early access to its nuclear centrifuge facility at Yongbyon and demand the halt of operations at uranium chemical-processing facilities.

Hecker and Carlin have a lot of credibility.

Hecker was director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1986 until 1997, has visited the North seven times and inspected its nuclear facilities firsthand. Carlin has worked as an analyst for both the State Department and CIA and is widely regarded as one of the top North Korea experts in the world.

Ultimately, no matter what detours or bumps lie ahead, they believe a phased approach is the only realistic path forward.

"Insisting on immediate CVID along a 'Libya model' to eliminate everything up front and virtually all at

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once is tantamount to a North Korean surrender scenario," they wrote in the report, using the acronym for "complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization."

"The suggestion of shipping the North's nuclear weapons out of the country is also naive and dangerous," they wrote.

There are no quick fixes, in other words.

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Kim Kardashian West goes to the White House to talk pardon

By JILL COLVIN and ANTHONY McCARTNEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reality TV star Kim Kardashian West paid a visit to the White House Wednesday to make a star-powered case to President Donald Trump and his staff on behalf of a woman serving a life sentence for drug offenses.

Kardashian West has been urging the president to pardon Alice Marie Johnson, 63, who has spent more than two decades behind bars and is not eligible for parole.

It had been unclear whether the socialite would have the chance to sit down with Trump while she was in Washington, but Trump confirmed the meeting — as he often does — via Twitter, writing, "Great meeting with @KimKardashian today, talked about prison reform and sentencing."

He included a picture of the two in the Oval Office — Trump seated behind his desk and Kardashian West, dressed in all-black, standing to his right.

Kardashian West arrived at the White House just after 4:30 p.m. for what was expected to be a meeting with Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, who is overseeing the administration's push to overhaul the nation's prison system. She appeared to preview the visit on her Twitter feed, writing: "Happy Birthday Alice Marie Johnson. Today is for you."

A rare A-list celebrity to visit the White House since Trump took office, Kardashian West was seen posing for photos in front of the West Wing before entering.

Attorney Brittany K. Barnett, a member of Johnson's legal team, said Kardashian West had hoped to discuss the issue with Trump directly. She said after the meeting that she had consulted with those who had attended and said it "seemed to go well."

"It is now in President Trump's hands to decide whether to save Alice Johnson's life," Barnett said.

In an interview with Mic released earlier this month, Kardashian West said she'd been moved by Johnson's story after seeing a video by the news outlet on Twitter.

"I think that she really deserves a second chance at life," Kardashian told Mic. "I'll do whatever it takes to get her out."

Kardashian West said in the interview she'd been in touch with Kushner over the case and that, if she had the chance to bring it up with Trump, she'd tell him, "I really do believe that she's going to really thrive outside of prison, and I would just urge him to please pardon her."

Trump last week granted a rare posthumous pardon to boxing's first black heavyweight champion, clearing Jack Johnson's name more than 100 years after what many saw as a racially charged conviction.

The boxer's pardon had been championed by actor Sylvester Stallone, who Trump said had brought the story to his attention in a phone call.

Trump has issued just a handful of pardons, including one for former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, a staunch campaign supporter; one for Scooter Libby, who served as chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney; and one for a U.S. Navy sailor convicted of taking photos of classified portions of a submarine.

Kardashian West supported Trump's rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, during the 2016 election. But her husband, rapper Kanye West, recently offered his support for Trump in a series of tweets, saying they both share "dragon energy." Kardashian West defended her husband when he caught flak on social media for his tweets.

West also paid a visit to the then-president-elect in New York before his inauguration. Trump said they

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talked about "life" as they posed for photos in the lobby of Trump Tower. West has said he didn't vote in the presidential election, but if he had, he would have cast a ballot for Trump.

Trump and members of his administration have spoken passionately in favor of prison and sentencing reform, but that has sometimes clashed with Trump's law-and-order approach, especially at the Justice Department.

