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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Today is Chocolate Cake Day and Punch the Clock Day

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. to be determined at intermission of 2 p.m. performance): Carnival of Silver Skates

Monday, January 28, 2019

Today is Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day, Data Privacy Day, Fun at Work Day, National Kazoo Day

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

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Today is National Puzzle Day and National Cornchip Day

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

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019

Today is National Inane Answering Message Day

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Today is Backward Day and Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

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

Today is Bubble Gum Day, National Freedom Day and No Politics Day

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 WEATHER ADVISORY BLIZZARD WARNING WIND CHILL WATCH

Issue Date:6:09 AM Sun, Jan 27, 2019
Expiration:9:00 PM Sun, Jan 27, 2019

...COMPLEX WINTER STORM TO EFFECT REGION TODAY THROUGH MONDAY...

...WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 9 AM THIS MORNING TO 9 PM CST THIS EVENING...

...BLIZZARD WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 9 PM THIS EVENING TO NOON CST MONDAY...

...WIND CHILL WATCH IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY MORNING THROUGH LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT...

* WHAT...Blizzard conditions and mixed precipitation expected. Dangerously cold wind chills possible. Total snow accumulations of 1 to 4 inches and ice accumulations of a light glaze expected. Winds gusting as high as 60 mph. Wind chills as low as 55 below zero possible.

* WHERE...McPherson, Brown, Edmunds, Faulk and Spink Counties.

* WHEN...For the Blizzard Warning, from 9 PM this evening to noon CST Monday. For the Winter Weather Advisory, from 9 AM this morning to 9 PM CST this evening. For the Wind Chill Watch, from Tuesday morning through late Wednesday night.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...Plan on slippery road conditions. Blowing snow could significantly reduce visibility. The hazardous conditions could impact the morning or evening commute. Strong winds could cause extensive damage to trees and power lines. The dangerously cold wind chills could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 5 minutes.

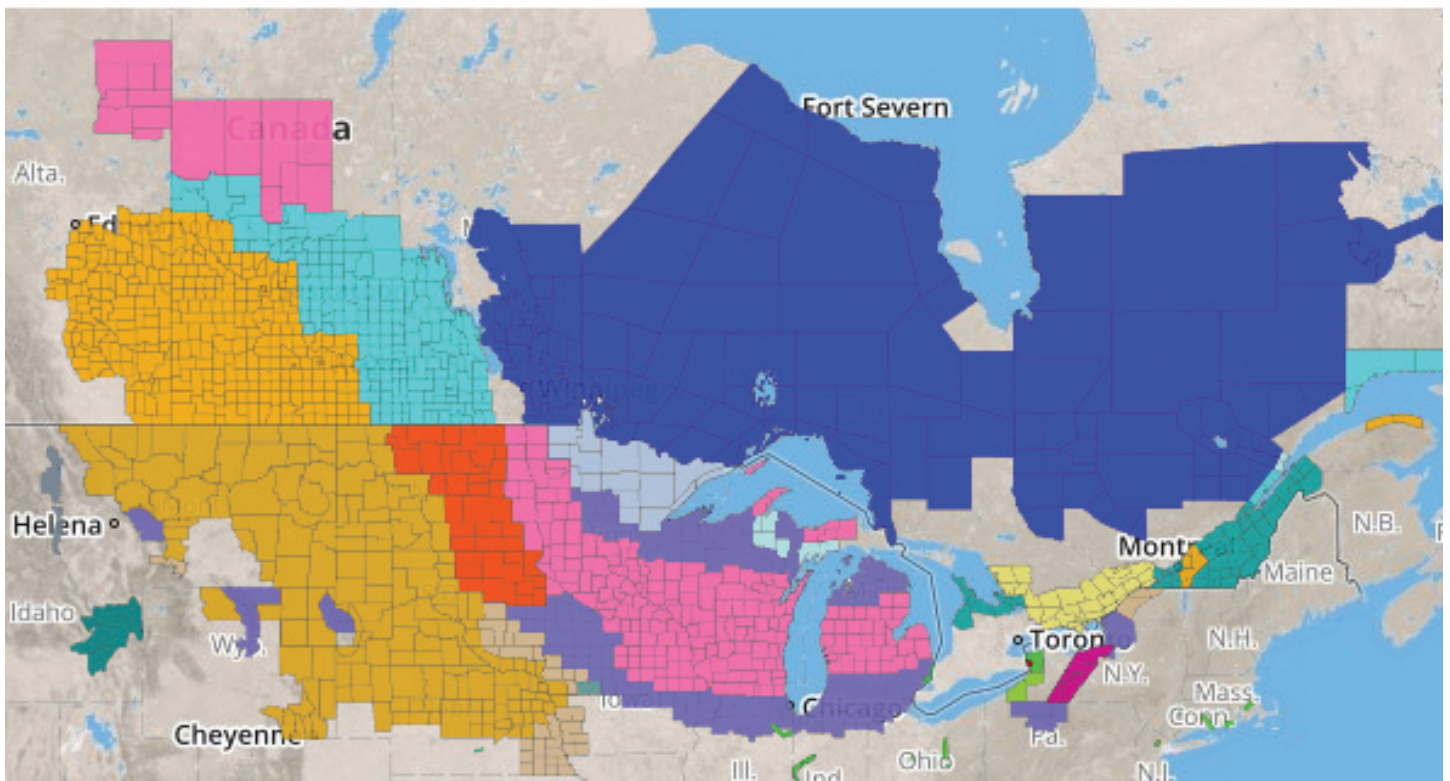
A Blizzard Warning means severe winter weather conditions are expected or occurring. Falling and blowing snow with strong winds and poor visibilities are likely. This will lead to whiteout conditions, making travel extremely dangerous. Do not travel. If you must travel, have a winter survival kit with you. If you get stranded, stay with your vehicle.

A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties. Expect slippery roads and limited visibilities, and use caution while driving.

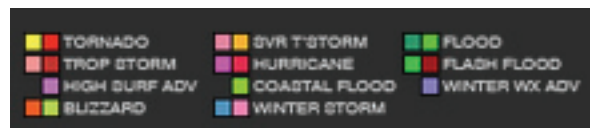
A Wind Chill Watch means there is the potential for a combination of very cold air and the wind to create dangerously low wind chill values. Monitor the latest forecasts and warnings for updates on this situation.

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You think this is a big storm?!?



Men's Basketball

Kallman drains a career high 21 points in road loss at Minnesota Duluth

Duluth, Minn. – The Northern State University men's basketball team suffered their second divisional loss on Saturday evening, falling to Minnesota Duluth 76-70. The Wolves drop to 15-5 overall and 11-3 in the NSIC following the game.

The two teams were evenly matched throughout the game with ten ties through the 40 minutes of action. Neither team led by more than ten in the contest. Statistically the Wolves biggest pitfall in the game was the 14 turnovers given up, which resulted in 20 UMD points.

Northern shot 41.8 percent from the floor, 39.1 percent from the 3-point line with nine made 3-pointers, and 83.3 percent from the foul line. The Bulldogs just edged out the Wolves shooting 44.2 percent from the floor, 41.2 percent from the arc, and 85.2 percent from the free throw line.

As a team, the Wolves combined for 22 points in the paint, 15 points off the bench, 11 second chance points, and eight points off turnovers. They tallied 14 assists, three blocks, and three steals, while out-rebounding Minnesota Duluth 34-31.

Andrew Kallman had a career night for the Wolves playing 37 of the 40 minutes of regulation. The sophomore dropped a career high 21 points, adding three rebounds and four assists. He shot 57.1 percent from the floor and 62.5 percent from beyond the arc with five made 3-pointers.

Gabe King and Justin Decker followed with 14 and 12 points respectively. King went a perfect 4-for-4 from the foul line, and tallied four rebounds, one assist, and one steal. Decker led the team with five rebounds, and added two assists.

Parker Fox was the fourth and final Wolf in double figures, leading the team off the bench with 11 points. Fox also grabbed a team high five rebounds, in addition to two blocks. He was a perfect 3-of-3 from the field and hit 5-of-7 from the foul line.

Bo Fries and Ian Smith rounded out the starting five with a combined eight points. Smith appeared in limited minutes for the Wolves, but led the team with five assists, while adding four rebounds. Fries notched three rebounds of his own, as well as one assist. Mason Stark grabbed the final for team points of the Wolves, adding four rebounds, one assist, one block, and one steal.

The Wolves will remain on the road next weekend traveling to Concordia-St. Paul and Minnesota State. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday in St. Paul and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday in Mankato.

Women's Basketball

Wolves drop North Division game to Minnesota Duluth

Duluth, Minn. – The Northern State Wolves drop North Division game to Minnesota Duluth Saturday afternoon by a final score of 57-41. With the loss, the Wolves drop to 8-12 on the season and 5-9 in conference play.

NSU started the game on a 7-2 run to jump out to an early lead before the Bulldogs took the lead back with 5:10 left in the first quarter. Wolves trailed Duluth 17-20 heading into the second quarter. Both teams traded shots in the second quarter, as the Wolves trailed by six heading into the intermission break. Northern State in the first half shot 40.0 percent from the field, 75.0 percent from behind the arc, six assists on 10 made field goals, and 20 rebounds.

Minnesota Duluth went on a 13-2 run over the course of six minutes in the third quarter to extend the lead to 15 heading into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs started the fourth quarter on an 8-0 run to extend the lead to 23, as the Wolves dropped the game by a final of 57-41. Wolves in the game shot 29.6 percent from the field, 40.0 percent from behind the arc, out-rebounded the Bulldogs 41-38, recorded 16 points in the paint, and 14 bench points.

Jessi Marti and Anika Fredrick each led the Wolves this afternoon with seven points. Fredrick also recorded six rebounds, as Marti tallied seven rebounds, two assists, and one steal. Brianna Kusler recorded six points and six rebounds. Lexi Wadsworth tallied five points and seven rebounds. The last starter for the Wolves was Alayna Johnson with two points and two rebounds.

Tori Mekash led the Wolves off the bench with five points, one rebound, and three assists. Joie Spier recorded four points, two rebounds, and one assist. Rachel Guthmiller tallied two points, and one rebound. Zoe Hardwick tallied two points off the bench. Kendall Kohler recorded one point, three rebounds, and one assist. Brooke Luitjens recorded one rebound and four assists. Sarah Rozell recorded the only blocked shot in the loss.

Wolves return to action next Friday as they travel to Concordia-St. Paul on Friday and Minnesota State on Saturday. Tip-off on Friday is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. against the Golden Bears and 3:30 p.m. start on Saturday against the Mavericks.

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Below is the current line of succession for the President of the United States:

No.	Office	Current officer
1	Vice President	Mike Pence (R)
2	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Nancy Pelosi (D)
3	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Chuck Grassley (R)
4	Secretary of State	Mike Pompeo (R)
5	Secretary of the Treasury	Steven Mnuchin (R)
6	Secretary of Defense	Patrick M. Shanahan
-	Attorney General	Matthew Whitaker (R)[a]
7	Secretary of the Interior	David Bernhardt (R)
8	Secretary of Agriculture	Sonny Perdue (R)
9	Secretary of Commerce	Wilbur Ross (R)
10	Secretary of Labor	Alexander Acosta (R)
11	Secretary of Health and Human Services	Alex Azar (R)
12	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Ben Carson (R)
-	Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao (R)[b]
13	Secretary of Energy	Rick Perry (R)
14	Secretary of Education	Betsy DeVos (R)
15	Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Robert Wilkie (R)
16	Secretary of Homeland Security	Kirstjen Nielsen (I)

[a] Not currently Senate-confirmed, making him ineligible under 3 U.S.C. 19(e).

[b] Not a natural-born citizen (acquired U.S. citizenship by naturalization) and thus ineligible for the Presidency.

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DeHoet has double-double night against Vermillion

Brodyn DeHoet had 19 points and 20 rebounds, far exceeding anyone else on either team, in Groton Area's 58-45 loss to Vermillion. It was part of the Dak12 vs. NEC games played in Madison.

Webster, Redfield-Doland and Deuel were victorious for the NEC. Game scores were:

Dakota Valley 64, Hamlin 60

Dell Rapids 65, Sisseton 54

Deuel 60, Canton 40

Lennox 70, Britton-Hecla 32

Madison 59, Worthington, Minn. 45

Redfield/Doland 53, Tri-Valley 45

Sioux Falls Christian 72, Aberdeen Roncalli 41

Tea Area 69, Clark/Willow Lake 51

Vermillion 58, Groton Area 45

Webster 93, Elk Point-Jefferson 90, 2OT

West Central 45, Milbank 34

Groton Area jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Vermillion rallied to tie the game at eight and took an 11-8 lead. Groton Area tied the game at 11, but then the Tanagers scored nine straight points to take a 20-11 lead. Later in the second quarter, Vermillion had a seven point run and held a 13-point lead at 32-19. The half time score was 32-21. Dillon Gestring, who was chosen as the Player of the Game, scored all eight of Vermillion's points in the third quarter as Groton Area chipped away at the lead to make it a 40-35 Vermillion lead at the break. (The athletic directors have 2 AD's assigned to each game, 1 NEC and 1 Dak12, and they choose the player of the game)

The Tigers rallied to within one at 41-40 and 43-42, and had opportunities to retake the lead, but the ball refused to drop in the hoop and Vermillion went on to win. In the fourth quarter, the Tanagers were 10 of 13 from the free throw line.

In the first quarter, Groton Area was four of 13 from the field for 31 percent while Vermillion was eight of 20 for 40 percent. Tommy Nikkel came off the bench to score nine points for Vermillion while DeHoet had seven points and Diegel had a three-pointer.

In the second quarter, the Tigers were three of 14 for 21 percent and Vermillion was six of 18 for 33 percent. Groton Area was three of eight from the free throw line, Cade Guthmiller had six points for Groton Area and Vermillion's Max Mayer had seven points.

The Tigers were five of 16 in shooting in the third quarter for 31 percent and Vermillion was four of 14 for 29 percent. Treyton Diegel made two three-pointers and Kaden Kurtz made one three-pointer. Dillon Gestring had all eight of Vermillion's points.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers were four of 12 for 33 percent while Vermillion was four of nine for 44 percent. DeHoet had seven points and Diegel had a three-pointer. Vermillion was 10 of 13 from the line.

Others scoring for Groton Area were Treyton Diegel with 12 points (four three-pointers), Cade Guthmiller with eight, Kaden Kurtz five and Austin Jones one. For Vermillion, Dillon Gestring and Max Mayer with 11 each, Tommy Nikkel had nine, Jakob Dobney, Noah Gilbertson and Connor Saunders with seven each, and Cael Mockler and Sam Ward with three points each.

Groton Area was even of 27 in three-pointers for 26 percent while Vermillion did not make any three-pointers in their 10 attempts. The Tigers shot 28 percent for the game, making 16 of 57 shots while Vermillion shot 32 percent for the game, making 22 of 67 shots. Groton Area was six of 14 from the line for 43 percent off of Vermillion's 13 team fouls. Vermillion was 14 of 18 for 78 percent off of Groton Area's 19 team fouls. Vermillion had the edge on offensive rebounds, 17-12, and Groton had the edge on defensive rebounds, 28-27. Kurtz had six rebounds and Guthmiller had five. Groton Area had twice as many assists than Vermillion, 12-6, with Guthmiller having three and DeHoet, Diegel, Jones and Kurtz each having two. Groton Area had 17 turnovers with eight of them being steals as Dobney and Nikkel each had three. Vermillion had 12 turnovers with seven of them being steals as Guthmiller had four.

Groton Area, now 4-8 on the season, will be at Langford Area on Tuesday.

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

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Jodi Schwan posted this on her Facebook Page:

Good read for basketball fans!

There is no over the back call! I heard it every game, even yesterday! I just stopped trying to correct it.

Rich Ripley

January 18, 2017

Nine weeks into the season, four left. I'd like to say this, in no particular order, to the fans, players and coaches of our games:

**Let's be honest...some players are just little shits. They know it. Their teammates know it. We know it. Their coaches know it. The other team certainly knows it. Mom and Dad...not so much.

**"What game are you watching?" This one on the court. We're not fans, parents, classmates or relatives. We don't care who wins...only that the rules are upheld. Yes...we miss some stuff.

