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Congratulations to 2019 SD Jr Snow Queen Macie Luce and her court. From left to right: 4th runner up, Jr Miss Frederick, Marissa Sumption; 3rd runner up, Jr Miss Eagle Butte, Kayleigh Red Fox; Jr Queen Macie Luce (Jr Miss Redfield), **1st runner up, Jr Miss Groton, Stella Meier**; 2nd Runner up, Jr Miss Wilmot, Tasha Zirbel; Jr Miss Congeniality, Jr Miss Watertown, Zowie Goddard. 2019 SD Snow Princess, Kloe Garrett and Snow Prince, Jayden Nerdig. (Photo from Dr. Anna Schwan's Facebook Page)

## **OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

**The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.**

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## Skating Rink Hours

**Open Monday - Thursday: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Friday: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Sunday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

## Groton Area Schedule of Events

### Monday, January 7, 2019

5:15pm: Boys Basketball at Webster Area High School (C game at 5:15 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity games)

6:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament vs. TBA @ Groton Area High School

7:00pm: City Council meeting at Groton Community Center

### Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:30pm: Girls Basketball vs. Waubay-Summit at Waubay.

### Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:00pm: Girls Basketball at Sisseton

### Friday, January 11, 2019

Debate Silver Bowl at Sioux Falls

5:15pm: Boys Basketball hosts Sisseton. (C game at 5:15 p.m. followed by junior varsity and varsity)

### Saturday, January 12, 2019

Debate Silver Bowl at Sioux Falls

9:00am MT: Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Philip

10:00am: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Jamboree vs. Leola-Frederick, Northwestern @ Groton Area School

1:00pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity Classic vs. Little Wound @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School

### JV Game: Hamlin 48, Groton Area 27

Lane Tietz 9, Jordan Bjerke 6, Jace Kroll 5, Isaac Smith 4, Tate Larson 3.

### C Game: Groton Area 34, Hamlin 31

Jordan Bjerke 6, Kannon Coats 5, Jackson Cogley 2, Wyatt Hearnen 8, Pierce Kettering 2, Chandler Larson 3, Tate Larson 2, Lucas Simon 6,

### Homecare Services Caregivers

**Flexible, part time positions available in the Groton area. Home Care Services is looking for friendly dependable people to provide care and companionship for elderly and disabled people in their homes. You will be assisting our clients with personal care needs, meal preparations, light housekeeping, errands and other tasks. If you have a passion for helping others and need a flexible schedule, please call our office at (605) 225-1076 or 1-800-899-2578. (1218.0101)**

### Front Porch Manager Wanted

Immediate opening for Restaurant General Manager at The Front Porch Bar & Grill in Langford SD. Hiring bonus available! Salary DOE. Must be 21 years old. Contact Suzie Easthouse at (605) 493-6570 or email resume by to langfordfrontporch@venture-comm.net. (1227.0111)

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## Miller/Highmore/Harrold Invitational Results for Groton Area

### **113: Dragr Monson (17-7) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 won by decision over Jacob Fehlman (Redfield Area) 4-5 (Dec 7-0)

Quarterfinal - Burk Blasius (Philip Area) 6-5 won by decision over Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 (Dec 5-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 won by fall over Colby Rittel (Miller/Highmore/Harrold) 7-9 (Fall 1:20)

Cons. Round 3 - Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 won by decision over Riley Roberts (Wagner) 10-8 (Dec 11-4)

Cons. Semi - Keegan Haider (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) 16-2 won by decision over Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 (Dec 7-2)

5th Place Match - Monson (Groton Area) 17-7 won by fall over Logan Buseman (Parker) 19-13 (Fall 2:14)

### **152: Garret Schroeder (5-9)**

Champ. Round 1 - Blake Eldeen (Parker) 17-13 won by fall over Schroeder (Groton Area) 5-9 (Fall 4:45)

Cons. Round 1 - Damian Kluckman (Deuel) 2-6 won by injury default over Schroeder (Groton Area) 5-9 (Inj. 0:00)

### **160: Lane Krueger (6-8) Scored 3.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Charlie Patten (Parker) 14-9 won by fall over Krueger (Groton Area) 6-8 (Fall 0:54)

Cons. Round 1 - Krueger (Groton Area) 6-8 won by fall over Kash Weischedel (Sully Buttes) 2-8 (Fall 3:53)

Cons. Round 2 - Reece Risseeuw (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica/Stickney) 8-7 won by fall over Krueger (Groton Area) 6-8 (Fall 3:35)

### **170: Thomas Cranford (7-9) Scored 3.5 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Cranford (Groton Area) 7-9 won by tech fall over Lincoln Koehn (Philip Area) 0-2 (TF-1.5 3:29 (15-0))

Quarterfinal - Gage Carter (Faulkton Area) 8-1 won by fall over Cranford (Groton Area) 7-9 (Fall 1:03)

Cons. Round 2 - Sean Domke (Redfield Area) 2-2 won by fall over Cranford (Groton Area) 7-9 (Fall 1:55)

### **182: Grady O`Neill (5-11)**

Champ. Round 1 - Jeremiah Beck (Burke/Gregory) 12-2 won by fall over O`Neill (Groton Area) 5-11 (Fall 0:32)

Cons. Round 1 - O`Neill (Groton Area) 5-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Quinton Christensen (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) 4-4 won by injury default over O`Neill (Groton Area) 5-11 (Inj. 0:00)

### **220: Wyatt Locke (11-2) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Locke (Groton Area) 11-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Locke (Groton Area) 11-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Locke (Groton Area) 11-2 won by fall over Trevor Petrik (Howard) 13-9 (Fall 2:41)

1st Place Match - Locke (Groton Area) 11-2 won by fall over Rhoss Oliver (Burke/Gregory) 10-9 (Fall 2:29)

### **285: Adrian Knutson (8-9) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Knutson (Groton Area) 8-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Knutson (Groton Area) 8-9 won by fall over Collin Schmiedt (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) 3-5 (Fall 1:38)

Semifinal - Dawson Lensing (Wagner) 14-3 won by fall over Knutson (Groton Area) 8-9 (Fall 1:53)

Cons. Semi - Gabe VanWormer (Deuel) 8-6 won by fall over Knutson (Groton Area) 8-9 (Fall 1:30)

5th Place Match - Knutson (Groton Area) 8-9 won by fall over Collin Schmiedt (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) 3-5 (Fall 1:33)

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## Clark/Willow Lake WBC Invitational Results for Groton Area

### **126: Dragr Monson (3-0) placed 1st and scored 23.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-0 won by fall over Brock Gisselbeck (Hamlin/Castlewood) 0-2 (Fall 0:31)

Semifinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-0 won by major decision over Cade Roerig (Webster Area) 2-2 (MD 8-0)

1st Place Match - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-0 won by fall over Leighton Weber (Faulkton Area) 2-1 (Fall 3:08)

### **152: Garret Schroeder (1-1) placed 3rd and scored 10.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 1-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Stefin Cottier (Tiospa Zina) 3-0 won by fall over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 1-1 (Fall 2:24)

Cons. Semi - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 1-1 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 1-1 won by fall over Dominic Pudwill (Warner-Northwestern) 1-2 (Fall 0:28)

### **160: Lane Krueger (1-2) placed 4th and scored 8.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 1-2 won by fall over Levi Weidebusch (Warner-Northwestern) 0-2 (Fall 3:19)

Semifinal - Alex Aesoph (Faulkton Area) 2-0 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 0:38)

Cons. Semi - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Chase Mundt (Britton/Hecla) 2-1 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 4:31)

### **170: Thomas Cranford (2-1) placed 3rd and scored 10.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 2-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandan Gehrke (Clark/Willow Lake) 1-1 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 2-1 (Fall 1:19)

Cons. Semi - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 2-1 won by decision over Owen Kerkvliet (Kingsbury County) 0-2 (Dec 7-3)

3rd Place Match - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 2-1 won by fall over Logan Johnson (Britton/Hecla) 1-2 (Fall 1:59)

### **195: Grady O`Neill (1-1) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 1-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 1-1 won by fall over Kain Gilligan (Kingsbury County) 2-1 (Fall 1:56)

1st Place Match - Joey Hubsch (Webster Area) 2-0 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 1-1 (Fall 0:37)

### **220: Wyatt Locke (2-0) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.**

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 2-0 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 2-0 won by fall over Teigen Hadrick (Faulkton Area) 1-2 (Fall 0:53)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 2-0 won by decision over Tristen Bent (Webster Area) 1-1 (Dec 7-4)

### **285: Adrian Knutson (1-1) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.**

Round 1 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 1-1 won by fall over James Mickey (Hamlin/Castlewood) 0-2 (Fall 0:52)

Round 2 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 1-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) 2-0 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 1-1 (Fall 0:59)



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## 2018 LaMoure Invitational Results for Groton Area

### 120: Dragr Monson (6-1) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-1 won by fall over Baxter Sand (South Border) 4-3 (Fall 3:02)  
Round 2 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-1 won by fall over Logan Barnes (Linton) 2-7 (Fall 0:50)  
Round 4 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-1 won by fall over Brayden Steffes (LaMoure) 6-5 (Fall 0:27)  
Round 5 - Carter Schmitz (Kindred) 9-0 won by major decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-1 (MD 9-0)

### 152: Garret Schroeder (3-4) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Moch (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 4-4 won by fall over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 3:02)  
Cons. Round 1 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 3-4 won by fall over Brock Wendel (LaMoure) 1-2 (Fall 0:37)  
Cons. Semi - Brett Wendel (LaMoure) 8-2 won by fall over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 0:27)  
5th Place Match - Nick Seefeld (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 2-5 won by fall over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 0:54)

### 160: Lane Krueger (2-4)

Champ. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-4 won by fall over Jasper Roth (South Border) 2-2 (Fall 1:17)  
Quarterfinal - Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 6-2 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:41)  
Cons. Round 2 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-4 received a bye ( ) (Bye)  
Cons. Round 3 - Chase Mundt (Britton-Hecla) 5-3 won by tech fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-4 (TF-1.5 4:02 (16-1))

### 160: Thomas Cranford (4-4) placed 6th and scored 9.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 received a bye ( ) (Bye)  
Quarterfinal - Brady Lettenmaier (LaMoure) 8-4 won by decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 (Dec 5-4)  
Cons. Round 2 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 received a bye ( ) (Bye)  
Cons. Round 3 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 won by fall over Jasper Roth (South Border) 2-2 (Fall 2:53)  
Cons. Semi - Jacob Reinke (Lisbon JV) 7-3 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 (Fall 0:45)  
5th Place Match - Brady Lettenmaier (LaMoure) 8-4 won by decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-4 (Dec 4-0)

### 195: Grady O'Neill (2-4) placed 4th and scored 2.0 team points.

Round 1 - Chris Heyd (LaMoure) 8-2 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 2:21)  
Round 2 - Ethan Ellingson (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 7-1 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:49)  
Round 3 - Lucien Peterson (South Border) 2-5 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 2:48)

### 285: Adrian Knutson (3-4) placed 4th and scored 3.0 team points.

Round 1 - Keegan Henjum (Bishop Ryan) 12-2 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 1:25)  
Round 3 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-4 won by fall over Houston Malpert (Britton-Hecla) 0-6 (Fall 0:25)  
Round 4 - Riley Molter (South Border) 5-0 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 0:49)  
Round 5 - Lucas Albert (Lisbon JV) 3-4 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-4 (Fall 0:25)

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## 2018 Madison Varsity Invitational Results for Groton Area

### **120: Dragr Monson (8-4) placed 6th and scored 11.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 8-4 won by fall over Josh Long (Sisseton) 2-6 (Fall 0:32)  
Quarterfinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 8-4 won by fall over Kieffer Klinkhammer (Howard) 11-3 (Fall 2:38)  
Semifinal - Lance Soukup (Wagner) 8-2 won by major decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 8-4 (MD 10-1)  
Cons. Semi - Logen Fischer (Rapid City Stevens) 15-5 won by tech fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 8-4 (TF-1.5 4:31 (16-1))  
5th Place Match - Kieffer Klinkhammer (Howard) 11-3 won by decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 8-4 (Dec 3-2)

### **170: Thomas Cranford (4-6) Scored 3.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Toby Schneck (Milbank) 5-9 won by major decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-6 (MD 15-2)  
Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-6 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Lennox) 1-6 (For.)  
Cons. Round 2 - Spencer Monroe (Madison) 4-5 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 4-6 (Fall 0:58)

### **195: Grady O`Neill (3-6) Scored 4.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Daniel Swenson (Madison) 8-2 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 2:24)  
Cons. Round 1 - Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 3-6 received a bye () (Bye)  
Cons. Round 2 - Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 3-6 won by fall over Will Mahnke (Chamberlain) 1-5 (Fall 2:19)  
Cons. Round 3 - Jacob Hilding (Omaha Central) 14-5 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 0:52)

### **220: Wyatt Locke (5-2) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-2 won by fall over Markel Smith (Omaha Central) 3-9 (Fall 0:48)  
Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-2 won by decision over Vincent Herberg (Sisseton) 7-6 (Dec 3-0)  
Semifinal - Evan Hehr (Spearfish) 11-3 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-2 (Dec 6-4)  
Cons. Semi - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-2 won by fall over Clayton Smith (Sturgis Brown) 12-8 (Fall 0:30)  
3rd Place Match - Hunter McMath (Rapid City Stevens) 12-3 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-2 (Dec 4-3)

### **285: Adrian Knutson (3-6)**

Champ. Round 1 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-6 received a bye () (Bye)  
Quarterfinal - Tucker Christie (Brookings) 7-3 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 1:34)  
Cons. Round 2 - Austin Abrahamson (Harrisburg) 3-7 won in sudden victory - 1 over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 3-6 (SV-1 7-5)

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## G-Force Losses Championship Match at RC Robotics Tournament

Groton Robotics' G-Force team (Travis Townsend, Tannor McGannon, Dan Feist, Corbin Reich) and their alliance partner from Mitchell were defeated in the championship match after a couple mechanical failures Saturday, Dec. 8th in Rapid City.

Gears Heads received the Judges Award which is Recognition from Judges for special accomplishments. This award is totally at the judge's discretion. Something the judges saw in the robot or the team member impressed the judges.

Robotics is an interesting sport. Sometimes after a tournament, you rip your robot apart and build a new robot with all new design concepts. Two of the four GT Robotics teams attending the Rapid City tournament had decided after the Harrisburg tournament to do major design changes and they were not able to get the quality of performance they wanted from their newly designed and rebuilt robots.

Geek Squad (Isaac Smith, Lee Iverson, Steven Paulson, Nick Morris) experienced a failure of their on-board microprocessor after their second match. They had to install the club's backup microprocessor whose firmware did not match the new firmware on their controller. The school's network was not allowing the firmware to be downloaded so.... Old club mate to the rescue, Landon Marzhan, student at SDSMT and former GT Robotists, had stopped to watch and visit, took the team to his dorm and allowed them to use his internet access to download the firmware. Back to the tournament with a functioning robot and on goes the battle.