Indeed, Trump has called for getting tougher on drug dealers, including suggesting that some should receive the death penalty.

Johnson was convicted in 1996 on eight criminal counts related to a Memphis-based cocaine trafficking operation involving more than a dozen people. The 1994 indictment describes dozens of deliveries and drug transactions, many involving Johnson.

She was sentenced to life in prison in 1997, and appellate judges and the U.S. Supreme Court have rejected her appeals. Court records show she has a motion pending for a reduction in her sentence, but federal prosecutors are opposed, saying in a court filing that the sentence is in accord with federal guidelines, based on the large quantity of drugs involved. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Memphis did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday afternoon.

A criminal justice advocacy site, CAN-DO, and one of Johnson's attorneys say a request for clemency was rejected by former President Barack Obama. The reasons are unclear.

A 1997 Associated Press story on Johnson's sentencing said she headed up a multimillion-dollar drug ring. But Memphis attorney Michael Scholl, who filed the latest court documents in her request for a sentence reduction, said she was not a leader in the cocaine operation.

"What is the purpose of putting a lady with no prior criminal record, on a nonviolent drug offense, in jail for her entire life?" he said in a telephone interview. "She's a model inmate."

Scholl added that Johnson has admitted her wrongdoing, which is borne out in letters she has written to U.S. District Judge Samuel H. Mays, who now oversees her case.

"Judge Mays I'm writing to you to express my deep remorse for the crime that I committed over 20 years ago. I made some bad choices which have not only affected my life, but have impacted my entire family," she said in a February 2017 letter in the court record.

In a hand-scrawled letter last June she wrote: "I'm a broken woman. More time in prison cannot accomplish more justice."

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Top North Korean official, Pompeo meet to discuss summit

By **JOSH LEDERMAN, MATTHEW LEE and CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — A senior North Korean official and the top U.S. diplomat had dinner in New York on Wednesday as President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un try to salvage prospects for a high-stakes nuclear summit. It's the highest-level official North Korean visit to the United States in 18 years.

Kim Yong Chol, the former military intelligence chief and one of the North Korean leader's closest aides, landed midafternoon on an Air China flight from Beijing. Associated Press journalists saw the plane taxi down the tarmac before the North's delegation disembarked at JFK International Airport.

During his unusual visit, Kim Yong Chol had dinner for about an hour-and-a-half with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who traveled from Washington to see him. The two planned a "day full of meetings" Thursday, the White House said. Their talks will be aimed at determining whether a meeting between Trump and Kim Jong Un, originally scheduled for June 12 but later canceled by Trump, can be restored, U.S. officials have said.

The talks come as preparations for the highly anticipated summit in Singapore were barreling forward on both sides of the Pacific Ocean, despite lingering uncertainty about whether it will really occur, and when. As Kim and Pompeo were meeting in New York, other U.S. teams were meeting with North Korean

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officials in Singapore and in the heavily fortified Korean Demilitarized Zone.

"If it happens, we'll certainly be ready," White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said of the Singapore summit. Regarding the date for the meeting, she added, "We're going to continue to shoot for June 12th."

North Korea's flurry of diplomatic activity following a torrid run in nuclear weapons and missile tests in 2017 suggests that Kim Jong Un is eager for sanctions relief to build his economy and the international legitimacy the summit with Trump would provide. But there are lingering doubts on whether Kim will ever fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival in a region surrounded by enemies.

Trump announced that Kim Yong Chol was coming to New York for talks with Pompeo in a tweet on Tuesday in which he said he had a "great team" working on the summit. That was a shift from last week, when Trump announced in an open letter to Kim Jong Un that he had decided to "terminate" the summit following a provocative statement from the North.

