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## Groton Area Schedule of Events

### 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 JV, Clark/Willow Lake, Huron JV, Ipswich/Bowdle/Leola, Milbank, Sioux Falls O'Gorman JV, Tiospa Zina, Viborg-Hurley, Warner-Northwestern, Watertown JV, Webster Area High School @ 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

### Monday, January 28, 2019

6:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament vs. Ipswich @ Ipswich

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Northwestern @ Groton

### Tuesday, January 29, 2019

3:30 p.m.: Upper Dakota Conference Congressional Debate at Groton

5:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Langford @ Langford

6:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Langford @ Langford

### Thursday, January 31, 2019

4:00pm: Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Webster Area High School @ Webster Armory (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade at 5 p.m.)

6:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tiospa Zina @ Groton Area High School

### Friday, February 1, 2019

5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Tiospa Zina @ Tiospa Zina High School followed by JV and Varsity games.

## 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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## WINTER STORM WATCH

...WINTER STORM WATCH IN EFFECT FROM SUNDAY AFTERNOON THROUGH MONDAY MORNING...

\* WHAT...Blizzard conditions possible. Total snow accumulations of 2 to 6 inches and ice accumulations of a light glaze possible. Winds could gust to 40 to 50 mph causing widespread blowing snow and possible blizzard conditions.

\* WHERE...Portions of north central and northeast South Dakota.

\* WHEN...From Sunday afternoon through Monday morning.

\* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...Plan on slippery road conditions. Blowing snow could significantly reduce visibility. The hazardous conditions could impact the morning commute. Gusty winds could bring down tree branches. The cold wind chills as low as 25 below zero could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.

A Winter Storm Watch for blizzard conditions means there is a potential for falling and/or blowing snow with strong winds and extremely poor visibilities. This can lead to whiteout conditions and make travel very dangerous.

It's Boys' Basketball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Vermillion  
Tanagers**

VS



**Groton Area Tigers**

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019

5:30 p.m.

at Madison HS Auxiliary Gym

Broadcast of this game is sponsored by

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## Cyclones remain undefeated with win over Groton Area

Clark-Willow Lake scored 18 straight points to take the thunder out of Groton Area and control of the game to post a 72-49 win. The Cyclones remain undefeated at 10-0. The Tigers drop to 4-8 on the season.

Brodyn DeHoet scored 13 points in the first quarter which included three three-pointers as he led the Tigers with 19 points. Kaden Kurtz made two three-pointers in the second half and finished with eight points. Treyton Diegel also made two three-pointers and finished with eight points. Jayden Zak had one three-pointer and five points. Cyruss DeHoet made a three-pointer in the fourth quarter for three points. Cade Guthmiller, Austin Jones and Tristan Traphagen each had two points.

Grayson Florey led the Cyclones with 23 points while Micah Burke had 18, Stone Burke had a double-double night with 15 points and 11 rebounds and Jacob Prouty had 13 points.

Groton Area made 19 of 51 field goals for 46 percent, was two of two from the line, had 14 assists with B. DeHoet and Kurtz each having four. Groton Area had nine fouls for the game and Clark-Willow Lake had six. The The Tigers had 14 turnovers with seven of them being steals. The Cyclones had 15 turnovers with five of them being steals as Diegel and Kurtz each had two. Clark-Willow Lake had the edge on the boards, 33-26. B. DeHoet had six rebounds.

Groton Area started out strong, taking a 6-0 lead and led it, 10-5. The Cyclones came back to tie the game at 10 and then there were three lead changes before Clark-Willow Lake took a 21-18 lead after the first quarter. Groton Area closed to within one, 21-20, to start the second quarter before the Cyclones made 18 straight points to take a 39-20 lead, leading 37-30 at half time and 56-39 after three quarters.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 42-31. Jayden Zak led the Tigers with 12 points while Cole Simon had five, Tristan Traphagen four, Lane Tietz and Chandler Larson each had three and Wyatt Hearnen and Isaac Smith each had two points.

## Democratic leader optimistic about session, new governor

By Dana Hess  
For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The minority leader in the state House of Representatives said he is “cautiously optimistic” about the new governor and the prospects for the current session of the Legislature to get things done for the betterment of South Dakotans.

Rep. Jamie Smith, D-Sioux Falls, made his remarks to about 40 editors and publishers gathered in Pierre for Newspaper Day at the Legislature, sponsored by the South Dakota Newspaper Association.

Smith said he was heartened by Gov. Kristi Noem’s calls for greater transparency in government and her emphasis on education.

“They were things Democrats could get behind,” said Smith, noting that there are 11 Democrats in the House and seven of them are rookie legislators.

“They are great new representatives,” Smith said. “We are people who want to solve South Dakota problems.”

Asked about the prospect of a bill being introduced governing transgender bathrooms, Smith said that kind of legislation wasn’t good for South Dakota.

“We’re trying to solve a problem that doesn’t exist,” Smith said.

Smith said he’s worried about legislation that would allow permitless carry of concealed weapons and allow guns in the Capitol.

“I don’t feel that guns on the Capitol floor make me safer,” Smith said.

A former teacher, Smith said he was not necessarily opposed to the governor’s proposal that high school seniors pass a U.S. citizenship test in order to graduate.

Civics is part of the curriculum in South Dakota starting in kindergarten, Smith said.

“There are ways they should be getting this information,” Smith said.

As an example, Smith said he doesn’t think it’s so important that students be able to name the Supreme Court justices as it is for them to know how to find that information in five minutes.

Senate Bill 6 requires that a woman have a sonogram prior to an abortion. Smith characterized this as “a gotcha piece of legislation” designed to get lawmakers on the record and then use it against them when they run for re-election.

Smith ended the press conference on an optimistic note about the current legislative session: “At the end of the day, there will be positive change made for the state of South Dakota.”



**House Minority Leader Jamie Smith of Sioux Falls held a press conference with editors and publishers gathered in Pierre for Newspaper Day at the Legislature.** (S.D. Newspaper Association photo)



## Republican leader defends House speaker in clash with lobbyist

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The House majority leader defended the actions of the Speaker of the House who has banned a lobbyist from the House floor over an article she wrote that was critical of lawmakers.

Rep. Lee Qualm, R-Platte, made his remarks to about 40 editors and publishers gathered in Pierre for Newspaper Day at the Legislature sponsored by the S.D. Newspaper Association.

At issue were the actions of House Speaker Steven Haugaard, R-Sioux Falls, who has banned lobbyist Yvonne Taylor from the House floor. Haugaard took issue with an article Taylor wrote in May saying that the Legislature is made up of 80 percent “normals” and 20 percent “wackies.” She urged readers to elect more “normals” to the Legislature.

Taylor, the executive director of the S.D. Municipal League, has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court alleging that Haugaard has violated her First Amendment rights and she seeks to be restored to access to the House floor.

The floor is open to the public, lobbyists and the media except just prior to the House session and just after it ends. Most lawmakers don't have offices in the Capitol and meet constituents and lobbyists at their desks on the House floor.

Qualm defended the actions of Haugaard.

“I'm supportive of what he did,” Qualm said. “We have the ability to say who comes on the floor and who can't.”

Qualm said the House Speaker took the action to “build up the Legislature.”

“It seems like the Legislature gets demeaned a lot,” Qualm said. “I think that's unfortunate.”



**Senate Majority leader Kris Langer of Dell Rapids, second from the left, answers a question during a press conference held during Newspaper Day at the Legislature sponsored by the S.D. Newspaper Association. Republican leaders who answered questions for editors and publishers were, from the left, Assistant House Majority Leader Arch Beal of Sioux Falls, Langer, House Majority Leader Lee Qualm of Platte and Senate Assistant Majority Leader Jim Bolin of Canton.** (S.D. Newspaper Association photo)

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Asked if there was a chance that a journalist would face the same treatment after an unflattering article or critical editorial, Qualm said that wasn't likely to happen.

"I know I'm going to get criticized," Qualm said, adding, "We want to have a culture of respect for everybody."

Other majority leaders at the press conference included House Assistant Majority Leader Arch Beal of Sioux Falls, Senate Majority Leader Kris Langer of Dell Rapids and Senate Assistant Majority Leader Jim Bolin of Canton.

The legislators predicted that the most lobbied bill of the session would be SB66 which limits the ability of municipal electric systems to expand.

Bolin called it the "biggest legislation of this session," characterizing it as a struggle between REAs that believe they are losing territory and municipal electric departments that don't want to lose their ability to expand.

"It's going to be one of the highly contested bills of the session," Langer predicted.

Most of the Republican leaders expressed support for HB1074 which creates a reporter shield law in South Dakota. Shield laws protect reporters from having to turn over their notes to law enforcement or compelling them to testify in court.

Langer said she had done no research on the subject, but Beal and Qualm said they have signed on as sponsors of the bill and Bolin said he supports the principle.

When asked about the role state government should play in cleaning up South Dakota's rivers and stream, Bolin pointed to the difficulty in getting various state, federal and regional entities to cooperate.

"You've got to deal with the entire drainage area," Bolin said. "These groups are very jealous of their authority."

It's Silver Skates Action on GDILIVE.COM



**2:00 p.m.  
Sunday,  
Jan. 27,  
2019**

**A note from the Carnival of Silver Skates Committee:**

**Silver Skates weekend update:**

- \* We are closely monitoring the weather forecast
- \* A decision will be made tomorrow morning regarding the carnival performances
- \* As always, the backup plan is the next Sunday, Feb 3, with one afternoon performance

**Please watch Facebook and email for updates throughout today and tomorrow morning - a final decision will be made tomorrow morning! Thanks for your patience and cooperation!**

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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

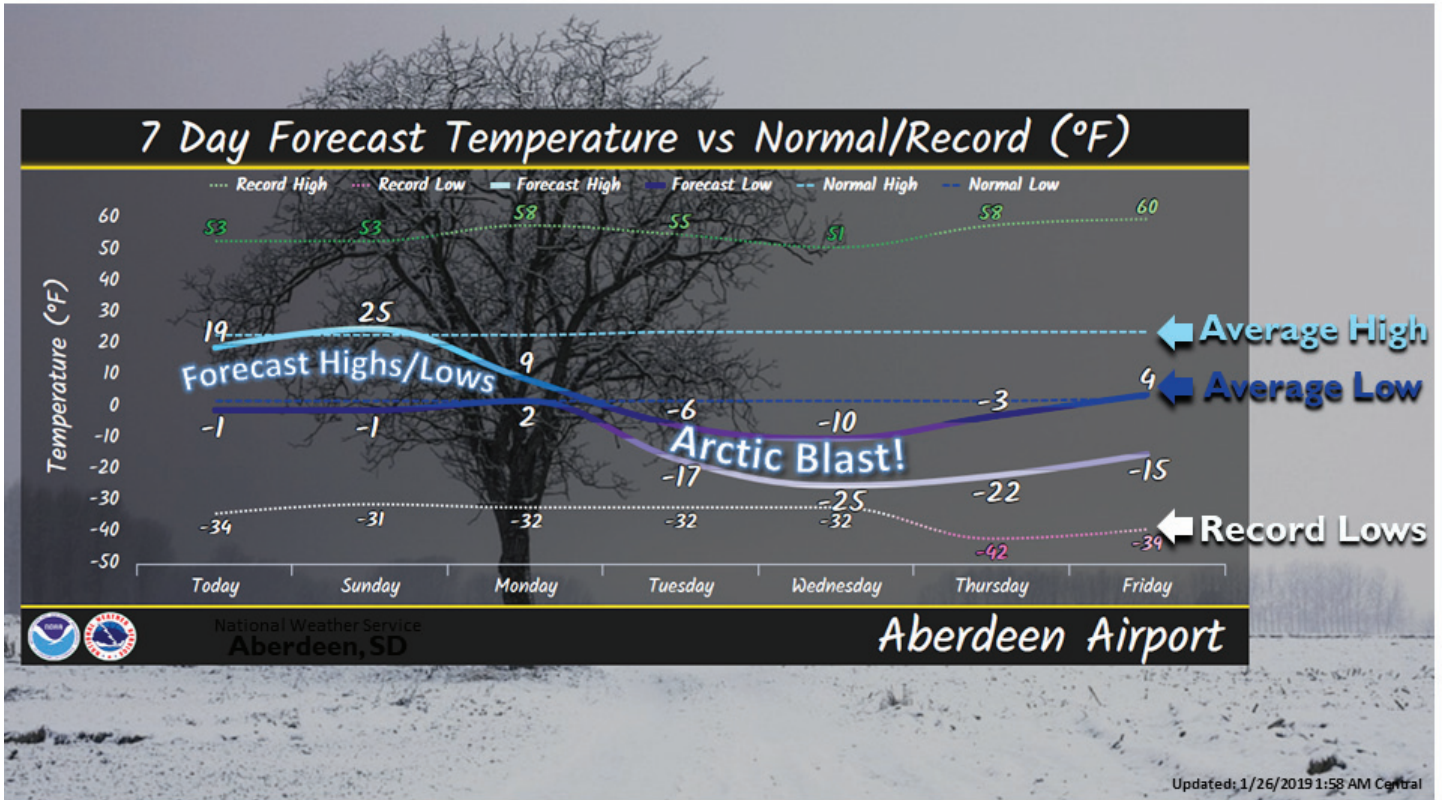
Parking: Provided around the rink and on the ice or cozy up on the bleachers  
(Ice parking begins at 10 am, then again at 4:30 pm)

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



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Here is an example of how cold this arctic rush of air is compared to normals for the Aberdeen area. Trends are similar for just about everywhere else for central and eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota, so don't get too hung up on the exact numbers as it will vary quite a bit across our forecast area. Just be aware that we could see some records with high temperatures expected to fall well below normal lows for this time of year. Also, don't forget this arctic blast follows a snow and wind storm that starts off the work week - but we'll have more details about that in later updates to our graphics...

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## Today in Weather History

January 26, 1977: Four days of very strong winds occurred from the 26th through the 29th with a strong low pressure area over western Ontario. Strong northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph with gusts into the 60s caused widespread blowing and drifting snow with most roads closed with many traffic accidents. The winds combined with subzero temperatures to create wind chills of 60 to 80 below zero. Many schools were closed for several days.

January 26, 2014: A strong Alberta Clipper system generated light snow and strong winds across the region resulting in blizzard conditions. On Sunday morning, a band of moderate to heavy snow showers developed over North Dakota and swept down through our region producing cloud to ground lightning and thundersnow at times. Snowfall amounts were generally three inches or less. Wind gusts ranged from 45 to 55 mph at times. Several no travel advisories were issued due to poor visibilities in blizzard conditions with state officials closing a large portion of Interstate-29 from Brookings to the North Dakota border. Click [HERE](#) for more information. January 2014 will go down as one of the windiest months across the region along with extreme temperatures swings, especially for northeast South Dakota. The constant bombardment from powerful clipper systems from the northwest was responsible for this unusual weather.

1772: Possibly the greatest snowfall ever recorded in Washington started on this day. When the storm began, Thomas Jefferson was returning home from his honeymoon with his new bride, Martha Wayles Skelton. The newlyweds made it to within eight miles of Monticello before having to abandon their carriage in the deep snow. Both finished the ride on horseback in the blinding snow. The newlyweds arrived home late on the night of January 26th. In Jefferson's "Garden Book," he wrote "the deepest snow we have ever seen. In Albermarle it was about 3. F. deep."

1937: The wettest month ever in Cincinnati, Ohio is January 1937 when 13.68 inches fell. Their average January amount is 3.00 inches of precipitation. The overabundance of precipitation over the Ohio River basin caused near record to record flooding in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. On this day, the river gauge reached 80 feet in Cincinnati, the highest level in the city's history. The Ohio River reached 57 feet in Louisville, Kentucky on the 27th, also setting a new record by ten feet. Seventy percent of the city was under water at that time.

1978 - A paralyzing blizzard struck the Midwest. One to three feet of snow fell in Michigan, and 20 to 40 inches was reported across Indiana. Winds reached 70 mph in Michigan, and gusted above 100 mph in Ohio. The high winds produced snow drifts twenty feet high in Michigan and Indiana stranding thousands on the interstate highways. Temperatures in Ohio dropped from the 40s to near zero during the storm. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The California coast was battered by a storm which produced record high tides, thirty-two foot waves, and mudslides, causing millions of dollars damage. The storm then moved east and dumped four feet of snow on Lake Tahoe. (22nd-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A winter storm spread heavy snow across the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast States, with 18 inches reported at Vineland NJ, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Chatham MA. Snow cover in Virginia ranged up to thirty inches following this second major storm in just one week. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