**The average official runs 2-2.5 miles every game. Figure that most officials work two games a night and you've got middle-aged men, wearing dress slacks, running with whistles in their mouths trying to see what's going on in a pack of ten teenaged players who are trying to figure out why everyone's yelling at them. Sounds like a recipe for disaster...but its usually fun. Right?

**There's NO SUCH FOUL as OVER THE BACK. Why would there be a rule about being able to jump higher than your opponent in front of you and getting a rebound?

**To the gentleman sitting at the top of the bleachers wearing a camo seed corn cap and home team tee-shirt, I hear you counting "ONE! TWO!! THREE!!!" Your counting skills are AMAZING. I'm sure that everyone's proud of you. Perhaps someday you'll conquer the number FOUR and perhaps....FIVE. Until then know that for there to be a "three second" violation the team has to have "team control" of the ball. That means when the shot is released (or "throw" as the rule book reads) the three second count is discontinued since no one has control, its in the air knucklehead. No one has control of the ball during rebounding action either...my bellicose buddy. Also...when a post player gets the ball in the lane the count is momentarily suspended. Its in the rules.

**To the cheerleaders. You look darling. Stay out of my way. I've been running two freakin' miles ya know and #32's a SHIT. I've got my eye on him.

**To the volunteers....thank you. YOU...ARE THE BEST.

**To the players...don't roll your eyes at us when you're called for a foul. YOU GET FIVE.

**To the players....I hope that you're having fun. I'm rooting for you.

**To the coaches...I hope that your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I appreciate it. Toughest job in the community.

**To the players...when was the last time that you thanked your coach for giving up all of their free time to worry about you? To design an offense that wouldn't confuse you more than you already are? For putting up with a bunch of teenagers nonsense? Thank you coach...from us referees.

**To the coaches...don't ask stupid questions that I have really good comebacks for like "it was a travel because they jumped up with the ball, then landed without releasing the ball" or "sure...necklaces are illegal except for medical and religious ones. The player in question attends a parochial school who your playing against at this time. I'll bet its a cross!"

**To the assistant coaches....be quiet ya filthy animal!! Ha! I tease, but seriously...send all of your comments and suggestions through your head coach or you'll have to explain to them how you earned your team an indirect technical foul for gesturing wildly/shouting towards me as we go into a time out. Dead serious. They..won't be pleased with you.

That is all. Please make a note of it for future reference.

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Angela Glover posted this on her Facebook Page:

The answer we have been waiting for is officially in...as hard as it will be to move him to the big city I am so extremely proud of him and excited for him to follow his dream..Tylan's accepted to AMDA (The American Musical and Dramatic Academy)!

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Justin Hanson posted this on his Facebook page yesterday:
Thank you to Dale Grenz and Groton DQ for the pregame meal before our trip to Madison to take on Vermillion. Great to see support for this hardworking group of boys! #TigerProud #BelieveOrLeave.

The photos are from his page.
On the left is Austin Jones making his own shake as Dale let them make their own treats.



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Lana's Annals

**Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative**

Once again I greet you from our Capitol in Pierre. As the session progresses, we are seeing more organizations and school groups visiting in both chambers.

The bills are starting to be filed in massive numbers after a very slow start. Maybe all of those new faces I mentioned last week are finding more of a comfort level out there on week three and are now filing bills.

Our education committee heard about the education funding formula and how it works (or doesn't). We were bombarded with numbers of state and local effort and how the computations are done based upon student population, mil levies, sparsity factors (in some cases), etc. It is so complicated that I acquaint it to a

necklace that is all knotted up and the more one tries to untangle it, the more tangled it becomes.

We also listened to HB1051 which consists of attaching a state seal of civics literacy to one's diploma if found to be proficient of American History knowledge. The purpose is to create awareness and knowledge of what should be taught. The program is a voluntary one that each school can choose to or not to do. Our Governor and our current Secretary of Education thinks this has great merit. We discussed it at length and many came to testify. It passed out of committee unanimously, and it now goes to the House floor. To me it is a step in re-capturing an appreciation of our country and those who worked so diligently to make the foundation of freedom strong.

As we continue to raise the bar of education, many committee members expressed their wishes of pursuing excellence by offering increased critical thinking and reasoning skills in our educational system.

In local government we still are discussing election laws. We are finding out that we have one of the top election systems in the country so if something is not broken, we should not attempt to apply any major fixes.

We had a meeting within our Whip groups that consists of House members being assigned to one of four groups. Asked to prioritize what we think are the biggest problems, every group labeled them to be nursing home closures and meth. There was a sprinkling of others but these two were resounding. Now to get some answers as to how to go about solving. The Governor prioritized them in her budget speech as well, which is also a good thing.

This week we will get a chance to approve a new sports complex at NSU. I am telling you this as we are NOT funding it. All of the funds are private donations but the legislature has to give authority for its construction. Also the Board of Regents has volunteered to cover maintenance and repair for any new constructions. We are very appreciative that they have decided to do so.

On the floor we approved the continuation of the rural attorney program. This was set up as an avenue by which our counties can finance and employ a person who is a new lawyer prospect. In return, the lawyer must remain within that county for five years. Again this just allows for the continuation of this type of program.

It was nice to again see people from back home in Pierre. I might mention here that if any of you schools plan to come out, please drop me a note. I can tell you then where I will be upon your arrival.

Till next week, I hope that you stay safe and warm.

Rep. Lana Greenfield

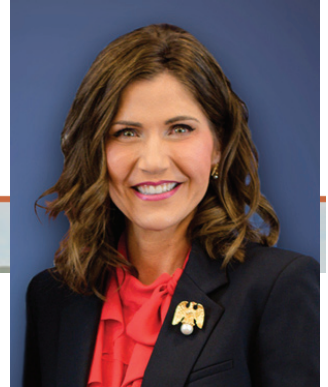
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SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR
KRISTI NOEM



Revitalizing Rural South Dakota

Hometowns are the heartbeat of South Dakota. I'm proud to be from a rural hometown. It's where I learned the values of hard work and self-reliance, where Bryon and I chose to raise our kids, where we started an insurance business and hunting lodge, and where my family has farmed and ranched for a century. But many small towns like ours are struggling today.

In South Dakota, according to our most recent statistics, we have 15,363 job openings and 13,500 people actively looking for work. Unfortunately, what we have is a skills gap – those unemployed workers don't have the skills necessarily to fill the open jobs.

I strongly believe that the best way to prepare our young people for their careers is through work experience. Over the coming year, I'm asking school leaders to work with me to dramatically increase work experience in our high schools. We need more CTE and skills training in high school. We need more apprenticeship programs. And we need more opportunities for young people to get out of the classroom and experience a real job.

I would like our high schools to join together each year to hold a "Week of Work." This will be a special week when every high school student will get out of the classroom to experience a day on the job. I hope this can lead to schools coordinating more internships and experience-based classes.

Another state-imposed barrier to workforce can be professional licensure. I am directing the Department of Labor and Regulation, over the next year, to work with our professional organizations and licensure boards to conduct a full review of licensing requirements. We need to consider the elimination of unnecessary licenses, opportunities to streamline the licensure process, and options to fast-track licenses for apprentices, in-state graduates, veterans, and military personnel and their families. We can't let unneeded red tape get in the way of growth.

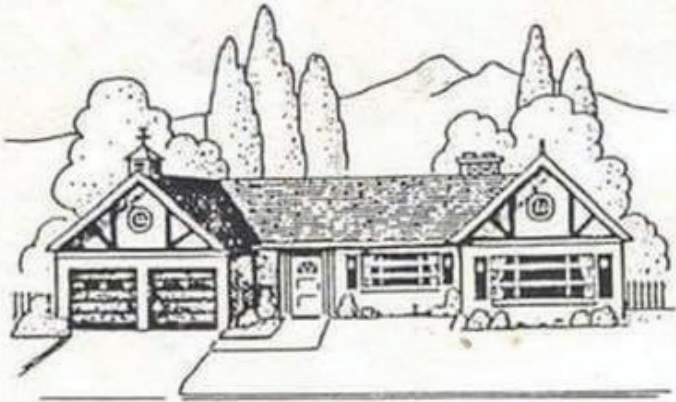
Furthermore, I want to break down barriers to help fill workforce shortages. In our smaller communities and more rural areas, affordable housing creates difficulties for employers. Earlier this year, I announced a pilot project by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority to help fix this problem. We will be building new modular multi-housing units, called DakotaPlex, at the state prison facility in Springfield. It will be similar to the Governor's Houses, but built as duplex, triplex, or quadriplex units. South Dakota communities of less than 5,000 people will be eligible to purchase these units and offer them for rent at affordable levels. I'm confident this new project will help our smaller communities expand housing options for workers.

I believe the most sustainable way to strengthen rural communities is to expand economic opportunity, and that can only come from a healthy workforce. I am fully committed to revitalizing South Dakota's rural culture so small-town schools and businesses can thrive for generations to come.

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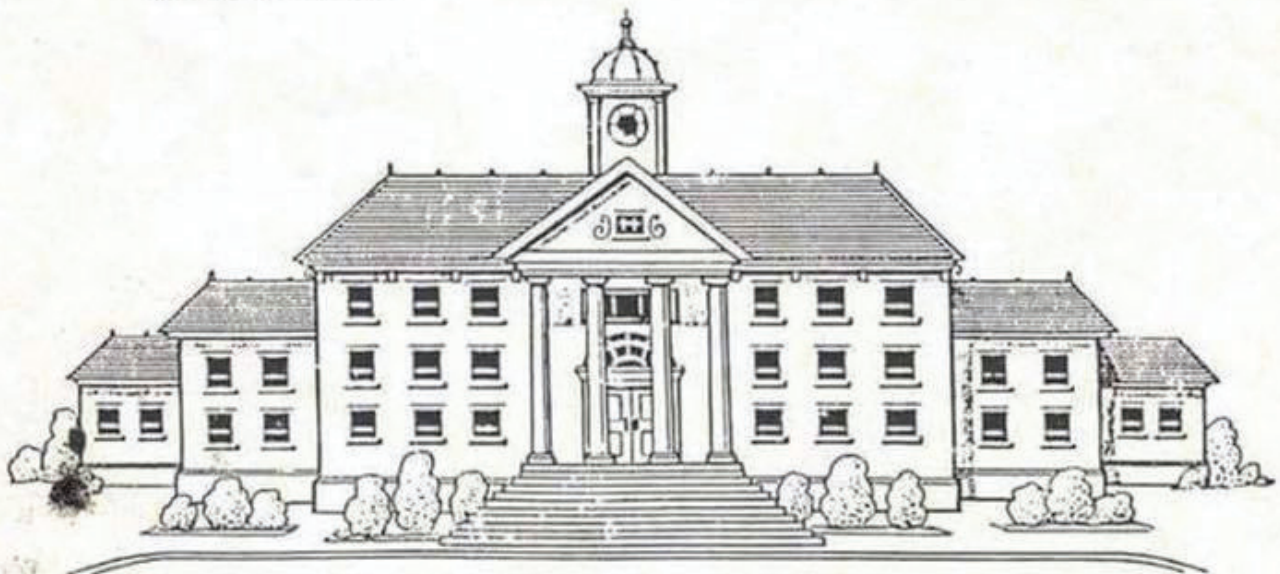
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It's Silver Skates Action on GDILIVE.COM



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The 2 p.m. performance will go on as scheduled.

**A decision will be made at
intermission of the fate of the evening performance.**

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81st Annual Performance
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81st Annual Carnival Celebration

Royalty through the Years

1938	Lenora Luruhn Sheehan	1980	Stacey Larson Hines
1939	Florence Wegner Miles	1981	Brenda Sombke Waage
1941	Gunrun Martison McCullough, Robert Pray	1982	Vonnie Bleibaum McKinney
1942	Dorothy Fangen Kah, Robert Pray	1983	Pam Sternhagen Hanson
1946	Virgina Pratt Ablen	1984	Rosalie Martin Wylie
1947	Donna Wehde Cassels	1985	Jodi Anderson Weigel
1948	Deseree Saltness	1986	Cassie Ackman
1949	Shirley Thompson Suelzt	1987	Charlie Garness-Klauer
1950	Dona Cooper Anderson, Bob Richards	1988	Niki Schaller Christoffer
1951	Kay Stroh Fangen, Paul Roth	1989	Kris Sternhagen Barger
1952	Jvon Gildy, Bill Fangen	1990	Crystal Knoll Wheeler
1953	Donna Oliver Nastos, Aaron Bade	1991	Becky Sperry Diegel
1954	Barbara Sippel Pharis, Jerald Lakemaker	1992	Becky McGannon
1955	Patty Ennen Jackson, Rodney Bauer	1993	Heather Feser
1956	Barbara Gildy Van Kempen, Tom Bauer	1994	Brenda Herr Stapp
1957	Connie Sippel Anderson, Jon Anderson	1995	Elizabeth Hoffman Doeden
1958	Susan Clawson Grace, Wayne Knoll	1996	Becky Hoffman Hearnen
1959	Karen Hubbard Berglun, Ron Mielke	1997	Jennifer Sundstrom Little
1960	Corinne Foss Scott, Lee Schinkel	1998	Lindsey Swisher Tietz
1961	Charlotte Craig Rigger, Kent Johnson	1999	Jessica Hoffman Huber
1962	Darlyne Dunker Johnson, George Wegner	2000	Tasha Sperry Dunker
1963	Jaci Jiran Bain, Bob Nielsen	2001	Erica Swisher Roberts
1964	Judy Flihs Feser, Tom Paepke	2002	Katie Anderson
1965	Jeanne Wegner Wanous, Jeff Kolbo	2003	Shannon Daly Lehnberg
1966	Joan Flihs Johnson, Greg Saunders	2004	Erica Stanley Garvey
1967	Sandy Schaller, Lynn Schinkel	2005	Brittany Ronning Mollet
1968	Diane Sundling Knutson, Gary Hoops	2006	Heather Dixon Phillips
1969	Carryl Bleibaum Goens, Jeff Von Wald	2007	Erin McNamara
1970	Debbie Cassels Bollinger	2008	Marqelle Albrecht
1971	Renee Mydland Swisher	2009	Morgan Schuring
1972	Jill Mydland Zimmer	2010	Bailey Ronning Hoffmann
1973	Faye Siefkes	2011	Jenna LaMee
1974	Frankye Siefkes	2012	Alexa Schuring
1975	Sherry Schaller	2013	Cheyenne Schaller
1976	April Ackman Madden	2014	Breanna Marzahn
1977	Kim Volk Schweitzer	2015	Allison Weber
1978	Cindy McKiver Hoops	2016	Aubray Harry
1979	September Ackman Kruse	2017	Katie Koehler
		2018	Jasmine Schinkel

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2018 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Jasmine Schinkel

Jasmine is the daughter of Dan and Marjae Schinkel. She has one older sister, Danielle, and two younger siblings, Anthony and Emma, who will be skating in the carnival today. Jasmine is a freshman at Northern State University, where she is majoring in Elementary and Special Education.

Her goal is to one day teach Special Education, either in Groton or somewhere close by. When not in her studies, Jasmine likes to spend her quality time doing yoga, working, going to the gym, taking naps, going to the NSU games and spending time with her family.

Being close to home has many joys - one of them being able to still teach skating, as she is the 7th grade instructor. Jasmine would like to say good luck to all the skaters and thank you all for coming!

Queen Candidates/Skaters

Seniors



Kaitlyn Anderson



Taylor Holm



Shyla Larson



Sam Menzia



Emily Thompson



Shannon Wiedrick

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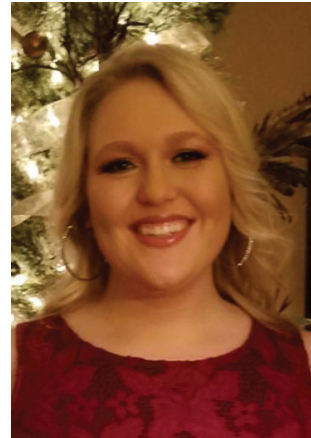
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Queen Candidates/Skaters

Juniors



Caitlynn Barse



Ashley Fliehs



Nicole Marzahn



Maddy Schuelke



2019 Carnival of Silver Skates

A few reminders - please:

- Have your children stay in/by your vehicle – **no** skating behind the scenery or in front of vehicles at any time for the safety of everyone
- Have your children report to the warming house 3 acts before their group performs
- (6:30 performance) check your headlights, including automatic lights, and make sure they are off so as not to distract the performers.