Teams came from Rapid City Stevens, Mitchell, Eureka, Lead/Deadwood, Spearfish, Box Elder and Groton.

Results from the Rapid City competition for all five of GT Robotics' teams are shown below, along with results for this year's prior tournaments.

Rankings of GT Robotics teams at the end of qualifying rounds for the tournaments

	Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City
	Number of teams in Tourney	11	23	24	20
9050A	G-Force	2	22	7	3
9050B	Gear Heads	10	19	6	9
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	11	16	2	n/a
9050D	Geek Squad	7	18	15	17
9050E	Galaxy	5	3	19	13

## How far did GT Robotics team get in elimination rounds (playoffs)?

	Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City
9050A	G-Force	Champion		Champion	Finals
9050B	Gear Heads		Quarter	Quarter	Semi
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Finals	Semi	Finals	n/a
9050D	Geek Squad	Semi	Quarter	Quarter	
9050E	Galaxy	Semi	Finals	Quarter	

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## G.A.T. Wrenches and G-Force loses in finals of Canton Robotics Tournament

Groton Robotics' G-Force team (Travis Townsend, Tannor McGannon, Dan Feist, Corbin Reich) and their alliance partner G.A.T. Wrenches (Noah Tullis, Thomas Cranford, Adrian Knutson) were defeated in the championship match Saturday, January 5 in Canton.

The Groton teams owned both the top and the bottom of the standings at the end of the qualifying matches. We had teams in second, third, 12th, 15th and 16th place. What a mix!

In one of the quarter-final matches, four Groton teams faced off. An alliance of Galaxy (River Pardick, Alex Dutchuk, Isaac Higgins) and Geek Squad (Isaac Smith, Steven Paulson, Lee Iverson, Nick Morris) met the G-Force/G.A.T. Wrenches alliance.

Gear Heads won their only match of the day in the quarter-finals of the elimination matches, hoping to be the dark horse in the race to the championship but the hope was short lived as they were defeated by the F-Force/G.A.T. Wrenches alliance in the semi-final match.

The GT Robotics teams had another learning day as they worked hard to keep or get their robots in prime condition in the pits between matches. Nothing shows better character than robotists working to make their robot the best it can be, even if they are beat on the field.

Teams came from Harrisburg, Menno, Canton, Jefferson, Sioux Falls and Groton.

If you want to know more about Vex Robotics, here are a couple of websites to check out. [www.roboevents.com](http://www.roboevents.com) and [www.roboticseducation.org](http://www.roboticseducation.org). You also may talk to any GT Robotics member or their coach, Jim Lane.

The Kiwanis club has asked the GT Robotics club to partner with them at their annual pancake brunch. Please come to the community center January 27 for pancakes. Tickets are on sale now from either Kiwanis or GT Robotics members or available at the door.

Results from the Canton competition for all five of GT Robotics' teams are below, along with results for this year's prior tournaments.

Rankings of GT Robotics teams at the end of qualifying rounds for the tournaments

	Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Canton
	Number of teams in Tourney	11	23	24	20	16
9050A	G-Force	2	22	7	3	2
9050B	Gear Heads	10	19	6	9	16
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	11	16	2	n/a	3
9050D	Geek Squad	7	18	15	17	15
9050E	Galaxy	5	3	19	13	12

### How far did GT Robotics team get in elimination rounds (playoffs)?

	Tournament	Groton	Mitchell	Harrisburg	Rapid City	Canton
9050A	G-Force	Champion		Champion	Finals	Finals
9050B	Gear Heads		Quarter	Quarter	Semi	Semi
9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Finals	Semi	Finals	n/a	Finals
9050D	Geek Squad	Semi	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
9050E	Galaxy	Semi	Finals	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter



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**L-R Galaxy -- Alex Dutchuk, River Pardick, Geek Squad -- Isaac Smith, Steven Paulson, Nick Morris.** (Courtesy Photo)



**L-R G-Force & G.A.T. Wrenches -- Tanner McGannon, Travis Townsend, referee, Noah Tullis, Dan Feist, Corbin Reich, Lee Iverson.** (Courtesy Photo)



**L-R Gear Heads -- Axel Warrington, Ethan Clark, Kamryn Flihs.** (Courtesy Photo)

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It's Boys' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Webster Area  
Bearcats**



**VS**

**Groton Area Tigers**

Monday, Jan. 7, 2019

8:00 p.m.

At the Webster Armory

Broadcast of this game is sponsored by the

**Aberdeen**  
**Chrysler Center**

901 Auto Plaza Drive  
Aberdeen, SD

**800.874.9173**

[www.aberdeenchrysler.com](http://www.aberdeenchrysler.com)



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It's Girls' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



Waubay-  
Summit VS  
Mustangs



## Groton Area Tigers

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019

8:00 p.m.

At Waubay

Broadcast of this game is sponsored by the

**Aberdeen**  
**Chrysler Center**

901 Auto Plaza Drive  
Aberdeen, SD

**800.874.9173**

[www.aberdeenchrysler.com](http://www.aberdeenchrysler.com)

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It's Girls' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Sisseton  
Redmen**

**VS**



**Groton Area Tigers**

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019

7:30 p.m.

At Sisseton

Broadcast of this game is sponsored by the

**Aberdeen**  
**Chrysler Center**

901 Auto Plaza Drive  
Aberdeen, SD

**800.874.9173**

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It's Boys' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Sisseton  
Redmen**

**VS**



**Groton Area Tigers**

**Friday, Jan. 11, 2019**

**8:00 p.m.**

**At the Groton Area Arena**

**Broadcast of this game is sponsored by**

Allied Climate Professionals  
Bahr Spray Foam  
Blocker Construction  
Doug Abeln Seed Company  
James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgensen  
John Sieh Agency  
Locke Electric  
Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.  
Northeast Chiropractic Clinic  
Professional Management Services, Inc.  
Sanford Health  
Weber Landscaping

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**Little Wound  
Mustangs** VS



**Groton Area Tigers**

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

Playoff Edition

By Jordan Wright

The NFL playoffs started this past weekend, and even though our favorite team in purple and gold didn't make it, there were some great games played – and even better matchups set for next weekend.

The first game of the playoff tournament featured the 10-6 Indianapolis Colts visiting the 11-5 Houston Texans. The game featured the leading candidate for comeback player of the year, Colts quarterback Andrew Luck – versus one of the best young quarterbacks in the league, Deshaun Watson. Luck, with some help from his running back Marlon Mack (148 yards, 1 TD), won the duel and the Colts defeated the Texans 21-7.

The second game on Saturday was between the 10-6 Seattle Seahawks and the 10-6 Dallas Cowboys. The Seahawks have been in a mini-rebuild this season, but QB Russell Wilson still managed to get the team into the playoffs. The Cowboys, led by QB Dak Prescott and young running back Ezekiel Elliot, had an up-and-down season but were 7-1 at home. The Cowboys used that homefield advantage on Saturday, holding off the Seahawks for a 24-22 victory.

The first of the two games on Sunday saw the 12-4 San Diego Los Angeles Chargers travel to Baltimore to take on the 10-6 Ravens. The Chargers were one of the hottest teams in the NFL this season and are led by veteran QB Phillip Rivers. The Ravens, on the other hand, started out the season 4-5 and needed to win six of their final seven games just to make the playoffs. The game was lopsided through the first three quarters, and when the Chargers kicked a field goal with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter to take a 23-3 lead, everyone thought the game was over. But the Ravens' rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson scored two quick touchdowns to bring them within a score. The Ravens fumbled with under a minute left in the fourth quarter, however, and the Chargers left Baltimore with a 23-17 win.

The last game of Wildcard weekend was a game most Vikings fans wished could have somehow ended with both teams losing, as the 9-7 Philadelphia Eagles were in Chicago to battle the 12-4 Bears. This game was the most entertaining of the four and featured five lead changes. The Eagles, led by backup QB Nick Foles, needed a little bit of luck to leave Chicago with the win, and they got it. With 10 seconds left in the game, the Bears lined up for a 43-yard field goal – and the kick hit the uprights and bounced out. The Eagles won 16-15.

Looking ahead, there are some great games on tap for the second round of the playoffs.

The first game is between the Indianapolis Colts and the Kansas City Chiefs (12-4). The game is on Saturday, January 12 and will start at 3:35pm (CT). The Colts are heavy underdogs in this game, as the Chiefs are the number one seed in the AFC and have one of the best young stars in the game: QB Patrick Mahomes.

The other Saturday game has the Dallas Cowboys traveling to Los Angeles to go head-to-head with the Rams (13-3) and will start at 7:15pm (CT). This game has the top two rushers from the 2018 season, Ezekiel Elliot and Todd Gurley. The Rams are the favorites in this game, but there must be a little concern as they were trending down to end the season.

The first game on Sunday, January 13 sees the Chargers flying cross country to take on the New England Patriots (11-5). The Patriots, led by first-ballet Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady, are undefeated at home this season. This might be the last time we see Brady battling Chargers' QB Phillip Rivers, and this game should provide plenty of exciting moments. The game will start at 12:05pm (CT).

The final game of the divisional round of the playoffs, Eagles at the New Orleans Saints (13-3) starts at 3:40pm (CT). The two teams played earlier this season, and the Saints whooped the Eagles 48-7. Drew Brees had one of the best games of the season against the Eagles, throwing for 363 yards and four touchdowns.

Check back next week, as we break down the divisional round of the playoffs and look forward to the conference championships. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL).

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## Today in Weather History

January 7, 1873: A blizzard raged across the Great Plains. Many pioneers, unprepared for the cold and snow, perished in the tristate region of southwest Minnesota, northwestern Iowa, and southeastern South Dakota. Visibility was down to three feet. Cows suffocated in the deep drifts and trains were stuck for days. More than 70 people died, some bodies were not found until spring.

The following appears on pages 260-261 in the "History of Dakota Territory" by George Kingsbury. "On the 7th of January, 1873, a brother and sister of "John Foster," aged respectively fourteen and twelve years, went a short distance from home and soon afterward a blizzard came up suddenly. The children wandered in the storm to an old sod house which stood out on the prairie and there sought shelter from the driving snow. However, as the house was roofless it afforded but poor protection against the blizzard and the children perished, their bodies being buried in the snow. Our subject and the father were absent from home at the time. Weeks passed and in spite of continued searching the bodies of the children were not found, but in March a neighbor dreamed that the children were in the old house and on the 16th of that month their bodies were found there."

January 7, 1980: A strong area of low pressure moved out of the northern Rockies across South Dakota and central Minnesota on January 6th and 7th. Heavy snow along with very high winds caused widespread blowing and drifting snow with low visibilities. Many roads were closed, and many motorists were stranded. Snowfall amounts across western and northern Minnesota were from 7 to 12 inches.

January 7, 1989: Heavy snowfall of 5 to 19 inches fell in the north and east central South Dakota on the 6th and 7th. Snow and blowing snow reduced visibilities to near zero in many locations as winds gusted to near 50 mph. Part of Interstate 29 north of Sisseton closed the night of the 7th. Icy roads contributed to a school bus accident which injured eight boys. Extreme wind chills of 30 to 60 below also occurred. Snowfall amounts included 8 inches in Sisseton, with 12 to 19 inches across Marshall and Roberts counties.

This storm also affected northern Minnesota from the 6th through the 8th with heavy snowfall of 8 to 12 inches with local amounts of 24 to 26 inches. The heavy snow was followed by an Arctic intrusion which brought in 35 to 50 mph winds. This caused a shutdown the Red River Valley. Snowdrifts were from 5 to 10 feet in some areas. Roads had to be closed. The strong winds caused near-blizzard conditions along with extremely low wind chills.

1966: Tropical Cyclone Denise dropped 45 inches of rain on La Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean in 12 hours, and 71.80 inches of rain in 48 hours through the 8th.

1989: Empty foundations are all that remain of four homes on the southwest end of Allendale, Illinois after an F4 tornado ripped through. The tornado was extremely rare due to its strength and the fact that it occurred so far north during the middle of meteorological winter.

1873 - A blizzard raged across the Great Plains. Many pioneers, unprepared for the cold and snow, perished in southwest Minnesota and northwestern Iowa. (David Ludlum)

1971 - The temperature at Hawley Lake, located southeast of McNary, AZ, plunged to 40 degrees below zero to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm in the southwestern U.S. produced 30 inches of snow north of Zion National Park in southern Utah, with 18 inches reported at Cedar Canyon UT. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A winter storm in the southeastern U.S. produced 27 inches of snow in the Bad Creek area of South Carolina, and claimed the lives of two million chickens in Alabama. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A tornado in southern Illinois obliterated half the community of Allendale, injuring fifty persons and causing more than five million dollars damage, while thunderstorm winds gusting higher than 100 mph caused ten million dollars damage at Franklin KY. Twenty-five cities, from the Gulf coast to Michigan, reported record high temperatures for the date. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A rapidly intensifying low pressure system and a vigorous cold front brought heavy rain and high winds to the Pacific Northwest. Two to five inches rains soaked western Washington and western Oregon, and winds gusting above 70 mph caused extensive damage. Wind gusts on Rattlesnake Ridge in Washington State reached 130 mph. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today