Pompeo, Trump's former CIA chief, has traveled to Pyongyang twice in recent weeks for meetings with Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve in talks. South Korean media speculated that Pompeo could make a third trip to Pyongyang and that Kim Yong Chol was carrying a personal letter from Kim Jong Un and might push to travel to Washington to meet with Trump.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations in New York is its sole diplomatic presence in the United States. That suggests Kim might have chosen to first go to New York because it would make it easier for him to communicate with officials in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. North Korea and the United States are still technically at war and have no diplomatic ties because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Trump views a summit as a legacy-defining opportunity to make the nuclear deal that has evaded others, but he pledged to walk away from the meeting if he believed the North wasn't serious about discussing dismantling its nuclear program.

After the North's combative statements, there was debate inside the Trump administration about whether it marked a real turn to belligerence or a feint to see how far Kim Jong Un could push the U.S. in the lead-up to the talks. Trump had mused that Kim's "attitude" had changed after the North Korean leader's surprise visit to China two weeks ago, suggesting China was pushing Kim away from the table. Trump's letter, the aides said, was designed to pressure the North on the international stage for appearing to have cold feet.

White House officials maintain that Trump was hopeful the North was merely negotiating but that he was prepared for the letter to mark the end of the two-month flirtation. Instead, the officials said, it brought both sides to the table with increasing seriousness, as they work through myriad logistical and policy decisions to keep June 12 a viable option for the summit.

Kim Yong Chol is a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee. The last official of his stature to visit the United States was Jo Myong Rok, the late first vice chairman of the National Defense Commission, who visited Washington in 2000, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump will host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on June 7 to coordinate their thinking ahead of the summit. Trump hosted South Korean President Moon Jae-in last week.

Moon, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader on Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

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Banks would be freer to trade for profit under Fed proposal

By MARCY GORDON, AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The largest U.S. banks would have leeway to take riskier trading bets for their own profit under proposed changes the Federal Reserve unveiled Wednesday.

The changes would loosen rules that since the 2008 financial meltdown have barred big banks from using depositors' money to make sizable bets on stocks and bonds. The Fed now wants to relax these regulations, thereby giving Wall Street greater ability to engage in profit-making trades.

The action the Fed proposed Wednesday would make it easier for all banks to comply with the Volcker Rule, while giving the greatest relief to banks that do less trading. The rule, established under the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulation law, was designed to limit the high-risk trading that big banks could do. Those financial institutions needed taxpayer-funded bailouts after the 2008 crisis — a meltdown that was ignited by their excessive risk-taking.

The changes would be applied according to how much trading banks do. At the upper level would be banks with at least \$10 billion in trading assets and liabilities. Fed officials said 18 banks fall into that category, accounting for 95 percent of U.S. bank trading and include some foreign banks with U.S. operations.

Less stringent requirements would apply to banks that do less trading. The idea is to give the banks greater clarity on their permissible trading activity without sacrificing their financial soundness, the officials said.

In addition, banks with less than \$1 billion in trading assets would be exempt from the requirement that the CEO vouch each year for the bank's compliance.

"Our goal is to replace overly complex and inefficient requirements with a more streamlined set of requirements," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said at a meeting of the central bank's governors.

The move coincides with other government efforts to ease financial regulations and protections that were tightened after the 2008 crisis. President Donald Trump has pushed for such changes, arguing that the stricter financial regulations have constrained economic growth.

Congress has, for example, loosened requirements on how much capital smaller banks must keep as a base to cushion against unexpected big losses. And the Trump administration has significantly scaled back the reach of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which was established to safeguard consumers against financial abuses.

Other U.S. financial regulatory agencies, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Securities and Exchange Commission, will discuss and possibly approve the Fed's proposal in their own meetings in coming weeks. The proposal will be opened to public comment for 60 days.

The Volcker Rule is named for Paul Volcker, a Fed chairman in the 1980s who was an adviser to President Barack Obama during the financial crisis. Volcker urged a ban on deposit-funded, high-risk trading by big banks, arguing that it would help prevent future economic crises.