Tune your vehicle radio to station FM 89.1!

Enjoy and stay warm without having to roll down your windows.

Order of Program

National Anthem Groton Area High School Chamber Choir
Introduction of the 2018 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Jasmine Schinkel
Introduction of 2018 Snow Queens Cassandra Townsend (Senior) and Stella Meier (Junior)
Coronation of the 2019 Queen of Silver Skates (afternoon performance only)
Queen Candidates:
Seniors: Kaitlyn Anderson, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Sam Menzia, Emily Thompson & Shannon Wiedrick
Juniors: Caitlynn Barse, Ashley Fliehs & Nicole Marzahn

"Road Trip Playlist"

- 1. Snowflakes** "I'll Get Back Up Again"
Saylor Gilchrist, Shealee Gilchrist, Sophia Gilchrist, Rowan Hanson, Ryan Hanson, and Jack Schuelke
Instructors: Brooklyn Imrie and Maddy Schuelke
- 2. Specialty Act** "Mambo Number 5"
Guest Skater, Faith Ziegler, Watertown Figure Skate Club
- 3. 7th Grade** "Life is a Highway"
Anna Bisbee, Kyleigh Englund, Cadence Feist, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Camryn Kurtz,
Sara Menzia, Hannah Monson, Kate Profeta, Emma Schinkel, and Ashlyn Sperry
Instructor: Jasmine Schinkel
- 4. Boys Group** "I Would Walk 500 Miles"
Sam Crank, Tanner Frost, Luke Gauer, Kamryn McKane, and Korbin McKane
Instructor: Naomi McKiver
- 5. Specialty Act** "Fortuosity"
Duet – Alexis and Teagan Hanten

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- 6. 1st Grade** "How Far I'll Go"
Evvy Beidler, Emilee Buro, Sophia Flihs, Andi Gauer, and GraceLynn Hubbs-Mullner
Instructors: Taylor Holm and Sam Menzia
- 7. Kindergarten** "Can't Stop the Feeling"
Brynlee Dunker, Ambrielle Feist, Danielle Franken, Caelynn Pullan, Maycee Moody, Mya Moody, and Taylynn Traphagen
Instructors: Caitlynn Barse and Nicole Marzahn
- 8. Specialty Act** "Route 66"
Duet – Hailey and Hannah Monson
- 9. 9th Grade** "Little Deuce Coupe"
Kennedy Anderson, Brooklyn Imrie, Julianna Kosel, and Tina Zoellner
Instructors: Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter
- 10. 11th Grade** "Single Ladies"
Caitlynn Barse, Ashley Flihs, Nicole Marzahn, and Maddy Schuelke
Instuctor: Aubray Harry
- 11. Specialty Act** "Wake Me Up"
Duet – Rylee Dunker and Ashlyn Sperry
- 12. 3rd Grade** "Go the Distance"
Camille Craig, Raelynn Feist, Ella Kettner, Sydney Locke, and Chesney Weber
Instructors: Coralea Wolter and Katie Anderson
- 13. 8th Grade** "Fight Song"
Carter Barse (Yellow Ribbon/Military, in honor of cousin Jordan (Opsahl) Schneider and uncle Jason Opsahl),
Brenna Carda (Green Ribbon/Organ Donation, in honor of kidney donor Jodi(Anderson) Weigel-1985 Ice Carnival Queen)
Shallyn Foertsch (Blue Ribbon/Colon Cancer, in honor of Grandfather Larry Harry),
Aspen Johnson (Black Ribbon/POW, in honor of Great Grandfather Bill Scheinost),
KayLynn Overacker (Pink Ribbon/Breast Cancer, in honor of Great Grandma Alina, Great Aunt Lynette, Great Aunt Debbie),
Marlee Tollifson (BlueRibbon/Colon Cancer,in honor of Friend/Neighbor Becky (Sperry) Diegel-1991 Ice Carnival Queen)
Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel
- 14. Specialty Act** "New York, New York"
Guest Skater, Katherine Pfaff, Watertown Figure Skate Club

Intermission

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- 15. Specialty Act** "A Thousand Miles"
2018 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen, Jasmine Schinkel, and Emma Schinkel
- 16. 5th Grade** "Better When I'm Dancing"
Mia Crank, Emma Davies, Rylee Dunker, Breslyn Jeschke, Jerica Locke,
Paisley Mitchell, Jaedyn Penning, and Cali Tollifson
Instructors: Tasha Dunker and Alexa Schuring
- 17. 2nd Grade** "The Twist"
Aubrey Craig, Abby Fjeldheim, Tenley Frost, Tevan Hanson, and Adeline Kotzer
Instructor: Alexis Hanten
- 18. Specialty Act** "Nowadays Hot Honey Rag"
Duet - Guest Skaters Faith Ziegler and Katherine Pfaff, Watertown Figure Skate Club
- 19. 4th Grade** "Fun, Fun, Fun"
Caroline Bahr, Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Brenna Imrie,
Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke, McKenna Tietz, and Taryn Traphagen
Instructor: Lindsey Tietz
- 20. 6th Grade** "Holiday Road"
Emma Bahr, Elizabeth Fliehs, Ashley Johnson, Jeslyn Kosel, Emma Kutter,
Karlle McKane, Emily Overacker, Laila Roberts and Faith Traphagen
Instructor: Shonna Harry
- 21. Specialty Act** "The Great Adventure"
Duet – Anna Fjeldheim and Emma Schinkel
- 22. 10th Grade** "On My Way"
Tessa Erdmann, Alexis Hanten, Hailey Monson, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, and Grace Wiedrick
Instructors: Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter
- 23. Specialty Act** "The Greatest Show"
Solo – Nicole Marzahn
- 24. 12th Grade** "I Was Made for Lovin' You"
Kaitlyn Anderson, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Sam Menzia, Emily Thompson,
and Shannon Wiedrick
Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel

Finale

All Groups and Instructors

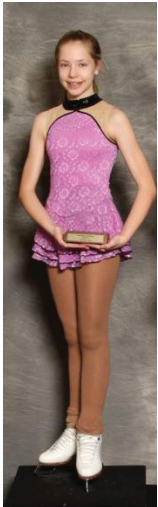
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A special thank you to this year's guest skaters...

Katherine Pfaff



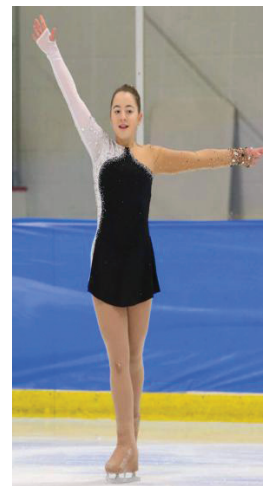
We are excited to welcome Katherine Pfaff to the ice this year for several specialty performances. Katherine is joining us from Watertown, SD. She has been skating for 10 years and is currently in the 8th grade. Katherine performs in pre-juvenile free skate and juvenile moves in the field in USFS levels. She has been in the Lions Ice Show for 9 years. Katherine will be skating to *New York, New York* by Frank Sinatra for her solo, and also in a duet with her skating partner to *Nowadays Hot Honey Rag* from the musical *Chicago*.

Katherine is the daughter of Scott and Ann Pfaff. When she has spare time, she enjoys golf and hanging out with her friends.

Faith Ziegler

We are also excited to welcome Faith Ziegler to the ice for a specialty performance. Faith goes to Watertown High School and is a freshman. She is in her 10th year of skating and competing. She will be performing a solo to *Mambo No. 5* by Lou Bega, along with a duet to *Nowadays Hot Honey Rag* from the musical *Chicago*.

Faith is the daughter of Mark and Carey Ziegler. In her spare time, she enjoys skating, of course, along with reading, playing the viola, singing, hunting and 4-H.



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Acknowledgements

Thank you for attending the 81st Annual Carnival of Silver Skates performance! This wonderful Groton area program continues to grow, thanks to the great cooperation of many community members, including:

Those volunteers serving on the 2019 Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board:

Lindsey Tietz, Chairperson; Tina Kosel, Co-chairperson; Kristie Flihs, Secretary; Dawn Imrie, Treasurer; Deb Schuelke, Costume Chair; Coralea Wolter, Skate Instruction Chair; Sarah Hanten, Communications Chair; and Jodi Weigel, City Relations Chair.

Instructors for this year's Carnival: Coralea Wolter, Katie Anderson, Merisa Weigel, Jodi Weigel, Shonna Harry, Aubray Harry, Tasha Dunker, Alexa Schuring, Lindsey Tietz, Jasmine Schinkel, Caitlynn Barse, Nicole Marzahn, Alexis Hanten, Maddy Schuelke, Brooklyn Imrie, and Naomi McKiver.

The countless others who have helped make "Road Trip Playlist" a reality.

Special Thanks to:

Emcee

Presenting of the US Flag

National Anthem Performers

Sound system & radio transmission technical assistance

Parking coordinators

Admission Collectors

Spotlight Technicians

Costume Assistants

Costume Seamstresses

Queen's Gift

Distributing notes to students

Use of facilities for costume hand-out

Emergency Services

2019 Friend of the Carnival

Announcements on local TV channel

Rink & facility maintenance, Snow Removal, etc.

2019 Photographer & Queen's Photo

2019 Carnival Apparel

Warming House Supervisors

Skating Clinic Instructor

Publicity Promoters

Program Printing

Adam Franken

2019 Senior Skaters

GHS Chamber Choir

Paul Kosel and Coralea Wolter

Joe Foertsch, Joel Guthmiller

Craig Dunker, Joel Guthmiller, Ryan Fjeldheim, Rachael Crank, Will Gauer, Tom Tietz, Cody Hanten, Jarod Flihs

Jesse Overacker, Korbin Blackmun, Indigo Rogers, Micah Poor, Steve Paulson and Isaac Smith

Brooklyn Imrie and Maddy Schuelke

Cheryl Krueger, India Klipfel, Shannon Weidrick, Kaitlyn Anderson, Sam Menzia and Renee Marzahn

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Tina and Paul Kosel

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Admission Costs:

Volunteers will be coming around during both performances today to collect admission fees:

\$3.00 for those 13 and older

\$2.00 for those six to twelve

Free for children five and under

Looking ahead to future Carnivals...

Skaters, we want you!

Do you want to be involved in this exciting event next year? Great! Please watch for registration information to come out early next Fall, shortly after the new school year starts. Registration forms are due the beginning of September. Also, watch the Carnival of Silver Skates Facebook page. If you were not involved this year, but would like to receive registration information by mail or e-mail next Fall, please contact Lindsey at 397-7707 or lindsey.tietz@k12.sd.us You can also reach Lindsey by friending the Carnival of Silver Skates Facebook page (Silver Skates). Skaters from four years old (must have turned four by August 31st) through high school are welcome!

Let's make next year's 82nd Annual Carnival special again...

Parents & Other Volunteers - we NEED you!

A few of the benefits: *Waived registration fee *Free CSS Merchandise *Contributing to Carnival program

The Carnival of Silver Skates Annual Meeting will be
Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 at the Warming House.

Parents of all skaters are encouraged to attend. An election of officers for the 2019 Carnival will be held. The Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board includes: co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, costume chair, skating instruction chair, communications chair, and city relations chair. Volunteers in these positions ensure that a successful Carnival is to continue.

Watch for upcoming descriptions of positions to see which one would be right for you!

Contact Lindsey (397-7707) with any questions.

Please plan to attend the meeting and get involved this year!

Don't forget costume turn-in!!

Options for costume turn-in are TODAY following the evening performance or Monday, January 28^h from 3:30 – 6:00 PM at the Warming House. Please do NOT wash any part of the costume.

Please return your entire costume, including the hanger, in its original condition. If you absolutely cannot turn in your costume at one of these scheduled times we've arranged, you **MUST** contact Deb Schuelke (397-7745) **PRIOR** to the costume turn-in to make other arrangements for a timely costume hand-in. Failure to do so, or to deliver the costume by the alternative date and time, will result in a forfeiture of your costume deposit.

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Cook/ Dietary Aide

Flexible schedule and
new wage scale.



Contact Pam Rohrbach



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81st Annual

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”!

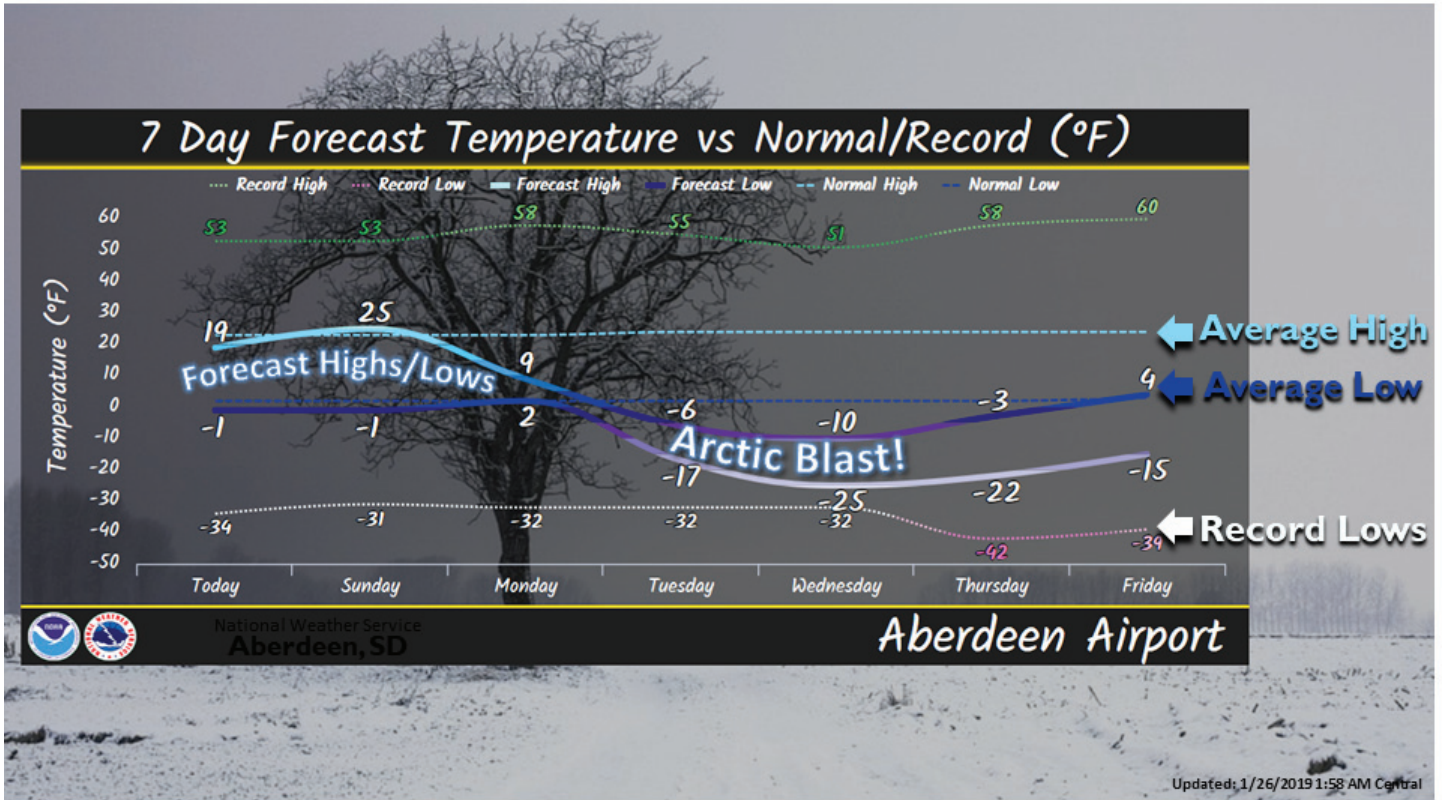
Admission: 13 & older—\$3.00 / 6-12—\$2.00

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 27, 1969: Snowfall of 7 to 10 inches combined with winds of 15 to 30 mph caused widespread low visibilities along with heavy drifting from the 27th to the 29th across Minnesota. Many roads were blocked or remained blocked. Many schools were closed with many accidents.

