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**How many sundogs do you see?  
This was taken yesterday morning.**

## Groton Area Schedule of Events

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School  
Boys basketball at Clark (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade game at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.)

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

5:30 p.m.: Dak 12 vs. NEC Class at Madison. Groton Area vs. Vermillion.  
Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School  
10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Britton-Hecla School, Canton, Clark/Willow Lake, Elendale/Edgeley-Kulm, Huron, Ipswich, Milbank, Sioux Falls Bishop O'Gorman, Tiospa Zina, Viborg-Hurley, Warner, Warner-Northwestern, Watertown (SD), Webster Area High School, Wolsey-Wessington @ Groton Area High School. Seeding Meeting at 8:45am. Skin Checks at 9am

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena (Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)  
2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates

### 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.**

**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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It's Boys' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Clark/  
Willow Lake  
Cyclones VS**



**Groton Area Tigers**

Friday, Jan. 25, 2019  
8:00 p.m.  
at Clark High School

Broadcast of this game is sponsored by

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**Vermillion  
Tanagers**  
VS



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## The Life of Denny Davies

Services for Dennis "Denny" Davies, 63, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 26th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Pastor Brandon Dunham will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Wilmot.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Denny passed away January 22, 2019 at his home.

Dennis Wayne was born on November 30, 1955 in Minneapolis, MN to Evan and Maxine (Caldwell) Davies. His early years were spent in Minneapolis. They later moved to Waubay where Denny attended school. He graduated from Sisseton High School and enlisted in the US Navy in November of 1973. Following his honorable discharge in 1977, he returned to South Dakota. On September 29, 1979 he was united in marriage with Teresa McFarlane in Wilmot. That same year, Denny enlisted in the Army National Guard and served for the next 18 years. In 1980, they moved to Groton where Denny was employed at Darrel's Sinclair. Years later he began a 23 year career at the Groton Area School District as a custodian.



Dennis loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed the outdoors and could often be found fishing or hunting. He was an avid Notre Dame football fan, along with a Garth Brooks fan. His dog, Bo also held a very special place in his heart.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Teresa, children, Jessica (Allen) Ekern of Watertown, Traci (Dale) Kramer of Groton, Andrew (Amanda) Davies of Sioux Falls, grandchildren; Abby and Evan Ekern, Emma Davies, Gabbie, Ava and Skyler Kramer, his siblings, Gary Davies of Fayetteville, NC, Darrell Davies (Sharon Watier) of Webster, Linda (Virgil) Lewandowski of Waubay, Tammy Red Wing of Choctaw, OK, Grace (Jim) Brian of Meriden, KS.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother, Evan and a brother-in-law, Tim.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Staff at Groton Area High School, Merle Harder, Tom Pigors, Butch Farmen, Groton Transit Employees, Avera St. Lukes Dialysis Team and Former Employees of Darrel's Sinclair.

Casketbearers will be Mike Davies, J.R. Lewandowski, Jim Gerdes, Alan McFarlane, Dana McFarlane and Mike Nehls.

## Noem offers new way of dealing with tribes

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Law enforcement agreements are key to the way the administration of Gov. Kristi Noem will work with the state's nine Indian reservations.

Noem made her comments to about 40 editors and publishers who were gathered in Pierre for Newspaper Day at the Legislature sponsored by the S.D. Newspaper Association.

"They are our poorest and hardest off communities in our state," Noem said of the reservations. "We should not be looking past them."

State policies of the past have not worked to get the reservations out of poverty, said Noem, who has had meetings with leaders from all nine reservations.

"I'm willing to partner with them in new ways, but they have to give us opportunities to create law and order on tribal land," Noem said

The state wants to help with economic development, better health care and increased mental health counseling, Noem said, but first the tribes have to work with the state to make sure that people are safe.

Noem expressed support for SB59, which eliminates confidential settlements in lawsuits involving government.

"I don't believe there should be any secret settlements, especially where there's liability to taxpayers," Noem said, adding that there should be a special consideration for keeping confidential the identities of victims.

"If the taxpayers are going to pick up the bill for something, they need to see a receipt," Noem said.

Noem explained that the budget she introduced on Wednesday included \$5 million that will act as a grant for nursing home care providers.

The grant will be used to "incentivize innovation in that field," Noem said. "There are families and communities that are asking to keep their loved ones at home with them longer."

The possibility exists for the reimbursement of respite care or assisted living cost. She said her office will study the possibility of easing the regulatory burdens faced by nursing homes.

Creating a journalist's shield law was one of the transparency issues Noem talked about during her campaign for governor. HB1074 has been introduced to create a law that protects newspaper and broadcast journalists from being forced to disclose their confidential sources in stories or unpublished newsgathering material. Noem said it wasn't necessary for her office to act as the sponsor of the bill.



**Gov. Kristi Noem answers a question during a press conference held during Newspaper Day at the Legislature sponsored by the S.D. Newspaper Association. Noem answered questions for editors and publishers about tribal relations, the meth epidemic and the reporter shield law.** (S.D. Newspaper

Association photo)

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"A lot of the things that are priorities for me in my administration, I'm more than happy to have a legislator carry that bill," Noem said, adding that someone from her office would testify in favor of the bill.

Public safety and environmental protection are priorities for Noem's administration as it makes plans for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

"The cost could be significant to the state and local counties if we see the kind of protests that North Dakota did," Noem.

The governor is also concerned about the man camps that spring up along path of the pipeline construction spawning drug use and human trafficking.

"That's not going to happen in South Dakota," Noem said. "We're planning and working to make sure that we are prepared on all sides of this."

Noem has laid out a three-part plan to fight the state's methamphetamine problem, emphasizing prevention and education.

"We have proof and data that when we were doing education in our schools it worked," said Noem whose budget proposal includes putting meth education back in the schools.

The budget also calls for a media campaign that Noem calls "a powerful testimony to the damage that drugs can do to families, children living in that situation."

She also noted new spending on four highway patrolmen and two Department of Criminal Investigation agents who will focus on meth interdiction. Her plan also includes treatment options.

"It's not going to be successful if we focus on just one element," Noem said.

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**Area of highest impact.**

**Winter Storm Saturday night to Monday morning.**

**Snow amounts could exceed 6 inches.**

**Strong winds will develop as storm pushes south.**

**Travel could become difficult to impossible Sunday afternoon to Monday morning.**

**DAKOTA STORM TALKERS**

Light snow begins Saturday afternoon over the west.

Snow intensifies Saturday night.

Heavy snow develops Sunday afternoon along with stronger winds.

Dangerous wind chills Sunday night-Monday morning.

**The brunt of the storm will probably be Sunday through Sunday night. Those with travel plans Sunday should begin making arrangement to possibly travel Saturday or Monday afternoon instead.**

## Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Chipmunks 52, Cheetahs 47 ½, Foxes 42, Jackelopes 37 ½, Shih Tzus 34, Coyotes 27  
**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 233, 204, Mike Siegler 225, Chris Kassube 220, Roger Spanier 200  
**Women's High Games:** Lori Giedt 190, Nicole Kassube 154, Karen Spanier 151  
**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 617, Mike Siegler 589, Brad Larson 518  
**Women's High Series:** Lori Giedt 458, Karen Spanier 439, Nicole Kassube 415

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## Cook/ Dietary Aide

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## *Carnival of Silver Skates*

Sunday, January 27th—2:00 and 6:30  
Groton Ice Rink—West Side of Groton, SD

Join us for a fun “Road Trip”!

Admission: 13 & older—\$3.00 / 6-12—\$2.00

Parking: Provided around the rink and on the ice or cozy up on the bleachers  
(Ice parking begins at 10 am, then again at 4:30 pm)

\*\*Check us out on Facebook at “Silver Skates”

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NWS ABERDEEN



JANUARY 23, 2018

## Ground Blizzard expected



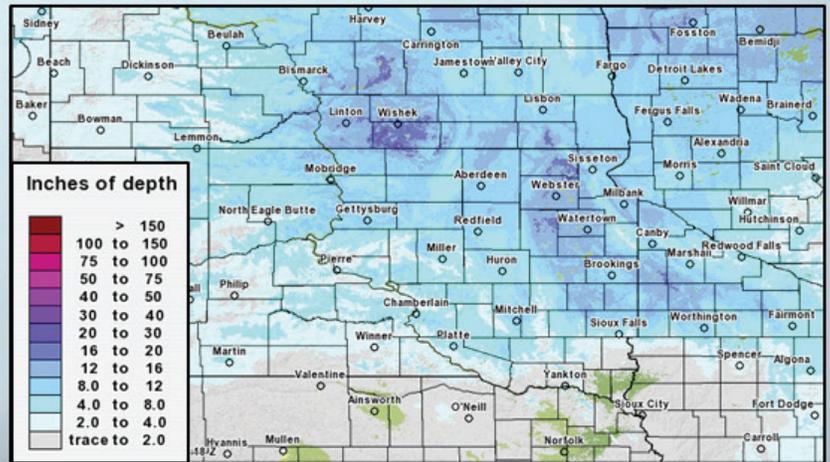
Worst conditions expected **tonight into early Thursday** over **eastern SD and western MN**

Check out your latest forecast...  
[www.weather.gov/abr](http://www.weather.gov/abr)



Although not all of this snow will be available to blow around... How much snow is on the ground?

Image: Estimated Snow Depth (many locations over 8")



## What is a Ground Blizzard?



When **existing snow** on the ground combines with strong winds to create **significantly reduced visibilities** from blowing and drifting snow

Published on: 01/23/2019 at 8:34AM

A Ground Blizzard is expected tonight into early Thursday morning over eastern SD and western MN. What is a Ground Blizzard? One of the most infamous ground blizzards was the Children's Blizzard of 1888, which killed an estimated 235 people in the Great Plains. While still dangerous, this Ground Blizzard is not expected to last too long, and mainly be during the nighttime hours. <https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter-ground-blizzard>

For more information on the Children's Blizzard, [click here](#)

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## Today in Weather History

January 25, 2010: A large upper level low pressure area combined with a cold surface high-pressure area building in from the north brought light snow and very strong winds creating widespread blizzard conditions across north central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts of 1 to 4 inches combined with north winds of 25 to 40 mph gusting up to 55 mph created frequent whiteout conditions across the area. Travel was significantly affected or halted, and several schools were closed. Interstate-29 was closed from the North Dakota border and south on the 25th until the morning of the 26th. The blizzard hampered efforts to restore power to the thousands of customers from the previous winter storm. The snowfall began in the morning hours from 6 to 10 am and ended around the time the blizzard conditions subsided.

1821: The Hudson River was frozen solid in the midst of the coldest winter in forty-one years. Thousands of persons crossed the ice from New York City to New Jersey, and refreshment taverns were set up in the middle of the river to warm pedestrians.

1937: Las Vegas, Nevada dropped to 8 degrees above zero, setting an all-time record low for the city.

1949: Las Vegas, Nevada recorded 4.7 inches of snow. This brought the monthly snowfall total to 16.7 inches which still ranks as their snowiest month on record.