Tonight

Tuesday

Tuesday  
Night

Wednesday



Decreasing  
Clouds

High: 34 °F



Chance Snow  
then Mostly  
Cloudy

Low: 21 °F



Mostly Sunny  
and Blustery

High: 27 °F



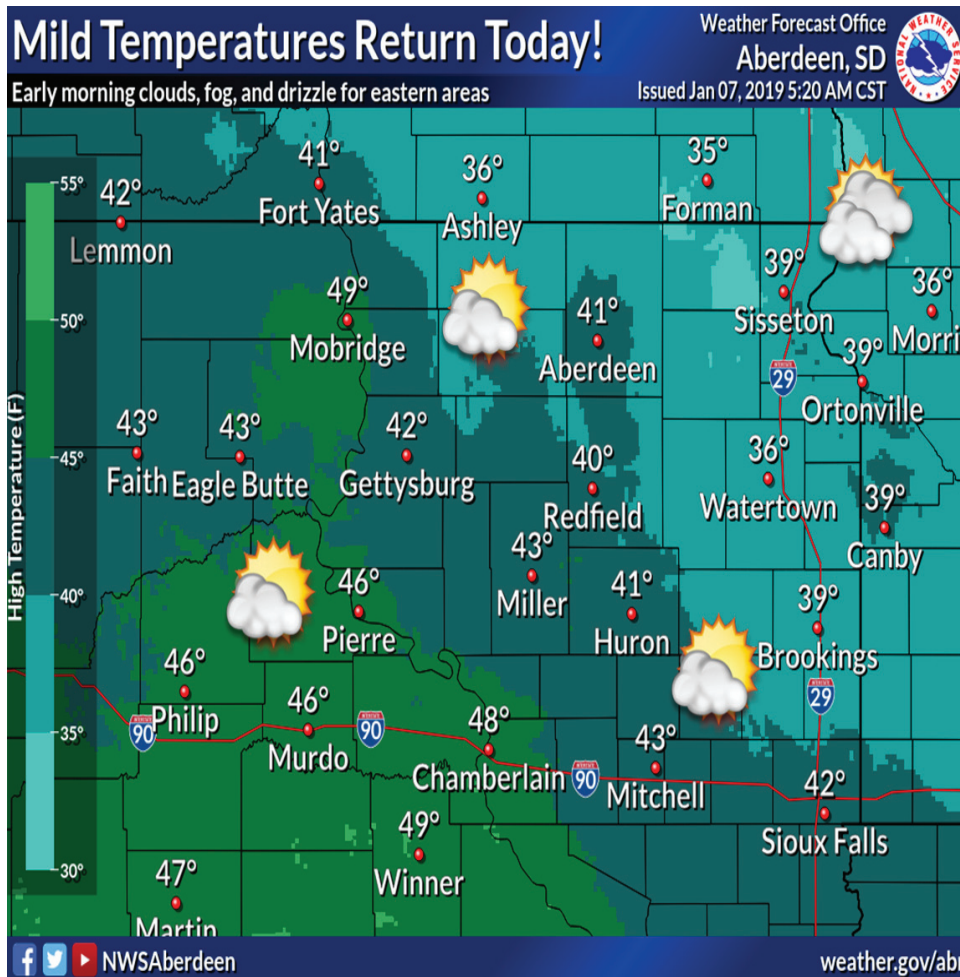
Mostly Clear

Low: 3 °F



Mostly Sunny

High: 13 °F



Published on: 01/07/2019 at 5:41AM

Morning clouds, fog, and drizzle will affect northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota this morning. Although, clearing is quickly moving in and expect increasing sunshine from west to east later this morning. Mild air will make a return to the region today, with highs in the 30s and 40s. Another quick moving storm system may bring around an inch of snow to portions of the region tonight.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 35 °F at 7:51 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 20 °F at 2:48 AM**

**High Gust: 26 mph at 4:15 PM**

**Precip:**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 54° in 1963**

**Record Low: -39° in 1912**

**Average High: 22°F**

**Average Low: 2°F**

**Average Precip in Jan.: 0.11**

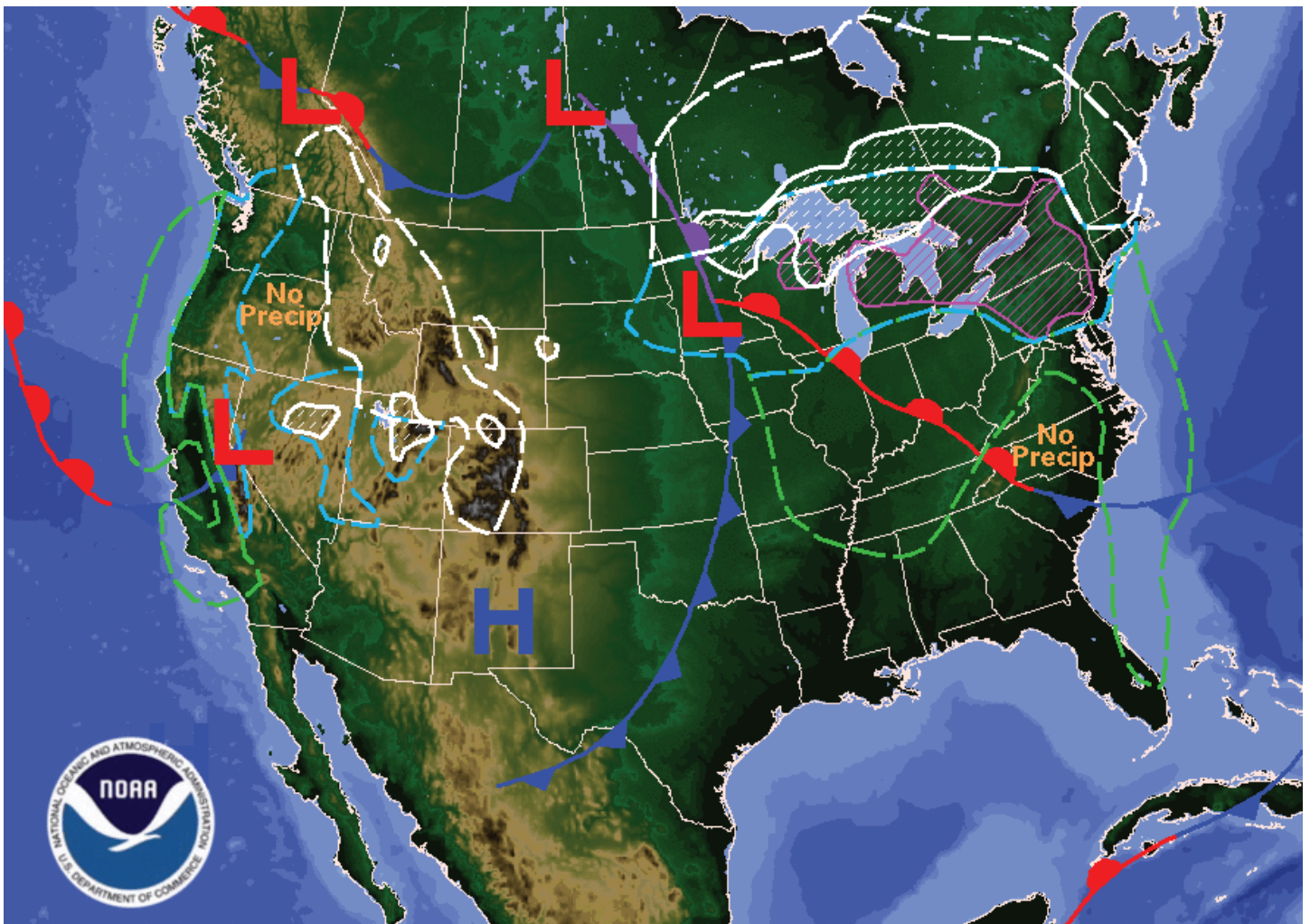
**Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 0.11**

**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 5:07 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:13 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jan 07, 2019, issued 4:35 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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## WHERE DOES YOUR GOD COME FROM?

We can live without oxygen for minutes, without water for days and without food for months. But we cannot live at all without God or a god of our own design. We either live with the God Who is revealed to us in Scripture or create a god who we believe will meet our needs.

If we choose to live without the God Who is revealed in Scripture, we will create a god out of some thing that we believe has power over us, or one whose power we believe we need to exist.

Many turn their careers into a god. For them, work becomes a time of worship, and money, and the things that money can buy become their blessings and the rewards they seek. Yet, they find no satisfaction in the things they accumulate because they bring no lasting satisfaction.

There are some who make pleasure their god. They seek the thrill of an adventure, the journey to a far land, a life filled with bright lights and endless entertainment or death-defying experiences as the sum and substance of a life worth living. In the end, it is a life that becomes empty because enough is never enough.

Some look for the resolution to the emptiness of life in mind or mood alternating chemicals. Whether it is an alcoholic beverage, an upper or a downer or new high or a different reality does not matter. The next fix or the bigger dose is never enough. Life ends unfulfilled and empty. The god in chemicals cannot bring peace.

Their sorrows increase...who run after other gods, wrote the Psalmist.

Prayer: Father, apart from You, there are no other gods who can satisfy the longing of a heart that You created. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Psalm 16:4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

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## 2019 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. 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)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/14/2019 SDSU Golf Tournament at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 9/8/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2019 Trunk or Treat/Halloween on Main
- 11/9/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course 2019 Holiday Party
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events



## News from the Associated Press

### Police investigate fatal shooting in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police are investigating a fatal shooting in Sioux Falls. Authorities say officers were called to an alley near Sunshine Foods about 3:30 p.m. Sunday where the victim was found. Witnesses say a male suspect fled the scene in a silver or gray sedan. Investigators were on the scene through Sunday evening. No other information was released.

### Yankton man gears up to lead the South Dakota Senior Games

By **ROB NIELSEN**, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Yankton County Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff has had a number of titles throughout his life.

One of them is "Gold Medalist" in the South Dakota Senior Games.

This year, he's assuming the role of president of the games.

Hunhoff told the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan a little about the history of the games.

"It's a yearly statewide sports competition for people over 50," Hunhoff said. "The athletes compete in various age divisions. The games were started in 1984 by the South Dakota Department of Social Services to motivate older folks to exercise more. State legislators killed the funding in 1996, but supporters overcame that existential challenge by forming a Board of Directors to keep the event going. For the last 22 years, we've paid the bills with donations, sponsorships and very modest entry fees."

Currently, the organization hosts 30 different sports. Nearly 700 athletes participated in the state games in Sioux Falls.

It was an activity that Hunhoff wanted to participate in.

"I became aware of Senior Games when I was 45 or 46; it looked like fun," he said. "Unlike most people, I actually looked forward to turning 50 ... so I could participate in Senior Games."

He said the Senior Games have become very meaningful to him for a number of reasons.

"Fitness, friends and fun would be the short answer," he said. "It's less about winning medals and more about what Senior Games can do for your quality of life. We promote the power of aging actively. Too many people get their kicks from staring at a screen these days. It's not healthy. They need to get out of their recliners and do something physical to get their heart rate up. For some, Senior Games provide that spark to go outside, put one foot in front of the other and get moving."

Hunhoff doesn't see age as an excuse for being inactive.

"People say they're too tired, too busy, too old, or whatever, for exercise," he said. "None of those excuses hold water. Just get started. Don't be defined only by the date on your birth certificate. Think younger than you really are."

Over the years, Hunhoff has become increasingly involved with the group, culminating in his election as president.

"We have an 18-member board of directors from all over the state who elected me president. I'm the first Yankton person to head it up," he said. "I joined the board eight years ago and found it to be a dedicated group. The job doesn't pay anything. It actually costs money because directors pay for their gas and meals when we have meetings. It's really a labor of love — a shared belief in the value of Senior Games."

He added that the appointment was an honor.

"I was glad the other 17 board members had faith in me to keep our ship steered in the right direction," he said. "Hopefully, I won't hit any icebergs!"

Hunhoff had been vice president of the group over the last two years and will serve a two-year term as president.

He said he aims to keep the organization strong in the coming years.

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"Our state games are in Watertown for the next two years, so I want to continue the good momentum we established in Sioux Falls and Aberdeen since 2015," he said. "I plan to attend the 10 regional meets next summer. Most of those are on Saturday, so it's doable. Other goals are starting the search for a new executive director and adding some new blood to our board, which had a few people step down."

Hunhoff said the games help contribute to the health of participants.

"Our health is vitally important as we age," he said. "Exercise is the most important thing we can do. It reduces nearly all causes of death, improves our mood and even has long-term beneficial effects on our brain. The Senior Games provide a good long-term goal to train for, but real fitness progress is made with smaller, shorter-term goals. I tell people to start slowly with a half-mile walk or light lifting. Write how much you lifted and how many reps. Write how far and how fast you walked. Documentation is important so you can see the progress."

He added that he's drawn inspiration from another participant in the games.

"A person I use as an example is Don Phillips, a retired veterinarian from Sioux Falls," he said. "At our state games in September, Don sprinted 100 meters in 17.6 seconds, did 11 chin-ups, and held an 8-minute plank with perfect form. Those are good numbers for any age, but Don is 88! Don reminds me of that George Bernard Shaw quote: 'The best thing in life is to die young, but delay it as long as possible.'"

"We don't jump as high or run as fast as we did in our 20s," Hunhoff said, "but I'm convinced there is value in doing those things as well as physically possible into our 60s, 70s, and 80s."

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

## Northern State University renovations concern some neighbors

By KATHERINE GRANDSTRAND, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — When Wolves Memorial Suites was built a few years ago, Amy Schoen didn't think much of it.

Then the students moved in.

"I really didn't think I was going to be able to tell a difference when the dorm came in on 12th (Avenue Southeast), but I can," Schoen told Aberdeen American News. "It's gotten louder, it's gotten a lot more kids walking back and forth from the bar where I never used to have that before."

Schoen's South Lincoln Street house is just a few doors down from the residence hall. So some nights, she can hear students return from the nearby Zoo Bar — a favorite watering hole of Northern State University students.

Wolves Memorial was one of three new dorms that have opened in the last two years. It's part of an onslaught of new buildings and renovations on campus that started with the remodeling and addition to the Johnson Fine Arts Center in 2014 and will end with a new sports complex, which is set to open in 2021. All of the work has changed the neighborhood on the south side of town.

The students leaving the bar don't bother neighbor Rene Axness as much. Her house is laid out so the living room and kitchen are in the front, with the bedrooms in the back.

"I'm actually impressed, I thought there would be some noise. Every once in a while I'll hear when they're practicing football when the wind is just right, or the air is just right, I'll hear it a little bit," she said. "But I can't complain."

Axness bought her house in 2017 and moved in about the same time as the students were returning to campus. Parking along the street has been her biggest issue.

"I could not get a parking place out there, so I carried my table from around the corner," she said.

For the most part, Schoen said she's loved living next to Northern for the last 21 years.

"I like my house, and I have a really nice backyard," she said.

Improvements to the Washington Street parking lot a few years ago added a couple of feet to its height, so Schoen gets a little unsettled that the vehicles are parked above her backyard. There's a fairly big slope from the parking lot into her yard.

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"I couldn't even use to be able to tell that there was a college in my backyard," she said. "Now I feel like the cars are right there, looking in my backyard."

On the other side of campus, neighbors along South State Street aren't too worried about a new football stadium that's set to open in fall 2021.

It'll just be more of the same for them — an additional five or six days each year when the streets are lined with vehicles and there's a bit more noise coming from across the way.

"As far as the stadium goes, we don't see an issue with that because we now have the Barnett Center, which draws a lot of people (who park) on the street — public street," said Rod Barr. "We have Arts in the Park, that parks on the public street, State B basketball, wrestling, standard Northern basketball games — " — We've just gotten used to it," Kathy Barr finished.

Now, the Barrs now look out their front windows and see the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. It's the same view they've had for eight years.

Soon that view will be a construction site, then a football stadium.

A new state school for the blind will be built along South State Street where Jerde Hall used to be. The football stadium and a softball field will be on the site of the existing school for the blind just north of Melgaard Park. Both projects are part of Northern's extensive master plan.

A few doors down from the Barrs, Sea Atwood said the stadium might be an improvement to the neighborhood over the current school for the blind building.

"I think it will be better to look at than what we've got now," he said.

While it's been a good building for more than 50 years, the design is fairly utilitarian.

Atwood said there have been a couple of home sales in the neighborhood since the announcement, but he thinks his property values will go up.