1922: On this date through the 29th, a significant snowstorm struck the East Coast from South Carolina to southeastern, Massachusetts. Washington, DC reported 28 inches of snow. The heavy snow on the Knickerbocker Theater's flat roof put a significant strain on the structure. On the evening of the 28th, during a showing of the silent comedy "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," the building collapsed, killing 98 people and injuring 130 others.

1967: Residents of Chicago, Illinois began to dig out from the storm of the 26th and 27th which produced 23 inches of snow in 29 hours, their worse snowstorm. The snow paralyzed the city and suburbs for days, and business losses were enormous. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the NWS Office in Chicago, Illinois.

1989: Bitter cold air gripped most of Alaska during January 1989. Tanana, near Fairbanks, saw a low temperature of 76 degrees below zero on this day. The high for the day was 60 degrees below zero. With an average temperature of 68 degrees below zero, Tanana saw an average temperature of nearly sixty degrees below normal. You can read more about this event from the Alaska Dispatch News by clicking [HERE](#).

1772 - The "Washington and Jefferson Snowstorm" occurred. George Washington reported three feet of snow at Mount Vernon, and Thomas Jefferson recorded about three feet at Monticello. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1966 - Oswego, NY, was in the midst of a five day lake effect storm which left the town buried under 102 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1967 - Residents of Chicago, IL, began to dig out from a storm which produced 23 inches of snow in 29 hours. The snow paralyzed the city and suburbs for days, and business losses were enormous. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A powerful storm moving into the western U.S. produced 13 inches of snow at Daggett Pass NV, and 16 inches in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Reno NV, and wind gusts in Oregon exceeded 80 mph. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The nation got a breather from winter storms, however, cold arctic air settled into the southeastern U.S. Hollywood FL reported a record low reading of 39 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - The last half of January was bitterly cold over most of Alaska. Nearly thirty stations established all-time record low temperatures. On this date Tanana reported a low of -76 degrees. Daily highs of -66 degrees were reported at Chandalar Lake on the 22nd, and at Ambler on the 26th. (The Weather Channel)

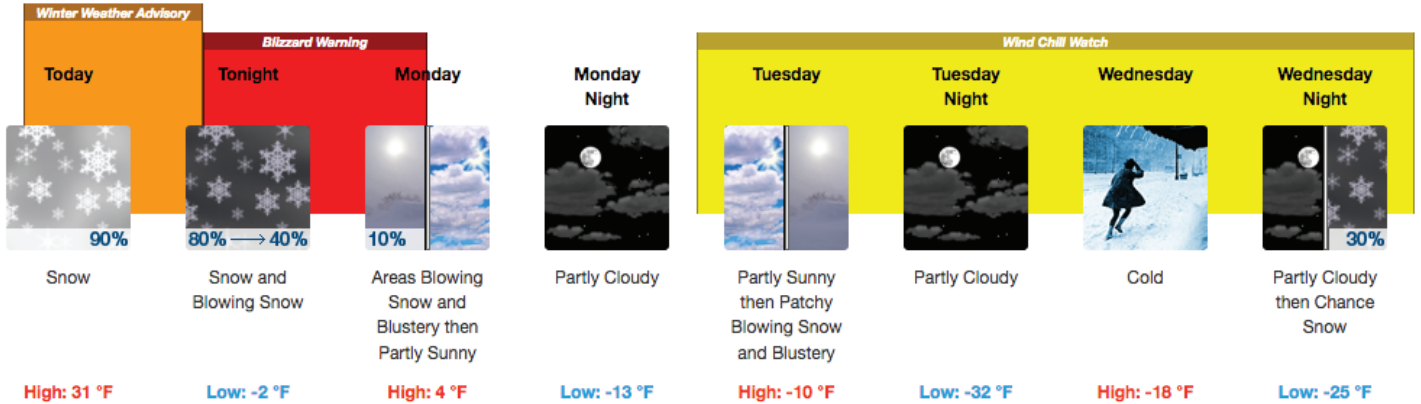
1989 - Low pressure in north central Alaska continued to direct air across northern Siberia and the edges of the Arctic Circle into the state. The temperature at Fairbanks remained colder than 40 degrees below zero for the eighth day in a row. Lows of 68 below at Galena, 74 below at McGrath, and 76 below at Tanana, were new records for the date. Wind chill readings were colder than 100 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary)

1990 - Another in a series of cold fronts brought high winds to the northwestern U.S., and more heavy snow to some of the higher elevations. The series of vigorous cold fronts crossing the area between the 23rd and the 27th of the month produced up to 60 inches of snow in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Month-to-date snowfall at Boston Logan International Airport totaled 43.1 inches, making January the snowiest month on record.

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Strong Clipper System Brings Array Of Dangerous Winter Weather Conditions

<u>Weather</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Timing</u>
<u>Light Rain - Ice - Snow</u>	<u>Western & Central SD</u>	<u>Late Morning Through Afternoon</u>
<u>Heavy Snow (4 to 8")</u> ❄️	<u>Northeast SD & Western MN</u>	<u>This Afternoon</u>
<u>Extreme Winds (50-60mph)</u> 🌀	<u>All of South Dakota</u>	<u>This Evening Into Monday</u>
<u>Blizzard Conditions</u> ❄️	<u>James Valley & Sisseton Hills</u>	<u>This Evening Into Monday</u>
<u>Extreme/Dangerous Cold</u>	<u>Whole Region</u>	<u>Tuesday - Thursday</u>

NWS ABERDEEN



JANUARY 27, 2019

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A strong clipper system will bring a wide array of winter weather conditions to the region today and tonight, with a wintry mix and heavy snow from west to east, followed by extremely strong winds with gusts around 50 to 60mph this evening and overnight. These strong winds will result in blizzard conditions that will persist into Monday. Additionally, extremely cold air will rush into the region with dangerous temperatures and low wind chills. The core of arctic air will reside over the region Tuesday, Wednesday and into Thursday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 15 °F at 11:30 AM

Low Outside Temp: -10 °F at 12:00 AM

High Gust: 22 mph at 2:23 PM

Precip:

Today's Info

Record High: 53 in 1934

Record Low: -34 in 1915

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.41

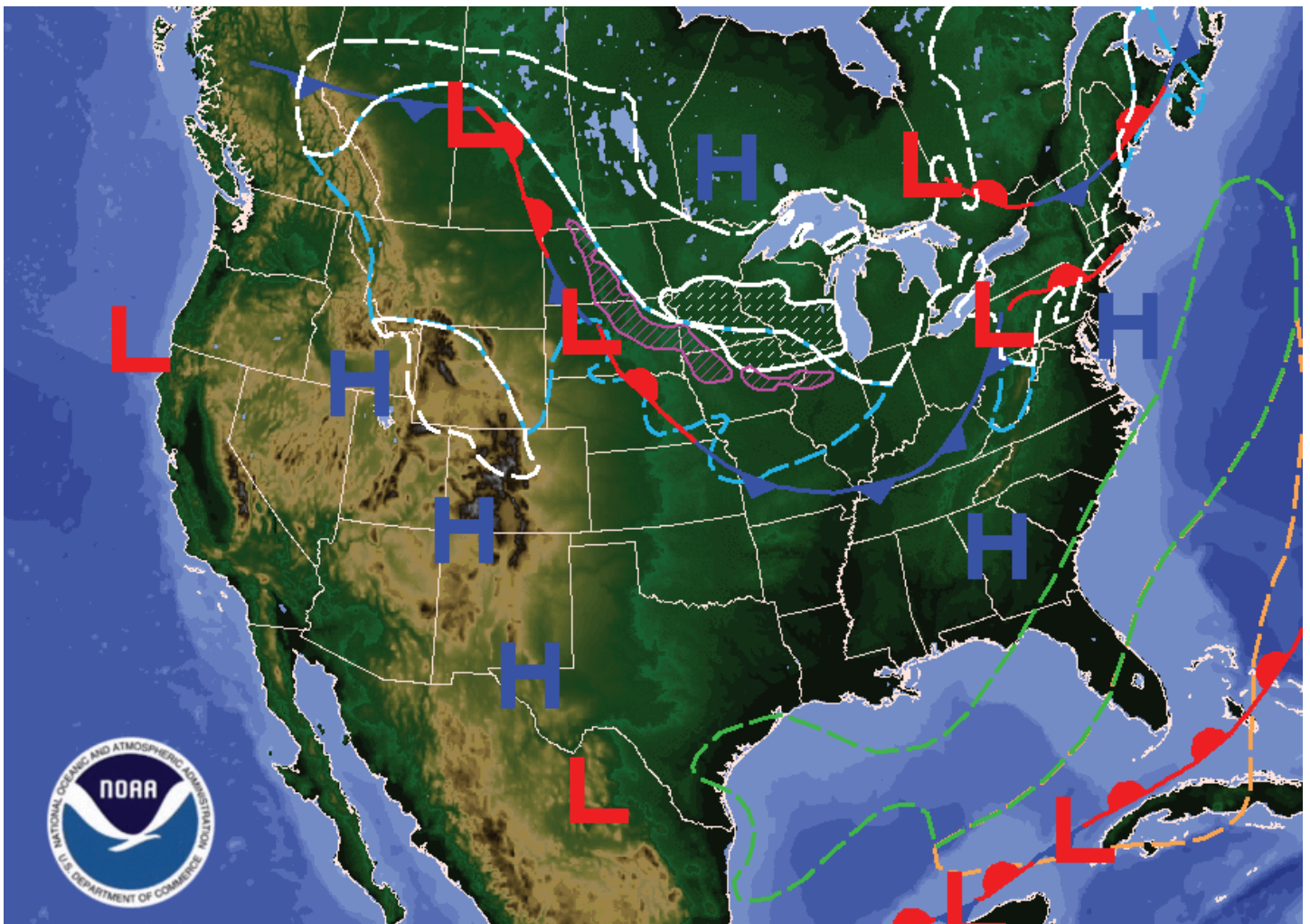
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.41

Precip Year to Date: 0.09

Sunset Tonight: 5:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:59 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jan 27, 2019, issued 3:53 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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PROMISES! PROMISES!

He spent many years living alone not having the necessities of life. One day in his despair he looked at the top shelf of an old bookcase cluttered with pictures and the mementos of his life. As his eyes passed from item to item, he noticed his mothers Bible that he had not touched since her death.

Slowly, he opened the well-worn Book and very carefully began to leaf through its pages. As he made his way through Genesis, he found \$1,000.00. He did the same with Exodus and found another \$1,000.00. His excitement grew as he went from book to book and found \$1,000.00 in each one of them.

Imagine having \$66,000 within arms reach and not even knowing it was there, waiting to be discovered. We may fault the old man for living in poverty when it was unnecessary, and riches were available. We might say, How sad! Why didnt he look sooner?

But, sadder than the fact that the money was in his mother's Bible waiting for him to discover it is the fact that there are 3,573 promises in the Bible waiting for us to discover and claim. Our good and gracious God placed them there for each of us. Yet, most of us do not know where to find them, and they go unclaimed.

The Psalmist said, My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promises preserve my life. Each promise is a benefit God has placed in His Word waiting for us to claim. Jesus addressed this same issue when He said, For everyone who asks receives. Dont go without!

Prayer: The best things in life, Father, are ours for the asking. Increase our faith to meet our needs. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Psalm 119:50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promises preserve my life.

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

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 68, Great Plains Lutheran 21
Brandon Valley 69, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 60
Castlewood 52, Deubrook 27
Chadron, Neb. 53, Douglas 37
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 73, Stanley County 72
Harding County 68, New Underwood 35
Hemingford, Neb. 77, Edgemont 45
James Valley Christian 61, Lake Preston 58
Leola/Frederick 57, South Border, N.D. 48
Newell 60, Philip 46
Rapid City Stevens 75, Scottsbluff, Neb. 69
St. Francis Indian 54, Freeman 48
Warner 51, Sully Buttes 49
Wilmot 62, Sargent Central, N.D. 40
Yankton 58, Pierre 37
Dak-XII vs. NEC Conference Clash
Dakota Valley 64, Hamlin 60
Dell Rapids 65, Sisseton 54
Deuel 60, Canton 40
Lennox 70, Britton-Hecla 32
Madison 59, Worthington, Minn. 45
Redfield 53, Tri-Valley 45
Sioux Falls Christian 72, Aberdeen Roncalli 41
Tea Area 69, Clark/Willow Lake 51
Vermillion 58, Groton Area 45
Webster 93, Elk Point-Jefferson 90, OT
West Central 45, Milbank 34
Dakota Oyate Challenge
Championship
Tiospa Zina Tribal 70, Lower Brule 45
Fifth Place
Marty Indian 59, Crazy Horse 48
Seventh Place
Tiospaye Topa 57, Takini 39
Third Place
Omaha Nation, Neb. 58, Flandreau Indian 55
Dakota State University Shootout Classic
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 81, Waverly-South Shore 63
Bridgewater-Emery 85, Pine Ridge 77
Colman-Egan 66, Gayville-Volin 48
Little Wound 86, Canistota 79
Menno 63, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 38
Mitchell Christian 67, Alcester-Hudson 51

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GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Centerville 44, Edmunds Central 36
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 71, Stanley County 43
Douglas 46, Chadron, Neb. 38
Edgemont 46, Hemingford, Neb. 27
Faulkton 69, Hitchcock-Tulare 55
Freeman 53, St. Francis Indian 45
Freeman Academy/Marion 42, Elkton-Lake Benton 30
Great Plains Lutheran 63, Aberdeen Christian 42
Harrisburg 53, Watertown 35
Lake Preston 57, James Valley Christian 52
New Underwood 57, Harding County 23
Philip 49, Newell 30
Rapid City Stevens 51, Scottsbluff, Neb. 49
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 46, Brandon Valley 36
South Border, N.D. 51, Leola/Frederick 30
Wall 45, Lyman 43
Warner 48, Sully Buttes 38
Wilmot 47, Sargent Central, N.D. 46
Wolsey-Wessington 72, Wessington Springs 32
Yankton 57, Pierre 38
Big East Conference Tournament
Championship
Beresford 49, McCook Central/Montrose 42
Fifth Place
Garretson 68, Chester 51
Seventh Place
Sioux Valley 42, Baltic 25
Third Place
Flandreau 57, Parker 39
Dakota Oyate Challenge
Championship
Lower Brule 57, Flandreau Indian 31
Fifth Place
Marty Indian 51, Omaha Nation, Neb. 40
Seventh Place
Tiospaye Topa 58, Takini 47
Third Place
Tiospa Zina Tribal 66, Crazy Horse 33
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Jones County vs. Bennett County, ppd.

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

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SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

01-02-18-28-34

(one, two, eighteen, twenty-eight, thirty-four)

Estimated jackpot: \$53,000

Lotto America

04-11-23-31-35, Star Ball: 9, ASB: 3

(four, eleven, twenty-three, thirty-one, thirty-five; Star Ball: nine; ASB: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$14.43 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$109 million

Powerball

08-12-20-21-32, Powerball: 10, Power Play: 4

(eight, twelve, twenty, twenty-one, thirty-two; Powerball: ten; Power Play: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$161 million

Pyle leads Western Illinois to 65-59 win over South Dakota

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Ben Pyle scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Western Illinois to a 65-59 win over South Dakota on Saturday afternoon.

Kobe Webster added 13 points and four rebounds for the Leathernecks (8-13, 3-5 Summit League). C.J. Duff had 11 points and Brandon Gilbeck chipped in 10 points with six rebounds and three blocks.

The Leathernecks trailed 31-26 at halftime and struggled early in the second half. They began to rally midway through, taking advantage of a seven-minute South Dakota drought to build a 55-50 lead on back-to-back 3-pointers by Pyle and Isaac Johnson with 4:47 to go. South Dakota evened it up 56-all with 2:14 remaining but Webster hit a layup and a 3-pointer after that to put the Leathernecks on top for good.