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1837 - At 7 PM a display of the Northern Lights danced above Burlington, VT. Its light was equal to the full moon. Snow and other objects reflecting the light were deeply tinged with a blood red hue. Blue, yellow and white streamers were also noted. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - Alta, UT, was in the midst of a storm that left the town buried under 105 inches of snow establishing a record for the state. (David Ludlum)

1987 - The second major storm in three days hit the Eastern Seaboard producing up to 15 inches of snow in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Up to 30 inches of snow covered the ground in Virginia following the two storms. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - High winds created blizzard conditions in the mountains of Colorado. Winds gusted to 109 mph at Echo Lake, and a wind gust to 193 mph was reported atop Mount Evans. A "nor'easter" moving up the Atlantic Coast spread heavy snow from the Carolinas to New England, with as much as 16 inches reported in the Poconos of eastern Pennsylvania. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Bitter cold air, coming down from Alaska, settled over the Northern Rockies. Wilson WY reported a morning low of 48 degrees below zero. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central U.S. One thunderstorm in north central Texas spawned a tornado which injured three persons at Troy. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Low pressure developed explosively over east central Missouri and moved into Lower Michigan producing high winds and heavy snow across parts of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Wind gusts to 60 mph and up to a foot of snow created near blizzard conditions in southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Wind gusts in Indiana reached 76 mph at Wabash. Thunderstorms associated with the storm produced wind gusts to 54 mph at Fort Madison IA. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2000 - Heavy snow fell from the Carolinas to New England, with up to 20 inches of snow and five deaths reported. (NCDC)

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Friday



Chance Flurries

High: 2 °F

Friday Night



Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Snow

Low: -9 °F↑

Saturday



Mostly Cloudy then Chance Snow

High: 19 °F

Saturday Night



Chance Snow

Low: -2 °F

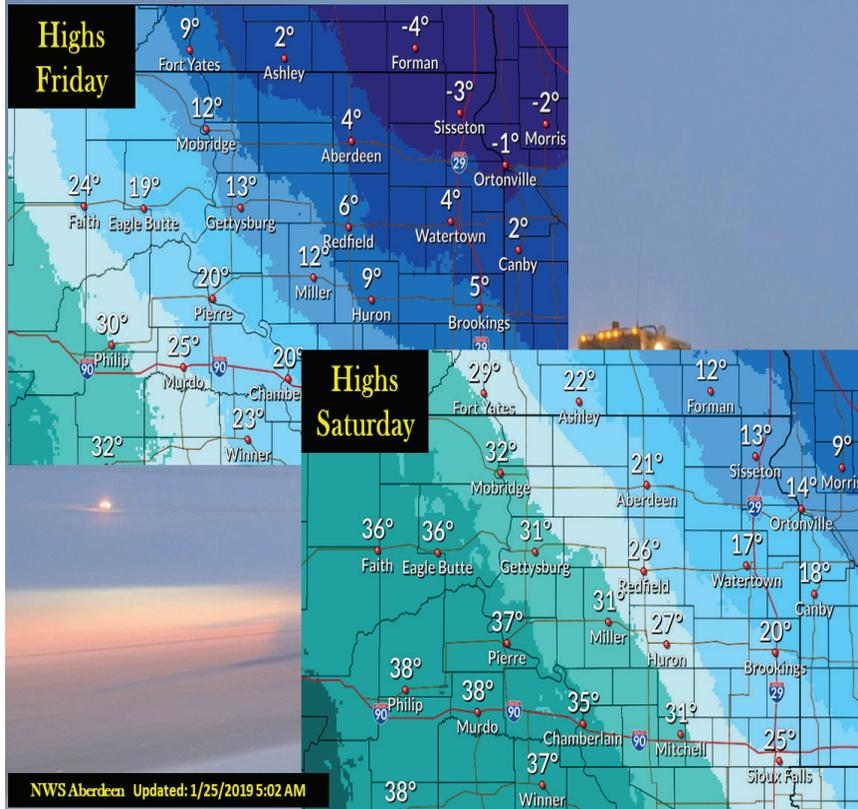
Sunday



Chance Snow then Snow

High: 20 °F

## Continued Cold Today – Milder Saturday



It will continue to be cold across the region today with some clouds and flurries. A bit milder temperatures are due for Saturday ahead of the next weather system. This will be one we need to watch late weekend and start of next week we could see some snow and strong winds followed by extremely cold temperatures.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 16 °F at 12:00 AM**

**Low Outside Temp: -18 °F at 9:33 PM**

**High Gust: 35 mph at 2:01 AM**

**Precip:**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 54 in 1942**

**Record Low: -33 in 1904**

**Average High: 23°F**

**Average Low: 2°F**

**Average Precip in Jan.: 0.38**

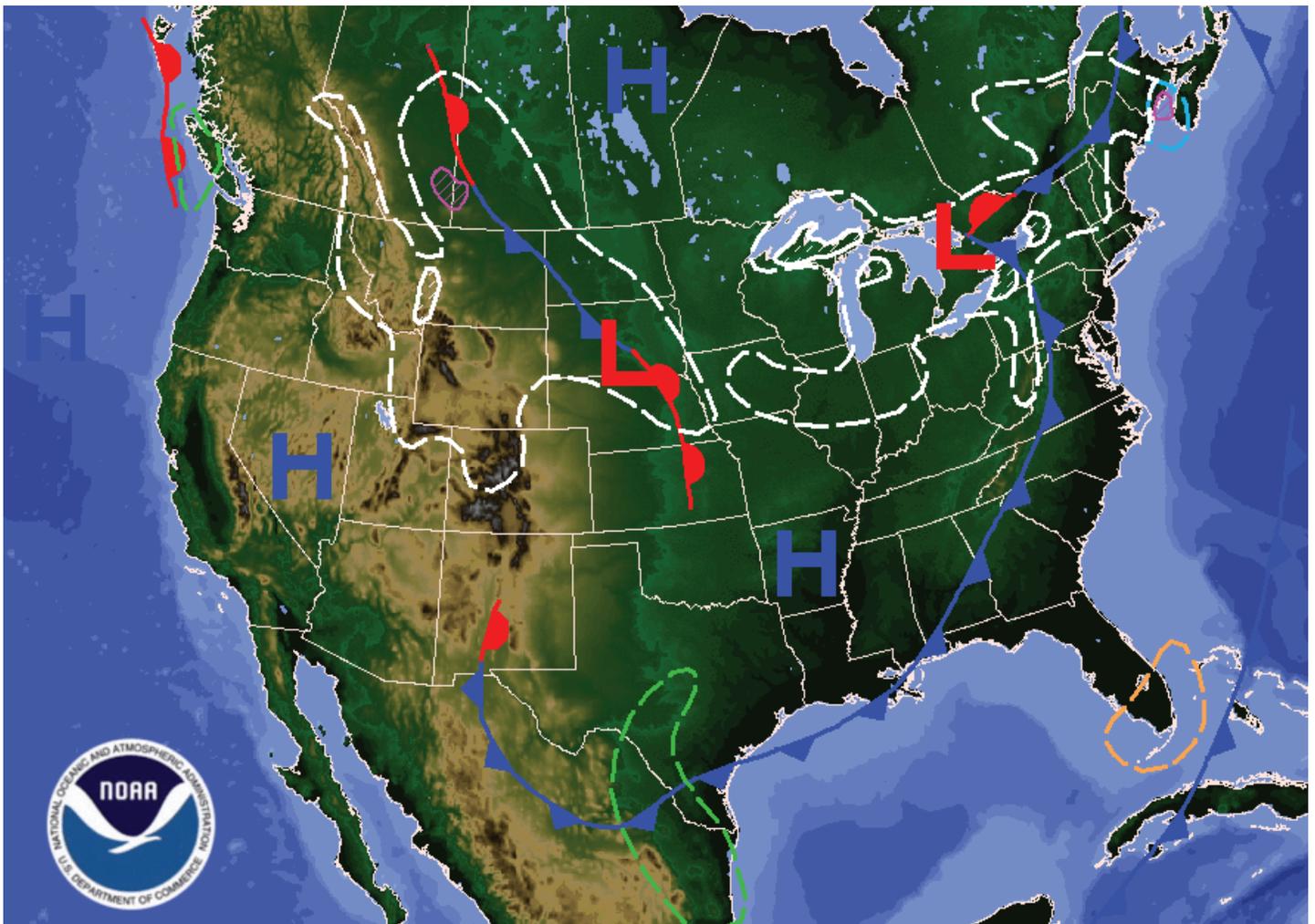
**Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 0.38**

**Precip Year to Date: 0.09**

**Sunset Tonight: 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:01 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Jan 25, 2019, issued 4:26 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

**Rain**  
**Rain and T'Storms**  
**Rain and Snow**  
**Snow**

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

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## REAL POWER - REAL PROTECTION

War includes offense and defense, strategies and tactics, weapons and warriors. But, in the final analysis, warriors and their weapons make the difference. Warriors who are fit for battle and weapons that match or exceed those of the enemy will always win.

David was a warrior who had been in many battles. He knew what it took to be victorious or how easy it was to go down in defeat. And he summarized his battle plan in Psalm 28:7: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

God is our resource for whatever strength we may ever need. Isaiah said, He gives strength to the weary...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. His strength never diminishes nor will His power ever be less than it was when He created the universe. He will never be too tired to reach out to us nor is His ear ever closed to our voice when we call upon Him to renew us. We can put all of our trust in Him because He was, is and always will be faithful to keep His promises and fulfill our every need.

In Genesis 15:1 we read that God spoke to Abram and said, Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield, your very great reward. Abram had rescued Lot from the kings of the east and was afraid of some type of reprisal. But God put his heart at ease and assured him of His reward and protection. It was not God nor was it Abram. It was God working through Abram and assuring him that He was his shield, that He would honor him, and go before him and lead him from one victory to another.

Prayer: Father, we are blest to know that every battle is Yours and that YOU alone are our strength and shield. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Psalm 28:7a The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

## 2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 01/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 03/17/2019 Groton American Legion Spring Fundraiser
- 04/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/27/2019 Fireman's Stag
- 05/04/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program  
Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 06/14/2019 SDSU Golf Tournament at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 06/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 06/21/2019 Best Ball Golf Tourney
- 07/04/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 07/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 08/22/2019 First Day of School
- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 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
- 11/09/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course 2019 Holiday Party
- 12/07/2019 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services

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## News from the Associated Press

### Refugees resettling in South Dakota declined in 2018

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The number of refugees who resettled in South Dakota continued to decline last year.

Lutheran Social Service's Center for New Americans is South Dakota's only resettlement group. It's figures show the state added 209 refugees last year, that's about 100 fewer than in 2017 and about 300 fewer than were resettled in 2014.

The Argus Leader reports the decline in the number of refugees coming to South Dakota started under former President Barack Obama, but has accelerated since President Donald Trump lowered the nationwide annual refugee intake number to 30,000 in 2018.

Since 2002, 6,247 refugees from 32 countries have resettled in South Dakota.