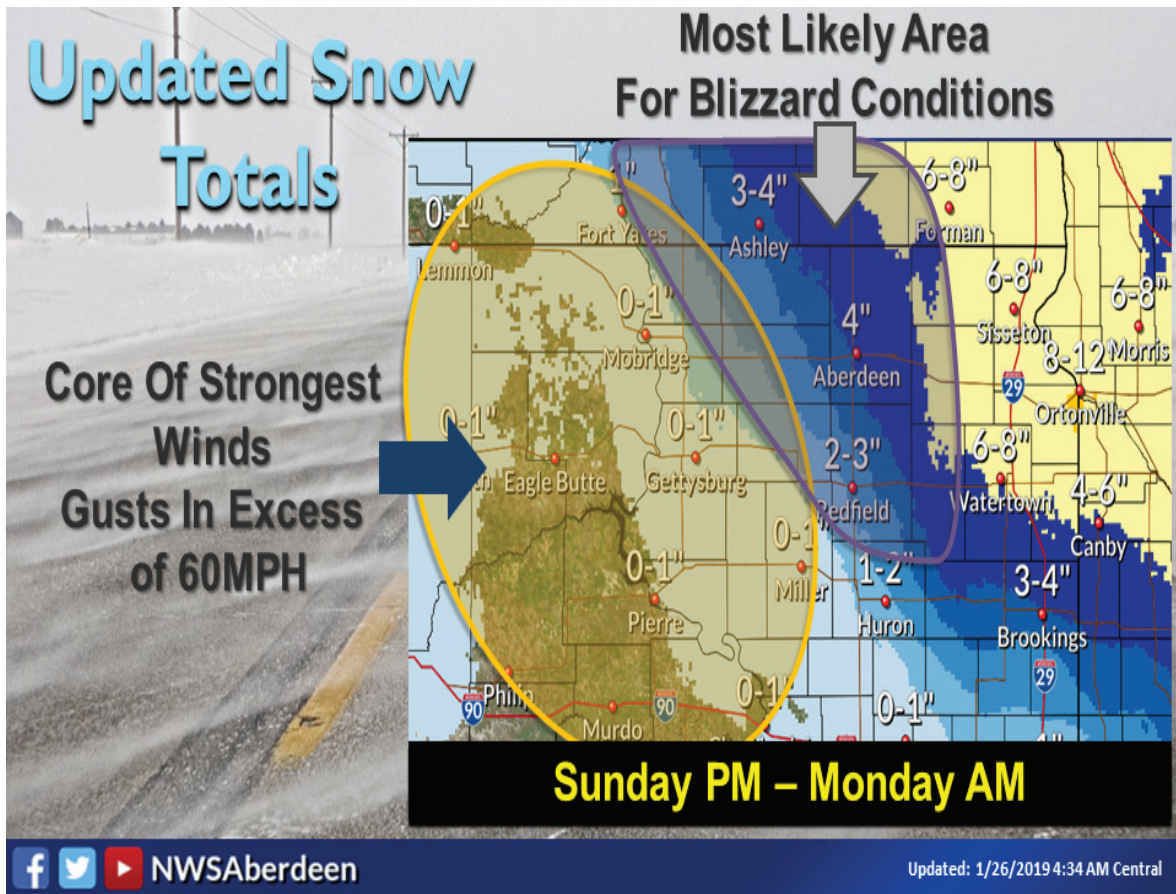
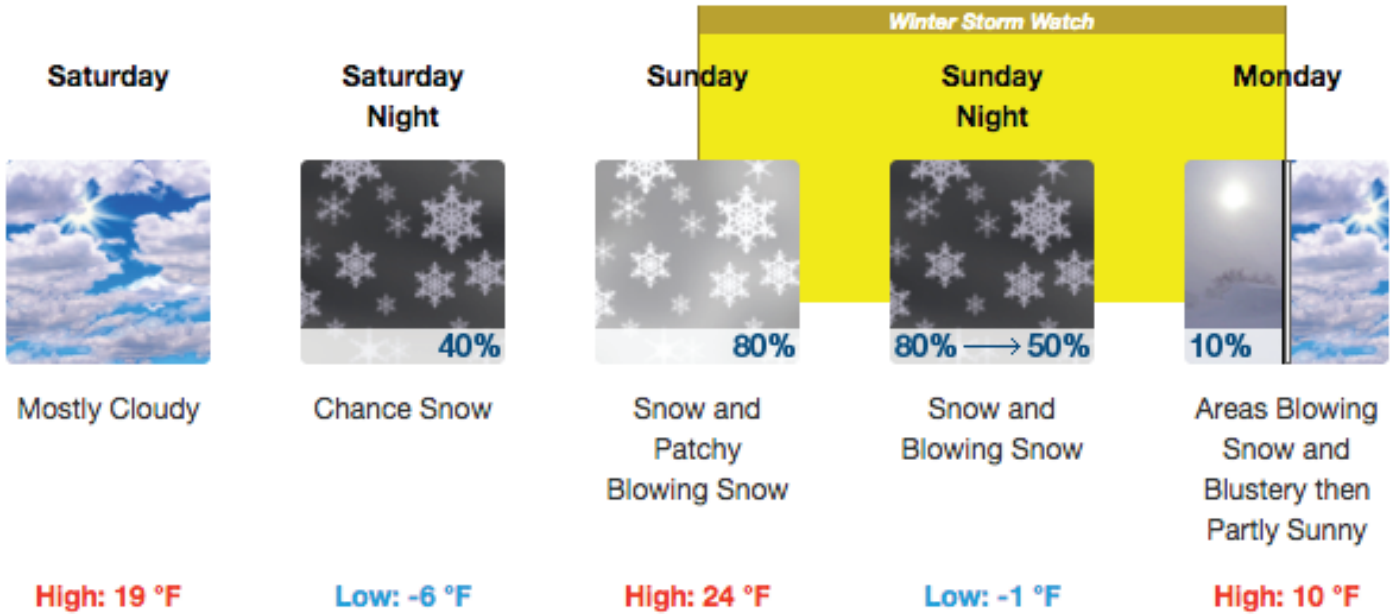
1988 - A snowstorm in the northeastern U.S. produced 19 inches at Austerlitz NY and Stillwater NY. A storm in the Great Lakes Region left 16.5 inches at Marquette MI, for a total of 43 inches in six days. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Snow and high winds created blizzard-like conditions in northwestern Vermont. Winds at Saint Albans gusted to 88 mph. In Alaska, the town of Cold Foot (located north of Fairbanks) reported a morning low of 75 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A winter storm spread high winds from the northwestern U.S. to Wyoming and Colorado, with heavy snow in some of the high elevations. Stevens Pass WA received 17 inches of snow, half of which fell in four hours. In extreme northwest Wyoming, Togwotee Mountain Lodge received 24 inches of snow. Winds in Colorado gusted to 90 mph at Rollinsville. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Here is our Saturday morning updated snowfall map for the upcoming system. The storm is just reaching the west coast in the Gulf of Alaska, and will take another day to get here, but when it does, it will be accompanied by strong winds in addition to the 4-8 inches of snow, though the strongest winds will be separated from the heaviest snowfall. Between these two features is the most likely area to see blizzard conditions.



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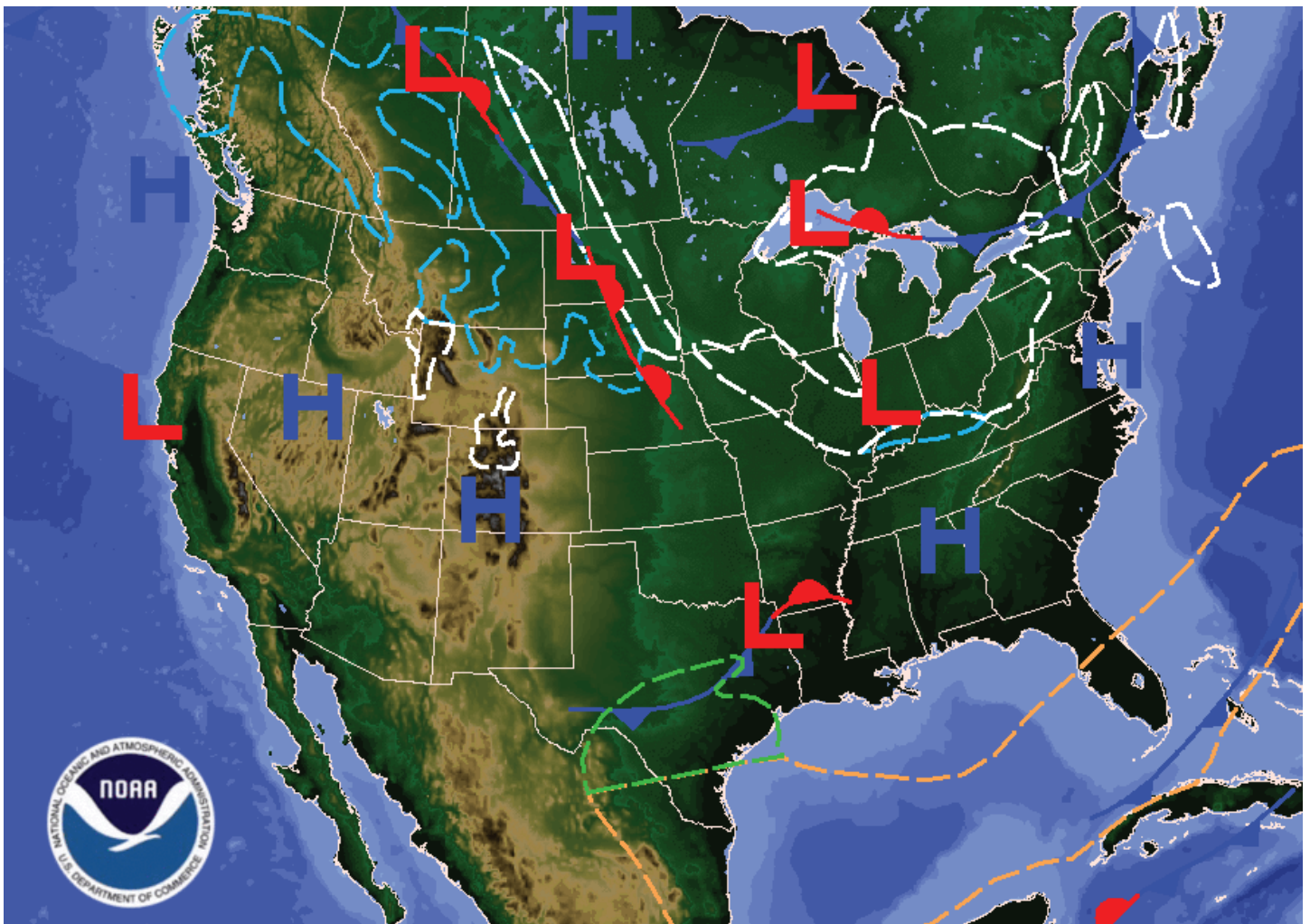
## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 0 °F at 10:19 AM**  
**Low Outside Temp: -16 °F at 12:00 AM**  
**High Gust: 19 mph at 3:51 AM**

Precip:

## Today's Info

**Record High: 58 in 1947**  
**Record Low: -30 in 1950**  
**Average High: 23°F**  
**Average Low: 2°F**  
**Average Precip in Jan.: 0.39**  
**Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 0.39**  
**Precip Year to Date: 0.09**  
**Sunset Tonight: 5:32 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:00 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 26, 2019, issued 3:42 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Tate 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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## PRAISE THE LORD

The Psalms begin with the requirements that we must have as our goals as Christians. It ends with our responsibility to praise Him for Who He is: a God Who is above us yet with us and concerned for us; a God Whose acts of power protect us and provide for us, and surpass all others because of His greatness. What a glorious God!

The Hebrew word for praise in this Psalm contains a significantly different meaning than the other words used for praise. It is yadah and means that we are to confess publicly Gods greatness. This is not something we often do. But it is something we must do. So, please ask yourself, and then answer the two questions below:

First: What God has done for me today?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Second: What is God doing for me right now?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now comes the hard part: Find someone to share your responses with. Let them know how important your God is to you, the difference He makes in your life and how He can help them.

This Psalm talks of using noisy instruments to get the attention of others. However, the way we live should speak so loudly we wont need noise-makers. Perhaps a final question is: How do others see God in my life?

Prayer: I pray, Father, that my life will be what You want it to be and that others will see You in the way I live. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.



## 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

### The shutdown today: Workers to get paid 'in the coming days'

By The Associated Press

What's up now that the partial government shutdown ended after 35 days:

#### WHAT'S NEW

President Donald Trump signed a short-term deal Friday to end the shutdown after delays at the nation's airports and widespread disruptions brought new urgency to efforts to resolve the standoff.

Travelers endured widespread flight delays in the Northeast as federal officials grappled with a shortage of air traffic controllers, who missed paychecks Friday because of the partial government shutdown. LaGuardia Airport in New York and Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey were the hardest hit, but delays rippled across the nation's air-travel system.

Federal workers who have gone a month without getting paid during the longest government shutdown in U.S. history expressed relief Friday that a deal had been reached to end the impasse but are worried they'll be in the same spot in a few weeks.

When will they get paid? It's unclear at this time. The White House tweeted that it will be "in the coming days."

#### QUOTES OF THE DAY

"If we don't get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15, again, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws and Constitution of the United States to address this emergency," — Trump

"The president thought he could crack Democrats and he didn't, and I hope it's a lesson for him." — Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

#### WHAT'S COMING NEXT

The Trump administration asked federal department heads to reopen offices in a "prompt and orderly manner" and said furloughed employees can return to work. A bipartisan committee of lawmakers will be formed to review recommendations from Homeland Security experts and law enforcement concerning what actions should be taken on the southern border.

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

### Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

#### BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Arlington 65, Deubrook 35  
Brandon Valley 61, Aberdeen Central 58  
Bridgewater-Emery 62, Hanson 52  
Britton-Hecla 75, Redfield/Doland 61  
Burke 61, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 56, OT  
Colome 53, Platte-Geddes 50  
Corsica/Stickney 74, Menno 64  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 67, Lake Preston 66, OT  
Edgemont 49, Hay Springs, Neb. 48  
Florence/Henry 54, Great Plains Lutheran 39  
Harrisburg 49, Watertown 33

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Herreid/Selby Area 71, Ipswich 64  
Highmore-Harrold 66, Iroquois 36  
Hot Springs 70, St. Francis Indian 58  
Howard 53, Ethan 50  
Huron 70, Pierre 48  
Kimball/White Lake 66, Wolsey-Wessington 59  
Mobridge-Pollock 62, Chamberlain 45  
Northwestern 59, Langford 49  
Pine Ridge 67, White River 51  
Potter County 71, Sunshine Bible Academy 38  
Rapid City Central 54, Scottsbluff, Neb. 43  
Rapid City Christian 75, Custer 65  
Sioux Falls Christian 69, Dakota Valley 66  
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 56, Yankton 53  
Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 63, Eureka/Bowdle 14  
Todd County 65, McLaughlin 50  
Tri-Valley 69, Elk Point-Jefferson 63  
Wagner 71, Scotland 67  
Warner 53, Waubay/Summit 43  
Winner 68, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 58  
Dakota Oyate Challenge(equals)  
Consolation Semifinal(equals)  
Crazy Horse 66, Takini 27  
Marty Indian 79, Tiospaye Topa 42  
Semifinal(equals)  
Lower Brule 76, Omaha Nation, Neb. 69  
Tiospa Zina Tribal 68, Flandreau Indian 45  
**GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL**  
Aberdeen Roncalli 64, Webster 20  
Avon 57, Parkston 44  
Bowman County, N.D. 66, Lemmon 61  
Brandon Valley 66, Aberdeen Central 40  
Bridgewater-Emery 56, Hanson 52  
Centerville 70, Aberdeen Christian 41  
Chamberlain 50, Mobridge-Pollock 37  
Colman-Egan 36, Estelline/Hendricks 32  
Corsica/Stickney 68, Menno 53  
Custer 46, Rapid City Christian 37  
DeSmet 78, Elkton-Lake Benton 10  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 49, Lake Preston 44  
Deubrook 47, Arlington 34  
Deuel 61, Sisseton 41  
Elk Point-Jefferson 44, Tri-Valley 36  
Ethan 61, Howard 32  
Highmore-Harrold 53, Iroquois 16  
Ipswich 48, Herreid/Selby Area 38  
James Valley Christian 47, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 13  
Mitchell 53, Watertown 41  
Platte-Geddes 61, Colome 54  
Potter County 56, Sunshine Bible Academy 48

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Scotland 57, Wagner 49  
Scottsbluff, Neb. 64, Rapid City Central 59  
Sioux Falls Christian 53, Dakota Valley 41  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 46, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 36  
Tea Area 62, Madison 39  
Todd County 80, McLaughlin 74  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 71, Burke 41  
Wall 60, Timber Lake 42  
Winner 66, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 59  
Big East Conference Tournament(equals)  
Consolation Semifinal(equals)  
Chester 43, Baltic 37  
Garretson 50, Sioux Valley 22  
Semifinal(equals)  
Beresford 60, Flandreau 53  
McCook Central/Montrose 52, Parker 24  
Dakota Oyate Challenge(equals)  
Consolation Semifinal(equals)  
Marty Indian 50, Tiospaye Topa 45  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 69, Takini 50  
Semifinal(equals)  
Flandreau Indian 60, Crazy Horse 39  
Lower Brule 60, Tiospa Zina Tribal 38

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

## South Dakota college seeks to address declining enrollment

By KATHERINE GRANDSTRAND, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Changes are coming to Presentation College.

After a few years of declining enrollment and an evolving higher education landscape, the administration has decided now is the time to set the small Catholic college up for a successful future, the Aberdeen American News reported.

"Our enrollment is declining, and that decline made us take notice," said President Margaret Huber. "We're trying to be proactive. So that's why we talked about pivoting, rather than enrollment, although enrollment is part of this story."

Headcount enrollment — which measures students whether they take one credit or a full load — hit an all-time high in fall 2016 with 821, but then dropped by 60 students the following year. Enrollment for the fall 2018 semester was 700.

"What we're trying to do is figure out why and to figure out what we can do to make the next several years — either turn that around or augment our enrollment with new programming and new ideas," Huber said.

The first big step is shoring up the budget for the current school year. Presentation has already cut the use of adjunct faculty, not filled positions when people have left, adjusted the faculty and staff health care plan, and trimmed work study hours and positions, she said.

"For next year we are developing a budget that is probably just as lean," Huber said.

But it's not just cuts, said Chris Stocklin, vice president for finance. It's also looking at ways the college could bring in more money.

"Being student-enrollment driven, being (that's) the vast majority of financial resources, and we have to broaden the base," he said. "We can't be so dependent upon enrollment."

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That could mean fundraising or creating partnerships with other institutions and entities, Stocklin said. "I always say there's money in this country. There's no shortage of money in America, it's just a matter of we've got to figure out, among the administration, how we're going to tap into those financial resources," he said. "It's just not going to be regional, here in South Dakota, we're going to have to seek out financial resources across the country."

Even with all the changes at the administrative level, the hope is that students notice little to nothing, Huber said.

"As we work our way through the plan, the students, the only thing they might experience is our talking to them more, asking them their opinions about the future or how they experience the present on the campus," she said. "The impact of everything we're doing is to maintain a quality experience for the student throughout."

So far this semester, the biggest change sophomore roommates Megan Roehl and Hannah Hoffert have witnessed is a more upbeat attitude throughout campus. The pair were recently working the desk in the Welcome Center.

"I think with the new semester, everyone's moods kind of change and there's a different dynamic when you first start a semester, versus when you end one," Roehl said.

A nursing student from Ellendale, North Dakota, she said most students only tend to notice changes when they have new instructors, or when there's a physical change, like the creation of the Welcome Center at the entrance of the Main Building.

"We are not just a number campus, we're family," said Hoffert, a human services and psychology major from Rugby, North Dakota. "We know every name that comes by, we know people. You get to know everyone as a person, you don't just know them as a face. You know them as a name, you probably know their parents' names, you probably know where they come from."

They work with Marcus Garstecki, the new vice president of enrollment and marketing, through their involvement in the Student Ambassadors Club.

"If I wasn't a student ambassador, I probably wouldn't know that new people have come in," Roehl said.

Being student ambassadors means they get a chance to meet potential students and sell them on Presentation.

Between now and the beginning of the next fiscal year — which starts July 1 — administration, faculty and staff are working to come up with changes, Huber said.

"When you pivot, when you reinvent, you have to decide what to keep, and you have to decide what to add," Huber said. "Deciding what to keep — I said that rather than deciding what to get rid of, because people don't like to do that. But we ought to decide what is the core of our business."

The school is working to attract those who have traditionally been nontraditional students — those working full time or going back to school after many years, said Diane Duin, vice president of academics.

"One of the things that I'm focusing on is how do we grow ... Presentation Virtual — our online (courses) — and reach out to students that we maybe haven't traditionally thought about," she said.

Presentation has already seen success with its online, licensed practical nursing to bachelor of science in nursing program, which is geared toward working nurses who do not have a four-year degree, Duin said.

The first students of Presentation's new online-based master of science in nursing will graduate in spring 2020.

The school is also looking for other areas it could grow into. Addiction counseling has come up, Duin said.

"We have a human services program that fits beautifully. Shouldn't we, in rural South Dakota, be addressing a need such as that?" she said.

And because Presentation is so small and not part of a bigger system, it has some flexibility.

"In public, there's far more layers," Duin said. "We can make those moves a little quicker, we can pivot a little faster."

During the past two decades, Presentation has grown its athletic programs to include football, soccer, softball and, most recently, cross-country.

The majority of Presentation students are student-athletes. About 80 percent of each freshman class on



campus in Aberdeen is on a team, Huber said.