Triston Simpson had 17 points and six rebounds for the Coyotes (9-12, 3-5). Trey Burch-Manning added 14 points and Tyler Peterson had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Daum helps Jackrabbits snap 1st-place tie with Omaha

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Mike Daum scored 33 points and grabbed 16 rebounds and South Dakota State beat Omaha 83-73 on Saturday to snap a first-place tie between the Summit League co-leaders.

Daum moved up to 17th on the NCAA's all-time scoring list, passing Allan Houston (Tennessee, last season 1993), with 2,803 points. He posted his fourth straight 30-point game and moved up to second for career rebounds in the Summit League with 1,112. He also had five assists and three steals.

David Jenkins added 19 points with five 3-pointers in reaching 1,000 career points and Skyler Flatten scored 16 points for the Jackrabbits (17-6, 7-1), who won their sixth straight after shooting 53 percent.

Daum scored 16 points and Jenkins 13 as SDSU took a 41-33 halftime lead. The Mavericks (12-9, 6-2) were within five with 12½ minutes left before Flatten scored six points in a 12-2 run. Omaha would get as close as seven after that but Flatten put SDSU up by double figures for good with a 3-pointer with five minutes to go.

KJ Robinson scored 23 points and Mitch Hahn scored 14 and tied a career-high with 15 rebounds. JT Gibson also scored 14 but leading scorer Zach Jackson (18.4 ppg) had just five on 1-of-8 shooting.

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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

Park rangers were once again greeting visitors at some national parks across the United States and flight operations at major airports were returning to normal on Saturday, one day after a partial government shutdown came to an end.

While there were signs that some government machinery was grinding back to life after a record 35 days without funding, many federal workers and their families approached the end of the shutdown cautiously, saying they were relieved they would receive paychecks again, but would continue to restrict their spending amid fears that another shutdown could happen in weeks.

The National Park Service said it was working on reopening all of its parks as quickly as possible, but some parks may not open immediately depending on their staff size and complexity. The Virgin Islands National Park, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the Wright Brothers National Memorial and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park were among the parks that reopened Saturday. Grand Canyon National Park issued a statement saying it would be fully operational this week.

SHUTDOWN ENDS

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. The shutdown caused 800,000 federal employees to miss paychecks

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

"Only fools, or people with a political agenda, don't want a Wall or Steel Barrier to protect our Country from Crime, Drugs and Human Trafficking. It will happen - it always does!" — Trump tweet on Saturday afternoon.

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

Judge sides with Rapid City schools in contract dispute

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge has sided with the Rapid City public school district in its contract dispute with the local teachers' union.

The Rapid City Journal reports that the district's last offer was a \$700 raise for each employee in the teacher group, including positions such as librarians, counselors, therapists and others. Spread across the roughly 1,000 employees in the group, the raises would cost the district about \$700,000.

An administrative law judge for the state Department of Labor and Regulation, Michelle Faw, says the district's decision to offer the raises and focus on repairs and the school strategic plan is fair.

Synova Nicolaisen, the school district's director of human resources, says the recommendation could be adopted by the school board at its meeting on Monday.

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

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1 dead when semi crosses into traffic, collides with SUV

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 64-year-old woman died in a two-vehicle crash in Rapid City. The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the accident happened at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning on Interstate 90 when a westbound semi-trailer truck crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with an SUV. The driver of the SUV was pronounced dead at the scene.

The highway patrol is looking into charges against the semi driver. No further information has been released.

Federal shutdown affected probe into unique bovine TB case

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The longest federal government shutdown in U.S. history affected an investigation into a strain of bovine tuberculosis in a North Dakota beef cattle herd, say state officials who have so far have shouldered most of the probe into the strain similar to cases in Mexican cattle and not previously seen in the U.S.

Chances are low the situation will imperil other cattle herds or people, particularly since the herd in southeastern North Dakota's Sargent County has been quarantined. But it could delay solving the mystery of how a strain of bovine TB similar to cases associated with cattle south of the U.S. border surfaced in cows near the northern border.

"We are the workforce right now in the field, and we have limited staff," State Veterinarian Susan Keller said Wednesday of the North Dakota Agriculture Department's Animal Health Division, which has only a handful of workers. She said federal officials wanted to help but couldn't because of the shutdown tied to a dispute over funding a southern border wall.

President Donald Trump and congressional leaders on Friday struck a short-term deal to reopen the government for three weeks, ending a record, 35-day partial shutdown.

Two cows from the Sargent County herd tested positive for bovine TB at slaughter plants in South Dakota and Minnesota, and the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa confirmed the diagnosis late last year. The herd was then tested, and five more cows were confirmed to have the infectious disease that can be passed between cattle and people.

The source is still unknown. The ranchers have not bought any cattle from Mexico, have no ties to the country and have no workers from south of the border, according to Keller.

"It's a very slow-growing organism. It could have been there (in the herd) for quite a while. We don't know when it was introduced or where it came from," she said. "Maybe it's a strain that has been here (U.S.) for a while but it's mutated."

Bovine TB is a public health concern worldwide, though the risk to people in developed countries is low given advances in prevention and control measures such as testing, culling of diseased animals and pasteurizing of milk, according to the National Institutes of Health.

North Dakota is not alone in recently identifying a new strain of bovine TB — officials in Canada are investigating cattle infections in the province of British Columbia that involve a strain not previously documented in that country, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

"You can have mutations of TB, similar to influenza," Keller said, stressing that a new strain is not comparable to a new disease — it doesn't change measures in place to guard against bovine TB.

The new case is still a concern to ranchers, according to Julie Ellingson, executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

"The livestock industry is concerned about any and all cases of TB, no matter what the strain," she said. "We have worked hard to maintain a healthy herd in our state, and identifying and addressing the situation as quickly as possible is our highest priority."

Responses to such animal disease cases are a cooperative effort of state and federal agencies, particularly the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and its Veterinary Services and Wildlife Services components.

North Dakota's Animal Health Division has received only limited help so far from those agencies and in particular is waiting on information that will help determine whether the entire herd of about 100 animals is slaughtered or whether the owners can continue managing the rest of the herd with ongoing testing. Officials also are working to determine where all of the animals in the herd originated, and to ensure that none ended up in other herds over the past five years. Keller said the likelihood of that is remote given that the ranchers raise cattle for beef, not to provide seed stock to other ranchers.

It wasn't clear how many APHIS officials have been available to work on the case. Agency spokeswoman Lyndsay Cole, who was herself furloughed but on call, said only that the agency "is assisting with diagnostic testing" and would provide further help "once the lapse in appropriations is over."

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which represents more than 175,000 cattle ranchers and feeders around the country, did not directly comment on the federal shutdown's impact on the North Dakota investigation. Chief Veterinarian Kathy Simmons in a statement to The Associated Press expressed confidence that Keller and other North Dakota officials working in conjunction with federal officials "can manage a successful disease response."

Keller said the investigation could stretch out for several months, but she hopes to be able to say definitively by early summer that officials have taken all necessary actions to ensure no spread of the disease. "Neighbors, people in the community, neighboring states, they want to know — do you have things tied up?" she said.

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South Dakota State aiming to retain veterinary students

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A new partnership with the University of Minnesota aims to lower tuition costs for South Dakota State University's veterinary medicine students and allow them to stay closer to home the first two years of graduate work.

Students accepted into the rural veterinary program would complete their first two years of graduate courses in SDSU's department of veterinary and biomedical services before heading to the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine, the Aberdeen American News reported.

Jane Christopher-Hennings, SDSU director, department head and professor of veterinary medicine, said there are bills being drafted in this year's legislative session that would redirect subsidies from undergraduate programs. SDSU has requested \$275,000 yearly for a three-year period starting in 2020 to cover salaries, according to information provided by Christopher-Hennings.

The program intends to focus on needs in the veterinary students' home areas, specifically for large-animal veterinarians. The proposed program would permit SDSU to annually enroll 20 to 22 veterinary students.

Chanda Nilsson, a veterinarian at Groton Veterinary Clinic, said there is certainly a need and a growing demand for large-animal veterinarians in the area. She noted that it's more difficult to provide medical care to large animals.

There are 4.6 head of cattle for each person in South Dakota, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. That is the highest ratio in the nation.

Megan Ernst, a veterinarian at New Horizon Veterinary Service in Glenham, said any program that could retain more veterinary students in the state would be beneficial.

"We really do have a shortage here in South Dakota. Especially in this area there is no competition," Ernst said. "All the vet clinics have more than we can handle. It is not uncommon for us and the surrounding clinics to tell people in need of veterinary service to call another clinic (because) we just can't fit you in."

The University of Minnesota admits 105 veterinary students per year and has enough classroom space to accommodate third-year arrivals from SDSU.

"Providing the infrastructure and clinical skill classes during the last two years of veterinary medical school isn't financially feasible for SDSU," Christopher-Hennings said. "But providing the classes taken during the first two years is an affordable option."

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

Give first round to Pelosi over Trump in shutdown skirmish

By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the year's first test of divided government, give round one to Nancy Pelosi. And it wasn't really competitive.

When the record 35-day partial federal shutdown began before Christmas, Pelosi had just won a vote-by-vote struggle for enough Democratic support to become House speaker. To secure that job, the 78-year-old House veteran had to overcome critics' arguments that she had been party leader for too long and wasn't Democrats' best bet to appeal to diverse, social media savvy audiences.

By the time President Donald Trump capitulated Friday, ending the shutdown, Pelosi had burnished her image as the shrewd, steely and unquestioned leader of her party. That makes her a formidable opponent in what looms as a perilous two years for the White House before the 2020 election.

She had kept Democrats united as public pressure built to end the standoff. And she stood up to Trump repeatedly, challenging his intelligence ("Let's give him time to think it — oh, think, did I say think?") and even exercising her power as speaker to block him from using the House chamber to deliver a State of the Union address planned for this Tuesday.

Trump "found out that Pelosi is no pushover," said former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who once headed the House GOP campaign organization.

Backers celebrated her triumph by repeatedly reposting a month-old video of an unruffled Pelosi emerging from a televised Oval Office confrontation with Trump, coolly easing sunglasses onto her face and striding toward reporters.

"I've heard people say to me, 'It looks like we really did elect the right person as speaker,'" Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo., said days before Trump's surrender.

Pelosi demurred when asked whether the shutdown had been a test between herself and Trump.

"I don't see this as any power play," she told reporters Friday.

But actually, it unmistakably was a contest between Washington's two power centers, each gauging the other's tenacity and smarts.

In a city where perception begets influence, Pelosi clearly emerged with the upper hand. That could set the tone for skirmishes ahead, including investigations that the Democratic-led House, armed with subpoena power, plans into Trump's businesses and his 2016 presidential campaign's connections to Russia.

"@SpeakerPelosi should give the State of the Union since she's obviously the one running the country," tweeted Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif.

Immediately ahead is the still unresolved question of how much money, if any, Congress gives him to build the wall he along the U.S.-Mexico border. The short-term bill that Trump signed Friday reopening government will lapse Feb. 15. With three weeks to find a border security compromise, Republicans are using that agreement as a test of Pelosi's credibility.

"Trust is earned, & Washington can use more of it. POTUS trusted Sen Schumer & Spkr Pelosi & the promise that we can negotiate border security funding in the next 3 weeks," tweeted Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla. He referred to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and used the acronym for president of the United States.

House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy of California insisted that Trump had not surrendered.

"No. He knows the American people are hurting. He put the American people first, so they can get paid. Three weeks to negotiate," he said in a brief interview.

Pelosi's upward trajectory during the shutdown contrasted with Trump's, which plunged in the opposite direction.

The president abruptly rejected a deal on Dec. 19 that would have temporarily averted a shutdown and given bargainers time to seek a border security deal. GOP and Democratic congressional leaders believed he had accepted that agreement and were stunned when he reneged under criticism from conservative pundits.

On Friday, Trump accepted the same offer. But in the interim, he endured numerous self-inflicted wounds.

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Polls showed voters blamed largely him for the shutdown. His favorability ratings plummeted and he faced a near rebellion from GOP senators, who bluntly told Vice President Mike Pence a day before Trump yielded that it was time to end the standoff.

Trump was further hurt by endless stories about the tribulations of the 800,000 federal workers going without pay and countless others missing needed government services, plus comments by high-ranking administration officials that made those officials seem unfeeling about the suffering.

Things spiraled dangerously Friday amid a snowballing shortage of air traffic controllers that snarled airports in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, raising questions about safety.

All that for an agreement that contains no guarantee Pelosi and her fellow Democrats will provide a dime for Trump's wall, which Pelosi has called "immoral" and has said Congress will not finance.

Trump remains hopeful, tweeting Saturday that "only fools, or people with a political agenda" do not want a wall or steel barrier. "It will happen."

History shows that over the past quarter-century, voters generally don't punish candidates for shutdowns. This one occurred nearly two full years before the 2020 elections, leaving time for other events and issues to dominate when Trump runs for re-election and House and Senate control are at stake.

Even so, after the performances by Pelosi and Trump, it was Republicans who seemed more concerned about the potential reverberations.

Asked if the shutdown was worth it, Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., said, "I don't think they're ever a good idea. The answer to your question probably has to be, 'We'll see what happens.'"

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Fears that 2nd dam could breach in Brazil prompt evacuations

By **MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA** and **PETER PRENGAMAN**, Associated Press

BRUMADINHO, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian officials on Sunday suspended the search for potential survivors of a dam collapse that has killed at least 40 people amid fears that another nearby dam owned by the same company was also at risk of breaching.

Authorities were evacuating several neighborhoods in the southeastern city of Brumadinho that were within range of the B6 dam owned by the Brazilian mining company Vale. There was no immediate word on how many people were evacuated.

"Leave here, this is at risk!" police officials told firefighters in a lower-lying area. "Within a little while, more mud will fall."

The firefighters had been working to extract a cow found alive in the mud, but they pulled back on the order of police, leaving the animal.

While the ground search was stopped, helicopters continued to fly over the area, possibly so they would not be hit if another collapse happened.

Caroline Steinfeld, who was evacuated, said she heard warning sirens on Sunday, but no such alert came on Friday, when the first dam collapsed.

"I only heard shouting, people saying to get out. I had to run with my family to get to higher ground, but there was no siren," she said, adding that a cousin was still unaccounted for.

Even before the latest setbacks, hope that loved ones had survived a tsunami of iron ore mine waste from Friday's dam collapse in the area was turning to anguish and anger over the increasing likelihood that many of the hundreds of people missing had died.

Company employees at the mining complex were eating lunch Friday afternoon when the first dam gave way. By Saturday night, when authorities called off rescue efforts until daybreak, the dam break toll stood

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at 40 dead with up to 300 people estimated to be missing.

All day Saturday, helicopters flew low over areas encased by a river of mud and mining waste as fire-fighters dug frantically to get into buried structures.

"I'm angry. There is no way I can stay calm," said Sonia Fatima da Silva, as she tried to get information about her son, who had worked at Vale for 20 years. "My hope is that they be honest. I want news, even if it's bad."

Da Silva said she last spoke to her son before he went to work on Friday, when around midday a dam holding back mine waste collapsed, sending waves of mud for kilometers (miles) and burying much in its path.

She was one of scores of relatives in Brumadinho who desperately awaited word on their loved ones. Romeu Zema, the governor of Minas Gerais state, said by now most recovery efforts will entail pulling out bodies.

The flow of waste reached the nearby community of Vila Ferteco and an occupied Vale administrative office. It buried buildings to their rooftops and an extensive field of the mud cut off roads.

Some residents barely escaped with their lives.

"I saw all the mud coming down the hill, snapping the trees as it descended. It was a tremendous noise," said a tearful Simone Pedrosa, from the neighborhood of Parque Cachoeira, 5 miles (8 kilometers) from where the dam collapsed.

Pedrosa, 45, and her parents dashed to their car and drove to the highest point in the neighborhood.

"If we had gone down the other direction, we would have died," Pedrosa said.

"I cannot get that noise out of my head," she said. "It's a trauma ... I'll never forget."

In addition to the 40 bodies recovered as of Saturday night, 23 people were hospitalized, according to the Minas Gerais fire department. There had been some signs of hope earlier Saturday when authorities found 43 more people alive.