Some have grouched that the new stadium will drive property values down.

With a grandson playing for the Wolves soon, the Barrs already planned to go to more football games than they had previously, they said. Rod Barr has gone to Northern games out at Swisher Field sporadically through the years. Football isn't really of Kathy Barr's thing.

But the couple has gone to basketball and volleyball games at the nearby Barnett Center.

It's been many years since Atwood said he has watched a Wolves football game, but with the stadium right across the street, that might change.

"It'd be a lot easier to talk me into it now," he said.

Now, the Northern football team plays at Swisher Field on the southeast edge of town. That's about a mile and a half from campus.

Even with some night events, the corridor should empty by the end of the 10 o'clock news, Rod Barr said.

"We're not talking late at night," he said.

While it's a little more congested on South State Street during games, the Barrs said getting in and out of their driveway isn't too much trouble. They even think they'll be able to make a few bucks once the stadium is built.

"I can rent my parking spots," Rod Barr said with a chuckle.

A parking lot planned for South Lincoln Street directly south of Wolves Memorial might help alleviate some of the issues for neighbors.

"It's going to be nice for the parking, because there are cars all the way down Lincoln (now), and I'm very thankful that I happen to be on the east side of the street," Schoen said.

Two houses along Lincoln that were previously owned by the NSU Foundation have recently been purchased by the university proper with approval from the South Dakota Board of Regents. Those properties, and a third across 12th Avenue Southeast from Briscoe Hall, will add about 50 additional parking spaces to campus.

How the west side of campus will be affected on football game days remains to be seen.

"I really don't know," Schoen said. "But I'm kind of disappointed that I can hear the noise."

But the east side knows what's up.

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The last time the neighborhood surrounding Northern changed this much was when the Barnett Center opened, said Aberdeen Mayor Mike Levsen. That resulted in Northern hosting considerably more events.

"That was probably a bigger change to the neighborhood than what will come now, when you think about it," he said. "That was the change that brought dozens and dozens — hundreds of events that were never held on the campus to be held on the campus then."

A full Barnett Center is something neighbors are used to. Most of the people who live near Northern bought their houses knowing about the events the facility hosts, Atwood said. He's been in his home for 10 years.

"It's not going to change anything," he said. "The difference around here is going to be five Saturdays a year, other than that, it's exactly like it is now."

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

## Arians propels South Dakota State past South Dakota 79-61

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Freshman Alex Arians tossed in a career-best 19 points and matched his career high with 10 rebounds to propel South Dakota State to a 79-61 victory over South Dakota on Sunday.

The Jackrabbits (12-6, 2-1 Summit League) won despite a rare off night from double-double machine Mike Daum. He was held to a career-low four points on 1-of-5 shooting. It was just the 10th time in 122 career games that the senior didn't score in double figures. Daum, who averages 24.9 points per game for sixth in the nation and 10.6 rebounds, had 10 rebounds as SDSU outrebounded the Coyotes 46-35. Skyler Flatten topped the Jackrabbits with 20 points, while Tevin King and David Jenkins scored 14 apiece.

King's 3-pointer capped a game-opening 22-9 burst by the Jackrabbits, who led 37-25 at halftime. Arians and King nailed back-to-back 3-pointers to push the lead to 20 with 12:07 left to play and the Jackrabbits coasted from there.

Sophomore Stanley Umude was a one-man show for South Dakota (7-9, 1-2), scoring 26 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Cody Kelly added 11 points and seven assists. Umude had 18 of the Coyotes' 25 first-half points.

## Pierre woman identified as teen killed in I-90 crash

WALL, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 19-year-old woman from Pierre was the teenager who died in an interstate crash near Wall last week.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety on Sunday identified the victim as Katie Kloos.

Authorities say Kloos was a passenger in a car that was trying to pass an SUV on icy I-90 on Tuesday. The driver of the car lost control and collided with the SUV and another vehicle.

Kloos died at the scene. The driver of that car and two people in the SUV were injured and taken to the hospital.

## Legislature to gather for Noem's first session as governor

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Republican Gov. Kristi Noem is inheriting a state on solid financial footing as she enters her first legislative session as governor, joined by a Legislature that will consider tough-on-crime changes to South Dakota's criminal justice system, looser gun laws and allowing sports betting in Deadwood.

Legislators gather Tuesday for the start of the 2019 session and Noem's first State of the State address. A look at the agenda until lawmakers adjourn in late March:

### NOEM'S NEW

Noem, a former U.S. representative, campaigned to lead state government on an extensive platform that ranged from opposing tax hikes to pushing for better government transparency. In a milestone, she is the state's first female governor.

Noem has declined to reveal specifics about the policy agenda for her first session as she built her ad-



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ministration, but recently told reporters that she'll release legislative priorities at the State of the State.

Noem was sworn in Saturday to succeed Republican Dennis Daugaard.

## GOOD FINANCES

Lawmakers are benefiting from positive state financial projections as they prepare to set South Dakota government spending for the 2020 state budget year. Daugaard in his final budget plan proposed roughly \$53 million in spending hikes, including 2.3 percent increases for education, Medicaid providers and state workers. Noem will formulate her own budget, which she said will be proposed in the coming weeks.

Noem has said she's focused on putting together a budget that balances without raising taxes.

## PROBATION PROBLEMS?

The cornerstone of new Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg's legislative agenda will be reversing the state's presumptive probation policy for some lower-level felonies. The policy has been credited with helping avert expensive prison population growth but criticized by some as tying judges' hands.

Presumptive probation supporters argue that ending it would lead to imprisoning significantly more people after South Dakota in 2013 passed a Republican-led justice system overhaul to tackle overcrowding. Ravnsborg has said ending the practice would give a "formidable and necessary tool" back to the state's prosecutors and courts.

House Majority Leader Lee Qualm said recently that he supports ending the policy. Qualm said lawmakers should also make changes to a juvenile justice system overhaul passed in 2015.

## GUN MEASURES

Some gun-rights supporters have been waiting for the Daugaard administration to end in hopes that they'll have more success with their agenda. Expect to see measures this year that would allow people to carry concealed handguns without a permit in South Dakota and bring concealed pistols inside the state Capitol. Those bills passed the Legislature in 2017, but Daugaard vetoed them. Noem has supported permitless carry in the past.

Qualm has said he plans to propose a Capitol carry measure because security can't be everywhere in the building, all the time.

## SPORTS BETTING

What's the next draw for Deadwood? Sports betting (if supporters get their way). A gambling industry group plans to ask lawmakers for a 2020 ballot measure to bring sports betting to the historic mining town. The push comes after the U.S. Supreme Court in May cleared the way for all states to offer legal sports betting.

It's not expected to hand the state a major tax windfall — a legislative analysis estimates the constitutional amendment would result in roughly \$2 million in casino revenues and about \$185,000 in new tax collections for its first state budget year — but supporters say it would help keep Deadwood competitive as a gambling destination.

## ONLINE SALES TAXES

Lawmakers can expect pressure from a conservative group for tax cuts after the state's U.S. Supreme Court victory last year cleared the way for new online sales tax revenues.

Americans for Prosperity-South Dakota is proposing a ballot question to phase in a half-cent sales tax cut over five years starting in 2021. The group's state director says it's a fallback if the Legislature doesn't act.

The ballot question plan comes amid ambiguity in a law requiring a 2016 half-cent sales tax hike for teacher pay to be scaled back if the state got the ability to collect the tax on online purchases. The state began collections Nov. 1.

## MENTAL HEALTH

A legislative panel studying access to mental health services endorsed measures including expanding a telephone program that connects people with services for preventing suicide and addressing domestic abuse and child mistreatment.

The group also wants five task forces to examine different areas of mental health at a cost of roughly \$95,000.

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Senate President Pro Tempore Brock Greenfield said lawmakers in South Dakota and elsewhere must do whatever they can to solve opioid and methamphetamine abuse problems.

## Blizzard of 1949 devastated South Dakota 70 years ago

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Seventy years have passed since one of the worst blizzards on record pounded western South Dakota with snow, piling up to the roofs of buildings and trapping residents for weeks.

State records show the Jan. 2, 1949, blizzard brought up to 50 inches (127 centimeters) of snow to the Black Hills over a month, with 70 mph winds and temperatures dropping to minus 8, the Rapid City Journal reported. The winter blast pummeled South Dakota and a large part of Nebraska for several weeks, leaving the region's economy on the brink of collapse.

Chadron, Nebraska, saw at least 60 inches (152 centimeters) of snow fall in January 1949, and the ceaseless winds and snow kept roads and rail lines closed in both states.

Federal authorities led a disaster response because of the length of the storm and its impact on the area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers launched Operation Snowbound on Jan. 29 of that year, focusing on South Dakota and Nebraska, as well as North Dakota and Wyoming.

The disaster response helped rescue trapped people, reopen roads and feed starving livestock.

In South Dakota, state officials also helped alongside federal authorities, using planes to drop packets of yeast onto city streets and clothes to people trapped in their cars for days. Dynamite was used to clear railroad lines packed with several feet of snow.

Rapid City resident Jim LeMar remembered the drifting and its longevity as the worst elements of the 1949 storm, according to an interview with the newspaper six years ago.

"We'd no sooner get dug out of one storm and another would hit," LeMar said.

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

## Thai police say they won't deport Saudi woman seeking asylum

By GRANT PECK and AYA BATRAWY, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — The head of Thailand's immigration police said Monday that a young Saudi woman who was stopped in Bangkok as she was trying to travel to Australia for asylum to escape alleged abuse by her family will not be sent anywhere against her wishes.

Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun remained barricaded in an airport hotel room while sending out desperate pleas for help over social media. The 18-year-old began posting on Twitter late Saturday after her passport was taken away when she arrived in the Thai capital on a flight from Kuwait. She has been appealing for aid from the United Nations refugee agency and anyone else who can help.

The refugee agency announced Monday evening that Thai authorities had allowed its officials to meet with Alqunun, but declined to give any details of their meeting, citing confidentiality.

Earlier in the day, Thailand's immigration police chief, Maj. Gen. Surachate Hakparn, said Alqunun's father would arrive Monday night, and that officials would see if the young woman was willing to depart with him.

"As of now, she does not wish to go back and we will not force her. She won't be sent anywhere tonight," Surachate said at a news conference at the airport where Alqunun is stuck.

"She fled hardship. Thailand is a land of smiles," he said. "We will not send anyone to die. We will not do that. We will adhere to human rights under the rule of law."

On Twitter, Alqunun wrote of being in "real danger" if forced to return to her family in Saudi Arabia, and has claimed in media interviews that she could be killed. She told the BBC that she had renounced Islam and is fearful of her father's retaliation.

Alqunun's planned forced departure Monday morning was averted as she stayed in her hotel room, with furniture piled up against the door, photos she posted online showed.

Her plight mirrors that of other Saudi women who in recent years have turned to social media to amplify their calls for help while trying to flee abusive families. Alqunun's Twitter account has attracted tens of

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thousands of followers in less than 48 hours and her story has grabbed the attention of foreign governments and the U.N. refugee agency.

Her pleas for asylum have also brought international attention to the obstacles women face in Saudi Arabia under male guardianship laws, which require that women, regardless of their age, have the consent of a male relative — usually a father or husband — to travel, obtain a passport or marry.

It also shows the limits of reforms being pushed by Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman as he struggles to repair damage to his reputation after the grisly killing three months ago of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents in Istanbul.

Alqunun told Human Rights Watch that she was fleeing beatings and death threats from her male relatives who forced her to remain in her room for six months for cutting her hair.

A Thai court declined to issue an injunction against her being sent back to her parents in Kuwait, from where she began her journey. A family trip to Kuwait apparently allowed her to evade Saudi Arabia's restrictions on travel.

Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director for Human Rights Watch, told The Associated Press that Thailand should give Alqunun back her passport and let her continue her journey to Australia.

"She has a valid Australian visa," he said. "The key thing is she should not be sent back to Saudi Arabia, she should not be sent back into harm's way."

Immigration police chief Surachate contradicted parts of Alqunun's story, including her claim that she had an Australian visa. However, he did not show her passport.

Some opposition figures in Australia urged that country's government to support Alqunun's efforts.

"I implore the government to do everything they can to help bring this young woman to Australia to give her the opportunity for freedom," said Australian Sen. Sarah Hanson Young.

For runaway Saudi women, fleeing can be a matter of life and death, and they are almost always doing so to escape male relatives.

In 2017, Dina Ali Lasloom triggered a firestorm online when she was stopped en route to Australia, where she had planned to seek asylum. She was forced to return to Saudi Arabia and was not publicly heard from again, according to activists tracking her whereabouts.

Despite efforts by the Saudi government to curtail the scope of male guardianship laws, women who attempt to flee their families in Saudi Arabia have few good options inside the kingdom. They are often either pressured to reconcile with their families, are sent to shelters where their movement is restricted or face arrest for disobeying their legal guardian.

Alqunun has said she was tricked into giving up her passport upon arrival in Bangkok by a man she has variously identified as a Kuwait Airways employee or a Saudi Embassy official. She said Saudi and Thai officials then told her she would be returned to Kuwait on Monday, where her father and brother are awaiting her.

While the Saudi Embassy in Thailand denies Saudi authorities are involved in attempts to stop Alqunun from traveling to Australia, the kingdom has in the past forcibly returned citizens home.

Saudi Arabia's charge d'affaires in Bangkok, Abdullah al-Shuaibi, was quoted in Saudi media as saying that Alqunun was stopped by Thai authorities because she did not appear to have a return ticket, a hotel reservation or itinerary to show she was a tourist. He said the Saudi Embassy has no authority to stop anyone at the airport and that such a decision would rest with Thai officials.

"She was stopped by airport authorities because she violated Thai laws," he was quoted as saying in Sabq, a state-aligned Saudi news website. "The embassy is only monitoring the situation."

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Batrawy reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press journalists Tassanee Vejpongsa and Kawewit Kaewjinda in Bangkok and Sam McNeil in Sydney contributed to this report.

## Democrats plan more pressure on Trump to reopen government

By CATHERINE LUCEY and LISA MASCARO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With no weekend breakthrough to end a prolonged partial government shutdown, President Donald Trump is standing firm in his border wall funding demands and newly empowered House Democrats are planning to step up pressure on Trump and Republican lawmakers to reopen the government.

Trump showed no signs of budging on his demand for more than \$5 billion for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, though on Sunday he did offer to build it with steel rather than concrete, a concession Democrats panned.

With the shutdown lurching into a third week, many Republicans watched nervously from the sidelines as hundreds of thousands of federal workers went without pay and government disruptions hit the lives of ordinary Americans.

White House officials affirmed Trump's funding request in a letter to Capitol Hill after a meeting Sunday with senior congressional aides led by Vice President Mike Pence at the White House complex yielded little progress. The letter from Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Russell Vought sought funding for a "steel barrier on the Southwest border."