The use of depositors' money by banks to make high-risk trading bets for their own profit is known as proprietary trading. For years, it was a huge money-making activity for Wall Street mega-banks like Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley. Proprietary trading allowed big banks to tap depositors' money in federally insured bank accounts — essentially borrowing against that money and using it for investments.

Under the Volcker Rule, banks have been limited to trading mainly on behalf of their clients rather than for themselves. But they have pushed back against the rule, and the Trump administration has been sympathetic.

Financial industry groups welcomed the proposal Wednesday, while consumer and investor advocates expressed alarm.

The proposal "is an attempt to unravel fundamental elements of the response to the 2008 financial crisis, when banks financed their gambling with taxpayer-insured deposits," Marcus Stanley, policy director at Americans for Financial Reform, said in a statement. "If implemented, these proposals could turn the Volcker Rule into a dead letter."

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The Fed is an independent regulator that asserts its separation from political pressure and the White House. Trump, though, has had an unusual opportunity to put his stamp on the central bank by filling several key positions on the seven-member Fed board.

Powell, the new Fed chairman since February, was a board member under the previous Fed leader, Janet Yellen, and before that was an investment banker. After Trump named him Fed chief, Powell told Congress that he believes the rules enacted after the 2008 crisis could be improved, though he is not thought to back the administration's ambition of aggressively rolling back regulations.

One key Trump appointee on the Fed board, Randal Quarles, a former investment banker, is the Fed's top overseer of Wall Street and the leader in seeking to ease financial regulation. He has said the package of rules under Dodd-Frank should be overhauled but not scrapped.

ABC and 'Roseanne': Many warning signs before racist tweet

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An old picture of Roseanne Barr dressed as Adolf Hitler, wearing a swastika and pulling burnt cookies from an oven, splashed on the front of the New York Daily News Wednesday like a neon sign asking ABC executives: What were you thinking?

Given Barr's past incidents of bad behavior and questionable social media posts, ABC faced questions Wednesday about why it went back into business with her before it all blew apart. ABC canceled its successful reboot of "Roseanne" on Tuesday following the star's racist tweet likening former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett to a cross between the Muslim Brotherhood and a "Planet of the Apes" actor.

Barr continued tweeting on Wednesday, at one point saying the offending tweet was composed at 2 a.m. after she took the insomnia drug Ambien. That led the drug maker Sanofi to say on social media that "racism is not a known side effect" of their product.

President Donald Trump, noting in a tweet that Robert Iger, CEO of ABC's parent Walt Disney Co., had called Jarrett to apologize, wondered why ABC hadn't apologized for "HORRIBLE statements made and said about me on ABC."

On social media, Barr wrote that what she said was indefensible, then retweeted several statements others made supporting her. She apologized to those who had lost their jobs because of her action, but also condemned cast members who threw her under the bus, in her words.

"I'm not a racist, I never was & I never will be," she wrote Wednesday. "One stupid joke in a lifetime of fighting 4 civil rights 4 all minorities, against networks, studios, at the expense of my nervous system/family/wealth will NEVER be taken from me."

Yet many saw a disturbing pattern being followed instead of a joke. Questionable actions date back to a cringe-worthy, crotch-grabbing rendition of the national anthem in 1990; a claim, later recanted, that she was an incest survivor; and the 2009 picture reprinted on the Daily News. Her social media past includes a racist tweet about former national security adviser Susan Rice and support for conspiracy theories like "pizzagate." On the same night as her Jarrett tweet, she posted a false claim about Chelsea Clinton that Clinton refuted.

ABC executives were not discussing their thought processes on Wednesday. It's clear, though, that Barr's social media habits were a sore point. She told USA Today earlier this year that "I had to get off social media because everybody's mad at me." In an Adweek article published only 10 days ago, she promised only to talk about what she's for, and not what she's against, when tweeting.