The company said Saturday that while 100 workers were accounted for, more than 200 workers were still missing. Fire officials at one point estimated the total number at close to 300.

Vale CEO Fabio Schvartsman said he did not know what caused the collapse.

For many, hope was evaporating.

"I don't think he is alive," said Joao Bosco, speaking of his cousin, Jorge Luis Ferreira, who worked for Vale. "Right now, I can only hope for a miracle."

Vanilza Sueli Oliveira described the wait for news of her nephew as "distressing, maddening."

"Time is passing," she said. "It's been 24 hours already. ... I just don't want to think that he is under the mud."

The rivers of mining waste also raised fears of widespread environmental contamination and degradation.

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

Over the weekend, state courts and the justice ministry in the state of Minas Gerais froze about \$1.5 billion from Vale assets for state emergency services and told the company to report on how they would help the victims.

Brazil's Attorney General Raquel Dodge promised to investigate the mining dam collapse, saying "someone is definitely at fault." Dodge noted there are 600 mines in the state of Minas Gerais alone that are classified as being at risk of rupture.

Another dam administered by Vale and Australian mining company BHP Billiton collapsed in 2015 in the city of Mariana in the same state of Minas Gerais, resulting in 19 deaths and forcing hundreds from their homes. 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 nearby rivers and eventually flowed into the Atlantic Ocean.

Sueli de Oliveira Costa, who hadn't heard from her husband since Friday, had harsh words for the min-

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ing company.

"Vale destroyed Mariana and now they've destroyed Brumadinho," she said.

The Folia de S.Paulo newspaper reported Saturday that the dam's mining complex was issued an expedited license to expand in December due to "decreased risk." Conservation groups in the area alleged that the approval was unlawful.

On Twitter, new Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said his government would do everything it could to "prevent more tragedies" like Mariana and now Brumadinho.

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 the lack of environmental regulation in Brazil, and many promised to fight any further deregulation.

Marina Silva, a former environmental minister and presidential candidate, toured the area on Sunday. She said such tragedies should be deemed "heinous crimes," and that Congress should bear part of the blame for not toughening regulations and enforcement.

"All the warnings have been given. We are repeating history with this tragedy," she told The Associated Press. "Brazil can't become a specialist in rescuing victims and consoling widows. Measures need to be taken to avoid prevent this from happening again."

Peter Prengaman reported from Arraial do Cabo, Brazil.

Pope urges young to dream and act now as he closes Youth Day

By NICOLE WINFIELD and JUAN ZAMORANO, Associated Press

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Pope Francis urged young people to seize the day and make their dreams a reality now as he celebrated a final World Youth Day Mass on Sunday before an estimated 700,000 people and presidents from across Central America.

At the end of the service, the Vatican announced the next edition would be in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2022.

"You dear people are not the future but the now of God," Francis told the pilgrims draped in flags from across the Americas.

The Vatican said the presidents of Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Portugal were on hand for the Mass, as well as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who camped out on a field following a vigil service Saturday night.

"Our trip was very long but it was worth it because we came here to Panama City because of our faith, our Christian faith," said pilgrim Sawadogo Kiswensidad, who travelled from Burkina Faso.

After Mass, Francis was heading to a church-run home for people infected with HIV, a visit that is likely to send a strong message in Panama, where AIDS carries a stigma.

"Many of the people we help here have been rejected by their families, by people in the street," said the Rev. Domingo Escobar, director of the Casa Hogar El Buen Samaritano. "But here they receive Christian help, as the church wants."

Francis then meets with Youth Day volunteers before heading back to Rome.

On Saturday, Francis lunched with some of the pilgrims in an encounter the Vatican described as familiar and festive. The young people said they were surprised at Francis' informality and interest in their questions.

Brenda Noriega, a Mexican-born youth minister from San Bernardino, California, said she told Francis that the sex abuse scandal in the United States was a "crisis right now we cannot avoid talking about." She said Francis called abuse a "horrible crime" and assured her that the church was committed to supporting victims.

She said Francis also stressed the need for prayer, noting that he sent U.S. bishops on a retreat with his own preacher earlier this month ahead of his big summit on abuse prevention in February at the Vatican.

"For me as a youth minister, that means a lot," Noriega told reporters after the luncheon. "Youth ministers, we have been with people who have been angry but sometimes we forget about prayer. We react

too easy and too fast. So I think what His Holiness is telling us and the church is to first pray, build community and not forget about accompaniment.”

It was the first time the abuse scandal has come up publicly during Francis’ four-day visit to Panama. The crisis hasn’t erupted publicly in Central America in the same way it has in the U.S., where the Catholic hierarchy is facing a crisis in confidence over its decades-long failures to protect young people from priests who rape and molest children.

AP producer Trisha Thomas contributed.

Israeli Holocaust survivor remembers Auschwitz on birthday

By ARON HELLER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — As the world commemorates the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on International Holocaust Remembrance Day Sunday, death camp survivor Cipora Feivlovich marks her own personal milestone as she turns 92.

Feivlovich has spent her most recent birthdays recounting to audiences in Israel and Germany her harrowing experiences in the camp, where her parents, brother and best friends all perished.

Despite witnessing daily atrocities and fearing that the toxic food and injections she was given would make her infertile, she eventually married her husband Pinchas, a fellow orphaned survivor, and started a new family. Today she has dozens of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

“When we first met after the war he asked me if I thought I could have children after everything I went through in Auschwitz. And I said ‘I don’t promise anything. What the Lord gives is what will be,’” she recalled from her home in Jerusalem. “We understood each other. He always said he was lucky to marry me since I understood him.”

But for the following decades, as he obsessively wrote and lectured about his six-year Holocaust ordeal in multiple concentration camps and the trauma of losing eight siblings and his entire extended family, she kept quiet to try and raise their three children in Israel in relative normalcy. Only in the 1990s, long after the kids had moved out, did she finally start processing her own troubled history.

Six million Jews were killed by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust, wiping out a third of world Jewry. Israel’s main Holocaust memorial day is in the spring — marking the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The United Nations designated Jan. 27 as the annual international commemoration, marking the date of Auschwitz’s liberation in 1945, the day Feivlovich turned 18.

She grew up in a Transylvanian village with a large Jewish population and lived a normal life until she was 14, when she and the other Jewish students were kicked out of school.

She said her family holed up in their home for the following years, fearful of their anti-Semitic neighbors, and naively waited for the storm to pass. But then the Nazis arrived in 1944, took them away in the middle of the night and crammed all Jewish residents into the local synagogue.

“Two days we sat on the floor, you couldn’t leave for the restrooms so people relieved themselves where they are sitting,” she recalled. “On both sides of the street the non-Jews were standing and clapping their hands saying: ‘Bravo, we are getting rid of the Jews.’”

After a brief stay in a Hungarian ghetto, they were deported on the three-day train ride to Auschwitz, with each cattle wagon packed shoulder to shoulder.

“My grandfather died there while standing. We couldn’t even lay him down. And in that miserable state we got to our final destination,” she said. There, they were greeted with barking dogs, screams and a warning: “Young mothers, hand your babies to grandmothers or aunts and maybe you will live.”

Feivlovich and her younger sister were thrown to one side, the boys to the other. They never saw their parents again.

The girls were ordered to strip. Their hair was cut and they were hosed with freezing water and marched outside naked, shivering with cold and shame.

“The Nazis are teasing us, spitting on us and watching us there miserable,” she said.

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After finally getting dresses to wear, they were approached by a tall man in a polished uniform who introduced himself as Josef Mengele, the notorious Nazi doctor. He pointed to a huge chimney spewing thick black smoke and told them anyone not essential to the Third Reich would go straight to the crematorium.

"I'm holding my sister's hand, and we are shaking and crying and I ask: 'Is this possible?'" she remembered.

Starved and exhausted, she and hundreds of other Jewish prisoners were presented with a large liquid-filled barrel.

"The moment we took that first sip in our mouth, everyone started screaming insanely. It was like a million pins in your throat. You couldn't swallow the soup," she remembered. "But we learned to drink that poisoned soup since there was nothing else to eat."

She said they were told it was laced with toxin to help kill off the Jewish race and prevent it from reproducing. Feivlovich said she believed it since she stopped menstruating for a long time after.

Those already pregnant faced an even worse fate. In one case, a pregnant relative named Sarah was not allowed to go to the infirmary and forced to give birth on the floor. Usually, the Nazis took Jewish newborns away, never to be seen again. But in this case, they ordered the mother to drown her own baby in a pail of water.

By the time Auschwitz was liberated, she had already been transported to forced labor in a German armament factory. Even there she wasn't safe. The camp commander ordered her to receive a mysterious injection for talking back and refusing to make the Christian sign of the cross on herself.

She awoke after two days. By then, the war was winding down. The Nazis disappeared and soon an American tank broke through. Yiddish-speaking soldiers comforted the emaciated inmates.

Some 150,000 elderly survivors remain in Israel today, with a similar number worldwide.

Feivlovich said in recent years her birthday has become "obligating," particularly since her husband passed away in 2007.

"My husband demanded of me: Don't stop talking about the Holocaust, because if we don't speak about it there will be enough Holocaust deniers after us," she said. "It is true that 74 years have passed but we are still living and we are here."

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Auschwitz survivors pay homage as world remembers Holocaust

By VANESSA GERA, Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The world marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday amid a revival of hate-inspired violence and signs that younger generations know less and less about the genocide of Jews, Roma and others during World War II.

In Poland, which was under Nazi German occupation during the war, a far-right activist who has been imprisoned for burning the effigy of a Jew gathered with other nationalists Sunday outside the former death camp of Auschwitz ahead of official ceremonies remembering the 1.1 million people murdered there.

Since last year's observances, an 85-year-old French Holocaust survivor, Mireille Knoll, was fatally stabbed in Paris and 11 Jews were gunned down in a Pittsburgh synagogue during Shabbat services, the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history.

Human Rights First, a U.S. organization, recalled those killings and warned that "today's threats do not come solely from the fringe."

"In places such as Hungary and Poland, once proudly democratic nations, government leaders are traveling the road to authoritarianism," said Ira Forman, the group's senior adviser for combating anti-Semitism. "As they do so, they are distorting history to spin a fable about their nations and the Holocaust."

The Polish nationalist, Piotr Rybak, said his group was protesting the official observances at Auschwitz, claiming they remember only murdered Jews and not murdered Poles.

That accusation is incorrect. The observances at the state-run memorial site pay homage each Jan. 27

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to all of the camp's victims, both Jews and gentiles.

Counter-protesters at Auschwitz on Sunday held up a "Fascism Stop" sign and an Israeli flag, while police kept the two groups apart.

Former Auschwitz prisoners placed flowers Sunday at an execution wall at Auschwitz. They wore striped scarves that recalled their uniforms, some with the red letter "P," the symbol the Germans used to mark them as Poles.

Early in World War II, most prisoners were Poles, rounded up by the occupying German forces. Later, Auschwitz was transformed into a mass killing site for Jews, Roma and others, operating until the liberation by Soviet forces on Jan. 27, 1945.

In Germany, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas warned in an op-ed in the weekly Welt am Sonntag that across Europe populists are propagating nationalism and "far-right provocateurs are trying to downplay the Holocaust."

"We shall never forget. We shall never be indifferent. We must stand up for our liberal democracy," Maas wrote.

Over the past year, Germany has seen a rising number of often violent attacks against Jews carried out by neo-Nazis and Muslims, prompting the government to appoint a commissioner against anti-Semitism and to start funding a national registration office for anti-Semitic hate crimes.

The clashes of views at Auschwitz come amid a surge of right-wing extremism in Poland and elsewhere in the West. It is fed by a broader grievance many Poles have that their suffering during the war at German hands is little known abroad while there is greater knowledge of the Jewish tragedy.

However recent surveys show that knowledge of the atrocities during World War II is declining generally.

A new study released in recent days by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Azrieli Foundation found that 52 percent of millennials in Canada cannot name even one concentration camp or ghetto and 62 percent of millennials did not know that 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

Its findings were similar to a similar study carried out a year before in the United States.

In Britain, a new poll by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust found that one in 20 adults in Britain do not believe the Holocaust took place.

The poll of more than 2,000 people released Sunday also found that nearly two-thirds of those polled either did not know how many Jews had been murdered or greatly underestimated the number killed during the Holocaust.

"Such widespread ignorance and even denial is shocking," chief executive Olivia Marks-Woldman said.

Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs said in its Global Antisemitism Report released Sunday that 13 Jews were murdered in fatal attacks in 2018, marking the highest number of Jews murdered since a wave of attacks on Argentinian Jews in the 1990s.

The report found that around 70 percent of anti-Jewish attacks were anti-Israel in nature and that most of the attacks were led by neo-Nazis and white supremacists.

The United Nations recognized Jan. 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2005.

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AP analysis: The NFL keeps going younger and cheaper

By EDDIE PELLIS and LARRY FENN, Associated Press

By the time NFL players reach their third and fourth years in the league, the vast majority are struggling just to hang on because of injuries or younger, faster and often cheaper rookies out for their jobs.

In 2006 and 2011, the players union and the NFL tried to do something about that, adopting salary and bookkeeping rules with the potential to extend the careers of these veterans.

It hasn't worked.

In a first-of-its-kind analysis, The Associated Press found that since 2005, the average amount of playing

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experience for athletes on the NFL's opening-day rosters has shrunk from 4.6 years to 4.3.

In 2005, there were 784 players with three years' experience or less and 714 with five or more years. In 2018, the gap widened to 852 and 644.

Teams are increasingly made up of a few star millionaires and an army of young players earning close to the minimum salary, with a dwindling number of older, journeyman athletes in the middle.

"You don't really have a lot of middle-class older guys. It's actually kind of sad," Detroit Lions safety Glover Quin said.

For most guys in the NFL, there is more at stake than salary. Those who make it three years plus three games become vested in the league's pension plan. Many players argue, too, that they deserve better from the NFL than to be treated as disposable, given the heavy toll the game takes on their bodies.

The exodus of the mid-level veteran is a longstanding source of tension between the union and the NFL, made more acute because of the increasing speed and violence of the game and advancing knowledge about the long-term effects of concussions. The issue could become a sticking point in the next collective bargaining negotiations; the current deal expires at the end of the 2020 season.

Union leaders argue that they have fought successfully to increase the amount of money going to all players, in part by raising the NFL cap on team payrolls. As the union sees it, where front offices spend that money is their decision.

"Just as long as they spend it," said union president Eric Winston, who played for 12 seasons. "But how do you address something like that? Do you say, 'Well, let's mandate there are five to 10 guys on every roster who have four to seven years' experience?' OK, then which guys aren't going to make the roster because of that?"

The NFL declined comment on the findings.

Every September, third- and fourth-year players get cut to make room for younger and less-expensive athletes, who themselves will become expendable as soon as they are eligible for higher salaries.

Unlike the NBA and Major League Baseball, neither of which is as dangerous as football, the NFL has very few players with guaranteed contracts — meaning, if they get injured or cut, they don't get their full salary. Some might even get nothing.

The story of ninth-year Seahawks safety Earl Thomas stands as a cautionary tale. Thomas held out through the preseason for a new, cash-up-front, long-term contract in case of serious injury.

He failed to get what he wanted and played instead under his soon-to-expire contract this year. In the fourth game of the season, he broke his leg.

The final image of Thomas on the field was of him giving the finger to his own bench as he was carted off, knowing he almost certainly won't get as big a contract now that he's damaged goods.

In a different contract squabble, sixth-year Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell, seeking a long-term deal that would protect him in case of injury, took the virtually unprecedented step of holding out the entire season.

In 2006, the "minimum salary benefit" was added to the collective bargaining agreement to help lower-paid veterans keep playing. It allows teams to sign players in their fifth year and beyond to one-year contracts at the league-mandated minimum for their experience level, while charging less than the full amount against the club's salary cap.

For example, a fifth-year player this year would get the league minimum of \$790,000, but only \$630,000 of that would be counted against the \$177 million cap on the team's payroll. (The league minimum for a rookie is \$480,000.)

In 2011, the NFL and the union went further and slapped salary limits on first-round draft picks, in part to free up money to sign other players.