The White House said the letter, as well as details provided during the meeting, sought to answer Democrats' questions about the funding request. Democrats, though, said the administration still failed to provide a full budget of how it would spend the billions requested for the wall from Congress. Trump campaigned on a promise that Mexico would pay for the wall, but Mexico has refused.

The letter includes a request for \$800 million for "urgent humanitarian needs," a reflection of the growing anxiety over migrants traveling to the border — which the White House said Democrats raised in the meetings. And it repeats some existing funding requests for detention beds and security officers, which have already been panned by Congress and would likely find resistance among House Democrats.

Trump sought to frame a steel barrier as progress, saying Democrats "don't like concrete, so we'll give them steel." The president has already suggested his definition of the wall is flexible, but Democrats have made clear they see a wall as immoral and ineffective and prefer other types of border security funded at already agreed upon levels.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi intends to begin passing individual bills to reopen agencies in the coming days, starting with the Treasury Department to ensure people receive their tax refunds. That effort is designed to squeeze Senate Republicans, some of whom are growing increasingly anxious about the extended shutdown.

Among the Republicans expressing concerns was Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell should take up bills from the Democratic-led House.

"Let's get those reopened while the negotiations continue," Collins said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Adding to concerns, federal workers might miss this week's paychecks. Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that if the shutdown continues into Tuesday, "then payroll will not go out as originally planned on Friday night."

Trump reaffirmed that he would consider declaring a national emergency to circumvent Congress and spend money as he saw fit. Such a move would seem certain to draw legal challenges.

Incoming House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith, D-Wash., said on ABC's "This Week" that the executive power has been used to build military facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan but would likely be "wide open" to a court challenge for a border wall. Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff called the idea a "nonstarter."

Trump also asserted that he could relate to the plight of the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who aren't getting paid, though he acknowledged they will have to "make adjustments" to deal with the shutdown shortfall.

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Associated Press writer Julie Walker in New York, Jill Colvin in Washington and Elliot Spagat in San Diego contributed to this report.



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## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

### 1. PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN PERSISTS

Trump is standing firm in his border wall demands and newly empowered House Democrats are planning to step up the pressure to reopen the government.

### 2. CHINA UPBEAT AHEAD OF US TRADE TALKS

The two sides face wrangling over technology and their future relationship as a trade dispute threatens to chill global economic growth.

### 3. RUNAWAY SAUDI BARRICADES HERSELF IN THAI HOTEL ROOM

Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun is using social media to say she is fleeing abuse by her family and wants asylum in Australia and Thai police say they will not send her anywhere against her wishes.

### 4. THUNDER BOLT AND LIGHTNING ROCK GOLDEN GLOBES

The Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" wins best picture, drama, over another movie about musicians: Bradley Cooper's much more heavily favored "A Star Is Born."

### 5. KEVIN SPACEY FACES ARRAIGNMENT

The "House of Cards" actor is set to appear in a Nantucket courtroom to answer accusations that he groped a young man in a bar on the small Massachusetts island in 2016.

### 6. PARTY BOSS FACES BIG TEST

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez will decide in the coming weeks the rules for early debates that could shape a large field of candidates.

### 7. COUP ATTEMPT OVER IN GABON

The government in the West African nation puts down the overthrow attempt and arrests the plotters who were junior army officers, a government spokesman says.

### 8. WHAT HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES DID

The Chinese telecom giant unveils a processor chip for data centers and cloud computing in bid to expand in global market despite Western warnings the company might be a security risk.

### 9. WHO'S OUT AT CBS

News division president David Rhodes is stepping down following a troubled year that saw morning anchor Charlie Rose and the top executive at "60 Minutes" lose their jobs following misconduct reports.

### 10. ALABAMA-CLEMSON IV SET

The unbeaten Crimson Tide and Tigers meet for the fourth straight season in the College Football Playoff as Bama seeks its sixth title since 2009.

## China protests over US warship sighting as trade talks start

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese and American officials began talks Monday aimed at ending a bruising tariffs battle between the world's two biggest economies, as Beijing complained over the sighting of a U.S. warship in what it said were Chinese waters.

It was unclear if the ruckus over the warship might disrupt the working level talks being held at the Chinese Commerce Ministry. The two sides have provided scant information about the discussions.

Both sides have expressed optimism over the potential for progress in settling their tariff fight over Beijing's technology ambitions. Yet neither has indicated its stance has changed since a Dec. 1 agreement by Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to postpone further increases.

Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Monday during a routine briefing that Chinese military aircraft and naval vessels were dispatched to identify the U.S. vessel and warn it to leave the area near disputed islands in the South China Sea.

"We have made stern complaints with the U.S.," Lu said. He said the warship, which he said was the

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destroyer the USS McCampbell, had violated Chinese and international law, infringed on Chinese sovereignty and undermined peace and stability.

"As for whether this move has any impact to the ongoing China-U.S. trade consultations... to properly resolve existing issues of all kinds between China and the U.S. is good for the two countries and the world," Lu said

But he added, "The two sides both have responsibility to create necessary and good atmosphere to this end."

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. side about the Chinese complaint.

The American side in the trade talks is being led by a deputy U.S. trade representative, Jeffrey D. Gerish, according to the U.S. government. The delegation includes agriculture, energy, commerce, treasury and State Department officials.

The talks went ahead despite tensions over the arrest of a Chinese tech executive in Canada on U.S. charges related to possible violations of trade sanctions against Iran.

Trump imposed tariff increases of up to 25 percent on \$250 billion of Chinese imports over complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology. Beijing responded by imposing penalties on \$110 billion of American goods, slowing customs clearance for U.S. companies and suspending issuing licenses in finance and other businesses.

Economists say the 90-day postponement of tariff increases that had been meant to take effect Jan. 1 may be too short to settle the disputes bedeviling U.S.-Chinese relations.

But cooling economic growth in both countries is raising pressure to reach a settlement.

Chinese growth fell to a post-global crisis low of 6.5 percent in the quarter ending in September. Auto sales tumbled 16 percent in November over a year earlier. Weak real estate sales are forcing developers to cut prices.

The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3.4 percent in the third quarter, and unemployment is at a five-decade low. But surveys show consumer confidence is weakening because of concern that growth will slow this year.

Washington, Europe and other trading partners complain Beijing's tactics violate its market-opening obligations.

The standoff also reflects American anxiety about China's rise as a potential competitor in telecommunications and other technology. Trump wants Beijing to roll back initiatives intended to create homegrown Chinese leaders in robotics and artificial intelligence.

China's leaders see such strategies as a path to greater prosperity and global influence and have tried to defuse complaints by emphasizing the country's potential as a huge consumer market.

They've also promised to allow more foreign access to its auto, finance and other industries.

Beijing has tried in vain to recruit France, Germany, South Korea and other governments as allies against Trump, but they have echoed U.S. complaints about Chinese industrial policy and market barriers.

The European Union filed its own challenge in the World Trade Organization in June against Chinese rules that the 28-nation trade bloc said hamper the ability of foreign companies to protect and profit from their own technology.

For their part, Chinese officials are unhappy with U.S. curbs on exports of "dual use" technology with possible military applications. They complain China's companies are treated unfairly in national security reviews of proposed corporate acquisitions, though almost all deals are approved unchanged.

Some manufacturers that serve the United States have shifted production to other countries to avoid Trump's tariffs.

## Kevin Spacey plans not-guilty plea in sexual assault case

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) — Kevin Spacey is due in a Massachusetts courtroom Monday to answer accusations that he groped a young man in a bar on the resort island of Nantucket in 2016.

The Oscar-winning actor has said he will plead not guilty to a charge of felony indecent assault and battery.

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The court appearance by Spacey comes more than a year after former Boston TV anchor Heather Unruh accused the former "House of Cards" star of sexually assaulting her son, then 18, in the crowded bar at the Club Car, where the teen worked as a busboy.

Spacey's lawyer, Alan Jackson, has sought to poke holes in the case, noting that the teenager didn't immediately report the allegations.

If convicted, Spacey faces up to five years in prison.

It's the first criminal case brought against the 59-year-old actor since other allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced against him in 2017.

A judge has denied Spacey's bid to avoid appearing in person Monday at Nantucket District Court. Spacey had argued his presence would "amplify the negative publicity already generated" by the case.

Unruh told reporters in November 2017 that Spacey got her son drunk and then grabbed his genitals during the incident. She said her son fled the restaurant when Spacey went to the bathroom.

After the charge was announced last month, Spacey released a video in the voice of Frank Underwood, his character on Netflix's "House of Cards," in which he said, "I'm certainly not going to pay the price for the thing I didn't do." It was unclear whether he was referring to the charge.

Spacey has also faced other allegations.

His first accuser, actor Anthony Rapp, said Spacey climbed on top of him on a bed when Rapp was 14 and Spacey 26. Spacey said he did not remember such an encounter but apologized if the allegations were true.

## Mamma Mia! 'Rhapsody' upsets 'Star Is Born' at Globes

By JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Thunder bolt and lightning rocked the 76th Golden Globes where a string of upsets culminated with the Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" winning best picture, drama, over another movie about musicians: Bradley Cooper's much more heavily favored "A Star Is Born."

"A Star Is Born" came into Sunday's ceremony at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, as the presumed heavyweight and Oscar favorite. But Cooper's remake went home with just one award, for the song "Shallow." Instead, the night's final two awards went to "Bohemian Rhapsody" — the popular but poorly reviewed drama about Queen's frontman, a movie that wrapped after jettisoning its director, Bryan Singer — and best actor-winner Rami Malek for his full-bodied, prosthetic teeth-aided performance as Mercury.

"Thank you to Freddie Mercury for giving me the joy of a lifetime," said Malek. "This is for you, gorgeous."

Few nominees were considered more of a sure thing than Lady Gaga as best actress in a drama. But Glenn Close pulled off the shocker in that category, too, for her performance in "The Wife," as the spouse of a Nobel Prize-winning author. Met with a standing ovation, Close said she was thinking of her mother, "who really sublimated herself to my father her whole life."

"We have to find personal fulfillment. We have to follow our dreams," said Close, drawing still louder cheers from women in the crowd. "We have to say I can do that and I should be allowed to do that."

It's Close's second Globe in 14 nods. She's never won an Oscar.

A year after Oprah Winfrey's fiery anti-Donald Trump speech at the Globes, politics were largely absent from the ceremony before Christian Bale took the stage for winning best actor in a musical or comedy for his lead performance in Adam McKay's "Vice." He thanked the antichrist.

"What do you think? Mitch McConnell next?" joked the Welsh-born actor, referring to the Senate's majority leader. "Thank you to Satan for giving me inspiration for this role."

Co-hosts Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg opened the Globes, put on by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, on a note of congeniality, including a mock roast of attendees and a string of jokes that playfully critiqued Hollywood. Oh performed an impression of a sexist caveman film executive who casts like the title of Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong drama: "First ... man!"

Noting the success of "Crazy Rich Asians," Oh alluded to films with white stars in Asian roles like "Ghost

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in the Shell" and "Aloha," the latter of which prompted Emma Stone, who starred in "Aloha," to shout out "I'm sorry!" from the crowd.

But Oh, who later also won for her performance on the BBC America drama series "Killing Eve," closed their opening monologue on a serious note explaining why she was hosting.

"I wanted to be here to look out at this audience and witness this moment of change," said Oh, tearing up and gazing at minority nominees in attendance. "Right now, this moment is real. Trust me, this is real. Because I see you. And I see you. All of these faces of change. And now, so will everyone else."

Some of those faces Oh alluded to won. Mahershala Ali, whom the foreign press association overlooked for his Oscar-winning performance in "Moonlight," won best supporting actor for "Green Book." While the Globes, decided by 88 voting members of the HFPA, have little relation to the Academy Awards, they can supply some awards-season momentum when it matters most. Oscar nomination voting begins Monday.

Arguably the biggest boost went to "Green Book," Peter Farrelly's interracial road trip through the early '60s Deep South, which has struggled to catch on at the box office while coming under harsh criticism for relying on racial tropes. It won best film, comedy or musical, and best screenplay. "If Don Shirley and Tony Vallelonga can find common ground, we all can," said Farrelly, the director best known for broader comedies like "There's Something About Mary."

The year's biggest domestic box-office hit, "Black Panther," went unrewarded, though presenters Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o and Danai Gurira took a moment, in unison, for a shout of "Wakanda Forever!"

As expected, Lady Gaga, Mark Ronson, Anthony Rossomando and Andrew Wyatt won best song for the signature tune from "A Star Is Born." At the time, it seemed like just the first of a handful of awards for "A Star Is Born."

"Can I just say that as a woman in music, it's really hard to be taken seriously as a musician and as a songwriter and these three incredible men, they lifted me up," Gaga said.

Though the Globes are put on by foreign journalists, they don't including foreign language films in their two best picture categories (for drama and musical/comedy). That left Netflix's Oscar hopeful, Alfonso Cuarón's memory-drenched masterwork "Roma" out of the top category. Cuarón still won best director and the Mexican-born filmmaker's movie won best foreign language film.

"This film would not have been possible without the specific colors that made me who I am," said Cuarón. "Gracias, familia. Gracias, Mexico."

Netflix also won numerous awards for the series "The Kominsky Method," which won both best actor in a comedy series for Michael Douglas (he dedicated the honor to this 102-year-old father, Kirk Douglas) and for best comedy series over favored nominees like "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" (whose star, Rachel Brosnahan still won) and "Barry."

"Netflix, Netflix, Netflix," said series creator Chuck Lorre.

Olivia Colman, expected to be Lady Gaga's stiffest competition when the two presumably go head-to-head at the Oscars — though Close may now make it a three-way race — won best actress in a comedy/musical for her Queen Anne in the royal romp "The Favourite." "I ate constantly throughout the film," said Colman. "It was brilliant."

Best supporting actress in a motion picture went to the Oscar front-runner Regina King for her matriarch of Barry Jenkins' James Baldwin adaptation "If Beale Street Could Talk." In her acceptance speech, King spoke about the Time's Up movement and vowed that the movie crews of everything she produces in the next two years will be half women. She challenged others to do likewise.

"Stand with us in solidarity and do the same," said King, who was also nominated for the TV series "Seven Seconds."

A year after the Globes were awash in a sea of black and #MeToo discussion replaced fashion chatter, the red carpet largely returned to more typical colors and conversation. Some attendees wore ribbons that read TIMESUPx2, to highlight the second year of the gender equality campaign that last year organized the Globes black-clad demonstration. Alyssa Milano, the actress who was integral in making #MeToo go



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viral, said on the red carpet that in the past year a "really wonderful sisterhood has formed."

"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" won for best animated film. Ryan Murphy's "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" won for both best limited series and Darren Criss' lead performance.