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

### Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

#### BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 69, Webster 57  
Belle Fourche 68, Harding County 56  
Bon Homme 54, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 45  
Boyd County, Neb. 57, Burke 46  
Brookings 64, Mitchell 56, OT  
Custer 54, Douglas 48  
Ethan 58, Mitchell Christian 48  
Gregory 65, Avon 36  
Hot Springs 50, Crawford, Neb. 18  
Irene-Wakonda 56, Freeman Academy/Marion 38  
Jones County 52, Kadoka Area 49  
Lemmon 64, McIntosh 34  
Lennox 87, Parkston 49  
Leola/Frederick 64, Faulkton 44  
Little Wound 90, Bennett County 34  
Madison 65, Beresford 53  
Philip 51, Dupree 40  
Potter County 65, Eureka/Bowdle 16  
Red Cloud 67, Lead-Deadwood 39  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 83, Sioux Falls Washington 73  
St. Thomas More 64, Sturgis Brown 51  
Stanley County 54, Crow Creek 51  
Sully Buttes 66, Hitchcock-Tulare 18  
Vermillion 71, Dell Rapids 64  
Viborg-Hurley 78, Centerville 33  
West Central 50, Pipestone, Minn. 45  
Dakota Oyate Challenge  
First Round

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Flandreau Indian 65, Martyr Indian 61  
Lower Brule 71, Crazy Horse 36  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 79, Takini 44  
Tiospa Zina Tribal 82, Tiospaye Topa 29  
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS  
Elkton-Lake Benton vs. DeSmet, ppd. to Jan 29th.  
Hamlin vs. Castlewood, ppd. to Feb 11th.  
Pierre vs. Huron, ppd. to Jan 25th.  
Sisseton vs. Deuel, ppd.  
GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL  
Bon Homme 39, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 38  
Boyd County, Neb. 41, Burke 36  
Brookings 54, Mitchell 41  
Clark/Willow Lake 58, Great Plains Lutheran 18  
Crow Creek 80, Stanley County 31  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 46, Alcester-Hudson 44  
Douglas 51, Custer 28  
Ethan 61, Mitchell Christian 25  
Eureka/Bowdle 51, Potter County 46  
Faulkton 79, Leola/Frederick 15  
Florence/Henry 61, Iroquois 31  
Freeman 54, Canistota 38  
Hot Springs 34, Rapid City Christian 29  
Irene-Wakonda 56, Freeman Academy/Marion 26  
Kadoka Area 70, Jones County 26  
McLaughlin 65, Standing Rock, N.D. 46  
New England, N.D. 48, Harding County 22  
Philip 53, Dupree 35  
Pierre 59, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 52, OT  
Red Cloud 68, Lead-Deadwood 46  
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 53, Wessington Springs 32  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 63, Sioux Falls Washington 62  
St. Francis Indian 103, Oelrichs 20  
St. Thomas More 55, Sturgis Brown 46  
Sully Buttes 51, Hitchcock-Tulare 39  
Todd County 71, Pine Ridge 44  
Vermillion 57, Dell Rapids 47  
Viborg-Hurley 72, Centerville 30  
Warner 43, Langford 29  
White River 83, Colome 32  
Big East Conference Tournament  
First Round(equals)  
Beresford 80, Baltic 19  
Flandreau 59, Chester 33  
McCook Central/Montrose 58, Sioux Valley 19  
Parker 49, Garretson 45  
Dakota Oyate Challenge  
First Round(equals)  
Flandreau Indian 53, Tiospaye Topa 33  
Lower Brule 67, Takini 27

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Tiospa Zina Tribal 58, Omaha Nation, Neb. 50  
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS  
Hamlin vs. Castlewood, ppd. to Feb 11th.  
James Valley Christian vs. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, ccd.  
Milbank vs. Waverly-South Shore, ppd. to Feb 14th.  
Wilmot vs. Waubay/Summit, ppd. to Feb 14th.

Some high school basketball scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

## Deep freeze grips Upper Midwest; more bitter cold to come

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An arctic wave has wrapped the Upper Midwest in numbing cold. But the worst may be yet to come.

Wind chill advisories were issued for a broad swath of the Upper Midwest, where wind chill factors could dip to 40 to 50 degrees below zero (40 to 45 below zero, Celsius) in parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota and to 30 to 35 below (34 to 37 below, Celsius) in the Dakotas starting Thursday night.

Such wind chills, which describe the combined effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin, could cause frostbite within minutes.

The deep freeze caused organizers of the Winter Carnival in Minnesota to cancel several events, including Thursday night's parade through downtown St. Paul. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has closed its six outdoor skating rinks because of the cold weather.

Forecasters say the frigid weather is expected to linger into next week, with even colder temperatures midweek.

The wind chill advisories cover "pretty much the entire Upper Midwest," stretching from the Dakotas into Kansas and east to Ohio, including northern Missouri, central Illinois and central Indiana, said meteorologist Bill Borghoff of the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota. The deep freeze followed a cold front that pushed through Wednesday night into the Ohio Valley, he said.

Kenny Blumenfeld, senior climatologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' State Climatology Office, said winter cold snaps on average are an annual occurrence in Minnesota. But extreme cold happens only about once every three to five years, he said.

"It's Minnesota. We're supposed to go below zero and spend a lot of time not coming above zero. It's part of our winter," Blumenfeld said.

## The shutdown today: Senate rejects plans to end shutdown

By The Associated Press

What's up with the partial government shutdown on Day 35:

WHAT'S NEW

The Senate rejected competing Democratic and Republican plans for ending the partial government shutdown on Thursday, leaving President Donald Trump and Congress with no obvious formula for halting the longest-ever closure of federal agencies and the economic damage it is inflicting.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, one of the richest people in President Donald Trump's Cabinet, questioned Thursday why furloughed federal workers were using food banks instead of taking out loans to get through the month-long partial government shutdown.

Unions that represent air traffic controllers, flight attendants and pilots are growing concerned about safety. Airline executives say they are worried that long airport lines could scare off passengers. The economic damage, while small, is starting to show up in their financial reports.

Tax season is almost here and this one could be tricky. It's the first year that taxpayers will be filing under the massive tax law overhaul pushed through by the Trump administration. And a month-long partial shutdown of the federal government threatens to complicate things further for some.

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From power restaurants in Washington and a belt-buckle maker in Colorado to a brewery in California, businesses that count heavily on federal employees as customers are feeling the punishing effects of the government shutdown.

## QUOTES OF THE DAY

"One way or another we've got to get out of this. This is no win for anybody," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. "We have a growing concern for the safety and security of our members, our airlines, and the traveling public due to the government shutdown," said the presidents of unions representing air traffic controllers, pilots and flight attendants.

## WHAT'S COMING NEXT

Some 800,000 federal workers are set to go without their paycheck for the second time in a row on Friday, marking nearly one month since their last payday.

## WHAT REMAINS CLOSED

Nine of the 15 Cabinet-level departments have not been funded, including Agriculture, Homeland Security, State, Transportation, Interior and Justice. Some iconic National Park facilities are shuttered as are the Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo in Washington. Nearly everyone at NASA is being told to stay home.

## WHO IS AT WORK BUT NOT GETTING PAID

Employees of the Transportation Security Administration are among the estimated 460,000 federal employees who have been working without pay. The agency, which has been experiencing higher-than-usual unscheduled absences during the shutdown, said Thursday that the percentage of its airport screeners missing work hit 7.5 percent on Wednesday — up from 3 percent on the comparable Wednesday a year ago.

Even so, the agency said it screened 1.76 million passengers and only 3.7 percent had to wait 15 minutes or longer to get through security.

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. government shutdown: <https://apnews.com/GovernmentShutdown>

## Daum passes Redick on NCAA scoring list, SDSU beats NDSU

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Mike Daum scored 30 points to pass former Duke star J.J. Redick on the all-time scoring list and South Dakota State rolled past North Dakota State 87-69 on Thursday night.

Daum, the two-time Summit League player of the year who came in averaging 24.2 points and 10.9 rebounds per game this season, has 2,770 points, one more than Redick, for 19th on the career list. Chris Clemons of Campbell also passed Redick in a Thursday night win over Presbyterian, scoring 26 points for a career total of 2,783.

Daum was 11-of-15 shooting and made 4 of 6 from the arc while pulling down 17 rebounds for the Jackrabbits (16-6, 6-1), who won their fifth straight and are tied atop the Summit with Omaha.

David Jenkins added 25 points and Skyler Flatten 16 for SDSU, which shot 54 percent.

Daum scored 16 points and Jenkins 13 in the first half as the Jackrabbits took a 44-25 lead after shooting 62 percent and making 7 of 11 from the arc.

The Bison (9-12, 3-4) didn't get closer than 16 in the second half. Tyson Ward led NDSU with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

## Noem undecided on AG's plan to end presumptive probation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Kristi Noem says she hasn't decided if she would sign into law a measure to reverse South Dakota's presumptive probation policy for some lower-level felonies.

Noem said Thursday she doesn't know the plan's cost, though she expected it to be significant. The proposal, which hasn't yet had a legislative hearing, is a priority for Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg.

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Presumptive probation is credited with helping avert expensive prison population growth, but critics say it ties judges' hands. It was part of a 2013 justice system overhaul to tackle prison overcrowding that the latest state analysis credits with saving taxpayers more than \$30 million.

Noem says presumptive probation has been described to her as frustrating, but she doesn't want to be in the "business of building new prisons and jails." Ravensborg has said there must be deterrence.

## South Dakota lawmakers to debate reporter shield measure

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers will debate protections for journalists who refuse to disclose information or sources after Gov. Kristi Noem called for a reporter shield law in her State of the State address.

Noem says it's important that investigative journalists can work without fear of having to reveal their sources or getting pulled in front of a court to testify.

The bill introduced Thursday would block courts, the Legislature and other public bodies in South Dakota from holding in contempt journalists who assert the privilege. It would also make information obtained in violation of the law inadmissible in such proceedings.

Rep. Jon Hansen, the sponsor, credited Noem for elevating the issue. Hansen says he supports the First Amendment rights of the press and that reporters shouldn't be prosecuted for doing their jobs.

## Senate panel leaves in place transgender athlete policy

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Senate panel on Thursday voted to leave in place an activities association policy that lets transgender students play on the athletic team that matches their gender identity.

The Senate Education Committee voted 5-2 against a bill that would have voided the policy. It would have required a student's sex to be determined by their birth certificate or a South Dakota High School Activities Association physical exam form.

Association Executive Director Dan Swartos said the change wouldn't be fair to schools or transgender youth. Family Heritage Alliance Action Executive Director Norman Woods called the vote "disappointing," saying supporters don't view the bill as discriminatory.

Libby Skarin, policy director at the American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota, said the group opposed the measure because it harms transgender students and they say it would violate Title IX in federal law and the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

"The more our leaders get to know the stories of these families and these kids, the more they realize the real impact of this kind of legislation," Skarin said. "They see the pain and the turmoil that it causes."

But Republican Sen. Jim Bolin, the sponsor, said the legislation was necessary to ensure fair competition.

"This bill is brought forward to elevate the concept of fair competition in sex-segregated sports to a higher level and to keep that goal as paramount," Bolin said. "All other goals and agendas should be subservient to that perspective."

The association's 2015 policy requires a student and parent to notify their school that the student wants to play on the sports team that matches their gender identity.

The school submits an application and documentation to the association for review by an independent hearing officer who must be a licensed attorney and a member of the State Bar of South Dakota. The student or the student's school can appeal the hearing officer's decision to the association's board of directors for a final decision. The rules say that gender identity can't be used to gain an unfair competitive advantage.

Swartos said the association in part opposed the measure because it wouldn't have held harmless the association or member schools in resulting litigation. A "very small number" of transgender students participate with the exemption, he said.

At least two dozen other states have such policies, according to the ACLU of South Dakota. The group

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says South Dakota's Legislature would have been the first to override one. Similar bills to end the policy failed in the 2015 and 2016 sessions.

## Police: Man found unresponsive in fire has died

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say a man found unresponsive in a mobile home fire in Sioux Falls has died.

Spokesman Sam Clemens says the cause of the 76-year-old man's death is still under investigation. The man was the only person in the home when firefighters responded shortly before 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Clemens says an autopsy will be done to determine what caused the man's death.

## Trump aides struggle to show some shutdown empathy

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One White House aide mused that the shutdown was like a paid vacation for some furloughed workers. President Donald Trump's daughter-in-law said employees' "little bit of pain" was worth it for the good of the country. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross questioned why cash-poor workers were using food banks instead of taking out loans.

The president himself says workers simply need to "make adjustments."

With hundreds of thousands of federal workers going without pay during the monthlong partial government shutdown, Trump and his team, which includes the wealthiest Cabinet ever assembled, have struggled to deliver a full dose of empathy for those who are scraping to get by.