"The union got a lot of pushback from older players saying, 'I can't compete,'" said agent Joe Linta. The new rules "gave the teams the ability to judge them on equal footing."

But according to the AP data, since the introduction of the 2011 collective bargaining agreement, the average amount of playing experience among the 1,700 or so athletes on opening-day rosters has shrunk 3.3 percent. And the new contract terms did nothing to halt the exodus of players with five or more years

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under their belts.

"They're always going to go with the younger player," lamented James-Michael Johnson, a linebacker who retired at age 27 after getting cut seven times by six teams over four seasons.

Most teams use around 50 percent of the cap on their 10 highest-paid players, one of whom is almost always the quarterback. Rookie draft picks eat up between \$5 million and \$15 million. The 35 or so other players scrap for the rest — and that amount is drawn down by money paid to injured athletes and those no longer on the roster.

As a result, teams hesitate to spend an additional six figures on players of questionable value.

"Bottom line, they've got four years of tape on me. Whoever I was going to be, I would've been by that fourth year," Johnson said. "A first-year guy, they think, 'We cut him, he goes to the Patriots and becomes one of their best dime-cover linebackers ever, and we're going to look stupid.' That's why they let the older guy go."

Though there has been ample anecdotal and some statistical evidence about the NFL's relentless youth movement, the AP analysis offers new details, including the exact percentage of the decline in veterans. It also breaks down the numbers by team and position.

The only position outside of kicker and punter that is trending older is, not surprisingly, quarterback, where average experience has risen since 2005 from nearly 4.8 years to 5.8. (New England's Tom Brady, 41, is in his 19th season.)

Experience at other positions is declining. Positions widely seen as most replaceable — running back, linebacker, wide receiver and interior lineman — have seen some of the sharpest drops.

It's what makes a player such as Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Darrius Hayward-Bey something of a unicorn in today's NFL.

The first-round draft pick just finished his 10th year — playing out a three-year contract worth barely over the league minimum — in large part because he has found a niche: He is low-priced, is good on special teams and provides leadership in the locker room for Pittsburgh, which, along with New Orleans, was the only team to stay above the league average in experience through all years of the AP survey.

"The only time I ever think about it is when guys walk around like, 'Man, 10 years,'" Hayward-Bey said. "So I think I am doing something special that's different. Usually, you're in the league 10 years, you're a superstar. I'm just a guy."

Oakland Raiders defensive lineman Frostee Rucker, a 13th-year veteran who played for the minimum of \$1.015 million in 2018, said the benefits he stands to collect when his career is over serve as an incentive to keep going. But he knows he is part of a vanishing breed.

The money "usually goes to the quarterbacks now," he said. "They essentially took the middle class out of football."

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20 dead as bombs target Sunday Mass in Philippine cathedral

JOLO, Philippines (AP) — Two bombs minutes apart tore through a Roman Catholic cathedral on a southern Philippine island where Muslim militants are active, killing at least 20 people and wounding 111 others during a Sunday Mass, officials said.

Witnesses said the first blast inside the Jolo cathedral in the provincial capital sent churchgoers, some of them wounded, to stampede out of the main door. Army troops and police posted outside were rushing in when the second bomb went off about one minute later near the main entrance, causing more

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deaths and injuries. The military was checking a report that the second explosive device may have been attached to a parked motorcycle.

The initial explosion scattered the wooden pews inside the main hall and blasted window glass panels, and the second bomb hurled human remains and debris across a town square fronting the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, witnesses said. Cellphone signal was cut off in the first hours after the attack. The witnesses who spoke to The Associated Press refused to give their names or were busy at the scene of the blasts.

Police said at least 20 people died and 111 were wounded, correcting an earlier toll due to double counting. The fatalities included 15 civilians and five troops. Among the wounded were 17 troops, two police, two coast guard and 90 civilians.

Troops in armored carriers sealed off the main road leading to the church while vehicles transported the dead and wounded to the town hospital. Some casualties were evacuated by air to nearby Zamboanga city.

"I have directed our troops to heighten their alert level, secure all places of worships and public places at once, and initiate pro-active security measures to thwart hostile plans," said Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana in a statement.

"We will pursue to the ends of the earth the ruthless perpetrators behind this dastardly crime until every killer is brought to justice and put behind bars. The law will give them no mercy," the office of President Rodrigo Duterte said in Manila.

It said that "the enemies of the state boldly challenged the government's capability to secure the safety of citizens in that region. The (Armed Forces of the Philippines) will rise to the challenge and crush these godless criminals."

Jolo island has long been troubled by the presence of Abu Sayyaf militants, who are blacklisted by the United States and the Philippines as a terrorist organization because of years of bombings, kidnappings and beheadings. A Catholic bishop, Benjamin de Jesus, was gunned down by suspected militants outside the cathedral in 1997.

No one has immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attack.

It came nearly a week after minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation endorsed a new autonomous region in the southern Philippines in hopes of ending nearly five decades of a separatist rebellion that has left 150,000 people dead. Although most of the Muslim areas approved the autonomy deal, voters in Sulu province, where Jolo is located, rejected it. The province is home to a rival rebel faction that's opposed to the deal as well as smaller militant cells that not part of any peace process.

Western governments have welcomed the autonomy pact. They worry that small numbers of Islamic State-linked militants from the Middle East and Southeast Asia could forge an alliance with Filipino insurgents and turn the south into a breeding ground for extremists.

"This bomb attack was done in a place of peace and worship, and it comes at a time when we are preparing for another stage of the peace process in Mindanao," said Gov. Mujiv Hataman of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. "Human lives are irreplaceable," he added, calling on Jolo residents to cooperate with authorities to find the perpetrators of this "atrociousness."

Security officials were looking "at different threat groups and they still can't say if this has something to do with the just concluded plebiscite," Oscar Albayalde, the national police chief, told ABS-CBN TV network. Hermogenes Esperon, the national security adviser, said that the new autonomous region, called Bangsamoro, "signifies the end of war for secession. It stands for peace in Mindanao."

Aside from the small but brutal Abu Sayyaf group, other militant groups in Sulu include a small band of young jihadis aligned with the Islamic State group, which has also carried out assaults, including ransom kidnappings and beheadings.

Abu Sayyaf militants are still holding at least five hostages — a Dutch national, two Malaysians, an Indonesian and a Filipino — in their jungle bases mostly near Sulu's Patikul town, not far from Jolo.

Government forces have pressed on sporadic offensives to crush the militants, including those in Jolo, a poverty-wracked island of more than 700,000 people. A few thousand Catholics live mostly in the capital of Jolo.

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There have been speculations that the bombings may be a diversionary move by Muslim militants after troops recently carried out an offensive that killed a number of IS-linked extremists in an encampment in the hinterlands of Lanao del Sur province, also in the south. The area is near Marawi, a Muslim city that was besieged for five months by hundreds of IS-aligned militants, including foreign fighters, in 2017. Troops quelled the insurrection, which left more 1,100 mostly militants dead and the heartland of the mosque-studded city in ruins.

Duterte declared martial law in the entire southern third of the country to deal with the Marawi siege, his worst security crisis. His martial law declaration has been extended to allow troops to finish off radical Muslim groups and other insurgents but bombings and other attacks have continued.

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Some national parks open to visitors post-shutdown

By AMY FORLITI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Park rangers were once again greeting visitors at some national parks across the United States and flight operations at major airports were returning to normal on Saturday, one day after a partial government shutdown came to an end.

While there were signs that some government machinery was grinding back to life after a record 35 days without funding, many federal workers and their families approached the end of the shutdown cautiously, saying they were relieved they would receive paychecks again, but would continue to restrict their spending amid fears that another shutdown could happen in weeks.

"You can only be so happy because you just have to know that it could happen again," said Rachel Malcom, whose husband serves in the Coast Guard in Rhode Island. "We're going to be playing catch up, so I don't want to overspend."

President Donald Trump signed a short-term deal Friday to end the partial government shutdown, which caused 800,000 federal employees to miss two paychecks. The administration asked department heads to reopen offices in a "prompt and orderly manner."

Many government agencies still had notices on their websites Saturday saying they were not fully operating due to the lack of appropriations. Calls to several agencies also went unanswered, with voicemails saying the offices were closed due to the shutdown. But many parks — from the U.S. Virgin Islands to Minnesota — were glad to open their doors to weekend visitors.

John Anfinson, superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, said it felt great to tell his employees to open the Mississippi River Visitor's Center. He texted his manager and said "Roll up the gate!"

"They were just waiting for the green light," he said. Park ranger Sharon Stiteler posted a video to Twitter that showed the center's gates opening with the word: "Weeeee!"

The visitor's center, located in the lobby of the Science Museum of Minnesota, saw 180 visitors in its first hour of operation, Anfinson said, and when he stopped by, the employees had "big smiles on their faces."

The National Park Service said it was working on reopening all of its parks as quickly as possible, but some parks may not open immediately depending on their staff size and complexity. The Virgin Islands National Park, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the Wright Brothers National Memorial and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park were among the parks that reopened Saturday.

And Yellowstone National Park officials said visitor centers would reopen there by Sunday afternoon, with the majority of staff returning Monday to begin working on a backlog of permit requests, including from those seeking to do research in the park.

Mike Litterst, chief spokesman for the National Park Service, said the nation's more than 400 parks are reopening on a rolling schedule. Some of the parks that were partially open and accessible during the shutdown are expected to get back to full operations more quickly.

"We're certainly grateful that all of our dedicated rangers and park service staff are back at work," Lit-

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terst said.

In the New York area, airport operations were returning to normal, just a day after LaGuardia Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport both experienced at least 90-minute delays in takeoffs because of the shutdown — which caused a ripple effect throughout the system. On Saturday, the Federal Aviation Administration reported that flights at LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy International Airport were landing and taking off Saturday morning with 15-minute delays. There were no other major delays nationwide, according to the FAA's website, which tracks flight delays.

Some parts of the government were taking a little more time to open up.

The Smithsonian museums and National Zoo in Washington planned to reopen to the public on Tuesday. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas said until then, employees will check all audio-visual and interactive exhibits to make sure everything is working properly and curators will make a final check of the exhibits. Cafeterias will also be restocked and food shipments will resume, but full food service might not be immediately available.

Nigel Fields, superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park, said donations kept the park mostly open during its busy tourist season. But, he said, there is some anxiety about another closure. The park covers about 60 percent of the island of St. John, which was hit by hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. The shutdown affected the park service's ability to continue rebuilding, strengthening the coral reef and restoring native vegetation after the storms.

For families of workers, the government's reopening came with a mix of relief and fear. While those who were furloughed or required to work without pay will receive back pay, it's unclear when that will happen.

Crystal Simmons, whose husband serves in the Coast Guard in Connecticut, said it will likely take some time to process back pay, and then employees could be in the same situation again if another shutdown happens.

"I don't think I can really relax and go back to the way things were," she said.

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Venezuela allows US diplomats to stay, defusing showdown

By **MANUEL RUEDA** and **EDITH M. LEDERER**, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela defused a potential showdown with the United States, suspending a demand that U.S. diplomats leave the country as Washington called on the world to "pick a side" in the South American nation's fast-moving crisis.

Socialist President Nicolas Maduro broke relations with the United States on Wednesday after the Trump administration and many other nations in the region recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela's interim president, a move that Maduro called a coup attempt.

Maduro gave U.S. diplomats three days to leave the country, but the Trump administration said it wouldn't obey, arguing that Maduro is no longer Venezuela's legitimate president. That set the stage for a showdown at the hilltop U.S. Embassy compound Saturday night, when the deadline was to expire.

But as the sun set on Venezuela's capital, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying Maduro's government was suspending the expulsion to provide a 30-day window for negotiating with U.S. officials about setting up a "U.S. interests office" in Venezuela and a similar Venezuelan office in the United States. The U.S. and Cuba had a similar arrangement for decades before the Obama administration restored diplomatic relations with the communist-run island.

The State Department did not confirm the Venezuelan government's account, reiterating only that its priority remains the safety of its personnel and that it has no plans to close the embassy.

Earlier Saturday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told the U.N. Security Council: "Let me be 100 percent clear — President Trump and I fully expect that our diplomats will continue to receive protections provided under the Vienna Convention. Do not test the United States on our resolve to protect our people."

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In the Security Council meeting, critics and supporters of Maduro's government faced off in a reflection of the world's deep divisions over Venezuela, which is mired in political confrontation as well as an economic collapse that has caused millions to flee the country.

During the debate, which was requested by the U.S., Pompeo urged all nations to end Venezuela's "nightmare" and support Guaido.

"Now is the time for every other national to pick a side," Pompeo said. "No more delays, no more games. Either you stand with the forces of freedom, or you're in league with Maduro and his mayhem."

Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia charged that the Trump administration is trying "to engineer a coup" against Maduro. He said Venezuela doesn't threaten international peace and security, and he accused "extremist opponents" of Maduro's government of choosing "maximum confrontation," including the artificial creation of a parallel government.

Nebenzia urged Pompeo to say whether the U.S. will use military force.

Pompeo later told reporters who asked for a response, "I am not going to speculate or hypothesize on what the U.S. will do next."

Pompeo was accompanied to New York by Elliott Abrams, who was named a day earlier as the U.S. special representative for Venezuela. Abrams is a former assistant secretary of state for Latin America who worked at the White House when a 2002 coup in Venezuela briefly ousted Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez.

On his first day on the job, Abrams met with exiled leaders of Venezuela's opposition. He also spoke by phone with Guaido, the leader of Venezuela's opposition-controlled congress. Abrams reaffirmed U.S. support for Guaido as interim president, said Kimberly Breier, the current assistant secretary of state for the region.

The Security Council, the U.N.'s most powerful body, has not taken action on the Venezuelan crisis because of the divisions. The Security Council's five veto-holding permanent members could not unite behind a statement on Venezuela, presenting widely differing texts.

The leaders of two of those council nations — France and Britain — joined Spain and Germany to turn up the pressure on Maduro, saying Saturday that they would follow the U.S. and others in recognizing Guaido as president unless Venezuela calls a new presidential election within eight days.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, said that if there is no announcement of a new election in the next days, the 28-nation bloc "will take further actions, including on the issue of recognition of the country's leadership."

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza dismissed the deadline.

"Europe is giving us eight days?" he asked the council. "Where do you get that you have the power to establish a deadline or an ultimatum to a sovereign people. It's almost childlike."

Arreaza asked that someone show him where in Venezuela's constitution it says an individual can proclaim himself president.

Guaido says he is acting in accordance with two articles of the constitution that give the National Assembly president the right to hold power temporarily and call new elections.

While the council debated, a man identifying himself as Venezuela's military attache in Washington posted a video saying he had broken with Maduro and now would report to Guaido.

"The armed forces have a fundamental role to play in the restoration of democracy," Col. Jose Luis Silva said in the video, which he said was shot at his office in the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, sitting in front of the nation's red, blue and yellow flag.

He called on other members of the military to join him in supporting Guaido, saying they need to avoid "attacking" protesters whose only aim is to feed themselves.

Guaido celebrated Silva's decision to defect.

"We welcome him and everyone who with honesty want to follow the constitution and the will of the Venezuelan people," he said on social media after attending a small assembly in Caracas to discuss the opposition's next moves.

Garrett Marquis, a spokesman for U.S. National Security Council, encouraged others to follow Silva's lead

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“to protect constitutional order, not to sustain dictators and repress its own people.”

Venezuela’s top commanders have pledged loyalty to Maduro’s government in the days since Guaido declared himself interim leader on grounds that Maduro’s re-election last year was fraudulent — an allegation supported by the U.S., the European Union and many Latin American nations.

But support for Maduro’s rule is weaker among the military’s rank and file, whose households are suffering from widespread food shortages and hyperinflation like their civilian counterparts. Last week, a small National Guard unit stole a stockpile of weapons in what it said was an attempt to oust Maduro. The uprising was quelled and 25 guardsmen arrested.

The standoff 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.

Associated Press writer Manuel Rueda reported this story in Caracas and AP writer Edith M. Lederer reported from the United Nations.

Conservatives say Trump caved, but confident he’ll get wall

By **DEB RIECHMANN and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — No retreat, no surrender is how President Donald Trump frames his decision to temporarily reopen the government while still pursuing a border wall deal.