For its sixth and final season, FX's "The Americans" took best drama series over shows like Amazon's conspiracy thriller "Homecoming" and Oh's own "Killing Eve." Richard Madden, the breakout star of the terrorism suspense series "Bodyguard," won best actor in a drama series. Ben Wishaw took best supporting actor in a limited series for "A Very English Scandal."

The press association typically likes having first crack at series that weren't eligible for the prior Emmys. They did this year with not just "The Kominsky Method" and "Bodyguard" but also the Showtime prison drama "Escape at Dannemora." Its star, Patricia Arquette, won for best actress in a limited series.

Last year's show, like a lot of recent awards shows, saw ratings decline. Some 19 million tuned in to the Seth Meyers-hosted broadcast, an 11-percent decline in viewership. This year, Globes broadcaster NBC has one thing in its favor: an NFL lead in. NBC aired the late afternoon nail-biter between the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles, likely delivering the network a huge audience.

Jeff Bridges received the Globes' honorary Cecil B. DeMille Award. In remarks about everything from Michael Cimino to Buckminster Fuller and, of course, to his "Big Lebowski" character the Dude, Bridges compared his life to a great game of tag. "We've all been tagged," said Bridges. "We're alive." He ended by "tagging" everyone watching. "We can turn this ship in the way we want to go, man," said Bridges.

A similar television achievement award was also launched this year, dubbed the Carol Burnett Award. Its first honoree was Burnett, herself.

"I'm kind of really gob-smacked by this," said Burnett. "Does this mean that I get to accept it every year?"

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For complete coverage of the Golden Globes visit: [www.apnews.com/GoldenGlobeAwards](http://www.apnews.com/GoldenGlobeAwards)

## Man in the middle: DNC chair prepares for tough primary

By **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez is at the center of the biggest test his party has faced in recent history.

The party has rebounded from its disastrous 2016 performance with key midterm victories, but now stares at a long and potentially divisive presidential primary fight that could include dozens of candidates. The DNC is rehabilitating from years of neglect and infighting and lags its Republican counterpart in fundraising and data capabilities — key elements a national party organization provides its nominees.

The decisions Perez faces in the coming weeks — from finalizing rules for presidential debates to convincing state leaders to give up control of voter files and choosing which city will host next year's Democratic convention — will be picked apart for any sign that he's throwing his weight behind one candidate or another. That underscores what could be Perez's most daunting task: convincing party faithful and activists that the DNC is a neutral actor in the primary process. It's a tough argument to make to a Democratic base scarred by a bitter primary in 2016 that many supporters of Bernie Sanders said was tilted in favor of Hillary Clinton.

"Tom really does have the hardest job in politics," said Tina Podlodowski, the Democratic chairwoman in Washington state, who backed Perez for his job but sometimes criticizes him. "It's thankless."

Nearly two years into his post, Perez, who was President Barack Obama's labor secretary, has already navigated tricky intraparty tumult. Most notably, he led the DNC through negotiations to scale back the role of so-called "superdelegates" who overwhelmingly backed Clinton.

But he knows the biggest fight lies ahead.

"If we have 15 candidates, 14 of them aren't going to make it to the mountaintop," Perez told The Associated Press. "My job, our job is to ensure that every candidate and their supporters feel like they got

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a fair shake.”

“I come to this with sobriety,” he said as he contemplates his next move.

At least publicly, Perez shows no signs of strain.

The 57-year-old son of Dominican immigrants was ebullient at a recent gathering of top party donors in Washington, calling the November midterms “historic.” He praised other party committees for their work regaining House control and flipping seven governor’s offices and almost 400 state legislative seats. But he made sure to argue that a “culture change” at the DNC also played a leading role.

There is irony to Perez positioning himself as an agent of change. He ran for chairman after the 2016 election at the urging his old boss, Obama, who is widely acknowledged to have let the DNC and party network around the country wither. It wasn’t exactly Perez’s plan — he hoped to become attorney general in a Clinton administration.

The approach he took to winning the DNC post offers clues about how he will manage the challenges ahead.

He competed for the job against Keith Ellison, then a Minnesota congressman and favorite of the liberal base. Using Obama’s inner circle to lobby DNC members, Perez echoed Ellison’s calls to “organize everywhere,” invest “in every zip code” and give a voice to activists, particularly those who backed Sanders over Clinton in 2016.

After Perez came out on top during a raucous party meeting, he called Ellison to the stage and essentially declared him co-chairman, a maneuver with dubious justification under party rules. The move and the campaign that preceded it demonstrated that Perez, much like Obama, seeks to maintain at least a toehold in multiple camps, giving critics enough of what they want but still using brute political force when needed.

A “pragmatic progressivism,” he likes to say, explaining his approach both to policy and politics.

Perez immediately got behind a “Unity Commission” that Sanders and Clinton conceived to overhaul how the party chooses its nominee. He eventually pushed changes that went further than an initial compromise on superdelegates. Now, DNC members and elected party leaders, including the chairman himself, will not vote on the first presidential ballot of the 2020 convention.

Multiple previous DNC chairs cried foul, as did the Congressional Black Caucus, arguing the change punished long-serving party leaders in favor of activists from outside the party machinery. When the overhaul passed last summer, the activists who had been skeptical of Perez cheered.

“One thing I like about Tom’s leadership is that you can be critical and still be heard,” said Melissa Byrne, an Ellison backer and former Sanders presidential campaign aide who served on Perez’s transition team.

“So much of politics is the conversations you have in hallways, but you have to be there,” she said. “Tom got us in the door.”

Perez says he’s applying the same philosophy to the debate rules. He’s committed to a low qualifying threshold for early debates to avoid blocking legitimate candidates. The DNC will draw lots to place candidates on two stages rather than picking an “A list” and “B list” as Republicans did with their own large 2016 field. Perez said he and his team are talking to previous campaigns for their input, but not to prospective candidates themselves.

To be sure, there have been rocky stretches and inconsistencies, with more to come.

Perez has mandated that no DNC employee endorse any presidential candidate. He criticized the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for venturing into a hotly contested 2016 congressional primary in Texas. Yet Perez endorsed New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo over his primary challenger, actress Cynthia Nixon, who had the backing of the Working Families Party.

Leaders at WFP and Indivisible, a grassroots group founded since Trump’s election, declined to comment on Perez’s stewardship.

The chairman has embraced the #MeToo movement, but never wavered in his support for Ellison when the deputy chairman’s ex-girlfriend accused him of abuse. An investigation found no wrongdoing; Ellison quietly resigned from his party post after his November election as Minnesota attorney general.

Perez downplays the intraparty fights, arguing Democrats are as different as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a democratic socialist from New York City, and Sen. Joe Manchin, an occasional Trump ally from

West Virginia. But he says they share common priorities like accessible health care, defending pensions and supporting organized labor.

"Those are FDR Democratic issues," he says.

While Perez has his detractors, particularly among state party chairs who accuse him of a power grab on voter data files, even some of those critics join his allies in saying he's already accomplished his first goal: imposing a steadiness that didn't exist under Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the last elected chair and another of Obama's hand-picked choices.

"I don't want to cast any blame because they are both friends of mine," said Woody Kaplan, a prominent Democratic donor from Boston, referring to Wasserman Schultz and Perez. "But he just had such a mess to dig out of."

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## Houston wins praise for handling of girl's drive-by shooting

By **JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press**

HOUSTON (AP) — Activists praised Houston area law enforcement for pursuing a tip that led to the arrest of an African-American man in the fatal drive-by shooting of a 7-year-old black girl, a turn in the case suggesting the attack was not a hate crime as asserted by the girl's family and some in the community.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez announced Sunday that prosecutors had arrested and charged 20-year-old Eric Black Jr. with capital murder in the death of Jazmine Barnes on Dec. 30. Black told investigators he was the driver of the SUV from which a passenger fired into the vehicle and killed Jazmine. Gonzalez said they have identified a second suspect, who also is black, but declined to say if the person is in custody.

The tip that sent the case in a new direction came from social activist and writer Shaun King. Before that tip, police had issued a sketch of a white man based on a description of the shooter provided by Jazmine's family, and had circulated surveillance video of a red pickup truck he was apparently driving.

The sheriff said there was, in fact, a red pickup truck driven by a white man seen at a stoplight just before the shooting, but the driver did not appear to have been involved. Gonzalez said it was dark, the shooting happened quickly, and the red truck was probably the last thing seen by Jazmine's family.

King acknowledged on social media his role in providing the tip. The New York-based civil rights activist and former senior justice writer at the New York Daily News highlights racial issues on social media and in his writing. King's website says he currently uses his platform as a columnist for The Intercept and writer for the Harvard Law School's Fair Punishment Project "to unearth the truth beyond local media."

A \$100,000 reward, raised in part by King, was offered for information in the Jazmine Barnes case.

Deric Muhammad, an organizer of a rally on Saturday in Houston to demand "Justice for Jazmine," commended Gonzalez for working with the community to collect evidence leading to the arrest.

"We are still heartbroken at the thought of a 7-year-old innocent child losing her life in such a violent way," Muhammad said in a statement. "We are no less heartbroken that those person(s) currently charged with this homicide are Black; not White."

Gonzalez cautioned that authorities were still investigating, but said: "At this point, it does not appear it was related to race."

Chris Sevilla, Jazmine's father, said in a brief telephone interview that he was feeling "a bit of relief right now" after the arrest.

The shooting took place while Jazmine, her mother and three sisters were on their way to the grocery store.

Gonzalez said the shooting appears to have been a case of mistaken identity. The killers thought the vehicle was someone else's they had seen earlier that night. Prosecutors did not say why the killers opened fire.

Court records did not list an attorney for Black, who was arrested Saturday afternoon during a traffic stop. Prosecutors said the 9 mm handgun they believe was used in the shooting had been recovered

from Black's home.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a black Democrat who represents parts of Houston, said the community came together to help solve the case.

"It's wonderful to have a sheriff who's willing to engage in a dialogue about violence, about hate, about guns and we have that along with the (police chief), the mayor of our city," Lee said.

James Dixon, a prominent pastor in Houston, also thanked Gonzalez for working around the clock in the investigation.

"We are blessed in this city to have the kind of collegial relationships between pastors and law enforcement and elected officials where we all really work together, we cry together, we pray together, we serve together and sacrifice together. In moments like these, we come together in order to mend and heal broken hearts," Dixon said.

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## AP FACT CHECK: Trump claims innocence in probe; wall myths

By HOPE YEN and CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeling the pressure of investigations and a partial government shutdown, President Donald Trump is playing loose with the facts regarding hush payments made by his former attorney Michael Cohen to two women and is changing his story on his promise to build a concrete border wall paid for by Mexico.

In comments over the weekend, Trump said he did not commit any campaign violation and suggests anything improper would be minor compared with infractions of Democrats such as former President Barack Obama. The reality is not so cut and dried. Federal prosecutors in New York have implicated Trump in a crime, linking him to the hush-money scheme. The Obama campaign's infractions were civil, not criminal.

On the border wall, Trump insists he never promised a concrete barrier — even though he did — and asserts that much of it has been built. It hasn't.

The dubious statements capped an expansive week of assertions by the president. On top of the usual Twitter flow, Trump opened a Cabinet meeting with 90 minutes of opining to the press, touching on immigration, drug prices, the Soviet history in Afghanistan, his approval ratings, Syria, oil prices, the attractiveness of his generals ("better looking than Tom Cruise"), and much more. A few days later he spoke for an hour at a Rose Garden news conference.

A sampling of his claims:

### TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS

TRUMP: "Many people currently a part of my opposition, including President Obama & the Dems, have had campaign violations, in some cases for very large sums of money. These are civil cases. They paid a fine & settled. While no big deal, I did not commit a campaign violation!" — tweet Saturday.

THE FACTS: Trump has been tied to — but not charged with — a crime. At issue is not a routine campaign violation.

Prosecutors' court filings last month said Trump directed Cohen to make payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal during the 2016 presidential campaign. Both women alleged they had extramarital affairs with Trump, which the White House denies.

Cohen, who pleaded guilty in August to campaign finance crimes in connection with those payments, had previously implicated Trump. Now the Justice Department is backing up Cohen's claims.

In particular, the Justice Department says the hush money payments were unreported campaign contributions meant to influence the outcome of the election. That assertion makes the payments subject to campaign finance laws, which restrict how much people can donate to a campaign and bar corporations from making direct contributions.

It's unclear whether Trump will actually be charged with illegal activity, because Justice Department legal memos from 1973 and 2000 have suggested that a sitting president is immune from indictment. House



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Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told NBC this past week that Trump isn't necessarily immune, calling an indictment of a sitting president "an open discussion in terms of the law."

There's a big difference between Obama's campaign violation and Cohen's case.

A Federal Election Commission audit found that the 2008 Obama campaign failed to file 48-hour contribution reports in a timely manner for more than 1,200 donations totaling \$1.9 million. The commission also found the campaign was late refunding some contributions that exceeded legal limits, and discovered some other reporting errors regarding contribution dates.

The commission fined the Obama campaign \$375,000 for the violations. The campaign was not found to have willfully violated the law, making it a civil infraction.

In Cohen's case, he admitted he knew he was breaking the law by making the payments. Cohen told ABC last month that "of course" Trump knew it was wrong to make the hush-money payments, though he did not provide any specific evidence in the interview. Unlike the Obama case, where the issue was timely reporting, the hush money payments were never disclosed at all on Trump's campaign filings.

Andrew Herman, a lawyer specializing in campaign finance at law firm Miller & Chevalier, said the two cases are "completely different species."

"One is a paperwork error," he said. "And the other is a conscious attempt to obscure payments made to affect an election."

## THE WALL

TRUMP: "As far as concrete, I said I was going to build a wall. I never said, 'I'm going to build a concrete.' I said 'I'm going to build a wall.'" — Rose Garden news conference Friday.

THE FACTS: Actually, he did say he would build a concrete wall. Trump even repeated that promise last week, rejecting the claim of his departing White House chief of staff John Kelly that Trump had abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

"An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED," Trump tweeted on Dec. 31. "Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through."

During the 2016 campaign, Trump pledged to build a "big, beautiful wall" made of concrete, rebar and steel across the length of the southern border with Mexico. Back then, he lashed out at the suggestion that what he was proposing had anything in common with mere fencing.

"Jeb Bush just talked about my border proposal to build a 'fence,' he tweeted in 2015. "It's not a fence, Jeb, it's a WALL, and there's a BIG difference!"

He now often refers to the wall as "steel slats."

"Steel is stronger than concrete," he said Friday. "If I build a steel wall rather than a concrete wall, it will actually be stronger than a concrete" wall.

TRUMP: "When they say 'build the wall,' I don't say that any more. I say 'finish the wall.'" — remarks to reporters Sunday.

TRUMP: "We've already built a lot of the wall." — Rose Garden news conference Friday.

THE FACTS: He hasn't built much of the wall at all.