None of those programs are on the chopping block, but their rosters might shrink in the coming years, she said.

"We want to right-size that roster size so students have the opportunity to play," she said. "We're planning on paying real close attention to how our teams are built in the future."

Presentation's struggles aren't unique. Across the country the halls of higher learning are seeing a decline in traditional students — those who go to college right after high school, live on campus and graduate in four years.

The college is working with a consulting firm to develop its plan, Huber said.

The idea-gathering phase will end in February, then it's on to making solid, detailed plans to present to the board of trustees in April.

"We're not good at everything and we don't want to do everything. We want to be pretty selective about what Presentation will be in the future," Huber said.

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

## Community helps troubled teen find new life in South Dakota

By BRIAN HAENCHEN, Argus Leader

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — Iesha Meredith's townhome comes to life when Doyle Brown, her younger brother, walks through the door.

The Madison High School senior, who moved to South Dakota from Louisiana in 2015 to escape the negative influences of his early teens, is immediately swarmed by his nieces, who greet him with hugs and declarations that he is their favorite uncle, the Argus Leader reported.

"Doyle just has that personality," Meredith said.

In the living room, Brown begins scrolling through photos from his youth, with sisters Iesha and TanChicca Meredith playfully ribbing him as they reminisce.

"He was this sturdy kid with a big ol' head," Iesha Meredith laughs, recalling a moment from their childhood when she and another sister ran Brown through the dryer for stealing their candy. When he wobbled out, threatening to tell their mother, they tied him up and promised to give him all their candy if he didn't tattle.

They still got in trouble.

"We've had our ups-and-downs as sisters and brothers," Iesha Meredith said, "but it was never anything we couldn't work out."

Fast forward to 2019 in Madison, where Brown has found fresh perspective in a new home. Living with Mike and Shanley Dorris and their daughter Karsyn Dorris, Brown competes in football, basketball and track for the Bulldogs and is a few months away from earning his high school diploma, which would have seemed unthinkable a few years back.

"Doyle's future is bright," said Mike Dorris, who runs an insurance business in Madison with his wife. "We're just trying to keep him on the right path."

Five years ago, Brown was living in Ferriday, Louisiana, an impoverished town of about 3,200 two hours north of Baton Rouge. Devastated by his brother's tragic death and finding plenty of trouble himself, he was on a trajectory that likely would have landed him in jail.

At 15 years old, he realized the direction he was headed and made the decision to turn his life around. Following in Iesha's footsteps, he left Louisiana, joining his older sister and her three daughters in Madison. She had gotten her life together since moving away, so why couldn't he?

It was difficult for Brown and his mother, Marilyn Cauley, to part ways, but they both knew it was for the best. As part of his fresh start, Brown has found a rock-solid support system, with family and friends doing whatever they can to help him succeed.

"Doyle in Louisiana to Doyle here, you wouldn't even know him," said TanChicca Meredith, watching her brother play with his nieces. "The transition was so amazing. I don't know how to explain it. All the things

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a teenage boy should be doing, he's doing. He's driving, he has goals — that wasn't the Doyle back home." Pondering the path that saw him travel more than 1,000 miles to find a new life, Brown puts it in simpler terms.

"Coming to Madison changed me," he said. "It changed me a lot."

Brown still hasn't opened up about the night his brother, Kenya Cauley, was killed, but it was a moment that had an undeniable impact on his life.

"I was a good kid before that happened," Brown said. "When (Kenya) passed away, everything changed."

Cauley was shot and killed on May 13, 2012. According to reports, the 17-year-old was playing a game with a man who intended to fire a bullet over Cauley's head. He missed and shot him in the chest. Cauley was airlifted to the hospital, where he died that night.

Iesha Meredith said their brother's death led Brown down a troubled path. He began putting his energy and emotions toward negative things. He was getting into fights and stealing four-wheelers and bikes. Eventually, he stopped going to school, missing what would have been his seventh-grade year.

Brown wasn't necessarily looking for trouble, but he was hanging around people who were. He was young and foolish and on the verge of ruining his life.

"I was skating the line of really getting in trouble," he said. "One more thing and I would have gotten sent away."

It wasn't until Iesha Meredith decided to start fresh and move in with her boyfriend in Madison — where he had a full-time job — that Brown began evaluating his own future. He realized there was no happy ending to the path he was headed down.

He needed to get out of Ferriday.

Brown wanted to join Iesha Meredith when she first moved to Madison in 2013. Her boyfriend had a place with enough room for her, her children and Brown. But Marilyn Cauley refused to let her youngest son go. She was convinced she could help him turn his life around.

"When I talked to my mom, she would say, 'Come get him. Just come get him,'" Iesha Meredith recalled. "So we would set a date to go down and get him, but she would change her mind because that was her baby boy."

Marilyn Cauley was reluctant to let Brown go, but it reached the point where she knew he needed a new environment, even as far away as South Dakota. In September of 2015, while back home with her boyfriend for a funeral, Iesha Meredith brought Brown with her to Madison.

"When I first heard the name South Dakota, I thought about it. Where was I going?" Brown said. "When I got here, I knew it. I was going to be surrounded by white people. It was like, 'All right, we'll see how this goes.' You just never know."

There were plenty of things Brown had to adjust to when he moved to Madison, which has a population of about 7,000 and is more than 90 percent white. There was also the challenging Upper Midwest weather to consider.

Socially, however, Brown's personality helped him flourish almost immediately.

Within hours of moving to town, he'd already begun making friends, meeting classmate Nic Comes, who invited him to play basketball at the community center. A day later, he returned and was introduced to another future teammate, Aaron Fiegen.

"It didn't take him long to make friends," says Michael Ricke, Madison's high school athletic director and former boys basketball coach. "Doyle just has that type of beaming personality that draws people to him."

Another classmate Brown quickly befriended was Karsyn Dorris. Her mother, Shanley Dorris, recalls the October afternoon when her daughter first told her about Brown, the new kid in her class from Louisiana.

The classmates had clicked to the point where Karsyn Dorris wanted to invite Brown over for Thanksgiving dinner. Shanley Dorris was reluctant at first, but after learning that her daughter's new friend had nowhere to go (his sister was working that day), she agreed.

It didn't take long for Brown to become part of the Dorris family.

"He's such a likable, lovely kid," Shanley Dorris said. "You can't meet Doyle and not love him."

Brown and the Dorris family have grown closer over the years. He's become like their son, joining the

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family for the holidays when his sister is working. He even traveled with them to the Dominican Republic over Christmas.

"They're willing to do anything for me," Brown said. "I love them just like my own family. They're good people."

When Iesha Meredith ran into financial troubles last fall and was considering moving back to Louisiana, Mike and Shanley Dorris offered to have Doyle live with them. Iesha Meredith sorted out her problems and was able to stay in Madison, but Brown still moved in with the Dorris family, on the condition he would continue helping his sister.

"He's still very involved with his family. They do truly care about him," Shanley Dorris said. "We're just helping him get from point A to point B so he can use the potential he's got for his future."

Sports offered Brown a positive outlet that was part of his new awakening.

On the football field, Madison coach Max Hodgen recognized the freshman linebacker as a raw but aggressive and talented player. "He's an animal out there," the longtime head coach said of the 2018 Argus Leader Elite 45 selection, who has a chance to play football in college.

Brown has also developed into a key contributor on the basketball court and on the track, but his growth has not come without challenges. He had to learn how to handle expectations and adjust to being held accountable for his actions. He could no longer get away with just giving up when faced with adversity.

"It was so frustrating for him because I don't know if he's been challenged and been forced to overcome some of these situations that he's been in," Hodgen said. "I think that's what you see with a lot of kids from broken homes."

There has been adversity along the way for Brown, who acknowledges those stumbles as part of his personal growth.

In the fall of his junior year, a situation upset him so much that he discussed quitting and moving back to Louisiana. Concerned with getting him back on track, Hodgen and Ricke went to Iesha Meredith's apartment and met with her and Brown. The four discussed what happened and convinced him that his problem wasn't worth running away from.

Academically, there were gaps in Brown's learning that led to classroom issues initially. But he was an eager student, according to Hodgen, who said it may have been the first time Brown wasn't being pulled toward something that could get him in trouble.

Hodgen, Ricke and principal Adam Shaw have all become close with Brown during his time at Madison High. Ricke's son is good friends with Brown and Hodgen checks in on him regularly during the school day.

"As teachers, I think we all get in this business because you want to help and give part of yourself to your students," Hodgen said. "That's been most rewarding, working with someone who had so little and watching him come so far."

Brown has found quite the support system in Madison.

If he needs help in any of his classes, there's usually a football or basketball coach that can assist him. Elsewhere in the community, other families and friends have embraced him as one of their own, bolstering him on his journey.

"It truly takes an entire village to raise a child," Mike Dorris said. "Doyle does get in trouble and Doyle does make mistakes and Doyle does talk back when he shouldn't, but at the same time, he has a big heart and he owns up to his mistakes. His infectious personality helps people want to help him."

His sister and nieces have remained an integral part of his life, offering guidance when appropriate and providing a positive influence. Back home, Marilyn Cauley keeps tabs on her son, proudly looking on at his accomplishments.

Brown moved to Madison with the hope of turning his life around and making his mother proud. When he visited her last summer, he gave her his 2017 Class A state football championship ring, a mile marker of sorts, signifying just how far he's come.

"I gave it to her so every time she looks at it, she can think of me and remember what I'm doing and how I changed myself," he said.

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In May, Marilyn Cauley plans to be in Madison to watch her son graduate high school — a moment that she and everyone else who's met Brown envisioned for him. Walking across the stage could be the most important steps of a life-changing journey.

"Doyle makes me proud every day," Iesha Meredith said of her brother. "All the emotions will come out when he graduates, because he did it. He's grown up. He put his head on straight and made some great choices."

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

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

08-16-30-38-61, Mega Ball: 10, Megaplier: 2

(eight, sixteen, thirty, thirty-eight, sixty-one; Mega Ball: ten; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$96 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$161 million

## Coyote killing tweet spurs reproach of South Dakota governor

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is facing criticism on Twitter for advocating that people kill more coyotes.

The Argus Leader reports that Noem's Friday morning tweet shows her standing with Democratic Sen. Troy Heinert, who is wearing a coyote fur coat. The tweet reads: "We need to kill more coyotes so everyone can have a coat like Senator Heinert's. How cool is this?!?"

Responses ranged from calling Noem's tweet "disgusting" to questioning if it was a parody.

South Dakota allows killing of coyotes year-round, except for in Custer State Park, which has a limited season.

There aren't any daily limits, shooting hours or restrictions on guns used to hunt coyotes, which ranchers consider pests.

Noem wants to improve pheasant habitat for hunting in South Dakota and is a strong supporter of the right to have guns.

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

## Colts agree to new deal with NFL's career scoring leader

By MICHAEL MAROT, AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Adam Vinatieri will still be the NFL's oldest active player next season.

The 46-year-old kicker and the Indianapolis Colts have agreed to a new deal, general manager Chris Ballard announced Friday on 1070 The Fan, the radio station that broadcasts the team's games. Terms of the deal were not immediately available.

But it was hardly a surprise. The day after Indy's season ended with a divisional-round loss to Kansas City, Vinatieri said he would "probably" be back for his 24th season in the league. And if all goes as planned, the NFL's career scoring leader might still be adding to his record total of 2,600 a while longer.

"There are no guarantees for any of us that there's a next day, a next year, anything. I've kind of always prepared myself thinking that way," Vinatieri said last month after noting he'd like to play 10 more seasons.



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"There are no guarantees, and when you get to my age, you're absolutely right, your days are numbered."

The four-time Super Bowl champion has showed no signs of slowing down.

He made 23 of 27 field goal attempts last season and finished with 113 points — extending his league record to 21 100-point seasons.

But that's just part of Vinatieri's resume.

In September, he broke Morten Andersen's league record for field goals made and needs 10 more to become the first player with 700 field goals. In October, he broke Andersen's NFL scoring record. In December, he became the fourth player in league history to participate in a game at age 46.

His 32 career playoff games are second all-time, behind former teammate Tom Brady, and he's the only player to score 1,000 points with two different franchises — Indy and New England.

Yet somehow Vinatieri and his white beard seem like a perfect fit in this young locker room.

"He seems like he's the same age he was when I first came in here and I guess that's been eight years," left tackle Anthony Castonzo said earlier this month. "That's pretty impressive, eight years, going through your early 40s that you don't really seem any older. I'm always impressed with how he's able to hang out with the young guys and be one of the guys despite being old enough to be one of our dads."

Andrew Luck added: "Vinny is the best. I love him."

And there are more milestones ahead for Vinatieri if he stays healthy.

His next game played will be No. 354, breaking a tie with Gary Anderson for second on the career list, and if he's still kicking after he turns 47 in late December, Vinatieri would join Andersen and George Blanda as the only 47-year-olds to play in a game.

But Ballard saw another reason to bring back the league's oldest player for another season.

"Do I think he can still kick in this league and be a really good kicker? Absolutely I do," Ballard said Jan. 14 in his season-ending news conference. "He is as important a guy in that locker room as anyone. I don't know if I have been around a special teams player that has as much impact as Adam does in the locker room. From a positive standpoint, all of our young guys that come in get to see Adam Vinatieri work, rehab, prepare his body every year, be a pro, handle the hard times, handle the good times. I mean all of that, what Adam brings, brings a lot of value to this team."

More AP NFL: <https://apnews.com/NFL> and [https://twitter.com/AP\\_NFL](https://twitter.com/AP_NFL)

## Decision to withhold Florida bank victim names tests new law

By SEAN MURPHY, Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Florida police chief's decision not to release the names of some of the five women killed in a bank shooting this week represents the first high-profile test of a law being enacted in several states that pits victim privacy against the public's right to know.

The police chief in Sebring, Florida, declined to release the names of some of the slain women, citing a provision in the "Marsy's Law" amendment to the state constitution that voters approved in November. Florida's law specifically allows crime victims to prevent the disclosure of information that could be used to locate or harass them or their families.

"Is it really necessary for the public to have the names of all five victims to understand what's happening down there and what's going on?" said Paul Cassell, a victim's rights expert and a professor at the University of Utah who supported the Florida law. "I don't think there's a public interest in the specific names of the victims in the immediate aftermath, so I think the law is working as it's intended and having a beneficial effect for families that are grieving right now."

But allowing crime victims to determine what information gets released to the public sets a dangerous precedent, said Barbara Petersen of the Tallahassee-based First Amendment Foundation. Petersen maintains police are misinterpreting the new provisions in a way that could deal a major blow to the public's right to information about its government.



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"How do we hold law enforcement accountable? Are we going to start having secret trials, crime victims testifying behind curtains?" Petersen asked.

She said state legislators need to provide clarity and ensure the amendment does not conflict with Florida's broad public records access laws, and that the privacy provision could end up being challenged in court.

"It is going to have to be resolved," Petersen said.

Beyond the concerns of open government advocates, law enforcement officials in some states say Marsy's Law could hinder their ability to solve crimes if they can't release some details to the public.

Voters in South Dakota ultimately chose to fix Marsy's Law after the original proposal approved in 2016 curtailed the information law enforcement agencies were able to release to the public. The new changes require victims to opt in to many of their rights and specifically allow authorities to share information with the public.

Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Sheriff Mike Milstead, who supported that state's fix, said releasing details about the crime often lead to tips from the public, who are critical to helping law enforcement solve crimes.

Bankrolled by a California billionaire Henry Nicholas, whose sister Marsalee Nicholas was slain in 1983, a version of "Marsy's Law" has been put into the constitutions of more than 15 states, including Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina and Oklahoma just in November.

Although each state's law is unique, language was intentionally included in Florida's amendment to give the families of crime victims greater authority about what kind of personal information is released, Cassell said.

After a loved one is slain, some relatives are eager to talk publicly about their family member, but for others the grieving process is more of a private matter, said Sherry Nolan with the Ohio-based Parents of Murdered Children. Nolan's 24-year-old daughter was killed in 2001.

"I think it should be our option as a family member of a loved one," Nolan said.

Henry Nicholas, the co-founder of tech giant Broadcom, has taken his crusade nationwide and spent millions from his fortune to hire lobbyists, public relations firms and high-powered political strategists to converge on state capitols for a similar push. Operations are ongoing to get the measure on ballots in Idaho, Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Not every state's version of Marsy's Law includes the privacy language, but situations have surfaced in some states where law enforcement withheld information from the public. Before Montana's version of the law was overturned by state courts, police in a city there declined to release the names of two homicide victims, which were also sealed in court documents.

In Oklahoma, open records advocates negotiated with lawmakers drafting the language to keep the privacy provision out.

In Florida, where the amendment took effect Jan. 8, some authorities have stopped releasing crime victim information while others have continued to do so.

Police in the state capital of Tallahassee, for example, provided little about the victim of an apparent traffic crash in which a body was found in the middle of a neighborhood roundabout. Tampa authorities declined to provide information about two people found shot dead in a car near the Busch Gardens theme park.

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## Law officers respond to suit over pipeline protester injury

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Law enforcement officials in North Dakota say they aren't to blame for a severe arm injury a New York City woman sustained while protesting the Dakota Access oil pipeline and that public statements they made blaming her weren't aimed at damaging her character.

They're asking a federal judge to throw out a lawsuit that Sophia Wilansky filed in November seeking millions of dollars in damages for alleged excessive force, assault, negligence, emotional distress and

defamation.

Defense attorneys argue in court documents filed this week that Wilansky has no plausible evidence that her civil rights were violated.

Wilansky was injured during a violent November 2016 clash between protesters and police during the unsuccessful months-long protest in southern North Dakota against the \$3.8 billion pipeline. Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners built it to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois, which it began doing in June 2017.

Wilansky, 21 at the time, suffered a left arm injury in an explosion and has since had five surgeries. Protesters allege the blast was caused by a concussion grenade thrown by officers, but police maintain it was caused by a propane canister that protesters rigged to explode. Who is right is still unknown.

Wilansky last November sued local and state law enforcement officials and Morton County in federal court, alleging that an unknown law officer threw a flashbang device directly at her, and that officers laughed rather than help her as she lay on the ground in agony.

The defendants "deny any explosive device was fired at or near (Wilansky) by law enforcement, and deny defendants bear any responsibility for plaintiff's alleged injuries," county attorney Shawn Grinolds wrote.

Wilansky also says law enforcement made untrue and defamatory public statements about her allegedly carrying an explosive device.

Statements about news events released to the public by law officers as part of their official duties "are entitled to absolutely immunity," Assistant Attorney General Nathan Svihovec and state Solicitor General Matthew Sagsveen wrote. They also noted that Wilansky's father, Wayne, has given interviews to the news media detailing her side of the story.

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## Panel approves requiring abortion providers use state form

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Senate panel on Friday advanced Gov. Kristi Noem's bill to give the state control over a form that women must sign before they can have an abortion.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee voted unanimously to advance the measure to the chamber's floor. Noem told reporters after the vote that abortion providers have been "blurring the lines" on what the law requires for informed consent to get an abortion in South Dakota.