Ross set off howls when he was asked on CNBC on Thursday about reports that some of the 800,000 workers currently not receiving paychecks were going to homeless shelters to get food.

"Well, I know they are, and I don't really quite understand why," he said. "The obligations that they would undertake, say borrowing from a bank or a credit union, are, in effect, federally guaranteed. So the 30 days of pay that some people will be out ... there's no real reason why they shouldn't be able to get a loan against it."

In a subsequent interview with Bloomberg, Ross said he was "painfully aware" that workers were suffering hardships. He added that in his earlier remarks, he'd been trying to let workers know that credit union loans were available for those "experiencing liquidity crises" — hardly the language of those living paycheck to paycheck.

It all contributed to perceptions that the Trump administration was out of touch with workers bearing the brunt of the shutdown impact.

"Is this the 'Let them eat cake' kind of attitude?" said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. "Or call your father for money?" With that, the speaker evoked Marie Antoinette and took an indirect jab at Trump for inheriting family money to launch his business career.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Ross' comments "reveal the administration's callous indifference toward the federal workers it is treating as pawns." He added: "Secretary Ross, they just can't call their stock broker and ask them to sell some of their shares."

Deeming air traffic controllers who are calling in sick "disappointing," Ross said that workers will eventually get their pay and that there is no reason why a loan would not be a reasonable option for workers who have been staring at zeros on their pay statements.

"Now, true, the people might have to pay a little bit of interest, but the idea that it's paycheck or zero is not a really valid idea," said Ross, whose financial disclosure forms reveal \$700 million in assets.

The president said he hadn't seen Ross's comments but added: "I do understand perhaps he should have said it differently."

Trump said the commerce secretary's point was that grocery stores, banks and other local entities were "working along" with federal employees to ease the shutdown's impact. He added that Ross has "done a great job."

Other Trump officials have been more effective in conveying their sympathies for those affected by the

shutdown.

"Nobody, including myself, likes the hardship caused, the temporary hardship caused by the government shutdown," Larry Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council, said Thursday. "I have young people on my staff, devoted young people. You know, when you're 28 years old, you don't save a lot. I get that, and I think a lot of people have to get through this."

Trump, for his part, has repeatedly maintained, without providing evidence, that federal workers support the need for a border wall even if it means going without a paycheck. The president did not mention the furloughed workers during his Oval Office address to the nation earlier this month and has said that government employees "will make adjustments" to get by.

Asked Thursday what his message to furloughed workers was, Trump said: "I love them. I respect them. I really appreciate the great job they're doing." He continued to insist that "many of those people that are not getting paid are totally in favor of what we're doing because they know the future of this country is dependent on having a strong border."

Kevin Hassett, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said early in the shutdown that some furloughed employees were, "in some sense, they're better off" because people who were already taking vacation over the holidays ultimately would not be charged for their already-planned trip. Hassett has since said that his remarks were taken out of context.

Lara Trump, the president's daughter-in-law and campaign aide, said this week that for the furloughed workers, "It is a little bit of pain, but it's going to be for the future of our country."

On Thursday, she tried to explain the comment, insisting to Fox News that "I am incredibly empathetic towards anyone right now without a paycheck" and blaming the mainstream media for misrepresenting her message.

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## Where the investigations related to President Trump stand

By The Associated Press

A look at where investigations related to President Donald Trump stand and what may lie ahead for him: WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

Trump is facing investigations in Washington and New York.

Special counsel Robert Mueller is looking into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia and whether the president obstructed the investigation. Trump also plays a central role in a separate case in New York, where prosecutors have implicated him in a crime. They say Trump directed his personal lawyer Michael Cohen to make illegal hush-money payments to two women as a way to quash potential sex scandals during the campaign.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Roger Stone, a confidant of President Donald Trump and former campaign adviser, was arrested Friday morning and charged with lying to Congress and obstruction.

Stone was charged in a seven-count indictment that includes witness tampering, obstruction and false statements. He was arrested at his home in Florida during a pre-dawn FBI raid. Stone is scheduled to appear in court later Friday.

The indictment provides the most detail to date about how Trump campaign associates were aware in the summer of 2016 that emails had been stolen from the Hillary Clinton campaign. It alleges unnamed senior Trump campaign officials contacted Stone to ask when the stolen emails might be disclosed.

Court documents lay out Stone's conversations about the stolen emails posted by WikiLeaks in the weeks

before Trump defeated Clinton.

Stone is also accused of making false statements to the House intelligence committee.

He has been under scrutiny for months but has maintained his innocence.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, makes his first court appearance in months as prosecutors and defense lawyers argue over whether he intentionally lied to investigators.

Mueller's office say Manafort breached his plea deal by repeatedly making false statements after he began cooperating with them in September. Manafort's lawyers say he simply had an inconsistent recollection of facts and events from several years ago. They also say he suffers from depression and anxiety.

## SO ... DID THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN COLLUDE WITH RUSSIA?

There is no smoking gun when it comes to the question of Russia collusion. But the evidence so far shows that a broad range of Trump associates had Russia-related contacts during the 2016 presidential campaign and transition period, and several lied about the communication.

There is also evidence that some people in the president's orbit were discussing a possible email dump from WikiLeaks before it occurred. American intelligence agencies and Mueller have said Russia was the source of hacked material released by WikiLeaks during the campaign that was damaging to Hillary Clinton's presidential effort.

## OTHER QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

—WHAT ABOUT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE? That is another unresolved question that Mueller is pursuing. Investigators have examined key episodes such as Trump's firing of former FBI Director James Comey and his fury over the recusal from the investigation of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

—WHAT DOES TRUMP HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? Trump has repeatedly slammed the Mueller investigation as a "witch hunt" and insisted there was "NO COLLUSION" with Russia. He also says his former lawyer, Cohen, lied to get a lighter sentence in New York.

For more in-depth information, follow AP coverage at <https://apnews.com/TrumpInvestigations>

## Trump associate Stone arrested, faces obstruction charge

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Stone, a confidant of President Donald Trump, was arrested in the special counsel's Russia investigation in a pre-dawn raid at his Florida home on Friday and was charged with lying to Congress and obstructing the probe.

The seven-count indictment against Stone, a self-proclaimed "dirty trickster," is the first criminal case in months from special counsel Robert Mueller. It provides the most detail to date about how Trump campaign associates were aware in the summer of 2016 that emails had been stolen from the Hillary Clinton campaign and wanted them released. It alleges that unnamed senior Trump campaign officials contacted Stone to ask when the stolen emails might be disclosed.

The indictment does not charge Stone with conspiring with WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy website that published the emails, or with the Russian officers Mueller says hacked them. Instead, it accuses him of witness tampering, obstruction and false statements about his interactions related to WikiLeaks' release. Some of those false statements were made to the House intelligence committee, according to the indictment.

CNN recorded video of the raid at Stone's Fort Lauderdale home, showing FBI agents in combat gear using large weapons and night-vision equipment, running up to the home and banging repeatedly on the door. "FBI open the door!" one shouts. "FBI, warrant!" Stone could then be seen in the doorway in his sleepwear before he was led away, CNN reported.

Stone is the sixth Trump aide charged in Mueller's investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign and the 34th person overall. The investigation has laid bare multiple contacts

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between Trump associates and Russia during the campaign and transition period and efforts by several to conceal those communications. The case against Stone comes weeks after Trump's former national security adviser was castigated by a judge in open court and just hours before his ex-campaign chairman was due in court on allegations that he had lied to Mueller's prosecutors.

The indictment lays out in detail Stone's conversations about stolen Democratic emails posted by WikiLeaks in the weeks before Trump, a Republican, beat Clinton. Mueller's office has said those emails, belonging to Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, were hacked by Russian intelligence officers.

It says the Trump campaign directed a senior campaign official to contact Stone after the July 22, 2016, WikiLeaks release of hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee and other groups. That official, who is not named in court papers, asked Stone about additional releases and "what other damaging information" WikiLeaks had "regarding the Clinton campaign," the indictment says.

The indictment accuses Stone of carrying out a "prolonged effort" to keep New York radio host Randy Credico, referred to as Person 2, from contradicting his testimony before the House intelligence committee. During that effort, prosecutors note that Stone repeatedly told Credico to "do a 'Frank Pentangeli,'" a reference to a character in "The Godfather: Part II" who lies before a congressional committee.

One of the Trump campaign officials cited in the indictment is Steve Bannon, who later became Trump's chief strategist in the White House. Bannon, referred to as a "high-ranking Trump Campaign official," exchanged emails with Stone in October 2016 about WikiLeaks' plans for releasing hacked material. The incitement quotes from those emails, which had previously been made public by news outlets.

Stone is scheduled to appear in court in Florida later Friday. The indictment had been expected. Stone has said for months he was prepared to be charged, though he has denied any wrongdoing. A grand jury for months had heard from witnesses connected to Stone. And the intelligence committee last year voted to release a transcript of Stone's testimony to Mueller as a precursor to an indictment.

Attorney Grant Smith, who represents Stone, did not return a phone message seeking comment Friday.

Stone has publicly denigrated the Mueller investigation and echoed the president's descriptions of it as a witch hunt. But he has long attracted investigators' attention, especially in light of a 2016 tweet that appeared to presage knowledge that emails stolen from Podesta would soon be released. Stone has said he had no inside information about the contents of the emails in WikiLeaks' possession or the timing of when they'd be released.

Stone has said he learned from Credico that WikiLeaks had the emails and planned to disclose them. Stone has released emails that he says support that assertion.

Prosecutors had offered a plea agreement to Stone friend Jerome Corsi that would have required the conspiracy theorist and conservative author to admit that he intentionally lied to investigators about a discussion with Stone about WikiLeaks. But he rejected the offer.

In a tweet Friday, Podesta wrote that it was now "Roger's time in the barrel." That was a play on Stone's own words. Stone had tweeted cryptically before the Podesta emails were disclosed that it would soon be Podesta's "time in the barrel."

Read the indictment: <http://apne.ws/1P23qpR>

## Video shows brutality of knife attack on helpless inmates

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A newly released video shows the brutality of an Ohio inmate's knife attack on four other prisoners who were handcuffed to a table and unable to defend themselves.

The video obtained by The Associated Press reveals for the first time the extent of the victims' injuries and raises questions about how the bloody attack happened inside the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, one of Ohio's most secure prisons. Additional security concerns were raised months later when the same prisoner was allegedly involved in a knife attack that left a guard severely injured and

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hospitalized for months.

Shamieke Pugh was one of the four inmates in the first attack on June 4, 2017.

"He was trying to kill us, for sure," said Pugh, who is now out of prison and recovering from multiple stab wounds in his arm, chest and back. The four prisoners were playing cards during an out-of-cell recreation period.

Pugh, 28, believes guards set up the attack, something the prison system, the guards' union and the prosecutor who brought charges against the attacker strongly deny.

Consistent national data on inmate-on-inmate assaults is difficult to come by, but prisons can be dangerous places, with one in five inmates reporting attacks. In Ohio, a 2016 legislative prison inspection committee found that the Lucasville prison has traditionally had high assault statistics in part because of gang-affiliated prisoners.

In the video, inmate Greg Reinke, the alleged attacker, is seen stabbing Pugh and three other prisoners multiple times during the assault that could have been even worse had one of the victims not freed himself and fought back. Reinke hid two homemade knives on himself and used one of them — a 7-inch shank — in the assault.

Just under a minute passes before the first guard appears at the end of a long hallway and charges toward the attacker in the video obtained by the AP through an open records request. More than three minutes pass before guards free the last of the inmates from their cuffs chained to a blood-drenched table.