"Roseanne has said herself that she does not want what she says to overshadow the show in any way, and I do hope that she will continue to be thoughtful about what she shares on social media going forward," ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said in the same article.

Was ABC's gamble worth the risk to its reputation?

Opinion writer Roxane Gay wrote in The New York Times Wednesday that ABC did the right in canceling "Roseanne." "But before it did the right thing, it did the wrong thing," she wrote.

"Everyone involved made a decision to support the show despite its co-creator's racism," Gay wrote.

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"They decided that their career ambitions, or desire to return to network television, or financial interests would best be served by looking the other way. It was only when Ms. Barr became an immediate liability that everyone involved finally looked at her racism and dealt with it directly."

ABC executives talked shortly after the 2016 election about a need to have more on the network schedule to reflect the point of view that got Trump elected. When Sara Gilbert began rounding up the old "Roseanne" cast for a reunion in early 2017, ABC fought Netflix for the rights to show it. The network — indeed all of broadcast television — needed some successful comedies.

The rebooted "Roseanne," where Barr played a Trump supporter, worked beyond anyone's dreams — logging 25 million viewers for its premiere in March and settling in as television's second most popular comedy after "The Big Bang Theory."

"I tend to be pretty forgiving to people who feel they can get a good show out there and keep the star in check, and you usually can, because a lot of stars can be problematic," said Garth Ancier, a veteran television executive who ran entertainment programming at Fox, NBC and the WB networks.

"I think it was a reasonable bet to take, and it worked until it didn't," Ancier said.

Ted Harbert knows better than most what Dungey and her boss, Ben Sherwood, went through. He was ABC's top programming executive during the first run of "Roseanne" in the 1990s. Barr was his headache then; he recalled having to go to her home where she was holed up with Tom Arnold for a few weeks and refusing to work in 1994, and coax her out.

"This is a person who, left to her own devices, is not totally in control," Harbert said. She has the temperament, and the tendency to go to dark places, that fuels many artists, he said.

Social media complicates the efforts of networks to keep stars working and things running smoothly, he said.

"How do you stop someone who does something like this in the middle of the night?" he said. "She blows up her own life and that of all those around her."

If he were in Dungey's position when the rebooted "Roseanne" was being considered — mindful that his job is to produce hits, or it won't be his job much longer — Harbert said he probably would have taken several meetings with Barr to figure out how she was doing. He probably would have made the same decision ABC made, he said.

Both former executives praised ABC for moving swiftly when presented with Barr's tweet. Ancier said ABC probably had a plan in place for that eventuality, given how quickly the show was erased from network web sites.

"A lot of comics say terrible things," Harbert said. "As long as they make us laugh, it's easy to forgive. What Roseanne said was not funny."

Even in surrender, Missouri governor goes out fighting

By DAVID A. LIEB and JIM SALTER, Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Even in surrender, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens is going out fighting.

When he steps down Friday, the former Navy SEAL officer will be conceding political defeat amid allegations of sexual misconduct and campaign violations while still defiantly asserting that he's done nothing worthy of being forced out of office.

He's even hinted at a possible political comeback, declaring during his resignation announcement Tuesday that "this is not the end of our fight." But political analysts say the man who had aspirations of becoming president could find a political revival challenging, especially in a #MeToo environment where he would be vulnerable to attack for allegedly taking a compromising photo of a woman during an extramarital affair in 2015.

Greitens' resignation comes just two weeks after a speech in which he recalled his grueling SEAL training and asserted he would never stop fighting. But his departure was days in the making, as Greitens wrestled with mounting legal bills and the emotional pressures of defending against possible impeachment and a criminal trial.

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On Wednesday, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner dismissed a felony charge accusing Greitens of tampering with computer data for providing his political fundraiser with the donor list of a veterans' charity he founded. The dropped charge was the result of a deal proposed Saturday by Greitens' defense attorneys offering his resignation in exchange, said Gardner spokeswoman Susan Ryan.