Some of his conservative backers have a different take: “pathetic” and “wimp.”

Other Trump supporters seem willing to give Trump the benefit of the doubt, yet they insist that any ultimate government funding deal the president signs must include money for a wall.

Trump defended himself Saturday from the conservative backlash to his decision to end the 35-day-old partial government shutdown — the longest in U.S. history — without money for his promised border wall. He said if he didn’t get a fair deal from Congress, the government would shut down again on Feb. 15 or he would use his executive authority to address what he has termed “the humanitarian and security crisis” on the southern U.S. border.

After he announced his decision, a New York newspaper headline dubbed him “CAVE MAN.”

Conservative commentator Ann Coulter, a big wall supporter, called Trump the “biggest wimp” ever to occupy the Oval Office. A conservative news outlet, Breitbart, dubbed Trump’s announcement on Friday a “short-term surrender to Democrats.”

Trump insists he didn’t cave to anyone and said the standoff with Democrats was far from over.

“Negotiations with Democrats will start immediately,” Trump tweeted on Saturday. “Will not be easy to make a deal, both parties very dug in. The case for National Security has been greatly enhanced by what has been happening at the Border & through dialogue. We will build the Wall!”

Earlier, Trump tweeted: “This was in no way a concession. 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!”

In California for a meeting of the Koch political network, Trump supporter and Koch donor Doug Deason of Texas said he was “severely disappointed” that the president agreed to reopen the federal government. Deason said he wanted Trump to go “nuclear” and keep the government closed as a way to cut the number of federal workers and would have preferred if Trump had used emergency funding to pay essential workers.

“We hired him to go shake up DC. We didn’t hire him to maintain the status quo,” said Deason, a member of the finance committee of America First Action, the only sanctioned pro-Trump super PAC.

While some of Trump’s backers have lobbed insults at the president, others are willing to give him more time to negotiate.

“I’m a pragmatist. I understand when you’re fighting a battle like this you have to do what’s necessary to keep certain parts of the government moving,” said Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University and

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a Trump confidant. "I think you have to do things like this to achieve a greater goal in the end. I believe that's what he's doing."

Falwell encouraged Trump to declare a national emergency if Democrats haven't agreed to wall funding by the time the current deal expires.

Another evangelical leader with Trump's ear, Family Research Council president Tony Perkins, said the president was smart to end the shutdown, even if some conservatives are angry.

"In this Round 1, the president was the one who appeared to be the more reasonable one. He was willing to negotiate and willing to compromise," Perkins said. "There is wisdom here in what he did."

Yet Perkins, like other more forgiving Trump supporters, acknowledged that the president must ultimately craft a deal that includes funding for the border wall.

Dan Stein, the president of a hardline immigration group called Federation for American Immigration Reform, put the onus on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Senate's top Democrat, Chuck Schumer, who pledged to negotiate once the government was reopened. "The ball is now in Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer's court," Stein said.

In many ways, Trump's announcement in a chilly Rose Garden on Friday and the subsequent conservative backlash was a rerun of last month's theatrics in the political standoff.

In December, when Trump offered signals that he might be willing to back off his threat to shut down the government over funding for a wall, conservative allies and pundits accused him of waffling on his campaign promise. Rattled by criticism from his own supporters, the president told House Republican leaders he would not sign a short-term government funding measure because it didn't include money for the wall.

At the time, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., cheered Trump for digging in his heels, saying that the time to fight the fight for a wall had arrived. This time, Meadows backed the president's decision and warned: "Executive action is still very much under consideration."

But California-based conservative leader Mark Meckler, who helped found the tea party movement, called the president's decision to sign off on a deal without wall funding "pathetic and disgusting."

Trump badly damaged his credibility with grassroots conservatives across the country, Meckler said. During the shutdown, he said he and other conservative leaders had been aggressively defending the president's hardline approach. At the request of the White House, he said they made repeated media appearances, but they got no warning he was about to "surrender."

"No way would I go on the radio anytime again in the future and say 'The president' and 'I believe,'" Meckler said. "Certainly, he did not fulfill his promise to the base and I'm appalled. More importantly than me is what I'm hearing from the grassroots. They're appalled."

"He brought his troops on the battlefield with an absolute promise. And then he walked away," he said. But he added that he didn't think it would prompt his supporters to vote for Democratic candidate over Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

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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 that focuses on cover-ups but lays 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,

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

All told, Mueller has charged six Trump associates and 34 people overall, along with three companies. It is unclear when the investigation might end.

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 communications, he said.

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

Search on for Louisiana man suspected in 5 deaths

By CHEVEL JOHNSON and REBECCA SANTANA, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Authorities in Louisiana said they are searching for an "armed and dangerous" 21-year-old accused of killing his parents and three others in two separate but related shootings Saturday.

Authorities say Dakota Theriot first shot and killed three people — the woman believed to be his girlfriend, her brother and father — in Livingston Parish before taking her father's truck, driving to neighboring Ascension Parish where he shot and killed his parents.

"We are totally focused on finding him. We're following every lead that we come up with," said Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard during an evening news conference streamed online.

Theriot was being sought on first-degree murder and other charges. He was believed to be driving a stolen 2004 Dodge Ram pickup, gray and silver in color.

Authorities have identified the victims in Livingston Parish as Billy Ernest, 43; Tanner Ernest, 17; and Summer Ernest, 20. Ard said Summer Ernest and Dakota Theriot were in a relationship and that Theriot had been living with her family for a few weeks.

But he said after talking with Summer's mother, there was no indication of any red flags ahead of Saturday's multiple shootings.

Authorities earlier identified the other two victims as Theriot's parents — Keith, 50, and Elizabeth Theriot, 50, of Gonzales.

They were shot in their trailer on Saturday morning.

"The father was gravely injured at the time we found him and has since passed away," said Ascension Parish Sheriff Bobby Webre. But before he died, Webre said authorities were able to get a "dying declaration from him, and only enough information to let us know that it was his son that committed this act."

Webre said there were indications that Theriot was traveling east and maybe was in another state by now.

"We're going to work every lead. We're going to follow every tip," he said during the evening news conference.

Ard said Dakota Theriot is believed to be armed with at least one handgun.

"We do not have a motive. It is still undetermined," Ard said.

Crystal DeYoung, Billy Ernest's sister, told The Associated Press that she believes Theriot had just started dating her niece, Summer Ernest.

"My family met him last weekend at a birthday party and didn't get good vibes from him," DeYoung said. She said she wasn't sure how her niece and Theriot met, but that she believed the relationship was relatively new.

"My mom is a good judge of character and she just thought he was not good," DeYoung said of Theriot.

DeYoung said she skipped the birthday party and didn't meet Theriot herself. DeYoung said Summer and Tanner Ernest were two of Billy's three children. He was also raising his wife's children.

DeYoung said Theriot doesn't have a vehicle and she's not sure how he ended up at the Ernest home on Saturday, but after the killings, he took off in her brother's truck.

There were also two young children in the home at the time. DeYoung said a 7-year-old took the baby out of the house and went to a neighbor's.

DeYoung said her brother, niece and nephew were good people.

"They all had very good hearts. They trusted people too much," she said, as she began crying. "They all loved unconditionally."

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Charlene Bordelon lives near the house where the Ernests were killed. She told The Advocate newspaper that two young children from the house ran to her home. They were uninjured and asked for help after the shooting.

Bordelon said Theriot was the older daughter's boyfriend and that he'd recently moved in with the family but she did not know him.

A Facebook page appearing to belong to Dakota Theriot was filled with defensive and sometimes angry posts. He shared someone else's post in June that said "wish i could clear my mind jus for one day" (sic) with a sad face emoji.

In May, he reposted something saying, "If you have a problem with me, tell me. Not everyone else."

He also shared someone else's post that said, "I don't care what people say about me I know who I am and I don't have to prove anything to anyone."

Webre said Dakota had lived with his parents briefly but was asked to leave the residence and not return.

"I would not approach this vehicle. We feel no doubt that Dakota is going to be armed and dangerous, and we need to bring him to justice really quick," Webre said.

Webre said Dakota Theriot had some run-ins with law enforcement in other parishes that he described as misdemeanor-type incidents that did not include violence: "Certainly nothing of the magnitude that we've seen today."

Webre said there was no reason to think Theriot was now targeting someone else but warned that because he's armed and dangerous: "Anybody he comes into contact with could be a target."

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This story has been corrected to fix the spelling of Gonzales.

Venezuela backtracks on order to expel US diplomats

By **MANUEL RUEDA** and **EDITH M. LEDERER**, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Nicolas Maduro's government backtracked Saturday from its order for U.S. Embassy personnel to leave Venezuela, moving to defuse tensions with Washington just hours after international diplomats traded heated rhetoric at a special U.N. Security Council meeting on the South American country's crisis.

The socialist president broke relations with the United States on Wednesday after the Trump administration and many other nations in the region recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela's interim president, a move that Maduro called a "vile" coup attempt.

His order gave U.S. diplomats three days to leave the country, but the Trump administration said it wouldn't obey, arguing that Maduro is no longer Venezuela's legitimate president. That set the stage for a potential showdown at the hilltop U.S. Embassy compound Saturday night, when the deadline was to expire.

But as the sun set on Venezuela's capital, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying Maduro's government was suspending the expulsion to provide a 30-day window for negotiating with the Trump administration on setting up a "U.S. interests office" in Venezuela and a similar Venezuelan office in the United States. The U.S. and Cuba had a similar arrangement for decades before the Obama administration restored diplomatic relations with the communist-run island.

The State Department did not confirm the Venezuelan government's account, reiterating only that its priority remains the safety of its personnel and that it has no plans to close the embassy.

"That is true diplomacy," Maduro said after reading out the statement on national television.

Earlier in the day, critics and supporters of Maduro's government faced off at the U.N. Security Council, reflecting the world's deep divisions over Venezuela, which is mired in political confrontation as well as an economic collapse that has caused millions to flee the country.

During the debate, which was requested by the U.S., Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urged all nations to end Venezuela's "nightmare" and support Guaido. He told the council it is time to back the Venezuelan

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people as they try to free themselves from what he called Maduro's "illegitimate mafia state."

Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia charged that the Trump administration is trying "to engineer a coup" against Maduro. He said Venezuela doesn't threaten international peace and security, and he accused "extremist opponents" of Maduro's legitimate government of choosing "maximum confrontation," including the artificial creation of a parallel government.

Nebenzia urged Pompeo to say whether the U.S. will use military force.

Pompeo later told reporters who asked for a response, "I am not going to speculate or hypothesize on what the U.S. will do next."

Pompeo was accompanied to New York by Elliott Abrams, who was named a day earlier as the U.S. special representative for Venezuela. Abrams is a former assistant secretary of state for Latin America who worked at the White House when a 2002 coup in Venezuela briefly ousted Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez.

On his first day on the job, Abrams met with exiled leaders of Venezuela's opposition. He also spoke by phone with Guaido, the leader of Venezuela's opposition-controlled congress. Abrams reaffirmed U.S. support for Guaido as interim president, said Kimberly Breier, the current assistant secretary of state for the region.

The Security Council, the U.N.'s most powerful body, has not taken action on the Venezuelan crisis because of the divisions. The Security Council's five veto-holding permanent members could not unite behind a statement on Venezuela, presenting widely differing texts.

The leaders of two of those council nations — France and Britain — joined Spain and Germany to turn up the pressure on Maduro, saying Saturday that they would follow the U.S. and others in recognizing Guaido as president unless Venezuela calls a new presidential election within eight days.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, said that if there is no announcement of a new election in the next days, the 28-nation bloc "will take further actions, including on the issue of recognition of the country's leadership."

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza dismissed the deadline.

"Europe is giving us eight days?" he asked the council. "Where do you get that you have the power to establish a deadline or an ultimatum to a sovereign people. It's almost childlike."

Arreaza said Venezuela "will not allow anyone to impose on us any decision or order" and demanded that someone show him where in Venezuela's constitution says an individual can proclaim himself president.

Guaido says he is acting in accordance with two articles of the constitution that give the National Assembly president the right to hold power temporarily and call new elections.

While the council debated, a man identifying himself as Venezuela's military attache in Washington posted a video saying he had broken with Maduro and now would report to Guaido.

"The armed forces have a fundamental role to play in the restoration of democracy," Col. Jose Luis Silva said in the video, which he said was shot at his office in the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, sitting in front of the nation's red, blue and yellow flag.

He called on other members of the military to join him in supporting Guaido, saying they need to avoid "attacking" protesters whose only aim is to feed themselves.

Guaido celebrated Silva's decision to defect.

"We welcome him and everyone who with honesty want to follow the constitution and the will of the Venezuelan people," he said on social media after attending a small assembly in Caracas to discuss the opposition's next moves.

Garrett Marquis, a spokesman for U.S. National Security Council, encouraged others to follow Silva's lead "to protect constitutional order, not to sustain dictators and repress its own people."

Venezuela's top commanders have pledged loyalty to Maduro's government in the days since Guaido declared himself interim leader on grounds that Maduro's re-election last year was fraudulent — an allegation supported by the U.S., the European Union and many Latin American nations.

But support for Maduro's rule is weaker among the military's rank and file, whose households are suffering from widespread food shortages and hyperinflation like their civilian counterparts. Last week, a

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small National Guard unit stole a stockpile of weapons in what it said was an attempt to oust Maduro. The uprising was quelled and 25 guardsmen arrested.

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.

It also threatens to worsen the country's economic crisis, as directives sent Friday by the State Department to the Federal Reserve will make it harder for Maduro to gain access to the government's sizable overseas assets, including revenue from oil sales and profits by Houston-based Citgo, a unit of the state-owned oil giant PDVSA.

Associated Press writer Manuel Rueda reported this story in Caracas and AP writer Edith M. Lederer reported from the United Nations.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2019. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1832, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" under the pen name Lewis Carroll, was born in Cheshire, England.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War II.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the deploying of nuclear weapons in outer space.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran at the White House.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband, President Bill Clinton, were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

Ten years ago: Saying, "The American people expect action," President Barack Obama held closed-door meetings with House and Senate Republicans on the eve of a key vote on an economic stimulus package. Ervin Lupoe of Wilmington, Calif., fatally shot himself a day after killing his wife Ana, their 8-year-old daughter and two sets of twins, 2-year-old boys and 5-year-old girls; he'd faxed a note to a TV station saying the couple had just been fired from their hospital jobs. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist John Updike died in Danvers, Mass. at age 76.

Five years ago: Mexico essentially legalized the country's growing "self-defense" groups, reaching an agreement with vigilante leaders to incorporate the armed civilian outfits into old and largely forgotten quasi-military units called the Rural Defense Corps. Folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, 94, died in New

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York.

One year ago: A suicide bombing in the Afghan capital of Kabul killed more than 100 people; the attacker was driving an ambulance full of explosives and raced through a security checkpoint after saying he was transferring a patient to a hospital. Casino mogul Steve Wynn resigned as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee amid allegations of sexual harassment and assault. Comic strip artist Mort Walker, a World War II veteran who satirized the Army with the antics of the lazy private "Beetle Bailey," died in Connecticut at the age of 94. Caroline Wozniacki won the women's final at the Australian Open, her first victory in a Grand Slam tournament after 43 tries, beating top-seeded Simona Halep.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Cromwell is 79. Actor John Witherspoon is 77. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 73. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 71. Latin singer-songwriter Djavan is 70. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 65. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 64. Country singer Cheryl White is 64. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 64. Actress Mimi Rogers is 63. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 62. Actress Susanna Thompson is 61. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 60. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 58. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 58. Actress Tamlyn Tomita is 56. Actress Bridget Fonda is 55. Actor Alan Cumming is 54. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 51. Rock singer Mike Patton is 51. Rapper Tricky is 51. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 50. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 50. Actor Josh Randall is 47. Country singer Kevin Denney is 41. Tennis player Marat Safin is 39. Neo-soul musician Andrew Lee (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 33. Rock musician Matt Sanchez (American Authors) is 33. Actor Braeden Lemasters is 23.

Thought for Today: "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him." — Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist (1667-1745).