Noem's general counsel, Tom Hart, told the committee that the bill would require providers to use a state Department of Health form to ensure disclosures in law are "accurately and effectively" provided to women seeking an abortion. He said Planned Parenthood has refused to use the department's form and is instead using "language in the disclosures that is contradictory to the purpose" of the law.

Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, which runs South Dakota's only abortion clinic, opposes the bill. Spokeswoman Jen Aulwes said the organization uses its own form that complies with the law and that the state's current version contains "medical misinformation."

"This is not about a woman's right to know all of the information before she makes her decision. A woman already has that right," Aulwes said. "This is about politicians in South Dakota having their own specific agenda around abortion and trying to insert themselves in between a woman and her doctor."

The group also questions who would be liable, the state or Planned Parenthood, if a patient makes a claim that they were misinformed about a procedure they were undergoing, Aulwes said.

She said the Department of Health annually audits Planned Parenthood's consent form and has never found the group is out of compliance with the law. But lawmakers approved a measure last year establishing legislative findings that Sioux Falls Planned Parenthood officials have provided pre-abortion counseling that violates state mandatory disclosure requirements.

The committee on Friday rejected a bill to require providers before performing an abortion to display sonogram images and make audible a fetal heartbeat, if present.

"This is literally a Hail Mary moment where we're hoping that this information is provided to these expectant mothers, that they should have, in deciding this life-altering decision," Republican Sen. Stace Nelson, the bill's sponsor, unsuccessfully argued to the committee.

## 'Icy blast reminds of 2014 'polar vortex,' with worst to come

By **DAVE KOLPACK** and **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — An arctic blast spread painful cold across the Midwest on Friday, closing schools, opening warming centers and even intimidating ice fishermen in a taste of the even more dangerous weather expected next week.

Forecasters called it a replay of the "polar vortex" that bludgeoned the U.S. in 2014 — and maybe even colder, with wind chills by midweek as much as 45 below in Chicago.

"We're going to be feeling it big time," Jeff Masters, meteorology director at the private Weather Underground, said. "It's going to be the coldest air in five years."

For much of middle America, the leading edge was bad enough. Cold weather advisories were in effect Friday from North Dakota to Ohio, with dangerously cold wind chills that could dip to as low as 45 below zero (negative 42 Celsius) in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota and to 35 below (negative 37 Celsius) in parts of northern Illinois and Iowa.

When the polar vortex plunges into the U.S., it will be warmer in parts of the Arctic — Greenland, northern Canada and Alaska — than in Chicago and Minneapolis, meteorologists said.

Schools in Milwaukee canceled classes Friday, when the expected high was just 2 (minus 16.7 Celsius). So did schools in western Michigan, eastern Iowa and northern Illinois. In northern Michigan, residents of islands in the river connecting Lake Superior and Lake Huron were warned to stock up on supplies in case ferry service was cut off. In Chicago, warming centers opened.

Kenny Blackwell and his son, Corey, moved from Virginia to North Dakota to help build low-income housing projects. Outside their current project on Friday, they chuckled at a cellphone showing the temperature at minus-10 and said it felt more like Alaska.

"The money here is great but the weather here is so nasty it made my dad's hair freeze," Corey Blackwell said. "We had to go out and buy some North Dakota clothes!"

Masters said the cold snap is due to the polar vortex, the gigantic circular upper air weather pattern in the Arctic region enveloping the North Pole, splitting into three pieces in late December because of an occasional weather condition called "sudden stratospheric warming."

One chunk of that trapped cold air went to Siberia, another to Scandinavia, and the third piece is heading through Canada. On Wednesday, it will be over northern Michigan somewhere, he said.

It's a system some forecasters have dubbed "Barney" because computer forecast models show the cold air as chubby purple blobs, said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist with the private forecasting company weather.us.

The polar vortex rarely plunges as far south as the U.S., maybe every few years or more, Maue said. The last big plunge was Jan. 6, 2014, when Chicago's temperature dipped to minus-16.

Ice fishing guide Bryan Lang acknowledged that extreme cold was part of his job in northern North Dakota, but he said he felt lucky to have taken Friday off work: the morning temperature was negative 21 degrees (negative 29 Celsius) with a wind chill of minus 42 (negative 41 Celsius).

"I'm glad to be in the house drinking coffee," he laughed.

The deep freeze caused organizers of the Winter Carnival in Minnesota to cancel several events, including Thursday night's parade through downtown St. Paul.

The low temperatures also forced the cancellation of events in the Fargo Frostival, a celebration of winter activities in North Dakota's largest city. Organizer Charley Johnson joked that the Undie Run will go on Saturday as scheduled, but that long underwear was encouraged.

"We're going to persevere no matter what with most of these events," Johnson said. "We know they'll be smart about it. The people will bundle up and not stay outside too long."

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Nicholson reported from Bismarck, North Dakota.

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For the latest developments on this story: <https://bit.ly/2Wk7CzO>

## Police identify man who died after Sioux Falls house fire

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police have identified a man who died after a mobile home fire in Sioux Falls. Seventy-six-year-old Gene Welsch was found unresponsive in the home on Wednesday. Firefighters performed CPR but Welsch later died at a hospital.

The cause of death and the cause of the fire are still being investigated.

## 1 person killed in semi-car crash in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say one person has died in a collision between a semi and a car in Rapid City.

The crash happened on Interstate 90 Friday morning.

Officials closed the interstate Exit 60 eastbound off-ramp which was blocked by the overturned semi-truck and trailer. The car is in the ditch south of the exit.

There are no immediate details on how the crash occurred and who died.

## After record wins, women make small gain among top lawmakers

By DAVID A. LIEB, Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Following a record-setting election for women, state legislatures across the country are convening this year with at least 17 new women in top leadership roles.

But those gains are offset by another reality: At least a dozen women who led their legislative chambers or caucuses last year will no longer be doing so because of term-limits and decisions to seek higher office or retire.

The bottom line is that women made only modest gains in legislative leadership positions despite the wave of successful female candidates last November.

They will hold at least 34 of the 195 top spots in House and Senate chambers across the country this year, with two spots in the Alaska House still undecided, according to a review by The Associated Press. That's up slightly from 30 top leadership positions last year.

"The first sort of instinct to hearing that number is, 'Oh, how disappointing,'" said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "But it just totally makes sense, given how people obtain those leadership positions. It's a process, and it's not going to turn around in one election cycle with a bunch of new folks at the table."

Women won election in record numbers to Congress, governorships and state legislatures last November. The gains came largely from Democrats, as the ranks of Republican female lawmakers declined in states. The surge was propelled partly by opposition to President Donald Trump as well as the #MeToo movement, which drew attention to sexual harassment of women by men in positions of power.

With most state legislative sessions starting this month, the AP tracked the lawmakers chosen by colleagues for the top Democratic and Republican positions in each chamber. In most states, that's the speaker and minority leader in the House or Assembly, and the Senate president and minority leader in the upper chamber.

Women comprise a little over 50 percent of the U.S. population and hold an historical high of 28.6 percent of state legislative seats, up from 25.4 percent last year, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. Yet even with those gains, women hold less than 18 percent of the top legislative leadership spots.



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"We are constantly fighting up against the history of having older white men in these positions," said Missouri House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a 33-year-old social worker chosen for the top Democratic spot this session after serving just two years in the House.

Missouri, despite a below-average number of women in the Legislature, is one of just seven states where women hold at least two of the four top-ranking leadership spots. The others are Arizona, California, Iowa, Maine, Oklahoma and Vermont.

Although Oklahoma had a female governor for the past eight years, it had ranked behind only Wyoming in its percentage of female lawmakers. But the state notched the nation's largest percentage increase this year, and Democrats chose women to lead both the House and Senate minorities.

Oklahoma's rise in female lawmakers came after a teacher walkout last spring, when thousands of educators and their supporters flooded the Capitol for two weeks of protests over school funding. The protests coincided with Oklahoma's candidate filing period, prompting dozens of teachers to run for office, many of whom won.

"When things get like they are in Oklahoma, with health indicators being so low, education funding being low, teacher pay being low, and then you combine that with something like the teacher walkout in a mostly female-dominated profession, it was sort of the perfect storm to get more women involved in politics," said Rep. Emily Virgin, who was chosen by Democratic colleagues as the new minority leader.

Virgin, a 32-year-old attorney, already ranks high in seniority in the term-limited Oklahoma House, where she has served since 2011.

Greater numbers have not necessarily translated to greater political power for women.

Democratic-led Nevada will become the first state with a female majority in the Legislature when the session begins in February. Yet the top leaders of each party in both chambers will be men.

In Republican-led Georgia, Democratic women gained a total of 13 seats in the House and Senate while the number of Republican women remained flat in the Senate and fell by three in the House.

Republican state Sen. Renee Unterman was recently removed as chairwoman of the Senate Health Committee and replaced by a man. She said the Senate was playing "high stakes baseball" and that women were being left out of the game.

Georgia Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan, who is part of an all-male GOP leadership panel that makes committee assignments, noted that the total number of female committee leaders doubled from two to four this year. But Unterman pointed out that all four female chairs are in committees that get relatively low levels of legislation.

California Assemblywoman Marie Waldron, a Republican who is the chamber's new minority leader, said it's important to have female leaders because they bring a different perspective to the legislative process than men. She cited a stronger focus on family issues such as child-care for single parents and pay equity.

Earlier this month, several Democratic female lawmakers introduced legislation that would allow California candidates and lawmakers to use campaign money to cover child-care expenses. Many mothers wait to run for office until their children are grown or don't run at all because they're worried about juggling responsibilities, several female lawmakers said.

"Sometimes to fight for change you need a little help changing the diaper," said Democratic Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, whose daughter was 6 months old when she launched her campaign. She won her seat in November.

Even though California has women in three of its top four legislative posts, Waldron said there is plenty of history to overcome. California has had 4,278 male lawmakers since gaining statehood in 1850, and just 165 female lawmakers.

Once women gain leadership positions, it can help encourage others to follow in their footsteps, said Vermont House Majority Leader Jill Krowinski, a Democrat. The Vermont House speaker and minority leader and Senate majority leader also are women.

"For me, I see it so much when we have young women visiting the building and they notice it right away," Krowinski said. "And I think it's important for them to see that there are role models out there and that women can be in these roles."

The Kansas City-based Women's Foundation has launched a project in Kansas, Missouri and Arizona focused on increasing the number of women appointed to city, county and state boards and commissions. It's a first step into politics that the nonprofit foundation, which promotes equity and opportunity for women, hopes eventually will lead to more women running for elected office and ascending to top leadership positions.

"We've come so far just to get them there in the legislature," said Women's Foundation President and CEO Wendy Doyle. "To move them into the leadership, it's still needing to break through the barriers there. Men are supportive of men. There's just the culture and an environment that still needs to be changed."

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## 9 dead, search for 300 missing after Brazil dam collapse

By ANNA JEAN KAISER, MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA and PETER PRENGAMAN, Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Rescuers in helicopter on Saturday searched for survivors in a huge area in south-eastern Brazil buried by mud from the collapse of dam holding back mine waste, with at least nine people dead and up to 300 missing.

Nearly a full day since the disaster happened, finding many more survivors was looking increasingly unlikely.

"Most likely, from now on we are mostly going to be recovering bodies," said Romeu Zema, the governor of the state of Minas Gerais.

Workers with Brazilian mining company Vale were eating lunch Friday afternoon when the dam collapsed, unleashing a sea of reddish-brown mud that knocked over and buried several structures of the company and surrounding areas.

The status of the workers and others in the city of Brumadinho was unknown Saturday, but the level of devastation quickly led President Jair Bolsonaro and other officials to describe it as a "tragedy."

Nine bodies had been recovered by Saturday, according to a statement from the Minas Gerais governor's office. But the fear was that there would be many more as rescue and recovery teams dug through feet of mud.

Vale CEO Fabio Schvartsman said he did not know what caused the collapse. About 300 employees were working when it happened. About 100 had been accounted for, and rescue efforts were underway to determine what had happened to the others.

"The principal victims were our own workers," Schvartsman told a news conference Friday evening, adding that the restaurant where many ate "was buried by the mud at lunchtime."

After the dam collapsed in the afternoon, parts of Brumadinho were evacuated, and firefighters rescued people by helicopter and ground vehicles. Local television channel TV Record showed a helicopter hovering inches off the ground as it pulled people covered in mud out of the waste.

Photos showed rooftops poking above an extensive field of the mud, which also cut off roads. The flow of waste reached the nearby community of Vila Ferteco and a Vale administrative office, where employees were present.

"I've never seen anything like it," Josiele Rosa Silva Tomas, president of Brumadinho resident's association, told The Associated Press by phone Friday night. "It was horrible...the amount of mud that took over."

Silva Tomas said she was awaiting news of her cousin, and many she knew were trying to get news of loved ones.

Another dam administered by Vale and Australian mining company BHP Billiton collapsed in 2015 in the city of Mariana in Minas Gerais state, resulting in 19 deaths and forcing hundreds from their homes.

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Considered the worst environmental disaster in Brazilian history, it left 250,000 people without drinking water and killed thousands of fish. An estimated 60 million cubic meters of waste flooded rivers and eventually flowed into the Atlantic Ocean.

Schvartsman said what happened Friday was "a human tragedy much larger than the tragedy of Mariana, but probably the environmental damage will be less."

The state fire department told The Associated Press that about 200 people were missing. The Minas Gerais governor's office said 150 were missing.

Bolsonaro, who assumed office Jan. 1, said he lamented the accident and sent three cabinet ministers to the area.

"We will take all the possible steps to minimize the suffering of families and victims," Bolsonaro said in a speech, which he posted on Twitter.

Bolsonaro planned to tour the area by helicopter on Saturday. The far-right leader campaigned on promises to jump-start Brazil's economy, in part by deregulating mining and other industries.

Environmental groups and activists said the latest spill underscored a lack of regulation.

The latest spill "is a sad consequence of the lessons not learned by the Brazilian government and the mining companies responsible for the tragedy with Samarco dam, in Mariana, also controlled by Vale," Greenpeace said in a statement.

"History repeats itself," tweeted Marina Silva, a former environmental minister and three-time presidential candidate. "It's unacceptable that government and mining companies haven't learned anything."

The rivers of mining waste raised fears of widespread contamination.

According to Vale's website, the mine waste, often called tailings, is composed mostly of sand and is non-toxic. However, a UN report found that the waste from the 2015 disaster "contained high levels of toxic heavy metals."

Vale is Brazil's largest mining company. Two hours after the accident, its stock fell 10 percent on the New York Stock Exchange.

Just before midnight Saturday, firefighters put out a list of 187 people who had been rescued throughout the afternoon.

Of the 427 workers who were on hand when the dam collapsed, 279 had been accounted for, Vale said in a statement.

More than 100 firefighters were on the scene and another 200 were expected to arrive Saturday.

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## Trump ally Stone charged with lying about hacked emails

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's confidant Roger Stone has been charged with lying about his pursuit of Russian-hacked emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's 2016 election bid. Prosecutors allege that senior Trump campaign officials sought to leverage the stolen material into a White House victory.

The self-proclaimed dirty trickster, arrested by the FBI in a raid before dawn Friday at his Florida home, swiftly blasted the prosecution as politically motivated. In a circus-like atmosphere outside the courthouse, as supporters cheered him on and jeering spectators shouted "Lock Him Up," Stone proclaimed his innocence and predicted his vindication.

"As I have said previously, there is no circumstance whatsoever under which I will bear false witness against the president, nor will I make up lies to ease the pressure on myself," Stone said.

The seven-count indictment, the first criminal case in months in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, provides the most detail to date about how Trump campaign associates in the summer of 2016 actively sought the disclosure of emails the U.S. says were hacked by Russia and then provided to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. It alleges that an unidentified senior Trump campaign official was

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"directed" to keep in contact with Stone about when stolen emails relating to Clinton might be disclosed.

Stone is the sixth Trump aide or adviser charged by Mueller and the 34th person overall. The nearly two-year-old probe has exposed multiple contacts between Trump associates and Russia during the campaign and transition period and revealed efforts by several to conceal those communications.

The indictment brings the investigation even further into Trump's circle of advisers and suggests campaign officials were eager to exploit the stolen messages for political gain. But prosecutors did not accuse Trump of wrongdoing or charge Stone with conspiring with WikiLeaks or with the Russian intelligence officers Mueller says hacked the emails. They also did not allege that Trump aides knew in advance of the hacking.

The prosecution mirrors other Mueller cases in alleging cover-ups and deception, accusing Stone of lying to lawmakers about WikiLeaks, tampering with witnesses and obstructing a House intelligence committee probe into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the election.

Trump attorney Jay Sekulow said the indictment "does not allege Russian collusion by Roger Stone or anyone else." Trump, in a tweet Saturday, said that if Stone "was indicted for lying to Congress," then "what about the lying" by top law enforcement and Obama-era national security officials, though he presented no specifics to support his assertion of such "lying."

CNN aired video of the raid at Stone's home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, showing agents in body armor using large weapons and night-vision equipment, running up to the home and banging 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.

Though not uncommon for the FBI to make early-morning arrests of targets under indictment, it's the first time Mueller has used that tactic. In court papers, prosecutors wrote they had concerns that if Stone was tipped off to the indictment, it would increase the risk he would flee or destroy evidence.

Hours after his arrest, Stone appeared in court in a blue polo shirt and jeans. In releasing him on \$250,000 bond, a magistrate judge restricted Stone's travel to South Florida, Washington and New York City and ordered him to avoid contact with witnesses. He's due Tuesday in a court in Washington, where the case was filed.

"This morning, at the crack of dawn, 29 FBI agents arrived at my home with 17 vehicles, with their lights flashing, when they could simply have contacted my attorneys and I would have been more than willing to surrender voluntarily," Stone said outside court.

Known for his political antics, conspiracy theories and hard-ball tactics, Stone has reveled in being a Washington wheeler-dealer dating back to former President Richard Nixon's administration. On Friday, he mimicked Nixon's famous "V" gesture as he left the courthouse.

Stone, a longtime friend of the president's, briefly served on Trump's campaign, but was pushed out amid infighting with then-campaign manager Corey Lewandowski. Though sidelined, he continued to communicate with Trump and stayed plugged into his circle of advisers.

The indictment says Stone repeatedly discussed WikiLeaks in 2016 with campaign associates and lays out in detail Stone's conversations about emails stolen from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and posted in the weeks before Trump beat Clinton.

The document says that by June and July 2016, Stone had told senior Trump campaign officials that he had information indicating that WikiLeaks had obtained damaging documents on Clinton.

After WikiLeaks on July 22, 2016, released hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee, the indictment says, a senior Trump campaign official "was directed" to contact Stone about additional releases and "what other damaging information" WikiLeaks had "regarding the Clinton campaign." The indictment does not name the official or say who directed the outreach to Stone.

Though no officials are identified by name, one Trump campaign aide cited in the case is Steve Bannon, who later became Trump's chief White House strategist. Bannon, referred to as a "high-ranking Trump Campaign official," exchanged emails with Stone in October 2016 about WikiLeaks' plans. The indictment quotes from those emails, which had previously been made public by news outlets.

While the indictment provides some new insight into the Trump campaign, it deals largely with what prosecutors say were Stone's false statements about his conversations about WikiLeaks with New York



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radio host Randy Credico and with conservative writer and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi, who rejected a plea offer from Mueller last year.