Trump's claim is only supported when counting work done under past presidents and ignoring the fact that fences from prior administrations are not the towering walls he promised. The 2006 Secure Fence Act has resulted in about 650 miles (1,050 kilometers) of border barrier. Money approved by Congress in March 2018 is to pay for 84 miles (135 km), but that work is not done. Trump has achieved some renovation of existing barrier.

TRUMP: "The drugs are pouring into this country. They don't go through the ports of entry. When they do, they sometimes get caught." — Rose Garden news conference.

THE FACTS: He's wrong in saying drug smugglers don't or only rarely use official border crossings for their trafficking. Land ports of entry are their primary means for getting drugs into the country, not stretches of the border without barriers, says the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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The agency said in a November report that the most common trafficking technique by transnational criminal organizations is to hide drugs in passenger vehicles or tractor-trailers as they drive into the U.S. through entry ports, where they are stopped and subject to inspection. They also employ buses, cargo trains and tunnels, the report says, citing smuggling methods that would not be choked off by a border wall.

**TRUMP:** "The new trade deal we have with Mexico and Canada — what we save on that, just with Mexico, will pay for the wall many times over, just in a period of a year, two years or three years. So I view that as absolutely Mexico is paying for the wall." — Rose Garden news conference.

**THE FACTS:** Mexico is not paying for the wall and nothing in the trade agreement would cover or refund the construction cost.

Trump is assuming a wide variety of economic benefits will come from the agreement, but they can't be quantified or counted on. For example, he said the deal will dissuade some U.S. companies from moving operations to Mexico and he credits that possibility as a payment by Mexico for his wall.

The deal updates the North American Free Trade Agreement, in the main preserving NAFTA's liberalized environment of low or no tariffs among the U.S., Mexico and Canada, while making certain improvements for each country. Trump stated inaccurately that it's "brand new. It's totally different."

Moreover, it's not in effect. The deal has yet to be ratified in any member country and its chances of winning legislative approval are not assured.

Trump has argued repeatedly that Mexico is footing the bill even while insisting on \$5.6 billion from the U.S. treasury to go toward wall construction. His demand and the refusal of Democrats to satisfy it are behind the budget standoff that has closed parts of the government.

## SYRIA

**TRUMP:** "We are pulling back in Syria. We're going to be removing our troops. I never said we're doing it that quickly." — remarks to reporters Sunday.

**TRUMP:** "We're bringing the troops back home over a period of time. I never said so quickly, but over a period of time." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

**THE FACTS:** He's wrong about his past statements regarding the pace of withdrawal. In a video posted to his Twitter account on Dec. 19, for instance, Trump said of the roughly 2,000 troops in Syria: "They're all coming back, and they're coming back now."

**TRUMP:** "I read, when we pull out, 'Oh, Russia is thrilled.' Russia is not happy. You know why they're not happy? Because they like it when we're killing ISIS, because we're killing them for them, and we're killing them for Assad, and we're killing ISIS also for Iran." — Cabinet meeting.

**THE FACTS:** Russia says it's happy. A U.S. withdrawal opens opportunities for Moscow and Tehran to increase their influence and may help the Syrian government survive as a Kurdish-led opposition force loses its military ally on the ground.

Russian President Vladimir Putin says the U.S. "has done the right thing" in planning to pull out.

## AFGHANISTAN

**TRUMP:** "The reason Russia was in Afghanistan was because terrorists were going into Russia. They (the Soviets) were right to be there." — Cabinet meeting.

**THE FACTS:** His assertion that the Soviet Union was experiencing a terrorist influx from Afghanistan when it invaded in 1979 is out of step with history. And his belief that the Soviets were right to invade is a stark departure from U.S. and world opinion.

The Soviets were trying to bolster communists in Afghanistan and possibly expand their influence against the United States and the West.

World condemnation was swift: The U.N. General Assembly voted 104-18 to deplore the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The U.S. supported the anti-communist rebels, giving them shoulder-fired rockets to down Soviet aircraft. The Soviets withdrew in 1989.

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TRUMP: "Russia used to be the Soviet Union. Afghanistan made it Russia, because they went bankrupt fighting in Afghanistan." — Cabinet meeting.

THE FACTS: Afghanistan was far from the sole reason for the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. The dissolution occurred in a time of ethnic and political troubles, economic woes and a series of revolutions that led Soviet republics to seek their independence. The Soviet demise was accelerated by the heavy cost of competing with the West to wield influence around the world, including in Afghanistan.

## OIL PRICES

TRUMP: "Do you think it's just luck that gas prices are so low, and falling? Low gas prices are like another Tax Cut!" — tweet Tuesday.

TRUMP: "It's not luck. It's not luck. I called up certain people, and I said, 'Let that damn oil and gasoline — you let it flow — the oil.' It was going up to \$125. If that would've happened, then you would've had a recession, depression." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

THE FACTS: It's not all about him, or even mostly about him.

While Americans may end up paying somewhat less for gasoline this year, Trump's suggestion that he deserves all the credit and averted a U.S. economic depression is an exaggeration. Oil prices, which peaked Oct. 3, have been generally falling on the realization that U.S. sanctions against Iran would not create a shortage and on fear that a global oversupply of oil will spill into 2019 if slower international economic growth depresses energy demand.

The president's supposed "let it flow" edict did not stop OPEC and its Russia-led allies from agreeing last month to cut oil production. That initially failed to stop oil prices from sliding further; they have since rebounded a few dollars in the past week. Continued OPEC production cuts would push prices higher.

Trump has pointed to his positive relations with Saudi Arabia, which remains the biggest oil exporter. As a so-called swing producer with the ability to adjust production up or down relatively quickly, it can indeed influence the price of crude. But the market is complex: Canada, for example, is actually the top source of U.S. oil imports, with Saudi Arabia second.

## TARIFFS

TRUMP: "The United States Treasury has taken in MANY billions of dollars from the Tariffs we are charging China and other countries that have not treated us fairly. In the meantime we are doing well in various Trade Negotiations currently going on." — tweet Thursday.

THE FACTS: Trump is off on two major issues. First, tariffs are taxes paid largely by U.S. business and consumers, not foreign countries. And while Trump's "MANY billions" might sound like a lot, it's doing little to nothing to improve the federal balance sheet. The U.S. government spent \$4.1 trillion last fiscal year and the budget deficit shot up, according to Trump's own Treasury Department.

Customs and duties generated \$41.3 billion in revenues last year, up from \$34.6 billion in 2017.

That \$6.7 billion increase occurred in part because of the president's tariffs. But it amounted to just 0.16 percent of federal spending.

## MATTIS

TRUMP, on Jim Mattis: "I wish him well. I hope he does well. But, as you know, President (Barack) Obama fired him and essentially so did I. I want results." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

THE FACTS: Actually, Mattis resigned as defense secretary in protest over Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops from Syria.

The retired Marine general announced on Dec. 20 in a resignation letter that he was stepping down after Trump's decision to withdraw 2,000 U.S. troops from Syria. Mattis said he would stay on the job until the end of February. Three days later, Trump said he was replacing Mattis with the second-ranking defense official, Pat Shanahan, on Jan. 1.

As to the tenure under Obama, Mattis served as commander of the military's Central Command. He

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departed a few months earlier than expected in 2013, in part because of disagreements over Iran.

## DRUG PRICES

TRUMP: "I think you're going to see a tremendous reduction in drug prices." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

THE FACTS: Prices continue to rise. Administration policies announced last year and currently being completed don't seem to have shifted that trend.

Figures on U.S. prescription drug price changes compiled by health data company Elsevier show that from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, there were 1,179 product price changes. Of those, 30 were price cuts and the remaining 1,149 were price increases, with 328 of them between 9 percent and 10 percent. All but one of the rest were by lower percentages. Elsevier spokesman Chris Capot said more companies will be announcing price increases this month.

Separately, a data firm whose software can help patients find the most cost-effective medications says its information shows price increases on many commonly used drugs for conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

"In the first two days of January, prices have increased on more than 250 different products," said Michael Rea, CEO of Rx Savings Solutions. The average increase is about 6 percent, he added.

## IMMIGRATION

TRUMP, on the number of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally: "I used to hear 11 million all the time. It would always stay right at 11. I said, 'Does it ever increase or go down?' 'No, it's 11.' Nobody knows. It's probably 30, 35 million people. They would flow in, mostly from the southern border, they'd come in and nobody would talk about it, nobody would do anything about it." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

THE FACTS: It's nowhere close to 30 million to 35 million, according to his own Homeland Security secretary as well as independent estimates.

The nonpartisan Pew Research Center estimates there were 10.7 million immigrants in the U.S. illegally in 2016, the most recent data available. Advocacy groups on both sides of the immigration issue have similar estimates.

At a House hearing last month, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen acknowledged the number was "somewhere" between 11 million and 22 million, significantly lower than Trump's claim of 35 million.

According to Pew, the number of immigrants in the U.S. illegally had reached a height of 12.2 million in 2007, representing about 4 percent of the U.S. population, before declining in part because of a weakening U.S. economy.

TRUMP: "The coyotes are using children to gain access into this country. They're using these children. They're not with families. They're using the children. They're taking the children. And then they dispose of the children after they're done. This has been going on for years. This isn't unique to us. But we want to stop it." — Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

THE FACTS: This does happen, though it's not as common as Trump suggests by talking about it so often. He is referring to adults who come with children they falsely claim to be theirs, so that they won't be detained under a no-child-separation policy.

But such cases of fraud are rare. According to the Homeland Security Department, about 500 immigrants were found to be not a "legitimate family unit" and thus separated upon detention from April 19 to Sept. 30 of last year. That's a small fraction of the 107,000 families apprehended in the last budget year, which ended Sept. 30.

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## **Analysis: Trump's unpredictable negotiating style faces test**

**By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The partial government shutdown is spotlighting the limitations of President Donald Trump's erratic negotiating style.

With the impasse over Trump's demand for border-wall funding dragging into a third week, the president's zigzag tactics and messaging have angered Democrats and frustrated even some Republicans struggling to help find him an off-ramp.

And while Trump's blend of bluster and bullying is hardly new — and at times can produce results — his self-professed dealmaking skills are now facing a bigger test against newly empowered Democrats.

So far, Trump is standing firmly with the loyal supporters who want him to fight for his promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. But that stance carries considerable risk. The midterm elections revealed a deeply divided Republican Party and saw major Democratic gains in states that Trump will need to win re-election in 2020.

Always his own biggest booster, Trump declared himself "very proud of what I'm doing" after a meeting with congressional leaders on Friday that produced no breakthrough.

Trump's allies say he is simply keeping a longstanding campaign promise and they frame his focus on his base as a smart strategy, since he will need to energize those supporters for his re-election campaign. Some suggested that Trump's true believers aren't even interested in a negotiated compromise.

"I guarantee polling-wise, with his base, he is right in the sweet spot," said former campaign aide Barry Bennett. "If he cut a deal now it would hurt him."

But Trump will need a broader swath of support than those base voters to prevail in 2020.

Getting dollars for a border wall was always going to be an uphill task for Trump. But after Democrats took control of the House in the midterm elections, the president's leverage ebbed. And his unreliable maneuvers have only aggravated the situation.

In recent weeks, Trump declared he would "own" the shutdown, then instead blamed Democrats. His border demands have gone back and forth between a concrete wall to "steel slats." He's insulted Democrats, confused Republicans and offered little empathy for the hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks. And his Twitter feed and public pronouncements have produced a steady stream of inaccuracies about what he refers to as the "crisis on the border."

Trump's fitful style is hardly a surprise. In a previous budget showdown, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer likened bargaining with Trump to negotiating with "Jell-O." Back in March, Trump threw lawmakers into a panic when he threatened an 11th-hour veto of an agreed-upon spending bill, only to be talked out of it by advisers.

Just a few weeks ago, lawmakers thought they had a solution to the standoff, with a short-term agreement to keep government open. The White House had signaled it would consider the plan. But then Trump changed course after coming under intense pressure from conservative allies. Since then he has repeatedly said he won't sign a spending deal that lacks money for the wall — though he's signaled some flexibility on just what constitutes a wall.

A further complication: Trump's long practice of contradicting his aides makes it difficult for anyone else to negotiate on his behalf.

In recent days, Trump has rejected his own administration's previous offer to accept \$2.5 billion for the wall. After a round of staff-level talks Saturday, Vice President Mike Pence tweeted that the session had been "productive," only to have Trump later tweet: "Not much headway made today." On Sunday, Trump said that he was not expecting much to come from further talks held by Pence, undercutting him before

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the session even began.

If there has been a constant, in fact, it is the mixed messaging.

In a rambling Rose Garden appearance on Friday, Trump described his meeting with congressional leaders as productive, after Democrats claimed otherwise. He said much of the wall had been built, though it hasn't. He said Mexico would pay for the wall through a new trade deal, though there are no such terms in the still-unratified deal. He wrongly claimed that he'd never called for the wall to be concrete. And he claimed, without evidence, that some ex-presidents had told him to push for the wall.

Trump, the author of "The Art of the Deal," promised during his campaign that he could bring unmatched dealmaking skills to the White House. But navigating complex legislation, trade issues and foreign policy matters is vastly different from executing real estate transactions.

So far, Trump's presidential dealmaking has had mixed results.

A massive tax cut muscled through in his first year was a major legislative win, though it was done with just Republican support. A meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un yielded only a vaguely worded commitment on denuclearization. And a trade clash with China that has rattled world markets has yet to be resolved.

Republican consultant Alex Conant said that in Trump's dealings so far, "he hasn't drawn many concessions from his adversaries, nor has he given many concessions." But Conant allowed that the landscape got a whole lot tougher for Trump when Democrats took back the House, and the shutdown is far from the last test the president will face.

Warned Conant: "This will not be the last government funding package he'll have to negotiate."

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## Trump adviser: US to leave Syria once IS beaten, Kurds safe

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JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. troops will not leave northeastern Syria until Islamic State militants are defeated and American-allied Kurdish fighters are protected, a top White House aide said Sunday, signaling a pause to a withdrawal abruptly announced last month and initially expected to be completed within weeks.

While U.S. national security adviser John Bolton said there is now no timetable, President Donald Trump reaffirmed his commitment to withdrawing U.S. troops, though the president said "we won't be finally pulled out until ISIS is gone."

Trump had said in his Dec. 19 withdrawal announcement that U.S. forces "have defeated ISIS in Syria, my only reason for being there during the Trump Presidency," and added in a video posted to Twitter, "Now it's time for our troops to come back home."

Bolton said in Israel that the U.S. would pull out only after its troops had rooted out what's left of IS in Syria and after the administration had reached an agreement with Turkey to protect Kurdish militias who have fought alongside Americans against the extremists.

In Washington, Trump told reporters at the White House that "we are pulling back in Syria. We're going to be removing our troops. I never said we're doing it that quickly." But in that Dec. 19 video, the president had said of the roughly 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria: "They're all coming back, and they're coming back now."

And officials said at the time that while many details were yet to be finalized, they expected American forces to be out by mid-January.