Reinke "stated that he just felt like killing someone," according to a prison report after the attack.

The following day, authorities declined to prosecute Reinke, arguing that he was already serving a life sentence. Reinke was convicted of aggravated murder in a 2004 shooting in Cleveland.

Then, just over eight months later on Feb. 20, Reinke and a second inmate were accused of assaulting guard Matthew Matthias in the prison infirmary. Matthias suffered 32 stab wounds and numerous internal injuries in that attack and has still not returned to work.

Newly elected Scioto County prosecutor Shane Tieman changed course and charged Reinke with both prison attacks. Reinke has pleaded not guilty.

Tieman called the video "quite disturbing" and said he was bothered by the delay in the guards' response. But Tieman said he wasn't going to second-guess the actions of the guards that day. He also saw no evidence of a setup.

The point of bringing charges against Reinke was to send a message that such crimes won't be tolerated, and hopefully to draw attention to security issues in the prisons. The inmates who were stabbed, though offenders themselves, deserve justice, Tieman said.

"These victims deserve their day in court too," Tieman said. "To say, 'This was done to me,' and for us to stand up and say, 'It is not right, what was done to these victims.'"

Authorities haven't determined a motive for the attack on the prisoners, and Tieman said there was no evidence of a racial element. Reinke is white and the four inmates are black. Reinke's attorney declined comment on the video.

Prison officials won't say how Reinke slipped his cuffs and how he was able to smuggle two shanks out of his cell. The delay in freeing the inmates after the attack happened because their restraints "became entangled when inmates were moving around during the attack," prisons spokeswoman JoEllen Smith said.

Lucasville ended the practice of shackling multiple inmates seated at a table after the incident, according to the union that represents Ohio's prison guards. The union reached an agreement with the Lucasville prison in April requiring increased security requirements for moving dangerous inmates.

The union continues to talk with officials about improving security. But no system can prevent opportunities for violence, said Christopher Mabe, president of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association.

"There's no such thing as an inmate being locked in a cell, no matter what the security status is, for 24 hours, seven days a week," he said. "That's not what we do."

No guards involved in the incident were disciplined.

Reinke, 38, is now housed in the state's supermax, high-security prison in Youngstown.

The other inmate involved in the attack on the guard, Casey Pigge, was also transferred to Youngstown.

Pigge is a three-time convicted killer who had boasted about strangling a fellow inmate on a prison van while they were being transported. He also is serving time for killing a cellmate with a brick in 2016 and killing his girlfriend's mother in 2008.

Andrew Welsh-Huggins can be reached on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/awhcolumbus>.

## 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. TRUMP ASSOCIATE STONE ARRESTED, FACES OBSTRUCTION CHARGE

The office of special counsel Robert Mueller says Roger Stone faces charges including witness tampering, obstruction and false statements.

### 2. WHAT SHUTDOWN VOTE REJECTION SPURRED

The twin setbacks in the Senate prompts a burst of bipartisan talks aimed at temporarily halting the longest-ever closure of federal agencies.

### 3. COLLEGES ACT AS SHUTDOWN HITS STUDENTS

A growing number of institutions are postponing tuition payments, waiving late fees and providing emergency grants to students.

### 4. MADURO GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE

Backed by Venezuela's military, the embattled president hits back at an opposition leader who declared himself interim president and his U.S. supporters.

### 5. PONTIFF BRINGS WORLD YOUTH DAY TO DETAINED

Pope Francis will celebrate a special penitential Mass for Panama's juvenile delinquents inside the Central American country's main youth lockup.

### 6. ARCTIC WAVE WRAPS UPPER MIDWEST

Wind chill advisories are issued for a broad swath of the region, where wind chill factors could dip to 40 to 50 degrees below zero in parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

### 7. 'WATCH YOUR STEP'

A prominent American-born anchorwoman for Iran's state TV tells the AP that she believes the U.S. government jailed her because of her work as a journalist and for her beliefs.

### 8. SICK, ELDERLY WORRY BREXIT WILL HURT ACCESS TO MEDS

Pharmacists are concerned that shortages of life-saving medicines may occur if Britain can't negotiate a divorce deal from the European Union.

### 9. ROBERT REDFORD RAISES CURTAIN AT SUNDANCE

The film festival's founder reflected on its origins 34 years ago in a quainter Park City, Utah, but now every one of the half dozen opening night films were sold out.

### 10. WHO'S HANGING UP HER SNOWBOARD

Five-time Olympic medalist Kelly Clark is retiring after 20 years in the halfpipe, AP learns.

## Backed by military, Venezuela's Maduro hits back at rival

By SCOTT SMITH and CHRISTINE ARMARIO, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Backed by Venezuela's military, President Nicolas Maduro went on the offensive against an opposition leader who declared himself interim president and his U.S. supporters, setting up a potentially explosive struggle for power in the crisis-plagued South American nation.

A defiant Maduro called home all Venezuelan diplomats from the United States and closed its embassy on Thursday, a day after ordering all U.S. diplomats out of Venezuela by the weekend because President Donald Trump had supported the presidential claim of Juan Guaido. Washington has refused to comply, but ordered its non-essential staff to leave the tumultuous country, citing security concerns.

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The Trump administration says Maduro's order isn't legal because the U.S. no longer recognizes him as Venezuela's legitimate leader.

"They believe they have a colonial hold in Venezuela, where they decide what they want to do," Maduro said in an address broadcast live on state TV. "You must fulfill my order from the government of Venezuela."

Meanwhile, all eyes were on Guaido whose whereabouts have been a mystery since the 35-year-old was symbolically sworn in Wednesday before tens of thousands of cheering supporters, promising to uphold the constitution and rid Venezuela of Maduro's dictatorship.

Speaking from an undisclosed location, Guaido told Univision he would consider granting amnesty to Maduro and his allies if they helped return Venezuela to democracy.

"Amnesty is on the table," said Guaido, who just weeks earlier was named head of the opposition-controlled congress. "Those guarantees are for all those who are willing to side with the constitution to recover the constitutional order."

Besides the United States, much of the international community rallied behind Guaido, with Canada and numerous Latin American and European countries announcing that they recognized his claim to the presidency. Trump promised to use the "full weight" of U.S. economic and diplomatic power to push for the restoration of Venezuela's democracy.

Maduro has been increasingly accused of undemocratic behavior by his opponents, and has presided over skyrocketing inflation, a collapsing economy and widespread shortages of basic goods.

Meanwhile, Russia, China, Iran, Syria, Cuba and Turkey have voiced their backing for Maduro's government.

China's Foreign Ministry called on the United States to stay out of the crisis, while Russia's deputy foreign minister warned the U.S. against any military intervention in Venezuela. Alexei Pushkov, chairman of the information committee at the Russian Federation Council, called Guaido's declaration "an attempted coup" backed by the U.S.

Russia has been propping up Maduro with arms deliveries and loans. Maduro visited Moscow in December, seeking Russia's political and financial support. Over the last decade, China has given Venezuela \$65 billion in loans, cash and investment. Venezuela owes more than \$20 billion.

Diplomats at the Organization of American States held an emergency meeting Thursday on the Venezuelan crisis, during which 16 nations recognized Guaido as interim president.

Domestically, attention has been on Venezuela's military, a traditional arbiter of political disputes in the country, as a critical indicator of whether the opposition will succeed in establishing a new government.

Venezuela's top military brass pledged their unwavering support to Maduro, delivering vows of loyalty Thursday before rows of green-uniformed officers on state television.

A half-dozen generals belonging largely to district commands and with direct control over thousands of troops joined Maduro in accusing Washington of meddling in Venezuela's affairs and said they would uphold the socialist leader's rule.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez, a key Maduro ally, dismissed efforts to install a "de-facto parallel government" as tantamount to a coup.

"It's not a war between Venezuelans that will solve our problems," he said. "It's dialogue."

Guaido's father, who has lived in Spain for the past 16 years, has called on the military to drop its allegiance to Maduro.

Wilmer Guaido, a taxi driver on the island of Tenerife, told private Antena 3 television on Friday, that Venezuela's armed forces should be loyal to the country, but not to a specific leader.

"(Simon) Bolivar used to curse against soldiers who give their back to the people," Guaido said, referring to Venezuela's independence hero. "I think the military should choose the right side of history."

The father says he is proud because his son has taken a step forward to take power "from a usurper."

Juan Guaido has said he needs the backing of three critical groups: The people, the international community and the military. While yesterday's protest drew tens of thousands to the streets and over a dozen nations in the region are pledging support, the military's backing is key.

Though many rank-and-file troops suffer the same hardships as countless other Venezuelans when it

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comes to meeting basic needs like feeding their families, Maduro has worked to cement their support with bonuses and other special benefits.

In a video addressing the military earlier this week, Guaido said the constitution requires them to disavow Maduro after his May 2018 re-election, which was widely condemned by the international community because his main opponents were banned from running.

But there were no signs that security forces were widely heeding Guaido's call to go easy on demonstrators.

Gunfire during the protests and looting left 21 dead between Wednesday and early Thursday in the capital of Caracas and throughout the country, reported Marco Ponce, coordinator of the non-profit Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict.

The U.N. human rights chief is calling for independent investigations into the violence linked to protests. Michelle Bachelet's office in Geneva said that she "urged all sides to conduct immediate talks to defuse the increasingly incendiary atmosphere."

Many Venezuelans were looking for Guaido to re-emerge and provide guidance on the opposition's next steps.

Guaido, a virtually unknown lawmaker at the start of the year, has reignited the hopes of Venezuela's often beleaguered opposition by taking a rebellious tack amid Venezuela's crushing economic crisis.

He escalated his campaign Wednesday by declaring that the constitution gives him, as president of the congress, the authority to take over as interim president and form a transitional government until he calls new elections.

Christine Armario reported from Bogota, Colombia. Associated Press writers Josh Goodman and Fabiola Sanchez in Caracas contributed to this report.

## Colleges delay tuition, offer aid as shutdown hits students

By COLLIN BINKLEY, Associated Press

A growing number of colleges and universities are postponing tuition payments, waiving late fees and providing emergency grants to students whose finances have been tied up by the longest government shutdown in history.

In New York, Connecticut and Nevada, statewide college systems have agreed to delay payments for students who are federal employees or rely on family members in federal jobs. At least 20 other schools have made similar offers as they scramble to keep students from dropping out amid the financial pinch.

Most of the offers come from schools along the East Coast and other areas with heavy numbers of federal employees, including Denver and Detroit. The help ranges from flexible payment plans to cash grants that can be used on food, utilities, gas and other expenses.

At Wayne State University in Detroit, an area with more than 15,000 federal jobs, students affected by the shutdown are eligible for grants of up to \$1,500 and can enter tuition plans with no upfront payments and no interest, options that are typically reserved for the school's low-income students.

"We wanted to make sure students knew early on we were right there beside them," said Dawn Medley, associate vice president of enrollment at the public school of 27,000 students. "Maybe they need rent money or money for transportation. We can help with that."

Officials at Southern New Hampshire University say more than 200 students and 20 staff members have applied for the \$1 million in grants that the mostly online school began offering Jan. 15. Most of the requests have been for help paying mortgages, utility bills, car payments and childcare costs.

While a few schools offered help in the first days of the partial shutdown, many others followed as it stretched into the spring semester and tuition deadlines drew near.

Schools that have announced help range from community colleges to big public universities and private Ivy League schools. Many others haven't formally publicized support but say they're ready to help students struggling to stay afloat.

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Among the latest to advertise help are Brown University, Rutgers University and the State University of New York system. At Brown, in Providence, Rhode Island, affected students can have their tuition payments deferred and apply for short-term loans of up to \$500.