The indictment says Stone carried out a "prolonged effort" to keep Credico 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 Congress.

Stone is accused of threatening Credico, including through messages in which he called him "rat" and "stoolie." He also threatened to "take that dog away from you," a reference to Credico's dog, Bianca.

"I am so ready. Let's get it on. Prepare to die (expletive)," Stone also wrote to Credico.

Stone has said for months he was prepared to be charged, while maintaining he had no inside information about the contents of the emails obtained by WikiLeaks or the timing of their release.

Still, he has long attracted scrutiny because of his WikiLeaks-related comments, especially a 2016 tweet — "Trust me, it will soon (be) the Podesta's time in the barrel" — that appeared to presage knowledge that Podesta's emails would soon be released.

In a tweet Friday, Podesta turned Stone's words against him, writing that it was now "Roger's time in the barrel."

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

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## Venezuelan showdown moves to UN as dueling presidents dig in

By **EDITH M. LEDERER** and **SCOTT SMITH**, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Venezuela's political showdown moved to the United Nations Saturday where a Security Council meeting called by the United States pit backers of President Nicolas Maduro against the Trump administration and supporters of the country's self-declared interim leader Juan Guaido.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addressed the meeting ahead of Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza and other council members, which include supporters of both dueling presidents.

The session focusing on Venezuela's crisis comes a day after Guaido vowed to remain on the streets until his country has a transitional government, while Maduro dug in and accused his opponents of orchestrating a coup.

"They can cut a flower, but they will never keep spring from coming," Guaido told supporters Friday, alluding to a similar phrase from the Chilean poet Pablo Neruda.

In rival press conferences, Guaido urged his followers to stage another mass protest next week, while Maduro pushed his call for dialogue. Each man appeared ready to defend his claim to the presidency no matter the cost, with Guaido telling supporters that if he is arrested they should "stay the course" and peacefully protest.

But the standoff could set the scene for more violence and has plunged troubled Venezuela into a new chapter of political turmoil that rights groups say has already left more than two dozen dead as thousands take to the street demanding Maduro step down.

Guaido's talk with reporters in a plaza in Caracas turned into a de facto rally as thousands gathered after hearing he would speak in public for the first time since taking a symbolic oath Wednesday proclaiming himself the nation's constitutional leader on grounds that Maduro's re-election last year was fraudulent.

The government of President Donald Trump announced it was recognizing the 35-year-old leader of the opposition-controlled National Assembly quickly after his oath, leading Maduro to say that he was breaking all diplomatic ties with the United States.

The leaders of France, Spain and Germany turned up the pressure on Maduro Saturday, saying they too would recognize Guaido unless Venezuela calls new presidential elections within eight days.

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Guaido's move is the most direct challenge to Maduro's rule despite years of protests at home and international efforts to isolate the regime amid a growing humanitarian crisis fueled by falling oil prices and government mismanagement.

Maduro is accusing the opposition of working with the U.S. to overthrow him. Though over a dozen nations as well as the Inter-American Development Bank are recognizing Guaido as president, Maduro still has the support of the military and powerful, longtime allies like Russia and China and is vowing to defend his socialist rule.

"This is nothing more than a coup d'etat, ordered, promoted, financed and supported by the government of the United States," Maduro said Friday. "They intend to put a puppet government in Venezuela, destroy the state and take colonial control of the country."

But he added that he was still willing to talk with the opposition even if he "had to go naked."

Both sides attempted dialogue last year, but it fell apart as Maduro pushed forward with an early election that the country's most popular opposition leaders were barred from running in. Many in the international community condemned that vote and now consider the National Assembly, which Maduro has stripped of its power, the only legitimate institution.

Saturday's Security Council session came despite Russia's objection to its focus on Venezuela, according to U.N. diplomats. It wanted the focus changed to threats to international peace and security because as Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, it sees U.S. actions as an "obvious call for a coup d'etat" — which would threaten peace, the diplomats said.

Venezuela's U.N. Mission asked for foreign minister Arreaza to be put on the speakers list and well-informed council diplomats say there is likely to be no objection.

Russia tried to block the discussion with a procedural vote, but the U.S. received the minimum nine votes needed to go ahead.

The standoff is taking place as international concern over repression by state security forces during the days of political upheaval mounts.

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet's office said Friday it has credible reports that security forces or members of pro-government armed groups have shot at least 20 people during protests on Tuesday and Wednesday and is calling for an investigation. The total figure is likely higher: The Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict says 21 people were killed by gunfire in protests and looting on Wednesday and Thursday, on top of five deaths authorities confirmed Tuesday.

The Penal Forum human rights group says that 369 people have been detained since Monday.

"The international community is watching more closely than ever before, so Venezuelan security forces - and those commanding them - should know they will be held to account for any abuses," Jose Miguel Vivanco, the Americas director for Human Rights Watch, wrote on Twitter.

U.S. and Venezuelan diplomats are finding themselves caught in the crosshairs. On Wednesday, Maduro gave American diplomats 72 hours to leave the country — an order Washington said it would defy by keeping the embassy open, though it told non-essential staff to leave.

On Friday morning, a caravan of black SUVs escorted a contingent of U.S. embassy workers and their families to the Caracas airport. They were later seen checking into an American Airlines flight.

Maduro, meanwhile, has recalled all Venezuelan diplomats from the U.S. and ordered the nation's embassy and consulates there closed. Guaido, seeking to sidestep Maduro, has urged all American and Venezuelan staff to stay in their posts.

Amid the tension, the U.S. on Friday named Elliot Abrams, a hawkish former Republican official, to handle American policy toward Venezuela.

Maduro has not shown any hint he's ready to cede power. He called Guaido on Friday "an agent for the gringos in Venezuela," using a sometimes derogatory term for Americans. But he also said that he would be willing to talk with U.S. President Donald Trump and the opposition.

"I'm not anti-American," he said. "I'm anti-imperialist."

Guaido, in his remarks earlier Friday, said he'd be willing to talk with any party willing to discuss restoring democracy, but short of that, he said there would be more protests.

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"There will be people on the street," Guaido clamored, "until we get freedom."

Scott Smith reported from Caracas, Venezuela.

## In Trump ally Stone's case, Mueller finds crime in cover-up

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump confidant Roger Stone may be accused of lying and tampering with witnesses, but it's equally notable what he's not charged with: colluding with the Kremlin in a grand conspiracy to help Trump win the presidency in 2016.

The case is the latest in a series brought by special counsel Robert Mueller to focus on cover-ups but lay out no underlying crime. It's a familiar pattern in Washington, where scandals from Watergate to Iran-Contra and Whitewater have mushroomed into presidency-imperiling affairs due to efforts to conceal and mislead.

In the Russia investigation, one Trump aide after another has been accused of lying to investigators, or encouraging others to do so, about Russia-related contacts during the campaign and transition period.

Mueller may well have evidence of criminal coordination between Trump associates and Russia that he has yet to reveal, but so far, he's focused repeatedly on those he believes have tried to throw federal or congressional investigators off the trail.

Stone's indictment charges him with seven felonies, including witness tampering, obstruction and false statements, while leaving open the question of whether his or the Trump's campaign's interest in exploiting Russia-hacked emails about Democrat Hillary Clinton crossed a legal line.

"There's sort of two possible ways this investigation could end up. One is he finds this big Russian conspiracy or collusion with the Russians to influence the election," said Randall Eliason, a George Washington University white-collar criminal law professor and former federal prosecutor. "The other, I think very real possibility, is he just finds a cover-up."

The Stone case is in some way reminiscent of Mueller prosecutions that have accused former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen of lying to Congress about his role in a Moscow real estate project; former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn of lying about his contacts with the Russia's U.S. ambassador; and ex-campaign aide George Papadopoulos of lying about his knowledge that Russia had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of stolen emails.

In none of those cases did prosecutors say the things the defendants lied about were crimes themselves.

The absence of a definitive answer to the collusion question, more than 20 months into Mueller's work, has given the president and his allies a wedge to attack the investigation. In the hours after Stone's pre-dawn arrest at his Florida home Friday, Trump returned to his favored refrain of "NO COLLUSION" on Twitter. His lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, mocked the case as "nothing more than another false statement charge" and speculated without evidence that Mueller's inquiry was nearing an end.

But with each new charge, Mueller continues to publicly untangle Trump campaign operations and their intersection with Russia's efforts to hurt Clinton and help Trump.

The Stone indictment, for instance, reflects an unflattering portrait of a presidential campaign eager to exploit stolen emails about a political opponent. It alleges that Stone informed unidentified senior Trump campaign officials of what Stone was hearing about plans by the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks regarding the hacked emails. It says a senior Trump campaign official "was directed" to contact Stone about additional releases and "what other damaging information" WikiLeaks had "regarding the Clinton campaign."

Though those allegations don't form the basis of any of the charges against Stone, their inclusion in the 24-page indictment could signal that Mueller isn't done with that prong of the investigation. He already has charged 12 Russian military intelligence officers in the hacking of Democratic email accounts, setting up the potential for prosecutions of any Americans who might be involved in that conspiracy.

"This doesn't look to me like an investigation that's about to wrap up," said Stanford law professor David

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Alan Sklansky. "I would be cautious about reading too much into what's not in the indictment."

A defiant Stone, flashing a Nixonian-style victory sign, emerged from the courthouse on Friday to proclaim his innocence and predict his vindication. He was released on \$250,000 bond and will make his first court appearance Tuesday in Washington, where the case was brought.

"As I have said previously, there is no circumstance whatsoever under which I will bear false witness against the president, nor will I make up lies to ease the pressure on myself," Stone said.

He denied prosecutors' accusation that he repeatedly lied to the House Intelligence Committee, including when he said he had not discussed his pursuit of the stolen emails with any Trump campaign officials. Stone has previously denied that he ever bullied other witnesses to change their testimony, which is another allegation he faces.

Jimmy Gurule, a Notre Dame law professor and former Justice Department official, said that so far Mueller's Russian defendants stand accused of one set of crimes and the American ones accused of separate violations, without direct evidence linking the two. But, he said, the repeated allegations of lies and false statement might speak to a "consciousness of guilt" that could pique a prosecutor's interest and suggest more grounds to pursue.

"I do think that it's more than just coincidental that there's all of these communications between multiple members of the Trump campaign and Russians, and efforts by members of the Trump campaign to cover up and conceal those efforts," he said.

Read Stone's indictment: <http://apne.ws/1P23qpR>

## **AP FACT CHECK: Trump exaggerations on wall, NKorea, economy**

**By HOPE YEN, CHRISTOPHER RUGABER and ROBERT BURNS, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over the past week, President Donald Trump declared that the remains of U.S. service members are "back home where they belong" from North Korea, though that mission has barely started and already has run into a roadblock. He exaggerated economic performance under his presidency and the progress of the border wall that Congress, so far, won't pay for.

A review of his recent rhetoric and its relationship with the facts:

### **NORTH KOREA**

**TRUMP:** "The Fake News Media loves saying 'so little happened at my first summit with Kim Jong Un.' Wrong! After 40 years of doing nothing with North Korea but being taken to the cleaners, & with a major war ready to start, in a short 15 months, relationships built, hostages & remains ... back home where they belong, no more Rockets or M's being fired over Japan or anywhere else and, most importantly, no Nuclear Testing." — tweets Thursday.

**THE FACTS:** Trump is exaggerating progress with North Korea and overstating what's been done to return the remains of U.S. soldiers who fought in the Korean War in the 1950s.

In August, the North sent to the U.S. 55 boxes that were said to contain American war remains from North Korea. The U.S. has yet to say whether those remains are exclusively of U.S. soldiers and how many are in those boxes. As of Jan. 15, just three have been positively identified. Meanwhile, North Korea has refused to begin negotiations with the Pentagon on terms for recovering and returning any of the thousands of additional remains.

Trump is correct that North Korea has stopped test-firing missiles and conducting nuclear tests. But North Korean leader Kim has not denuclearized or even agreed to a plan in which the North would give up its nuclear weapons and the means to produce more.

At the Trump-Kim summit last June in Singapore, the leaders agreed to "work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Their joint statement did not define that term or commit the North to any particular action.

The Pentagon said in a report this month on its plans to expand U.S. global defenses against missile attack that "while a possible new avenue to peace now exists with North Korea, it continues to pose an



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extraordinary threat and the United States must remain vigilant.”

## ECONOMY

TRUMP: “The Economy is one of the best in our history, with unemployment at a 50 year low, and the Stock Market ready to again break a record (set by us many times) - & all you heard yesterday, based on a phony story, was Impeachment. You want to see a Stock Market Crash, Impeach Trump!” — tweet Jan. 19.

THE FACTS: The economy is healthy but not one of the best in history. Also, there are signs it is weakening after a spurt of growth last year.

The economy expanded at an annual rate of 4.2 percent in the second quarter last year. That was the best showing under Trump and the highest in four years. In the late 1990s, growth topped 4 percent for four straight years and even reached 7.2 percent in 1984.

Almost all independent economists expect slower growth this year as the effect of the Trump administration’s tax cuts fade, trade tensions and slower global growth hold back exports, and higher interest rates make it more expensive to borrow to buy cars and homes.

The stock market reached a record high in early October when the Dow Jones industrial average topped 26,000, but markets have fallen and are not about to break records. The Dow closed at 24,737 on Friday.

TRUMP: “The economy is doing great. More people working in U.S.A. today than at any time in our HISTORY.” — tweet Thursday.

THE FACTS: It’s true that more people are working now, but that is because of population growth. A more relevant measure is the proportion of Americans with jobs, and that is still far below record highs.

According to Labor Department data, 60.6 percent of people in the United States 16 years and older were working in December. That’s below the all-time high of 64.7 percent in April 2000, though higher than the 59.9 percent when Trump was inaugurated in January 2017.

WHITE HOUSE: “President Trump is delivering on his promise to bring back American manufacturing. ... Manufacturing added 284,000 jobs in 2018, the most added in a year since 1997.” — information sheet on Trump’s first two years in office, tweeted Wednesday by Trump.

THE FACTS: It’s true that 2018 was the best year for factory employment since 1997, but that mostly illustrates how much more is needed to “bring back” manufacturing. There are now 12.8 million factory jobs in the U.S. That less than the 13.7 million that existed just before the 2008-2009 Great Recession and far below the 17.6 million in 1997, the last time annual factory job growth was higher.

WHITE HOUSE: “President Trump’s pro-growth policies are unleashing economic growth .... Due to President Trump’s pro-growth policies, real gross domestic product growth exceeded 3 percent over the last four quarters.” — information sheet on Trump’s first two years in office.

THE FACTS: That’s correct as to the level of GDP, but it doesn’t suggest growth has been “unleashed” at a spectacular rate. The 3 percent growth in the year ending in the third quarter is just the fastest since the second quarter of 2015, when it reached 3.4 percent, and below the 3.8 percent reached in the first quarter of 2015.

## THE WALL

TRUMP: “Without a Wall there cannot be safety and security at the Border or for the U.S.A. BUILD THE WALL AND CRIME WILL FALL!” — tweet Thursday.

TRUMP: “BUILD A WALL & CRIME WILL FALL! This is the new theme, for two years until the Wall is finished (under construction now), of the Republican Party. Use it and pray!” — tweet Wednesday.

THE FACTS: His assertion is at odds with several studies that found immigration does not lead to increased crime. Trump’s claim that his border wall is under construction is also misleading.

Multiple studies from social scientists and the libertarian think tank Cato Institute have found that people in the U.S. illegally are less likely to commit crime than are American citizens, and legal immigrants are

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even less likely to do so.

A March study by the journal *Criminology* found “undocumented immigration does not increase violence.”

The study, which looked at the years 1990 through 2014, said states with bigger shares of such people have lower crime rates.

As well, a study in 2017 by Robert Adelman, a sociology professor at University of Buffalo, analyzed 40 years of crime data in 200 metropolitan areas and found that immigrants helped lower crime.

On construction of a wall, no new miles of barrier construction have been completed under Trump. Existing fencing has been replaced or strengthened in a few areas. It’s true that many miles of barrier are in service — about 650 miles (1,050 kilometers) of fencing — but that was done by previous administrations.

**TRUMP:** “Without a Wall it all doesn’t work.” — tweet Thursday.

**THE FACTS:** There is no clear evidence whether border walls or other barriers actually work.

The Government Accountability Office, Congress’ auditing arm, reported in 2017 that the government does not have a way to measure how well barriers deter illegal immigration from Mexico. Despite \$2.3 billion spent by the government on such construction from 2007 to 2015, the GAO found that authorities “cannot measure the contribution of fencing to border security operations along the southwest border because it has not developed metrics for this assessment.”

Few people dispute that barriers can contribute to a sharp drop in crossings. When barriers were built in the Border Patrol’s Yuma, Arizona, sector in the mid-2000s, arrests for illegal crossings plummeted 94 percent in three years to 8,363 from 138,438. When barriers were built in San Diego in the 1990s and early 2000s, arrests fell 80 percent over seven years from 524,231 in 1995 to 100,681 in 2002. But both areas also saw sharp increases in Border Patrol staffing during that time, making it difficult to pinpoint why illegal crossings fell so dramatically.

## CLINTON EMAILS

**TRUMP,** referring to Hillary Clinton: “Remember July 4th weekend when Crooked went before FBI & wasn’t sworn in, no tape, nothing?” — tweet Thursday.

**THE FACTS:** He is right that Clinton wasn’t put under oath for her FBI interview and that no tape recording was made. But that’s the standard procedure the FBI uses for questioning people, famous or not, and who, like Clinton, agree to be interviewed and aren’t in custody.

The same procedures would almost certainly apply if Trump himself ever submitted to an in-person interview with special counsel Robert Mueller’s team of investigators.

The concept of swearing in a witness typically applies to courtroom or congressional settings, as opposed to more informal voluntary interviews. But it’s ultimately a meaningless distinction because it’s a crime no matter the circumstances to lie to the FBI.

Trump is wrong to suggest there’s no record of Clinton’s interview with the FBI on July 2, 2016. The FBI, again per standard protocol, produced a typed-up document summarizing the main points of the interview. The bureau later released it, giving more transparency to the process than it typically provides.

## JUDGES

**WHITE HOUSE:** “President Trump is reshaping our Federal judiciary...the President has appointed Circuit Court judges at a record pace.” — information sheet on Trump’s first two years in office, tweeted Wednesday by Trump.

**THE FACTS:** The White House is overstating Trump’s impact on the judiciary. It’s true he has appointed a record number of judges in the circuit (or appeals) courts. But Trump falls below at least three former presidents in appointees as a share of congressionally authorized judicial seats, given that the federal court system has grown in size over time. Trump also lags significantly when it comes to appointing district court judges, who handle the bulk of federal cases.

Trump has appointed 30 appeals judges, surpassing others in number at comparable points in their

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presidencies, according to an analysis by Russell Wheeler, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution and expert on judicial appointments. Those 30 judges make up 17 percent of congressionally authorized appeals court seats. Presidents who appointed a higher share of appeals judges included Richard Nixon (21 judges, or 19 percent); John F. Kennedy (18 judges, or 20 percent) and Dwight Eisenhower (13 judges, or 39 percent).