The governor on Saturday also called Republican consultant Jeff Roe, who headed Greitens' aggressive public relations campaign, to inform Roe that he had decided to resign. Greitens' legal bills had grown to a couple of million dollars, and his campaign staffers also were facing legal bills because of subpoenas from a House investigation.

Though Greitens had believed he could beat both a criminal charge and impeachment, "he couldn't see the end without an immense financial and personal price to pay," Roe told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Even though he's quitting amid scandal, some Greitens voters said they still like him. Retiree Wilma Nelson said she would be open to voting for Greitens again if he sought to re-enter politics.

"I can't fault him for giving up. So much money, so much stress, such strain on his young family. You can't deal with such hate," said Nelson, of Platte City.

Political science professor Jeremy Walling, of Southeast Missouri State University, said Greitens' pledge to keep fighting seemed to be "some face-saving."

Walling said several factors would make a political revival tougher for Greitens than for other scandal-plagued politicians. He said Greitens lacks deep support among Missouri's Republican power brokers, and his acknowledged extramarital affair included claims of sexual misconduct. The allegations also extended to political fundraising violations.

"I think a comeback is going to be kind of difficult for this guy," Walling said.

Gardner, the St. Louis prosecutor, said her decision to drop the data-tampering charge against Greitens was no indication that she believed he was innocent.

"I remain confident we have the evidence required to pursue charges against Mr. Greitens, but sometimes pursuing charges is not the right thing to do for our city or our state," said Gardner, a Democrat.

Had the governor been convicted, Gardner said, it was unlikely that he would be sentenced to prison, given the type of charge he faced and the fact that he would be a first-time offender.

Greitens' attorney Jim Martin acknowledged reaching out to Gardner to resolve the issue.

A St. Louis judge approved the agreement, which has seven stipulations, two of which are sealed and unavailable to the public. One of the open stipulations states that Greitens has agreed to release Gardner and everyone in her office from civil liability.

Former Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Wolff said the agreement between Greitens' attorneys and Gardner's office is highly unusual because it protects Gardner and her staff from being sued for their actions and because Greitens did not have to plead guilty to any lesser charge.

"Here's a guy who gets to get out of a felony charge just by agreeing to quit his job," Wolff said. "Most people don't get this deal."

Jean Paul Bradshaw II, a former U.S. attorney for western Missouri, said the agreement to drop the case represents a "fair resolution" because Greitens' resignation accomplished "the greatest public benefit" possible.

The governor also was indicted on an invasion-of-privacy charge in February in St. Louis for allegedly taking the photo of the woman who had been his hairdresser during their affair in 2015, before he was elected. That charge was dropped earlier this month, but a special prosecutor is considering whether to refile it.

Martin said he expected the remaining charge to be resolved soon, but he offered no details.

"I think what folks need to know is it's now time to leave the governor alone and let him and his family heal," Martin said.

Though Greitens had apparently decided to resign days earlier, he began the week as though he would continue his fight. On Monday, he spoke with attorney Catherine Hanaway about her legal defense of

Greitens' campaign, which already had turned over thousands of documents to a House investigatory committee.

On Tuesday morning, a Cole County judge ordered the campaign and a pro-Greitens group called A New Missouri to comply with a House subpoena seeking more records about potential coordination between the nonprofit organization, Greitens and his campaign. The judge said the names of any donors to A New Missouri could be redacted.

House Speaker Todd Richardson said Wednesday that he didn't know whether the House still has the power or desire to enforce the subpoena now that Greitens is resigning.

Hanaway described the judicial ruling as "pretty innocuous," adding that she did not think the order "had any effect on the decision" to resign.

Roe said Greitens had been prepared for a two-stage fight. He was first focused on the invasion-of-privacy charge, which was dropped during jury selection. Greitens had hoped to be acquitted, which Roe said would have allowed him to mount a full defense against the potential House impeachment proceedings. But the specter of those charges being refiled hampered what Greitens could say and do on both fronts, Roe said.