"We are committed to ensuring that no Brown student faces interruption to their studies due to the shutdown," said James Tilton, Brown's dean of financial aid. "These measures of relief are simply the right thing to do."

At the College of Southern Maryland, a community college south of Washington, officials say more than 100 students have received grants or entered into tuition payment plans because of the shutdown. Among them is Gregory Hudson, a 54-year-old military veteran whose fiancée was furloughed from the Federal Aviation Administration.

With no income except his benefits as a disabled veteran, Hudson was struggling to find gas money for his commute to campus when he saw a notice offering help on the college's website. He ultimately received a \$200 grant, which Hudson says is a "great blessing" that kept him from dropping out of classes.

"I can honestly say that psychologically, it relieved me," said Hudson, of Waldorf, Maryland, who is working toward a bachelor's degree in human services. "Receiving that email saying, look, we're willing to help you out, it definitely was a relief."

Some colleges say they're only starting to hear from families who need help with tuition, and it's difficult to know how many could be affected. Students who ask for help don't always provide a reason, and there are likely many who haven't asked for support.

Still, schools expect the numbers to keep rising if the shutdown lingers. Friday marks the second missed paycheck for federal workers, and Congress appears no closer to a resolution after two competing bills to reboot the government failed Thursday.

The Education Department is already funded under a previous bill and has generally avoided major problems. It has continued issuing federal financial aid to students, but schools say many affected by the shutdown come from middle-class families and don't rely on federal aid.

Medley, at Wayne State, said she worries that some students didn't know about their options and might have dropped out already. The number of students returning to the school dipped slightly this term, and Medley hopes to find out if any left because of the shutdown.

"We don't know, and that's the scary thing for us," she said. "We continue to try to get that message out to students, but a lot of them said we just didn't know you could help."

Several colleges have dipped into money from their foundations to help provide support. But there's some concern about how long schools can continue to provide financial assistance for students or let payments slide if the shutdown drags on.

"We're probably able to do it as an institution through the majority of this semester," said Medley, the Wayne State official.

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## Talks start as Senate rejects 2 plans for ending shutdown

By **ANDREW TAYLOR and ALAN FRAM, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A splintered Senate voted down competing Democratic and Republican plans for ending the 35-day partial government shutdown, but the twin setbacks prompted a burst of bipartisan talks aimed at temporarily halting the longest-ever closure of federal agencies and the damage it's inflicting around the country.

In the first serious exchange in weeks, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., quickly called Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to his office Thursday to explore potential next steps for solving the vitriolic stalemate. Senators from both sides floated a plan to reopen agencies for three weeks and pay hundreds of thousands of beleaguered federal workers while bargainers hunt for a deal.

At the White House, President Donald Trump told reporters he'd support "a reasonable agreement." He

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suggested he'd also want a "prorated down payment" for his long-sought border wall with Mexico but didn't describe the term. He said he has "other alternatives" for getting wall funding, an apparent reference to his disputed claim that he could declare a national emergency and fund the wall's construction using other programs in the federal budget.

"At least we're talking about it. That's better than it was before," McConnell told reporters in one of the most encouraging statements heard since the shutdown began Dec. 22.

Even so, it was unclear whether the flurry would produce results.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., whose relationship with Trump seems to sour daily, told reporters a "big" down payment would not be "a reasonable agreement." Asked if she knew how much money Trump meant, Pelosi said, "I don't know if he knows what he's talking about."

Schumer spokesman Justin Goodman said Democrats have made clear that "they will not support funding for the wall, prorated or otherwise."

Contributing to the pressure on lawmakers to find a solution was the harsh reality confronting 800,000 federal workers, who on Friday face a second two-week payday with no paychecks.

Underscoring the strains, Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., angrily said on the Senate floor that Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, had forced a 2013 shutdown during which "people were killed" in Colorado from flooding and shuttered federal agencies couldn't help local emergency workers. Moments earlier, Cruz accused Democrats of blocking a separate, doomed bill to pay Coast Guard personnel during this shutdown to score political points, adding later, "Just because you hate somebody doesn't mean you should shut the government down."

Thursday's votes came after Vice President Mike Pence lunched privately with GOP senators, who told him they were itching for the standoff to end, participants said. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said their message to Pence was, "Find a way forward."

In an embarrassment to Trump, the Democratic proposal got two more votes Thursday than the GOP plan, even though Republicans control the chamber 53-47. Six Republicans backed the Democratic plan, including freshman Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who's clashed periodically with the president.

The Senate first rejected a Republican plan reopening the government through September and giving Trump the \$5.7 billion he's demanded for building segments of that wall, a project that he'd long promised Mexico would finance. The 50-47 vote for the measure fell 10 shy of the 60 votes needed to succeed.

Minutes later, senators voted 52-44 for a Democratic alternative that sought to open padlocked agencies through Feb. 8 with no wall money. That was eight votes short. It was aimed at giving bargainers time to seek an accord while getting paychecks to government workers who are either working without pay or being forced to stay home.

Flustered lawmakers said Thursday's roll calls could be a reality check that would prod the start of talks. Throughout, the two sides have issued mutually exclusive demands that have blocked negotiations from even starting: Trump has refused to reopen government until Congress gives him the wall money, and congressional Democrats have rejected bargaining until he reopens government.

Thursday's votes could "teach us that the leaders are going to have to get together and figure out how to resolve this," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 2 Senate GOP leader. He added, "One way or another we've got to get out of this. This is no win for anybody."

Initially, partisan potshots flowed freely.

Pelosi accused Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross of a "Let them eat cake" kind of attitude after he said on television that he didn't understand why unpaid civil servants were resorting to homeless shelters for food. Even as Pelosi offered to meet the president "anytime," Trump stood firm, tweeting, "Without a Wall it all doesn't work.... We will not Cave!"

As the Senate debated the two dueling proposals, McConnell said the Democratic plan would let that party's lawmakers "make political points and nothing else" because Trump wouldn't sign it. He called Pelosi's opposition "unreasonable" and said, "Senate Democrats are not obligated to go down with her ship."

Schumer criticized the GOP plan for endorsing Trump's proposal to keep the government closed until

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he gets what he wants.

"A vote for the president's plan is an endorsement of government by extortion," Schumer said. "If we let him do it today, he'll do it tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow."

McConnell's engagement was viewed as a constructive sign because he has a history of helping resolve partisan standoffs. For weeks, he'd let Trump and Democrats try reaching an accord and, until Thursday, had barred any votes on legislation Trump would not sign.

In consultation with their Senate counterparts, House Democrats were preparing a new border security package that might be rolled out Friday. Despite their pledge to not negotiate until agencies reopened, their forthcoming proposal was essentially a counteroffer to Trump. Pelosi expressed "some optimism that things could break loose pretty soon" in a closed-door meeting with other Democrats on Wednesday evening, said Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky.

The Democratic package was expected to include \$5.7 billion, the same amount Trump wants for his wall, but it would be used instead for fencing, technology, personnel and other measures. In a plan the rejected Senate GOP plan mirrored, Trump on Saturday proposed to reopen government if he got his wall money. He also proposed to revamp immigration laws, including new restrictions on Central American minors seeking asylum in the U.S. and temporary protections for immigrants who entered the country illegally as children.

At a panel discussion held by House Democrats on the effects of the shutdown, union leaders and former Homeland Security officials said they worried about the long-term effects.

"We will be lucky to get everybody back on the job without a crisis to respond to," said Tim Manning, a former Federal Emergency Management Agency official.

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AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro and AP writers Catherine Lucey, Laurie Kellman, Kevin Freking and Matthew Daly contributed to this report.

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This story has been corrected to reflect that the vote for the Republican plan was 50-47, not 51-47 as initially announced by the Senate.

## Pope brings World Youth Day to Panama's detained youth

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is bringing World Youth Day to Panama's juvenile delinquents who can't participate in the Catholic Church's big festival of faith.

Francis on Friday will celebrate a special penitential Mass inside the Las Garzas de Pacora detention center, which is Panama's main youth lockup. In a twist, he will also hear the inmates' confessions inside confessionals the detainees made themselves.

It's all part of Francis' belief that prisoners deserve the same dignity as everyone else — as well as hope.

Francis opened his first full day in Panama with that message of hope Thursday, formally welcoming tens of thousands of pilgrims to World Youth Day at a twilight pep rally at the capital's seaside park.

He urged them to be builders of bridges of encounter, not "builders of walls that sow fear and look to divide and box people in," a clear reference to the proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Earlier in the day, in remarks to President Juan Carlos Varela, he warned that those same young people are increasingly demanding that public officials live honest lives that are coherent with the jobs entrusted to them.

"They call upon them to live in simplicity and transparency, with a clear sense of responsibility for others and for our world," Francis told Varela and other Panamanian leaders. "To lead a life that demonstrates that public service is a synonym of honesty and justice, and opposed to all forms of corruption."

Transparency International estimates that as much as 1 percent of Panama's GDP, approximately US\$600 million, may have been lost to various corruption schemes during the presidency of Ricardo Martinelli, who governed Panama from 2009 to 2014. Martinelli was extradited to Panama last year from the United

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States to face political espionage and embezzlement charges.

In addition, two of Martinelli's sons have been detained in the U.S. and are being sought on corruption charges in Panama. They are suspected of receiving more than \$50 million in "undue payments" from Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht, which is at the center of one of the largest graft scandals in history.

Odebrecht has acknowledged paying nearly \$800 million dollars in bribes in a dozen Latin American nations in return for favors and works contracts.

That includes at least \$59 million in Panama, although authorities say the real figure is likely much higher. In addition to the Martinelli sons, the scandal has already implicated former government ministers under the elder Martinelli as well as people linked to the party of the current president, Varela.

The Martinelli family has denied involvement by the sons in the bribery scandal and alleges persecution by political foes. The former president also denies any wrongdoing and says he is being targeted politically.

Associated Press writer Peter Orsi contributed from Mexico City.

## **APNewsBreak: Iranian TV anchor says US jailed her as warning**

**By MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prominent American-born anchorwoman for Iran's state television says she believes the U.S. government jailed her because of her work as journalist and her beliefs, and as a warning to her to "watch your step."

Marzieh Hashemi spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday, a day after being released from custody. She was not charged with a crime but was detained for 10 days as a material witness in a grand jury investigation in Washington. Details of the investigation are under seal, and Hashemi said she could not provide details. But she said it is not related to terrorism and has to do with her job and the fact that she lives in Iran.

Hashemi said her arrest was unnecessary because she would have voluntarily appeared for questioning and would have complied with a federal subpoena.

"I'm not sure what the meaning of 'Make America Great Again' is, but if it means just basically taking away human rights more and more every day, that doesn't seem to be a very great America to me," she said, in a reference to President Donald Trump's campaign slogan.

Responding to a request for comment, the Justice Department noted that federal law allows judges to order witnesses to be detained if the government can "demonstrate probable cause to believe that the witness can provide material evidence, and that it will be impracticable to secure the witness's attendance at the proceedings by means of a subpoena."

The Justice Department had previously released two unsealed court orders. One confirmed that she was a material witness and the second confirmed she had been released.

Arrests of material witnesses occur infrequently, but the length of Hashemi's detention wasn't unusual for a material witness.

The case comes at a time of heightened U.S.-Iran tensions over President Donald Trump's withdrawal from a nuclear deal and criticism against Iran over its arrests of dual citizens and other people with Western ties. Iranian officials decried her arrest as part of what they called the "apartheid and racist policy" of the Trump administration.

Hashemi, 59, who works for the Press TV network's English-language service, is a U.S. citizen and was born Melanie Franklin. She lives in Tehran and returns to the United States about once a year to see her family and work on documentaries.