When including district court judges, Trump's 85 total appointees lag behind five former presidents at comparable points in office.

The five are George W. Bush, 99; Bill Clinton, 128; Ronald Reagan, 88; Nixon, 91; and Kennedy, 111, according to Wheeler's analysis. Their appointees, at this point in their presidencies, also held a greater percentage of authorized seats than do Trump's.

Trump has previously asserted incorrectly that only George Washington surpasses him in judicial appointments because as the first president Washington appointed all the judges in office at the time.

Associated Press writers Cal Woodward and Eric Tucker in Washington and Elliot Spagat in San Diego contributed to this report.

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## **APNewsBreak: Undercover agents target cybersecurity watchdog**

**By RAPHAEL SATTER, AP Cybersecurity Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The researchers who reported that Israeli software was used to spy on Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi's inner circle before his gruesome death are being targeted in turn by international undercover operatives, The Associated Press has found.

Twice in the past two months, men masquerading as socially conscious investors have lured members of the Citizen Lab internet watchdog group to meetings at luxury hotels to quiz them for hours about their work exposing Israeli surveillance and the details of their personal lives. In both cases, the researchers believe they were secretly recorded.

Citizen Lab Director Ron Deibert described the stunts as "a new low."

"We condemn these sinister, underhanded activities in the strongest possible terms," he said in a statement Friday. "Such a deceitful attack on an academic group like the Citizen Lab is an attack on academic freedom everywhere."

Who these operatives are working for remains a riddle, but their tactics recall those of private investigators who assume elaborate false identities to gather intelligence or compromising material on critics of powerful figures in government or business.

Citizen Lab, based out of the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, has for years played a leading role in exposing state-backed hackers operating in places as far afield as Tibet, Ethiopia and Syria. Lately the group has drawn attention for its repeated exposés of an Israeli surveillance software vendor called the NSO Group, a firm whose wares have been used by governments to target journalists in Mexico, opposition figures in Panama and human rights activists in the Middle East.

In October, Citizen Lab reported that an iPhone belonging to one of Khashoggi's confidantes had been infected by the NSO's signature spy software only months before Khashoggi's grisly murder. The friend, Saudi dissident Omar Abdulaziz, would later claim that the hacking had exposed Khashoggi's private criticisms of the Saudi royal family to the Arab kingdom's spies and thus "played a major role" in his death.

In a statement, NSO denied having anything to do with the undercover operations targeting Citizen Lab, "either directly or indirectly" and said it had neither hired nor asked anyone to hire private investigators to pursue the Canadian organization. "Any suggestion to the contrary is factually incorrect and nothing more than baseless speculation," NSO said.

NSO has long denied that its software was used to target Khashoggi, although it has refused to comment

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when asked whether it has sold its software to the Saudi government more generally.

The first message reached Bahr Abdul Razzak, a Syrian refugee who works as a Citizen Lab researcher, Dec. 6, when a man calling himself Gary Bowman got in touch via LinkedIn. The man described himself as a South African financial technology executive based in Madrid.

"I came across your profile and think that the work you've done helping Syrian refugees and your extensive technical background could be a great fit for our new initiative," Bowman wrote.

Abdul Razzak said he thought the proposal was a bit odd, but he eventually agreed to meet the man at Toronto's swanky Shangri-La Hotel on the morning of Dec. 18.

The conversation got weird very quickly, Abdul Razzak said.

Instead of talking about refugees, Abdul Razzak said, Bowman grilled him about his work for Citizen Lab and its investigations into the use of NSO's software. Abdul Razzak said Bowman appeared to be reading off cue cards, asking him if he was earning enough money and throwing out pointed questions about Israel, the war in Syria and Abdul Razzak's religiosity.

"Do you pray?" Abdul Razzak recalled Bowman asking. "Why do you write only about NSO?" "Do you write about it because it's an Israeli company?" "Do you hate Israel?"

Abdul Razzak said he emerged from the meeting feeling shaken. He alerted his Citizen Lab colleagues, who quickly determined that the breakfast get-together had been a ruse. Bowman's supposed Madrid-based company, FlameTech, had no web presence beyond a LinkedIn page, a handful of social media profiles and an entry in the business information platform Crunchbase. A reverse image search revealed that the profile picture of the man listed as FlameTech's chief executive, Mauricio Alonso, was a stock photograph.

"My immediate gut feeling was: 'This is a fake,'" said John Scott-Railton, one of Abdul Razzak's colleagues.

Scott-Railton flagged the incident to the AP, which confirmed that FlameTech was a digital facade.

Searches of the Orbis database of corporate records, which has data on some 300 million global companies, turned up no evidence of a Spanish firm called FlameTech or Flame Tech or any company anywhere in the world matching its description. Similarly, the AP found no record of FlameTech in Madrid's official registry or of a Gary Bowman in the city's telephone listings. An Orbis search for Alonso, the supposed chief executive, also drew a blank. When an AP reporter visited Madrid's Crystal Tower high-rise, where FlameTech claimed to have 250 sq. meters (2,700 sq. feet) of office space, he could find no trace of the firm and calls to the number listed on its website went unanswered.

The AP was about to publish a story about the curious company when, on Jan. 9, Scott-Railton received an intriguing message of his own.

This time the contact came not from Bowman of FlameTech but from someone who identified himself as Michel Lambert, a director at the Paris-based agricultural technology firm CPW-Consulting.

Lambert had done his homework. In his introductory email, he referred to Scott-Railton's early doctoral research on kite aerial photography — a mapping technique using kite-mounted cameras — and said he was "quite impressed."

"We have a few projects and clients coming up that could significantly benefit from implementing Kite Aerial Photography," he said.

Like FlameTech, CPW-Consulting was a fiction. Searches of Orbis and the French commercial court registry Infogreffe turned up no trace of the supposedly Paris-based company or indeed of any Paris-based company bearing the acronym CPW. And when the AP visited CPW's alleged office there was no evidence of the company; the address was home to a mainly residential apartment building. Residents and the building's caretaker said they had never heard of the firm.

Whoever dreamed up CPW had taken steps to ensure the illusion survived a casual web search, but even those efforts didn't bear much scrutiny. The company had issued a help wanted ad, for example, seeking a digital mapping specialist for their Paris office, but Scott-Railton discovered that the language had been lifted almost word-for-word from an ad from an unrelated company seeking a mapping specialist in London. A blog post touted CPW as a major player in Africa, but an examination of the author's profile



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suggests the article was the only one the blogger had ever written.

When Lambert suggested an in-person meeting in New York during a Jan. 19 phone call, Scott-Railton felt certain that Lambert was trying to set him up.

But Scott-Railton agreed to the meeting. He planned to lay a trap of his own.

Anyone watching Scott-Railton and Lambert laughing over wagyu beef and lobster bisque at the Peninsula Hotel's upscale restaurant on Thursday afternoon might have mistaken the pair for friends.

In fact, the lunch was Spy vs. Spy. Scott-Railton had spent the night before trying to hide a homemade camera into his tie, he later told AP, eventually settling for a GoPro action camera and several recording devices hidden about his person. On the table, Lambert had placed a large pen in which Scott-Railton said he spotted a tiny camera lens peeking out from an opening in the top.

Lambert didn't seem to be alone. At the beginning of the meal, a man sat behind him, holding up his phone as if to take pictures and then abruptly left the restaurant, having eaten nothing. Later, two or three men materialized at the bar and appeared to be monitoring proceedings.

Scott-Railton wasn't alone either. A few tables away, two Associated Press journalists were making small talk as they waited for a signal from Scott-Railton, who had invited the reporters to observe the lunch from nearby and then interview Lambert near the end of the meal.

The conversation began with a discussion of kites, gossip about African politicians, and a detour through Scott-Railton's family background. But Lambert, just like Bowman, eventually steered the talk to Citizen Lab and NSO.

"Work drama? Tell me, I like drama!" Lambert said at one point, according to Scott-Railton's recording of the conversation. "Is there a big competition between the people inside Citizen Lab?" he asked later.

Like Bowman, Lambert appeared to be working off cue cards and occasionally made awkward conversational gambits. At one point he repeated a racist French expression, insisting it wasn't offensive. He also asked Scott-Railton questions about the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and whether he grew up with any Jewish friends. At another point he asked whether there might not be a "racist element" to Citizen Lab's interest in Israeli spyware.

After dessert arrived, the AP reporters approached Lambert at his table and asked him why his company didn't seem to exist.

He seemed to stiffen.

"I know what I'm doing," Lambert said, as he put his files — and his pen — into a bag. Then he stood up, bumped into a chair and walked off, saying "Ciao" and waving his hand, before returning because he had neglected to pay the bill.

As he paced around the restaurant waiting for the check, Lambert refused to answer questions about who he worked for or why no trace of his firm could be found.

"I don't have to give you any explanation," he said. He eventually retreated to a back room and closed the door.

Who Lambert and Bowman really are isn't clear. Neither men returned emails, LinkedIn messages or phone calls. And despite their keen focus on NSO the AP has found no evidence of any link to the Israeli spyware merchant, which is adamant that it wasn't involved.

The kind of aggressive investigative tactics used by the mystery men who targeted Citizen Lab have come under fire in the wake of the Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse scandal. Black Cube, an Israeli private investigation firm, apologized after The New Yorker and other media outlets revealed that the company's operatives had used subterfuge and dirty tricks to help the Hollywood mogul suppress allegations of rape and sexual assault.

Scott-Railton and Abdul Razzak said they didn't want to speculate about who was involved. But both said they believed they were being steered toward making controversial comments that could be used to blacken Citizen Lab's reputation.

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"It could be they wanted me to say, 'Yes, I hate Israel,' or 'Yes, Citizen Lab is against NSO because it's Israeli,'" said Abdul Razzak.

Scott-Railton said the elaborate, multinational operation was gratifying, in a way.

"People were paid to fly to a city to sit you down to an expensive meal and try to convince you to say bad things about your work, your colleagues and your employer," he said.

"That means that your work is important."

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Online:

Emails and a transcript relating to the undercover operatives:<https://www.documentcloud.org/search/projectid:42174-Citizen-Lab-Undercover-Op>

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## Experts, images suggest a Saudi ballistic missile program

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A military base deep inside Saudi Arabia appears to be testing and possibly manufacturing ballistic missiles, experts and satellite images suggest, evidence of the type of weapons program it has long criticized its archrival Iran for possessing.

Further raising the stakes for any such program are comments by Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who said last year the kingdom wouldn't hesitate to develop nuclear weapons if Iran does. Ballistic missiles can carry nuclear warheads to targets thousands of kilometers (miles) away.

Officials in Riyadh and the Saudi Embassy in Washington did not respond to requests for comment.

Having such a program could further strain relations with the U.S., the kingdom's longtime security partner, at a time when ties already are being tested by the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

Jeffrey Lewis, a missile expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California, said heavy investment in missiles often correlates with an interest in nuclear weapons. "I would be a little worried that we're underestimating the Saudis' ambitions here," said Lewis, who has studied the satellite images.

The images, first reported by The Washington Post, focus on a military base near the town of al-Dawadmi, some 230 kilometers (145 miles) west of Riyadh, the Saudi capital. Jane's Defence Weekly first identified the base in 2013, suggesting its two launch pads appear oriented to target Israel and Iran with ballistic missiles the kingdom previously bought from China.

The November satellite images show what appear to be structures big enough to build and fuel ballistic missiles. An apparent rocket-engine test stand can be seen in a corner of the base — the type on which a rocket is positioned on its side and test-fired in place. Such testing is key for countries attempting to manufacture working missiles, experts say.

Michael Elleman, the senior fellow for missile defense at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Washington, also reviewed the satellite photos and said they appear to show a ballistic missile program.

The question remains where Saudi Arabia gained the technical know-how to build such a facility. Lewis said the Saudi stand closely resembles a design used by China, though it is smaller.

Chinese military support to the kingdom would not come as a surprise. The Chinese have increasingly sold armed drones to Saudi Arabia and other Mideast nations, even as the U.S. blocks sales of its own to allies over proliferation concerns. Beijing also sold Riyadh variants of its Dongfeng ballistic missiles, the only ones the kingdom was previously believed to have in its arsenal.

Asked by The Associated Press on Friday about the base, China's Defense Ministry declined immediately to comment.

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"I have never heard of such a thing as China helping Saudi Arabia to build a missile base," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said.

Neither Saudi Arabia nor China are members of the Missile Technology Control Regime, a 30-year-old agreement aimed at limiting the proliferation of rockets capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear bombs.

Saudi Arabia, along with Israel and the United States, have long criticized Iran's ballistic missile program, viewing it as a regional threat.

Iran, whose nuclear program for now remains limited by its 2015 deal with world powers, insists its atomic program is peaceful. But Western powers have long feared it was pursuing nuclear weapons in the guise of a civilian program, allegations denied by Tehran.

Iran has relied on its ballistic missiles as its own air force is largely made up of pre-1979 fighter jets. Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, has a fleet of modern F-15s, Typhoons and Tornados — which raises the question of why the Saudis would choose to develop the missiles.

Elleman, the defense expert, said that while Saudi pilots are skilled, the kingdom still needs American help with logistics.

"Today, they rely heavily on direct American support. There is no absolute guarantee that U.S. forces and supporting functions will aid a Saudi attack on Iranian targets," Elleman told the AP. "Ballistic missiles are a reasonable hedge against those concerns."

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, has been targeted by ballistic missiles fired from neighboring Yemen by the Houthi rebels, some of which have reached Riyadh. Researchers, Western nations and U.N. experts say Iran supplied those missiles to the rebels, something Tehran and the rebels deny.

Saudi Arabia is pursuing its own nuclear program, and Prince Mohammed, the 33-year-old son of King Salman who is next in line for the throne, said it would race for an atomic weapon if Iran were to develop one.

"Saudi Arabia does not want to acquire any nuclear bomb, but without a doubt if Iran developed a nuclear bomb, we will follow suit as soon as possible," Prince Mohammed told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview aired last March.

A Saudi program would only complicate efforts by the U.S. and its Western allies to limit Iran's ballistic missile program, said STRATFOR, the Austin, Texas-based private intelligence firm.

STRATFOR said that "should Saudi Arabia move into a test-launch phase, the United States will be pressured to take action with sanctions," as it has done with Iran.

Congress has grown increasingly critical of Saudi Arabia since the Oct. 2 assassination of Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, allegedly carried out by members of Prince Mohammed's entourage. The kingdom's yearslong war in Yemen also has angered lawmakers.

If the Saudis produce "medium-range systems inherently capable of carrying nuclear weapons, the response will be much more robust, though likely out of public view," Elleman said. "Congress, on the other hand, may lash out, as this will be seen as another affront to the U.S. and regional stability."

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Associated Press writer Christopher Bodeen in Beijing contributed.

## Trump ends shutdown, signs bill to reopen government

By JILL COLVIN, LISA MASCARO and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Submitting to mounting pressure, President Donald Trump has signed a bill to reopen the government for three weeks, backing down from his demand that Congress give him money for his border wall before federal agencies go back to work.

Standing alone in the Rose Garden Friday, Trump said he would sign legislation funding shuttered agencies until Feb. 15 and try again to persuade lawmakers to finance his long-sought wall. The deal he reached with congressional leaders contains no new money for the wall but ends the longest shutdown in U.S. history.

First the Senate, then the House swiftly and unanimously approved the deal. Late Friday, Trump signed

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it into law. The administration asked federal department heads to reopen offices in a "prompt and orderly manner" and said furloughed employees can return to work.

Trump's retreat came in the 35th day of the partial shutdown as intensifying delays at the nation's airports and another missed payday for hundreds of thousands of federal workers brought new urgency to efforts to resolve the standoff.

"This was in no way a concession," Trump said in a tweet late Friday, fending off critics who wanted him to keep fighting. "It was taking care of millions of people who were getting badly hurt by the Shutdown with the understanding that in 21 days, if no deal is done, it's off to the races!"

The shutdown ended as Democratic leaders had insisted it must — reopen the government first, then talk border security.

"The president thought he could crack Democrats, and he didn't, and I hope it's a lesson for him," said the Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said of her members: "Our unity is our power. And that is what maybe the president underestimated."

Trump still made the case for a border wall and maintained he might again shut down the government over it. Yet, as negotiations restart, Trump enters them from a weakened position. A strong majority of Americans blamed him for the standoff and rejected his arguments for a border wall, recent polls show.

"If we don't get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15, again, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws and Constitution of the United States to address this emergency," Trump said.

The president has said he could declare a national emergency to fund the border wall unilaterally if Congress doesn't provide the money. Such a move would almost certainly face legal hurdles.

As part of the deal with congressional leaders, a bipartisan committee of House and Senate lawmakers was being formed to consider border spending as part of the legislative process in the weeks ahead.

"They are willing to put partisanship aside, I think, and put the security of the American people first," Trump said. He asserted that a "barrier or walls will be an important part of the solution."

The deal includes back pay for some 800,000 federal workers who have gone without paychecks. The Trump administration promises to pay them as soon as possible.

Also expected is a new date for the president to deliver his State of the Union address, postponed during the shutdown. But it will not be Jan. 29 as once planned, according to a person familiar with the planning but unauthorized to discuss it.

As border talks resume, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he hopes there will be "good-faith negotiations over the next three weeks to try to resolve our differences."

Schumer said that while Democrats oppose the wall money, they agree on other ways to secure the border "and that bodes well for coming to an eventual agreement."

In striking the accord, Trump risks backlash from conservatives who pushed him to keep fighting for the wall. Some lashed out Friday for his having yielded, for now, on his signature campaign promise.

Conservative commentator Ann Coulter suggested on Twitter that she views Trump as "the biggest wimp" to serve as president.

Money for the wall is not at all guaranteed, as Democrats have held united against building a structure as Trump once envisioned, preferring other types of border technology. Asked about Trump's wall, Pelosi, who has said repeatedly she won't approve money for it, said: "Have I not been clear? No, I have been very clear."

Within the White House, there was broad recognition among Trump's aides that the shutdown pressure was growing, and they couldn't keep the standoff going indefinitely. The president's approval numbers had suffered during the impasse. Overnight and Friday, several Republicans were calling on him openly, and in private, to reopen the government.

The breakthrough came as LaGuardia Airport in New York and Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey both experienced at least 90-minute delays in takeoffs Friday because of the shutdown. And the world's busiest airport — Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport — was experiencing long security



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wait times, a warning sign the week before it expects 150,000 out-of-town visitors for the Super Bowl.

The standoff became so severe that, as the Senate opened with prayer, Chaplain Barry Black called on high powers in the "hour of national turmoil" to help senators do "what is right."

Senators were talking with increased urgency after Thursday's defeat of competing proposals from Trump and the Democrats. Bipartisan talks provided a glimmer of hope Friday that some agreement could be reached. But several senators said they didn't know what to expect as they arrived to watch the president's televised address from their lunchroom off the Senate floor.

The Senate first rejected a Republican plan Thursday 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. But it earned more support than Trump's plan, even though Republicans control the chamber 53-47. 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.

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

Throughout, the two sides issued mutually exclusive demands that have blocked negotiations from even starting: Trump had refused to reopen government until Congress gave him the wall money, and congressional Democrats had rejected bargaining until he reopened government.

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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.