Roe also said it appeared likely that the House would vote to impeach Greitens, a step that would have prolonged his fight for several more months until a trial could be held on whether to remove him from office. "The human and financial toll was too great," Roe said. "And it was going to go on for too long."

Salter reported from St. Louis. Associated Press writers Blake Nelson in Jefferson City and John Hanna in Topeka, Kansas, contributed to this report.

Poll: Seniors ready to Skype doctors, care quality a concern

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every morning, 92-year-old Sidney Kramer wraps a blood pressure cuff around his arm and steps on a scale, and readings of his heart health beam to a team of nurses — and to his daughter's smartphone — miles from his Maryland home.

Red flags? A nurse immediately calls, a form of telemedicine that is helping Kramer live independently by keeping his congestive heart failure under tight control.

"It's reassuring both psychologically and physically. The way he's put it to me, it's like having a doctor appointment every morning," said Miriam Dubin, Kramer's daughter.

The vast majority of older Americans and their caregivers are ready to give virtual health care a try: Nearly 9 in 10 adults ages 40 and over would be comfortable using at least one type of telemedicine for themselves or an aging loved one, says a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

But they want to make sure that an e-visit or other remote care is just as good as they'd get in person, and that their health information stays private, according to the survey released Thursday.

Long considered an option mainly for improving access to health care in rural areas with few doctors, telemedicine is gaining ground with tech-savvy younger consumers — they text their physician with questions or Skype with a mild complaint. For seniors with chronic illnesses or mobility problems that make simply reaching a doctor's office an ordeal, telehealth could be more than a convenience. The graying population is raising serious questions about how the nation will provide enough quality long-term care.

But while private insurance often covers a video visit or other digital health care, seniors have had a harder time because Medicare tightly restricts what it will pay for.

That's starting to change, with a law Congress passed last winter that expands Medicare coverage for such options as video visits to diagnose stroke symptoms or check on home dialysis patients. Also, Medicare Advantage programs used by a third of beneficiaries can start offering additional telehealth options.

"While the interest is huge, one of the big barriers remains reimbursement," said Johns Hopkins University telemedicine chief Dr. Ingrid Zimmer-Galler, who has turned to grants to help fund such services as

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telepsychiatry for dementia patients. The new law "is really a huge step in the right direction. It certainly doesn't cover everything."

Costs are a major issue for people who need ongoing living assistance. Less than a third of adults age 40 and over have set aside any money for their future long term care needs, the AP-NORC survey shows, and more than half mistakenly think they'll be able to rely on Medicare to help cover nursing care or home health aides.

Telemedicine will have to replace in-person care, not add to it, to help with those costs, cautioned Zimmer-Galler.

As access for seniors promises to grow, the AP-NORC Center poll shows widespread interest in telehealth. More than half of adults of all ages would be comfortable with a video visit via Skype or FaceTime to discuss medications, for ongoing care of a chronic illness or even for an urgent health concern.

In fact, adults 40 and older are just as open to at least some forms of telemedicine as those under 40, with one exception: The older crowd is slightly less comfortable discussing health care by text.

Among caregivers, 87 percent say they'd be interested in using at least one form of telemedicine for that person's medical needs.

"I think the parents would be happier at home instead of being in the doctor's office waiting an hour to see a doctor for 15 minutes," said Don Withey of Cortland, New York, who helps his 92-year-old father and 89-year-old mother get to their appointments. But, "we don't know much more about it other than the fact you can talk to a doctor over the computer or smartphone."

Just 12 percent of adults say they wouldn't use any form of telemedicine.

There are concerns. More than 30 percent of people worry about privacy or the security or health information. About half fear that telemedicine could lead to lower-quality care, the poll found.