"I think this is the reality setting in that you got to plan this out," said U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. He told CBS' "Face the Nation" that "the bottom line here is we want to make sure we get this right, that ISIS doesn't come back. And I applaud the president for re-evaluating what he's doing. ... He has a goal in mind of reducing our presence. I share that goal. Let's just do it smartly."

Trump's decision last month drew widespread criticism from allies, led to the resignation of U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and raised fears over clearing the way for a Turkish assault on the Kurdish fighters.

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Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, a terrorist group linked to an insurgency within its own borders.

"There are objectives that we want to accomplish that condition the withdrawal," Bolton told reporters in Jerusalem. "The timetable flows from the policy decisions that we need to implement."

He was to be in Turkey on Monday, accompanied by the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Dunford, for talks with government officials.

Bolton said the U.S. wants its Kurdish allies in Syria protected from any planned Turkish offensive — a warning to be delivered to Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"We don't think the Turks ought to undertake military action that's not fully coordinated with and agreed to by the United States," Bolton said. He said that in upcoming meetings with Turkish officials, he will seek "to find out what their objectives and capabilities are and that remains uncertain."

Bolton said Trump has made clear he would not allow Turkey to kill the Kurds. "That's what the president said, the ones that fought with us," Bolton said.

Bolton said the U.S. has asked the Kurds to "stand fast now" and refrain from seeking protection from Russia or Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government. "I think they know who their friends are," he added, speaking of the Kurds.

Jim Jeffrey, the special representative for Syrian engagement and the newly named American special envoy for the anti-Islamic State coalition, is to travel to Syria this coming week in an effort to reassure the Kurdish fighters that they are not being abandoned, Bolton said.

Turkey's presidential spokesman called allegations that his country planned to attack the U.S.-allied Kurds in Syria "irrational" and said Turkey was fighting terrorism for national security.

In comments carried by the official Anadolu news agency, Ibrahim Kalin said the Kurdish fighters oppressed Syrian Kurds and pursued a separatist agenda under the guise of fighting IS. "That a terror organization cannot be allied with the U.S. is self-evident," he said.

U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, the incoming chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, told ABC's "This Week" that the conditions raised by Bolton were "obvious," and Smith criticized the conflicting messages from the Trump administration.

"We don't want ISIS to rise again and be a transnational terrorist threat and we don't want our allies, the Kurds, to be slaughtered by Erdogan in Turkey," said Smith, D-Wash.

Bolton said U.S. troops would remain at the critical area of al-Tanf, in southern Syria, to counter growing Iranian activity in the region. He defended the legal basis for the deployment, saying it's justified by the president's constitutional authority.

The U.S. is also seeking a "satisfactory disposition" for roughly 800 IS prisoners held by the U.S.-backed Syrian opposition, Bolton said, adding talks were ongoing with European and regional partners about the issue.

Bolton was to have dinner with Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, on Sunday to discuss the pace of the U.S. drawdown, American troop levels in the region, and the U.S. commitment to push back on Iranian regional expansionism.

Bolton was expected to explain that some U.S. troops based in Syria to fight IS will shift to Iraq with the same mission and that the al-Tanf base would remain.

Bolton also was to convey the message that the United States is "very supportive" of Israeli strikes against Iranian targets in Syria, according to a senior administration official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss Bolton's plans before the meetings and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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## Walker leaves a fundamentally changed Wisconsin

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Scott Walker didn't want to go out like this.

The once-rising Republican star who made his name kneecapping public sector unions as governor of Wisconsin leaves office in defeat Monday. He was narrowly beaten by Democrat Tony Evers, the state education superintendent who marched with teachers in protest of Walker's policies.

After watching Evers take the oath to replace him, the 51-year-old Walker will depart the governor's mansion and face life outside of elected office for the first time in 25 years. Walker said that in the days since the loss, his most fervent supporters have approached him, some in tears, concerned about what he's going through.

"It's almost like it was after my dad passed where they expect you to be a wreck and you're like, 'We're going to be OK, you're going to be OK, the state's going to be OK,'" Walker told The Associated Press. "We're going to be just fine going forward."

Just eight years ago, the college dropout rose to the highest elected office in Wisconsin. Two years later, following massive protests over his bill going after public sector unions, he became the first governor in U.S. history to defeat a recall election.

But Walker wanted more. He wanted to be president of the United States.

Running on the promise to do for the country what he did for Wisconsin, Walker was an early leader in neighboring Iowa. But after a series of missteps, his hopes and fundraising plummeted when Donald Trump got in the race.

Walker came home and refocused on winning a third term as governor. Instead, voters decided eight years was enough.

Walker, suffering defeat for the first time since a 1990 run for state Assembly, plans to hit the road as a speaker advocating for conservative issues, positioning himself as Trump's biggest booster in Wisconsin. Trump narrowly carried the state in 2016 and it will likely be a key part of any roadmap to victory in 2020.

Walker also won't rule out a future run for U.S. Senate or even governor again in 2022, although he acknowledged that Republicans would probably want a "new face."

Regardless of what Walker does next, he leaves the governor's office having fundamentally altered the state.

"Governor Walker devolved power away from Madison and public sector unions, giving local governments the ability to balance their budgets and Wisconsin businesses the ability to grow and create better opportunities," Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson said in an email. "He leaves office with the tax burden at a 50-year low and unemployment near record lows, and every employer I talk to tells me there are more jobs available than there are people to fill them."

To his critics, Walker divided and deeply scarred Wisconsin.

"Scott Walker is without a question the most significant governor of Wisconsin in modern times," said Democratic strategist and former state party chairman Mike Tate. "His legacy will be of a governor that actively sought and succeeded in dividing Wisconsin by race, class, geography, and station in life; pitting citizens against each other in a brazen effort to further his own political ambition and reward his donors. His conduct and that of those like him laid the groundwork for the modern Republican Party led by Donald Trump."

Walker signed into law a litany of Republican priorities. His boldest and most disputed move came right out of the gate, when he effectively eliminated public sector collective bargaining while forcing state workers to pay more for health care and pension benefits to help solve a budget shortfall.

The fight over that brought protests as large as 100,000 people and made Walker a national conservative star. His profile only grew when he defeated the 2012 recall effort.

Other Walker achievements are long and far-reaching.

They include making Wisconsin a right-to-work state and requiring a photo ID to vote. He tightened restrictions on abortions, loosened limits on gun purchases and worked with Trump to land a Foxconn Technology Group factory and campus that could result in up to 13,000 new jobs and a \$10 billion investment.



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Critics say Foxconn won't deliver on its promises and that the \$3 billion Walker pledged to the company was too much.

There were failures and distractions along the way. Walker didn't deliver on his signature 2010 campaign promise to create 250,000 private-sector jobs in his first term. He faced investigations, first into aides and political allies from his time as Milwaukee County executive, then into his recall campaign. While the first probe resulted in six people being charged with a variety of crimes, the conservative-dominated state Supreme Court ended the second one determining that Walker's campaign had done nothing wrong.

Just three weeks before leaving office, Walker signed Republican legislation weakening the powers of his successor as well as the incoming Democratic attorney general.

He brushed off bipartisan warnings that he was staining his legacy, saying he will be remembered for other things. He pointed to a fresh deal to save nearly 400 jobs at a Kimberly-Clark Corp. plant near Appleton. He tweeted about having eliminated the state property tax, landing the Foxconn project and increasing services for veterans.

But to his detractors, Walker was leaving office just as he came in: bowing to his most partisan interests and worsening the state's partisan divide.

Through it all, Walker stands by his record.

"I hope, over time, people could see that our interests, our motivations were earnest and we were trying to do the best that we could for the people of the state of Wisconsin," Walker said. "People don't have to necessarily agree with it to respect it, and I hope people would respect that over time."

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## Foles leads Eagles to 16-15 upset of Bears

By **BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles needed help to get into the playoffs, and Chicago provided it. Look how the defending Super Bowl champions repaid the Bears.

Nick Foles hit Golden Tate with a 2-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with 56 seconds remaining against the NFL's stingiest defense, lifting the Philadelphia Eagles past the Chicago Bears 16-15 on Sunday in the final wild-card game.

Former Eagles kicker Cody Parkey hit the left upright and then the crossbar with a field-goal attempt from 43 yards with 10 seconds remaining, silencing the raucous crowd.

The key, of course, was how the Eagles, even when they are messing up, never give up. On Parkey's kick, several Eagles said defensive tackle Treyvon Hester touched it.

"I think the big thing is, we saw some adversity tonight in the first half (and) I had a couple of turnovers," Foles said. "I think the big thing is that no one loses faith, no one stops believing, everyone just keeps talking, keeps believing in one another, and we just rallied. Our defense really kept us in this game."

The defending league champion Eagles (10-7) squeezed into the playoffs by beating Washington and having the Bears (12-5) help them by knocking off Minnesota in the season finale. Philadelphia thanked its benefactor with a 12-play, 60-yard drive on which Foles, the Super Bowl MVP last February, hit six passes.

Tate made a reaching grab in the right side of the end zone near the goal line.

"We found a way," Tate said. "That's playoff football right there for you. That's why we play this game for times like now once you get to January and February."

Philly plays at New Orleans (13-3) next Sunday. Chicago's sensational turnaround season from last place to the NFC North title is over.

"We wanted to write our story and start it off," Bears second-year quarterback Mitchell Trubisky said. "But it does not always go the way you want it to, and that's life, that's football."

No team has repeated as Super Bowl champion since New England in 2004, and the Eagles are a sixth seed. The last sixth seed to win the NFL title was Green Bay in the 2010 season; the Packers won the NFC championship at Soldier Field that season.

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These Eagles, led by Foles once again replacing an injured Carson Wentz, and a defense down to backups at several positions, seem to have that magical touch like last season.

It was a sizzling ending to a game marked by superior defense and several critical mistakes by the Eagles. They had to survive after Tarik Cohen, an All-Pro punt returner, took back the kickoff following Philly's go-ahead score 35 yards. Mitchell Trubisky completed two passes to get the Bears close enough for Parkey. But his kick took a double deflection and fell harmlessly into the end zone.

He was 11 of 12 in the fourth-quarter on field goals before missing the biggest kick of his career.

"Obviously, we're just hoping for a miss," Foles said. "This was a hard-fought game. That's an amazing team we just played against and it came down to the wire."

The Bears are 1-15 all-time in playoffs when trailing after three quarters. They fell behind when Foles connected with rookie Dallas Goedert for a 10-yard touchdown in the third period that was set up by a 33-yard pass interference call on cornerback Prince Amukamara.

Although the Eagles outplayed the Bears in the first half, errors left them behind 6-3. A 15-yard personal penalty on Michael Bennett aided Chicago's drive to a 36-yard field goal by Parkey, and a dropped potential interception in the end zone by Tre Sullivan allowed Parkey to make a 29-yarder as the half concluded.

Philadelphia also had an interception by Avonte Maddox deep in Chicago territory overturned by video replay.

Philly did score on its opening series of the game, a 50-yard drive to Jake Elliott's 43-yard field goal. And again on its first possession in the third quarter as Goedert got wide open on a short post pattern behind Adrian Amos, who had an end-zone interception of Foles' ill-advised throw in the second quarter.

Parkey also made 34-yarder early in the manic final quarter.

"We had a lot of fun and I love our guys to death," Bears coach Matt Nagy said.

## REID'S INFLUENCE

Both head coaches, Nagy in Chicago and Doug Pederson in Philadelphia, are Andy Reid proteges. That usually means lots of passing, and each team didn't do much on the ground, combining for 107 yards rushing.

But Trubisky threw for 303 yards, going 26 of 43. Foles was 25 of 40 for 266 yards.

## TURNOVERS

Teams rarely win when they are minus in turnover differential. The Eagles did, having two giveaways and no takeaways. Chicago led the NFL this season with 36 takeaways.

## MASCOT REACTION

Chicago's bear mascot had the perfect reaction to Parkey's miss, falling flat on his back as he was kneeling behind the goalpost where Parkey's kick failed.

## UP NEXT

Eagles: Travel to New Orleans, where they lost 48-7 during the season.

"Yeah, it wasn't very good the first time," Pederson said. "I think we're a different football team now than we were then."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2019. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

On this date:

In 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected

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George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

In 1904, the Marconi International Marine Communication Company of London announced that the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later replaced with "SOS").

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1959, the United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 2004, President George W. Bush proposed legal status, at least temporarily, for millions of immigrants improperly working in the U.S.

In 2015, masked gunmen stormed the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, a French newspaper that had caricatured the Prophet Muhammad, methodically killing 12 people before escaping. (Two suspects were killed two days later.) Actor Rod Taylor 82, died in Los Angeles.

Ten years ago: President-elect Barack Obama met at the White House with America's four living presidents: George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. Russia shut off all its gas supplies to Europe through Ukraine in a price and payment dispute; the cutoff lasted nearly two weeks.

Five years ago: Brutal polar air that made the Midwest shiver over the past few days spread to the East and the Deep South, shattering records that in some cases had stood for more than a century. A U.S. Air Force Pave Hawk helicopter crashed in a coastal area of eastern England during a training mission, killing all four crew members aboard.

One year ago: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" was the top film at the Golden Globe Awards, winning as best drama and taking home awards for stars Frances McDormand and Sam Rockwell and for writer-director Martin McDonagh. The Golden Globes ceremony became an expression of female empowerment in the post-Harvey Weinstein era, capped by a speech in which Cecil B. DeMille Award winner Oprah Winfrey said of men who use their power to abuse women, "Their time is up!" The arctic air that engulfed parts of the East Coast broke cold temperature records from Maine to West Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 73. Singer Kenny Loggins is 71. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 70. Actress Erin Gray is 69. Actor Sammo Hung is 67. Actress Jodi Long is 65. Actor David Caruso is 63. Talk show host Katie Couric is 62. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 60. Rock musician Kathy Valentine is 60. Actor David Marciano is 59. Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., is 58. Actress Hallie Todd is 57. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., is 56. Actor Nicolas Cage is 55. Singer-songwriter John Ondrasik (on-DRAH'-sik) (Five for Fighting) is 54. Actor Rex Lee is 50. Actor Doug E. Doug is 49. Actor Kevin Rahm is 48. Actor Jeremy Renner is 48. Country singer-musician John Rich is 45. Actor Dustin Diamond is 42. Actor Reggie Austin is 40. Singer-rapper Aloe Blacc is 40. Actress Lauren Cohan is 37. Actor Brett Dalton is 36. Actor Robert Ri'chard is 36. Actress Lyndsy Fonseca is 32. Actor Liam Aiken is 29. Actress Camryn Grimes is 29. Actor Max Morrow is 28. Actor Marcus Scribner is 19.

Thought for Today: "Nothing in science has any value to society if it is not communicated, and scientists are beginning to learn their social obligations." — Anne Roe Simpson, American psychologist (1904-1991).

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