In the interview, Hashemi gave her first detailed account yet of her arrest. She was waiting to board a plane with her son in St. Louis, Missouri, on Jan. 13 after filming a Black Lives Matter documentary when she heard her name called. Hashemi went to the gate and was told she had been selected for pre-boarding, she said. As she was walking down a jet bridge with her son, she was stopped by two FBI agents who told her she had to come with them, she told the AP.

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She said an agent told her, "You're under arrest in connection with some investigation."

Hashemi was brought to a hotel in St. Louis and held overnight before being flown to Washington. When she arrived at an FBI facility there, she was fingerprinted and forced to provide a DNA sample, she said.

The next day, she appeared before a judge and was told she was being held as a material witness. Prosecutors argued they needed to take the drastic measure because Hashemi was a flight risk, she said.

"I said, 'I'm not running away from anything because I haven't done anything,'" Hashemi recalled. "You had no basis to say I was a flight risk."

Hashemi said she believes she was detained "because of my belief system, because of who I am."

"I am a firm believer in truth and speaking out the truth. I believe in adding a voice to the voiceless, and there are times that this, of course, will contradict the policies of the powers that be. That's a big part of it," she said.

Hashemi appeared before a judge four times and was questioned by prosecutors before the grand jury on three occasions, according to court documents. She said prosecutors appeared to only have "circumstantial" evidence in the case and did not have "anything of any concrete importance."

At the Washington jail, Hashemi said she was forced to remove her hijab, despite objecting because of her religious beliefs. She was offered a white T-shirt to put on her head. As she was led down a hallway in a facility that houses both male and female inmates, she was told by officers that she could not wear the shirt to cover her head and could only wear it once she arrived at her cell, she said. For several days, her religious dietary restrictions were also not met, she said.

A spokeswoman for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Three of Hashemi's children were also subpoenaed to the grand jury, though only one was compelled to provide testimony. Prosecutors also threatened to charge Hashemi if she did not cooperate with their investigation, she said.

"This is not the United States that we want. This is not what we believe in," she said.

She also decried the federal material witness statute and will participate in a demonstration Friday protesting what opponents see as an arcane and unfair law.

A 2012 report by the Justice Department's inspector general identified 112 cases in which material witnesses were detained from 2000 until 2012. In those cases, the median period of time the witnesses were detained was 26 days.

"If we allow it, if we turn a blind eye to it, believe me, it will come back to haunt us, and I don't think most Americans want the country to go in that direction," she said.

## Before Venezuela, US has long involvement in Latin America

By The Associated Press

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro accuses the United States of trying to orchestrate a coup against him. While the U.S. says it's trying to rescue Venezuela's democracy, Washington has a long history of interventions — military and otherwise — in Latin American politics.

Since the advent of the Monroe Doctrine in the early 19th century, the United States has involved itself in the daily affairs of nations across the hemisphere, often on behalf of North American commercial interests or to support right-leaning forces against leftist leaders.

That military involvement petered out after the end of the Cold War, although the U.S. has been accused of granting at least tacit backing to coups in Venezuela in 2002 and Honduras in 2009.

The Trump's administration leading role in recognizing Juan Guaido as the interim president of Venezuela returns the U.S. to a more assertive role in Latin America than it has had for years.

Some of the most notable U.S. interventions in Latin America:

1846: The United States invades Mexico and captures Mexico City in 1847. A peace treaty the following year gives the U.S. more than half of Mexico's territory — what is now most of the western United States.

1903: The U.S. engineers Panamanian independence from Colombia and gains sovereign rights over the

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zone where the Panama Canal would connect Atlantic and Pacific shipping routes.

1903: Cuba and the U.S. sign a treaty allowing near-total U.S. control of Cuban affairs. U.S. establishes a naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

U.S. Marines repeatedly intervene in Central America and the Caribbean throughout the first quarter of the 20th century, often to protect U.S. business interests in moments of political instability.

1914: U.S. troops occupy the Mexican port of Veracruz for seven months in an attempt to sway developments in the Mexican Revolution.

1954: Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz is overthrown in a CIA-backed coup.

1961: The U.S.-backed Bay of Pigs invasion fails to overthrow Soviet-backed Cuban leader Fidel Castro but Washington continues to launch attempts to assassinate Castro and dislodge his government.

1964: Leftist President Joao Goulart of Brazil is overthrown in a U.S.-backed coup that installs a military government lasting until the 1980s.

1965: U.S. forces land in the Dominican Republic to intervene in a civil war.

1970s: Argentina, Chile and allied South American nations launch brutal campaign of repression and assassination aimed at perceived leftist threats, known as Operation Condor, often with U.S. support.

1980s: Reagan administration backs anti-Communist Contra forces against Nicaragua's Sandinista government and backs the Salvadoran government against leftist FMLN rebels.

1983: U.S. forces invade Caribbean island of Grenada after accusing the government of allying itself with Communist Cuba.

1989: U.S. invades Panama to oust strongman Manuel Noriega.

1994: A U.S.-led invasion of Haiti is launched to remove the military regime installed by a 1991 coup that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The invasion restores Aristide.

2002: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is ousted for two days before retaking power. He and his allies accuse the U.S. of tacit support for the coup attempt.

2009: Honduran President Manuel Zelaya overthrown by military. U.S. accused of worsening situation by insufficient condemnation of the coup.

## US faces tough choices as it weighs next moves on Venezuela

By **DEB RIECHMANN** and **MATTHEW LEE**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says "all options are on the table" as the U.S. seeks to push Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to give up power. But the reality is much more complicated.

The U.S. still has tools to apply pressure on Maduro, even after years of tough rhetoric and increasing sanctions. But further targeted measures may do little to hurt the already-reeling South American country, and a major step like halting Venezuelan oil imports could damage the American economy. The most extreme step, direct military action, appears not to be under consideration, at least for now.

The U.S. and other nations on Wednesday took the highly unusual step of recognizing Juan Guaido, the opposition head of the National Assembly, as the interim president of Venezuela. Maduro, elected last year in a vote widely seen as fraudulent, still controls the military and security services and has support among at least a portion of the public. He's given no sign that he intends to step down.

On Thursday, 16 of the 34 nations in the Organization of American States recognized Guaido at an emergency session. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urged members to oppose the "illegitimate" Maduro and pledged to make \$20 million available for humanitarian assistance to the country.

"As a friend of the Venezuelan people, we stand ready to help them even more, to help them begin the process of rebuilding their country and their economy from the destruction wrought by the criminally incompetent and illegitimate Maduro regime," he said.

When asked about next steps, administration officials repeat variations of what the president said on Wednesday. "We're not considering anything, but all options are on the table," Trump told reporters, in response to a question about the possibility of military action.

A potent weapon called for by some lawmakers, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, would be sanctions

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on oil from Venezuela, the fourth largest supplier of crude to the U.S. But that could cause gas prices to rise, mean a loss of business for Gulf State refiners and have other ripple effects in the American economy.

"Sanctions on Venezuela's energy sector would likely harm U.S. businesses, workers, and consumers while failing to address the very real issues in Venezuela," Chet Thompson, president of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, said in a letter to the president.

Another option to punish Venezuela would be to designate it a "state sponsor of terrorism," which would impose wide-ranging sanctions and put strict limits on the ability of Venezuelan officials to travel to or within the United States. The administration has considered the measure but has for the moment ruled it out because Venezuela does not meet the legal criteria, which would include evidence that the government supported or ordered terrorist attacks.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who represents thousands of Venezuelan expatriates in her South Florida district, favors "targeted" sanctions on the oil industry to reduce some of the money that flows to Maduro's government. "That's been something we held back because that obviously would have an economic impact on the U.S.," she said.

Wasserman Schultz doesn't think a military solution is an option for resolving the political crisis. "I know the president is saying that all options are on the table and all means all, but I think a peaceful exit for Maduro needs to be the goal," she said.

For the time being, Guaido is asking the U.S. to continue helping prevent Maduro and his associates from transferring wealth outside the country, according to an administration official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the measure and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

National security adviser John Bolton said the Trump administration is focused on "disconnecting the illegitimate Maduro regime from the source of its revenues." Those revenues should go to the legitimate government of Guaido, he said Thursday at the White House.

"It's very complicated," Bolton said. "We're working really around the clock to do what we can to strengthen the new government."

U.S. action will depend on what Maduro does next and whether the security forces respond violently to the opposition leader or his supporters, said Jason Marczak, director of the Atlantic Council's Latin America center.

Marczak said the U.S. could provide security assistance to help protect the new government, but there is no support among U.S. allies in the region for a military intervention.

"I think that would backfire if the U.S. unilaterally attempted to assert influence over the outcome of the situation because that would allow Maduro to pigeonhole opposition supporters as being aligned with the U.S.," Marczak said.

Moises Rendon, associate director of the Americas program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said he sees no indication the Trump administration is considering military intervention. Maduro has ordered U.S. diplomats to leave the country. The U.S. has refused, saying it only recognizes the authority of Guaido, who urged diplomats to stay. On Thursday, the State Department ordered non-essential diplomats and staff at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas to leave the country, but said the embassy would remain open.

Rendon said the U.S. might be compelled to act if American diplomats in Caracas are in danger, but doubted there would otherwise be a military response. "I think this is only rhetoric," he said.

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## Ex-Trump lawyer Michael Cohen to comply with Senate subpoena

By MICHAEL R. SISK and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election has subpoenaed President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, and Cohen

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intends to comply with the interview demand next month, his attorney said Thursday.

The development comes one day after Cohen postponed his public testimony to a House committee.

Lanny Davis, a lawyer for Cohen, disclosed the subpoena from the Senate intelligence committee in a one-sentence statement. He later said the two sides had agreed on a Feb. 12 interview.

Cohen, the president's onetime fixer, is set to begin a three-year prison sentence in March.

The Senate committee did not immediately confirm the subpoena, but any interview with Cohen would almost certainly take place in private, in keeping with how the panel generally conducts Russia-related hearings.

Cohen earlier this week delayed his Feb. 7 appearance before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on the advice of his legal team, citing ongoing cooperation in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and threats against his family. Trump, along with his attorney Rudy Giuliani, has publicly urged the Justice Department to investigate Cohen's father-in-law, insinuating that Cohen's relative was part of some unspecified criminal activity.

"If he wants to criticize Cohen, he can," Davis said. "Obviously, picking on his family publicly is a way of silencing him or intimidating him. And certainly he has engendered great fear in his extended family, which is why we postponed it."

In an interview Thursday, Davis said the House should take an immediate vote on censuring Trump "as a step before an impeachment investigation," and he pushed for a criminal investigation of Giuliani involving allegations of obstruction, witness intimidation and witness tampering.

The decision to postpone the House interview pushed back the chance of a public airing on additional details of Cohen's relationship with Trump, including hush-money payments that Cohen has admitted helping arrange for two women who say they had sex with the president. Trump has denied the allegation.

Democrats have suggested they may subpoena Cohen to compel his testimony and the committee's chairman, Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, said Cohen could be brought from prison to appear before Congress.

"We will get his testimony," Cummings said.

Cohen pleaded guilty in November to lying to the Senate intelligence committee about his role in a Trump business proposal in Moscow, acknowledging that he misled lawmakers by saying he had abandoned the project in January 2016 when he actually continued pursuing it for months after that and deep into the presidential campaign. He has also pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations for his involvement in payments to a former Playboy model and porn actress who had alleged affairs with Trump.

CNN was first to report the existence of the subpoena.

Sisak reported from New York.

## Official: Asylum seekers to wait in Mexico starting Friday

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Trump administration on Friday will start forcing some asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while their cases wind through U.S. courts, an official said, launching what could become one of the more significant changes to the immigration system in years.