"It's not about having a video screen or Skype in the home or even a blood pressure cuff in the home. It's about the team that's behind it and the clinicians who are supporting the care of that patient," said Rachel DeSantis, chief of staff at Johns Hopkins Home Care Group, which provides the 92-year-old Kramer's remote monitoring.

The Hopkins program provides no-cost monitoring for a month or two to select high-risk patients after a hospitalization because research found it reduces their chances of readmission.

When the monitor recorded Kramer's weight creeping up one week, nurses immediately knew it was fluid build-up, a heart failure symptom that needed quick treatment. The machine is programmed for some educational feedback, too.

Dubin says her dad learned quickly when to cut back. "If he enjoys a pastrami sandwich one day, he can see his numbers may be higher the next day."

Dubin says the reassurance was worth privately paying, about \$250 a month, to keep the monitoring once Kramer's initial time in the program ended.

The survey was conducted March 13 to April 5 by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, with funding from the SCAN Foundation.

It involved interviews in English and Spanish with 1,945 adults, including 1,522 adults age 40 and over, who are members of NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Online:

AP-NORC long term care polls: <http://www.longtermcarepoll.org/>

This story has been corrected to show that Don Withy is from Cortland, not Courtland, New York.

Asian and European shares rise on promising Chinese data

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Global shares rose Thursday on the back of promising Chinese data and fresh signs that Italy may avoid imminent elections after all.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, France's CAC 40 climbed 0.4 percent to 5,446.54 while the FTSE 100 index gained 0.2 percent to 7,708.06. The DAX in Germany dropped 0.2 percent to 12,754. Italy's FTSE MIB jumped 1.2 percent to 22,050.37. U.S. stocks are set for an optimistic start, with Dow futures up by 0.1 percent and the broader S&P 500 futures almost flat.

CHINA MANUFACTURING: Chinese factory activity grew at its fastest rate in eight months on stronger demand, a survey showed Thursday, in a positive sign for the world's No. 2 economy despite trade tensions with the U.S. The official purchasing managers' index, or PMI, rose to 51.9 in May from 51.4 the previous month. Readings above 50 indicate expansion, while lower numbers indicate contraction on the index's 100-point scale.

ANALYST'S VIEWPOINT: "Today's strong set of official PMIs tell a reassuring story about current growth momentum. However, we will have to wait for more reliable indicators to be published in order to get a clearer picture of the health of China's economy," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a commentary.

ITALY: Italy's president gave populist politicians another chance Wednesday to try to form a coalition government AND Carlo Cottarelli, the former International Monetary Fund official tapped Monday to be a neutral, temporary premier, said "new possibilities" had emerged for a government based on the results of the March election. That alleviated worries that another election might be required that would amount to a referendum on the euro.

CHINA TRADE: Beijing criticized the U.S. for renewing a threat to raise duties on some imports from China. At the same time, officials from the U.S. and European Union held talks on tariffs the Trump administration has proposed on European steel and aluminum. European Union negotiators seemed pessimistic and said they expected the U.S. to announce a final decision Thursday. China and the EU have both said they will react to new tariffs imposed by the U.S. with duties of their own, which has raised the prospect of greater tensions and the possibility of trade wars.

ASIAN SCORECARD: Japan's Nikkei 225 index gained 0.8 percent to 22,201.82 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index jumped 1.4 percent to 30,468.56. The Shanghai Composite index rebounded 1.8 percent to 3,095.47 and Australia's S&P ASX 200 climbed 0.5 percent to 6,011.90. South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.6 percent to 2,423.01. Shares rose in Taiwan and were mostly higher in Southeast Asia

CURRENCIES: The euro rose to \$1.1708 from \$1.1664. The dollar rose to 108.96 yen from 108.89 yen.

ENERGY: U.S. crude oil slipped 41 cents to \$67.80 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It jumped 2.2 percent on Wednesday to \$68.21 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 38 cents to \$77.34 per barrel. It added 2.8 percent to \$77.50 a barrel in London.

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