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Meanwhile, in Washington, a federal judge has scheduled a sealed proceeding to determine whether former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort intentionally lied to investigators.

Judge Amy Berman Jackson said Friday she would provide a redacted transcript as soon as possible. The Feb. 4 hearing will be closed. Manafort pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy in Washington in September as part of a plea deal.

He agreed to cooperate in the special counsel's Russia investigation but prosecutors charge he breached the deal by lying. Manafort's attorneys say he just didn't have a perfect recollection of all the facts.

Jackson said she must decide for herself whether Manafort lied in order to properly sentence him.

## 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>

## Key takeaways from Roger Stone's indictment in Russia probe

By CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Russia investigation snared another associate of President Donald Trump with the arrest of self-described political "dirty trickster" Roger Stone.

The charges brought by special counsel Robert Mueller reveal new details about how the Trump campaign sought to benefit from the release of hacked material damaging to Hillary Clinton. But they don't definitively answer the key question in the Russia probe: Did the Trump campaign coordinate with Russia's efforts to sway the 2016 election?

Some takeaways from the indictment against Stone, who was arrested Friday.

### WHAT'S STONE ACCUSED OF DOING?

Lying to Congress. Obstructing the House intelligence committee's Russia investigation. And witness tampering.

The charges stem from what prosecutors say were Stone's efforts to conceal the nature of his discussions during the 2016 election about WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy group that released thousands of emails stolen from the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta. U.S. intelligence agencies and Mueller's investigators have said Russia was the source of that hacked material.

Prosecutors say Stone lied during his Sept. 26, 2017, testimony before the House intelligence committee about his interactions regarding WikiLeaks and his communications with the Trump campaign. They say he also falsely claimed he didn't have documents requested by the committee when he did. And he is accused of "corruptly" persuading one of his associates, New York radio host Randy Credico, not to testify before the House intelligence committee in an effort to conceal Stone's false statements.

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Stone has denied any wrongdoing, saying any misstatements he made were "immaterial and without intent."

## WHO IS ROGER STONE?

He's a longtime political consultant, a purveyor of conspiracy theories and an unabashed reveler in his own reputation for underhanded tactics.

A self-described "dirty trickster" with a tattoo of former President Richard Nixon on his back, Stone served on Trump's campaign during the early months of the 2016 presidential race. Though he was quickly ousted from the campaign, he has remained an ardent defender of the president and a colorful critic of the Mueller probe.

The indictment and Stone's response Friday only served to build on that reputation.

The document quotes Stone encouraging Credico to cover up Stone's false statements to the House intelligence committee by doing "a 'Frank Pentangeli,'" a reference to a character in "The Godfather: Part II" who lies before Congress.

Stone, who calls Credico a "rat" and "stoolie," is also quoted as threatening to take Credico's dog, Bianca, away from him.

After his release from custody Friday, Stone called in to the conspiracy theory show, Infowars, from the courthouse to dispute the charges. He branded the conversation an "exclusive." He then walked out smiling to speak to a crowd of reporters and a live cable news audience, torching his arrest as politically motivated.

## WHAT DOES THE INDICTMENT SAY ABOUT THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN?

It says that people in the highest levels of the Trump campaign were trying to find out WikiLeaks' plans to release derogatory information on Clinton, and Stone was the chosen conduit in that effort.

The indictment says that by June and July 2016, Stone told senior Trump campaign officials that WikiLeaks had obtained documents that could be damaging to Clinton's campaign. Then later, after WikiLeaks released hacked material from the Democratic National Committee on July 22, 2016, the indictment says a senior Trump campaign official "was directed" to contact Stone about additional releases and "what other damaging information" WikiLeaks had "regarding the Clinton campaign."

The indictment does not name the official or say who directed the outreach to Stone. It notes that Stone then continued to pass information along about WikiLeaks and quotes conversations he had with Steve Bannon, who served at the highest level of the campaign and later joined the White House.

The indictment doesn't accuse any campaign officials of wrongdoing or say that they coordinated directly with WikiLeaks. It also doesn't say that Stone had any special knowledge of WikiLeaks' plans.

## HOW IS THIS BAD FOR TRUMP?

It adds to the growing list of Trump associates who have been charged in the special counsel's probe. And it renews questions about why so many people around the president have been accused of lying in the Russia investigation.

Stone is the sixth Trump associate charged by Mueller, joining a cast of Trump's former national security adviser, his campaign chairman, his former personal lawyer and two other campaign aides.

The indictment also paints an unflattering picture of the president's campaign. It shows that people in then-candidate Trump's inner circle were actively trying to politically benefit from material stolen from Democratic groups and the Clinton campaign during the election.

## HOW IS THIS GOOD FOR TRUMP?

The president himself isn't accused of a crime. Stone isn't implicated in any conspiracy with WikiLeaks or the Russian government, and neither is anyone else in the campaign.

That lack of direct allegations of colluding with Russian election interference provided new ammunition for Trump and his allies to attack the special counsel's probe.

After the indictment was announced, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said the charges against Stone "don't have anything to do with the president." Trump lawyer Jay Sekulow said the indictment "does not allege Russian collusion by Roger Stone or anyone else."

For his part, the president tweeted: "Greatest Witch Hunt in the History of our Country! NO COLLUSION!"

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

## Analysis: Trump's shutdown retreat reveals weakness

By ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will emerge from the longest government shutdown in U.S. history politically weakened, his reputation questioned and his signature campaign promise still glaringly unfulfilled.

The 35-day partial shutdown over the president's demand for billions of dollars to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border was, in the end, futile. Facing defections within his own party, sagging poll numbers and public criticism for interrupted services, the self-proclaimed master dealmaker accepted an agreement that he had previously spurned and set an ignominious record that will remain part of his legacy. Days after Trump marked the midpoint of his term, the shutdown highlighted the disquieting side effects of his unconventional governing style and the trials that lie ahead for him in dealing with emboldened Democrats.

The folly of the effort was readily apparent inside the White House, where aides had warned Trump even before the shutdown began that there was no avenue to success in the showdown with Capitol Hill. Democrats ran for office on preventing Trump from building the wall — and it's hardly a popular idea even among Republican lawmakers. Advisers watched in shock as Trump declared in a December meeting with lawmakers that he would be "proud" to shut down the government.

And when he ultimately did just that, they feared the messaging war had already been lost.

"He was playing double-A ball against major leaguers," said former Republican Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, who once headed the House GOP's campaign arm. By backing himself into the shutdown with no way out, Davis said, Trump displayed a lack of discipline from the start.

The strategic deficit was only magnified by what allies saw as tactical errors. Trump spent the holidays tweeting from the White House rather than making public appearances to showcase his readiness to negotiate. He didn't deliver a public address or visit the border to make his case until weeks had already gone by. Perhaps most crucially, he underestimated House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the unity of congressional Democrats, thinking the Californian would be more amenable to a deal on the wall once she won the speakership.

Trump's message zigzagged sometimes by the hour. He maintained he was proud of shutting down the government and then tried to pin the blame on Democrats. One moment he signaled he was ready to concede the wall in favor of other barriers on the border, and the next he tweeted he was fighting for the wall as strongly as ever. It was emblematic of the dysfunctional White House culture he has fostered and the challenges that have been manifest on decisions big and small for two years.

By the end of the shutdown, West Wing aides and outside allies of the president began to look at the seminal promise of Trump's 2016 campaign as an immense — and unachievable — burden on his presidency.

It was complaints that Trump appeared to be passing up his last, best opportunity to make good on his build-the-wall pledge that led Trump into the shutdown to begin with. Conservative commentators and House Freedom Caucus members fired off warnings that Trump's base would sour on him if he didn't use the last days of unified GOP control of Washington last year to try to get money for the barrier.

But in his quest to appease his base, the president tarnished his standing with the American public. Overall, 34 percent of Americans approve of Trump's job performance in a survey released this week by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That's down from 42 percent a month earlier and nears the lowest mark of his two-year presidency.

"Hopefully now the president has learned his lesson," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said in a press conference with Pelosi.

The impasse was an early test for Pelosi after her return to the speakership, one that she appeared to pass handily. Democrats remained unified against White House efforts to divide the caucus, and they head into the next round of debate over border security funding determined to make good on their own 2018



promises to block Trump's wall.

As White House aides suggested that the shutdown had brought Democrats to embrace border "barriers," Pelosi made clear her party remained resolved against the wall.

"Have I not been clear?" she said. "No, I have been very clear."

Trump, characteristically, refused to concede that he'd conceded. Instead, he insisted he hadn't caved to Democrats, and he threatened yet another shutdown even while bemoaning the last one's impact on Americans.

"This was in no way a concession," Trump tweeted late Friday. "It was taking care of millions of people who were getting badly hurt by the Shutdown with the understanding that in 21 days, if no deal is done, it's off to the races!"

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## **Pope seeks to inspire Panama's priests, sisters at Youth Day**

**By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press**

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has sought to inspire Panama's young people, its prisoners, its politicians and its bishops. On Saturday he turns his attention to the country's priests and religious sisters as he reaches the midway point in his Central American visit.

Francis will celebrate Mass in the Santa Maria La Antigua cathedral in the old section of Panama City with the country's priests and nuns. Later he'll preside over the final vigil before World Youth Day's culminating Mass on Sunday.

On Friday, Francis brought World Youth Day to Panama's juvenile delinquents, celebrating an emotional penitential liturgy inside the country's main youth prison since the inmates couldn't participate in the Catholic Church's big festival of faith outside.

Fulfilling his belief that no one should be separated from God's mercy, Francis also heard the confessions of five inmates at the Las Garzas de Pacora detention center. At least one of them wept uncontrollably afterward.

"There are no words to describe the freedom I feel in this moment," one of the inmates, Luis Oscar Martinez, told the pope at the start of the service inside barbed wire-ringed facility outside Panama City.

It was an emotional highlight of Francis' four-day trip to Panama and a hands-on demonstration of his belief that prisoners deserve the same dignity as everyone else — as well as hope.

In his homily, Francis lamented that society tends to label people good and bad, the righteous and the sinners, when it should instead spend its time creating opportunities for them to change.

"This attitude spoils everything, because it erects an invisible wall that makes people think that, if we marginalize, separate and isolate others, all our problems will magically be solved," he said.

Francis has made a tradition of visiting prisoners during his foreign visits, and has long made prison ministry part of his vocation to minister to the most marginal in society. Just last year, Francis changed church teaching on the death penalty, saying it was inadmissible in all cases.

The change was in keeping with his belief that prisoners can always change and deserve chances for rehabilitation.

In a sign of that need for inclusion, the Las Garzas inmates wore the same World Youth Day white T-shirts that tens of thousands of pilgrims are sporting around Panama City.

"A society is fruitful when it is able to generate processes of inclusion and integration, of caring and trying to create opportunities and alternatives that can offer new possibilities to the young, to build a future through community, education and employment," Francis said.

Las Garzas houses more than 150 inmates, some of whom are serving time for murder. The facility,

considered a model, opened a year after five minors died in a fire at another prison in Panama City in 2011. Nine people including administrators and police were convicted of homicide or negligence in what was the worst tragedy for the country's youth prison system.

At the start of the service, Martinez told Francis of his remorse in becoming estranged from part of his family after he committed an unspecified crime.

"I caused a profound pain in a dear friend and in myself," Martinez, 21, told the pope. He said he wanted to become a refrigeration mechanic when he got out.

"I hope to give this joy to my mother and be in communion with the part of my family that I lost."

## Measles outbreak grows in northwest US, 31 cases reported

By GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The number of confirmed measles cases near Portland grew to 31 on Friday — an outbreak boosted by lower-than-normal vaccination rates in what has been called an anti-vaccination U.S. "hot spot."

Public health officials in southwest Washington, just across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon, said people may have been exposed to the dangerous disease at more than three dozen locations, including Portland International Airport, a Portland Trail Blazers game, an Amazon Locker location and stores such as Costco and Ikea.

Twenty-six of the confirmed patients had not been vaccinated against measles, and the vaccination status of four others who were infected is unknown. One child has been hospitalized. Authorities say nine additional cases are suspected.

One case also has been confirmed in King County, which is home to Seattle and one was confirmed Friday evening in Multnomah County, which is home to Portland.

Most of the cases involved children younger than 10, the Clark County Public Health Department said in a statement. One adult is infected, and the rest are teenagers. Oregon officials didn't provide the age of the adult infected there.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, declared a statewide public health emergency for his state on Friday. Authorities in neighboring Oregon and Idaho have issued warnings.

Inslee said the number of cases "creates an extreme public health risk that may quickly spread to other counties."

The measles vaccine has been part of routine childhood shots for decades, and measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

But measles is still a big problem in other parts of the world. Travelers infected abroad can bring the virus into the country and spread it, causing periodic outbreaks.

Last year, there were 17 outbreaks and about 350 cases of measles in the U.S.

Officials still are not sure where this Pacific Northwest outbreak began. The first known patient sought medical care on Dec. 31, but it is unknown if other people may have gotten sick before that and did not seek treatment. Public health officials are focused for now on preventing more exposures.

It could be weeks or even months before the "exquisitely contagious" virus runs its course in Washington, Dr. Alan Melnick, the Clark County health officer, said Friday.

People who choose not to vaccinate their children are underestimating the dangers of the illness, said Melnick, who himself had measles as a child, before the vaccine was commonplace.

Before the vaccine, 400 to 500 people died from the measles each year, 50,000 people were hospitalized and 4,000 people developed brain swelling that can cause deafness, he said. Between one and three cases out of every 1,000 are fatal, he said.

"It's one of the most contagious viruses we have. It can have really serious complications ... and it's entirely preventable with an incredibly cheap and safe vaccine," Melnick said.

Clark County has already spent more than \$100,000 trying to contain the outbreak, and staff is being pulled from other duties, including restaurant inspections, he said.

"It's all hands on deck. Clearly this is going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it wouldn't surprise me if we were in the seven figures by the time we're done here," he said. "These costs could have been prevented if we had everybody vaccinated."

Clark County, which includes the Portland bedroom community of Vancouver, Washington, has a measles vaccination rate of 78 percent, well below the 92 to 94 percent rate required for so-called "herd immunity," said Marissa Armstrong, the department's spokeswoman. Herd immunity happens when unvaccinated individuals are protected from infection because almost everyone around them has been vaccinated and is immune to a disease.

The measles vaccination rate for 2-year-olds in Multnomah County, home to Portland, was 87 percent in 2017, according to state data. The measles vaccine consists of two shots, one given by age 2 and the second usually between ages 4 and 6.

Data on Portland's vaccination rate for both shots wasn't immediately available.

Two doses of the vaccine in childhood are 97 percent effective and provide lifetime immunity. One dose is about 93 percent effective.

Both Washington and Oregon allow vaccine exemptions for personal and philosophical reasons. The vaccine-exemption rate in Clark County for non-medical reasons was high, at 7.5 percent, Armstrong said.

The incubation period for measles is seven to 21 days, which means that an unvaccinated person who has been exposed could be out in public for up to three weeks before getting sick. Patients remain contagious for four days after they develop the rash.

The virus, spread by coughing or sneezing, can remain in the air for up to two hours in an isolated space. Ninety percent of people exposed to measles who have not been vaccinated will get it, public health officials said.

Every time an unvaccinated person who has been exposed to measles goes out in public, "it starts that clock over again," Armstrong said.

Earlier this week, authorities were successful in identifying several people who had been exposed but were not sick yet. Those people stayed home and later got ill, Armstrong said.

Those who may have been exposed should watch for early symptoms of fever and malaise and then a rash starting on the head and moving down the body. Serious complications such pneumonia and brain infections can arise from the disease in some cases.

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## As shutdown ends, workers have little faith about future

By BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

Federal workers who have gone a month without getting paid during the longest government shutdown in U.S. history expressed relief Friday that a deal had been reached to end the impasse, but are worried they'll be in the same spot in a few weeks.

Ivan Tauler and his wife spent an exhausting three weeks calling, researching and haggling to get relief from government agencies, schools, banks and utility companies to scrape by during the shutdown that caused him to be furloughed from his cartographer job at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in West Virginia.

For Tauler, the end of the shutdown was far from a cause for celebration. The deal announced Friday by President Donald Trump only reopens the government for three weeks while negotiations continue over the president's demands for money to build his long-promised border wall.

"We won't be spending money like we normally would," said Melinda Tauler. "We will be more cautious about our finances than normal until we know that the government is not going to be closing every couple of weeks."

Tauler was one of about 800,000 furloughed federal workers thrust into weeks of uncertainty and financial hardship — leading many to take out loans, apply for unemployment, do temporary jobs and launch

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online campaigns asking for donations.

The end of the 35-day impasse came on what would have been the second payday with no checks for federal workers. The deal includes back pay federal workers who have gone without paychecks, with Trump vowing that they will get paid very soon.

Eileen Hartigan, who works as a nurse at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, felt a deep sense of relief financially. But it was mixed with the feeling of being used by politicians.

The 52-year-old Virginia woman is a Trump supporter who blamed the shutdown on all sides, though she doesn't understand how her "being out of work made any difference on the immigration issue."

"The politicians are acting like middle school children with their tantrums," she said. "Not elementary school children because they still respect adults. But middle school children because they think they're better than everybody."

Alecia Lane, a management analyst with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from Laurel, Maryland, is excited she'll get a paycheck soon but said the only luxury spending she might do right away is taking her two sons, 12 and 8, to the movie theater.

Lane was among hundreds of federal workers who launched GoFundMe campaigns to get financial help during the shutdown. She needed help to pay her own bills and send money to help her autistic brother and mother who live in Kentucky. She said it was embarrassing to have to make that public plea.

"I'm saving every dime. I never want to be in this position again," said Lane, a U.S. Navy veteran. "I'm worried that we'll be right back in this situation in three weeks. He (Trump) wants that border wall. To be honest: I was shocked that they even reached this deal."

Lane scoffed at Trump's assertion in his Friday announcement that federal employees agreed with him and weren't complaining.

"Who was he talking to?" Lane said. "Everyone was complaining, let's be real."

Single parent Leisyka Parrott, a Bureau of Land Management employee in Arcata, California, was driving with her son Friday when she heard a radio news broadcast about the deal to reopen the federal government for three weeks. Her cellphone immediately began buzzing with congratulatory text messages from friends, who know she has been furloughed from her job since Dec. 21.

Rebecca Maclean, a housing program specialist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Pittsburgh whose furlough began Dec. 21, was washing dishes and listening to NPR when the news broke of a deal to temporarily end the shutdown. She isn't celebrating quite yet.

"Until (Trump) puts ink to paper, I'm not going to check my bank balance," she said.

She and her husband have been grateful for the outpouring of support from neighbors. Some dropped off food. Twice, somebody anonymously dropped off grocery store gift cards on their front porch.

The Taulers were approved for food stamps and arranged for free breakfasts and lunches from the schools for their four children, and Ivan Tauler had already submitted his unemployment application.

He said the family is left with hard feelings for politicians and a deep desire to keep more money in savings.

"This seems to be a recurring theme so we're definitely going to be prepared for it," Tauler said.

Associated Press Writers Michael Kunzelman and Ben Finley in Norfolk, Virginia, contributed to this report.