The changes will be introduced at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing, according to a U.S. official familiar with the plan who spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday because it was not yet publicly announced. San Ysidro is the nation's busiest crossing and the choice of asylum seekers who arrived to Tijuana, Mexico, in November in a caravan of more than 6,000 mostly Central American migrants.

The policy, which is expected to face a legal challenge, may be expanded to other crossings. It does not apply to children traveling alone or to asylum seekers from Mexico.

The details were finalized during bilateral talks in Mexico City over the last few days. It calls for U.S. authorities to bus asylum seekers back and forth to the border for court hearings in downtown San Diego, including an initial appearance within 45 days.

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The Trump administration will make no arrangements for them to consult with attorneys, who may visit clients in Tijuana or speak with them by phone.

U.S. officials will begin processing only about 20 asylum claims a day at the San Diego crossing but plan to ramp up to exceed the number of claims processed now, which is up to 100 a day, the official said.

The policy could severely strain Mexican border cities. U.S. border authorities fielded 92,959 “credible fear” claims — an initial screening to have asylum considered — during a recent 12-month period, up 67 percent from a year earlier.

While illegal crossings from Mexico are near historically low levels, the U.S. has witnessed a surge in asylum claims, especially from Central American families. Due largely to a court-imposed 20-day limit on detaining children, families are typically released with a notice to appear in immigration court. With a backlog of more than 800,000 cases, it can take years to settle cases.

The Department of Homeland Security said the policy would “reduce the number of aliens taking advantage of U.S. law and discourage false asylum claims” and will no longer let asylum seekers “disappear into the U.S. before a court issues a final order.”

It’s not clear if Central Americans will be deterred from seeking asylum in the U.S. if they have to wait in Tijuana, a booming city with plenty of jobs. Tijuana doesn’t come close to matching the U.S. on wages, and asylum seekers generally have far fewer family ties than they do in the U.S.

The “Remain in Mexico” policy is President Donald Trump’s latest move to reshape immigration policy, though it may prove temporary. Other major changes have been blocked in court, including a ban on seeking asylum by people who cross the border illegally from Mexico and dismissing domestic and gang violence as grounds for asylum.

It is also an early test of relations between two populist presidents — Trump and Mexico’s Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who took office Dec. 1. Mexico has steadfastly rejected Trump’s demand that it pay for a border wall, leading the president to ask Congress for \$5.7 billion in a stalemate that has partially closed the government for more than a month.

Mexican officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment Thursday.

Roberto Velasquez, spokesman for Mexico’s foreign relations secretary, emphasized earlier this week that there would be no bilateral agreement and that Mexico was responding to a unilateral move by the United States. He said discussions covering “a very broad range of topics” are aimed at preparing Mexico for the change.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen worked on the plan for months with Mexican officials, and the broad outlines came together at a meeting in November.

The next month, Mexico said it would give temporary humanitarian visas to people seeking U.S. asylum while their cases are settled and they could seek permission to work in Mexico.

Mexico said at the time that it would coordinate with the U.S. on the policy’s mechanics, which would ensure migrants access to information and legal services. Incoming Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said Dec. 24 that he wanted more information to ensure “orderly and secure” protocols.

Rafael Fernandez de Castro, director of the University of California, San Diego’s Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies, said last week that Mexico had not fully considered the impact on Mexican border towns.

“This could have lasting repercussions for Mexican border cities,” Fernandez de Castro said. “We have to assess the potential numbers and how to help them stay healthy. We don’t have that assessment.”

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## Florida elections chief resigns when blackface photos emerge

By GARY FINEOUT, Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida’s top elections official abruptly resigned Thursday after a newspaper obtained pictures of him in blackface dressed as a Hurricane Katrina victim at a 2005 party.

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The revelation is a blow to new Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has been trying to bridge racial divides after a bitterly fought election against a Democrat who was seeking to become the state's first black governor.

The Tallahassee Democrat obtained pictures taken at a Halloween party 14 years ago that show Secretary of State Michael Ertel in blackface while wearing earrings, a New Orleans Saints bandanna and fake breasts under a purple T-shirt with "Katrina Victim" written on it.

The photos were taken two months after the deadly storm ravaged the Gulf Coast region and eight months after Ertel was appointed Seminole County supervisor of elections. The newspaper hasn't said how it got the photos or identified the source.

Ertel, who had been on the job less than three weeks, resigned just hours after he testified about election lawsuits before a state legislative committee. He didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

"There's nothing I can say," he told the paper.

The Republican was the elections supervisor for Seminole County until last month, when DeSantis picked him to take over the state department that oversees elections. At the time, Ertel's appointment was praised by both Republican and Democratic politicians as well as Democratic consultants who noted his lengthy tenure as a central Florida elections official. Ertel had yet to go before the state Senate for confirmation.

DeSantis said Ertel regretted dressing up in blackface but was right to step down after the pictures surfaced.

"I want people to be able to lead and not have any of these things swirling around," said DeSantis, who was in Marianna to discuss relief efforts for areas hit hard by Hurricane Michael in October.

"I don't want to get mired into kind of side controversies," said DeSantis, who weathered accusations of racial insensitivity during his race for governor last year.

Democratic opponent Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum questioned DeSantis' association with people seen as racially divisive. DeSantis also came under fire when he said voters should consider Florida's economy and not "monkey this up" by choosing the "socialist agenda" of broader public spending he says Gillum espoused.

Rep. Scott Plakon, a state legislator from Seminole County and longtime friend of Ertel's, called the sudden resignation a "huge loss" to the state of Florida.

"As a personal friend, I'm heartbroken," said Plakon and added that Ertel had a good reputation in his home county.

He said he was surprised by the photos that surfaced.

"There was never any hint of any bias against anybody. He just ran darn good elections," Plakon said.

But Ertel did play a role in DeSantis' decision to suspend Palm Beach County supervisor of elections Susan Bucher last week. Ertel recommended the governor take action against the Democratic official, contending that she had violated state election laws and was incompetent. Democrats have sharply criticized Bucher's suspension as being politically motivated.

DeSantis selected Ertel at the same time he picked dozens of other high-level appointments before he came into office. The incoming governor assembled a transition team led by his campaign manager and included others such as U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz that helped with finding people for the incoming administration. The northwest Florida Republican said Thursday in a text message that he "strongly" urged DeSantis hire Ertel but noted he had support from members of both parties.

Then-Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Ertel as Seminole County elections supervisor in February 2005 and Ertel won four elections to keep the office. Ertel's background includes an eight-year stint in the U.S. Army and public relations work for government agencies and a bank.

## Asian shares rise on optimism over China-US trade talks

By YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares advanced Friday after a moderate rise on Wall Street, amid persisting optimism over the potential for China-U.S. trade talks to help end a tariffs war between the two largest

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economies.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 1.1 percent to 20,794.82. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.8 percent to 5,913.80 in early trading, while South Korea's Kospi was surged 0.9 percent to 2,175.69. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 1.3 percent to 27,483.98, while the Shanghai Composite edged up 0.6 percent to 2,602.95. Shares also rose in Taiwan, Southeast Asia and India, where the Sensex gained 0.6 percent to 36,426.50.

**WALL STREET:** The S&P 500 index edged 0.1 percent higher to 2,642.33. The benchmark U.S. index is up 12.4 percent over the last month, but has slipped 1.1 percent this week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 0.1 percent to 24,553.24. About two-thirds of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange closed with gains, but major stock indexes didn't move much. The Nasdaq Composite index gained 0.7 percent to 7,073.46. The Russell 2000 of small-company stocks gained 0.7 percent to 1,464.41.

**CHINA-US TRADE:** Mixed messages on China-U.S. trade, with U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross saying the two sides are still "miles and miles from getting a resolution" as they prepare for talks next week in Washington. But Ross told CNBC in an interview that he believed a deal was possible, and that a very large delegation of Chinese officials, led by Vice Premier Liu He, was headed to the U.S. capital for the talks.

**ANALYST'S TAKE:** Regarding trade talks, "the takeaway here remains the fact that we would likely continue to find headlines surrounding the issue prior and through the meeting to keep one guessing on the outcome," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a commentary. "The latest episode, seemingly taken with a pinch of salt as posturing, appears to have kept the damage to a minimum."

**INTEREST RATES:** The European Central Bank did not change its interest rates or its projection for when it might start raising them. European Central Bank head Mario Draghi said risks to the European economy are increasing and the bank is ready to "adjust all of its instruments" if it runs into serious trouble. The ECB is aiming to raise rates even though the European economy has cooled as countries including Germany have lost some strength.

**ENERGY:** U.S. crude oil added 69 cents to \$53.82 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It rose 1 percent to \$53.13 per barrel in New York overnight. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 72 cents to \$61.81 per barrel in London.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar edged up to 109.75 yen from 109.53 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1325 from \$1.1389.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2019. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac, and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who

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was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.

In 1936, former Gov. Al Smith, D-N.Y., delivered a radio address in Washington, titled "Betrayal of the Democratic Party," in which he fiercely criticized the New Deal policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, New York; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

In 1993, a gunman shot and killed two CIA employees outside agency headquarters in Virginia (Pakistani national Mir Aimal Kansi was later tried and convicted of the shootings, and executed). Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 1998, Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba.

Ten years ago: The White House used the Sunday talk shows to warn the country could face a long and painful financial recovery, even with major government intervention. The Eastern Conference won the NHL All-Star game 12-11. Jeremy Abbott won his first title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in Cleveland. "Slumdog Millionaire" won the Screen Actors Guild Award for best cast of a motion picture; "30 Rock" and "Mad Men" won best for TV comedy and drama casts.

Five years ago: A gunman opened fire at a shopping mall in suburban Baltimore, killing two skate shop employees, 21-year-old Brianna Benlolo and 25-year-old Tyler Johnson; shooter Darion Aguilar then killed himself. On the third anniversary of Egypt's 2011 uprising, giant crowds danced at government-backed rallies and security forces crushed demonstrations by rival Islamists and some secular activists. Li Na beat Dominika Cibulkova 7-6 (3), 6-0 in the Australian Open final. The Anaheim Ducks beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-0 at Dodger Stadium in the NHL's first warm-weather outdoor game. Morris "Morrie" Turner, 90, creator of the "Wee Pals" comic strip and the first African-American cartoonist to be syndicated nationally, died in Sacramento, California.

One year ago: President Donald Trump arrived at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland; after meeting there with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump threatened to cut off U.S. aid to the Palestinians unless they negotiated peace with Israel. The White House unveiled an immigration proposal that would provide a pathway to citizenship for 1.8 million young immigrants living in the country illegally in exchange for new restrictions on legal immigration and \$25 billion in border security; House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi charged that it was part of an administration effort to "make America white again." In an interview in InStyle magazine, Oprah Winfrey said she was not interested in a presidential bid, adding that she doesn't "have the DNA" for a White House run.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude Gray is 87. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 74. Actress Jenifer (cq) Lewis is 62. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 50. Actress China Kantner is 48. Actress Ana Ortiz is 48. Drummer Joe Sirois (sih-ROYS') (Mighty Mighty Bosstones) is 47. Musician Matt Odmark (OHD'-mark) (Jars of Clay) is 45. Actress Mia Kirshner is 44. Actress Christine Lakin is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia (ah-LEE'-shuh) Keys is 39. Actor Michael Trevino is 34. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds to Summer) is 23. Actress Olivia Edward is 12.

Thought for Today: "The telephone, which interrupts the most serious conversations and cuts short the most weighty observations, has a romance of its own." — Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941).