## AP Exclusive: Anti-Maduro coalition grew from secret talks

By JOSHUA GOODMAN, LUIS ALONSO LUGO and ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The coalition of Latin American governments that joined the U.S. in quickly recognizing Juan Guaido as Venezuela's interim president came together over weeks of secret diplomacy that included whispered messages to activists under constant surveillance and a high-risk foreign trip by the opposition leader challenging President Nicolas Maduro for power, those involved in the talks said.

In mid-December, Guaido quietly traveled to Washington, Colombia and Brazil to brief officials on the opposition's strategy of mass demonstrations to coincide with Maduro's expected swearing-in for a second



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term on Jan. 10 in the face of widespread international condemnation, according to exiled former Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, an ally.

To leave Venezuela, he sneaked across the lawless border with Colombia, so as not to raise suspicions among immigration officials who sometimes harass opposition figures at the airport and bar them from traveling abroad, said a different anti-government leader, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss security arrangements.

Building consensus in the fragmented anti-government coalition proved to be an uphill battle. The opposition has for years been divided by egos and strategy, as well as a government crackdown that has sent several prominent leaders into exile, making face-to-face meetings impossible. Others inside Venezuela were being heavily watched by intelligence agencies, and all were concerned about tipping off the government.

Long sessions of encrypted text messaging became the norm, the opposition leader said. A U.S. official said intermediaries were used to deliver messages to Guaido's political mentor and opposition power broker Leopoldo Lopez, who is under house arrest after he tried and failed to lead a mass uprising against Maduro in 2014. The U.S. official spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns.

Despite Guaido's personal assurances in Bogota that he would declare himself interim president at a Jan. 23 rally coinciding with the anniversary of the 1958 coup that ended Venezuela's military dictatorship, the suspense lasted until the hours before the announcement, said a Latin American diplomat from the Lima Group who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. Some moderate factions were left in the dark or wanted to go slower, worrying that a bold move would lead to another failure for the opposition. In the end, those differences were smoothed over internally, without any public discord.

"This is the first time in at least five years the opposition has shown an ability to come together in any meaningful manner," said a senior Canadian official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly.

The decision to confront Maduro directly was only possible because of strong support from the Trump administration, which led a chorus of mostly conservative Latin American governments that immediately recognized Guaido.

It was no small diplomatic feat, comparable in recent times only to how the hemisphere in 1994 rallied behind Jean Bertrand Aristide to bring him back to power in Haiti after he was deposed in a coup, given the mistrust of the U.S. in Latin America stemming from U.S. military interventions in the region during the Cold War. Just as impressive, the tough-handed approach drew bipartisan support, with two of the Senate's most senior Democrats, Dick Durbin and Bob Menendez, offering praise.

The watershed moment was President Donald Trump's stunning remark in August 2017 from the steps of his New Jersey golf club that a "military option" was on the table to deal with the Venezuelan crisis.

In the weeks that followed, Trump went on to strongly condemn Maduro in his address to the U.N. General Assembly as well as quietly press aides and some Latin American leaders about a military invasion of the country.

From then on, countries in the region realized they had a partner in the U.S. willing to tackle a crisis that had been years in the making but which previous U.S. administrations had chosen to play down because of limited national security implications, said Fernando Cutz, a former senior national security adviser on Latin America to both President Barack Obama and Trump.

For some, especially Mexico, which was renegotiating NAFTA, adopting a more aggressive stance was also an opportunity to gain leverage in bilateral relations with the Trump administration.

"Trump has personally sparked a lot of this," said Cutz, now with the Cohen Group, a Washington consulting firm. "Literally in every interaction that he has had with Latin American leaders since taking office, he brings up Venezuela. That has forced a lot of hands."

On Jan. 4 — a day before Guaido was sworn in as national assembly president — foreign ministers from 13 nations of the Lima Group, which doesn't include the U.S., said they wouldn't recognize Maduro's second term.

That set off a scramble at the White House to make sure it wasn't being left behind, said a former U.S. official and congressional staffer who was in close contact with the national security council. Both spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the administration's planning.

Playing a key role behind the scenes was Lima Group member Canada, whose Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland spoke to Guaido the night before Maduro's searing-in ceremony to offer her government's support should he confront the socialist leader, the Canadian official said. Also active was Colombia, which shares a border with Venezuela and has received more than 2 million migrants fleeing economic chaos, along with Peru and Brazil's new far-right President Jair Bolsonaro.

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## St. Louis officer charged after deadly game with revolver

By JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A male St. Louis police officer was charged Friday with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of a female officer during what was described as a deadly game with a revolver.

Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner announced the charge against Nathaniel Hendren, 29, in the death of 24-year-old Katlyn Alix, as they allegedly played a game in which a revolver's cylinder was emptied, one bullet put back and the two colleagues took turns pointing at each other and pulling the trigger.

Alix was with two male officers at an apartment when she was killed just before 1 a.m. Thursday. A probable cause statement from police, provided by Gardner's office, offered a chilling account of the dangerous game that led to her death.

The probable cause statement said Alix and Hendren were playing with guns when Hendren produced a revolver.

"The defendant emptied the cylinder of the revolver and then put one cartridge back into the cylinder," the statement said. He allegedly spun the cylinder, pointed the gun away and pulled the trigger.

The gun did not fire. The statement said Alix took the gun, pointed it at Hendren and pulled the trigger. Again, it didn't fire.

Hendren "took the gun back and pointed it at the victim (and) pulled the trigger causing the gun to discharge," the statement said. "The victim was struck in the chest."

The other male officer told investigators he warned Hendren and Alix not to play with guns and reminded them they were police officers. He was about to leave when he heard the fatal shot, the statement said.

The male officers drove Alix to a hospital where she died. Hendren also is charged with armed criminal action.

The two men were on-duty at the time of the shooting. Police Chief John Hayden has declined to answer questions about why the officers had gathered at the apartment, which was home to one of the men.

St. Louis police said the charges were the result of a promise Hayden made to Alix's family to conduct a "thorough and competent investigation."

Alix, a military veteran who was married, was not working but met the men at the apartment.

Police immediately launched an internal investigation and placed both officers on paid leave. Gardner also began her own investigation on Thursday and enlisted the Missouri State Highway Patrol to conduct it.

Alix was a patrol officer who had graduated from the St. Louis Police Academy in January 2017.

## Entertainers address social injustice issues at Super Bowl

By **GEORGE HENRY** and **JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.**, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Some entertainers believe social injustice needs to be addressed during the Super Bowl and are ensuring the topic that ignited a political firestorm, engulfing the NFL, will be in the spotlight.

They passionately disagree on how. Some will perform in Super Bowl-related events while others will be noticeably absent.

Former NFL player Colin Kaepernick helped start a wave of protests by kneeling during the national anthem to raise awareness to police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

Jermaine Dupri said he was called a “sellout” for hosting a Super Bowl-related event during a meeting with people who had lost family members as result police brutality.

After the meeting, Dupri and the victims’ family members came to a compromise. The music mogul plans to give mothers a platform to speak onstage during his Super Bowl Live event in Atlanta. He hopes to bridge the gap between speaking out against social injustice and accommodate the NFL during his five-night concert series starting Saturday.

Some of the families were looking to boycott the Super Bowl and initially Dupri’s event in the city that many consider the birthplace of civil rights.

“I met with the families and parents who have been killed and murdered by police officers here,” the 46-year-old longtime Atlanta resident said. “I plan on having them come to my Super Bowl Live event and speak to the crowd and tell their story about police brutality in the city and let people understand that I’m supporting them as much as possible.”

Dupri was initially criticized after he partnered with the Super Bowl host committee to produce a series of free concerts at Centennial Olympic Park, located a couple of blocks from where the Super Bowl will be held at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The Super Bowl is one of the world’s biggest sporting events. But some are looking to boycott the big game after the halftime show has been the topic of a heated debate since Kaepernick, who has not been signed by an NFL team, said he would not stand for the national anthem in protest of racial discrimination against blacks in the United States.

Some, including Rihanna and Pink, have reportedly turned down offers to perform during this year’s halftime. Jay-Z alluded to his feelings in a recent song that he declined to perform at the Super Bowl, and Amy Schumer refused to appear in a TV ad during the game.

Cardi B said she won’t take the Super Bowl halftime stage until Kaepernick gets a job, but she will perform at a downtown concert next week.

Maroon 5 will be joined by Atlanta-based rapper Big Boi and Travis Scott during the halftime performance. Gladys Knight will sing the national anthem.

Gerald Griggs, vice president of the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP, has said the NAACP asked performers who signed up to reconsider their participation. Through the petition, he wants acts like Maroon 5 to withdraw from the Super Bowl “until the league changes their policy and support players’ constitutional right to protest.”

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, PJ Morton, Maroon 5’s keyboardist, said he felt the heat of his band’s decision to perform .

Scott has fallen under even more widespread scrutiny for his upcoming Super Bowl appearance. The rapper agreed to participate in the halftime show if the NFL made a joint donation to an organization fighting for social justice.

The NFL and Scott gave \$500,000 to the Van Jones’ Dream Corps, which works on criminal justice reform and expands opportunities for diversity in technology, environmental issues and education. But despite his charitable efforts, Scott fell in the social media crosshairs with the Rev. Al Sharpton, and rappers Common and Meek Mill.

Dupri, though, called Scott’s initiative with the NFL a “forward movement.”

“If he did something to bring attention to police brutality or injustice, I think that’s a step forward in the

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fight that everybody seems to want to talk about," he said.

Dupri said he's facing the same kind of criticism from skeptics calling him a "sellout" for putting on his Super Bowl Live event. He supports Kaepernick's efforts, but wants to provide a major platform for Atlanta music artists to perform in front of thousands.

"If we were to completely turn our head to what's happening Super Bowl weekend and have nothing to do with it, and stand with Kaepernick and completely boycott, what about our love and our craft that we care so much about?" Dupri said. "It's a rough situation, because you want to support both sides."

Bernice King, the daughter of slain civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., declined an interview request but has spoken out on Twitter.

"Imagine #TrayvonMartin having a chance to tell his side of the story," she wrote this week. "Imagine media searching for a better view on #MikeBrown's behalf. Imagine the Peace Warrior Organization, a group of youth in #Chicago working to stop violence, being invited to the White House this week."

Atlanta's NAACP will give people a platform to speak, but separate from the NFL.

Griggs said the organization, along with other civil rights groups, will hold a rally to address police brutality and racial disparity in the criminal justice system the day before the Super Bowl at Piedmont Park. He said the rally is focused on implementing safer methods for police to enforce the law.

Meanwhile, Dupri has a concert series to put on. He knows he can't please everyone. Even some of the family members of police brutality victims were hesitant to participate with him this week.

"I want to bring awareness to the situation, and let people to know that we're not out here partying and not caring about their situation," Dupri said. "They told me that they didn't want to come to my show. They're pretty much boycotting the Super Bowl. We had a meeting and came to an understanding. I want them to have a platform to speak."

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AP Entertainment Writer Jonathan Landrum Jr. reported from Los Angeles.

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## **Pepsi, Coke vie for publicity days before Super Bowl**

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and rival Pepsi are vying for publicity in the days leading up to the Super Bowl.

The Coca-Cola Foundation on Thursday announced it will pay for a month of free admission to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Foundation president Helen Smith Price tells news outlets a \$1 million donation will allow free admission at the museum starting Monday through February. Center Interim CEO Brian Tolleson says the grant will help it share civil rights history with Super Bowl visitors.

Pepsi-Cola is an official sponsor of the Super Bowl, being played in Atlanta on Feb. 3. Numerous billboards with such slogans as "Pepsi in Atlanta. How refreshing." have popped up downtown, where the center and the World of Coca-Cola museum are next to each other.

## **Tech rises, but four-week winning streak for stocks ends**

**By MARLEY JAY and DAMIAN J. TROISE, AP Markets Writers**

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed higher on Wall Street Friday, recovering a chunk of their losses from earlier in the week. Technology and industrial companies jumped.

Traders took a brighter view on the economy, and U.S. companies continued to report solid results for the fourth quarter. Energy and consumer-focused companies as well as basic materials makers all did better than the broader market. Those industries and stocks tend to benefit the most when economic growth improves.

Markets didn't react much to news that President Donald Trump and congressional leaders reached a



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deal to reopen the federal government for three weeks while talks continue over Trump's demands for money to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico.

Trump announced the agreement to break the 35-day impasse as delays at airports and widespread disruptions brought new urgency to efforts to end the partial shutdown. Trump almost immediately threatened another shutdown or emergency action if he does not get a "fair deal."

The S&P 500 surged 10 percent during the shutdown, which started when the stock market was at its low point in December. Some experts feel that the standoff won't have a lasting effect on the market or the economy, with government employees resuming their spending as soon as they are repaid for their work in January.

But Kristina Hooper, chief global market strategist for Invesco, said the magnitude of the shutdown might have major effects on consumers' confidence.

"If the government can't work together in times where there are no real crises, imagine what would happen in an environment where there was a real crisis," she said. "It's hard to envisage Congress and the executive branch putting their differences aside and working together."

She added that the government's dysfunction might contribute to the U.S.' credit being downgraded, and if that happens, investors are likely to flee the stock market and pour money into the bond market. That's what they did when the country's credit rating was cut in 2011.

The S&P 500 index rose 22.43 points, or 0.8 percent to 2,664.76, but the index fell 0.2 percent for the week after big gains in the past four. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 183.96 points, or 0.7 percent, to 24,737.20.

The Nasdaq composite climbed 91.40 points, or 1.3 percent, to 7,164.86. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks increased 18.45 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,482.85.

Hard drive maker Western Digital vaulted 7.5 percent to \$43.16 after the company said it expects business to improve in the second half of its fiscal year. That overshadowed a weaker-than-expected second quarter. Competitor Seagate Technology also gained 6.6 percent to \$43.66.

Other tech stocks also climbed. Apple rose 3.3 percent to \$157.76. Those gains outweighed disappointing quarterly results and weak forecasts from the world's largest chipmaker, Intel. Its shares slumped 5.5 percent to \$47.04.

Starbucks rose 3.6 percent to \$67.09 after the company reported revenue and profit growth with the help of a strong holiday season. The results topped expectations and the company gave an upbeat outlook for the year.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the Federal Reserve might soon halt the shrinking of its bond portfolio. The Fed bought trillions of dollars in bonds following the recession in 2008 to help keep interest rates low and aid an economic recovery. It started gradually letting its portfolio shrink recently, but investors are concerned that will tighten credit conditions, which could slow economic growth.

"Although the economic data are pretty solid right now, the markets have basically told us that we are not tolerating additional tightening," said Guy LeBas, chief fixed income strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.75 percent from 2.71 percent.

Drugmakers fell sharply. Abbvie fell 6.2 percent to \$80.54 after the company said international sales of its drug Humira weakened in response to growing competition in key markets including Europe. AbbVie gets most of its revenue from Humira, which is the top-selling prescription medication in the world in terms of revenue. Drugmakers and health care stocks stumbled this week.

The S&P 500 has climbed 6.3 percent in January, an echo of its big rally one year earlier. The index surged 7.5 percent in the first few weeks of January 2018 before a sharp plunge. That set the stage for a tumultuous year, the worst one in a decade for the stock market. Experts say 2019 could be similarly rocky as investors react to political uncertainty and slowing economic growth worldwide, exacerbated by trade tensions and rising interest rates.

U.S. crude oil rose 1.1 percent to settle at \$53.69 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 0.9 percent to \$61.64 in London.

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Wholesale gasoline stayed at \$1.39 a gallon and heating oil added 0.3 percent to \$1.89 a gallon. Natural gas gained 2.5 percent to \$3.18 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The dollar dipped to 109.64 yen from 109.67 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1414 from \$1.1299.

Gold jumped 1.4 percent to \$1,298.10 an ounce. Silver added 2.6 percent to \$15.70 an ounce and copper climbed 3.2 percent to \$2.73 a pound.

France's CAC 40 rose 1.1 percent, while Germany's DAX gained 1.4 percent. Both finished the week with solid gains. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.1 percent and finished the week down 2.3 percent. The country is moving closer to leaving the European Union without a trade deal, meaning Britain still faces tariffs and economic turmoil if its situation doesn't change before March 29.

Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 1 percent, South Korea's Kospi surged 1.5 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 1.6 percent.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2019. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

On this date:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1939, principal photography began for David O. Selznick's movie version of "Gone with the Wind."

In 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to head to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1988, Australians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country as a grand parade of tall ships re-enacted the voyage of the first European settlers. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

In 1993, Vaclav Havel (VAHTS'-lahv HAH'-vel) was elected president of the newly formed Czech Republic.

In 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell, citing Iraq's lack of cooperation with U.N. inspectors, said he'd lost faith in the inspectors' ability to conduct a definitive search for banned weapons programs.

In 2005, A U.S. Marine helicopter crashed in western Iraq, killing 30 Marines and a Navy medic aboard. A man parked his SUV on railroad tracks in Glendale, California, setting off a crash of two commuter trains that killed 11 people. (The SUV's driver, Juan Alvarez, was convicted of murder and sentenced to 11 consecutive life terms.)

Ten years ago: Timothy Geithner (GYT'-nur) was sworn in as the nation's 75th treasury secretary, less than an hour after winning Senate confirmation. The impeachment trial of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich) opened in Springfield, with Blagojevich refusing to take part, saying the rules were biased against him. Nadya Suleman gave birth at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center in California to six boys and two girls, the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets.

Five years ago: A brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman's body was removed from life support as the

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hospital keeping Marlise Munoz on machines against her family's wishes acceded to a judge's ruling that it was misapplying state law. Stan Wawrinka held off an injured Rafael Nadal to win his first Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory in the Australian Open final. At the Grammy Awards, Daft Punk won album of the year for "Random Access Memories," while record of the year went to Daft Punk with Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers for "Get Lucky."

One year ago: President Donald Trump told an annual gathering of political and business elites in Switzerland that economic growth in the U.S. under his "America first" agenda could benefit the globe. A jury in suburban New Orleans found Ronald Gasser guilty of manslaughter in the shooting death of NFL running back Joe McKnight in a December 2016 road-rage confrontation. (Gasser, 56, was later sentenced to 30 years in prison.) Michigan State University Athletic Director Mark Hollis retired, two days after the university's president resigned over the school's handling of sexual abuse allegations against disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar. A fire raced through a small South Korean hospital with no sprinkler system, killing 37 people.

Today's Birthdays: Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 90. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 84. Actor Scott Glenn is 80. Singer Jean Knight is 76. Activist Angela Davis is 75. Actor Richard Portnow is 72. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 71. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 70. Producer-director Mimi Leder is 67. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 66. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 64. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 61. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 61. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 59. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 58. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 56. Actor Paul Johansson is 55. Director Lenny Abrahamson is 53. Actor Bryan Callen is 52. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 49. Actor Nate Mooney is 47. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 46. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 45. Actor Gilles Marini (ZHEEL ma-REE'-nee) is 43. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 43. NBA player Vince Carter is 42. Actress Sarah Rue is 41. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 38. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 36.

Thought for Today: "My experience of the world is that things left to themselves don't get right." — T.H. Huxley, English biologist and author (1825-1895).